



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

Work Teams Begin!

I am very pleased today to announce that the Work Teams are set and are beginning their work. I have been very encouraged by the great response to the work teams from across the Division, and more broadly to the concept of "within and beyond." The work you do in your specific roles and within your job responsibilities is critical to our success. Just as important is our work together. The reality is that we will not be all that we can be as an institution and we will not offer our students the very best learning experience possible unless we work together (beyond specific roles). That is why it is my expectation that every full-time staff member in the Division work within and beyond. There are many opportunities available to do so. Some staff members will lead departmental committees, others will serve on our work teams, some will serve on University committees or councils, and others will serve in professional associations. Each of us has the tremendous privilege of serving at Baylor, and I believe that serving within and beyond will provide opportunities to engage in even more meaningful and purposeful ways.

This is our 12th monthly newsletter, and I hope that the information contained in them has continued to be helpful to you. We will be adding a section each month called "Serving Beyond" where we highlight the efforts of the work teams as well as the contributions of other staff members beyond their roles and responsibilities.

I look forward to all of the ways that our work together will make a difference at Baylor, in the lives of men and women we are educating, and in our own lives as well.

All the best,

Dub

*May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;
establish the work of our hands for us - yes, establish
the work of our hands. Psalm 90:17*

WORK TEAMS DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE 2006-2007

Student Development Across the Years

Facilitator: Liz Palacios

Co-Facilitator: Jeff Crownover

Heather Gilliam

Jim Marsh

Kelli McMahan

John Salazar

Jeff Walter

Staff Development

Facilitator: Elisa Dunman

Co-Facilitator: Ron English

Fay Barkley

Joe Bruner

Lynn Freyer

Sharia Hays

Ginny Henderson

Erica Spencer

Sandy Tindell

Liz Webb

Cultural Awareness

Facilitator: Ssereta Lafayette

Co-Facilitator: Nancy Keating

Diana Balderas

Betty Fornelius

Barbara Jackson

Jason Kangalee

Kelley Kimple

Martha Lou Scott

Spiritual Formation

Facilitator: Michael Riemer

Co-Facilitator: Nadine Bruner

Meghan Becker

Melisa Benham

Matt Bonow

Dana Lee Haines

Don Mattingly

Sarah Montoya

Ben Robert

Alcohol

Facilitator: Susie Matlock-Hetzel
Co-Facilitator: David Murdock
Meredith Conrey
Pam Kilgore
Linda Patzke
Mecca Perkins
Kat Reed
Maria Rodriguez
Chris Terry
Katie Treadwell

Eating Disorders

Facilitator: Amy Reeves
Co-Facilitator: Van Davis
Tam Dunn
Marsha Green
Jeanie Lewis
Sandra Northern
Lynda Turman
Cynthia Wall

Future

Facilitator: Scott Wade
Co-Facilitator: Robert Graham
Becky Kennedy
Jeffrey Moore
Ryan Richardson
Rosemary Townsend

Involvement/Engagement

Facilitator: Keane Tarbell
Co-Facilitator: Dave Rozeboom
Carrie Anderson
Pearl Beverly
Linda Cates
Aaron LeMay
Taryn Ozuna
Leslie Poe
Ashley Stone
Gary Stout

BAYLOR TRANSFER COUNCIL

The Baylor Transfer Council (BTC) is a student organization dedicated to serving transfer students through community-building activities such as social events, service opportunities, leadership initiatives, and academic discussions. On August 29, BTC began the school year by hosting a kick-off coffee with live music and refreshments. Over 60 new transfer students attended! During the third week of September, BTC will hold an induction ceremony to welcome its newest members. Following that event, the council will meet weekly and plan a variety of activities for transfer students on our campus. For more information on BTC, please contact Keane Tarbell (Coordinator for New Student Programs).

STAFF TRANSITIONS



Tim Powers,
Coordinator for Safety
and Citizenship
Education



Rishi Sriram,
Associate Director for
Housing Administration
and Academic
Initiatives

MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY

Regina Mastin, a licensed and registered dietitian, is now available to provide Medical Nutrition Therapy for students. This will be especially helpful for students dealing with eating disorders. Students can contact the Counseling Center at 710-2467 to schedule an appointment. Cost for the service is \$65 for a one-hour initial appointment and \$35 for 30 minute follow-up appointments.

PEER MENTORING

The BU Mentors program exists to aid new students in their transition from high school to the University during the first six weeks of school. The mentoring relationship, initially established during Welcome Week and extended voluntarily with oversight from New Student Programs, is designed to promote academic, spiritual, and social growth and ease the strains of college life. The mentoring relationship allows a new student (mentee) to gain a wise perspective from an older student (mentor) who is offering support, encouragement, and accountability. The mentoring relationship focuses on the mentee as a whole person. There may be a certain area of life (academic, spiritual, social, etc.) on which the mentee chooses to focus the conversation; however, the mentor and mentee decide together how their time each week will be spent. The mentors meet once a week with Matt Bonow (Coordinator for Strengths Development) and Candice Bullard (Graduate Assistant) to report on the past week and receive training for the upcoming week. This year we have approximately 30 peer mentors and 50 freshman students participating in the program.

FRESHMAN CLASS COUNCIL (FCC)

CO-DIRECTORS FOR 2006-07

The 2006-07 school year promises to be a special year for the Freshman Class Council (FCC). FCC has invited nearly 240 new students to be part of fostering community development within the Class of



2010 as they lead, serve, and build relationships. Again, this year FCC has five unique communities: Extreme, Faith, Service, Social and Spirit & Tradition. The FCC communities will have shared experiences as they create and organize events designed to unify the class. Each of the communities will also be mentored by upperclass co-directors who will pour into the new students as they create memorable shared experiences.

Pictured from left to right (top row), Taylor McCabe, Emily Griffin, Eric Piper, Dodge Grootemaat, Carrie Catlin, Andrew Fike, Brad Underwood; (bottom row) Megan Gary, Melanie Hoo, Elizabeth Herring, Sarah Hixson

STUDENT LIFE CENTER (SLC) HOURS

SLC **game day** hours are:

September 23 - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Kickoff v Army at 6 p.m.)

September 30 - To Be Announced

(Kickoff v Kansas State - TBA)

SLC **Fall Break** hours are:

October 13 (Friday) - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

October 14 (Saturday) - 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

October 15 (Sunday) - 1 p.m. - midnight

SLC **Homecoming** hours are:

October 20 (Friday) - 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

(Bonfire = 9 p.m.)

October 21 (Saturday) = 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

(Kickoff v KU = 11:30 a.m.)

STUDENT FAQs ABOUT CRISIS AND DEATH

Who do I contact if I am going to miss class due to serious personal illness or a major crisis like a death in my family? Contact the University Chaplain's office at 710-3517 or chaplain_support@baylor.edu. The University Chaplain's office will maintain communication with all professors. Students are

expected to communicate directly with each professor as soon as they are able.

Will an e-mail from University Ministries to my professors excuse my absence(s)? NO. Professors determine the effect of absences according to their class policy. Keep in mind, University policy states that a student must attend 75 percent of class in order to pass.

NOTE: If you know of a death, hospitalization, or crisis within the Baylor family, please contact University Ministries at 710-3517.

FIRST DAY INITIATIVE

There is nothing like making students feel comfortable on their first day of college classes. The plan was simple! On Monday morning, August 21, several Student Life staff and students stopped by the office of New Student Programs and picked up a basket full of peppermints. They then found a location on campus with a large volume of student traffic. Each student (new or returning) who passed by was greeted with a smile and a very welcoming "Good Morning!" The staff member was available to give directions, give some personal words of encouragement, and assure the students that they were going to have a successful first day. Each student was offered a peppermint because we believe they were "MINT" to be here! Over 3,500 pieces of candy were handed out that morning! YEA! A big THANK YOU to the following staff and students who participated: Audrey Burris, Jeff Crownover, Trey Guinn, Julia Johnson, Carissa Jones, Steve Graves, Mark Laymon, Richard McCann, Marcus McDaniel, Leslie Poe, Linda Propst, Olga Rodriguez, Frank Shushok, Van Smith-Davis, Keane Tarbell, Jeff Walter, and Drew White.

WELCOME WEEK

Welcome Week was highlighted this year by the tremendous collaborative effort of the campus in assisting our new students in their transition to Baylor. Students have expressed their appreciation for the warm welcome they experienced from the moment they arrived on campus as they moved-in, met with their small group leaders, attended their first University 1000 course, dined with faculty members in their homes, celebrated the spirit of Baylor, serenaded and wooed their fellow classmates, served the community through FirStep, experienced the festivities of the "BU Boardwalk," and united as a community at the campus wide worship and traditional candlelight. The week was truly special and significant to our new students because of the collective effort and spirit of everyone who was involved in the week. *Thank you very much to each of you for welcoming new students to Baylor during Welcome Week 2006!*

LEADERSHIP LECTURE SERIES

The Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement has kicked off their 2006-07 Leadership Lecture Series. The purpose of this series to



introduce students to the variety and complexity of leadership needs in contemporary society. Each series will be devoted to one of the Academy's leadership concentrations: leadership in contemporary social issues, leadership in public life, leadership in the Church, and leadership through private enterprise. Our first speaker was Suzii Paynter, Director for the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Mrs. Paynter described the importance of the CLC's role to education and influence public policy on issues that concern people of faith such as the environment, education, campaign finance reform, and criminal justice.

Upcoming Lectures:

Thursday, September 14, 2006 – Matthew Sleeth, M.D. author of *Serve God, Save the Planet: A Christian Call to Action*. Alexander Reading Room – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, October 24, 2006 – Dr. Robbie Francovich and Mr. James Francovich, CBF Missionaries in India. BSB A207 – 5:30 p.m.

BEYOND LEADERSHIP: TRANSFORMING LEADERS INTO LIFE LONG SERVANTS

A community summit entitled *Beyond Leadership: Transforming Leaders into Life-Long Servants*, and will be held on Thursday, September 28, 4 – 6:30 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. The summit contains two distinct subsections: meaningful community involvement, and a community strengthened by a mutual relationship. The first section (4-5:30 p.m.) will empower student leaders, service chairpeople of student organizations and student service organizations to promote and provide meaningful community service opportunities for their respective members. The second part of the summit (5:30-6:30 p.m.) will center on strengthening the relationship between Baylor and Waco. Several leaders including Mayor Virginia DuPuy and Waco ISD

Superintendent Roland Hernandez will speak at the second session along with President Lilley. Faculty, students, and staff are encouraged to attend.

WE'RE FLOING WITH ENERGY

The Freshman Leadership Organization is off to a fantastic start! The application and interview process is complete, and we now have 50 phenomenal students who will kick off the year with a paint war and retreat, September 15-16. FLO's Co-Directors are Ben Carroll and Hayley Perkins, and their advisor is Graduate Assistant Melissa Gruver. Ben will assist small groups within FLO in shaping their civic engagement opportunities; while Hayley will focus on special events and community within the organization. We are looking forward to great meetings that grow, service that changes, and events that involve. The mission of FLO is to develop individual leadership skills in a group environment through development training, service opportunities, and building relationships with one another. We look forward to our first freshman community building event: Freshman Frontier, a costume party at the Cameron Park Zoo, October 27!

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Rod Hetzel has been elected Chair of the Positive Psychology Section of the Society of Counseling Psychology (Division 17) of the American Psychological Association. He also will serve as Editor of *Naming and Nurturing*, the official newsletter of the Section.

PRESENTATIONS

Chris Holmes (General Counsel's office), **Jim Marsh**, **Bethany McCraw**, and **Martha Lou Scott** presented the *2006 Mental Health Summit* during September. Requests for additional sessions have resulted in two sessions that will be offered October 3 and 4. Since spaces are limited, individuals interested in attending should register on the *Professional and Organizational Development* Web site: <http://www.baylor.edu/pod/>.

In October, **Susan Matlock-Hetzel**, **Tam Dunn**, **David Murdock**, and **Lori Von Staden** (Baylor Police Department) will be attending the *Texas College and University Symposium* sponsored by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. The symposium will address issues involving underage and high-risk drinking on college campuses and the surrounding communities. The symposium will also present current research, prevention strategies and state-of-the-art enforcement tools to strengthen college alcohol prevention teams throughout Texas. Thanks to the quick coordination on Susie's part, all of the Baylor team's travel expenses are being covered by a grant from TABC.

FAMILY CORNER

Jonathan and Melissa Stoops are the proud new parents of baby son, *Jackson Davis Stoops*, born August 18. Jackson weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces and was 21 inches long. A Baylor Bear from the start!

