

STUDENT LIFE NEWSLETTER



Calendar Dates

December 10-16
Final Examinations

December 24-January 3
Christmas Holidays

January 5-9
Panhellenic
Recruitment

January 7
Residence Halls Open

January 8-10
Welcome Weekend

January 11
Spring Semester
Classes Begin

A MESSAGE FROM KEVIN: SIMPLY HAVING A WONDERFUL CHRISTMASTIME

Merry Christmas! What a great phrase, yet in this day and age it is one that is heard less and less frequently. However, here it is not only said but it is meant in the truest sense. Being my first Christmas at Baylor, I have been amazed by the traditions and acts of service that surround the season. It seems that at every turn collections are being taken, donations are being made, and displays of genuine care and affection are being offered by the Baylor family.

Two such examples come to mind. The first is Santa's Workshop—an event where hundreds of elementary students descend upon the McLane Student Life Center to receive gifts donated by the community. This year's event coincided with a dusting of snow as the children

left the building. As one Baylor student said, "It was a magical moment to see the children running through the snow with their gifts held high." The other event was Christmas on 5th Street. An outstanding evening that featured carriage rides, the



lighting of the KOT Christmas tree, coffee and coco, an outdoor concert, BHR choral performance, and a live nativity scene. I overheard a number of positive comments, but my favorite was a cell phone conversation in which the student shouted: "You will never guess

what I just saw—live camels. That's right, live camels right here on campus!" Yes, "Christmasing" in Bear Country is quite an experience—unlike any I have had before.

Yet, as we know, it is not the gifts, snow, camels, or other things of the world that make Christmas so very special. It is the wonderful message of hope and salvation as recorded in Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

May your Christmas be filled with the love of Christ and may you share that love throughout the season.

Blessings,
Kevin

Some members of the Student Life staff dressed up to spread Christmas cheer at the Student Life Christmas Pancake Breakfast on Friday, December 11.



WORK TEAM UPDATES

CALLING

The Calling Work Team is finishing its semester-long initiative of evaluating the Division's Calling Model. This evaluation will describe the elements of the model (Identity, Influences, and Impact), review the history and current use of the model, and offer recommendations for future development and application.

Other ongoing Calling Work Team initiatives include an evaluation of strengths practices at Baylor and other universities, collaboration with POD to schedule a StrengthsQuest seminar for the spring semester, collaboration with New Student Programs to update the strengths web site, and an investigation of options to offer strengths training to division staff during the spring semester.

If you have any questions for the Work Team or would like to collaborate on a project, please contact Rod_Hetzel@baylor.edu or Sarah_Mudd@baylor.edu.

BODY IQ

The Body IQ Work Team consists of Randal Boldt, Van Davis, Tam Dunn, Keith Frazee, Lori Genous, Dana Lee Haines, Karen Hall, Kelley Kimple, Lisa MacMaster, Regina Mastin, Anna McCollough, Sandra Northern, Cynthia Wall, Debbie Williams, and Linda Williams. The team's mission is to promote a healthy lifestyle actively through education and outreach efforts on campus and to serve as a resource to the Baylor community for those seeking information and assistance with disordered eating and body image concerns.

The team recently sponsored the *Eaten Alive* event at Waco Hall on November 19; over 300 Baylor students, staff and Waco community members attended the free event. *Eaten Alive*, performed by Eva van Dok, is a one-woman theater piece that presents five women in different stages of life, all suffering from different eating disorders. Initial results from a follow-up survey sent to the attendees reveal that 82% feel more compassion towards people who are struggling with eating disorders and 74% feel better equipped to support a friend or family member struggling with an eating

disorder after attending this event.

The BodyIQ Work Team will participate in the Bear Fit Fair during the first week of the 2010 spring semester and sponsor a panel discussion on "Be a Healthier You" on January 28. Additional events in the works for 2010 will include "Time To Talk About It", Eating Disorders Awareness Week, February 22 - 26, and "Every Body Is Beautiful Fashion Show" in March.



CULTURAL AWARENESS

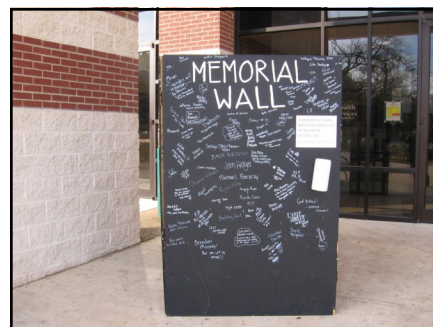
The Cultural Awareness Work Team is focused this semester on understanding "the story" being told about diversity at Baylor. Each member is participating in campus tours to observe what is said and not said about the celebration of differences. The collective experiences from these tours will inform a proposal for integrating diversity landmarks, stories, and historical points into the greater Baylor story.

The team is also working on a series of "dialogue of differences" forums that will be hosted across campus over a two-week period in the spring. The forums will be guided by a general theme and directed by specific questions to facilitate conversations with students. The intent is to create this program in a way that can become an annual tradition, celebrating an ever-changing university and world.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS

The Alcohol Awareness Work Team facilitated Alcohol Awareness and Education Week from November 9-14. Student volunteers helped set up two flag

displays on campus. Each display consisted of 1,700 red flags representing the 1,700 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 that die each year from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor vehicle crashes (www.collegedrinkingprevention.org). A Memorial Wall was placed at the SLC for students, faculty, and staff to write names of family and friends who had been killed in alcohol related incidents. From Tuesday to Thursday, our team coordinated an E-Chug Challenge. Members of student organizations and those living in residence halls took the E-Chug assessment online and we offered a dinner to the student organization or residence hall floor with the most participation. On Wednesday, the team had a presence at Chapel services where red ribbon stickers were handed out, and Jerry Opperman, an administrator at St. Peter's Catholic Church, was also invited to share his story with our students. Jerry uses a wheelchair as a result of an alcohol related accident, and he shared his personal journey with alcohol use that eventually led him to a develop a relationship with Christ. Our week concluded on Saturday with a tailgate before the Baylor vs. Texas game. Students were allowed to "walk the line" with the use of fatal vision goggles before they went to "run the line" at the game. As the students attempted to walk the line, we were able to provide information and education. It was definitely a busy week. Members of the Alcohol Awareness Work Team include: Brandi Barber, Kerri Bond, Meredith Conrey, Lori Genous, Pam Kilgore, Allison Kutty, Jennifer Norman, Meghan Oster, Megan Partain, Linda Patzke, Maria Rodriguez, Jessica Smith, and Keane Tarbell.



WORK TEAM UPDATES (CONTINUED)

ACADEMIC INTEGRATION

The Academic Integration Work Team is currently working on updating the Faculty/Student Life collaboration document that was initially introduced in 2008-2009. Additionally, the team has initiated three distinct projects.

- **Mini-Grants for Service/Service-Learning:** The team is exploring how to initiate and fund mini-grants for faculty interested in connecting service-learning to discipline specific course work. Additionally, the use of Student Life personnel to plan and execute these projects is being considered (Rosemary Townsend and Marianne Magjuka).
- **Service-Learning Course Designations:** The team is collecting data to clearly define and highlight service-learning across campus both within

and outside the Division of Student Life.

- **Clearing-house for Service Learning:** Additionally, the team will be developing a proposal for additional resources to consider a "clearing-house" for service-learning projects (Jennifer Perkins and Marianne Magjuka).

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Staff Development Work Team is busy getting ready for a spring full of food, fun, and topic. Thanks to all who attended the luncheons that were held this semester. Themes have included "What it Means To Be a Baylor Bear" on October 29, "Five Love Languages" on November 17, and, most recently, the "Christmas Pancake Breakfast" on December 11. Keep your eyes open for a "Save the Date" e-mail with all of the dates for the spring activities.

HEALTH CENTER AND PHARMACY HOLIDAY HOURS

Health Center and Pharmacy Hours:

- **Saturday, December 19: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 20, to Monday, January 4, 2010: CLOSED**
- **Tuesday, January 5, 2010: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

Business Office:

- **Monday, December 21, to Wednesday, December 23: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**
- **Thursday, December 24, to Sunday, January 3, 2010: CLOSED**
- **Monday, January 4, 2010: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, January 5, 2010: 8 a.m.-6 p.m.**

BROOKS COLLEGE WINS AWARD FROM NASPA

NASPA (the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) is honoring Brooks College as part of its 2010 Excellence Awards competition. Brooks College is the highest honoree, receiving the Gold Award, within the housing, residence life, contracted services, judicial, and related category. NASPA is the nation's foremost professional association for student affairs with more than 11,000 members representing 1,400 colleges and universities.

The NASPA Excellence Awards recognize the contributions of members who are transforming higher education through outstanding programs, innovative services, and effective administration. Entries within each category were reviewed by a cross-section of experienced NASPA members. Award entries were submitted and judged within one of the ten categories

<<http://www.naspa.org/programs/awards/excwin.cfm>>, and the three programs selected for Gold, Silver, or Bronze recognition within each category will be further judged next month for the designations of Grand Gold, Grand Silver, and Grand Bronze. Formal recognition for these awards will take place at the 2010 NASPA Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, to be held in March.

Along with the nine other 2010 Gold Award in the other categories (such as student unions/activities/Greek life, enrollment management, student health/wellness, etc.), Brooks Residential College will:

- Be placed in consideration for the NASPA Grand Gold Medal, NASPA Grand Silver Medal and NASPA Grand Bronze Medal designating the overall top three programs or initiatives.
- Receive NASPA Excellence Awards Certificates of Gold.
- Be prominently displayed at the NASPA Annual Conference.
- Be invited to participate in a poster session recognizing all Gold Award winners during the NASPA Annual Conference.
- Receive recognition through the NASPA Forum.
- Be showcased in a collection of Gold Award winners on the NASPA Excellence Awards web resource center.
- Receive letters of commendation sent by NASPA to the institution's president, senior student affairs officer, campus newspaper, and selected local media to announce the achievement.

Many thanks are due to Doug Henry, Frank Shushok, Rishi Sriram, Jane Wright (Hanbury, Evans, Wright, Vlattas architectural firm), and Randy Alexander (University of Arkansas) for their contributions and letters of support to the submission which I have attached for your review.

We do many things well at Baylor, and we need not have recognition as the "best" in the nation in order to continue doing good and effective work. Still, what a wonderful thing it is to have NASPA acknowledge our efforts at Baylor to revitalize residential life through initiatives like Brooks College!

— Terri Garrett

FAMILY CORNER

Hunter Timothy Powers was born on November 18, 2009. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and is 21 inches long. Tim and Elizabeth Powers are the proud parents, and he was welcomed home by his siblings, Harris (6), Caroline (4), and Camille (2). Everyone is doing great!

inches long. Emily and Bryce Sandvall are both thrilled to be parents and are home enjoying their new precious one.



Thanks to Trey Hagins for this picture of the short-lived snow Baylor enjoyed on December 4!

Fallin Kate Sandvall was born on December 7, 2009. She weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce and is 21



See www.baylor.edu/campusrec for more.

SLC HOLIDAY HOURS OF OPERATION DECEMBER 13 – JANUARY 9

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Dec. 13 1 p.m. - 10 p.m.	14 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.	15 6 a.m. - 10 p.m.	16 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. <i>Last Exam</i>	17 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. <i>Intercession</i>	18 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. <i>Intercession</i>	19 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. <i>Commencement</i>
20 CLOSED	21 CLOSED	22 CLOSED	23 CLOSED	24 CLOSED <i>Christmas Eve</i>	25 CLOSED <i>Christmas</i>	26 CLOSED
27 CLOSED	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	31 CLOSED <i>New Year's Eve</i>	Jan. 1 CLOSED <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 CLOSED
3 CLOSED	4 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. <i>Intercession</i>	5 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. <i>Intercession</i>	6 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. <i>Intercession</i>	7 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. <i>Intercession</i>	8 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. <i>Intercession</i>	9 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. <i>Intercession</i>