



# Student Life Newsletter

The mission of the Division of Student Life is to enrich 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

We were all rocked on Monday by the tragedy at Virginia Tech. While we have experienced several deaths in our own community this year, the scope of 33 deaths in one day seems crushing. Thank you for the way that you immediately prayed for the Virginia Tech community. Thank you for the way that you talked to students disturbed by all of this. Thank you for the care and concern you show our students every day, not just some days. Thank you for knowing the hope we have in Christ, and the truth of His resurrection power.

Monday night I participated in a staff meeting at Allen-Dawson with Sharia Hays, the CLs and Resident Chaplain. I was a few minutes late as I came from another commitment and when I walked in they were praying. Such a beautiful picture of who they are as people and who we are (or at least desire to be) as an institution. James 5:16 reminds us that the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Let's never forget this in the midst of all of our meetings, planning, programming, advising, and serving.

Prayer may not appear in our strategic plans or our operational plans, but let's all make sure it is in our daily plans.

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## STAFF TRANSITIONS



*Barbara Carbajal,  
Student Insurance  
Plan Coordinator*

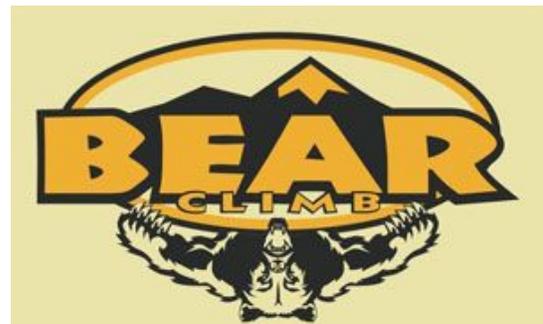
## STUDENT LIFE AWARDS

Please remember that nominations must be received by Wednesday, April 18, at 5 p.m. in order to be considered.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES RECEIVES SECOND PLACE

The Department of Student Activities recently received second place at the 2007 ACUI (Association of College Unions International) National Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, for their overall brand identity marketing campaign submitted in the 2007 "Steal This Idea" best marketing and promotions competition.

## BEAR CLIMB



Bear Climb, a climbing competition sponsored by Baylor University's Outdoor Adventure Program, was held on Saturday, April 14. Students from all over the state arrived at the McLane Student Life Center to participate and compete against each other. Baylor students are eligible to earn intramural points for their organization by competing. This year over 100 students competed, with half of them being Baylor students.

## STEPPIN' OUT TIES WITH APO FOR AWARD

Steppin' Out tied with APO, out of 24 nominees, as the Group Volunteer Star Award winner. Dana Renschler at the Waco Center for Youth reported, "The Group Volunteer Star Award winner is a tie between two Baylor groups, Steppin' Out and APO. Steppin' Out brought four groups to WCY to do Steppin' Out work days on the Center grounds, where they scraped and painted Center buildings. APO volunteers visited with Center kids on WCY units weekly, did a Christmas gift project for the Brazos girl's unit, and did campus paint projects." Thanks for all your help to make Steppin' Out truly great and to make a profound impact on our community. Your hard work has paid off and it's just been recognized! Yay, Steppin' Out!

### FALL 2007 COHORT MEMBERS

Fourteen graduate students will begin studies in the Student Services Administrative program this fall.

**Molly Borgmeyer** comes to us from William Woods University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Graphic Design. She will be serving in Student Activities as the Graduate Assistant for Campus Programming.

**Mike Dewsnap** hails from Milwaukie, Oregon, where he is currently the Senior High Youth Director at Eastridge Church. He graduated in 2003 from Warner Pacific College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion and Christian Ministries. Mike will be serving in the Student Success Center as an Academic Mentor.

**Erin Ebert** is from Knoxville, Tennessee, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Erin will be serving as the Graduate Assistant for Multicultural Activities.

**Cheyenne Feeney** is a Baylor alumna who graduated in December of 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations. She will be an Academic Mentor serving her two years in the Student Success Center.

**Kendel Gilchrest** is currently the Assistant Residence Hall Director at Collins Residence Hall. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Asbury College in biology and spanish. She will join the cohort as a full-time employee.

**Brandon Griggs** comes to us from Tarleton State University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Services and Development. Brandon will be serving as a Graduate Assistant in Campus Living and Learning.

**Noel Habashy** is originally from Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration as well as a certificate in religious studies from Tyndale University College. Noel is currently working as an admissions counselor for Houghton and will be serving as an Academic Mentor in the Student Success Center.

**Kristi Kupiec** holds a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from California Baptist University. Currently, she teaches 6th grade at Clay Elementary School in Kingsburg, California. She will also be serving as an Academic Mentor in the Student Success Center.

**Katie Oyer** graduated in 2005 with a Bachelor of Arts from Niagra University in mathematics education. Katie currently resides in Killeen and will be serving in the Student Success Center as an Academic Mentor.

**Mitchell Perry** comes to us from Galveston where he will graduate this year with a degree in maritime studies. Mitchell will be serving as a Graduate Assistant in Campus Recreation.

**Mike Rakes** is graduating from Baylor University this year with a degree in Human Resources. Mike will serve in Student Activities as the Graduate Assistant for Student Organizations.

**Julie Smith** is a Baylor Alumna who currently teaches 9th grade in Houston, Texas. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education from Baylor and will be returning to her alma mater to serve as a Graduate Assistant in Multicultural Activities.

**Chrissy Tluczek** is currently a student at Western Illinois University and will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. Chrissy will be serving as a Graduate Assistant in Campus Recreation.

**Marco Valadez** comes to us from Austin, where he is currently an Admissions Coordinator for the Texas Culinary Academy. Marco graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Texas A&M University. Marco will be serving as the Graduate Assistant in the Office of the Vice President for Student Life.

### BAYLOR GYMNASTICS

Baylor Gymnastics took two students to the National Championships: Shelley Avery and Julie Kramer. This is the first time Baylor has qualified contestants for Nationals in gymnastics.



## APRIL STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENT LIFE

### *Summer Calling Reading Tuesday, April 24*

Armstrong Browning Library  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Please mark your calendar for the April Staff Development to be held in the beautiful Armstrong Browning Library. Refreshments will be served, beginning at 10 a.m., followed by the introduction of the divisions' summer book reading. A short roster of books will be presented, then those in attendance will vote on which book should be selected as the reading for the summer. The title receiving the most votes will be announced at the End of the Year Celebration, which will be Tuesday, May 1, from 12 noon-2 p.m. As a reminder, the evaluations submitted after staff development meetings may be viewed on the Student Life Staff Intranet Web site or use this link, [https://www.baylor.edu/student\\_life/index.php?id=45196](https://www.baylor.edu/student_life/index.php?id=45196).

## MAY STAFF DEVELOPMENT FOR STUDENT LIFE

### *End of Year Celebration and Luncheon Tuesday, May 1*

Galloway Suite at Floyd Casey Stadium  
12 noon - 2 p.m.

## BAYLOR WOMEN'S CLUB VOLLEYBALL



Baylor Women's Club Volleyball, coached by Van Davis and former GA, Pat Kekic, took two teams to the National Club Volleyball Championship Tournament. The "A" team got 5th over all, and the "B" team won 2nd place in Division 2. We are so proud of these girls and their commitment to represent Baylor in this way.

## INTRAMURALS

With only two weeks left in the Intramural season, several sports are in the height of competition. Soccer, with over 130 teams, is the final big sport of the semester. Every super team sport from flag football, softball, volleyball, basketball, and soccer, has had an increased number of participants this year.



## SPIRIT SQUADS TRY-OUTS

A Baylor Tradition since 1929, the Yell Leaders promote Baylor Spirit by performing tumbling skills, stunts, pyramids, basket tosses and more as they cheer at home and away game football games, home basketball games, and volleyball games. In addition, they cheer at pep rallies, Diadeloso, and community events. The Spirit Squads will host high school students on Friday evening for a High School Clinic at the SLC Gym. This is open to any high school student who would like to work with the Baylor squads on skills and technique. Try-outs for the 2007-08 Spirit Squads will be held on April 27-29 at the SLC.



For additional information, please to to <http://www.baylor.edu/campusrec/spiritsquads>

## PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Congratulations to **Dr. Rod Hetzel**, who has been appointed as Regional Director for the southwest region of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies (CAPS). The mission of CAPS is to advance scholarship and practice in faith integration within the behavioral sciences. Dr. Hetzel will be responsible for implementing the CAPS mission in the southwest region (Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas).

*Dr. Rod Hetzel* has been invited to serve on the Advisory Board for the recently-developed Practitioner Forum of The Counseling Psychologist. The Practitioner Forum will address emerging trends in clinical practice and strengthen the communication between practitioners and clinical researchers. Dr. Hetzel will focus on writing and reviewing articles related to clinical applications of positive psychology.

#### **FAMILY CORNER**

*Jeff Walter* came through his surgery and is recovering at home. Please continue to pray for a speedy and painless recovery. If you wish to contact him, you may call 420-1645, drop him a note via e-mail, or mail to 11155 Chapel Road, Lorena, Texas 76655.

#### **STUDENT LIFE WEB SITE**

Remember that all Student Life Newsletters may be viewed on our Student Life Web site. The address is [http://www.baylor.edu/student\\_life/index.php?id=34407](http://www.baylor.edu/student_life/index.php?id=34407).