



# 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

### *The Cross of Christ Will Remain*

Susie, Callie, and I spent a few days of vacation in New York City. The trip was a surprise birthday present for Callie. It was a great trip with many good memories made for our family. It is during times like this, when I am away from the busyness of everyday life that I can see things more clearly than usual. May I share an example?

One of my favorite moments from the trip was a morning we spent at Ground Zero, the World Trade Center site. There are many things that amaze me about this place. One of the most striking is how quiet it is. In that space it is as if the whole world drops away so that you can understand how precious life really is. Gone are the vendors on the corners, the hustle of New York is more subdued (people don't run up the escalator from the lower level subway platforms), even the people seem to care more about each other here (stepping out of the way so that people can see and read the information).

I loved seeing the rebuilding and rebirth that is happening there. The Freedom Tower and the memorial are beginning to take shape.

It was great to see the firefighters of Ladder Company 10 going about their work.

I am thankful for St. Paul's Chapel at the corner of Fulton and Broadway. This is the only building left in Manhattan from the Revolutionary War time (it was built in 1776). George Washington worshiped there. It has literally stood there to watch all of the history of our country. And, following the attacks of September 11, this was a place of ministry to the rescue and recovery workers, a testament to the Christian spirit of the members there. Amazingly, not one window was broken when the towers fell. You have to stand there to know how incredible this is because it is literally right across the street from the World Trade Center site.

There is one more thing. At the site, bustling with construction, there remains one remnant of the former buildings. It is the cross that was created somehow in all of that destruction.

The cross stands over the site 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In the nighttime hours it is lit so that all may see it. It gave me pause to think about all that we strive to create. Of course our work and effort are important. However, when everything else is gone, the cross of Christ will remain.

Tomorrow, over 3,000 new students and their families will begin the Baylor Experience. May we be faithful to our call as educators to learn with them, to serve them, to love them. And, may we also do it all to the glory of God and in the name of the Jesus.

## LIZ PALACIOS NAMED

### DEAN FOR STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Elizabeth Palacios became the new Dean for Student Development in the Student Life Division, effective August 7, 2006. Liz has her bachelor's and master's degrees from Baylor and her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from The University of Texas at Austin. She has most recently served as a full-time lecturer in Educational Psychology, but she previously served as Coordinator of Community Service in Student Activities. Liz has always had a strong commitment to student learning and development.

## STAFF TRANSITIONS



**Liz Palacios,**  
Dean for Student  
Development



**Jennifer Baker,**  
Spirit Coordinator for  
the Baylor Bear Spirit  
Squads

### NEW SPIRIT COORDINATOR

Jennifer Baker is the new Spirit Coordinator for the



Baylor Bear Spirit Squads, replacing Elizabeth Williams. She will oversee the Co-ed squad, the All-Girl squad, the Songleaders, and the Mascots, totaling over 60 students. She will work in tandem with Athletic Marketing, the Baylor Alumni Network, the Parent's League, and with some teams directly to make Baylor Athletics the most spirited events on campus.

### MOSAIC MIXER

Multicultural Activities will host the Mosaic Mixer on Wednesday, August 23, 6:30-8 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room. For additional information, please visit the new Multicultural Web site at [www.baylor.edu/multicultural\\_activities](http://www.baylor.edu/multicultural_activities).

### BAYLOR RISING ARTIST NETWORK

The Baylor Rising Artist Network will be releasing its new album on Thursday, September 14, at the new Season's Creamery! From 8-11 p.m., the North Villages will feature *free ice cream samples* and great music! BRAN students will be performing their original music, and the Volume One CD will be on sale starting September 14. For more information, please contact the Campus Program Center at 710-4919 or at [www.baylor.edu/bran](http://www.baylor.edu/bran).

### CAMPUS LIVING AND LEARNING SUMMER INSTITUTE TRAINING

Campus Living and Learning recently completed three intense weeks of Summer Institute Training for all Residence Hall Directors. The training included sessions that addressed each of the four hedgehogs of Campus Living and Learning: academic excellence, dialogues of difference, spiritual formation, and relationally driven community. Due to the extraordinary talent in leadership positions, we are very excited about what this year holds for the on-campus residents.

### MOVE IN DAY

**MOVE IN DAY** is Thursday, August 17, and there will be 1,500 Volunteers out in the 104 degree heat serving Baylor's smartest class ever. They may wonder how smart we are, but at least they know we are going to serve them.



### LATE NIGHT AT THE SLC

The tradition of Late Night continues this year on August 26. We will host the freshman class and some die hard upper classmen in the largest dodgeball tournament in the nation.



We will have many unique games and a prize store that includes authentic jerseys, shorts and warm-ups from the 2005 Lady Bears, practice shirts from Baylor Baseball, and a myriad of other gift certificates and merchandise. This has been a tradition as long as the McLane SLC has been open. This year the Departments of Campus Recreation and Place 2BU are teaming up to offer the best line up ever, utilizing the new spirit and traditions lounge as a focal point of music and the atrium as the hub of student organizations. Don't miss it!

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

### GRADUATE STUDENT ASSISTANTS

The Department of Student Activities welcomes two new graduate student assistants to our staff. We are proud to welcome our two new outstanding graduate assistants to our department and invite you to drop by to say “hi” if you’re in the neighborhood.

**Brittany Temple** continues her higher educational experience here at Baylor as the graduate assistant for Mike Riemer in Special Performances. Her participation with prior Sing performances and enthusiasm will certainly be a plus with this most demanding, yet rewarding area.

**Kathryn Wheatley** is also a Baylor graduate who is our new Coordinator for the Stacey Riddle Forum. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta and has served on past executive seats with Panhellenic.

### ROPES COURSE FACILITATION TRAINING

Ropes Course Facilitation Training is available.



The Outdoor Adventure Program will be training new challenge course facilitators for the 2006-2007 year the first two weekends of September. We are looking for faculty, staff, and students who have participated in a ropes course experience before and would be interested in leading others on the Baylor Challenge Course. Facilitators should have good communication and leadership skills as well as be comfortable helping others to reflect on their own experience.

Being a facilitator is a great way to be outdoors, contribute to the overall Baylor experience for our students, have fun and make some extra money. *Note: Graduate students who are receiving a stipend are required to have approval from the graduate school and graduate coordinator within their department. All students must qualify for work study.* This training is **FREE** for faculty, staff, and students. The requirements are that you attend the entire training and be willing to work at least **four** groups during the fall semester. Groups are typically held mainly on Saturdays, but occasionally there are

work opportunities during the week. You may choose which groups you want to work based on your schedule. The dates and times for the training are:

Friday, September 1	1 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday, September 2	9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, September 9	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, September 10	2 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Please call or email the Outdoor Adventure office at 710-3315 or [Kelli\\_McMahan@baylor.edu](mailto:Kelli_McMahan@baylor.edu) for additional information. To register, go to [www.baylor.edu/campusrec/oa](http://www.baylor.edu/campusrec/oa). Registering does not obligate you to attend but will alert the Outdoor Adventure staff of your interest. Kelli McMahan will be in touch with you on or after Monday, August 14. Thanks for your interest!

### COMMUNITY LEADERS AND RESIDENT CHAPLAINS

On Wednesday, August 9, we welcomed 101 Community Leaders and 14 Resident Chaplains back to campus for a week of training and preparation for incoming and returning residents. These leaders are excited about the opportunity to impact the lives of students and have amazing faith and endurance!

### CAMPUS LIVING LEARNING CENTERS

For fall 2006, a total of 2,804 freshman students, 174 transfer students, and 919 returning upper-division students have been assigned housing. Of all of these students, a total of 565 students are assigned in the various Living-Learning Centers on campus.

### A CAMPUS RECREATION TRADITION

On Thursday, July 20, summer students had a glimpse of a Campus Recreation tradition. Van Davis and Ben Robert, who is well known for his talents on the grill, hosted “Fun in the Sun” for summer students. The smell of the grill was too enticing, so others in the McLane SLC joined in for delicious burgers and hot dogs, with all of the fixin’s, and cold watermelon. Thank you, Ben and Van, for welcoming our new students to campus and introducing them to other members of the Baylor Family.



### **RESIDENTIAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORS**

On August 10, 16 new and returning Residential Technology Advisors came together for a week of training and team building. These student workers, who are incoming freshman through seniors, received training in supporting the residential network, solving common technical problems, and began preparing for the annual move-in weekend support blitz for all residential communities. This year, technical support for residents will be enhanced by the opening of the expanded Residential Technology Support Center (RTSC) in Martin Hall. The expansion of the RTSC will allow residents the option of bringing their laptops to the support center for same-day service and repair, in addition to telephone support and next-day in-room appointments

### **WELCOME 2006-2007 GRADUATE ASSISTANTS IN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN STUDENT SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

***Carrie Anderson***  
New Student Programs  
Keane Tarbell, Supervisor

***Kristen Balderas***  
School of Education Advisement  
Joel Porter, Supervisor

***Candice Bullard***  
New Student Programs  
Matt Bonow, Supervisor

***Aaron Dabney***  
Admissions  
Full-Time Employee

***Courtney Dale***  
Development  
Full-Time Employee

***Matt Fulmer***  
Campus Recreation, Intramurals  
Jeff Crownover, Supervisor

***Melissa Gruver***  
Academy for Leader Development  
and Civic Engagement  
Becky Kennedy, Supervisor

***Lyndsy Henkleman***  
Baylor Success Center  
Sally Firmin, Supervisor

***Kari Ann Kayworth***  
Career Services  
John Boyd, Supervisor

***Tasha Lee***  
Baylor Success Center  
Sally Firmin, Supervisor

***Kali Lucas,***  
Campus Recreation, Facilities and Aquatics  
Ben Robert, Supervisor

***Jonathan Manz***  
Campus Living and Learning  
Larry Hughes, Supervisor

***Ashley McCafferty***  
Baylor Success Center  
Sally Firmin, Supervisor

***Jennifer Perkins***  
Campus Living and Learning  
Terri Garrett, Supervisor

***Tiffani Riggers***  
University Ministries  
Don Mattingly, Supervisor

***Trinity Robb***  
Academy for Leader Development and Civic  
Engagement  
Ramona Curtis, Supervisor

***Katie Robertson***  
Campus Recreation, Intramurals  
Jeff Crownover, Supervisor

***J.T. Snipes***  
Admissions,  
Full-Time Employee

***Brittany Temple***  
Student Activities, Special Performances  
Mike Riemer, Supervisor

***Katie Treadwell***  
Baylor Counseling Center  
Susie Matlock-Hetzel, Supervisor

***Heather Turner,***  
Campus Recreation, Facilities  
Heather Gilliam, Supervisor

***Kathryn Wheatley***  
Student Activities, Panhellenic  
Tam Dunn, Supervisor

### **PRESENTATIONS**

***Jim Marsh*** presented with ***Matt Williams*** at the 2006 NCCEP/GEAR UP National Conference in Washington, D.C. The title of the presentation was *Building Bridges: An Examination of One-on-*



*One Mentoring Relationships Between College Students and Low-Income Middle School Students.*

**Judicial Affairs, Counseling Services, General Counsel,** and **Student Life** will be presenting a *Mental Health Summit* for faculty and staff in early September. The purpose of the summit is to inform faculty and staff about the signs and symptoms of students approaching an emotional crisis; legal issues and reasonable accommodations related to student mental health; classroom conduct; student conduct and mental health issues; the reporting process; and intervention plans. The summit is aimed at individuals who encounter students on a regular basis and are often the first to observe early signs and symptoms of students in emotional distress or who may be dealing with other mental health issues. *Please watch your mail for additional information regarding the Mental Health Summit.*

**Rod Hetzel** presented *What can positive psychology offer counseling psychologists?* in August at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association in New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Rod Hetzel** presentation on *Positive psychology and counseling psychology practice: Affirmation, illumination, unification.* In R. A. Uffelman & R. D. Hetzel (Chairs), *What can positive psychology offer counseling psychologists?* Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Rod Hetzel** presentation on *Why psychotherapy supervision works: A positive psychology perspective.* In L. Marks & R. A. Uffelman (Chairs), *Applications of positive psychology in university counseling centers.* Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**Joe and Amber Bruner** are the proud new parents of baby daughter, *Abigail Grace*, born August 13. Abigail weighed 8 pounds and 9 ounces, was 21 inches long, has bluish-brown eyes, and a lot of hair.

Joe stated the whole process is amazing and truly a miracle. He and Amber wish to extend their thanks for all your prayers and support.

