



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

It has been a GREAT year! Our celebration a few weeks ago was a testimony to you, your faithfulness, commitment, and dedication, and your effort to make the Baylor experience second to none. I am deeply thankful for your service.

I really wish you could see the depth and breadth of accomplishment for our Division this year. I wish you all could hear the discussions around the table as the Work Team Facilitators share what their teams are working on. I wish you could all walk through the Brooks Village Residential Community and be amazed at what has been accomplished (remember it was only one year ago that we broke ground on that facility?). I wish you all could hear the stories I hear over and over again of students and how their lives have been transformed through their experiences at Baylor.

Wouldn't it be encouraging if we were all able to see and hear and know all the good things that each of us sees and hears and knows? Of course, this newsletter and other communication methods are designed to help us know more. But let's take the opportunity today, and tomorrow, and frequently if not always to say a good word about each other, to share a good word we have heard with each other, and to praise God for all the good that He does in and through us.

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ASSESSMENT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Off-campus representatives were on campus Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8 and 9, for the assessment of the vice president's office. The site review team met with the President, full-time staff, student workers, and the graduate assistant in the vice president's office, as well as Student Life directors. Thanks to everyone for providing crucial feedback to the site team. This on-going assessment of the Student Life Division began with the Vice President for Student Life's office and will continue, to include all departments in the Student Life division. Additional information about this and upcoming assessments may be found on the Student Life Intranet.

STAFF TRANSITIONS



*Lisa
MacMasters,
Nurse
Practitioner*



*Toby Tull,
Coordinator
for Housing
Information
Systems*



*Aaron
Maddox,
Safety and
Security
Education
Officer*

BAYLOR TOWER GLOWED IN HONOR OF VIRGINIA TECH

The Baylor University's Pat Neff Hall tower glowed in maroon and orange on April 23 and 24 in a demonstration of Baylor's support for the entire Virginia Tech community. This was meant as a symbol of our continued thoughts and prayers for the victims. The tower is usually illuminated in traditional green light, but was lit in Virginia Tech's school colors as classes resumed in Blacksburg, a week after a devastating tragedy that took the lives of 32 students and faculty. The idea to change the tower lights to honor Virginia Tech came from Baylor students. The University ordered "gels" in the Hokies' official colors, installing them in time for Baylor's tower to glow maroon and orange on Monday and Tuesday nights, April 23-24. Photographs of the tower were sent to Virginia Tech to remind them that we at Baylor stood with them during that difficult time. Baylor students signed green and gold Baylor banners, bearing hundreds of signatures, which were sent to Virginia Tech. In addition, Baylor students gave away maroon and orange ribbons during Diadeloso in a show of support for fellow students at Virginia Tech.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES RECEIVES AWARD

The Department of Student Activities was recently presented with a *Volunteers Priceless Treasures* award from Quality Care of Waco. They stated this award was "in appreciation for the invaluable contributions we have made as a priceless volunteer" over the course of the past year. Quality Care of Waco is a 224-bed facility offering skilled nursing care and rehabilitation health care.

2007 MISSION TRIPS TO KENYA AND ARMENIA

On Sunday, May 13, 90 Baylor students, faculty, and staff left Waco for a two-week mission trip in Nairobi, Kenya. On May 14, 11 Baylor students, faculty and staff departed for a two-week mission trip to Yerevan, Armenia. Your prayers are asked for their safety and good health as they travel. This is a life-changing experience for these team members, as they witness extreme poverty, disease, and social injustice, along with the work of the Holy Spirit. Please remember them in prayer as God uses them in His service. We look forward to sharing stories of God's work upon their return.

BAYLOR PHARMACY HOURS

Baylor University Pharmacy closed on Friday, May 11, at 5 p.m. for the semester break. They will re-open at 8 a.m. on Monday, May 28.



**STUDENT LIFE END OF YEAR CELEBRATION
AND AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

On May 1, the Student Life Division celebrated the completion of another exciting year in Student Life at Baylor University. Thanks to everyone for such a great year and a great celebration. It was an exciting time with fun fellowship and delicious food. These outstanding staff members received Student Life Division awards during the program

Pillar of Baylor Award

Nancy Keating



**William Tryon Award for
Outstanding Support Staff**

Amanda Horton



**James Huckins Award for
Outstanding Graduate Assistant**

Tiffani Riggers and Leslie Poe



Customer Service Award

Deborah Hall



Fun Times at the Luau





Team Award
Mental Health Summit
Chris Holmes
Jim Marsh
Bethany McCraw
Martha Lou Scott

**Rising Star Award for
Outstanding New Professional**
Taryn Ozuna



Outstanding Faculty Partner Award
Maxey Parrish



Outstanding Student Assistant Award
Jenna Frederick
Chris Wilson



Student Advocate
Tiffany Hogue
Chris Holmes



SLC PARKING CHANGES

The front lot of the McLane Student Life Center (SLC) has changed to Faculty/Staff parking. The patient parking remains in this lot. Several additional handicapped spots have been created along with a loading zone for the Baylor Campus Tours busses. The single row of parking spaces between the entrance to the SLC and Russell parking (previously F/S parking) has become student parking. This change should create approximately 60-70 F/S spaces for staff and faculty. In addition, the small lot across Bagby will remain F/S or you may park in the East Campus Parking Garage if space is not available near the SLC.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS HOODING DINNER

Congratulations to the graduate students of the Master of Science in Student Services Administration Program! In honor of the 2007 graduates, Student Life hosted a dinner and Hooding Ceremony on Friday, May 11, at the Hughes Dillard Alumni Center. We are thankful for all the hard work and contributions they made during their time in the program and wish them the best as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

BAYLOR INTRAMURAL SUCCESSES

We have completed a successful, record-breaking year in Baylor Intramurals. During the 2006-07 academic year, 5,874 *different* students participated in at least one intramural event, the most Baylor has ever had. That constitutes over 42 percent of the Baylor student population, the highest participation rate in the Big 12. And that does not include the countless number of students, faculty, and staff who came out to the fields or courts to watch all these exciting games. Thanks to everyone who supported the intramural program this year!

Congratulations 2006-07 Intramural Champions! These groups accumulated the highest year-long point total among other organizations/halls in their league:

Residence Hall Women: Collins Hall
Residence Hall Men: Penland Hall
Club Green Women: ISSA
Club Green Men: Pi Kappa Alpha
Club Gold Women: Pi Beta Phi
Club Gold Men: Kappa Sigma

RING OUT

Due to rain, Ring Out took place on Tuesday, May 1, in Miller Chapel. Ring Out symbolizes the binding of classes in loyalty to the traditions of Baylor and the passing of the guardianship of the Baylor spirit. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped.

TELECOURSE ON

“HOW TO BRING THE LATEST IN POSITIVE PSYCHOLOGY TO COACHING AND STUDENT LIFE PROFESSIONALS”

This telecourse is designed for coaches and other professionals who want an easy-to-learn, step-by-step guide to positive psychology practice, that is, Quality of Life Therapy and Coaching (www.qoltc.com) Link to 30-minute podcast discussion on Quality of Life Coaching and Therapy with its founder and co-instructor:

http://www.carolinemiller.com/pod/media/2007-01-23_mike_frisch_january_22,_2007.mp3

“Quality of Life Therapy and Coaching is :

- “by far, the best and most comprehensive system of positive psychology intervention available.
- “relies on scientifically supported measures and has itself been validated as an approach that can increase happiness.
- “the number one guide for therapists who wish to learn positive psychology techniques for their clients.
- “as applicable to top executives as to clients suffering from clinical depression.
- “research-based and science-based.
- “presents state-of-the-art findings in positive psychology, brought to life with practical exercises that make the research findings accessible.”

(These and numerous other positive independent evaluations have come from the pre-eminent leaders in the field, including Ed Diener, Christopher Peterson, Ben Dean of MentorCoach, Robert Biswas-Diener in the new book, *Positive Psychology Coaching*, Executive Coaching Professor--Paul Lloyd, Dr. Aaron T. Beck’s co-author, David A. Clark, and James R. Rodriguez of Beth Israel and Harvard Medical Centers).

The founder of Quality of Life Therapy and Coaching, Michael B. Frisch of Baylor University, is co-teaching this course with the distinguished coach, goal setting expert, and graduate of Marty Seligman’s Master of Applied Positive Psychology Program, Caroline Adams Miller.

Those completing the telecourse will receive:

- a certificate of training in QOLTC
- 3 CEU credits in Ethics Training as part of a total 15 hours of CEU credits for mental health professionals only
- be able to administer and score the empirically validated positive psychology test, the Quality of Life Inventory or QOLI, which can help in planning interventions and

in documenting successful outcomes in a scientifically valid way

Fifteen one-hour classes will commence Mondays at 12 noon EDT starting June 11 and continuing for the following 14 Mondays (June 18, 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; August 6, 13, 20, 27; September 3 and 10). Classes will be recorded, in case participants can't make a class.

To learn more about the class or to sign up, visit Caroline Adams Miller's Web site at: www.carolinemiller.com.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Liz Palacios recently presented scholastic research at the National Association of School Psychologist's (NASP) 2007 Annual Convention in New York City.

Dr. Liz Palacios was a presenter for the Texas Youth Commission's Marlin Orientation and Assessment Unit in May.

FAMILY CORNER

Liz Palacios' son, Rene Palacios, graduated with a master's degree from New Mexico Highlands University.

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.