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## TUFW Family Members Invade Campus

by Andy Mays  
Express Staff

The 2000 Taylor Fort Wayne Family Weekend was a weekend filled with visitors, events, and laughter.

This year, as it usually does, Family Weekend on the Fort Wayne campus took place during the last weekend of September.

This year's events included Saturday lunch on the Wiebke House lawn, a silent auction, two scheduled TUFW sports events, a game show contest and a talent show at the Gerig Activities Center, and a Sunday morning worship service also at the Gerig Activities Center.

Friday evening the Lady Falcons volleyball team defeated Circleville Bible College and Great Lakes Christian College with relative ease.

On Saturday, the TUFW dining services provided lunch on Wiebke House's front lawn.

A silent auction took place in Witmer Hall throughout the afternoon with the winners announced at the evening's game show contest.

The TUFW men's soccer team was set to play Reform Bible College from Grand Rapids, MI at 2 p.m., but due to miscommunication between schools as to the site of the match, it was cancelled.

The evening events began at 6 p.m. in the Gerig Activities Center with dinner.

The game show, "Tune In," started about 45 minutes later.

The contest consisted of three teams (or individuals) of contestants on stage picking categories of music, each worth a certain

amount of points. The host gave the contestants the first part of a popular song, movie anthem, or T.V. show theme and the fastest team to raise its hands could answer the question.

Each correct identification gained the team the number of points the category was worth. If after a certain time none of the teams answered correctly or did not answer at all, the host picked a volunteer from the audience to answer. The audience participant who came up with the right answer got to take the place of the team on stage with the lowest score at the time.

The game lasted two rounds. The leading team at the end of each of the two rounds played head to head to decide the winner.

Also, random cash prizes were given throughout the game, and two people selected prizes from a prize table. All teams received a plastic mug for participating.

Sophomore Bethany Sprinkle won over TUFW alumnus Kevin Damesworth in the final match.

Although it ran longer than expected, those in attendance enjoyed the game.

"Tune In was very funny because the host knew how to get us to laugh," said sophomore Jenni Edgar.

Following a ten minute break, the talent show took center stage. Eleven acts took part in displaying their talents.

Freshmen Heather Neilson and Steffanie Stratus sang a duet entitled "Faithful to Me" by Jennifer Knapp.

Freshman Jennifer Curtis followed with a mime to "Here Comes A Miracle."

Freshman Amber Vergon did a tap dance routine that brought loud applause from

the audience.

Sophomore Faith Pinnick continued with sign language to Ray Boltz's "You Are Awesome in This Place."

Singing and playing on the guitar the FFH song "One of These days" was senior Justin Nicolet.

A band consisting of freshmen Marc Murnane, Josh Boozell, Josh Allen, and junior Bo Holden played a medley of "Brown-Eyed Girl" by Van Morrison and "Ants Marching" by Dave Matthews Band.

The final act was a stand-up comedy routine done by senior Trevor Yardley.

The show was co-hosted by senior James Rediger and junior Nicole Baksha. The two introduced each performance with short skits, wearing different apparel for each introduction.

Nicolet was awarded first place, Vergon second, and Neilson and Stratus third.

"I thought Justin did a great job and deserved to win," said freshman Adam May.

The weekend concluded Sunday morning with a worship service at the Activities Center. Former University President Jay Kesler was the speaker.

## Tutoring Program Seeks Expansion

by Sarah Spinney  
Express Staff

With the expansion of the new building, the TUFW Learning Support Center hopes to expand its areas to serve students better.

Currently located in room 221 of Witmer Hall, it hopes to expand its offices into the current student commuter lounge in order to provide more group tutoring.

"We would like to be able to offer tutoring in more subject areas," said Patti Favorite, Assistant Director of the Learning Support Center.

The Learning Support Center has outgrown its capacity since it was started eight years ago.

"Our biggest problem is that we've run out of space," said Sonja Strahm, Director of the Learning Support Center.

When the program first began, tutoring was done in groups. As the program grew, it shifted more to individual tutoring because of the lack of space to seat a group of people.

The Learning Support Center hopes that by expanding its area it can return to doing group tutoring sessions.

Individual tutoring may leave some students feeling uneasy.

Senior psychology major Jason Bates felt intimidated by individual tutoring.

"I only went to group study sessions because other people had the same questions that I did," he said.

## Class Election Results in Tie

by Rebekah Coleman  
Express Staff

Sophomores, who did you vote for? Taylor University Fort Wayne's campus election for sophomore class officers Monday resulted in a tie.

While only one slate ran in the senior, junior, and freshmen classes, there was a question over who would be the next sophomore class officers.

According to Josh Arthur, TSO Vice President of Student Services, 48% of all sophomores voted.

Although he didn't expect this outcome, Arthur said, "When you have a class with this many capable people, something like this [50/50 vote] is not super-strange."

The incumbent slate of President Joy Stutzman, Vice President Thom Walcott, Secretary Jessica Hochstetler and Treasurer Terrance Bridges was matched up against challengers Matt Thebarga for president, with Angie Sewell for VP, Kristina Peppas for secretary and Jed Schlatter for treasurer.

According to TSO, the senior class officers for 2000-2001 are President Josh Arthur, Vice President Justin Spurlock, Secretary James Rediger, and Treasurer Josh Cast.

The junior class officers for 2000-2001 are President Sarah Vestal, Vice President Jamie Roberts, Secretary Kate Tucker and Treasurer Ashley King.

The freshman class officers for 2000-2001 are President Stephanie Ramsey, Vice President Heather Neilson, Secretary Ann Spencer, and Treasurer Chad Edwards.

The Learning Support Center is a free service to all TUFW students. Its main purpose is to assist students who need academic help.

"Our goal is to help students do their best," said Miss Strahm.

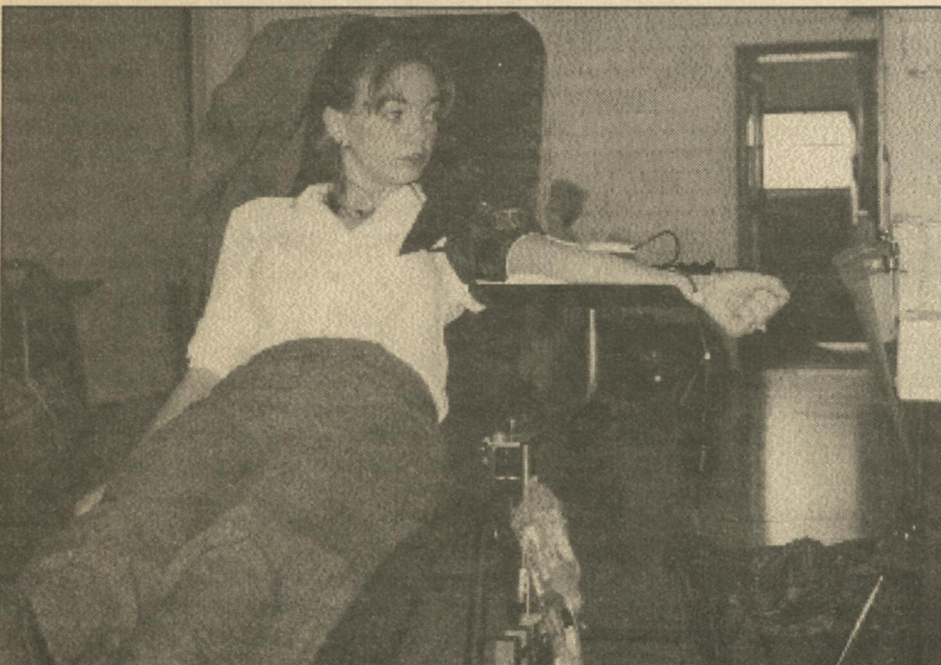
The service is open to anybody who wants to improve his or her grade.

"It's not just for those getting D's or F's," said Strahm. "It's open to everybody. If I slipped down from an A to a B+, I would use the tutoring to help me do my best."

If a student wishes to use a tutor, he or she must contact the tutor and set up an appointment.

Photographs of all the tutors and their phone numbers are posted on the bulletin board outside the Learning Support Center in room 221. If there is no tutor for a class, students can talk to Mrs. Favorite.

The Learning Support Center also provides a study table for all students who need to have a quiet place to study. The study table is monitored to ensure a quiet atmosphere. The times and locations of the study table are listed on a bulletin board outside of room 221.



### Nothing But the Blood

Financial aid receptionist Dawn Stout gives blood on her lunch break at Taylor's annual fall blood drive on Wednesday, September 27. This was Dawn's third time donating blood. photo by Anne Marie Holwerda

# Editorials

«Democracy is participation in power.» --Cicero

## Rant

## & Rave

### No Voting Appetite

by Anne Marie Holwerda  
Express Staff



When a friend of mine came to Chicago to visit me this summer I suggested that we go to the Taste of Chicago. It is an annual week-long summer festival when several main streets are blocked off and famous restaurants in the city set up booths and serve a few of their specialty dishes. It's kind of like a combination of a block party and the food court at the mall. It's known for being hot and humid, and there are always a few blues bands that straggle in and play in the shade of the trees in Grant Park.

There is something about the atmosphere that draws me to the Taste of Chicago. The culture and people seem to taste more than the town's famous pizza and cheesecake and chocolate-covered bananas and slices of watermelon as big as one's face. I also taste the pleasure of being alive, and that is why I go.

I do not go because on the curb at the entrance, next to the wanna-be flower children selling «legalize weed» T-shirts, is a booth where you can register to vote. I have always thought it would be good to be registered but I must admit that I had never really cared enough to make a point of visiting the village hall to do so. However, seeing that lonely guy calling out, pleading with us passersby, who were more interested in satisfying a hunger for entertainment and crab cakes than for a say in who governs us, made me want to register. I filled out the form more out of pity for the man than because I wanted to make a difference in my nation. And it makes me cringe a bit to say that.

So, I arrived at the Taste of Chicago hungry and ready to be entertained, and later left with both my stomach and my mind satisfied. I was content with the fact that I could be on my way to changing the United States government if I so desired. I still don't actually know if I will vote or not, but I guess I just like the fact that I have the option.

I am quite ashamed at my apathy and ignorance, but I suspect that I am not alone in my attitude. Should we feel guilty about not contributing to this representative democracy? There are so many people in our nation's history who have paid high prices for their right to get to a voting booth, how could we not care? I guess it's our ignorance that concerns me more than the consequences of it.

Professor Susan Sigworth, an adjunct professor of Taylor, said that although she didn't feel that it is an issue of morality. «It is an awesome privilege and I can't imagine not taking advantage of it. If you don't vote, you lose the right to criticize whoever

is elected.»

Senior pastoral ministries major Bill Jones does believe that we have a moral obligation to vote. «We need to vote to get the right person in office. We need to vote for morality itself. As Christians. . . we need to vote for what is pure, what is just and what is right. . . We must support the candidate who best represents what we believe.»

There are a lot of good things to do without being directly tied with whether or not they are the right things to do. Giving blood is a good thing to do but I don't believe that it is necessarily wrong not to do so. If the «wrong» candidate is seated in the oval office, God will still be on his throne. God is God. Although he can use the government to further his kingdom, he does not rely on it. History has shown that Christianity often thrives when the government or authority is opposed to it, when it is attacked and suppressed by the ways of the world. We should not pray for Christianity to be outlawed, but we should not fear it either.

Christianity and morality in general must start at in our homes and daily lives, rather than relying on a politician to do the job for us. Voter apathy is an indication of how spoiled we are, of how good we have it. If something drastic happens to jeopardize our lives or basic American freedoms or if gas prices go up to \$4 per gallon, I'm sure more people will vote. But for now, our government must be relatively sufficient if we aren't looking for any and every opportunity to change it. We can be thankful that we are so blessed to live in a land where we are not oppressed by our government so much that voter registration is what is craved at the Taste of Chicago.



**sand trap** Students face an obstacle on their way to the Lehman Memorial Library. photo by Anne Marie Holwerda

### Better than the Beach: A Summer of Ministry

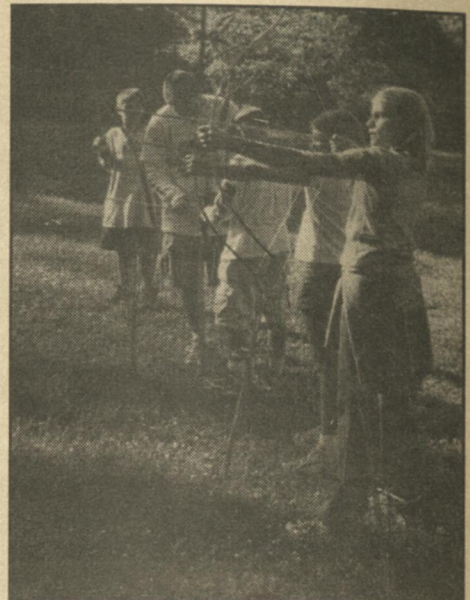
by Jed Schlatter  
Express Staff

It was their first night in Ireland and 26 high schoolers crowded into the less than spacious church loft. Events took a turn when snails began to be hurtled at the window. Looking outside, they noticed full moons . . . four of them. «This is where ministry begins,» called out the trip leader. Soon four Irish boys found themselves surrounded by 26 American high school students at an ice cream shop.

Marci Wilton spent six weeks as a summer staff discipler for the Royal Servants International missions organization. The entire time was spent in close quarters with the high school students starting with two weeks in a hayfield in Illinois, then three weeks in Port Stuart, Northern Ireland, two days in Dublin Ireland, and finally a week in London. Marci directed a seven-person music and dance troupe that played on the streets, but nothing was like the first night with the Irish boys. Within three weeks that group of four had grown to 16, and Marci participated in helping eight of them accept Christ.

Brant Mendenhall had many of the same opportunities when he spent ten weeks at Camp Cotubic near Bellefontaine, Ohio. A different group of kids in grades ranging from second to twelfth would be there each week to take advantage of the fishing, canoeing, and swimming in the lake, and other activities like crafts, archery, and soccer. Brandt worked full days, about 100 hours a week. This was not his first year at the camp so all the work was worth the effort as Brant charted a growth in maturity among the returning kids.

Bo Holden spent the last four weeks of his summer with his mom, Jackie Holden. Mrs. Holden works with the youth of her church in Gillette, Wyoming. In those few weeks, Bo developed some intensive relationships. Bo struggled with kids who participated in the group but whose lives were not consistent with what they were taught. One reward for his efforts was to witness some of the guys show commitment to their Christian life and form accountability groups. David and B.J. are two of those guys who still call Bo for advice. Bo encourages more of us to get involved in the lives of young people. «They really respect your actions and appreciate your concern in their lives.»



Brant Mendenhall helps keep kids on target.

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# Features

## Discovering Delight in Uncertainty

by Rebekah Coleman  
Express Staff

It was three years in the making. The president of the Russian American Christian University (RACU) in Moscow came to Taylor University three years ago because he needed social work professors to teach in Russia. JoAnne Powell, Taylor University Fort Wayne social work professor, expressed her interest in going, but she wanted to wait until her particular area of interest, social work in gerontology, was being offered. Three years later, she received a phone call and an invitation to teach gerontology in Russia. She accepted, and with the financial help of Taylor, began her journey to Moscow.

«We stopped in front of this huge apartment complex. It had several doors that required keys before we could get into the apartment,» says Prof. Powell.

After going through four doors and six locks, she finally made into her apartment. She recalls thinking, «This place is really going to develop my prayer life!»

Powell's husband also went to teach at RACU. The Powells and two other male faculty members lived in the apartment.

«It was a really small apartment with only three bedrooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. That was it. There was no room in which we could congregate.»

Compounding the problem, Powell discovered another downside to the apartment. «There is centralized water in Moscow. The month we were there they turned off all the hot water in our district to do repairs.»

Despite her first impression, Prof. Powell says that the apartment actually turned out to be the highlight of her trip. «At the end

of the day we would all sit at a small table in the center of the kitchen, packed as it was, and we would share what we were reading, and what had happened that day. It was very stimulating.» Powell and the other faculty studied Russia through their reading books, learning about different historical and cultural things and sharing their new knowledge with each other.

It was a long trip from the apartment to the university. Mrs. Powell says, «Every morning we packed our bags and started the trek from the apartment to RACU, a one way trip of thirty minutes. We went up five flights of steps to the classroom because there was no elevator in that building. For the first two weeks it was raining and cold; we were usually drenched.»

Because of her students, Powell says that it was always worth enduring the apartment and the weather. «The students were intelligent, eager learners. They were a delight.»

One obstacle that Powell had to overcome was that she did not have any textbooks. She had to «become a walking textbook» for her students.

Of all her memories in Russia, Powell's most vivid memory was a three-hour boat ride down the Moscow River. This boat ride was not memorable so much because of the beauty of Moscow, but because of the young Russian girl who accompanied her. Mrs. Powell says, «It was non-stop questions from the time we got on the boat to the time we got off. Many of her questions were very typical of any college student. We had wonderful conversations. I was impressed by her bright, quick mind and her desire to know. I felt drained by the time we were done.» Powell says that when she stepped off the boat, she knew why she was in Russia—to interact with the people and to impact their lives, even if

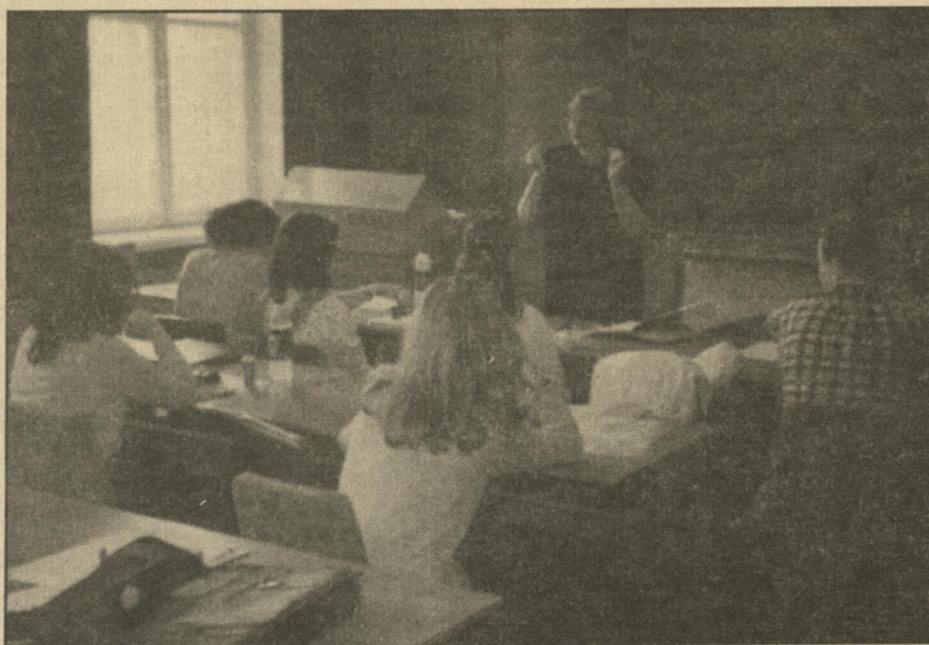
only for a short time.

Commenting on what the economy was like in Russia, Prof. Powell said that it was a country of «have's and have not's.» There was no middle class; they were very poor and the wages were very low. Elderly pensioners who were considered well paid earned the equivalent of about \$35 a month. «I felt like I was in a country where no one was in charge. There was tremendous uncertainty. . .there was a sense of oppression that I was very aware of around me.»

When Powell's four weeks came to an end, she and her husband had two students take them to the airport. They encouraged them to stay and be salt and light in a country that desperately needed them and their

education. One of the students made a comment that deeply moved Prof. Powell. The student said, «You are telling me that I need to stay, and yet you get to go. You have traveled all over the world. I want to have those experiences, too. You live in a land of opportunity. You have all this, and you are saying to me that I need to stay.»

This statement reminded Powell of how much she has in America and how blessed she is. The Russian students waved goodbye with their faces pressed up against the windows at the airport. JoAnne Powell came home to America, while a piece of her heart remained in Russia with her students.



**Learning for a lifetime**

Professor JoAnne Powell teaches «intelligent, eager learners» at the Russian American Christian University in Moscow.

## America Through the Eyes of Others

by Andy Mays  
Express staff

We may not think twice about the way we live our lives here in the United States and in Fort Wayne, but have you ever wondered how people from other countries view our daily living?

Three TUFW students who have spent nine or more of their younger years overseas were asked about their experiences here in America. The findings prove how blessed Americans are to call this land their home.

Senior cross-cultural ministries major Dhurata Kola, freshman elementary education major Ethel Barrett, and junior psychology major Yewubdar Manmektot all enjoy being at Taylor. They came to Taylor Fort Wayne for various reasons, from just wanting to attend college to having relatives who previously had attended the Fort Wayne campus.

«I love Taylor,» said Manmektot. «The

people are very loving and friendly. They make you feel like being back home.»

Her home is in Ethiopia, where she has lived for 14 years. She likes America's many opportunities.

She dislikes the humidity in the summer months and the cold weather and snow in winter. She also said that in Ethiopia, the elderly are respected more. She doesn't see quite as much reverence for them here.

Kola likes the independent nature of Americans and the variety of food that is available here.

She and two other friends came to America for college from Tirana, the capital city of Albania six years ago. One friend lives in Tennessee and the other in Iowa.

Her only complaint of our area is that Indiana is too flat.

Barret came from the Philippines in 1991. Her mother wanted her to have more op-

portunity for success than she would have had in her home city of Bacolod.

After she'd been in America for a little while, she was homesick and disliked the country. She made a list of pros and cons of living in the U.S. and the pros outnumbered the cons by a lot. «America won out,» she said.

She likes the educational systems here, which has inspired her to become a teacher in America some day.

«Even though I miss my family, I know that I have a lot more opportunities here,» she said.

All three enjoy spending time with friends when away from campus. Kola meets regularly with people from different countries for Bible study. Manmektot also meets with some of her countrymen and women on a regular basis to relax and have fun.

All three stay connected to friends and

family via letters from time to time. It is just too expensive or inconvenient to call, and E-mail is not always available overseas.

Manmektot and Barrett mentioned the lack of automobile transportation in their home countries. Cars are much more widely available here.

The three also like the people here, especially at Taylor.

«I've met lots of godly people here,» said Manmektot. She also mentioned the fact that her friends here are willing to pray for her when she is in need.

Although they have traveled to many other states, no one liked or disliked Indiana much more than any other state.

Overall, their only complaint was the weather.

# Sports

## Falcons Uncertain of Future

### Men's Basketball Reloads Team

by Josh Jackett  
Express Staff

This year just won't be the same.

Due to the loss of many players from last year, including starters of the past three-years Kevin Damesworth, Brett Freeman and Jay Wilkins, this year's TUFW men's basketball team will need its returning players to mesh well with the newcomers, as well as step up their game a notch.

"This year will be a challenge," said Coach Bud Hamilton. "Last year we knew we were going to be good; we knew we were going to be able to compete."

The remaining Falcons, sophomore forward/center Josh Fenner, junior guards Anthony Greer and Andy Mays, senior guard Tom Hephner, as well as junior guard and team scoring leader Isaac Freeman, averaged a combined 32.9 points per game last year.

TUFW's new players include junior forward Andy Hoch, a transfer from the Upland campus who also played for Fort Wayne's South High School, second-semester freshman center Tyler Binkley, and freshman guards Tim Buckholtz, Marc Murnane, and Ben Poole.

"This year, I don't know who we are," said Hamilton. "It'll be a whole new system."

He said that last year's team was a much faster team that could

score a lot of points off of a faster type of offense, but this year's team isn't as fast and will use a slower, half-court offense, as well as a half-court defense.

The team's freshmen and other first-year players may look to Hephner, the team's only senior, for leadership.

"I'd like to be a spiritual leader more than a leader on the floor," he said. "I hope to bring some spiritual maturity to the team and some spiritual guidance and leadership as well."

Hephner, along with Mays, leads a team prayer meeting before practice each day.

He also said that he hopes to beat Circleville Bible College, who last year defeated the Falcons 79-77 during January in Circleville, after they lost to the Falcons last November in Ft. Wayne 94-50.

Coach Hamilton said that aside from divisional rivals like Circleville and others like Moody Bible Institute, he anticipates this year's game against Indiana Institute of Technology, who last year beat the Falcons 96-79, after beating them by over 70 points the previous year. That game will take place Thursday, Nov. 16 at home.

The TUFW men's basketball season kicks off with the alumni game on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Gerig Activities Center.

"It'll be difficult to start out with," Hamilton said. "We'll see what combinations work."

## Winning the Battle of the Bulge

by Trisha Rine  
Express Staff

At the first sight of frost, motivation seems to curtail. It becomes harder to roll out of bed, do homework, and even harder to persuade yourself to work out.

Winning this battle against the mind is more attainable with professional advice.

"The real key is making the commitment to do something. The benefit of that is feeling healthier, thinking better, and feeling better about yourself," says Associate Professor of Physical Education and Personal Performance Bruce Pratt.

The lack of experience can cause discouragement. For those who are just starting, there are suggestions.

"I would suggest to beginners to find a partner to work with, to exercise with, who can make it more fun and a little easier. It is important to have someone who can hold you accountable," says Campus Chaplain and head coach of TUFW men's soccer and basketball teams Bud Hamilton. "Another thing to think about, especially in the winter, is to walk to class. Don't ride everywhere. Take the steps instead of the elevator. It is the little things that can add up over time."

"You have to be creative and see what fits your interest and lifestyle," says Pratt. "If you don't enjoy doing something outside find something you enjoy inside. There are a variety of things that you can do. Find and do something that you are interested in."

"The simple approach is for people to do what they like to do," says head women's basketball coach Corey Laster.

The winter brings the holidays and the holidays bring people together around fattening, although delicious, food. In these times of temptation it becomes easier to

give in to weakness and harder to keep the pounds off.

"As Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years come, it is important to remember that if your exercise time decreases you shouldn't allow your eating time to increase," adds Coach Hamilton. "Spend the same amount of time exercising in the winter as you do in the spring."

In Laster's opinion Americans are confused by the difference between being thin and being healthy.

"Diets force binge eating," said Laster. "Balance what you eat. Eat healthy and in moderation. Don't make food such a priority. In our culture we go to lunch thinking about what we are going to have for dinner. Eat, but don't be so dominated by food. People need not compare themselves to magazine covers, but should start to concentrate on maximizing their personal body type. Thin doesn't always mean healthy."

According to TUFW professionals it is a responsibility to take care of all aspects of the body, a responsibility that most people take for granted.

"We have to realize that we have an emotional, spiritual, and a physical side. We talk about the importance of not drinking, not smoking, and not using drugs. What we do not like to talk about is the aspect of gluttony," cautions Bud Hamilton. "We have to realize that the body is a gift God has given us."

"Staying fit is part of living a disciplined Christian life," said Corey Laster. "Anything that keeps you from being the best you can be is bad."

"If a person doesn't have experience (with fitness and exercise) come and speak to either one of us," said Hamilton and Pratt.

In the year 2000... Mike Tyson's record will drop to 40 wins and 500 losses, after opponents realize he's extremely vulnerable to the «your shoelaces are untied» trick. -- From *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*



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## «Cold» Exercises

### When Exercising in the Cold

The two factors to consider are frostbite and hypothermia. To prevent these, use common sense - dress properly, and be aware of environmental conditions.

Overdressing for exercise can make the clothes damp from excessive perspiration. The risk of hypothermia increases when a person is wet or not moving around sufficiently to increase body heat.

Watch the wind chill factor. If it is 25 degrees, and the wind is blowing at 25 miles per hour, the chill factor lowers the actual temperature to 15 degrees. When the weather is windy like that, exercise (jog, cycle) against the wind on the way out, and with the wind when you return.

You should wear mittens and a cap or hood that will cover the ears. Avoid cotton, because once wet from snow, sweat, or rain, it loses insulative properties.

### Exercising with a Cold or Flu

Most importantly, use common sense and pay attention to your symptoms.

If you are suffering from any symptoms more severe than a runny nose, sneezing, or a scratchy throat, you should avoid exercise.

When your cold or flu has passed, you should ease back gradually into your exercise routine.

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Freshman Lora Nussbaum sets the TUFW women's volleyball team up for a victory at the Lady Falcon Invitational Tournament.

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