

## Family and Consumer Sciences Welcomes Dr. Joyce Numer Child Development Studies

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Joyce Numer to the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at Baylor University. She comes to us from the University of Texas at Tyler where she has taught in the Department of Early Childhood, Reading, and Special Education for the past two years. While at UT Tyler, Dr. Numer taught courses in Creativity, Play, and Learning, Infant and Toddler Development, and Early Childhood Curriculum Development. Prior to teaching at the university level, Dr. Numer worked with a church in The Woodlands in building a preschool ministry. The preschool program, Children of Joy! began serving 68 children the first year of operation and within three years had grown to serve 150 children and their families and had earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). She has also taught in public school and private early childhood settings as well as working in administration at Texas Woman's University's laboratory school. Dr. Numer has a strong interest in advocating for quality, affordability, and availability of early childhood educational environments for young children and their families.

She serves on the state board of Texas Council on Family Relations and is very involved in several national organizations that advocate for young children.

Dr. Numer earned her doctorate degree in Family Studies from Texas Woman's University. Her dissertation research was a qualitative investigation on the Mothers-in-law/ Daughters-in-law relationships. Her Master is in Humans Sciences with an emphasis in Child Development and Family Studies and her Bachelors is in Interdisciplinary Studies, Early Childhood Education. She completed both degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University. Dr. Numer has several professional publications and presentations to her credit and she is actively involved in research focusing on family and child care issues while teaching child development courses for the department. She is currently pursuing a course of research that will examine maternal separation anxiety upon their child's entry into childcare. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Numer, her husband, Eric, and daughter, Emery, to Waco, and to the Baylor family!

## Piper Child Development Center Welcomes Barbara Bonds Crosby

Never give up on your dreams.... As Ms. Crosby served as graduate assistant at the University of Southern Mississippi Lab School, she dreamed one day of being the director of a Lab School and "several" years later God brought her to Baylor University to serve as the Director of the Piper Child Development Center. She brings experiences in the administration of child development centers from 18 years of working in New Orleans, Louisiana, Madison and Jackson, Mississippi to Baylor University. The centers where she has served have had from 110 up to 350 children with staffs from 25 to 85. "The quality of the staff at the Piper CDC is one of the most professional and well trained staff that I have worked with thus far" says Ms. Crosby. She further states that the Piper CDC is a great facility and an outstanding lab school. In her opinion, Baylor University students are very fortunate to have this lab school available to them for their hands on and observational experiences.

Barbara Crosby's Bachelor's and Master's degrees are in Child Development from the University of Southern Mississippi and she graduated Magna Cum Laude from Mississippi College in December of 2005 with the Education Specialist in Education Administration. She is the mother of two grown children, daughter Michelle and her husband who live in Minneapolis and son, Chris, currently a student at Belmont university working in Nashville. Barbara is looking forward to grandchildren and being able to use her years of experience with grandchildren!

Barbara's goals and plans for Baylor's Child Development Center include continuing to build the Piper CDC into an exemplary lab school, completing the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) self study and attaining NAEYC accreditation, and involving more students from across campus with the Center. And her 'big goal' is to build a new lab school on Baylor's campus! Welcome Barbara Crosby!