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.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

November 25 Staff Development Luncheon, (Tuesday) 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
November 26-30 Thanksgiving
December 3 Santa’s Workshop
December 3-4 Annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair
December 4 Christmas on 5th Street
December 7 Dead Week Begins
December 8 Last Day of Classes
December 12 Division Christmas Party

A Note From Dub

Take a blank sheet of paper and put it down on your desk. Now place your left hand down on the page and trace the outline of your hand across the page.

There it is, the beginning of your handprint turkey. You remember these, don’t you?

Go ahead, find some colors in the office and color your turkey in with feathers and a face, beak, and the wattle (that is the extra skin that hangs down from its beak).

Don’t be embarrassed. Enjoy the simple pleasure of creating.

But do something else too. On each of those branches that were formed as you traced your fingers write something for which you are thankful for today. Five things. Write them down. While you do, praise God for what He has done in your life.

Much of our lives are too full with things that must be attended to and activities and responsibilities that must be accomplished. That’s why we’re especially thankful for this time of year. It’s THANKSGIVING, so let’s give thanks.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Psalm 95:2

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

I will praise God’s name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving. Psalm 69:30

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:3

We are blessed.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dub
Homecoming 2008 was a great success and a wonderful time to reunite with old friends and celebrate the Baylor traditions. The FCC represented Baylor in fine fashion as they walked in the parade with the Baylor Bear high above them.

Staff Transitions

Debbie Johns
Student Relations Assistant
Campus Living and Learning

BU Christmas Marketplace Arts and Crafts Fair
Christmas on 5th Street Market Place Arts and Crafts Fair
Wednesday, December 3, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. and
Thursday, December 4, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. and 6—9 p.m.
In the SUB Den of the Bill Daniel Student Center

The Arts and Crafts Fair is being hosted by the Department of Student Activities and the Office of Campus Programs. Make your plans to come and shop for one of a kind, unique, hand made items just in time for Christmas.

Christmas on 5th Street

The Division of Student Life, the Department of Student Activities, and the Baylor Activities Council are hosting Christmas on 5th Street on Thursday, December 4, 6-10:30 p.m. You and your family are cordially invited to attend. Features include the 44th annual KOT Tree Lighting and Concert with Selah presented by the BRH Choir, and the annual Christmas on 5th Street marketplace with hot chocolate and cider. Free family activities include carriage rides, live nativity, pony rides, petting zoo, winter wonderland, pictures with Santa, Kid’s creation station, and much more!

Treat Night at Baylor

Students living on campus decorated their halls for trick-or-treaters and handed out candy on October 28 for Treat Night at Baylor. The event was sponsored by Campus Living and Learning. Children and grandchildren of Baylor's faculty and staff were invited to "Trick or Treat" in residence halls. All canned goods and donations went to Mission Waco. Sophie, the cutest super girl ever (daughter of Elisa Dunman), gets treats from Karen Hall and Marquette Bugg at Kokernot.
**THE CALLING WORK TEAM AND ROAD TRIP NATION**

The Calling Work Team partnered with Student Activities to host Road Trip Nation on Thursday, November 6, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Road Trip Nation was developed by four college graduates who travel across the country in a big green van to talk with people from all walks of life about finding meaning and purpose in life. Today, Road Trip Nation has evolved into a PBS Series, three books, an online community, and a student movement. The Calling Work Team and Road Trip Nation were stationed at the Fountain Mall and visited with over 150 Baylor students. The Calling Work Team talked with students about their calling in life, distributed calling-themed bookmarks, and gave students an opportunity to document their calling testimonies on paper and a large blackboard.

**BODY IQ WORK TEAM MEMBERS ATTEND REFLECTIONS BODY IMAGE PROGRAM**

Body IQ Work team members Van Davis, Regina Mastin, and Cynthia Wall, along with Baylor students Alexis Ramirez and Cari Domoney attended the first ever Reflections Body Image Academy from October 31 through November 2 in Arlington. The Reflections program is an evidence-based program that has been shown to reduce significantly the impact of cultural attitudes on vulnerable individuals that can lead to the development of eating disorders and body image concerns. The program is entirely student run.

The Reflections Body Image Program was started by Dr. Carolyn Becker and a group of local sororities at Trinity University. The Tri Delta Sorority national office became involved and decided to take a leadership role in addressing body image concerns by extending the Reflections Program to its members nationwide. The Reflections Program is being expanded to other national sororities onto a number of campuses with the goal of sharing the program with a greater number of sororities. One truly special part of this program is that it recognizes that sororities have the power and a unique opportunity to make a difference and to improve the body image of college women.

Tri Delta will begin offering the program to its members later this semester. It will be offered to all Delta Delta Delta members as well as Alpha Delta Pi members in the spring. In addition to assisting the two sororities, the Body IQ Work Team will train additional peer leaders this coming spring semester.
**RESIDENCE HALL ACCESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

Residence halls will remain open to residents who reside on campus and need a place to stay during the Thanksgiving break. Students will need to request access to their residence hall as exterior card swipe residence hall access will be removed for those who do not request this service in order to provide increased security during the holiday break. If you know of students who need to stay for the holiday break, please advise them to register at their front desk before Tuesday, November 25, so their access can remain active. All traditional residence halls will close for the Christmas holiday/semester break at 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 18. These halls will reopen on Thursday, January 8, 8 a.m. for the spring 2009 semester. North Village, Arbors and East Arbors Apartments, Brooks Flats, and Speight-Jenkins Apartments will remain open but with limited residential services available.

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**THE STAFF DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY LUNCHEON**

*Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1p.m.*
*Date: November 25*
*Location: Truett Seminary - Great Hall*

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**Staff Development Work Team**

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**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT:**

**COORDINATOR, NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS**

The Department of New Student Programs is excited to announce the search for a coordinator. This is a new position. The coordinator will have responsibilities with all summer matriculation programs, as well as University/BU 1000. This person will serve as the liaison to Campus Living and Learning for first year programs in the residence halls, as well as oversee the annual common reading program and events for transfer students throughout the year. At this time, internal candidates are being considered. If you are currently employed in the Division of Student Life and wish to indicate your interest in this position, please contact Keane Tarbell, Associate Director for New Student Programs by Friday, November 21. You may contact Keane by phone (710-7240) or e-mail at Keane_Tarbell@baylor.edu. A complete job description and instructions on how to apply will be forwarded to you. In order to be considered in the internal phase of the search, please send notification by this Friday.

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**FAMILY CORNER**

Eugenia Hendrix Clark, the mother of **Harold Clark** (Missionary-in-Residence with the Office of Spiritual Life), passed away Tuesday, October 28. Funeral services were held in Conyers, Georgia, and a memorial service will be held in December in Hickory, North Carolina. Please keep Harold and his family in your prayers.

Congratulations to **Rishi and Amanda Sriram** on the birth of their baby daughter, **Stella Grace**. Stella arrived on October 31, weighing 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long. Stella joins brother Ellis and sister Lilly in creating chaos at the Sriram home. Amanda and Baby Stella are both doing well. Blessings to the Sriram family on their precious gift from God.

**Stella Grace Sriram**

**Amanda and Adam Horton** announce the birth of their precious baby boy, **Everett Dyer**. Everett was born November 15, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. and 20 inches long. Both Amanda and Baby Everett are doing well. Congratulations to the Horton family on this amazing blessing from God.

**Amanda and Everett Dyer Horton**

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