



# 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

From Beginning to End

I really like the ebb and flow of life on a university campus. There are clear beginnings and endings for each year, and each has its appropriate celebrations, symbols, and ceremonies. From the beginning of this year until the end, I have been blessed to serve with you here at Baylor. I said it at our End of the Year Celebration, but it bears repeating, I am amazed at the faithfulness and dedication of the staff members in Student Life. You have accomplished much of which we can all be proud. Some things you did were accompanied by press releases or stories in *The Lariat*. Most were not, but they were just as important in the life of the University and, more importantly, in the lives of students. I hope that we will all cling to Colossians 3:23-24, knowing that the work of our hands, and hearts, and heads, is important to the King of Kings.

This is a time of transition in the life of the University. Several of our good friends and co-workers are leaving for other opportunities. Before they go, we want to take the time to thank them for their great work and bless them as they close this season of their lives and begin another. And, in the next few weeks, several new colleagues will be joining us in our work as educators here. It's interesting, isn't it, that the same thing is happening during this season with our students? Many have accomplished a great deal while they were here. We are grateful for the life we shared. We blessed them as they graduated and began new chapters in bright futures. In just a few weeks (by the next time a Student Life Newsletter reaches your inbox) we will be welcoming the Class of 2010 and their families during Orientation. Exciting stuff!

My prayer is that your work will be a part of your abundant life, and that you will enjoy it from beginning to end.

## KENYA 06 MISSION TRIP

We have 100 students, faculty, and staff in Kenya the next two weeks participating in Kenya 06. Please pray that God will use our teams to serve the Kenyans our teams meet, that God will change the lives of participants, and that He will literally change the world through the fruit of this experience. You may keep up with the teams through the Kenya 06 blog at [www.xanga.com/Kenya\\_06](http://www.xanga.com/Kenya_06).

## HEALTH CENTER NEW STAFF MEMBER

Effective June 1, 2006, we will be adding a new member to the Health Center staff. Betty Fornelius will be assuming the duties of the Insurance Coordinator. Betty comes to us from Baylor's Budget Office and has experience with the insurance industry as well. Please join me as we welcome her to our staff.

## WILLOW CREEK LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Baylor is bringing a national-quality leadership conference to campus for the second consecutive year. The 2006 Willow Creek Leadership Summit will be live via satellite in Waco Hall August 10-12. Come strengthen and sharpen your leadership gifts and abilities. Be inspired by a world-class faculty of leadership experts and communicators. While the national rate is \$255, you will receive the special Baylor discount price of \$65 by registering through Baylor at [www.baylor.edu/summit2006](http://www.baylor.edu/summit2006).

## GRADUATE ASSISTANTS HOODING CEREMONY

Graduate Students who completed the Master of Science in Student Services Administration program in May were honored with dinner and a Hooding Ceremony. The ceremony, hosted by Student Life, included the guests of honor, their invited family members, and special guests, Regent Minette Pratt and Regent John Reimers. As you celebrate with them, please extend hearty congratulations to these fine young Student Life educators. We are thankful for all the hard work and contributions they made during their time in the program and wish them the best as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

## WOMEN'S CLUB VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the Women's Club Volleyball. They finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in D1 at the National Tournament.

## END-OF-YEAR CELEBRATION



Our End of the Year Celebration was held Tuesday, May 2, in Fellowship Hall of Columbus Avenue Baptist Church. Thanks to all who could join us in celebrating an outstanding year. The group picture shown here recognizes staff members for their significant contributions to student life. See additional pictures on the Student Life Staff Intranet [https://www.baylor.edu/student\\_life/index.php?id=37477](https://www.baylor.edu/student_life/index.php?id=37477) Congratulations to all 2006 Student Life Award honorees listed below.

Pillar of Baylor Award  
**Pearl Beverly**  
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William Tryon Award for Outstanding Support Staff  
**Sandra Northern**  
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James Huckins Award for  
Outstanding Graduate Assistant  
**Amber Bruner, Jeff Kirksey, Jessica Murphy**  
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Customer Service Award  
**Ronald L. English**  
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Rising Star Award for Outstanding New Professional  
**Susan Matlock-Hetzel**  
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Team Award-Health Center Work Group  
**Ron Bradshaw, Linda Bostwick,  
Chris Terry, Ginny Henderson,  
Brenda Ferguson**  
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Outstanding Student Assistant Award  
**Moses George**  
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Outstanding Faculty Partner Award  
**Douglas V. Henry**  
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To Light the Ways Award for Contributions to the  
Profession  
**Roderick D. Hetzel**  
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Student Advocate  
**Neil Luft**  
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## A THANK YOU NOTE

I want to say a big "Thank You" for the Division of Student Life Student Advocate Award that was presented to me earlier today during the luncheon. I realized after the 3rd award given that I somehow let my moment to say thank you publicly to so many people pass by the wayside. I guess that is what happens when you are unfamiliar with the history of the awards presentation, first in the presentation order, and also caught completely by surprise.

Please know that this award is accepted with enormous amounts of gratitude and appreciation both for the Division of Student Life and for my fellow co-workers in ITS-Internet Services - this award really belongs to them as I am just a small piece in the puzzle. Without you and many of them, my career at Baylor University would not be what it is today - more than a job - a valued and treasured experience filled with opportunities to serve the students and faculty/staff of this great institution.

I look forward to continuing to serve the Division of Student Life in the future and also serving Baylor University with you. Once again, thank you for your kindness and generosity; I am truly grateful and feel blessed to work with such fine folks!

**Sic' Em Bears**

Neil S. Luft  
ITS - Internet Services  
Web Designer

## SLC HOURS OF OPERATION

The SLC hours of operation during the **intersession** will be 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. weekdays and closed on weekends. **SUMMER** hours of Operation (**beginning May 30**) will be 6 a.m. – 10 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Saturdays; 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. Sundays.

The Marina and Marina Pool will be closed during the **intersession**. **SUMMER** hours of operation (**beginning May 30**) will be 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. weekdays and 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. weekends.

## A SOUND MIND IN A SOUND BODY

This year, more than 10,000 students participated in at least one intramural event. This is a record number, and we are proud to serve the students of this great university. Campus Recreation - "a sound mind in a sound body"

#### **LET HEALING HANDS RELIEVE YOUR STRESS**

More than 1000 people have been "stress relieved" by our recreational massage therapist, Kim Johnson. If you are interested, please dial 710-SLIC for a reservation. Ask around, probably someone you know has benefited from her healing hands.

#### **ED CRENSHAW STUDENT FOUNDATION CENTER**

The Ed Crenshaw Student Foundation Center, located on South Fifth Street between Speight and Bagby



Avenues, was dedicated and opened on Friday, April 28. The building is named in honor of chief donor Ed Crenshaw, a 1973 Baylor graduate and former president of Student Foundation.

#### **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

**Adam Brock**, **Kelley Kimple**, and **Taryn Ozuna** were appointed to serve as Student Life representatives for the Staff Council.

#### **PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION**

**Dana Lee Haines** was recently presented the Golden Wing Award by the Junior League of Waco. Dana Lee was responsible for securing a \$40,340 grant for the preservation of the historic Clifton House.

**Pearl Beverly** was presented the inaugural **Mrs. Pearl Beverly Award** at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kente Ceremony held on April 29, 2006. Students presented **Pearl** with the inaugural award which is named in her honor. The award is given to a staff member who embodies the Kente Ceremony's mission of encouraging students of all ethnicities to persevere in their pursuit of education.

#### **FAMILY CORNER**

Health Services has several staff members with high school and college May graduates. **Ruth Tucker's** son, Justin (Robinson High School), will be attending Baylor University. **Linda Bostwick's** son, Will (Vanguard), will be attending University of the South-Sewanee. **Sharon Stern's** daughter, Sarah (Midway), will be attending Southwestern in Georgetown. **Louise Saunders'** grandson, Evan (Arkansas), will be attending University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. **Pat White's** daughter, Julie Cogburn,

graduated from Baylor University. **Carlene Jensen's** daughter, Lindsey, will graduate from TCU.

In Multicultural Activities, **Diana Balderas's** daughter, Kristen Balderas, graduated from Baylor on Saturday and will begin the Student Services Administration program at Baylor this fall.

In Campus Recreation, **Elizabeth "EJ" Williams** will be moving in July with her husband to Athens, Alabama. Forrest has been hired as the head football coach and athletic director at Clements High School. EJ will stay long enough to coach her students through the training camp in July before she relocates to the "other south."

In Campus Living and Learning, **Elizabeth Wallace** will be leaving Baylor at the end of May. She has accepted a position as Director of Housing and Residence Life at Tarleton State University. Please join in thanking her for almost a decade of service to Baylor University students.