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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DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

September 20 Fall Premiere
September 26-27 Freshman Retreat
October 3 McMullen-Connally Faculty Center Dedication
October 3 Kappa Delta Battle of the Bands
October 3-4 Student Government Retreat
October 3-4 Student Life Advisory Board Fall Meeting
October 4 Football-Baylor vs. Oklahoma in Waco
October 10-11 Parents Weekend
October 10 After Dark
October 17-19 Fall Break

Find the full calendar for 2008-09 on the Student Life Intranet.

A Note From Dub

Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me – so that they may be one as we are one.
John 17:11b

This is our Division’s theme verse for the year. While some may think picking a theme verse is a bit contrived, my hope is that it will be something that we can meditate on, something that will reach our hearts, something even that we can, by God’s grace, live out in our work and lives.

It may just be me, but it feels like there is a new spirit of unity at Baylor. We had a tumultuous spring, but the community has quickly come together in order to serve our students, to fulfill our mission. This unity has been demonstrated throughout the summer as we all worked in a collaborative way on Orientation and Baylor Line Camp. Our Greeter Program is another example, as is the massive and very well coordinated Move In effort. There was the preparation for the large class and its impact on all areas of our work, most notably the residence halls. We are at 103% occupancy this fall – a significant achievement. All of that is just not possible without everyone being willing to commit to our common purpose of an excellent Baylor experience. And, University 1000/BU 1000 continues to engage our new students as we walk through these first six weeks.

There are many more examples of our work together. In this newsletter, there is information about the Work Teams for 2008-09, one more example of the greater unity that can come through shared effort.

It is humbling to realize that Jesus prayed for us these words. Our unity is not something we desire because it’s a theme for the year or a slogan for leadership. The unity our hearts yearn for is the unity we see between God and Jesus. We can’t manufacture such unity, but I hope we will set our mind’s attention and our heart’s affection on our Lord so that we may be one as He and God are one.

Dub
Staff Transitions

UPDATE ON STUDENT LIFE POSITIONS

Meghan Becker, has been named as Interim Assistant Director of Resident Learning, First-Year Programs and Apartments for 2008-09.

Regina Mastin, effective September 1, joined the Counseling Center staff on September 1, as a licensed and registered dietitian. She is a ‘93 Baylor graduate with a degree in dietetics. She went to graduate school at Texas Women’s University in Houston and completed a dietetic internship at the VA Medical Center and Texas Children’s Hospital in Houston. She has worked at Providence Health Center for 14 years as a clinical dietitian and for health clubs and physicians offices. She enjoys speaking for various groups including PTA, scouts, church, athletes and women’s groups. Her husband, Mark Mastin, works in ITS; they have three children, Drew 11, Evan 9, and Lindsay 6.

Patti Uptmore, effective September 2, will serve in the Health Center as the Registered Nurse.

Lara Conrad, effective September 2, became the Assistant Director of Resident Learning, Living-Learning Programs.

Clint Patterson, effective September 8, began as the Coordinator for Fitness in the Department of Campus Recreation. Clint has served Campus Recreation as an undergraduate at the front desk, as a graduate student in the Intramural program and now will be working as a liaison between Fitness and Facilities to ensure quality service for students. Clint has also served the University as a Bear Trainer for the past five years.

NOMINATE AN ACADEMY FELLOW

The Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement is seeking motivated and civic-minded students for our Fellow Program. The Fellow Program is designed for students of any background or academic major interested in the concept of leadership. Students have an opportunity to assess their leadership capabilities and cultivate critical skills necessary to be change agents in a global society. Components of the program include leadership courses, speaker series, challenge and confidence experimental course, leadership profile assessment, and a civic engagement opportunity.

If you know of a student who would be an excellent candidate for this experience, please nominate this student for this life changing experience. Send nominations to Melissa_Shehane@baylor.edu.
WORK TEAMS FOR THE DIVISION OF STUDENT LIFE FOR 2008-09

Academic Integration – will continue to enhance our integration with faculty colleagues. Their work will help us create new partnerships, deepen our understanding of how to integrate our work so that there is a seamless learning experience, and help fulfill Imperative I of Baylor 2012 – establish an environment where learning can flourish.
Facilitator: Rosemary Townsend and Co-Facilitator: Kristen Richardson
Matt Burchett, Linda Cates, Brandon Griggs, Marianne Magjuka, Jennifer Perkins, Emily Sandvall, Sharon Stern, Melissa Underwood

Alcohol – will develop programs and initiatives to reduce dramatically underage drinking, binge drinking, and driving under the influence of alcohol, as well as educate all students about the serious negative effects of alcohol.
Facilitator: Meredith Conrey and Co-Facilitator: Jennifer Norman
Pam Kilgore, Linda Patzke, Tim Powers, Maria Rodriguez, Jessica Smith, Lindsay Woods

Body IQ – will develop programs and initiatives to reduce the instances of eating disorders among the student population at Baylor.
Facilitator: Van Davis and Co-Facilitator: Sandra Northern
Randy Boldt, Crystal Brewster, Steve Dickemper, Tam Dunn, Dana Lee Haines, Karen Hall, Carlene Jensen, Allison Kuty, Regina Mastin, Lisa MacMaster, Brooke Sanders, Cynthia Wall

Calling – will continue to develop a culture of strengths that encourages the discovery, development, and application of strengths as central for lifetime learning and the pursuit of excellence. To help all members of the Baylor community discover and express their sense of calling, this work team builds a strengths perspective for understanding identity, recognizing influences, and shaping local and global impact.
Facilitator: Rod Hetzel and Co-Facilitator: Melissa Shehane
David Kemerling, Karin Klinger, Sarah Mudd, Olga Rodriguez, Michael Shehane, Toby Tull

Cultural Awareness – will develop and implement creative and cross-divisional programs that reach more of our campus about cultural issues (race, ethnicity, religion, gender, national origin, disability, age, and socioeconomic status). The team will seek to help engage all students in a deeper understanding of the diverse world in which we live and how they might be able to give leadership in such a world.
Facilitator: Liz Palacios and Co-Facilitator: Gabe Barrientez
Mito Espinoza, Gretel Hill, Nancy Keating, Joel Scott, Dustin Thompson, Linda Williams

Spiritual Formation – will focus on how we might reach our students to engage in spiritual formation – the process through which the individual increasingly comes to resemble Jesus Christ in all of the essential dimensions of the self. The soul of Baylor rests in its ability to impact the quality of the human condition by graduating individuals who reflect the character of the Christian faith.
Facilitator: Christopher Mack and Co-Facilitator: Dave Kennedy
Melisa Benham, Nadine Bruner, Kenny Byler, Keith Frazee, Marsha Green, Charity Joecks, David Murdock, Ben Robert, Keane Tarbell, Bill Walker

Staff Development – will plan and execute the staff development program for the Division. The team will be responsible for engaging staff in challenging programs that will educate, enrich, and inspire us. It is expected that there will be at least two tracks for staff development (one for professional staff and graduate assistants and one for student assistants).
Facilitator: Ryan Richardson and Co-Facilitator: Christina Gaona
Diana Balderas, Pearl Beverly, Lynn Freyer, Terri Garrett, Kat Reed, Martha Lou Scott, Frank Shushok
BAYLOR UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER RECEIVES AAAHC ACCREDITATION

On August 20, 2008, Baylor University Health Center was notified that it had been accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC/Accreditation Association). Status as an accredited organization means Baylor University Health Center has met nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care. More than 3,600 ambulatory health care organizations across the United States are accredited by AAAHC.

When Baylor students see the Baylor Health Center’s certificate of accreditation, they will know the facility and health care procedures they are receiving have been closely examined by an outside organization. It also means the Health Center as an organization cares enough about Baylor students to strive for the highest care possible.

Ambulatory health care organizations seeking accreditation by the AAAHC undergo an extensive self-assessment and on-site survey by the Accreditation Association’s expert surveyors-volunteer physicians, nurses, and administrators who are actively involved in ambulatory health care. The survey presents best practices to help an organization improve its care and services.

The challenging process enabled the Baylor University Health Center to find better ways of serving student patients and providing quality care. The entire Health Center team is to be congratulated on this achievement.

MOSAIC MIXER PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT LIFE STAFF

Student Life staff members and graduate assistants performed a step routine at the Mosaic Mixer in Barfield Drawing Room on Wednesday, August 27.

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Cost is $20 and faculty/staff may use payroll deduction. Sponsored by Baylor University Health Center.

THE NEW SPINNING STUDIO

Fitness has just completed certification of 12 instructors for the newest edition of 17 spinning bikes. The temporary spinning studio is located in the squash court and is part of the Bearobics program beginning mid-September.

LATE NIGHT AT THE SLC

Over 4,100 students attended Late Night at the SLC and enjoyed a friendly game of dodgeball, found various clubs and organizations they were interested in, listened to an up and coming band, and participated in games that yielded gifts including official BU track uniforms, Lady Bear uniforms, football jerseys, and other sports official attire. This annual event was spread over the entire 158,000 square foot facility. The dodgeball winners were Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Omega Tau. Participation included 47 women’s teams and 89 men’s teams for a total of 136 teams participating. The ultimate frisbee winners were Team Stun (an open team) and Pi Beta Phi. Participation included 22 women’s teams and 60 men’s teams for a total of 82 teams participating.
Outdoor Adventure and Challenge Course Updates

Baylor Challenge facilitators were trained August 14-17. The six new facilitators include students Patrick Lavo, Ryan Weaver, and Zac Hutson, and graduate students Paul Miller, Melanie Stafford, and Mitch Perry. The challenge course programs facilitated over 430 participants from August 19-September 9, with a one day high total of 300 of these participants. The Association for Challenge Course Technology is the governing body for challenge course installation, construction, and operations. They recently launched a first-time national certification of challenge courses. Baylor will continue our own in-house training, but facilitators are able to “test in” with a professional vendor member. On August 31, seven facilitators completed the written and practical tests. Kenda Herring, Wes McCormack, and Melanie Stafford tested in for Level I. Mary Ann Jennings, Paul Miller, Trinity Robb, and Kelli Mcmahon tested for Level 2 (Kelli will soon test in for the Challenge Course Manager level.) The first year Outdoor Adventure Leadership Team includes include Ashley Thornton, Brandi Amor, Tessia Lewis, Kiley Kemp, Jed Dean, Shane Thomas, and Stephen Thompson. They assisted with the adventure race for the Baylor Softball team on Saturday, August 30. On September 6, a total of 20 facilitators worked to facilitate the LEAD LLC raft building and to help relay BIC participants during their team building event. Thanks to all of the facilitators, graduate students, Leadership Team students for making all of the challenge course and adventure events a success.

Freshman Class Council

The 2008-2009 Co-Directors for the Freshman Class Council are Josh Lassiter, Amanda DeWitt, Elizabeth Lattier, Daniel Slover, Emily Watters, Will May, Ali Anderson, Gordon Palmer, Alyssa Tedder, and Joe Nottoli. This year, each FCC community is named to honor one of Baylor’s “untold stories” — important and significant people to the Baylor community. Within each community, students are challenged to program and think critically about the six student outcomes of faith, relational ability, intellectual competence, character and influence, integrated life, and perspective on life. The year kicks off this Friday, September 19, with the FCC retreat!

Staff Council Representatives

The 2008-09 Staff Council met on September 9, 2008. Adam Brock, Brenda Ferguson, Sandra Northern, and Jeff Walter represent the Student Life Division on this year’s Staff Council. If you have any questions or comments regarding the Staff Council, please contact one of our representatives for information. Official minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Staff Council Web site following approval at the October Staff Council meeting. The Web site is http://www.baylor.edu/staff_council.

Family Corner

Congratulations to Kristen Balderas, daughter of Diana Balderas. Kristen is a 2008 Baylor graduate of the master’s program in Student Affairs, and has accepted a position as Student Life Programs Coordinator at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

Student Life Web Site
http://www.baylor.edu/student_life/index.php?id=34407