Student Life Newsletter

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This is the first edition of a newsletter for staff in the Division of Student Life. The purpose of the newsletter is to try to increase communication about the people, programs, and events that are part of the Division of Student Life. The more we know about each other's work, the more likely we are to appreciate each other as colleagues, and the more likely we are to find ways to collaborate together on projects of mutual interest.

We are planning to distribute the newsletter about the 15th of each month. This is the first edition, and there will be improvements over time, but we wanted to get started. This edition was written by the deans and department heads in Student Life. As with all things in the Division, we welcome your feedback. We are all trying to serve in the best way we know how. Each of us can help each other become better.

Enjoy reading about some of the great things happening in Student Life.

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Staff Transitions

Three new staff members have joined the Division since August 31. Welcome to…

Jeanie Lewis
Administrative Assistant, Counseling Services and Outreach

Maria Rodriguez
Academic Student Support Assistant, Campus Life

Christina Gaona
Assistant Director for North Village, Campus Living & Learning

Other Transitions

Campus Living & Learning says good-bye to long-time friend and Assignments Assistant, ***Carol Johnson***. Carol has transferred to Judicial Affairs. Current Administrative Associate, ***Lynda Turman*** will transfer to the Assignments Assistant role, and a search is underway to fill the Administrative Associate role in Campus Living & Learning.

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A Note from Dub

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The core of this for me is the phrase *life changing*. That is what happened for me at Baylor. Literally, my life was changed. I was able to discover God's purpose for my life while a student at Baylor. That happened through a combination of things worked together by people (faculty, staff, alumni, other students) who cared about me and wanted the best for me. They challenged me to be better than I was, to be better than I even thought I could be. They also supported me. I never doubted for a minute their care for me.

We have the incredible opportunity, serious responsibility, and tremendous blessing to be part of Baylor as it is a life changing experience for students today. May we be faithful.

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Campus Life

Please submit new or revised SACS assessment questions to Martha Lou Scott by November 15.

Kim Scott and Martha Lou Scott will make a Strengths presentation at Southern Association for College Student Affairs annual meeting in Myrtle beach, South Carolina.

Mark Schwartze has been asked to present at the American College Health Association in New York.

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Counseling Services and Outreach

On-line Depression Screenings—Counseling Center is offering a free online mental health screening for depression. All screenings are anonymous and take approximately ten minutes to complete. Once the screening is completed, feedback on the student's responses will be provided along

with referred information to the counseling center if needed.

Resilience Project—The Counseling Center staff is teaching resiliency skills to approximately 125 freshman students. The purpose of the training is to improve non-academic skills that have been shown to improve a variety of factors including overall psychological well-being as well as academic performance and retention. Final results will be tabulated in the fall 2006 semester.

Peer Mentoring—Dr. Susan Matlock-Hetzel is working with other Student Life staff on a peer mentoring project to teach students, among other things, to be more hopeful and apply this skill to their academic performance.

A Peer Mentoring program brings peers together for the purpose of offering guidance, support and encouragement aimed at developing the competence and character of the mentee. Mentee's are offered support, counsel, friendship, reinforcement and constructive example from peers who are good listeners and who want to help bring out strengths that are already there within the mentee.

The Student Life Division began piloting a peer mentoring program with a randomly selected group of freshman students this fall. Eighty-eight freshman students are participating in the program with 23 upper-class students serving as peer mentors. Utilizing the calling theme, the program focuses on helping Baylor Freshmen define individual goals and finding ways to achieve them. Though a structured curriculum, peer mentors help freshman students develop a sense of hope for completing their goals, strengthen their academic self-confidence, and identify and implement individual strengths throughout the process as a way of achieving their goals. Additionally, peer mentors encourage the development of a flexible relationship that responds to both the mentor's and the freshman's needs. Peer mentors meet weekly with each mentee for a focused, individual time, weekly with the staff member overseeing the pilot for supervision/training sessions, and weekly small group support meetings with the student coordinator of the program.

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Judicial Affairs

Addressing Facebook issues – how it is impacting various areas on campus.

Judicial Affairs and Martha Lou are working with the Provost's office and faculty members to review and revise the Honor Council and Honor Code.

Judicial Affairs is working with Student Activities and Student Government on neighborhood relations issues.

Staff in Judicial Affairs is working to create a sexual assault information brochure for victims.

Judicial Affairs may be represented in an upcoming national audio conference (1 of 3 panelists) addressing "Emerging Issues in Judicial Affairs."

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Health Center

An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure—There will be four more flu clinics available to Baylor students, faculty, and staff during October. The cost is $20.

October 18, 2-5 p.m.-SLC, Room 308
October 25, 11-1:30 p.m.-RT, 6th Floor Conf. Room
October 26, 1-5 p.m., SLC, Room 314
October 28, 1-5 p.m., SLC, Room 308

For additional information call 710-1010 or log on to the website at www.baylor.edu/Health_Services.

More doses of the meningitis vaccine menactra are available. The clinic earlier this year dispensed 265 doses. If anyone needs to get the immunization, they can come to the Health Center.

The travel clinic is always available to recommend and deliver immunizations for worldwide travel. We work with students and faculty to prepare prophylactic medications for travel to foreign countries and get them immunized against possible illness when can be encountered at their point of destination.

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Multicultural Activities

October 13—Hispanic Heritage Banquet with John Quinones
October 15—Vietnamese MOON Festival
November 4 & 5—Asian Festival and Banquet with Eric Lin on the 5th
November 11 & 12—African Student Association Arts Festival
November 15—Miss Black & Gold
November 18—Miss Phi Iota Alpha

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Campus Recreation

www.baylor.edu/campusrec

Intramurals–Flag football had the 2nd highest participation in BU history and culminated on championship night with spirited crowds watching Pi Phis, Chi Os, FIJIs, KOTs, and 5th year seniors. Good job Jeff Crownover on your first big event of 2005!

Fitness—Beararobics is in full swing and has started a new water aerobics class on Tues/Thurs at 5:30 p.m. This is for you…a fun way to fitness, and a healthier life…with your friends.

Outdoor Adventure—The Freshman Adventure experience took 15 students away for a weekend to embark on a new connection. CLs identified students who were not connected and they were sent an invitation. The feedback from all 15 participants was overwhelmingly positive. Way to go Kelli McMahan and CL&L staffers!

Spirit—Several new and exciting things are happening… "Fill the Floyd" and the "Gold Rush" are the push for football home games. A student led pep rally on Thursday nights before home games called "Uproar" at 9 p.m. in front of the SUB is another sign that school spirit is escalating. Special Note – Basketball season is less than a month away. SIC' EM BEARS – GO GOLD!

Gold Rush Shirts—$5 at Bookstore – Special Championship Edition.

Hey Baylor Fans,
Bruiser needs your help!
Go online to www.capitalonebowl.com and vote for Bruiser today and EVERY DAY this semester!
It's up to you to help Bruiser become this year's Capital One All-America Mascot!
Please pass this email on to all the BU fans that you know!

Vote Bruiser. Vote Daily.

vote online or text: M3 to 4ESPN (43776)

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Student Learning and Engagement

Concept planning and design continues to move forward on Brooks Village.

Frank Shushok and Dr. Scott Moore will present on Great Texts and leadership at the International Leadership Association meeting in Amsterdam the first week in November.

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Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement

Ramona Curtis was selected to serve on the John Sheppard Leadership Journal editorial board.

The Academy's Advisory Board Meeting will be held during Homecoming Weekend (October 28).

Freshman Leadership Organization founder, The Honorable Ken Paxton, will speak to students during Homecoming Week (October 27).**********

Personnel and Resident Learning (CL&L)

Do you know a student who is a leader of his/her peers? Who connects students to Baylor? Who has a unique ability to call out giftedness in other students? If so, we want to encourage him/her to apply to be a community leader for fall 2006-spring 2007! Applications are due on Monday, November 14th at 5 p.m. Contact Elizabeth Wallace to recommend students at 710-6956 or Elizabeth_A_Wallace@baylor.edu.

Associate Residence Hall Director for Penland Hall, Gary Stout, recently proposed to Camille Devuono. The wedding is set for May 2006.

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Housing Administration and Academic Initiatives

On-campus housing reapplication is occurring November 7-December 2. This is the time when current on-campus residents sign up to live on-campus again. Full details at www.baylor.edu/CLL/Reapp.

Our online housing application for incoming students is up and running and we have received almost 200 applications already within the first three weeks!

Dr. Sinda Vanderpool, French Department, is serving as a "faculty ambassador" in the Student Learning & Engagement Office this year. As part of her role, she is working with Terri Garrett to explore a "Global Awareness Living-Learning Center."

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University Chaplain

On-going monthly list of *Chapel Speakers.* See Chapel Schedule and View Chapel live on line at www.baylor.edu/um/chapel/php. Past speakers are archived online.

Night of Champions – Sunday, October 23, 8 p.m., University Ministries and Fellowship of Christian Athletes will target student athletes, coaches and others with a challenging talk by Dr. Tony Evans. Special guest for the evening is F.L.O.W. – Rappers Amhad Washington (M.Div. from Truett) and Jerry Parks will provide music. Free pizza!! At Truett Great Hall/Chapel.

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University Ministries

Africa ‘06
Armenia ‘06
Honduras ‘06

Discipline specific mission teams for next summer. Applications due January 13, 2006. Scholarships are available. Student leader positions for each team will be selected.

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Baptist Student Ministries

BSM will be challenging students to consider the opportunities of summer and semester missions. Students can backpack in the Far East, extend medical clinics in South America, and assist churches in Texas and the United States with evangelistic efforts. Students can obtain information from the website www.gonowmissions.com, at the Bobo Baptist Student Center, or in the BDSC.

BSM staff member, Reyna Vergara, a recent Truett Seminary graduate, is serving as the Missions Intern. This fall Reyna will assist Clif Mouser in establishing a Hispanic fellowship. The purpose of the fellowship will be to provide Hispanic students an opportunity to thrive spiritually in a context of Christian community that reflects Hispanic culture and tradition.

Missions Week was celebrated Oct 10-13. Twenty-three Missionaries were guests on campus and spoke in classrooms and chapel as well as interacting personally with students in the BDSC.

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Student Life Christmas Party – December 9

Mark your calendars now!