



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

Today is the birthday of a great American. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929. While we celebrate his birthday with a national (and University) holiday next Monday, I wanted to share with you in this space some quotes from this herald of justice and truth that I hope inspire and encourage you.

Blessed New Year to you!

Dub

“An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.”

“Moral principles have lost their distinctiveness. For modern man, absolute right and absolute wrong are a matter of what the majority is doing. Right and wrong are relative to likes and dislikes and the customs of a particular community. We have unconsciously applied Einstein’s theory of relativity, which properly described the physical universe, to the moral and ethical realm.”

“Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a permanent attitude.”

“So I say to you, seek God and discover Him and make Him a power in your life. Without Him all of our efforts turn to ashes and our sunrises into darkest nights. Without Him, life is a meaningless drama with the decisive scenes missing. But with Him we are able to rise from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope. With Him we are able to rise from the midnight of desperation to the daybreak of joy. St. Augustine was right – we were made for God and we will be restless until we find rest in Him. Love yourself, if that means rational, healthy, and moral self-interest. You are commanded to do that. That is the length of life. Love your neighbor as you love yourself. You are commanded to do that. That is the breadth of life. But never forget that there is a first and even greater commandment, ‘Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and all thy soul and all thy mind.’ This is the height of life. And when you do this you live the complete life.”

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

January 16-17, 6-8 p.m.

Student Organization Summit

Contact: Mike_Rakes@baylor.edu

January 22, 4-5 p.m.

Service Council Meeting

Contact: Kristen_Balderas@baylor.edu

January 23, 12-1:30 p.m.

MLK Jr. Luncheon

Cashion, Fifth Floor, Hankamer School of Business

Contact: Diana_Balderas@baylor.edu

January 24, 4-5 p.m.

Charter Ceremony

Contact: Mike_Rakes@baylor.edu

January 28, 12-1 p.m.

Calling Conversations

Loessin Room, Bill Daniel Student Center

Topic: *How Do Baylor Students Define Calling? (And What Does That Mean for Us?)*

Contact: Rod_Hetzel@baylor.edu

January 28-31, 4-5:30 p.m.

SOLD: Leadership Matters

Contact: Mike_Rakes@baylor.edu

January 28-February 1

Bear the Burden

Collecting Teddy Bears for children who were victims of crime

Contact: Kristen_Balderas@baylor.edu

February 11, 12-1 p.m.

Calling Conversations

Loessin Room, Bill Daniel Student Center

Topic: *Potholes, Detours, and Stalled Engines: What Keeps Us From Fulfilling Our Calling?*

Contact: Rod_Hetzel@baylor.edu

February 22, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Calling Retreat

DaySpring Baptist Church

Topic: *The Sacred Journey from Center to Circumference*. No cost to attend.

To register, contact: Sandra_Northern@baylor.edu

February 26, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

February Staff Development Luncheon

Barfield Drawing Room, BDSC

Topic: *Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Care*

Contact: Martha_Lou_Scott@baylor.edu

STAFF TRANSITIONS



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Brooke Sanders
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CALLING CONVERSATIONS

January 28, February 11 and 25, March 17 and 31,
April 14 and 28, 12 noon-1:00 p.m.
Loessin Room, SUB

Baylor University is committed to helping our students understand their life work as a calling and all of life as a stewardship of service. What does this mean for us as student development professionals? How do we journey alongside our students as they seek to understand who God made them to be and what God made them to do? The Calling work team invites you to attend *Calling Conversations* for an open and honest conversation about calling and vocation. Each conversation will explore a particular idea, concept, or practice that relates to our work and ministry in student life. All you need to bring is a curious mind, a willingness to wrestle with the questions, and a brown-bag lunch if you wish to digest something more than great ideas! Please check the calendar section of the Student Life Newsletter for the topic of each conversation that month. If you have any questions or ideas for future conversations, please feel free to contact Jennifer Perkins, Rod Hetzel, or Elisa Dunman.

INTERNATIONAL RECREATION-SOCIAL

The McLane Student Life Center was opened in 1999 with the mantra, "A Place for ALL Students." Our desire is to build community in this common place, engaging in common activities, with a diverse population.

International Rec-Social was created to assist international students with the systems of student life, orient them to various recreational and social activities, and integrate them in to the recreational programs that are open to all students (intramurals, fitness, sport clubs, outdoor adventure, aquatics, and Baylor athletic events).

In August 2007 Campus Recreation launched a new initiative to meet the unique recreation and social needs of international students. The initiative called, International Rec-Social orients students to the facilities and programs sponsored by Campus Recreation and the McLane Student Life Center. GAs help students find their places in existing programs and services as well as plan programs especially for international students. Thirty students attended a football clinic to learn about football and BU traditions. In the fall, they experienced the Corn Maze in West, Texas, as well as the Christmas lights in Belton. They took a day to go to Six Flags, and went to the Columbus Avenue Christmas Cantata. Meaningful conversations happened among students on each of these trips. Once a week, they have the opportunity to take a trip to Walmart or HEB to search for necessities or familiar foods. They have been oriented on the Baylor Shuttle System as well as the Waco Transit Bus Schedule.

One Saturday each month students spend a day away from campus experiencing Texas culture. During the spring semester, students will make day trips to Austin, Fort Worth, and Dallas. Spring break, international students may participate in a Tour of Texas co-sponsored with Baptist Student Ministries. The trip will include some of the recreation, historical, and cultural highlights of Texas. This is an opportunity for students to see Texas and build relationships with one another. The climax of the 2008 spring semester will be the Intramural Soccer season. We hope to align each team with a country that is represented by at least one Baylor student. In the play-offs, we will play the national anthems of various countries before the game. This is all in preparation for the fall 2008 semester which will highlight the 2008 Olympics in Beijing beginning on 8/8/08.



**CALLING RETREAT: THE SACRED JOURNEY
FROM CENTER TO CIRCUMFERENCE**

February 22, 2008

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

DaySpring Baptist Church

"There is only one problem on which all my existence, my peace, and my happiness depend: to discover myself in discovering God. If I find Him I will find myself and if I find my true self I will find him." (Thomas Merton)

"Too often we think of God's call (or our vocation) solely in terms of what we do. People speak of being called to the ministry or feeling called to work in healthcare or teaching. However, while doing will always be involved, vocation is much more than our occupation. It is the face of Christ we are called from eternity to show to the world. It is who we are called to be." (David Benner)

Have you ever wondered what it means to have a divine calling? Have you ever wondered who God has created you to be and what God has created you to do? Have you ever lost sight of your own calling in the busyness of everyday life? If you have, then please join us for a time of rest, reflection, and renewal. All Student Life staff are invited to attend a full-day retreat that explores divine calling as a sacred journey to the center and circumference of our life. The retreat includes two keynote presentations, morning and evening prayer services, small group discussions, and silent time for personal meditation on your own divine calling. Retreat participants will receive a copy of David Benner's text, "The Gift of Being Yourself: The Sacred Call to Self-Discovery." There is no cost to attend this retreat. If you are interested in attending this retreat, please make arrangements with your department chair and register through email to Sandra.Northern@baylor.edu by January 31. This retreat is sponsored by the Calling Work Team, Spiritual Formation Work Team, and Student Life.

MINORITY GREEK LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

NPHC and MGC in conjunction with the Department of Greek Life at Texas A&M University will host the Minority Greek Leadership Conference in Houston, Texas. The conference theme is "The Growing Pains of Minority Leaders: New Challenges, New Opportunities, New Leaders," and it is scheduled from January 17 – 19, 2008. For more information, please visit <http://greeklife.tamu.edu/mglc/>. We are sending 12 students from NPHC and MGC.

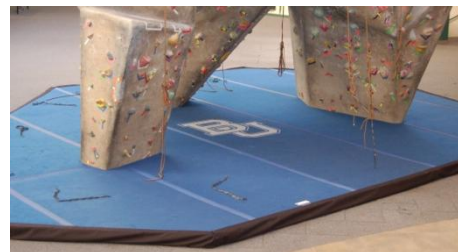
SING TICKETS

SING Tickets go on sale for faculty and staff January 24, 2008, at 6 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the SUB ticket office. For questions about tickets, please contact Lynn Freyer at 710-3210.

McLANE STUDENT LIFE CENTER PROJECTS

Workers at the SLC completed several projects during the holiday break. Hardwood flooring in the gym, racquet ball courts, and aerobics room (32,800 square feet) was sanded, painted, and refinished. The climbing rock had new top rope anchors installed and the fall floor was replaced. Walls and rails throughout the building were freshly painted. Worn carpet tiles were replaced. The lights high above the pool, gymnasium, porch, and atrium were replaced; and the ledges and windows were dusted. The cardio equipment in the fitness center was removed.

Before and after photos: hardwood and rock projects



EVERYBODY IS BEAUTIFUL WEEK

Baylor University Counseling Center, in collaboration with Multicultural Activities, Office of Access and Learning Accommodations (OALA), Body IQ, Cultural Awareness Work Team, Community Inhibitors Work Team, Kokernot Residence Hall, and Baylor Dining Services, is hosting *EveryBODY Is Beautiful Week*, February 4-8. Events and programs throughout the week will focus on the beauty of diversity and acceptance of all students. The week's goals are to communicate acceptance of all students by providing a variety of programs and events highlighting the beauty of all body types, appearances, abilities, genders, and ethnicities and to increase awareness that everyone is purposefully created by collaborating with academic departments with the "Your Genes Always Fit" campaign. Flyers outlining all events will be posted throughout campus and sent to each Student Life Staff member through their deans and department heads.

RECORD NUMBER OF FLU SHOTS GIVEN

The Health Center was busy this past fall giving a record number of flu vaccinations in one semester. Over 1,300 students, faculty, and staff received the flu vaccine either at the various flu shot clinics set up in the month of October or in the Health Center.

BEAR FIT FAIR

BAYLOR CAMPUS RECREATION EVENT



BEar FIT FAIR

January 14-17, 2008
3-6 p.m. SLC lobby

FREE fitness assessments including:

- BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
- BODY FAT %
- SIT & REACH FLEXIBILITY
- BACK STRENGTH TEST
- STRETCH TRAINER DEMO
- BEAROBICS SIGN UP
- PEER NUTRITION EDUCATION
- BODY I.Q.
- CHAIR MASSAGE (Jan. 18th only)

Complete all five fitness assessment stations for a chance to win great Door prizes!

Sponsored by: Baylor Campus Recreation/Fitness Dept.

BAYLOR INTRAMURAL CHAMPIONS

Baylor Intramurals experienced phenomenal growth in participation numbers in the fall 2007 semester. Listed below are fall 2007 Champions for each sport.

Dodgeball

Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Sigma

Ultimate Frisbee

Pi Beta Phi and Moby Disc

Volleyball

Volleyballas & Got Tooled
Kappa Sigma and Chi Omega

Golf

Kappa Omega Tau

Fitness Challenge

Kappa Sigma and Chi Omega

Tennis

Allen/Dawson

Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity and CHI's

Cross Country

Axis of Awesome and Pi Beta Phi

Flag Football

Kappa Sigma and Chi Omega

Sand Volleyball

Kappa Omega Tau and Chi Omega

DISCIPLINE-SPECIFIC MISSION TRIP

DURING SPRING BREAK

Baylor University Counseling Center has planned a discipline-specific mission trip during spring break to the Transformation Life Center, a Christ-centered drug rehabilitation center in upstate New York. This mission trip provides a relational ministry opportunity for Baylor students to work with and live alongside men who are recovering from alcohol and drug addiction. Students will have the opportunity to learn about substance abuse and dependence and to experience, in a very tangible way, how we are all part of a larger spiritual family. Men and women of all majors are encouraged to participate. If you know of any student who may be interested in participating, please encourage to contact Susan Matlock-Hetzel in the Counseling Center, 710- 2467.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month kicks off in February. Student organizations and Multicultural Activities will host a variety of programs in honor of this heritage month. Please view the Multicultural Activities calendar online for upcoming events, or you may contact Taryn.Ozuna@baylor.edu.

STEPS MENTORING PROGRAM

The STEPS Mentoring Program begins Monday, February 4. If you know a student who would benefit from a one-on-one peer mentor, please contact Julie.Smith@baylor.edu.

FRANKLY SPEAKING RESUMES

Frankly Speaking will resume on Wednesday, January 30, 2008. The new meeting time is 3-4 p.m. in the Fentress Room, 2nd floor of BDSC. For more information on Frankly Speaking, please email Julie_Smith@baylor.edu.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. LUNCHEON

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon will be on Wednesday, January 23, 2008. Dr. Frank Thomas will be the guest speaker. Spaces are limited, so please RSVP to Diane_Balderas@baylor.edu by Wednesday, January 16, 2008.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/PRESENTATIONS

Kelley Kimple, Taryn Ozuna, Kathryn Wheatley, and representatives from the Multicultural Greek Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council will attend the Minority Greek Leadership Conference from Thursday, January 17–20, 2008. The conference, hosted by Greek Life at Texas A&M University, is entitled *The Growing Pains of Minority Leaders: New Challenges, New Opportunities, New Leaders*.

Ramona Curtis, Kat Reed, Taryn Ozuna, Melissa Gruver, and **Dr. Liz Palacios** presented *Leading from within: Empowerment for Multicultural Student Organization Leaders* at Miami, Florida.

FAMILY CORNER

Tim Powers announces the birth of his daughter, **Camille Elizabeth Powers**, born November 25. Tim, Elizabeth, Harris, and Caroline are happy to welcome Camille to their family. Best wishes to the Powers family on their precious gift from God.



INFORMATION ON NEWSLETTER FORMAT

The format of the monthly newsletter is being reconstructed. A template is being formatted to allow the newsletter to open automatically when you open your email. The template was not quite ready for the January newsletter, but its completion is anticipated in time for the February edition.

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.