



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

This may seem hard to believe, but I was asked to lead the devotional at the February 3, 2006 Board of Regents meeting. The devotional is usually given by a pastor or preacher from somewhere in Texas. The story of how I was invited is pretty incredible in itself. Suffice it to say that God was in it all. Anyway, enough of my rambling...I want to share with you what I shared with them.

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

It is such a privilege for me to serve with you at Baylor. It is the great joy of my life to serve this institution and our students.

This past summer, I had such a great excitement about being selected to serve as Interim VP for Student Life. Sure, there were challenges – 3,168 new freshman students for a start – but to have this opportunity was humbling and incredible. I feel a great responsibility to give my very best to everything, to serve in the manner that our students, our University, and our Lord deserve.

Before my first Executive Council meeting, I remember walking from Orientation in Waco Hall to Pat Neff. I was praying the whole way, asking the Lord what to do. And during that walk the Spirit gave me a word. The word that the Spirit put on my heart was "faithful." It became my prayer immediately. Lord, find me faithful; help me be faithful; I want to be faithful; faithful.

In the midst of all the excitement of last summer we got a call. It was July 3rd, and it was my dad, calling to tell us that he had liver cancer. He had battled this cancer before and now it was back.

There were no spiritual concerns – my dad lived reconciled to God and to others.

The cancer was quick. Within a couple of days we knew this time would be different.

We made a trip down to spend time with my folks and when we got there, mom stopped us and told us he was not very alert. She was concerned that we

would be surprised and taken aback at how he looked and responded. The drugs had knocked him out. We prepped ourselves to go in. By God's grace, I walked in, said "Hi dad" and his eyes were bright with life. He smiled and said "Mr. Vice President."

He was so proud. He grew up in Waco, and always loved Baylor. Both of his parents died before he was eight years old, so Baylor always felt out of reach to him. When we came to visit my other grandparents, he would bring us to campus to walk around or see the bears. I realize now that he was planting seeds, and I was the good ground those seeds fell on. His love for Baylor took root in me.

He was so proud for me to come to Baylor, to graduate from Baylor, to work for Baylor. During my graduation from Baylor at the Heart of Texas Coliseum, somehow my dad snuck around backstage and right before I was to walk up the stairs to get my diploma I heard him calling my name. I looked over and there he was, his face sticking out from between the curtains the biggest smile you've ever seen on his face. He said, "I love you, son."

Just seven weeks after the diagnosis dad was near death, his liver overwhelmed with the cancer, his body struggling to survive.

Our family shared some very special moments in those few weeks, moments we will always cherish.

The last time we were together he was only awake for a few minutes, and he could only get out a few words. He was weak and tired, but he opened his eyes and said to me, "I'm so proud."

His last words to me.

He always said the perfect thing at just the right time.

My father loved me, and that love spurred me on to make him proud.

Just like my Heavenly Father's love spurs me on to be faithful, to make Him proud.

I hope to live a life such that perhaps my heavenly Father's first words to me in heaven will be the same as my dad's last on earth: "I'm so proud."

ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS 2006

The University-wide Annual Service Awards recognition was held on February 8 and included 12 Student Life staff members as recipients. ***Special congratulations to Johnny Johnson who received one of eight Outstanding Staff Awards and to Martha Lou Scott who received her 35 year service pin!*** Service Award recipients included Matt Bonow (5), Ron Bradshaw (5), Lisa Garrett (5), Sonya Jugert (5), Fay Barkley (10), Pam Kilgore (10), Joann Black (15), Elizabeth Keel (15), Kathy Reich (15), Dana Lee Haines (20), and Martha Lou Scott (35). That's a total of 140 years of great student life service!

BAYLOR PHARMACY ACES STATE INSPECTION

The Baylor pharmacy **aced** a surprise state inspection last week. Staff members in the pharmacy serve with little recognition for their dedication and hard work. This is a great opportunity to congratulate them and let them know how much we appreciate their assistance and patience with all of our students and staff members. *We appreciate you and all you do!!*

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDIES (CAPS)

Dr. Rod Hetzel was elected to serve as President of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS) Southwest Region for 2006. He was elected to serve as Regional Director for the CAPS Southwest Region beginning in 2007.

WELCOME WEEK

Mark your now calendars for Welcome Week, scheduled for August 17-20.



REGENTS APPROVE BROOKS VILLAGE

At the February 2006 Board of Regents meeting, the Regents voted to tear down Brooks Hall, built in 1921, to make way for the new Brooks Village (as seen in architectural drawing), which will house 700 students in a "residential college" and in apartments for upperclassmen. The cost of the project, including infrastructure upgrades and a new parking garage, will be financed through a \$63.5-million bond issue.

NATIONAL EATING DISORDER AWARENESS

February 26-March 4 is National Eating Disorder Awareness week, and the Counseling Center is sponsoring "A Room with a View: A Walk through the Evolution of an Eating Disorder" to be held in the Bill Daniel Student Union Building. This educational display focuses participants' attention on four major stages in the development of an eating disorder: Images, Distortion, Despair, and Hope. Each section will provide information and examples of what a person with an eating disorder might experience during that particular stage. The goal is to increase awareness to the signs and symptoms of eating disorders and to provide applicable information to empower students to get help and make healthier decisions.

FRESHMAN CLASS COUNCIL (FCC)

The Freshman Class Council (FCC) and the five unique communities are planning various events that will target the Class of 2009 this semester. As communities, they are seeking ways to engage the class in service, Christian leadership, spirit, social events, and other extreme activities. Collectively, FCC is preparing for their annual leadership conference "You BU." The conference, scheduled for April 7-8, welcomes high school student leaders for a weekend of interaction with Baylor student leaders and offers an array of educational sessions.

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

New Student Programs has a new Web site - please check it out! www.baylor.edu/newstudentprograms

DATES FOR BAYLOR LINE CAMPS

July 8-15.....Outdoor Adventure
July 18-22.....The Journey
July 25-29.....Spirit and Sport

SPIRIT SHOUTS

BEAT THE AGGIES!! Come support our heroic men's team as they battle those Aggies on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. The game will be televised on ESPN+. **WEAR GOLD...BE LOUD!!** The Lady Bears host a revenge match vs. Texas Tech on Sunday, 2 p.m. at the Ferrell Center!

BAYLORBOUND "BIG 12"

The BaylorBound Staff Application process that began at the beginning of this semester is nearly complete! In order to advance our preparations quickly for this summer's new student programs, we have been taking an aggressive and ambitious approach to selecting our summer student staff. After several weeks of marketing the online application and then conducting a week of group interviews, we extended our love to over 320 applicants on Valentines Day! Our hope is that all 320 students will participate in some aspect of Welcome Week!

Out of those 320 students, we have selected 12 talented students to stay with us the entire summer to represent the University as our BaylorBound Leaders. These 12 (a.k.a. the BIG 12) have agreed to stay the entire summer in one of our on-campus residence facilities while assisting with the logistical, relational, and programmatic needs of Orientation, Baylor Line Camp, and Welcome Week. These students are impressive in many ways, and you will more than likely see these students in and out of your department throughout the summer; so, please extend each of them a warm welcome and a gracious "thank you" when you see them. A picture of the "BIG 12" will be coming soon.

BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRY INTERNATIONALS

Several international students at Baylor enjoy their time together at the Baptist Student Ministries building every Tuesday night for international dinners. This is a time to get together, eat food from different regions of the world, cook for each other, eat together and share friendship. This semester we have shared Indian food and Latin American food, as well as celebrated Chinese New Year together. The BSM international students attended a retreat along with other BSM ministries and were very excited to meet others who welcomed them, and we had a great time playing soccer, getting to know one another, discussing faith, and having times of worship and prayer together. During the week, several students offer English conversation classes and shopping trips, and we thoroughly enjoyed our movie night. We love making friends with international students and being a home away from home for each other.

BAYLORBOUND PROGRAMMING

Orientation '06 may be four months away, but New Student Programs will start on March 1 to process reservations from students as to which session they wish to attend. This summer promises to be EXCITING! A detail listing of Orientation dates is available on www.baylor.edu/baylorbound.

INTRAMURALS

Intramurals is once again experiencing record-setting numbers this semester! We have been at or ahead of past participation levels for almost every event offered thus far. We have just finished a very successful indoor volleyball and bowling season and are currently in the midst of soccer, tennis, and 3-on-3 basketball. There are many more exciting events yet to come this semester, including the first ever collaboration between Outdoor Adventure and Intramurals on the Rock Climbing Competition. The success of the program this year is due in large part to the hard work and dedication of our three outstanding Intramural Graduate Assistants: Lindsey Cantrell, Clint Patterson, and Rob Shook. Their determination

to see our students succeed is evident in everything they do.

STEPPIN'OUT VOLUNTEERS

Steppin' Out is just around the corner! The Steering Committee for the April 1st event is working hard to encourage involvement from University faculty and staff. Please consider volunteering as an individual or as a department! Find out more about our event or register online by visiting our Web site at www.baylor.edu/steppin_out.

S.O.L.D.

The Student Organization Leadership Development (S.O.L.D.) program has received a great response from students and advisors. This month, the program is pleased to present student organizations with workshops addressing the following issues:

- Website Design (February 15-16)
- Fundraising (March 1-2)
- Event Planning (March 8-9)

For more information on the program, please visit the Student Activities Web site and click on the S.O.L.D. icon.

HAZING AWARENESS WEBSITE

Student Activities, in cooperation with several concerned students, has launched a hazing awareness Web site. The site is intended to educate students about the realities of hazing, provide alternatives to hazing, and provide a method for confidentially reporting incidents of hazing. Please visit the site at www.baylor.edu/hazing.

BIG XII WOMEN'S AND MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT-2006

The Big XII Women's and Men's Basketball Tournament 2006 will be in Dallas from March 7-12, 2006. Keep up with the game times and dates of the Bears and Lady Bears by logging onto www.baylorbears.com. Plan on joining our team for an I-35 road trip!!

BAPTIST STUDENT MINISTRY MISSIONS

Baylor's BSM is actively encouraging students to consider their role in missions. This weekend, six Baylor students will attend the BGCT's Discovery Weekend where they interview for the opportunity to work alongside career missionaries all over the world this summer. Furthermore, the planning for Missions Week 2006, which will bring 30 missionaries to Baylor's campus to challenge students to consider how their vocation can be used in missions, has already begun. It promises to be a great week. Contact us at www.baylor.edu/bsm.

PRESENTATIONS

Rod Hetzel has been invited to present in October at the 2006 Gallup International Positive Psychology Summit. He will deliver an invited presentation on

Baylor University's positive psychology and strengths initiatives. The summit is the primary outlet for distributing positive psychology scholarship to researchers, policy makers, and leaders in education and business. It will convene 400 psychologists, sociologists, economists, and leaders to discuss the "big ideas" in positive psychology.



Ramona Curtis, Director for the Academy Leader Development and Civic Engagement presented *Cultural Issues and Community Outreach* at the Youthful Offenders Symposium, January 25, 2006, in Huntsville. Symposium participants were top Texas Department of Criminal Justice Executives. Vanessa Parra, LEAD-LLC student, attended the meeting as well.

MISSIONARIES-IN-RESIDENCE

Please take the opportunity to go by the Bobo Baptist Student Center and meet David and Katherine Edmonds, our missionaries-in-residence. They are available to make presentations to classes, student organizations and department events. You will enjoy learning more from them about living in various cultures, working effectively in Spanish, and understanding Muslims, or flourishing in another country.

STAFF AND FAMILY MATTERS

Joe Bruner, Acting Community Coordinator and Director for Arbors/Baylor Plaza, recently underwent ACL surgery and is recovering under the capable hands of our very own physical therapist, Ginny Henderson.

Chris DeJong, Martin Residence Hall Director, recently had a medical situation requiring a visit to the emergency room. Please keep Chris in your prayers.

With sympathy to **Lori Cook**, Health Services Registered Nurse, on the death of her father, Donald Aronson, on February 12, 2006.

Congratulations to **David Linder** (SSEO) and his wife, Christi, the proud new parents of Ayden Linder. Ayden's grandmother is **Lynda Turman**, Assignments Assistant in Campus Living & Learning.

Gene Mandel (SSEO) has been cleared to begin walking a block to two blocks with the use of a cane. You may recall that Gene fell from a roof in December and experienced multiple and severe broken bones including his wrist and both heels. After multiple surgeries and extensive physical therapy, Gene continues to improve at home.

Larry Hughes, Brooks Residence Hall Director, experienced a fall recently and is undergoing medical examination to determine if surgery is needed to repair a dislocated knee-cap and possible torn ligaments.

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Student Live Division End of Year Celebration
Tuesday, May 2, 12 - 2 p.m.
Columbus Avenue Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall