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Called to serve



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Two teams comprised of 27 students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends from both campuses of Taylor University served in Ecuador and Jamaica during the University's Spring Break.

Cassie Warriner, junior (above), traveled with the team to the Dominican Republic.

"These are not glorified vacations. It is our desire to see lives transformed because of the training and the work; these are much more than just 10-day experiences," explains Michael Mortensen, Ecuador team leader and director of development and planned giving.

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A group of Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) students spent their January in the Dominican Republic. Here they are hiking to a nearby village to hold a Bible study.

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Transforming students, restoring communities

*-Dr. Duane Kilty
Chancellor, TUFW*

There is a growing sense of excitement on the Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) campus about all of the changes taking place. The addition of Community Leadership Development as the third core distinctive, in addition to Spiritual Formation and Applied Learning, has energized students, faculty, staff, and community leaders. Our desire at TUFW is to train students to be agents of restoration and development for all parts of the community.

Our vision is bold, but we believe God is calling us to be bold. The United States is filled with many ordinary Christian colleges. With God's help, TUFW will not be one of them. We are willing to be used of God to do the impossible...to do what can only be done with God's help and His people. This is how I want to invest the rest of my life. I want to make a difference for the Kingdom and I know you do as well.

Dr. Kilty is pictured with (from left to right): Jared Derby, sophomore; Lauren Peltier, freshman; Lacey Pinnick, freshman; and Brent Salisbury, junior.

Dani Rosebrock, freshman, marketing communications major (center), is surrounded by Makarios International employees, Ruben (left) and Ruben's son, Rafelato (right). Dani traveled to the Dominican Republic in January for a class project.



I am convinced God will honor the Christian university that has the courage to stand up and be different...unique and willing to re-shape programs and delivery systems in a way to most effectively enable students to be transformed and become agents of restoration. Our team is evaluating all levels of our curriculum development and programming to assure that we are challenging our students to have a deep connection to the city where there are plenty of opportunities for God to transform and restore.

We have chosen Micah 6:8 to guide us as we chase after the bold vision God has given TUFW. The prophet's words are familiar to all of us; "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, we need to be people who care about the people God cares about; widows, fatherless, orphans, poor, hungry, strangers, needy, weak and oppressed. Our hearts need to be broken by the things that break God's heart. We need to have a deep desire to see the world through the eyes of God and to act in the world as God would act.

Not all students will be called to Urban Ministry, or even to the city, but all of us are called to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. All need to be equipped, to be agents of restoration wherever God plants us. Scripture is clear, no one is exempt! Regardless of whether we live in the city or a very rural area, regardless of whether we are a physician, banker, social worker, pastor, teacher, businessperson, or any other vocation, God calls us to demonstrate our faith by our actions. To

love God is to love our neighbor as ourselves.

The vision God has given TUFW is compelling and is based on three core distinctives—Spiritual Formation, Applied Learning and Community Leadership Development—which interact to help shape a student's calling. A brief explanation of each may be helpful for context.

Spiritual Formation objectives continue to be based on Colossians 2:6-7; "And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to him. Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done." We are convinced that if we invite the Holy Spirit into the learning experience we will find Christ in all that we study.

Applied Learning at TUFW applies to both the career-oriented majors offered on campus and the "hands on" method of instruction best suited to these majors. The city of Fort Wayne becomes a wonderful learning laboratory, an extension of the campus. This is currently accomplished through case studies, field observations, service learning, practicums and internships in a wide variety of settings. Faculty on campus are effective in applied instruction not only because of their advanced academic credentials, but also because of their own successful careers as practitioners in their fields. Applied Learning affirms principles learned in the classroom and often provides excellent

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Students are involved in practical learning experiences throughout Fort Wayne.

contacts for employment after graduation. Finally, and most importantly, it is often the best context to confirm God's vocational calling on the lives of students. No amount of passive learning reveals as much.

For example, for the last four months TUFW freshmen and sophomores have published feature articles in nationally distributed magazines. Most of these articles began as class assignments. Students in our Social Research Methods class are in the process of developing a research instrument and conducting the study. The topic is partnering with local churches on community development projects. The point is students learn by doing.

Our new distinctive, **Community Leadership Development**, is the equipping of students with the knowledge, skills and values necessary for them to become agents of restoration and development within the spiritual, economic, social, political, cultural, emotional, physical, moral, judicial, educational and familial contexts of the community. Remember Micah 6:8!

As one example, students taking Introduction to Sociology as part of the general education curriculum all have the opportunity to learn from and about the community. One assignment in the course is called "Urban Guerilla Mission." In order to get a first-hand experience of the city, students are assigned to ride buses, visit the emergency room, monitor governmental meetings and attend an urban church. The students then write reflections upon their experiences. One student commented, "There were no Spanish speakers in the emergency room. I was able to translate for the doctor so a child could receive proper treatment." Another student wrote, "Enhanced social life begins on the way to the bus stop by interacting with people in their yards." A

third student wrote, "This experience has broadened my ministry abilities and given me a deeper understanding of urban culture." This final comment aptly sums up the entire educational focus of the campus related to **Community Leadership Development**.

With a compelling vision and three core distinctives in place, many exciting new initiatives are underway. The first ones will be implemented in the fall of 2007 and include **Community Leadership Development**, which will provide students with hands-on community experience. We are providing training for faculty on how to work community engagement into their courses so it is part of the curriculum and not something extra we are asking students to do. The combination of applied learning and community leadership development will provide students with an impressive resume and incredible stories to tell during job interviews.

To facilitate taking learning out of the classroom, a **new course scheduling model** has been developed for the fall of 2007 with limited classes on Thursdays to allow students to be in the community doing their assignments. For the most part, classes for residential students will end by 3:00 pm each day to allow for other campus activities. We are working toward an **Adult Program** on Tuesday evenings. We anticipate this being a blended model . . . part online and part in the physical classroom. Classes will meet every third Tuesday so a student could take three classes during a normal semester on Tuesday night. Adult, or non-traditional, students will now be able to conveniently access TUFW programs.

Beginning in the fall of 2007, a student will be able to easily obtain a **Theological Studies** minor. In most cases students will only need to

Michela Smith, senior, has gained valuable experience locally and abroad through a variety of leadership experiences at TUFW.



take an additional Bible or Theology course as an elective to earn the minor.

Several certificate programs will be available for the fall of 2007. The Christian Ministries area will be offering certificates in **Preaching, Pastoral Care, and Bible**. Additionally, a **Certified Financial Planner** certificate is being developed.

For the fall of 2008, we have a **Healthcare Administration** degree on the drawing board. Local health care providers are helping us design the program. We are considering five certificates. Along with the general education core and the five certificates, a student would earn their bachelors degree. However, a person could purchase a certificate independent of seeking a degree. This will allow a local health care provider who is moving into administration to pick up the certificate or certificates needed.

We are working with a group of prominent local pastors to help us redesign our **Pastoral Ministries** and **Youth Ministries** programs. The model includes a one-year practicum, during year three, in a local partner church. Generally speaking, the pastor will teach the practical ministry skills while we teach Bible and Theology and other required classes best taught by TUFW. We are excited about the partnership. This also should be ready to pilot for the fall of 2008. A **Sports Leadership** minor is also being developed.

The application for accrediting approval to offer **four-year degrees online** has been submitted. Upon a positive response, which we anticipate within 90 days, implementation of online four-year degrees will move ahead as rapidly as possible. We anticipate our first degrees to be ready no later than the fall of 2008.

By developing new delivery modes, new approaches to developing programs, and re-designing existing ones, we want to be **responsive** to the needs of students and the

community. Students will be able to access TUFW programs a variety of different ways: residential, online, nights/weekend, and blended models. We are also being responsive to potential employers by asking them to help us design new programs and re-develop existing ones.

As much as possible we want to move learning out of the classroom to foster **community engagement**. Programs will be delivered in a way that will require students to engage in the learning process and engage in the community. Faculty will teach differently as well. Faculty and students will both be engaged in classroom learning and the community. This kind of **purposeful learning** will provide many opportunities for God to transform our students and help make Fort Wayne a better place in the process. Whether students stay in Fort Wayne after they graduate or not, they will be part of the restoration of our city while they are here. Wherever they live after they graduate, they will be agents of restoration in their communities. And communities are not just cities. We want students to understand restoration as it relates to relationships, families, marriages, churches, agencies, and businesses.

We will stand firm on the heart and soul of this place, but we are sprinting forward. And this is just the beginning. We don't plan to stop here. As we re-shape everything we do at TUFW, faculty and students will be engaged with the community in significant ways. We will be responsive to the needs of students and the community. **We will provide purposeful learning experiences that will foster the transformation of students and the restoration of communities they serve.**



A life transformed

-Abby Amstutz, senior

Four years ago this past fall, my parents left me crying at TUFW. I was all alone and the world was ending. Sure there were a lot of students milling around and moving in their things, but I didn't know them. I only knew three guys, and they all lived in Schultz Hall, across campus. I was all alone. Four years later, I wave and smile at my departing family as they head home after another monthly Sunday visit to my church and a family dinner together. Oh how I have changed.

Coming into TUFW I thought I had life figured out. I thought I was in a good place with Jesus and things couldn't be better (that was after I stopped crying, of course). I got into campus life easily enough and made some good friends.

Now, as I prepare to leave, with some of those same friends, I know that I have nothing figured out and my relationship with Jesus has gotten an extreme makeover. I have a deeper understanding of who God is and the role each member of the Trinity wishes to play in my life. I also know

that God is in control, His timing is perfect, and that I need to trust in "His good and perfect will."

I knew when I enrolled I wanted to student-teach overseas. My heart was in Kenya, Africa; I had been there on a mission trip during high school. God obviously had other plans. Through a series of flight restrictions, rejections and changed plans, I landed in Vienna, Austria, on November 4, 2006, and returned home December 15 a changed woman. God took six weeks of my life to teach me how to depend solely on Him, to listen to His still small voice and to break my heart for people who are surrounded by darkness. It was a life-changing trip.

I've learned a lot here at TUFW. I've learned to dress professionally even when all I want to do is climb into my jeans and a sweatshirt. I've learned to step out of my comfort zone and spend time with people I don't know, even though it's easier to stick with my friends. I've learned to buy stamps and send my own letters, and how to do my own laundry. But

more than that, my life has been transformed.

God has taken advantage of my time here and molded me into the woman I am today. He took a scared, crying, lonely freshman girl and turned her into a world-traveling student body president. That aside, He has done so much more. He has prepared me to wait on His call for the next step in my life. He has taught me to rest in His will, to be anxious about nothing, and to pray about everything.

God has changed my life while here at TUFW. I couldn't have wished for a better place to be transformed.

From left to right:

Abby and Sarah Swanson, senior, visited a cathedral while on their senior trip to Washington D.C.

Abby (back row, left) taught first grade at Danube International School, Vienna, Austria, last fall.

Abby (back row, right) with her cabin counselees from Camp Mack.

Jered Blanchard, senior, and Abby lead Koinonia, a worship time, on campus.



Josh Lee g02 celebrates Christmas in New York.

Small, faithful steps

Five years have come and gone. Now that's not much time, but for the class of 2002, that's quite a bit. I'm sure many of us have had dramatic changes since the good ol' days of open dorm at Hausser Hall or pizza parties in Schultz Hall. A handful may actually be doing exactly what they had anticipated upon graduation—the rest of us may have never guessed we'd be where we are.

At the 2002 commencement, I shared five uses of the servant's towel, and I believe it's important to reflect on those again. After college I struggled to know where to go or what to do. Sometimes our mission seems so big and we want to accomplish everything so quickly. God knows the importance of small, faithful steps.

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About six months after graduation, I took an internship at Metro Ministries in Brooklyn. I thought, "Why am I taking an internship? I've got a bachelor's degree." But I felt led to this ministry. After the internship, I became a part of their staff, trained to lead a team under former TUFW student, Grace Blodgett, and soon became the leader of my own team. Once I became a leader, I realized the great importance of the servant leadership Taylor emphasizes so much.

Being a leader is not for the sake of position or prestige it is really being a servant to those you lead.

Working in New York City, I found myself surrounded by the broken, needy and downtrodden. What do you say to a mother whose daughter is having an abortion at age 11 and her two sons are in and out of juvenile facilities because of involvement in gangs, drugs and violence? Or what about the kid whose father always promises to visit, but never shows? This is when I can be there for them, pray with them and assure them God will be faithful, no matter what.

Ministry is ridiculously hard work.

There are the late nights working on lessons for the kids or moving

and organizing thousands of pumpkins, turkey dinners or preparing stockings for holiday celebrations. It's all worth the sweat. The hard work seems to be forgotten when one small child receives the stocking with a big smile and you know he won't get much else.

I remember when I would pray for the kids and tears would well up in my eyes as I would begin to see God's promises for the ones in which no one else saw promise; or when I realized the hours we had with them was the only time each week when someone would speak life into them.

I am currently taking a four month internship at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City. I have been awakened again to the real power of prayer. It is hidden and not very glorious, but is so powerful—it connects us and others with the Almighty God.

We must always celebrate and give thanks for what God has done. God can never take us to new levels in Him if we are not thankful and acknowledge that it's only through His strength that we accomplish anything. I praise the Lord for His faithfulness. Sometimes I wish there were a better way to express my thanks... but He does love the words, "Thank You."

Serving, loving the broken, hard work, prayer and thankful celebration are not just some spiritual rhetoric; they are important qualities for anyone serving Christ.

What I've realized most is that life is not about the grandiose, it's about the little things. Even though we would reach thousands of kids in Brooklyn and the Bronx, the founder and senior pastor at Metro Ministries always reminded us, "It's about the ONE."

To make a real difference you have to be faithful in the small stuff.

I encourage you that no matter where you are in life, you can make a difference. Look for the little opportunities wherever you are; they often will make the biggest impact in others' lives.

Finally, I've realized that everything we are is birthed out of love. What is life without love? We must be dependent on God's love for us. I am so thankful that He loved us first, enabling us to love Him back; and nothing we can do will separate us from His love. No matter where we are in life, we can run to His loving arms. As we realize how much love He has lavished on us, we will then be able to use our [servant] towels in so many ways to love others.

-Josh Lee g02



Reflecting the Savior

To serve a local congregation as a pastor, for a pastoral ministries major, is no surprise. To pastor through writing? That is a different story. Senior, John Boyanowski does both.

He has served as a pastor at Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, Pleasant Lake, IN, for six years and although he states “this is my life calling,” he also shares that God has “ignited the passion” in him to write.

“I want to be the voice that will bring to light social issues, Christian living concerns; I want to speak out against conforming to the secular way of life.” He adds, “I want to bring others closer to God and to each other with my writings.”

His articles are published regularly in Fort Wayne *Journal-Gazette's* Faith section and Angola's *Herald Republican*.

John shares, “I want to reach the lost, to help the ‘unloveable’ know and embrace God’s love, to bring restoration to the hurting world around me. In short, I want to mirror Jesus Christ anyway I can.”

John and his wife, Marsha, are non-traditional students at TUFW. John has been attending classes at TUFW part-time for the past 10 years and Marsha has been a full-time student for the past four years.

How does John balance being a husband, father, pastor and student? “My first and foremost calling is to love God more than anyone or anything. My next greatest calling is to be the best possible husband and father I can be.”

As for his plans after graduation, John shares, “My current calling is for my church at Pleasant Lake, but I will go wherever God calls me. I can be a pastor on the mission field, in a secular job, or wherever He leads my beloved wife Marsha and me.”

John Boyanowski, senior, prepares to speak to his congregation at Pleasant Lake UMC.



Impacting the Kingdom

Four years ago, Darlene Divine did not expect to have opportunities to work with actual clients in her freshman marketing communication classes. Since her freshman year, she has worked with nearly a dozen real clients.

This past fall she completed an internship at the American Red Cross and was asked to continue on and serve as communications assistant. "I assist with planning the Annual Meeting, and write newsletter articles and blood drive promotions." She also writes press releases, Web site articles, talking points and designs and writes e-mail messaging for monthly thematic promotional materials.

Last fall, all marketing communication majors were assigned to the Makarios International project. Darlene helped develop a competitor analysis for the Dominican Joe coffee shop and researched

coffee roaster demographics and trends. In January, she was part of the team that traveled to the Dominican Republic where Makarios International serves the Dominican and Haitians. The team collected video and photo stock to be used to create a strategic marketing campaign for Makarios International.

"I have gained more than valuable work experience through these real-life projects," Darlene begins, "I have also learned how my faith must be carried out within the realm of marketing communication. I need to competently communicate marketing practices and ideas while treating colleagues with respect. In the workplace, integrity and truth should be spoken and acted out. To impact the kingdom of Jesus Christ, I must keep my promises, meet deadlines and work with

excellence so non-believers will see that Christians are not simply religious, but competent, truth-telling people."

"Being immersed in a new culture was eye-opening to say the least," she shares. "To be in the country with the organization I had spent the previous semester researching, connected the entire learning process for me. I realized that I could use my gifts in communication, public relations and organization to serve the Lord in a meaningful and impactful way. I do not have to become a missionary or a pastor to serve others. I can serve the Lord in public relations."

Above: Darlene Divine, senior, works on an assignment at the American Red Cross in Fort Wayne.

Photo used with permission from Fort Wayne's News-Sentinel.



The “least of these”

Courtney Stoppenhagen’s parents have been owners and directors of StillWater Retreat, a camp for inner city kids, for 16 years. Consequently, Courtney has been involved in ministry for most of her life.

When she was 12, her family visited missionaries in South Africa. Her parents began to work with a ministry called the Kibbutz El-Shammah. The Kibbutz work with an impoverished government-housing community left over from Apartheid. Her family would return each year and develop summer camps for the street youth from the Worcester community. “ALL of the street youth would come to camp,” Courtney recalls. “The police told us that whenever the Kibbutz does its street kids’ camp, there are no boys on the streets--they’re with us, at the camp!”

Courtney shares, “The boys have terrible life-stories. Some have been beaten (and worse)

by policemen, some have been kicked out of their homes due to abusive fathers, some are orphans; almost all are drug addicts. The boys are what keep us going back.” She also has a heart for the teenage girls in South Africa. She shares, “Many care for their siblings due to their parents’ drug and alcohol addictions. Over half in this community have been raped. Some have children from these rapes. Most of the ministry staff at the Kibbutz have stories comparable to those of the street boys and teenage girls. The healing and joy the Lord has brought these people is overwhelming.”

Courtney is a social work intern with International House in Fort Wayne, building relationships with refugee families from Somalia, Sudan, Bosnia, South Korea, Burundi, Latvia and Burma. This summer she will serve there as programs coordinator for the Summer

Kid’s Club. “I serve these families in practical ways. I help them understand their mail, take them to appointments, bank or grocery store and teach them English. I have developed a respect for their love for their extended family, their level of sacrifice for each other and their endurance. Many African refugees have lived in refugee camps and been through serious trauma. I have no comprehension of what they have been through. I can offer to listen and help with everyday tasks.”

From her youth, Courtney has shared her parents’ heart for ministry. That call is not just for her parents, but is her own. She shares, “God has put a call on my life to serve the ‘least of these.’” She and her fiance, Jason Bilbrey, senior, plan to minister to trafficked women and children in eastern Europe or southeast Asia.

Above: Courtney Stoppenhagen, senior, tutors Wahida Rabih, a Sudanese refugee.



Called to fight (for a cure)

Linda Maricle's 69 son sat next to Linda Washkun's son in kindergarten. The two boys quickly became friends, as did their mothers.

After working in education and early childhood development—including 10 years in elected public office with the Peoria Heights community school—Linda Maricle began devoting time as a breast cancer and women's health advocate for the state of Illinois.

Serving others is not a new concept to Linda Maricle. It is something she has been doing for decades.

Race for the Cure was a project of the Women's Health Initiative when

Linda first began volunteering with the Junior League of Peoria, an organization of women committed to improving communities through volunteerism.

Linda's 15 years of volunteer service with Susan G. Komen for the Cure led to her current position as executive director. In this role, Linda helps to spread the word, organize events and mobilize volunteers for the fight to cure breast cancer.

"My parents instilled in me and college days affirmed that to who much is given, much is required. I am so blessed that my vocation and my passion have come together in my professional life. I'm able to

serve those facing the disease and those looking for a good way to help the cause."

Linda has the unique opportunity to help the cause of a friend's best friend (Linda Washkun's best friend was Susie Komen), and every woman.

Linda reflects that God often leads us in the opportunities He puts right in front of us; she shares from Psalm 25:4: "Show me the path where I should walk to O, Lord; point out the right road for me to follow."

Linda (Trail) Maricle, left, and Linda B. Washkun, pose together at the 20th Anniversary Komen Peoria Pink Tie Ball.



Photo courtesy of Congressman Walberg's office.

Chasing after God

Congressman Tim Walberg's 75-year-old dream was to be a good steward of God's natural resources and serve at Montana's Glacier National Park. While studying forestry at Western Illinois University, the Lord placed a new desire on Tim's heart: campus missions. He transferred to Moody Bible Institute to follow the call.

During Tim's senior year, the chairman of the department shared a scripture with Tim: "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24 NASB)." Tim so strongly identified with this passage that he claimed it as his life verse and determined to follow God no matter where He might lead him.

The Lord first led him to serve as a pastor, a role he held for a decade. Tim accepted a pastorate in New Haven, IN, and received additional education at Fort Wayne Bible College.

The Lord then led him to pastor a church in Tipton, MI. While there Tim challenged his congregation to actively share their faith in order to make a difference in the world around them. After prayerfully considering their roles in the community, Tim and his wife, Sue, became involved in the local Right to Life organization. At the time, Michigan funded abortions through state monies, so the Right to Life group traveled to Lansing to lobby the state representative to take a stand for life. When the representative ignored the group's plea and voted to continue to pay for abortions, Tim voiced he wanted to run against the representative. The president of the Right to Life organization encouraged him to do just that.

While Tim was not serious about pursuing a political career, he left it to the Lord to show him His will. "My wife and I are so intensely interested in hearing and doing what God says that when the Lord made it evident that this was the path, our response

was to follow Him." Tim reflects, "God enabled me to be available to His changing my path even when I hadn't considered it."

Tim was elected and served for 16 years in the Michigan House of Representatives. Since then, he has served as president of the Warren Reuther Center for Education and Community Impact where he was involved in community betterment programs. He also served at Moody Bible Institute. Last November, he was elected to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives; he took office in January.

Whether serving as pastor, public servant or entrepreneur, Tim's charge is the same: "To be an agent of biblical change in a Christ-like way." He adds, "Biblical principles are my guide for my faith and my practice. . . . God has expanded my ministry and sphere of influence in each role He's given me."

Congressman Tim Walberg meets with Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice.



Dr. Bill Pannell



Dr. Jeff Groeling



Palmer Muntz

Graduates, Pannell receive degrees

Dr. Bill Pannell g51 will address the 2007 TUFW graduates at the May 18 commencement ceremonies where 80 men and women will receive degrees. At commencement, he will also receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters. Dr. Pannell is known for his passion, dedication and commitment to transforming the inner cities of this country through evangelism.

In an address to TUFW in the fall of 1992, Dr. Pannell challenged the campus “to be committed to Jesus Christ and the city in which He placed us, to share God’s concern for the people in the city in which He placed us and to be involved in this city.”

Dr. Pannell is a graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College and member emeritus of Taylor University’s Board of Trustees. After serving as an associate evangelist and vice president of Tom Skinner Associates, he spent 25 years at Fuller Theological Seminary, serving as special assistant to the president and senior professor of preaching.

Dr. Pannell is the author of numerous articles and books, including *The Coming Race Wars? A Cry for Reconciliation*; *Evangelism from the Bottom Up*; and *My Friend, the Enemy*.

Dr. Pannell will also be guest speaker to area pastors at a luncheon on May 18.

Dean of online learning

Dr. Jeff Groeling was appointed dean of online learning and instructional technology.

Dr. Groeling served as executive director of information technology at Asbury Theological Seminary in

Wilmore, KY, since 1992, overseeing all IT functions and developing technical direction in support of the overall strategic plan of the seminary. He also researched and directed several technology initiatives, including the development of Asbury’s online learning program, planned and set-up dedicated voice, video and data connectivity between Asbury’s Florida and Kentucky campuses, and planned and installed a campus-wide voice, video and data infrastructure upgrade.

AVP enrollment management

Palmer Muntz was recently appointed AVP of enrollment management.

Palmer has served as director of admissions at Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT), Klamath Falls, OR, since May 2000. He helped strategize and implement several significant initiatives to improve student retention and achievement, and designed a comprehensive recruitment plan. Prior to his employment at OIT, he served as associate director of admissions at Asbury College, and as director of financial aid and director of admissions and financial aid at Corban College (formerly Western Baptist College), Salem, OR. He also served in various capacities at Whitworth College, Spokane, WA; Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR; and Western Baptist College, Salem, OR.

Office of vocational calling

TUFW has established an office of vocational calling. The office provides orientation to college as preparation for one's calling within the context of a Christian worldview. It also provides leadership development as an application of one's calling within a strengths-based philosophy of service to others, and provides career services as tools for finding one's calling within a process of continual and lifelong discernment.

TUFW believes a vocation is more than a job, it's a calling. Vocation, from the Latin root, "vocare," means "to call." One's vocation is more accurately described as one's calling in life. Vocation is not simply what you do, but rather what you are called to do.

"The Mouse that Roared"

This Spring, TUFW's Theatre Organization (TTO) produced "The Mouse that Roared."

TTO is a student-led organization. Its focus is to enrich the Fort Wayne community with quality theatre entertainment while enhancing student life on campus.

Troops

TUFW students collected items to send Easter baskets to U.S. troops serving overseas. The effort was organized by Social Work Organization (S.W.O.), a student directed organization dedicated to raising awareness of social concerns by providing information and assistance to our local community through volunteer service.

Student writers get national attention

Four professional writing majors were featured in national cover stories. Pictured from left to right:

sophomore Bridgette Oakes' story was featured in *Church Libraries'* Winter 2006-07 issue; freshman Jennifer Opperman's story was a cover feature in *Writer's Journal's* January 2007 issue; sophomore, Devin Wieland's and freshman, Rose Rider's stories appeared in the *Christian Communicator's* February and March 2007 issues, respectively.

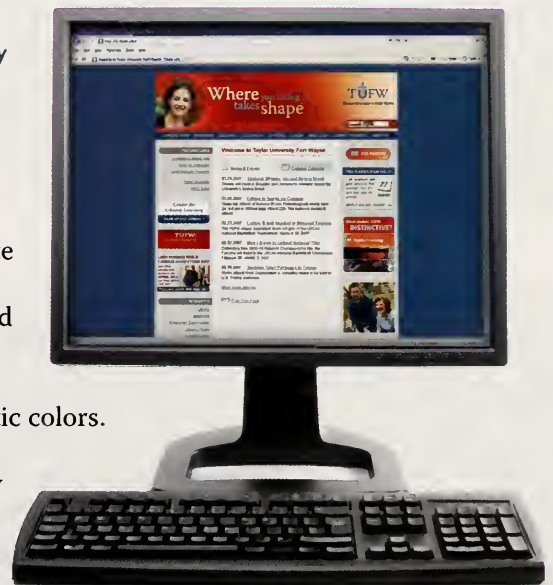


New look

TUFW recently launched a new website look, completing 18 months of redesign and content migration and reflects updated logo and campus and athletic colors.

Visit fw.taylor.edu to see the exciting new Web site!

Throughout this issue you may notice TUFW's new logo and colors. The logo was repurposed to have a more synergetic feel with Taylor University's cross and crucible. The cross and crucible, the largest element of the logo, also resonate with TUFW's history and heritage as Fort Wayne Bible College/Summit Christian College.



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Ireland

Students have the opportunity to study off campus or abroad each year. Three TUFW students spent their spring semester studying in Ireland: Kyle Boster, sophomore, Sharri Dann, sophomore, and Amy Raymond, junior. The Irish Studies Program is designed for students to expand cultural and spiritual awareness by studying and experiencing the history and culture of Ireland. Students complete 17 credit hours taking Irish literature, Irish history, Celtic studies and Contemporary Ireland.

Pictured at side: Ashley Rubenstein, sophomore, TUU, Amy Raymond, Megan Taylor, sophomore, TUU, and Greg Hewitt, sophomore, TUU, enjoy their time in Ireland. Here they stop to pose at Rock of Cashel.

Christian counseling and shepherding Dr. Siang-Yang Tan recently spoke to area pastors and counselors on *The Role of the Holy Spirit in Christian Counseling and Shepherding*. He also served as keynote speaker and panel expert for a Fellowship of Christian Counselors Seminar.

Relationship week

The student development office set aside a week to discover healthy relationships. Chapel meeting times, and other events, were focused on the theme of relationships. "Relationship week was set aside to discover Christ-like relationships in a contemporary society," shared Katherine Miranda, associate dean for student life. "We intended to provide biblical truth to challenge, encourage and enhance the relationships of every student, whether they are single, dating, engaged or married."

Visible miracles, a devotional from *Fresh Perspectives*

Amidst all the national coverage last April of the accident that took the lives of five of our Taylor family members, a miraculous event went almost unnoticed. On Monday, April 24, 2006, Melissa Munn, a student in her senior year at our Upland campus, was hospitalized in critical condition. The physicians diagnosed her as having a pulmonary embolism and warned that she might die within the week. Taylor University students, professors and staff rallied for an all night prayer vigil on her behalf. Soon they were joined by Melissa's family members, as well as neighbors and concerned Christians from the Upland community. Hour after hour, people got on their knees and implored God to restore her body. By dawn, the doctors announced she was showing signs of recovery and

new strength. During the following weeks, Melissa underwent three open heart surgeries. With each operation, her health improved. Then, during the third week in May, Melissa came upon the stage to receive her degree at the graduation ceremonies. Through prayer, she had risen from a possible deathbed to become a college graduate. The audience erupted in applause. Melissa was a visible miracle, tangible evidence of the power of prayer. Even today her story serves as a reminder to us that we have a God who listens. Call upon Him today.

Listen to Dr. Habecker's *Fresh Perspectives* daily online at http://fw.taylor.edu/about/fresh_perspectives.html.



Dr. Eugene Habecker
President, Taylor University

Called to make an impact



Because Christian higher education is so important to Dale and Betty Keiser, they established The Dale and Betty Keiser Family Scholarship in 1999. The scholarship was created in honor of their daughters Susan and Patricia. Susan is a graduate of Taylor University and Patty graduated from I.U. Medical Center. The Keisers feel blessed as both girls have continued in their Christian training in both teaching and music. Through this scholarship, the Keisers hope the opportunity for Christian higher education can be given to others.

Dale and Betty Keiser pose during a recent Scholarship Award Luncheon with the recipient of their scholarship.

New scholarships awarded this year

JAMES & JOCELYN BLUM ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—established in honor of James and Jocelyn Blum in recognition of their many years of service to Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, Taylor University and the Fort Wayne community.

CLASS OF 1945 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP—grateful for God's blessings in their lives, the members of the graduating class of 1945 established the Class of 1945 Endowed Scholarship as a way to make Christian higher education possible for future generations preparing for God's call on their lives.

CECIL MURPHEY WRITER'S SCHOLARSHIP—established by Cecil Murphey, former missionary to Africa and author of more than 100 books and 600 articles.

How to Establish an Endowed Scholarship at Taylor University Fort Wayne

The Taylor University Fort Wayne Advancement Office would be delighted to assist you in establishing an endowed scholarship. Details follow to give you a better understanding of what is involved.

1. The principal of the scholarship fund must be a minimum of \$20,000.
2. Scholarships are awarded from the interest earned on the endowment principal.
3. Endowed scholarships are awarded annually, currently in April, to be used in the next academic year.
4. Donors have the opportunity to become acquainted with recipients through the Annual Scholarship Award Luncheon, photos and biographical sketches of each recipient.
5. Each August, a Scholarship Financial Activity Report is sent to each donor.

If you are interested in establishing an Endowed Scholarship or would like additional information on other scholarship possibilities, contact Mrs. Sherri Harter, associate vice president for advancement, (260) 744-8775.

Honoring Faithful Service



The Rev. **Richard Baxter** g70 has been a member of the staff at the Fort Wayne campus since he graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College with a BS in Christian Education in 1970, and a member of the faculty since completing his Master of Science in Education from the University of Saint Francis in 1977. For more than 37 years he has served faithfully in a variety of responsibilities; serving students and the educational mission of this campus. He was asked to coordinate the institutional

self-study that led to North Central accreditation for FWBC. His continued involvement in the self-study process led to subsequent reaccreditations. He was also part of the merger task force that led to Taylor University's acquisition of the Fort Wayne campus in 1992.

Dick was instrumental in the development of the Christian Service program at FWBC and its spread to other Bible Colleges throughout the country. He is one of the founders of the Association of Christian Service Personnel. His passion for ministry has continued to this day as advisor to Taylor World Outreach with short term mission teams and service projects among his many responsibilities. In the last eight years he has led more than two dozen short-term mission trips to Whitehouse, Jamaica, where he was recently honored by having a training school dedicated in his name.

Dick has also served as the Associate Dean of Students and Director of Career Services since 1992. He has been a mentor to dozens of young men in accountability groups over the years and a counselor to hundreds of other students who frequent his office. Known by many as the "Candy Man" for his generous provision of sweets to those who visit his office, his retirement at the end of May 2007 will bring sweet memories to almost four decades of alumni.

Professor **Arlan Birkey** retires after completing 39 years as professor of Greek and New Testament. Professor Birkey has been the one to whom other members of the academic committees turn to understand the details and the long-range ramifications of any proposal. Arlan has been the one who could always be counted



upon to work hardest alongside the students during days of community service. And when the campus was in a time of institutional need, Professor Birkey (the faithful servant) was the one called upon to become acting academic dean.

His finest contribution to TUFW has been his outstanding teaching. He has brought to the classroom a scholar's attention to detail, a farmer's capacity for work, and a servant's heart for giving, and the students have been the beneficiaries. Time and again students comment about his great intellect and effective instruction. Greek is not "dead" in his classes, but a means to know better the very words of God. Geography of the Bible is not a disconnected obscurity, but becomes the multi-sensory context of special revelation and much of today's most dramatic events. And the Holy Spirit is not one more concept to be memorized in Acts, but a gracious person of the Triune God to be known personally and who has been sent to empower, indwell, convict, and encourage.

Although Arlan retires this spring, such a record does not retire. It lives on and will continue to impact faculty, staff and students for Kingdom purposes.

Faculty Honors and Accomplishments



Doug Barcalow has been named interim academic dean beginning June 1.



Andy Davis has been named the director of vocational calling.



Dr. *Jim Saddington* has been a professor of history on the Fort Wayne campus since 1983. Jim has been the entire history department, and at times the entire sociology department, since he arrived. His versatility is astounding. Among the courses he has taught are World History, History of Missions, African-American History, Middle East History, Global Poverty,

Urban Sociology, Christianity to 1500, and, of course, Christianity since 1500.

His passion for God, love of history, joy of teaching, and infectious laughter (even at his own jokes) have endeared him to generations of students, including some who initially may have been less than enthralled with the subject. Yet his insightful analysis of contemporary society in light of broader historical principles have stretched students beyond simple, more narrow perspectives and have stimulated serious student reflection. This kind of critical thinking is a goal of all true educators, and Jim has been tireless in its promotion.

No historical account of Jim's years at TUFW would be accurate without reference to his support of the campus' athletic teams. He probably attended more TUFW games than any other faculty or staff member on campus who was not also a coach. No TUFW Falcon contest would be complete without his vibrant shouts of encouragement to the team and counsel to the officials. This faithfulness was deeply appreciated by students and just one indication of Jim's total commitment to the Lord's work at TUFW.



Professor *Rebecca Shearer* came to TUFW in the fall 2001 as a one-year visiting professor of education. Her excellent instruction and wise counsel to faculty and students alike soon made her indispensable to the campus. At the urging of the University, she has continued to serve with distinction every year since. She now retires from full-time teaching to pursue a career in

consulting and advocacy on educational issues at the state level. She has intense passion to see positive change in matters of educational policy.

Prior to her work at TUFW, Rebecca served school districts in Fort Wayne, South Bend and Seattle, Washington, as a classroom instructor and principal. This varied experience gave her a great wealth of knowledge to impart to her students. She did this with skill in courses such as Education in America, Introduction to Early Childhood Programs, Educational Psychology and Urban Practicum. Perhaps even more meaningful, though, has been the time and concern she has invested into the lives of students on an individual basis. She has been an exceptional role model to aspiring elementary school teachers.

Surely Rebecca's time as a "visiting professor" has been the most rewarding visit imaginable from the perspective of TUFW.



Dr. Dennis Hensley was a keynote speaker at the "Jerry B. Jenkins Writing for the Soul" Christian Writers' Conference, in Colorado Springs, CO, in February.



Jennifer Manth, program director of elementary education & transition to teaching, participated in a panel discussion at the Tenth Annual Fort Wayne Teaching Conference at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, in February.



Evan Wood, associate dean, strategic planning, and chair, department of management and communication, presented a paper on mentoring to the Academy of Human Resource Development in Indianapolis, IN, February 28 to March 4.



Sports highlights

Women's basketball

The women's basketball team, under the guidance of Coach Cleveland Inge, ended their regular season 14-11 with a second place finish in the Grace College Invitational. The Lady Falcons received an invitation to the USCAA Women's National Tournament in Broken Arrow, OK, as a fifth place seed after a 10-1 run to close out the season.

In the first round of the tournament, the Lady Falcons lost a close battle by three points to Philander Smith College, but bounced back the next day to beat the host school, Rhema Bible College, by an impressive 18 points. The Lady Falcons went on to close out the tournament with a two point win over Lyndon State, which left them as seventh place finishers.

Senior Sarah Hodgkin was named All-American by the USCAA. Freshman Tayla Cheviron was named All-American Honorable Mention. Also receiving awards were senior Jessica Warriner, juniors Mandy Dittmer and Cassie Warriner earning Academic All-American honors.

Throughout the season, the Lady Falcons boasted two USCAA Players of the Week: Sarah Hodgkin and Tayla Cheviron; seven USCAA Players of the Week Honorable Mention: four times to Sarah Hodgkin, once each to Tayla Cheviron, Lynnea Johnson and Kelly Robbins. Sarah

Hodgkin received All-Tournament Team honors at the Grace College Invitational.

Coach Inge said that out of his 25 years of coaching, this had to be one of the top five greatest seasons and it had nothing to do with the number of wins or getting to go to Nationals. "This team displayed what true family means and how Christ wants us to live our lives and care for others on and off the court."

Men's basketball

After another successful season, the men's basketball team finished out the year at 16-15 and was invited, for the second year in a row, to the USCAA's National Basketball Tournament held this year at Southern Maine Community College in Portland, ME.

One of eight teams invited, TUFW triumphed in two of three games played, gaining fifth place. Freshman Trel Hogue and senior Rich Thomas were selected to the USCAA All American team. Returning members from 2006's National Championship team were Jesse Boldt and John Yoder, sophomores, and Rich Thomas, senior.

Bud Hamilton has served as men's basketball coach and athletic director since 1991. Known for his commitment to Christ, basketball and his players, Coach Hamilton continues to lead his team to victory and national success.

Mortensen returns to TUFW



Michael D. Mortensen g91TUU returned to TUFW as director of development and planned giving in January. Previously, he served at TUFW in various development roles, but recently as the associate director for advancement and director of alumni relations.

“It is so good to be ‘home,’” Michael shares, who first came to Fort Wayne Bible College with his parents, Phil g74 and Fran h00 Mortensen in 1970. “Since leaving, Dr. Kilty has come and his team of faculty and staff have evaluated the entire curriculum and have refined the vision for TUFW. It is so exciting to hear his passion and to join the team moving forward.” He adds, “It’s been great reconnecting with alumni and friends sharing the new vision for TUFW.”

As director of development and planned giving, Michael will work with alumni and friends to encourage giving to the Fort Wayne Fund, which supports student financial aid. He also will build relationships and assist people with planned gifts including bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts, scholarships and capital gifts.

Most recently, he served on the staff at World Partners USA recruiting, equipping and mobilizing short-term mission teams internationally and domestically as volunteer service coordinator.

He and his wife Christine g92TUU have four children: Ashlyn (12), Alexandria (8), Anna (7) and David (5) and host two foreign students from South Korea, Jae Koh (18) and Nak Song (17).

Michael fills the position made vacant by Al Rupp, who now serves as executive director of the William Taylor Foundation at Taylor University.

Tax time is over, but not ways to save and make a contribution to TUFW

The New IRA Charitable Rollover lets you support the transforming education TUFW uniquely provides.

Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, charitable gifts from IRAs can be given simply and free of federal income tax.

Certain limitations apply to these non-taxable IRA charitable transfers:

- You must be age 70½ or older on the date of the transfer
- The funds transferred from your IRA to TUFW count toward your mandatory withdrawal or required minimum distribution you must take each year after reaching age 70½
- The gift must be \$100,000 or less each year
- Funds can only be transferred from a traditional or Roth IRA to TUFW
- These transfers can only be made between now and December 31, 2007

EXAMPLE: Tom, aged 80, has \$300,000 in an IRA and has pledged to give \$5,000 this year to TUFW. If Tom transfers \$5,000 from the IRA directly to TUFW, he will avoid paying income tax on that amount.

For more information contact: Michael D. Mortensen
Director of Development & Planned Giving
260.744.8871 or mcmortensen@fw.taylor.edu

*This information is for educational purposes only
and is not intended for tax advice.*



Left to right:
Lynne Ford g05 and
Char Binkley g65

Meeting needs, touching lives

There are definite reasons why *Mid-Morning* is the longest running, daily radio talk show in Fort Wayne. Described as “talk for women worth talking about,” this lively hour—sometimes fun, sometimes serious, but never boring—is hosted by Char Binkley and Lynne Ford. This popular live, locally-produced 55-minute program airs on WBCL each morning from 9:05 to 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

The program began the first month WBCL signed on the air in January 1976. Originally a 25-minute segment called *Spectrum for the Homemaker* it instantly became a favorite call-in show. A conversation between Char Binkley and the first general manager, Mike Heuberger, resulted in the creation of *Spectrum* when she asked him what he planned to do for women. His response was, “Probably syndicate national programming. Is there something you want to do locally?” A teacher and public speaker,

Char immediately dreamed of ways to touch the lives of thousands of women via radio with pertinent and relevant topics to meet their needs.

Within a few days, the five-day-a-week program began. Several years later, it was renamed *Mid-Morning*, because although initially geared to stay-at-home moms, the listening audience included men and women of all ages. Today it reaches around the globe via live streaming on the Internet. Listeners as far away as Australia, Russia and Japan listen in and join the conversation via e-mail.

From the first broadcast, *Mid-Morning* has tackled a variety of relevant, sometimes difficult, topics. Gloria Gaither, Tony Campolo, Ken Gire, Max Lucado, Michael Card, Chonda Pierce and Philip Yancey have been among the long line-up of guests. Spiritual growth is addressed through the monthly “Soul Care” discussion with Mindy Caliguire and “Wisdom Works” with Dr. Mitchell Kruse. Health and wellness issues are discussed by members of the health care community, including physicians, nurses, a personal trainer and dietitians. Issues pertaining to family life, children and use of the Internet, caregiving for aging parents, the Emerging Church, and changes in our culture are just a small sample of topics dealt with on *Mid-Morning*.

TUFW alumni are among those who love to listen in, whether by radio or online. Archived programs can be accessed and listened to for one year after their airing date. And at least one TUFW professor has given listening assignments using archived programs dealing with topics relevant to his class.

Why not take a few minutes today and browse some of the archived programs available on the *Mid-Morning* page at www.wbcl.org? Better yet, tune in each morning from 9-10 a.m.

You may shed a tear as you listen to the story of a 9-11 survivor, experience your mouth watering as a panel evaluates the latest ice cream flavors or find yourself bent double with laughter as listeners share their crazy pet stories. Whatever the topic, it will be the fastest moving hour of your day – guaranteed!



Making the call



Ruth Krueger, junior, shares: I enjoyed talking with alumni and past students during Phonathon. Alumni shared with me about God's faithfulness to them throughout the years. Which encouraged me, as I pursue His call on my life.

Thank you for making Phonathon 2007 a success! Alumni and friends have pledged \$83,211, exceeding the Spring goal of \$82,000!

James Rediger '00, director of the Fort Wayne Fund, shares, "Phonathon is more than raising money. Phonathon is 'connecting.' Connecting alumni with current students or fellow alumni. Callers enjoy the conversation with the alum on the other end of the line and also have the opportunity to share a glimpse of their personal perspective of TUFW. It's people enjoying people for a good cause." He adds, "The financial results mirror the spiritual experience. Faith and works go together well in Phonathon."

Thirty-three students, alumni, faculty and staff made calls; the \$82,000.00 goal was exceeded and the total continues to climb.

In an effort to personally contact as many alumni as possible, Phonathon was expanded from two weeks in the spring to one week in the fall and three weeks in the spring.

Money raised for Phonathon goes into the Fort Wayne Fund, which is needed to provide the difference between what students pay and the actual cost of a TUFW education. For fiscal year 2006-2007, tuition covered approximately 76 percent of total educational costs, while the remaining 24 percent came from gifts and other sources of income for the University.

No student ever pays the full cost of their education, even if they pay the full tuition charge.

There's still time to make a pledge for Phonathon 2007.
Pledges and payments may be made via phone (260) 744-8790
or online at fw.taylor.edu.

Proceeds provide students with financial aid assistance,
bridging the gap between the cost of tuition
and the actual cost of a TUFW education.

Alumni News Notes

Alumni Relations • 260.744.8790 • alumni@fw.taylor.edu • <http://fw.taylor.edu/alumni>

Upcoming alumni gatherings

- Missionary Church General Conference, Portland, OR.
July 13 - breakfast @ 7 am
- Prairie Camp, Goshen, IN
July 30 after the evening service
- Ludlow Falls Camp, Ludlow Falls, OH.
July 29 after the evening service
- Brown City Camp, Brown City, MI
August 9 after the evening service

For more information visit fw.taylor.edu/alumni/gatherings or contact Tami at 260.744.8790 or alumni@fw.taylor.edu.

1933

Verda (Gerig) Nussbaum g33 turned 95 in January. For six decades she and her husband, John g32, who went to be with the Lord in 2003, ministered in several C&MA churches.

1944

Miriam (Rediger) Escher g44 prays with a ladies group every Tuesday and with a larger group once a month. Her e-mail is mrescher@earthlink.net.

1946

Jim Geahlen g46 retired for the seventh and final time January 1. Jim and Mary (Cable)'s fs45 e-mail is jgeahlen@cei.net.

1951

Virgil g51 and Leona (Reibling) Bixler fs49 will celebrate 57 years of marriage August 5.

1953

Dr. Ian Cook's fs53 wife, Ruth, went to be with the Lord June 6, 2006. They were missionaries in Honduras and South Africa. Ruth's father, Safara Witmer g22, was president of Fort Wayne Bible College 1945-1957.

Mitsuko (Higa) Yamaguchi g53/g55TUU retired in 1991. She and her husband, Bert, have a daughter and two grandchildren.

1955

Beulah (Minnig) McKenney fs55 teaches Bible class and plays the piano at the Manor, a facility for the elderly, as well as at her church. Her husband, Francis, went to be with the Lord on February 6, 2004.

1958

Charles g58 and Marlene (Patterson) Cole g58 participate in their church's bell choir. Their daughter, Alexis, and son-in-law are in the Peace Corps in Mozambique.

Harold McKnight g58 and his wife, Bonnie, retired from their pastoral ministry. He pastored a church for 39 years and directed a chaplaincy program for 25 years. He will now preach revivals, do pulpit supply and work part-time for a funeral director. Their e-mail is hbmcknight@bright.net.

1960

Ed Terui g60 was pastor at Kapaa Missionary Church for 39 years and interim pastor at Kalaheo Missionary Church for two years. He now works part-time at a retirement community. His wife, Jan (Gushiken) fs58/g60TUU, was director/teacher at Kapaa Missionary Church for 32 years and is now a substitute teacher in the public schools. Their e-mail is teruie001@hawaii.rr.com.

1961

Pat Hartung g61 serves with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Philippines and will be in the USA from June 15 to December 30. Her e-mail is pat_hartung@sil.org.

1962

Merrell Wheeler g62 and his wife, Joyce, will celebrate 50 years of marriage this year. They were missionaries in Japan for 23 years. Merrell serves as chaplain at Indiana Wesleyan University.

1966

Myron g66 and Betty Harrison g65 work with Overseas Missionary Fellowship in Canada. They may help with a church plant in Mongolia next year. Their e-mails are harrisonmyrons@omf.net and harrisonbetty@omf.net.

Niles Kageyama g66 completed 40 years of ministry in September 2006, having served at Koloa Missionary 15 years. His wife, Aileen (Wada) g65, teaches part-time. Their e-mail is niles@hawaiiink.net.

1967

Phil g67 and Jan (Schumacher) Logan g68 share the Kuranko Bible is now in print. Their e-mail is philjanlogan@comcast.net.

1968

Bill fs68 and Sylvia (Brown) Greenhood fs71 pastor Pleasant Ridge Missionary Church in Middlebury, IN. Their e-mail is bnsgreenhood@maplenet.net.

1970

Lynette (Schaffner) g70 married Norm Hooker, September 4, 2003. She is employed at Radio Bible Class Ministries. Her e-mail is lynettesu@cs.com.

1971

Jerry Terui fs71 is involved in prison ministry in Kauai, HI. His e-mail is teruij001@hawaii.rr.com.

1973

Eunice (Keifer) Yearling's g73 husband, Michael, went to be with the Lord on November 4, 2006. Their daughter, Jana, is a junior at TUFW.

1975

Wayne Allen g75 is regional director for Asia and the Middle East with World Partners USA. His wife, Carolyn (Paxson) fs71, is a registered nurse and works at The Cedars, Leo, IN. Wayne's e-mail is waynewallen@gmail.com.

Bill fs75 and Tamra (Siemantel) Branks g76 live in downtown Chicago and pastor River North Baptist Church for the homeless, indigent and others in the community. They will celebrate their 30th anniversary in June. Their e-mail is come2church@juno.com and Web address is <http://www.rivernorthbc.org>.

Garry Cline g75 has taught music for 28 years at Fort Wayne Community Schools. His e-mail is garry.cline@fwcs.k12.in.us.

Roy and Darla (Schock) Oksnevad g75 serve with The Evangelical Free Church Mission. They equip churches to befriend and evangelize people of other cultures. Their e-mail is oksnevad@aol.com.

1980

Jeff g80 and Linda (Young) Hale g81 have moved to Idaho where Jeff is executive director of university housing at Boise State University.

Glenn Tamagawa g80 owns Wailua Golf Shop, Kauai, HI. His e-mail is tamagawag001@hawaii.rr.com.

1981

Scott g81 and Bonnie (Ching) Duncan g81 are church planting on the Waianae coast of Oahu, HI. Bonnie also teaches third grade. Their e-mail is rscottdduncan@hotmail.com.

Holly (Miller) Kollenbaum g81 teaches first grade at Mountainview Elementary School in Hawaii. Her e-mail is hollykollenbaum@hotmail.com.

1985

Don g85 and Marla (Murray) Bettinger g84 are on home assignment from Taiwan until July. They will return to Taipei and help with church plants. Their e-mail is dbettinger@omsinternational.org.

Jim Hughes fs85 serves with Missionary Athletes International. He is considering

overseas short-term mission tours. His e-mail is jhughes@charlotteeagles.com.

1986

Marilyn Millar g86 works for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. She is studying to be a medical record technician. Her e-mail is bluemillar@verizon.net.

1987

Dave g87 and Dorcas (Ringenberg) McDeavitt g76 will be the USA for home ministry assignment this summer.

1988

Brian g88 and Barbara (Scott) Powers g88, with Megan, Rachel, Noah, Elizabeth, Lydia, and Esther, welcomed Isaiah, born October 30, 2006. He has a complex congenital heart defect. Visit www.carepages.com for details. The page name is: TheHeartOfIsaiah. Their e-mail is powersonthego@verizon.net.

Graham g88 and Lori (Fazio) West fs86 and family are preparing to move to Asia in 2008 to spread God's Word. Their e-mail is gwest@charlotteeagles.com.

1991

Nick Johnson g91 is northern Indiana area director of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. He and his wife, Alane g89, praise God for the students who came to Christ at conferences this winter. Their e-mail is nickalane@gmail.com.

Kent Kessler g91 is pastor of Alto UMC, Kokomo, IN. He and his wife, Melissa, have three children: Joshua, Alethea and

Andrew. Kent's e-mail is kkkessler@yahoo.com.

Dr. Jennifer Perkins-Behun fs91 is a certified listening therapist and is a consultant for the military. She is working on a second Ph.D. in educational leadership with Andrews University. Her e-mail is perkinsjen@yahoo.com.

1993

Nathan g93 and Tisha (Moeck) Herman fs95 with Rebecca, Michaela and Johanna, welcomed Jonathan Elliot, born December 2, 2005. Their e-mail is nathan@vhpav.com.

Alan and Cheri (Patton) Shea g93 were married March 25, 2006. They are raising support to be missionaries in Liberia. Cheri's e-mail is cheri@shea.net.

1994

Jeffrey Hill fs94 and his wife, Barbara, with Victoria and Joshua welcomed Nathanael Christian, born December 26, 2005. Their e-mail is jbvj7@juno.com.

1995

Joe Boway g95 is founder of the Liberian Children's Ministry. He thanks God that 1,850 children receive an education and hear about Christ's love. Joe's e-mail is bowayj@aol.com.

Timothy Claassen g95 is camp program director for South Side Mission, Peoria, IL. He married Carrie Norman on October 14, 2006. His e-mail is timclaassen@truevine.net.

Meet Mark Deister

Chancellor's Business Advisory Group member

"Cindy and I faithfully serve Taylor University Fort Wayne because we believe strongly in its mission to share the redemptive love of Jesus with a world in need. We find it especially important to cultivate Christ-centeredness in the lives of young people; they are our future leaders. All Christians are called to serve and we support TUFW because it nurtures this concept among its student body and throughout the local community."

*Mark Deister
Deister Machine*



1996

Jason and Jenny (Ochs) Martin g96 with Graham and Grady, welcomed Garrison Porter, born November 3, 2006. Their e-mail is jmartintoo@fuse.net.

1997

Scott g97 and Kristin (Lundberg) Brunsting g97, with Tyler, welcomed fraternal twins, Rachel Lynn and Kelsey Marie, born June 10, 2006. Their e-mail is s_k_brunsting@yahoo.com.

Christian fs97 and Amy (Wheat) Miller g94 with Kimberly, Katie, Caleb and Andrew, welcomed Christian Michael, born March 27, 2006. Their e-mail is cdmiller@graceba.net.

Chris and Katie (Somaini) Noser fs97, with Kristin, Riley and Ethan, welcomed Cyler Haven Charles, born July 11, 2006. Their e-mail is cknoser@yahoo.com.

Lance g97 and Megan (Smith) Stiver g97, with Graham, welcomed Isaiah Evan, born April 21, 2005. Lance is project manager for Recommended Test Labs, Fort Wayne, IN. Lance's e-mail is stiverdomeeast@yahoo.com and Megan's e-mail is mlsbutterfly@yahoo.com.

1998

Travis Kraft g98 graduated from the Institute of Therapeutic Massage & Movement in Nashville, TN, works at Athena Health Club & Day Spa and volunteers at Charles Bass Correctional Complex. His wife, Stephanie (Busic) fs98, is assistant principal at John F. Kennedy Middle School. Their e-mail is traviskraft42@yahoo.com.

Sarah Miretti g98 is assistant director of development at SEEDS, a nonprofit academic preparation program in NJ. Her e-mail is smiretti@hotmail.com.

2000

Kevin g00 and Shannon (Wells) Damesworth g00, with Cameron, welcomed Ethan Daniel, born November 12, 2006. Kevin is a sales representative for Liberty Mutual Insurance. Their e-mail is ksdamesworth@myibocs.com.

Sean fs00 and Jana (Behrends) Guise fs99, with Maree and Eli, welcomed Owen Xavier, born September 28, 2006. Their e-mail is sjg626@verizon.net.

Jeremy g00 and Sarah (Spinney) Steup g02 welcomed Leah Abigail, born November 7, 2006. Their e-mail is jjsteup@hotmail.com.

2001

Josh g01 and Lindsey (Carpenter) Arthur g01 welcomed Lillian Grace, born March 30, 2005, and Lincoln Paul, born January 2. Their e-mail is joshhartha@hotmail.com.

Shannon and Charisa (Piety) Childress g01 were married on December 16, 2006. Teresa (Pancake) Shewman g00 was a bridesmaid. Charisa's e-mail is cissajasmine@hotmail.com.

Bryan Copenhaver g01 and his wife, Veronica (Nelson) g00, with daughter, Kylie, welcomed Cayden, born March 24. Their e-mail is bvcope@alaska.net.

Matt and Melissa (Shady) Hildebrand g01 were married September 23, 2006. Taylor participants were Jen (Short) Reel g01, and Jamie g98TUU and Sara (Habegger)

Shady g98TUU. Melissa's e-mail is missa__anne@hotmail.com.

Justin Spurlock g01 graduated with an MA in leadership and organizational studies from Fresno Pacific University last December. His wife, Sarah (Vestal) g02, will complete her graduate studies in May 2008. They are active in youth ministry. His e-mail is jspurlock@gmail.com and hers is sarahspurlock@gmail.com.

Adam TUg01 and Jessica (Colacuori) Witmer g01 welcomed Judah J, born March 5, 2005.

2002

Anthony Chapman g02 and his wife, Irene, are becoming proficient in Hebrew and building relationships with various churches throughout Israel.

Tim g02 and Kola (Dhurata) Embry g01, with Jaclyn, welcomed Julian Iliir, born October 18, 2006. Their e-mail is kolaembry@hotmail.com.

Jon Ferguson g02 and wife, Jennifer, with Jacob, welcomed Tyson Matthew, born October 26, 2005. Jon is pastor of student ministries at Family of Grace United Methodist Church. His e-mail is fergusonj@thefamilyofgrace.com.

Josh Jackett g02 is a staff writer for the Spinal Column Weekly. In the November 2006 edition, he interviewed attorney Norman Yatooma g94TUU. His e-mail is joshlos@yahoo.com.

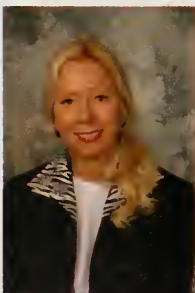
Megan Wood g02 is working on her Masters in Library Science at IUPUI. She is engaged to be married in October. Her e-mail is meggiewoo@hotmail.com.

2003

Becka (Coleman) Atkinson g03 with husband, Guy, and son, Timo, live in Louisiana, serving with the ministry Covenant Eyes. Their e-mail is gbatkinson@gmail.com.

Mike g03 and Bethany (Weideman) Collins g03, with Maggie Joy, born December 15, 2006, are as house parents for Thornwell Home & School for Children, Clinton, SC. Their e-mail is mcollins710@yahoo.com.

Meet Jan Sanner Chancellor's Business Advisory Group member



"John and I are honored to have the opportunity to support such an exciting and growing Christian University. We are even more thrilled that Taylor University Fort Wayne serves as a strong anchor and Christian influence in our local community."

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Jessica (Hochstetler) Dettmer g03 is the communications coordinator with the American Red Cross, Fort Wayne, IN. She also serves on the governing board for A Friend's House, a non-profit organization in Bluffton, IN. Her e-mail is jessicahochstetler@yahoo.com.

Fosen and Dawn (Chapin) Ferengo g03 were married on March 18, 2006. Their e-mail is ferengo@verizon.net.

Adam and Hannah (Osborn) Fricke g03 welcomed Eleanora Elizabeth, born January 31. Hannah's e-mail is hanfricke@hotmail.com.

Josh and Megan (Behrends) Gremaux g03, with twins, Alex and Chris, welcomed Nicholas Allen Francis, born August 26.

Brandon g03 and Nicole (Lemberg) Hall fs05 welcomed Brayden Kristopher, born May 18, 2006. Bradon is a customer service representative with a Medicare supplement at Aetna. Their e-mail is brandonandnicole@verizon.net.

Mark fs03 and Kristen (Carlson) Hunziker g02, with Chad, welcomed Owen Daniel, born November 3, 2006. Their address is 261 Iroquois Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Chris TUUg03 and Lora (Nussbaum) Miner g03 welcomed Elissa Ann, born January 28, 2005. Their e-mail is chris.miner@gmail.com.

George Oprisko g02 and his wife, Maura (Klopfenstein) g04, welcomed Nora Grace, born March 7. George's e-mail is georgewill99@yahoo.com

Sam and Jenni (Edgar) Runkle g03 were wed on July 1, 2006. They live in Fort Wayne, IN. Jenni's e-mail is jenni_lea219@yahoo.com.

2004

Aaron Brosman g04 and Jill Dykehouse fs06 were married March 24. Jeff Krabach g04 officiated.

Chad g04 and Trishelle (Rainey) Edwards g06 live in Fort Wayne. Chad is director of experiential learning at the University of Saint Francis. Trishelle is office coordinator for BIG Brand Innovation Group. Chad's

e-mail is cedwards@sf.edu; Trishelle's is trishelle.edwards@gmail.com.

Patrick and Elizabeth (Gissal) Loeks g04 were married March 12, 2005. TUFV participant was Kim Manon g06. Patrick works for DeLoof Construction and Elizabeth is assistant youth director at Southridge Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, MI. They welcomed Tyler James, born December 6, 2006. Elizabeth's e-mail is eloeks@southridgechurch.com.

Nate Zimmerman g04 and his wife, Tracy, welcomed Elliott, born May 28, 2006.

John Morgan g04 is pastor of Salem Community Missionary Church, Larwell, IN. His e-mail is jotimo58@aol.com

Heather Neilson g04 has returned to Fort Wayne from Southern California. She is an administrative assistant at the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce. Her e-mail is heatrenee40@hotmail.com.

Eric Anderson g05 works at Toys R Us, Fruitport, MI. His e-mail is ungabunga@netzero.com.

2005

Elizabeth Lehman g05 went to Haiti April 30 as a missionary journalist with Radio 4VEH Christian radio station. Her e-mail is liz_lehman@hotmail.com.

Samantha Smith g05 teaches eighth grade in Glassboro, NJ. She is pursuing her masters in school administration at Rowan University and will lead a mission trip to Jamaica this summer. Her e-mail is joyzmine@aol.com.

2006

Traci (Bakle) Koenig g06 and her husband, Josh, welcomed Jeremiah Michael, born November 20. Her e-mail is traci@ksei.us.

Tyler and Randa (Kipfer) Witmer g06 were married on June 3, 2006. TUFV participants were Angie Hoepfner g06, Susie Schunk g06 and Michelle (Leedy) See g06.

IN MEMORY

Eloise (Rogers) Grile g38 went to be with the Lord on November 30, 2006. She was a homemaker. Her husband preceded her in death.

Dr. Anna Belle Laughbaum g41 went to be with the Lord on April 4. She taught for 29 years at Southern Nazarene University. She also taught at Seattle Pacific University, Korea Nazarene University and European Nazarene College.

Lily (Spillers) Huffman g42 went to be with the Lord, December 8, 2006. She was a retired elementary school teacher. Survivors include her husband, Harry g54.

Agnes Lombard fs47 went to be with the Lord, January 2, 2005. She served in several clerical positions and was an active church member.

Alice (Glasgow) Buchanan fs50 went to be with the Lord, May 11, 2006. She is survived by her husband, Albert fs50. His address is 3300 Spree Ct, Apt 221, Jackson, MI 49202; (517)787-4163.

Meet David Steiner

Chancellor's Business Advisory Group member

"This campus has a long history of training students for full-time Christian service. My grandfather studied for the ministry at Fort Wayne Bible Institute. Over the years, the mission has broadened to include many liberal arts degrees, to the benefit of the Fort Wayne community. What remains constant is, regardless of the degree, the education is more than a means to a vocation. It truly is for the purpose of fulfilling a calling to serve others. I think it gives these graduates a unique quality that sets them apart, and it's why I support TUFV."

*David R. Steiner
Barrett & McNagny LLP*



Rev. Dr. Paul Grabill g48/g50TUU went to be with the Lord, January 19. He was a pastor and evangelist for the Missionary Church and a professor at TUFW. He also taught a Bible study at his retirement community. Survivors include his wife, L. Eileen (Bossard) g46. His first wife, Joan (Haifley) g48, preceded him in death.

Harry McElhone g48/g50TUU went to be with the Lord, August 24, 2006. He was a teacher at Phoenix Christian High School and later at several elementary schools in Scottsdale, AZ.

Ruth (Egeland) Harrigan g50 went to be with the Lord, December 25, 2006. She was a missionary nurse in Sierra Leone, West Africa from 1951-1983. In Fort Wayne, she helped immigrants and refugees from Chad and Sudan. Survivors include a son, Stephen g82. Her husband, William g50, and a son, Daniel g85, preceded her in death.

Rev. J. Harlan Wright g50 went to be with the Lord, February 21. He served in several different positions on the Fort Wayne campus from 1961-1970. He sang with the "Faculty Four," which included Dr. Wes Gerig g51, Dr. Timothy Warner g50 and Tom Zehr g54. He also held pastoral positions in several churches. Survivors include his wife, Annie Laurie and a son, Steve g70. His first wife, Helen, and a daughter, Martha g77, preceded him.

Rev. Norman Stan Kistler g53 went to be with the Lord, December 16, 2006. He served at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, IN, and several churches in Lima, OH. Although retired, he remained active

in teaching and visitation. Survivors include four sons (including Stan g77). His wife, Vera, preceded him.

M. Juanita Cassady g55 went to be with the Lord, January 31. She was a librarian for 12 years at Continental Elementary School in OH and worked at the hospital in Defiance, OH, for 12 years. She was a member and Sunday school teacher at North Mount Zion Church in Continental, OH.

Joann Weddle fs56 went to be with the Lord, November 28, 2006. She retired in 1995 after 35 years as supervisor of data processing at Indiana & Michigan Power Co. She is survived by her mother, Thelma Weddle. Her father, Dr. Forest Weddle g53 and sister, Dr. Alice Joy Weddle g64, both former professors in the education department on the Fort Wayne campus, preceded her.

Donna (Lutton) Eicher entered her heavenly home on April 6. She was a staff member of Fort Wayne Bible College from 1957 to 1982, serving in several positions including secretary, dean of women and director of correspondence studies. On May 1996, she married Cyril Eicher g32, with whom she worked very closely during her career at FWBC. Survivors include her husband and two stepsons, Larry Eicher g61 and Wendell Eicher fs61. Cyril's address is 6701 S Anthony Blvd, Apt 250 N, Fort Wayne, IN 46816; cydoneicher@webtv.net.

Rev. Harold Gerig fs69 went to be with the Lord, January 24. He helped initiate the first Fort Wayne Mayoral Prayer

Breakfast. He pastored First Missionary Church Lima, OH, and was involved with other youth ministries. Survivors include his wife, Gloria,.

Rev. James McCarty fs73 went to be with the Lord, February 1. He pastored Bible Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, IN, for 25 years. Survivors include his wife, Pamela.

James Gehman g86 went to be with the Lord, January 13. He served as adjunct professor at Taylor University, Upland. He was a missionary to Venezuela for 15 years. Survivors include his wife, Bonnie.

Adam Doiron g01 went to be with the Lord, March 30, due to complications of diabetes. He is survived by his wife, Kate (Tucker) g02; parents, Bill and Mary Doiron; and extended family in Indiana and Pennsylvania. Adam was employed by Animal Control of Charlotte. He and Kate were preparing to serve as missionaries with Greater Europe Missions.

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