

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 Reflection

"As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the real person." Proverbs 27:19 (New Living Translation)

A couple of weeks ago, the student body officers and I were in Washington DC for a retreat. Friday morning of our trip, the three students and I were standing in the Cedars, George Mason's mansion on the banks of the Potomac River, and I looked up across the room and saw these three young men reflected in a mirror. They are such bright, energetic, thoughtful and loving young men, and in that moment, their reflection spoke to me. As the mirror reflects their physical image so their hearts are reflected in their actions. I felt the Spirit urging me to look at the reflections around me that weekend. Reflections, it turned out were what the weekend was about for me.

The next day we spent some time in the National Portrait Gallery (recently reopened after a major renovation). One of the major exhibits is of portraits of the US Presidents. Each of the Presidents is there—it is a remarkable collection. At the end is a large framed mirror with a description next to it that says "Possible Future President." I watched from afar as each of the guys found it, looked into the mirror, and thought about the possibilities for his own life.

The Bible it turns out has something to say about reflections. Of course there is the proverb shared earlier, but there are others as well.1 Corinthians 13:12a (NIV), "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face." There is something about a mirror that doesn't capture the image exactly. When we look into a mirror, what we are seeing is not an exact or true picture of the original. This truth was captured in another portrait in the National Gallery. It was a painting of a man who was sitting next to a mirror. It is hard to describe how this painter accomplished this, but it was hard at first to distinguish which was the real person and which the reflection in the mirror. But after looking at the painting for a while you could begin to see it. There were things that were not quite as defined in the mirror image - a wrinkle that wasn't quite as deep or an eye that wasn't as detailed. It was subtle but unmistakable. One of the struggles on earth is that we don't see God as clearly as we will in heaven. I look forward to heaven when we shall see God face to face. When we shall know even as we are fully known. In heaven we will see ourselves as God sees us and not as some imperfect mirror shows us we are.

On Saturday night we walked the monuments on the National Mall. At the World War II Memorial is the freedom wall. The wall consists of 4,000 gold stars on a blue background. Each of the stars represents 100 Americans who paid the ultimate price for our freedom, 400,000 in all. The stone inscription in front of the wall states, "Here we mark the price of freedom." There is a reflecting pool beneath the stars, and those 4,000 stars seem to turn to 8,000 or more. It is as if they reflect the families and friends who also sacrificed – their sons or daughters, their brothers or sisters, the loves of their lives, their best friends.

We walked farther along the mall and as we stood at the Lincoln Memorial, the Washington Monument is reflected again in the reflecting pool in front of it. The Washington Monument is 555 feet tall. It and its reflection tower over the city, just as Washington's influence on our country is still reflected today.

It all made me wonder what I am reflecting to the world around me. Do you ever wonder that?

Here is what I hope..."And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are all being transformed into his likeness with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord...." 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV).

We must live in a way that reflects the love of God and the life of the Savior

STAFF TRANSITIONS



Nate Sprinkle, Missionary-in-Residence



Barbie Sprinkle, Missionary-in-Residence



Amanda Horton, Office Manager, University Ministries

CURRENT STUDENT BODY REJECTS PLAYBOY

Judicial Affairs is pleased to confirm that none of our Baylor students participated in the 2006 *Playboy* edition of the Big 12 Schools. Baylor was the only Big 12 school not represented by students. This speaks well of our current student body. They get an "A+" on this challenge.

HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

Start your Christmas shopping early at the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair located in the Bill Daniel Student Center Den. The fair runs from November 29, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. through November 30, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. All handmade items, such as sterling silver jewelry, wooden crafts, jelly, cookies, bird feeders, silver wrap rings, will be available for purchase. Contact Liz Webb 710-2371 or Linda Propst 710-7240 for additional information.

CHRISTMAS ON 5TH STREET

Christmas on 5th Street is coming! Join us Thursday, November 30, at 7 p.m. in the SUB on 5th Street and on Burleson Quadrangle for an evening of Christmas at Baylor! Free for all, there will be pictures with Santa; horse drawn hay rides; concerts featuring Shane and Shane, Bethony Dillan, and Jason Morant; delicious Christmas treats; a live nativity; and much more! Please bring your family and friends as our community comes together in holiday cheer. This event is sponsored by Place2BU with the KOT Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and concert. For

questions, please contact Amy Reeves in Student Activities at 710-2371.

PANHELLENIC ACTIVITIES

The Panhellenic Council is wrapping up a busy and successful fall semester. There were new programs and collaborations between Panhellenic, other sororities, and departments. Panhellenic hosted a reception in honor of Dub Oliver and Liz Palicios on September 14th. Panhellenic held an etiquette for success dinner on September 20th with Martha Lou Scott and Kari Ann Kayworth as presenters. Alpha Delta Pi, Baylor DPS, and Panhellenic sponsored the Girls Fight Back self defense seminar on September 28th. Panhellenic hosted the hall directors and CLs of the women's residence halls on October 26th for a Fall Party Preview. The hall directors and CLs were able to get a glimpse of what the women in their halls would be seeing and doing at Fall Parties. Dorris Hambrick made a scholarship presentation to the council and scholarship chairs. Linda Cates spoke to the women about risk management issues.

The sororities have also been active in raising awareness and money for their various philanthropies this semester through all-university events such as Bears at Bat, Chi-O Chili Cookoff, Theta Rocks the CASA, Mr. Alpha Chi, Zeta Strike - a – Thon, and Kappa Delta Battle of the Bands.

Panhellenic just concluded Fall Parties on November 10th and 11th. Over 825 women are registered for recruitment this year.

Panhellenic is excited about what they have accomplished this semester and look forward to a successful spring.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING STAFF TEAMS VISIT BAYLOR

Various staff in Campus Living and Learning recently hosted university housing staff teams from both the University of Arkansas and University of Texas at Dallas. Their request to visit our campus included viewing North Village (new construction) and Memorial and Alexander halls (renovations), as well as learning more about ourl living-learning center initiatives. Information about Brooks College and Flats was also shared.

STIDENT LIFE CENTER THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS

The SLC Thanksgiving holiday **hours of operation:**Tuesday (11/21) -- <u>6 a.m. - 6 p.m.;</u>
Wednesday through Saturday -- <u>Closed</u>
Sunday (11/26) - <u>4 p.m. - Midnight</u>

THE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE LIVING-LEARNING CENTER



The Outdoor Adventure Living Learning Center kicks off in Fall 2007. Participants will live in the North Village and the activities of the OA LLC have educational components. Some activities of the LLC will also focus on the social, service, leadership, and spiritual aspects of a student's life.

KELLI MCMAHAN BECOMES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS RECREATION

With the addition of the Outdoor Adventure Living and Learning Center, Kelli McMahan will be serving as the Assistant Director of Campus Recreation. For additional information, visit the Web-site at (http://www.baylor.edu/campusrec/oa/llc/)



Kelli is recognized as a Challenge Course Facilitator and Trainer, Wilderness First Responder, Top Rope Site Manager, Theraputic Recreation Specialist, and for certifications by the American Mountain Guide Association. Kelli is also a board member of the Christian Adventure Education Institute and a lead instructor at the Outdoor Leadership Lab.

NEW STAFF PSYCHOLOGIST

New Staff Psychologist, Dr. Soo Uhm will be joining the Counseling Center staff on March 1, 2007. Dr. Uhm has a B.A. in Psychology and a Minor in Women's Studies from the University of Maryland. She has an M.A. and Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. She completed her internship at the

University of Washington School of Medicine and is most recently completing a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Washington.

WE'VE BEGUN THE COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS!

The Student Life Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. at Barron's on 5th Street, formerly the Nell Pape Garden Center. In order to get to 1705 N. 5th Street, travel north on 4th Street until you get to Brook Avenue. Turn left on Brook and then left again onto 5th Street. Parking will be available behind the house in the vacant lot across the street. We look forward to seeing you there!

CHINESE DELEGATION VISITS BAYLOR

Our guests from China were warmly welcomed by students, faculty, and staff, during their two-day stay on campus, October 25-26. Texas A&M extended their visit in College Station to include Baylor and Texas State University in San Marcos. Thanks to each of you who played a part in representing Baylor and our Student Life program.



A picture of our guests from Xi'an Jiaotong

REAPPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2007-08

Current students are going through the process of selecting their on-campus space for the 2007-08 academic year right now! Please help us share with students the three simple steps to apply for housing:

- 1. Submit a \$200 security deposit at the Cashier's Office.
- 2. Complete the online housing application found at www.baylor.edu/CLL/reapp.
- 3. Confirm the offered assignment sent via email from Campus Living and Learning.

HEATHER GILLIAM BECOMES COORDINATOR



Heather orchestrated the first Campus Recreation Staff Retreat to kick off the fall semester. We did team building, staff training, CPR training, RecTrac



technology training, and customer service training. The three-day event culminated in a terrific team effort to assist Kokernot residents with "the ISLAND" move in and a Campus Rec Retreat lunch at Eastland Lakes. Heather has presented her staff incentive program nationally and continues to update and enhance the student staff experience.

SERVING BEYOND - TEAM REPORTS ALCOHOL

The Alcohol Work Team is hosting Alcohol Awareness and Education Week, November 13-17. Events will be held in the McLane Student Life Center, Student Union Building, the Baylor Sciences Building, and Fountain Mall.

- --Monday, November 13, Chapel Speaker, Justin Lookadoo, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. at Waco Hall Chapel
- --Monday, November 13, 8 a.m. through Tuesday, November 15, 5 p.m. , MADD crashed car demonstration at Fountain Mall
- --Monday, November 13, 7 a.m. through Friday, November 17, 5 p.m., Memorial Wall in front of the McLane Student Life Center. The Memorial Wall is for people to sign the names of loved ones lost to drunk driving.
- --Tuesday, November 14 noon-5 p.m., to Thursday, November 16, noon 5 p.m., E-CHUG Cheeseburger Challengewill be at the McLane Student Life Center.

The first 50 students to take e-CHUG will receive a free t-shirt. The student organization and residence hall group with the highest percentage of participants will receive a free cheeseburger and movie party. E-mail <u>Katie Treadwell@baylor.edu</u> to sign up your group. The final deadline to sign up is Monday,

- -- Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m. in Alexander classroom. "Get POP'd with CHOICES." There will be free food!
- --Thursday, November 16, 6:30 p.m. in North Village classroom and 8:30 p.m. in the Beckham Room of the SUB "Get POP'd with CHOICES." There will be free food!
- --Wednesday, November 15, 7:30-9 p.m. in the SUB Den, "B" Wiser Mock-tails Party,. There will be live music by Dutton, free food, and drinks!

VAN DAVIS BECOMES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CAMUS RECREATION



Van has a pleorthora of certifications and partnerships that enable her to oversee operations for fitness, Bearobics, and nutrition education. She also assists across campus with Staff Training, Covey Seven Habits, and campus efforts for the American Red Cross Heart Walk and Komen Race for the Cure. She is regionally known for her energy and expertise and has presented nationally on numerous topics.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

JENNIFER BAKER INVOLVED IN THE MACY'S DAY THANKSGIVING PARADE

Jennifer Baker, Spirit Coordinator, has been asked to

be one of the dance technique instructors for the Mike Miller Dance Team at the 80th annual Macy's Day Thanksgiving Parade in New York City.





PRESENTATIONS

Erica Spencer presented "A Change of Tempo: Transitioning from Computer Labs to Laptop Checkout in Residence Halls" and "Perfect Harmony: Student Summer Conference Hall Directors" at the Association of Colleges and University Housing Officers – International (ACUHO-I) Workshop Quintet in Jacksonville, Florida in October. This is only the second time that workshop ACUHO-I committees five (Information Technology, Conference Services, Facilities, Apartments, and Marketing Strategies) have brought their annual conferences together for a combined session, allowing for the opportunity to synergize ideas across various aspects of housing.

Terri Garrett and Rishi Sriram presented "Sharing Our Success: The Engineering and Computer Science Living-Learning Center at Baylor University" at the National Living-Learning Programs conference at Syracuse University, October 15-17. Nine faculty and staff from Baylor attended the conference this year including Frank Shushok, Doug Henry (new Faculty Master at Brooks College), Scott Moore (Great Texts), Glenn Blalock (English), Dustin Stewart (Honors College LLC program director), Larry Hughes, Trey Guinn, Rishi Sriram, and Terri Garrett.

FAMILY CORNER

Ruth Tucker's father, Walter Wright, passed away on October 26.

Susie Matlock-Hetzel's mother, Mary Matlock, passed away on October 30.

Bianca Davis, daughter of **Van Davis**, will be playing for Midway High School in the Volleyball **S**tate Tournament this weekend. Go Pantherettes!

Nate and Barbi Sprinkle are our new Missionary-in-Residence staff members in the Baptist Student Ministies. We welcome this lovely family, Brienna (7), Noah (5), Kira (4), and Micah (2).

