



# 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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## με τη βοήθεια του Θεού

That's the Greek that you see in the picture above. It is an inscription found on the back left foot of "Joe College," the wonderful and massive new bear sculpture in front of the McLane Student Life Center. You wouldn't notice it unless you were looking for it. And, upon finding it, many would not know what it means. But it is an important piece of the sculpture and an important message for all of us. Maybe you'll have the occasion to be with others at this place. I encourage you to find the inscription, and tell others what it means. The words are actually the life motto of Dr. Douglas Crow, retired professor of German and Sculpture in Residence at Baylor. They are a powerful testimony.

### WITH GOD'S HELP

Dr. Crow spoke movingly during the dedication ceremony of the challenges and obstacles to creating this particular piece. It took eight years to sculpt – in a warehouse without heat or air conditioning. He had never done anything this large (not by a long shot), and there were people who doubted along the way. But, he knew that with God's help it would happen. And, with God's help and his faithful work, it did happen. It is a great addition to our beautiful campus.

But there's something more that I have been thinking about as Christmas approaches. Isn't that a great way to understand the birth of our Savior? At Christmas, we have God's help. Jesus came so that we might have God's help – God dwelling with us...real...perfect...present. With God's help we live and live to the fullest. Merry Christmas indeed!

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## PYFER BEAR SCULPTURE IN PLACE AT McLANE SLC

The bronze sculpture, created by Dr. Douglas W. Crow, professor of German and Sculptor in Residence at Baylor, was installed November 12 (and dedicated November 17) in the island circle in front of the SLC. The massive sculpture rests on a 7 foot granite rock that weighs approximately 30,000 pounds. The Pyfer bear sculpture was funded through a generous gift by Carol Trice Pyfer and her husband, John F. Pyfer, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December 14, 6 p.m. – January 7, 2008

***Baylor Pharmacy Closed for Christmas Holidays***

January 15, 11:30 a.m., Barfield Drawing Room

***January Staff Development***

January 16-17 - ***Student Organization Summit***

Contact [Mike\\_Rakes@baylor.edu](mailto:Mike_Rakes@baylor.edu).

January 22 - ***Service Council***

Contact [Kristen\\_Balderas@baylor.edu](mailto:Kristen_Balderas@baylor.edu).

January 23, 12-1:30 p.m. - ***MLK Jr. Luncheon***

Contact [Diana\\_Balderas@baylor.edu](mailto:Diana_Balderas@baylor.edu).

### CREATING A TRULY RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS!

Baylor is on course for the 2008-09 academic year to have more upper division students living on campus than ever before! Currently, more than 1,550 upper division students have signed up to live on campus next year. This is a significant step toward accomplishing Imperative II of Baylor 2012: Creating a truly residential campus. We are truly grateful!

### KATE ALISON BRONSTEIN MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

An endowed scholarship has been created in memory of Kate Bronstein by her parents. Kate, a Baylor sophomore, died November 14 from injuries in an automobile accident. The scholarship will support art history majors who have attained 30 or more hours, to assist with study abroad expenses. This designation is a perfect representation of Kate. Rose Youngblood is the development contact for this fund. Direct anyone interested in supporting the fund to [Rose.Youngblood@baylor.edu](mailto:Rose.Youngblood@baylor.edu) or call 710-8352. Gifts have already been received toward the goal of \$50,000, and the \$25,000 mark is anticipated to be reached quickly.

### STUDENT LIFE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Check out pictures of the Christmas party on the Student Life Staff Intranet.

([http://www.baylor.edu/student\\_life/index.php?id=51628](http://www.baylor.edu/student_life/index.php?id=51628)).

### COMMUNITY LEADER RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION

This year, Campus Living and Learning had over 300 new candidates apply to become a Community Leader (CL), or "To be the Difference." More than half of our 120 CLs are returning for a second or third year! After the selection process, 115 were selected as Community Leader or Alternate CLs. This year also marks the first year the Community Leader class will be a credited, one hour, Leadership (LDS 1101) course. Thanks again for all the nominations of great students who will become great Community Leaders!

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Please note the date and location change for the January Staff Development. It will be Tuesday, January 15, in Barfield Drawing Room. The focus will be Making Healthy Choices. Be sure you do not miss this enrichment opportunity.



### PEER MENTORING

This semester 20 upper division students committed to meeting with about 35 incoming students weekly to have intentional conversations about topics relevant to a student's first semester at Baylor. The peer mentoring program allows relationships built during Welcome Week between small group leaders and new students to continue to develop. The

mentors met together weekly to discuss how the mentoring conversations were going, to find support for any challenges they may be facing, and to prepare for the next week's conversation. Peer mentoring is a great way for first year students to build meaningful relationships with caring upper division students who have dealt with the same situations they are now experiencing.



*Several mentors gather together to share ice cream at the Creamery and discuss their experiences as peer mentors.*

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/PRESENTATIONS

**Rishi Sriram** and **Jennifer Perkins** will present on our faculty partner program at the upcoming NASPA conference. Their program session title is *Crossing the Divide: A Flexible Model for Student-Faculty Interaction in Residential Communities*.

**Maria Rodriguez**, Academic Student Support Assistant to Campus Life, spoke recently at McLennan Community College. Maria, a graduate from the Office Technology Careers program at MCC, was invited by her former instructor to speak to



students in an office procedures class. "I was so excited about this opportunity, and I could not believe that I had actually gone through with it. This was the first time I had ever spoken to a group of students," says Maria.

**Larry Correll-Hughes** and **Rishi Sriram** presented *You Can't Go Home: Changing the Functions of Residence Halls for Living-Learning Centers*, and **Larry Correll-Hughes** presented *Waking Up at Brooks College* in a Poster Session, at the Living-Learning Programs conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

#### FAMILY CORNER

**Mike Riemer** ran the White Rock Marathon while **Kim Scott** and **Julie Guinn** (wife of Trey Guinn) each completed the half marathon. Mike ran 26.2 miles in 3 hours and 51 seconds. Julie got 4th place in her division running 13.1 miles in 1 hour and 28 seconds. These are amazing personal accomplishments especially since the weather was 45 degrees and drizzling for the duration of the race.

Congratulations to **Linda Cates** on the graduation of her daughter, Ally Cates, from Baylor University this past Saturday. Ally received a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Broadcasting with a second major in Human Resources Management and a minor in Public Relations. She is currently looking for a job in the Dallas or Houston areas.

We pray for a speedy and full recovery to Kelli Richardson, daughter of **Pam Richardson** in Campus Recreation. Kelli had ACL knee reconstruction surgery two weeks ago.

Logan Walter, son of **Jeff Walter** in Campus Recreation, had shoulder surgery three weeks ago. We pray for his speedy and full recovery for Logan.

We rejoice with **John Sharp**, in Campus Recreation, on the full recovery/healing of his grandson.

#### 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).

**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



**FROM THE FULLNESS OF HIS GRACE  
WE HAVE ALL RECEIVED ONE BLESSING AFTER ANOTHER.  
JOHN 1:16 NIV**