



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

July is the month when some of us take our vacations. But, with only 26 days until Move In, the Division of Student Life does not have a “slack” month at any time during the year. We concluded Orientation since the last Student Life Newsletter and immediately jumped into Baylor Line Camps. I am very proud of the work of the staff throughout the Division who have partnered with New Student Programs to help achieve our objectives for new Baylor Bears.

Since the last Newsletter we also hosted Christian Leadership Institute. Many of the rising high school seniors who attended will be going through our matriculation programs next summer (the program continues to yield over 85% of the participants).

Many new faces have joined the Division, many in Campus Living and Learning. Their staff is now in the middle of their Summer Institute, preparing for the year ahead.

Across the departments there are many retreats and planning sessions that will be held over the next few weeks as we finalize our plans for the coming year.

And, of course, we are also serving our students enrolled in summer school as we do every day of the academic year.

It's like I said, there are no down times for us. That is why it is all the more important that each of us take time to get away (and to be away when we are away). We need Sabbath every week, and we need an extended Sabbath at least once every year. Wherever you are in that cycle (close to taking vacation or recently returned from one), I hope you sense the meaning and purpose in our work together.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR DEBORAH HALL

A farewell reception honoring Deborah Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25, 1-3 p.m. in the Baines Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center. Please join us in thanking Deborah for her enthusiasm and faithful service. Deborah's last day will be Friday, July 27; she and her family will be moving to the Plano, Texas, area where her husband will be working with Time Warner Cable.

STAFF TRANSITIONS



Melissa Shehane
*Associate Director for Leader Development
and Civic Engagement*



Peter Smart
Director, Penland Hall



Kenny Byler
Assistant Director, Penland Hall



Chuck Eade
Director, Allen/Dawson



Karen Hall
Director, Kokernot



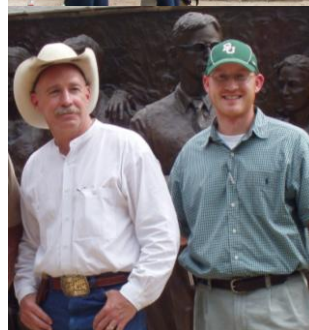
Charity Joecks
Assistant Director, North Russell

CAMPUS LIVING AND LEARNING SUMMER INSTITUTE

Monday, July 16, marked the beginning of Campus Living and Learning's sixth annual "Summer Institute." This three week intensive training serves as preparation for new hall directors and also a time of refocusing for returning staff. We are excited to welcome our new staff members to Baylor!

IMMORTAL TEN MEMORIAL INSTALLED ON CAMPUS

On June 22, the stunning life-size monument to the Immortal Ten was installed in Traditions Square between Pat Neff Hall and the Bill Daniel Student Center. Renowned western sculptor Bruce Greene of Clifton has done a tremendous job on the memorial, which consists of four life-sized bronze statues along with a panel of the remaining six athletes. The memorial will be officially dedicated at 2 p.m., November 2, during Baylor Homecoming. The project began in 1995 as the project for the senior class gift, led by Chase Palmer, the permanent president for the class of 1996. You really should not miss seeing this amazing memorial on our campus!



Bruce Greene
and
Chase Palmer

Read an interesting article in a recent Baylor Alumni Association publication *Between The Lines*. Clint Patterson shares a behind-the-scenes story of his involvement by posing for one of the statues. Go to <http://www.baylor.edu/buaa/index.php?id=47880> for the full story.

BAYLOR TRAIL SIGNAGE

After months of planning, new Bear Trail signage was installed around campus on Monday, July 16. The new signs are made of strong, durable, fade-resistant materials and will provide a measure of resistance to vandalism. The 2 ½ mile trail begins in front of the McLane Student Life Center and encircles the Baylor campus.



THE ACADEMY WELCOMES MELISSA SHEHANE

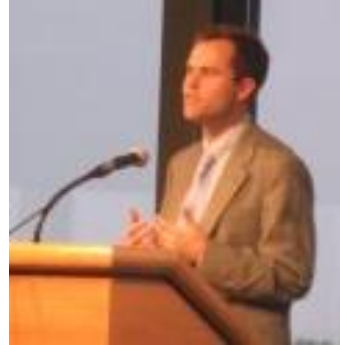
Ms. Melissa Shehane was appointed Associate Director for Leader Development and Civic Engagement on June 25. She recently earned a degree in College Student Affairs from Pennsylvania State University where she served as graduate assistant to the vice president for student affairs. During her tenure at Penn State she co-founded and was elected President of the Student Affairs Student Organization. Upon leaving Penn State, Melissa was selected by her colleagues in the Division of Student Affairs to receive the Golden Broom Award. This award acknowledged her dedication and contributions to improve the Penn State experience for all. Prior to her professional career in student life, Melissa attended Texas A&M University where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Renewable Natural Resources. Melissa is currently a member of NASPA, ACPA, and the National Clearinghouse for Leadership Programs.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2007

The Christian Leadership Institute was attended by 49 students after the weather finally broke. Keynote speakers included Master Teacher Tommye Lou Davis (Leadership and Networking), Dr. Byron Weathersbee (Leadership: Service and Sacrifice), Dr. Blaine McCormick (Shepherd Leadership), and Ryan Richardson (Leading with Passion). Students discovered their strengths, identified their passions, and created a plan for implementation for their senior year. Twenty of the 49 students were from out of state. It was a terrific week together with budding young leaders from around the nation. CLI has a yield rate of over 80% matriculation into the university. Thanks to CLL who showed these students the best beds Baylor has to offer.

ACADEMY SPRING BANQUET

The Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement hosted the 2nd Annual Spring Banquet on April 3 in 5th floor Cashion. The dinner and program honoring Academy students boasted over 100 in attendance including faculty, staff, and students.



John Hill, 3rd year Harvard law student and Baylor alumni, was the guest speaker for the evening. Hill encouraged all in attendance to focus on leadership as a service of love. To view Hill's speech, go to:

<http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/44483.pdf>.

Academy students were awarded according to leadership experiences. Students were honored for leadership excellence and completion of Academy programs. Those honored included students in the Leadership Living-Learning Center, Student Development Council, Freshman Leadership Organization, and Baylor Leadership Council.

MOVE IN 2007 - MORE THAN JUST ONE DAY

Move In is just around the corner, and we need your help to make this year's event, *a two-day event*, a success. Listed below are important details to help you prepare for this exciting occasion in the lives of our incoming students and their families. Please RSVP with your desired shift, helper category, t-shirt size by Wednesday, August 1 at <http://www.baylor.edu/cil/move2bu/volunteers/>.

Every member of the Baylor community is needed, so please come out and show your Baylor spirit as we welcome our newest Baylor Bears on Wednesday, August 15, and Thursday, August 16. For additional information you may contact the 2007 Move-In Day Committee at moveinday@baylor.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Staff Development Events for 2007-08

2007 Staff Development Events

Fall Kickoff - August 29, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
September 25, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
October 23, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
November 27, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.

2008 Staff Development Events

January 22, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
February 26, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
March 25, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
April 22, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m.
End of Year Celebration - May 6, 11:30 - 2:00 p.m.

GOLD RUSH 2007-2008

This year's design is a compilation of the most



popular Baylor Bear, affectionately called "Sailor Bear," along with the 2007-08 Athletic mantra "More Than Just A Game," and the traditional gold cotton shirt. You can purchase these as regular spirit shirts from

the bookstore for \$5 with the logo on the front. If you wish to create custom staff shirts for your department, for one dollar more per shirt, T-shirts Plus will put your logo on the front left chest and put the Gold Rush logo on the back. Get yours before the fall rush and wear gold on Spirit Fridays.

PRESENTATIONS

Sharia Hays, **Meredith Conrey**, and **Christina Gaona** recently presented at The Association for Christians in Student Development conference held at North Western College in St. Paul Minnesota. Their presentation, *Say Goodbye to Programming*, reflected the Mission Centered Conversations promoted by Campus Living and Learning, and changing from a programming model to a MCC focused model for impacting students.

Ms. Ramona Curtis presented *Service Learning, Why Should I Make A Difference?* during the McLennan Community College First Generation College Student Orientation on June 28, 2007. The 25 students in attendance were members of the second cohort class of first generation college students in the program sponsored by the MCC Department of Admissions and Recruitment.

FAMILY CIRCLE

Sandra Northern's father, Charles LaFerney, passed away on July 11. Please remember Sandra and her family in your prayers.

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.