



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

By now, you have heard how many applications we have received from prospective students interested in securing a place in the Class of 2010 (21,377 of them to be exact). And, you also know that we have accepted 8,757 of those applicants in order to enroll 2,850 freshman students. Of those admitted, 3,129 have deposits with us (an increase of 916 over the same time last year). And, we have another 1,277 students who have asked to be added to our waiting list. These are students who meet all of our admission requirements, but we simply do not have the space for them in our class. This is all a testament to the GREAT work that you and others have done across the University to help make Baylor such a desirable place for students to learn and grow. I can't tell you how thankful I am for your efforts at recruiting new students to Baylor. It is known that one of the best ways to recruit new students is to have an incredible educational experience for current students. I am deeply grateful for your work to ensure such a great learning environment.

However, with all of these large numbers, we must never forget that each of these represents an individual life, a life we are privileged to shape. I was reminded of this last week as we waited to board a plane headed for Washington D.C. to attend the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators annual conference. The waiting area was crowded with families traveling to D.C. for a Spring Break vacation. A young man sitting next to me had a Texas A&M shirt on and a woman across from him asked him if he was planning to go to A&M. He responded "Maybe." He was just in 8th grade, so he has some time to decide. The woman then said, "Our son is going to Baylor." Immediately my ears perked up. So, I introduced myself to the family. Matthew is one of our new students who will be here in the fall. He is from Carrollton and is a senior at Carrollton Christian Academy. He is going to be in the Honors College and is really hoping he gets selected to live in the HC-LLC. He is an only child and his parents are very proud of him. They are thrilled with his choice of Baylor and they already feel as if they are a part of the University. In fact, his mom is so excited it probably made Matthew a little self-conscious in front of us. He is an outstanding young man, and he (and 2,849 – or a few more than that) will be joining us this August for a

transformative educational experience. I can't wait to meet each one of them.

We are blessed to serve at Baylor.

SEARCH COMMITTEE PROCESSES

Search committee processes are underway in Campus Living and Learning for an Assistant Director for Resident Learning position (left vacant last fall when Konteint Redmon left and filled this academic year on an interim basis by both Joe Bruner and Adam Moore). The position was posted and advertised nationally. Phone interviews have been conducted, and selected candidates will be on campus for interviews in the next several weeks.

The Residence Hall Director search process is also progressing quickly. This position was also posted nationally and initial interviews conducted at Southern Placement Exchange and by phone. Selected candidates will also be on campus for interviews in the next few weeks.

GRADUATE INTERVIEW WEEKEND

Graduate Interview Weekend for the Master of Science in Student Services Administration program was held on March 2-3. We had 22 applicants from numerous states on campus to interview for a graduate assistantship opportunity in Student Life. Thanks to everyone who interviewed. Served as a resource for information, and hosted the applicants during their visit. Your assistance helped to make this event a great success.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES

Department of Multicultural Activities is hosting the following events in honor of Women's History Month:

A fitness and nutrition seminar entitled "Improving Your Quality of Life" will be presented by Ms. Van Davis on Monday, March 20, Cashion 5th Floor.

Dr Pepper Hour with informational tables on Tuesday, March 21, 3-4: p.m. will be in the Barfield Drawing Room.

A complimentary luncheon hosted in conjunction with ARAMARK Dining Services will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Cashion 5th Floor. The guest speaker will be Pastor

Julie Pennington-Russell of Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.

discover their strengths, develop their identity, and emerge as influential citizens

WELCOME TO THE WORLD, ETHAN!

Please join us in celebrating with Matt, Tiffany, and Elijah on the arrival of Ethan Josiah Bonow, born March 7th at 3:16 p.m. Ethan weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20.5 inches long at birth. What a cutie! Here is a picture of Eli and Ethan.



Hope you had a great Spring Break!

PRESENTATIONS

Dub Oliver and Frank Shushok presented *Helping Students Lead Extraordinary Lives: Embracing a Strengths Perspective*, with Eileen Hulme of Azusa Pacific, Sharra Durham of Texas A&M, and Michael Shonrock of Texas Tech. This preconference presentation was made at the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) 88th Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. on March 12. The presentation introduced an emerging strengths-based education paradigm that enables students to discover their opportunity to explore their own strengths through Gallup's StrengthsQuest program.

Dub Oliver and Frank Shushok presented *Discovering a Calling: How Colleges Enable Students to Discover Meaning and Purpose*, with Eileen Hulme of Azusa Pacific and Tabatha Jones of Pepperdine. The presentation made at the NASPA 88th Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. on March 14 explained how to encourage students' development of purpose by connecting faith and meaning to their vocational choices.

Dub Oliver and Frank Shushok presented *A Strengths Approach to Student Development: A New Lens for the Field*, with Eileen Hulme of Azusa Pacific, Sharra Durham of Texas A&M, and Michael Shonrock of Texas Tech. The presentation made at the NASPA 88th Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. on March 14 introduced an emerging strengths-based education paradigm that enables students to