A NOTE FROM DUB

"Reaching goals is fine for an annual plan. Only reaching one’s potential is fine for a life.” Max DePree

The academic year has begun!

By the time you read this, our new students will have arrived on campus and moved in. Move in is a testament to the dedication and commitment of the staff, students, and faculty of Baylor. We are privileged to give leadership to this effort. Have you ever thought what an honor it is for us to be able to welcome new students to Baylor? Through Greeters, Orientation, Line Camps, Move In, and Welcome Week we have the opportunity to shape the Baylor experience, to communicate the values of our institution, to set students’ expectations for their time at Baylor, and to embrace our students and their families into the Baylor Family. What a privilege it is to serve!

We begin this year with great excitement about some of the new things on campus. Brooks Residential Village, with Brooks Flats and Brooks Residential College, is phenomenal! This $45.5 million facility is the largest Student Life construction project in the history of the University. And to think that people were living in the old Brooks Hall just 15 months ago! It is amazing. We haven’t had the chance to show the Student Life staff around because the rain has delayed our completion. But, rest assured that we will have one of our first staff development programs there so that we can all experience it together. I am confident you will be proud of all this facility represents.

When students arrive on campus, they will also see the Immortal 10 statue in Traditions Square. For 80 years no permanent memorial existed. Now, thanks to the efforts of students and others who love Baylor, one does exist. We have the great opportunity to be transmitters of tradition. The story of the Immortal 10 will be more vivid than ever as students pass the memorial each day. Their connection to the University will grow stronger as they understand more about our beloved Baylor.

Students in Brooks Residential College, Honors College Living-Learning Center, Engineering and Computer Science Living-Learning Center and Texana House at North Village will have the added benefit of knowing the six faculty members who are serving as Faculty in Residence. These partners with us in creating an environment where learning can flourish are deeply committed to the fullness of Baylor’s learning experience. We are blessed to have not only these faculty colleagues (who have literally moved in with us) but also the hundreds of others who have joined us as we educate our students. With a firm commitment to add at least one Faculty in Residence each year, we are well on our way to achieving our vision of a Faculty in Residence for each of our residence halls within the next five years.

In case you haven’t seen the new Paul L. Foster Success Center, it is fantastic. When you have a moment, walk through it. The place has been transformed, and this facility will allow students to be served more effectively. We celebrate its completion with our colleagues across campus.

We’ve reached some major goals this year. We have set some major goals for the year ahead. But we also understand that we are about helping students understand God’s call on their lives, and helping them have the courage to pursue that call with everything they have. May our own lives be faithfully lived out under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

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Ephesians 1:17-19

STAFF TRANSITIONS

Ashley Barnes
Staff Psychologist, Counseling Center
Teresa Dixon  
Administrative Assistant, Counseling Center

Jennifer Norman  
Coordinator for Student Union Facilities  
Student Activities

Dominque Hill  
Senior Coordinator for Intramurals  
Campus Recreation

The Harold and Nicole Clark Family  
Missionary-in-Residence  
Baptist Student Ministries

Dave Kennedy  
Assistant Director for Administrative Services  
Campus Living and Learning

Rich Gochis  
Physical Therapists  
Health Services
Hall Directors recently participated in challenge course training as preparation for facilitating the challenge course experience for the 2007-08 Community Leaders. Thanks to Joe Bruner, Nadine Bruner, Kenny Byler, Larry Correll-Hughes, Meredith Conrey, Shannon Dean, Chuck Eade, Christina Gaona, Kendel Gilehrest, Trey Guinn, Karen Hall, Sharia Hays, Charity Joecks, Kelly Kimple, Ssereta LaFayette, Dave Rozeboom, Peter Smart, Jonathan Stoops, graduate assistant Brandon Griggs, and undergraduate Wes McCormack.

It was a great experience to work with the Hall Directors and a great partnership between Campus Recreation and Campus Living and Learning. Being able to cooperate for the good of our students in collaboration with departments within our division is the purpose, and one of the great benefits, of Outdoor Adventure and the experiential learning process. Thanks to Drew White for his assistance during this training, and thanks to Joe Bruner and Dave Rozeboom for their forward thinking and willingness to collaborate and try new things that ultimately benefit our students. It was a big commitment on behalf of all the Hall Directors.

Six of the nineteen participants will complete the full certification to enable them to facilitate throughout the year. This will be great because there will be 11 groups on the challenge course with a total of 730 participants and over 87 hours of course time invested during the month of August. Three of these groups (MBA, BIC, and Lead LLC) will require 11 facilitators at one time.

Groups for August include: Belton Volleyball (15), Baylor Community Leaders (120), Baylor Men and Women's track (33), Baylor MBA (50), Connally ISD Teachers (40), Baylor BEST (40), Baylor BIC (150), Baylor Campus Recreation staff (30), Leadership Waco (20), Waco Baptist Academy (100), and Leadership LLC (115).

Pictures taken during the challenge course training:
Fall 2007 Leadership Lecture Series
The Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement is pleased to present the Leadership Lecture Series schedule for fall 2007. Each semester the Academy for Leader Development will host the Leadership Lecture Series to introduce students to the variety and complexity of leadership needs in contemporary society. Each series will be devoted to one of the Academy's leadership concentrations: leadership and contemporary social issues; leadership in public life; leadership in the Church; and leadership through private enterprise. Presenters from a wide variety of areas of expertise and experience will be invited to articulate a critical need in the given area of focus, a description of leadership in that area of need, and reflections on the role of Christian leadership in meeting that need.
For more information about the schedule below, visit www.baylor.edu/leadership/lecture

**Fall 2007 Lecture Schedule**

**Leadership in Public Life**
Tuesday, August 28, 6-7 p.m.
Bennett Auditorium
Congressman Chet Edwards
--17th Congressional District of Texas

**Leadership in Social Issues**
Wednesday, September 26, 5-6 p.m.
5th Floor Cashion, Blume Conference Center
Susan Craven, Executive Director
--Texans Care for Children

**Leadership in Public Life**
Wednesday, October 24, 6-7 p.m.
5th Floor Cashion, Blume Conference Center
Virginia DuPuy, Major
--City of Waco

Leadership in the Church
Tuesday, November 6, 6-7 p.m.
5th Floor Cashion, Blume Conference Center
Dr. Jimmy Dorrell, Pastor
--Church Under the Bridge

**Fall Kickoff for 2007**
Make sure you have the Student Life Division Fall Kickoff scheduled on your calendar for Wednesday, August 29, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room. Please R.S.V.P. to Sandra Northern at 710-1314 by August 22.

**Family Circle**
Congratulations to Chris Terry who graduated Saturday with her Master of Science in Nursing degree!
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.

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.