A MESSAGE FROM KEVIN:
A TIME OF GIVING

It has been said that it is better to give than receive. If you were able to attend Santa’s Workshop held in the McLane Student Life Center on Friday, December 3, you experienced a vivid reminder of how true the adage is. Over 850 children from surrounding communities enjoyed a “winter wonderland” filled with lights, craft projects, Baylor student elves, Santa and Mrs. Claus, and gifts. It was a heartwarming experience to see the children respond to such expressions of generosity.

Programs like Santa’s Workshop are only possible because of the spirit of giving that is prevalent in our university community. So many people give of their time, talent, treasure, and touch for the betterment of those around them. This is one of the many beautiful aspects of being a member of the Baylor community. It is within this ethos of giving that I ask you to please remember two important fundraising efforts underway: the United Way Campaign and the Student Scholarship Initiative. The United Way Campaign generates much needed funds for community agencies in McLennan County. As a university employee, you can donate monthly through payroll deduction or provide a one-time gift. You are also able to direct your donation to a specific agency within the United Way Campaign. The Student Scholarship Initiative also provides an opportunity for us to impact others—this one specifically tailored to our students. This fall, the university launched a $100 million fundraising initiative to extend the amount of money available through scholarships and, in doing so, to help keep Baylor affordable for current and prospective students. It will take a collective effort to raise $100 million, but given the generosity of Baylor friends and family, I am confident that we can do so.

In closing, I would like to encourage us as a division to achieve a 100 percent participation rate in both the United Way Campaign and the Student Scholarship Initiative. I believe it would send a strong message of support as well as unite us even further as a team dedicated to improving Baylor University and the surrounding community. In placing this challenge before us, please know I recognize and respect that how and why one gives are deeply personal matters which are best done within the context of prayer, contemplation, and a sense of calling. To that end, my encouragement to consider supporting the United Way Campaign and Student Scholarship Initiative is done with 2 Corinthians 9:7 in mind—“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Thank you for all that you do for the students of Baylor University.

Truly,
Kevin

CALENDAR
DATES

December 9-15
Final Examinations

December 18
Winter Commencement

January 4-8
Panhellenic Recruitment

January 6
Residence Halls Open

January 7
New Student Orientation

January 7-9
Welcome Weekend

January 10
First Day of Class
NEW STAFF MEMBER

Emma Wood received her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Midwestern University in Downers Grove, IL, where she also received her Master of Arts degree. Dr. Wood received her bachelor’s degree from Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL, in interdisciplinary studies: art, music, and psychology. Prior to joining the Baylor Counseling Center team, Dr. Wood completed a pre-doctoral internship at State University of New York College at Oneonta and trained in a wide variety of settings practicing mental health counseling as well as psychological testing. Dr. Wood recognizes the importance of holistic individualized treatment and strives to facilitate personal growth through creating a warm and accepting therapeutic space for her clients. She takes a feminist approach to her work and feels that empowerment is a catalyst for change in many clients she works with. Her specific clinical interests are in the areas of eating disorders, identity development, self esteem, group therapy, and serious mental illness. Dr. Wood is the head psychologist for the Eating Concerns Assessment Team (ECAT) and serves on the Body IQ Work Team. In her spare time, Dr. Wood enjoys watching documentaries, playing with her dogs, and enjoying the simple things in life with her husband Russ.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

The Department of New Student Programs spent a day with Ashley Thornton, Baylor’s Director for Continuous Improvement, at the end of October to focus on how to improve communication with new students in regard to orientation reservation processes. The picture above is of Ashley – she did a terrific job! The learning is not over. Ashley is continuing to work with New Student Programs on action steps that will result in BIG improvements for the spring!

THE ROCKING NEWS BRIEF

Direct to you from atop the 52-foot freestanding rock wall in our very own Student Life Center comes The ROCKing News Brief, where we highlight one jaw-dropping, gravity-defying event per issue.

This issue we take a look back to our 4th Annual Chalk-Up Climbing Competition from October. This competition focused on bouldering—a special type of climbing using large pads, no ropes, and a 12-foot maximum climbing height (and, of course, spotters watching each climber!). After shutting down the wall for a few days, our ROCK staff produced all new bouldering routes (called problems) to entice and inspire our competitors.

For the first year, we opened up the competition to climbers from outside Baylor. When all the climbing chalk settled, we had an even better turnout than last year—over 40 climbers from 4 colleges across Texas!

Baylor student Cao Yu (left) won the Men’s Advanced bracket with 21,450 points and Baylor graduate student Brandi Amor (right) won the Women’s Advanced bracket with 12,300 points.

We need to give a special shout-out to our tireless staff who did a great job in putting on the competition and each of our climbers who participated in the event! Stay tuned for next month’s ROCKing News Brief about a crazy-fun event called the Tyrolean Traverse.
Baylor Outdoor Adventure is at it again! On October 29, five Baylor students packed their bags, laced up their hiking boots, and headed south toward Lost Maples State Park in Vanderpool, Texas. The weekend was spent backpacking in the beautiful Texas Hill Country and exploring giant canyons and freshwater springs. The weather was perfect, and the maple trees were already turning brilliant shades of red, yellow, and orange. On night one, the students hiked in 1.5 miles on the East Trail by headlamp and set up camp. The next day they awoke to French-pressed coffee and pancakes! After breakfast, they broke down camp and hiked to a beautiful spring-feed pond where they stopped for lunch. The next few miles took the students through high canyons and creek beds. The last night of camping took place high on the mountain, where one student said that he felt like she was back in Africa. The trip concluded after a quick trip to FreeBirds in Austin where they learned the Baylor Bears had beaten the Texas Longhorns—not a bad way to conclude the weekend!

Outdoors Adventure: Lost Maples Women's Only Backpacking Trip?

If you would be interested in a faculty/staff backpacking trip in the spring, please e-mail Amy_Violette@baylor.edu for more information!

Campus Living & Learning Updates

**SSEO Shuttle Service Grows**
Beginning in August of 2009, Campus Living & Learning partnered with Student Activities to provide an after-hours golf cart shuttle service to students who live on-campus. This service, called the SSEO Shuttle, picks residents up from common on-campus points like Moody Library and returns them to their residence hall. During the 2009-10 academic year, this service provided rides to 141 resident students. The new academic year has shown large increases in resident ridership. Between August and November, this service provided 825 rides. The shuttle is operated by Safety & Security Education Officers between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m., and the officer can be contacted at 254-265-0690.

**CL Recruitment**
During the month of November, Campus Living & Learning, in a joint recruitment campaign with New Student Programs and the LEAD LLC, began its process for Community Leader selection. Campus Living & Learning received over 200 first-time applicants for the position. They participated in both traditional interviews and a group process interview. We are pleased to announce 99 finalists, who have the option to continue in our process next semester with a two-credit student leadership course to prepare them for the Community Leader position in the 2011-12 academic year. Final selection and placement in our residence halls will be determined in March. Thank you to all Student Life staff members who served as a reference or in some other capacity during this process.
### MCLANE STUDENT LIFE CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION
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### STUDENT LIFE DEPARTMENTS COME TOGETHER TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Over 80 participants came together to raise awareness for African American mental health on Wednesday, November 10, at the More Than We Can Bear Forum, a joint effort between the Department of Multicultural Affairs, the Counseling Center, the Department of Wellness, and the Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement. The event was a part of Alpha Week sponsored by the Tau Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Speaker Angelique Mayes engaged the audience with her inspirational journey living with a mental illness. Counseling staff were in attendance to show support and let students know about the services available to them at Baylor.
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE: FALL BREAK 2010

Seven students traveled to the Wichita Mountains National Wildlife Refuge for a fun three-day weekend of rock climbing, hiking, and animal watching. For some of the students, it was their first time camping out, seeing the true brilliance of the stars, watching buffalo and longhorn roam the open range, viewing the changing colors of the autumn leaves, and partaking in the classic American treat, the s’more. The weather was fantastic: a little crisp in the morning and pleasant throughout the days. Magnificent sunsets were a part of most days. Rising early each morning helped to ensure the best rock climbing sites for the Baylor students. Sometimes it was a comical scene of negotiating with other guides to see who would get the choice climbing routes. Incredible views, good laughs, interesting neighbors at the campsite, and meaningful conversation were shared by all. All in all, it was a great trip to relax, share our passion for adventure and the wilderness with others, invest in the lives of Baylor students, and see some beautiful fall colors.

ACADEMY FELLOW CANDIDATE RETREAT 2010

New Fellow candidates under the Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement travelled to Glen Lake Retreat Center in Glen Rose, Texas to participate in a 38-hour retreat facilitated by Ms. Ramona Curtis, Director for Leader Development and Civic Engagement, and Dr. Rich Sanker, Director for Pre-Health Care Studies. New Fellow candidates attending the retreat were able to hear student and Fellow candidate Sam Han’s journey through the program. Han will be completing the program in the spring. The group was also introduced to the Social Change Model of Leadership and participated in the Eagles Challenge Ropes Course. The culminating activity included processing their individual leadership assessments and a group reflection.

Pictured from left to right: Chidinma Okani, Matthew Lee, Jenny Lee, Samuel Thomas, Christin Wilkins, Megan Hermann, Ben Hager, Beau Martinez, Ramona Curtis, Lauren Im, and Rich Sanker.
STUDENT LIFE STAFF BASKETBALL

Basketball anyone?
If you’d like to join a group of Student Life staff in a weekly, lunch-time basketball game, contact Keith_Frazee@baylor.edu. Anyone is welcome!

STEPPIN’ OUT 2010

Students volunteer during Steppin’ Out on October 30.

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS SUMMER LEADERS FOR 2011

Student Directors
P. J. Martinez
Kevin Jan
Adrina Pawlak

Baylor Bound Leaders
Preston Blackburn
Evin Brownlee
Carlos Cano-Gutierrez
Carrie Cooper
Addison Feind
Taylor Felton
Christopher Ford
Danielle LaCoste
Arryss Mills
Jessica Morales
April Neal
Sarah Renfro

Line Camp Leaders
Tierney Boss
Barbara Cantwell
Courtney Carameros
Lauren Farish
Alex Fernandez
James Foster
Morgan Heeke
Jessica Hinshaw
Nathan Holles
Taryn Horton
Hob Howell
Teal Hughes
Ryan Johnson
Landry Lee
Jessica Livon
Alyssa Munk
Kim Proctor
Ben Rabideau
Brandon Robinson
Hassan Shaikh
Kacie Simpson
Ashley Smiley
Emma Smith
Chelsey Songstad
Valeria Soyinka
Destini Tatum
Chris Thompson
Stephanie Walter
Bryany Windham
Savion Wright
FAMILY CORNER

We send our condolences to Sandy Tindell, whose aunt, Dorothy Oglesbee, passed away in Orange County, California on November 1.

Baby Haley was born to Ben and Katherine Johnson on Tuesday, November 9, around 8 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Everyone is doing well!

Tim Powers, Associate Director for Campus Living & Learning, and Larry Correll-Hughes, currently a PhD student at the University of Georgia, presented “Moving Beyond Animosity and Not Getting Sued: Reframing Our Understanding of Risk Management and Legal Issues for Student Learning” at the SACSA/NASPA Region III Conference in Panama City, Florida.

Bethany J. McCraw, Associate Dean for Judicial Affairs, and Linda B. Cates, Director of the Office of Academic Integrity, co-presented Leading Side by Side: Partnerships Involving Multiple Campus Constituencies Are Instrumental in Changing a Campus Culture to One of Academic Integrity and Not Leading by Example: When Graduate or Doctoral Students Help Undergraduate Students Cheat October 22-24 in Long Beach, California at the International Center for Academic Integrity Annual International Conference.

Dr. Blaine McCormick, Associate Professor of Management, received the Don McCabe Award from the International Center for Academic Integrity at its annual international conference. This award recognizes an academic professional evidencing a lifetime of achievement in the field of academic integrity. Dr. McCormick was nominated by Linda Cates because of his many efforts to promote academic integrity at Baylor.

Susie Matlock-Hetzzel, PhD, and Randal Boldt, PsyD, from the Baylor Counseling Center recently presented a workshop at the Texas Psychological Association's Annual Convention in Dallas, November 4-6, along with past interns Kristi Fogle and Kelsie Tatum. Part of the presentation was also based on collaborative work with Rod Hetzel, PhD, who was unable to attend. The workshop was titled Coloring Outside the Lines: Innovative Group Therapy Techniques with Millennials and was well received by their TPA colleagues. They discussed ongoing successful groups offered at the Baylor Counseling Center to attract and meet the needs of students in the millennial generation.

Congratulations to Fay Barkley, whose grandchildren, Hank and Ella Barkley, arrived on Tuesday, November 9. The precious little twins, Henry Duncan and Ellen Marguerite Barkley, weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces and 6 pounds, 14 ounces, respectively. Both were 19 inches long. Fay’s son Brian, his wife Kelli, and the twins’ big sister Kate are so happy to welcome Hank and Ella into the family! God is so good!

Becky Kennedy, Associate Chaplain and Director for Missions, and Joell Beagle, Coordinator for Missions, will present at the 2011 Dalton Institute on College Student Values on February 3-5. Their program is entitled Matatus and Matoke: Creating life-changing opportunities for students through discipline-specific missions.

The Student Life Newsletter is your opportunity to share your news with the division. If you have any item you would like to be included, please e-mail it to laura_herrell@baylor.edu.

The Big XII Union Directors’ Conference was held October 4-7 at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Dana Lee Haines, Associate Director of Student Activities-Student Union provided a report at the conference on initiatives of Student Life/Student Activities/Student Union as well as Baylor University.

Ramona Curtis, Director for Leadership Development and Civic Engagement, presented Who’s Serving Who: Advancing Active Citizenship in Undergraduate Leadership Courses on October 26 at the second annual OU-Tulsa Community Engagement Center Conference. Curtis also presented More than a Social Club with a Smidgen of Religiosity: A Response to the Most Segregated Hour in America on October 28 at the No Need Among You Conference.

Jesse Hines and Emily Sandvall presented two programs about Baylor Line Camp at the Extended Orientation Institute in Fayetteville, Arkansas on November 19-21. The first program, Do I have it all? Building Successful Partnerships, highlighted all of the campus and community partnerships that ensure a successful Baylor Line Camp. The second program, What if Extended Orientation was Discipline Specific?, discussed Line Camp’s partnership with the School of Engineering and Computer Science and the benefits for students who take advantage of this specialty camp. They were excited to represent Baylor!