



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

It's a matter of stewardship...I received a letter in the mail the other day. The envelope had an urgent message printed on the outside – ENCLOSED IS AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. DO NOT THROW AWAY! It was from R. James Nicholson, The Secretary himself.

You have probably already guessed what it was about. You have read or seen the news reports of the data that was stolen from the VA. This is no small matter. The letter explains that the names, social security numbers, and dates of birth for 26.5 million veterans were taken. This is an identity theft's dream. Included with the letter is a two page FAQ and instructions on what to do if you notice someone using your information.

Unreal! How can something like this happen? What actually happened was pretty simple, a staff member took a laptop computer home that had all of that information on it (in violation of government policy) and then the computer was stolen from his home. Secretary Nicholson goes on to say in his letter, "The men and women of the VA take our obligation to honor and serve America's veterans very seriously...." But, many veterans must wonder how true that statement is in light of this careless act.

It's a matter of stewardship really. This one person put millions at risk because he was not being a good steward of the resources and responsibilities entrusted to him. In addition to that, think about all of his colleagues at the VA whose reputation is now tarnished as well.

It's a reminder to me of the importance of stewardship for each and every one of us. We must be ever vigilant and conscientious about the stewardship of all that has been entrusted to us.

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. 1 Corinthians 4:2

BROOKS VILLAGE COAT OF ARMS



Brooks College will have its own Coat of Arms. The selection was made by the residents of Brooks Hall through online voting during spring of 2006. The large cross symbolizes Christian commitment. The white stars are inspired by the words of Samuel Palmer Brooks: "If night never came, the stars would never shine." The torch symbolizes life, zealotness, truth, and intelligence and harks back to Brooks' Immortal Message to the Class of 1931. The open book, representing scholarship, has seven pages because Brooks was Baylor's seventh president. The vine symbolizes growth.

SEARCH FOR THE DEAN FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Since the decision about the permanent Vice President for Student Life is being finalized, the search committee has begun its work in filling the deanship. Applicants will be screened, and decisions will be made about those individuals to conduct phone interviews with in the next few weeks. Those who progress through the phone interview will be invited to campus. A part of the on-campus interviews will include a presentation to the Division of Student Life.

The goal is to have an individual named and in place by the end of July. Please pray for the applicants and committee members as they seek the Lord's will in the selection of this individual who will become a vital part of the life of students at Baylor and the decision-making team in Student Life.

DEVELOPMENT LIAISON FOR STUDENT LIFE

Cathy Pleitz, Director of Special Projects in University Development, has been assigned as the liaison for Student Life. Cathy is best known to us because of her efforts in fund-raising on The Stacy Riddle Forum and the Bill and Eva Williams Bear Habitat. Please take an opportunity to get to know Cathy personally as she works with us in advancing our work.

STAFF TRANSITIONS

Four new staff members have joined the Student Life Division. Welcome to Don Mattingly, Betty Fornelius, Kat Reed, and Carrie Sadler.



Don
Mattingly
Director for
Youth
Programs



Carrie Sadler
Youth
Programs
Assistant



Kat Reed
Coordinator
of Fraternities



Betty
Fornelius
Insurance
Claims
Coordinator

IMPORTANT STUDENT LIFE DATES FOR 2006-07

Please mark your calendars now!

Fall 2006

New Staff Orientation—

August 29 (Tuesday), 12-2 p.m.

Fall Kick Off—

August 30 (Wednesday), 12-1:30 p.m.

*Lunch for Student Services Administration New
Graduate Students Their Supervisors, and Faculty—*

August 16 (Wednesday)

Graduate Student Orientation—

August 16 (Wednesday)

Division Christmas Party—

December 8 (Friday), 3-5 p.m.

Spring 2007

Who's Who Reception—

February 23 (Friday), 3-5 p.m.

Graduate Assistant Interview Weekend—

March 1-2 (Thursday/Friday)

SACS Site Visit—

April 17-19 (Tuesday-Thursday)

Student Life End of Year Celebration—

May 1 (Tuesday), 12-2 p.m.



The 2006 Christian Leadership Institute comes to Baylor for the fourth year. Over 150 students have participated in CLI and there is a 76% yield rate to becoming a Baylor student. This is higher than any other summer camp hosted on the Baylor campus. This year's class includes four boys each receiving a full scholarship from the Boys and Girls Country Children's Home in Northwest Houston. We extended this opportunity to more than nine other institutions and have only been able to serve one this year. Over 25% of the students registered are from out of state, coming from Washington, New Jersey, Georgia, Indiana, Ohio, Oklahoma and Louisiana. We are eager to get them on campus and give them a taste of Baylor from the vantage point of Christian Leadership.

INTERNSHIPS RECEIVED BY GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

The following doctoral clinical psychology students are former graduate assistant counselors at the Counseling Center. They recently participated in a competitive national internship selection process and received internships at the following sites:

Sidney Cooke: Colorado State University Counseling Center (Ft. Collins, CO)

Darci Delgado: Department of Mental Health Vacaville Psychiatric Program (Vacaville, CA)

Jill Donelan: Institute for Living (Hartford, CT)

Sydney Kroll: The University of Texas Student Counseling Services (Austin, TX)

Aurit Lazerus: Suffolk University Counseling Center (Boston, MA)

Mike Mandrusiak: University of Manitoba Student Counseling and Career Services Center (Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada)

A DECLINE IN STUDENT DISCIPLINARY CASES

Judicial Affairs saw a decline in student disciplinary cases for the fourth straight year. Since 2001-02, the number of cases has dropped by over 250; 56% of the violations this past year were committed by first-year students. Alcohol violations continue to be the number one issue, and drug violations continue to be the number one reason students are suspended.

MOVE 2 BU

In anticipation of your impending "Move 2 BU," we are preparing this great Web site full of information relevant to new student Move-In Day, Thursday, August 17, 2006.



On this Web site you will find:

- Hall Move-In Times and Driving Instructions - **Coming Soon**
- Getting to Know Your Roommate!
- Room Dimensions and Window Sizes
- Preferred Vendors - info for renting refrigerators, bed linens and room carpet for purchase, and laundry pick-up/delivery!
- Computer Details
- Packing for Move-In Day
- Important Dates

To view the Move It Newsletter, go to <http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/29345.pdf>

BROOKS RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY

Opening Fall 2007

In May, Baylor broke ground on Brooks Residential Community, a new 700-bed residential village at a projected cost of \$42.8 million. This community will consist of two separate and unique student housing communities.

Brooks Flats

Brooks Flats will accommodate 325 upper-division men and women (cloistered by gender) in apartment-style living similar to that in the recently completed North Village on the Baylor campus. Nestled along Waco Creek, Brooks Flats will offer single and double rooms in four-person apartments with a living room and kitchen. All apartments come with dishwashers, disposals, high speed internet, cable television and all the benefits of living in community on Baylor's campus. Student entering their sophomore through senior year in the fall, 2007 are eligible to live in this residential community. Students may apply to live in Brooks Flats during the housing re-application period in the fall semester.

Brooks College

Residential Colleges have been made famous by Oxford and Cambridge in the United Kingdom and Harvard and Yale in the United States. Brooks College will be Baylor's first residential college and offer an extraordinary and unique living environment for 375 men and women living in suite-style housing. Although admission to Brooks College is required, any and all Baylor students are eligible for consideration. This living arrangement is designed to provide a culture that fosters academic excellence, intensive faculty-student interaction and a rich culture steeped in Baylor tradition. Brooks College will be built in a traditional Oxford-Cambridge quadrangle with one primary entry. Twelve faculty members will office on-site and a "Faculty Master" will reside at the College. Throughout the year, the Master will host lectures, study breaks, weekly college dinners and Master's Teas—informal gatherings where students talk with distinguished guests and faculty members. With a 400 seat Great Hall (think Harry Potter) offering full meal service and a weekly community dinners, students can expect a very special sense of community to develop. In addition, Brooks College will include a small library, chapel, seminar rooms and a lively social space called a Junior Commons.

Brooks College Applications

Applications for admission to Brooks College will be available on the Campus Living & Learning Web site in September. Students wishing to reside in Brooks College as first-year student are required to make a two-academic year housing commitment. All students living in Brooks College, regardless of classification, are required to choose from a variety of meal plan options. For more information, go to www.baylor.edu/cil.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



New Student Orientation began this week. Thanks to everyone for all of your help!

FAMILY CORNER

Health Services welcomes **Betty Fornelius** to their staff. She transferred on June 1 from the Budget Office with 12 years of service to become the Health Services Insurance Claims Coordinator. Betty and Roger have two children, Roger and Melissa. Roger is married to Christie, is a '03 BU graduate, and is employed with Extraco Bank. Melissa and husband Matt, have two children (Kennedy and Evan) and are expecting a third child soon. Betty enjoys traveling, home improvement projects and spending time with her family.

Ashley Kelley (Student Activities) and her husband, Jake, have been blessed by the birth of a baby daughter, *Kinsey Denise*. Kinsey was born Saturday, May 20. Best wishes to Ashley and Jake on the arrival of precious baby Kinsey!

Mecca Perkins (Judicial Affairs) and her husband, Greg (Baylor Police Department), are expecting a baby daughter the later part of July.

Steve Graves (University Ministries) and his wife, Cindy, are the proud parents of baby daughter, Rebekah Leanne Graves, born Monday, May 22. "Big sister" Ashlyn is especially happy to hold and hug Baby Rebekah. We know Steve, Cindy, and Ashlyn are rejoicing in the special gift God has brought into their lives.

