



Student Life Newsletter

The mission of the Division of Student Life is to enhance the Baylor experience through life changing programs and services resulting in an integrated education known for leadership, service, Christian faith, and the total development of students.

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A NOTE FROM DUB

Glory Road

Last Monday, I stepped onto the airplane and made the turn to go up the aisle to my seat. The line was long and slow moving, so there was time to see the folks seated in first class and to wonder how it would be to sit at the front of the plane. As I was looking around, I noticed a man wearing an orange baseball cap with Texas Western stitched on it.

I caught his eye and smiled, saying, "I like your hat."

"You do?" he responded, adding, "Thank you." I told him how much I enjoyed the story of the Miners taking on the Wildcats in one of the greatest college basketball games ever played. (The new movie *Glory Road* is the story of the team.)

I asked him if he had seen the movie. He had.

I asked him if he liked it. He did, but then he added, "There are a few things that weren't exactly as I would have written them, but it is a great story." Then he lifted his hand to show me his 1966 NCAA championship ring, proudly worn by this gentle man.

To myself I am thinking, "UNBELIEVABLE!" Here was a player on that team. One of the seven African-Americans who risked so much, endured so much, and achieved so much.

He extended his hand, "Willie Cager, nice to meet you."

"Dub Oliver, the pleasure is all mine."

I hadn't seen the movie at that point; we went to see it yesterday. I was determined to find Willie Cager in the movie so that I could understand more about someone I had had a chance encounter with. If you haven't seen the movie, it won't spoil it for you to say that Willie Cager was the heart of the team. In him, the heart of a champion.

It's humbling to think of the men like Willie Cager and so many other men and women like him who blazed trails, who made our country better, who helped open the way for so many to come after them.

And we must continue to stand up and speak up about injustice and inequality in our country, in our state, and at our University.

I happened to meet Willie Cager on an airplane, and his story has helped renew me for this important work.

Dub

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

STAFF TRANSITIONS

Four new staff members have joined the Student Life Division since December 15. Welcome to Suellen Husak, Susan Janek, and David and Katherine Edmonds. Also, please welcome Mr. Takuma Sato, from Hosei University in Japan, who will be mentored by several Baylor administrators, including Dub Oliver.



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NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

The report from New Student Programs is "2006 is a great year!" We just finished Orientation and Welcome Weekend for our new spring students which was a success due to our partnerships across campus and our help from upperclass student leaders. Our focus is already on the summer, as the application for our BaylorBound staff is out and available online at www.baylor.edu/welcome_week. Please encourage current students to apply. Our BaylorBound staff assist with Orientation, Baylor Line Camps, and Welcome Week.

SPORT CLUBS

There are several spring sport clubs that are very active. They would enjoy sharing the experience with you. Women's Lacrosse will host a tournament this month. Men's and Women's Volleyball will travel (day trips) to compete. Call 710-4094 to ask about being an advisor.

PANHELLENIC RECRUITMENT NEWS

Panhellenic just completed recruitment for 2006, the most successful recruitment of recent years. National Panhellenic Conference instituted a new method for figuring the numbers over the past three years, and this year Baylor participated in this new method. A release figure specialist was on campus working with us to determine the numbers each day. In the end, we were able to place more women in the system than we had previously anticipated and we had the least number of women who did not receive a bid than ever before. It was a positive experience for all of our sororities. The two chapters that have struggled over the last few years have new member classes of historic numbers. We are very excited for these groups. Many thanks go to our incredible Graduate Assistants in Student Life who assisted the potential members with the computers during the selection process. This could not have run as smoothly as it did without you. A total of 490 women are new members in our NPC sororities.

BENCHMARKING PROJECT

The Department of Student Union hosted a team from Trinity University in San Antonio this past December. Baylor was part of a multiple-campus benchmarking project conducted by Trinity over a two-day period. Staff members from Trinity were impressed with all we have to offer, and we also got some good ideas from them.

INTRAMURALS

Women's Volleyball is entering the play off season for intramurals. Soccer sign-ups are this week. If you have ever wondered why you do what you do or who your target audience is---swing through the SLC gyms to see students engaging in activity, building community, and having fun.

UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES RE-OPEN HOUSE

Over Christmas, University Ministries moved back into the Harris House at 7th and Baylor Avenue. Please stop by for their "Come and Go RE-Open House" between 10 a.m. and 12 noon on Friday, February 10.

STAFF COUNCIL: HERE TO SERVE YOU

Remember that you are represented on Staff Council. Any questions or suggestions you have, please let your Student Life Representatives (Elisa Dunman, Brenda Ferguson, Lisa Garrett, Ronda Kruse, or Dana Lee Haines); they will forward that to the council. To learn more about Staff Council and the service provided for you, go to the Web site http://www.baylor.edu/staff_council/

ARCHIVED ITEMS ON STUDENT LIFE HOMEPAGE

Our BU Horizon and the Student Life Newsletters are now being archived on the Student Life homepage.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, hosted by the Association of Black Students, is scheduled for Monday, January 23. The tribute will be held in Barfield Drawing Room from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and will include prayer, dance, poem, and a choir performance.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Congratulations to Drew White and Kelli McMahan for climbing over 21,000 feet straight up. Anconcogua conquered!

BROOKS VILLAGE FOCUS GROUP

On Tuesday, January 17, Hanbury, Evans, Wright and Vlattas, were on campus conducting numerous focus groups about the proposed Brook Village Residential Project. Two of the groups were designated for Student Life. These two groups were attended by volunteer participants from Student Life. The Board of Regents will vote on the bond financing for this project during their February 2-3 meetings.

PLACE 2BU AND ASA PRESENTATION

All are welcomed to attend the Chinese New Year celebration on Thursday, January 26, 7 p.m. in Barfield. This event is sponsored by Place 2BU and ASA. Be prepared for delicious food, beautiful Chinese dancers and dragons, and plenty of fun!

STEP SHOW

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will host their 2nd annual "Battle on the Burning Sands" step show on Saturday, January 28. The event will take place in Waco Hall at 7:30 p.m. and will be hosted by Mr. Alex Thomas. Tickets are on sale at the Baylor Ticket Office and Marilyn's Gift Gallery for \$15.

CONGRATULATIONS

Taryn Ozuna was selected to serve as Regional Executive Director of Central Texas for the National Alumni Association of Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. She began her two-year appointment last month.

ACTIVE CASES OF INFLUENZA

The Health Center has begun seeing active cases of influenza, with widespread flu appearing in the Southwest and California. At the Health Center, newer screening exists this year to be able to differentiate influenza A and B. This is important as treatment for type A can be with a more easily accessible and less expensive amantadine instead of type B which requires the less available and more expensive Tamiflu.

A NEW TOUCH TO THE SUB

The old Shipley's space in the Bill Daniel Student Center has been transformed to the "Daily Grind." Stop by and treat yourself to a fresh cup of Starbucks coffee, baked goods, or a healthy smoothie. For lunch, consider a visit to our latest food court attraction, Sbarro Italian food. Selections don't end there though, as we continue to offer Chick-Filet, Ninfas, Quiznos, and fresh, homemade salads, wraps and desserts prepared by the fine culinary creators of Dining Services.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS FAIR

The 4th annual CL&L Academic Success Fair will be held on Wednesday, January 25 at 5 p.m. in the BDSC, Barfield Room. Students attending will be able to interact with representatives from various academic departments, academic advising, and support programs. Additionally, a wide variety of academic clubs will be present to promote student involvement. Students attending will also have a chance to win great door prizes, including free textbooks for a semester from the Baylor Bookstore, free massages at the SLC, meals at places like TGIFs, Cotton Patch, Red Lobster, gift cards from Best Buy, etc! Dr Pepper floats will also be served.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (SOLD)

The Department of Student Activities is proud to present a new program to aid student leaders in Baylor's student organizations! SOLD, the Student Organization Leadership Development program will present workshops throughout the semester on topics relevant to and requested by Baylor's student leaders. January's workshops include Online Resources on January 18 and 19 hosted in conjunction with Baylor's ITS Department, followed by New Member Education and Hazing Awareness on January 25 and 26. Future workshops will include topics such as fundraising, website design, spiritual development within an organization, event planning, and more! If you have ideas for future workshops or would be interested in presenting a workshop, contact Karin Klinger (710-6936) or Karin_Klinger@baylor.edu. Please check out the following link for more insight: http://www.baylor.edu/student_activities/index.php?id=34719

THE RIDE IS BACK

Please help us spread the word to students on and around campus that the RIDE is now in service. With a new vehicle and driver, we are ready to serve the student population with their transportation needs around campus from 7 p.m.-12 midnight, Sunday through Thursday. Students simply call 710-3211, and the Ride will be there within minutes to get them to their next destination on campus

HOUSING APPLICATIONS

A whopping total of 1,444 housing applications have been received to date from incoming freshman and transfer students! This is an increase of 134% over last year at this time!

ACADEMY FELLOW CANDIDATES

The Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement welcomes our Fellow Candidates and the community partners they will work collaboratively with in partial fulfillment of their requirements to become an Academy Fellow.

- Ben Collins, Freshman Pre-Med Major–Family Practice Center of Waco
- Gary Guadagnolo, Sophomore University Scholar–Waco Housing Authority
- Amanda Mitchell, Junior International Studies and Political Science Major–GL Wiley Middle School
- Jenny Parker, Sophomore Economics and Environmental Studies Major–Doris Miller YMCA (Fall '06)
- Matthew Pierce, Freshman Finance Major–TBA (Fall '06)
- John Thornton, Freshman Business and Religion Major–City of Waco Homelessness Implementation Initiative

STEERING COMMITTEES

Two new Living-Learning Center Steering Committees will begin this semester for opening in fall 2007.

- Global Communities: an interdisciplinary program focusing on enhancing students' knowledge of the world and its people, and our civic role in serving the community and world around us.
- Outdoor Adventure: a partnership between HHPR and Outdoor Recreation focusing on self discovery and personal growth through promoting an appreciation and love for the outdoors.

These steering committees will develop program goals and objectives, recruitment materials, admission process and shared classes and programmatic initiatives. For more information, contact Terri Garrett, 710-6650.

SPRIT SQUADS

The spirit squads are inviting you to "Light Up The Ferrell Center" by purchasing a "Glow Pom" in the concourse before both men's and women's basketball games on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Baptist Student Ministries is beginning a ministry for Hispanic students. The ministry will celebrate the Hispanic culture and invite students into the Christian community.

ALL UNIVERSITY SING

Sing is in its 53rd year of production and hits the stage on February 16. Tickets for Sing 2006 go on sale January 19 at 6 p.m. to students and January 20 at 9 a.m. to the general public. Help us spread the word! This year's show features 19 acts, including Sigma Chi fraternity who is returning after a two-year absence and introducing the Baylor Fine Arts Coalition, a group comprised of Theater and Music students. For more information about All University Sing visit www.baylor.edu/special_performances or call 710-4919.

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS (SACS) UPDATE

SACS deadlines are rapidly approaching. Thank you for the extra effort you have given throughout the SACS Review. As the January 20 deadline approaches, please be certain your Web site is up to date and accurate.

HEAVENLY VOICES GOSPEL FEST

Saturday, February 11, Gospel Fest, sponsored by Heavenly Voices, presents David (aka: Mr. Brown) and Tamela (aka: Cora) Mann from the popularly acclaimed "Madea" plays by Tyler Perry. David Mann will serve as Master of Ceremony for the evening, and Tamela Mann will sing songs of praise with five area college choirs. The event will commence with a mini-concert finale by Tamela Mann. Presale tickets are \$10 and are available at the Baylor Ticket Office and Marilyn's Gift Shop. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$15. Tickets are limited, so please avoid the rush and purchase yours early!

FITNESS

Bearobics has reached a new all-time high with over 500 students registered for the spring semester. Fitness orientations, personal trainers, and the massage therapist are all available to help you reach your full potential and your New Year's resolutions.

CHAPEL SPEAKERS

The spring chapel schedule is online at <http://www.baylor.edu/um/chapel.php>. All faculty and staff are invited to participate with such guests as Anne Graham Lotz, Stephen Curtis Chapman, Tim Elmore, Dr. John Perkins, and many others.

ACOUSTIC CAFE

Unwind with us on a Friday night. Acoustic Cafe is coming up on January 27 in the SUB Den at 8 p.m.!

SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIPS

Baptist Student Ministries will lead students on two destinations for Spring Break: New Orleans and El Paso. See www.baylor.edu/bsm for a video clip.

RESIDENTIAL TECHNOLOGY--DID YOU KNOW?

- Free technical support is provided to all on-campus residents through the Resnet Support Center. Located in Martin Hall, the Resnet Support Center is staffed 50 hours per week by 12 student Residential Technology Advisors (RTAs).
- The Resnet Support Center provides support for more than just computers and the Resnet network: printers, scanners, software, hardware installation, multimedia problems, iPods, webcams, cable TV, telephones, viruses, spyware, PDAs...if it's technology related, the RTAs will fix it!
- Next business day in-room appointments are provided to residents if their problem can't be resolved over the telephone.
- In fall 2005, 4,175 computers were registered on the Resnet network, and 2,759 calls were logged by the Resnet Support Center.
- On-campus residents have their own version of the ITS down line. Residents can call 292-RUUP 24-hours a day to check on the status of the Resnet network.
- Residents can checkout laptops from the front desks of Alexander, Allen, Brooks, Dawson, Kokernot, Memorial, and North Village. Laptops can be checked out for a period of four hours at a time, used on both the wireless AirBear or wired Resnet networks, and students can print from the laptops to the printers at each front desk. All laptops have the same software as general computer facilities, such as Moody Library's computer lab. By fall 2006, all residence halls will offer laptop checkout!

BAYLOR RISING ARTISTS NETWORK

The Baylor Rising Artist Network is a network of students who love music and love performing. Membership is open to any student by filling out the registration form at www.baylor.edu/bran. The website features student profiles, information about upcoming performances, a list of resources available to BRAN registered students, and much more. BRAN will be hosting a free Rising Artists Workshop in the Baylor Panhellenic Chapel on January 19 and 20 from 6-8 p.m. Students will come and discuss how to develop their musical career, including helpful tips on touring, the recording process, publishing, record labels, and more. This free workshop is designed to help students turn their passion for music into a viable long-term career. The Rising Artists Workshop is open to any Baylor student who is a registered member of the Baylor Rising Artist Network. Students who attend the workshop will be eligible to audition for the first Baylor Rising Artists Compilation Recording. Auditions will take place the week of January 30 and recording is scheduled for March. Both the workshop and the CD Compilation

projects are presented in partnership with the Troubadour Studio (www.troubadourstudio.com), owned by two Baylor graduates, Steve and Sherilyn Collins. Students can sign up for these and other opportunities by visiting the Campus Programs Center (the C.P.C.) in the SUB Den. For more information visit us on the web or call 710-4919.

TO REPORT A DEATH OR CRISIS

If a death or crisis (students, faculty or staff) occurs, please contact the University Ministries office at 710-3517.

PRESENTATIONS

"Positive Psychology and University Counseling Centers: The Baylor Experience," an article written by Rod Hetzel, Susan Matlock-Hetzel, and Jim Marsh, will be published this month in "Naming and Nurturing," the newsletter of the Positive Psychology Section of Division 17 (Society of Counseling Psychology) of the American Psychological Association.

Dub Oliver presented a staff development workshop "Building a Strengths-Based Perspective" to the Division of Student Life at the University of Hartford.

Joshua Kusch, graduate assistant in the Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement, accompanied five students in the Leadership Living-Learning Center to the "State of Leadership: Care about Texas" Conference in Fort Worth sponsored by Texas Christian University.

Ramona Curtis, Director for Leader Development and Civic Engagement, served on the Pastors/Church Leaders panel during Mission Waco's "Becoming a More Racially Reconciled Church and Community" on Sunday, January 15.

Rebecca Kennedy, Associate Director for Leader Development and Civic Engagement, will present "A Strengths-Based Approach to Helping Students Discover a Sense of Calling" on February 3, at the annual Institute on College Student Values conference in Tallahassee, Florida. The presentation was co-facilitated along with student affairs professionals from Azusa Pacific University and Pepperdine University.

STAFF AND FAMILY MATTERS

Gene Mandell, who fell from a roof top in December, continues to recover at home and hopes to begin physical therapy in late January.