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.

A Note From Dub

When I met with the new staff members in the Division of Student Life last August, I asked them what attracted them to Baylor. They said…

Christian atmosphere ✝ Baylor tradition ✝ The people who work here ✝ Baylor is a family tradition for me and a legacy I want to continue. ✝ As an 18 year old, I was attracted to Baylor for its traditions (Homecoming and Sing), as well as the beauty of the campus, the size of the student body, and the warm caring Baylor family. I was encouraged to grow in my faith, and there were so many mentors who I respected. ✝ The friendly and helpful staff. ✝ The University is a great experience for students. ✝ Prayer in meetings and occasions is a wonderful thing to see. ✝ The upbeat Christian environment ✝ You always experience smiles throughout the campus. ✝ I am excited to be able to work in a Christian environment with people who love God. I am also excited about the tradition Baylor has. ✝ I am excited to be at Baylor because of the environment and commitment to student growth and development. ✝ Honestly, the “intentionality” that is taken in regard to all student programs…not just those that have a religious emphasis. ✝ I am excited about the emphasis on always being an educator in my position. I think that says a lot in regard to constantly bettering myself and not being complacent. ✝ The people! ✝ The environment that we create for our students – students are #1! – supportive and caring staff ✝ I am happy to be in a loving Christian environment. ✝ I love the feeling I get walking across campus. It feels more like “home” than anywhere else on the planet. ✝ Working with and for students – that we are a faith-based institution – the University is driven always to be better (Baylor 2012) – the traditions ✝ Great mission and vision – great students – great staff and faculty ✝ I knew a bit about what Baylor is trying to do for the students and that really excited me, and a campus visit reinforced those feelings. ✝ Baylor 2012 ✝ Integration of faith and learning and seeing all of life as a vocation ✝ Big 12 Basketball ✝ Place to live out strengths in an environment consistent with my beliefs and passions ✝ I feel God has touched my heart and steered me in this direction. ✝ I was drawn to the authenticity and depth of the students and staff at Baylor. I also love that it is truly Christ centered, especially in Student Life. ✝ I feel like Baylor is home – it’s like I’ve always been here! ✝ Commitment to holistic learning ✝ I am very excited about working in a Christian environment. ✝ What attracted me to the Baylor family is the caring spirit of those who work here. This community has definitely become a second family to me. I love the Christian atmosphere and the excitement to serve students!

I hope you are as encouraged by these new staff members’ words as I was. And, I hope that the new year and new semester give us all a chance to renew our commitment to living up to our highest aspirations and deepest commitments.

We are blessed!

Dub

STUDENT LIFE DISABILITY SHUTTLE

The Student Life disability shuttle for students has been transferred from the Vice President’s office to the Student Activities office. Students needing this service should contact Melissa Underwood at 710-3211.
Staff Transitions

Jennifer James
Nurse
Health Services

Christy Correll-Hughes
Missions Assistant/
Project Planner
Spiritual Life

UPDATE ON SEARCH FOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT LIFE

Dr. Jon Engelhardt, Chair of the VP for Student Life Search Committee

Few need to be reminded that Dr. Dub Oliver will be leaving Baylor to assume the Presidency at East Texas Baptist University. The search effort to replace Dr. Oliver officially began January 9 with the first meeting of the VPSL Search Committee. The Committee is composed of 15 members (faculty, students, and staff representing different aspects of student and academic affairs at Baylor). Jon Engelhardt, Dean of the School of Education, chairs the Committee, and Karla Leeper (non-member) serves as liaison with the President's Office. Assisting the Committee is Greenwood/Asher and Associates, a consulting firm specializing in providing assistance with student affairs executive searches. Applicants both external and internal to Baylor will be considered. The Committee is anxious to secure a pool of outstanding candidates worthy of such an important leadership position, and nominations are encouraged. The Search Committee has set a timeline targeting completion of the search process by late May. Nominations and inquiries are welcome and should be directed to the chair of the Search Committee at Jon.Engelhardt@baylor.edu or 710-3111.

FALL 2008 INTRAMURAL WINNERS

Dodgeball—Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority and KOT Fraternity
Ultimate Frisbee—Team Stun (Men) and Pi Beta Phi Sorority
Tennis—2008 Women's Singles Tennis Champion—Anna Stainback; 2008 Tennis Co-Rec Doubles Champions—BYX Lance Hardgrave and Macy Phenix; 2008 Men's Singles Tennis Champion—Nick Acosta
Volleyball—Women's D1 Team Pirates; Women's D2 Phi Lamb; Men's D1 Fiji A; Men's D2 Alpha Tau Omega
Cross Country—Men's—Ricky Altahif - Penland; Women's—Brittany Harlan and Leigh Anne Pearson - Pi Phi A
Fitness Challenge—Women's Green—CHI’s; Women's Gold—Chi O; Men's Green—TKE; Men's Gold—KOT B
Golf—Sigma Chi A
Men's Softball Tournament—Balco's Best
Flag Football—Men: Kappa Sigma; Women: Chi Omega
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STUDENT LIFE DIVISION
ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007-08

The 2007-08 Annual Report for the Student Life Division has been posted for viewing on our Student Life Staff Intranet Web site. As noted in the report’s introduction, the theme verse for the Division this year was Mark 12:30-31, Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength...Love your neighbor as yourself. The programs and projects we steward are important to us; but living out the Word of God in this place, particularly the command of Jesus to love God and love others is most important. Dub Oliver notes in the conclusion of the report that the Division of Student Life provides value added to the University based on the excellence that is pursued as departments partner with other areas of the University to develop a learning environment that is second to none. Thanks to everyone for a great year in Student Life.

You may also go directly to the Annual Report by clicking on the link, http://www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php?id=46502.

CALLING WORK TEAM
SAVE THE DATE—Do you know your strengths? Do you know how to help your students develop their strengths? On Friday, March 13, the Calling Work Team will be offering a full-day training on strengths education and development. All Student Life staff and graduate students are encouraged to attend this training, whether you are brand new to strengths or have been working with strengths for many years. So don’t worry about sidewalk cracks and black cats. Save the date and come learn about strengths! For additional information, call Melissa Shehane at 710-3101 or e-mail at Melissa_Shehane@baylor.edu.

JANUARY STAFF DEVELOPMENT LUNCHEON
Happy New Year from the Staff Development Work Team!
What does it mean to work at a Baptist University? How does Baylor's Baptist identity affect our daily work, our students, or our goals and ambitions? Hopefully, our January luncheon together will help us better understand our university by answering these and other intriguing questions! We will be joined by Baylor religion professor, Dr. Doug Weaver. Dr. Weaver is the Director for Undergraduate Studies for the Department of Religion and has authored several books and publications on the history of Baptist life. We hope that you will join us for our next Student Life Staff Development luncheon on Tuesday, January 27, at 11:30 a.m. We will be eating in the Bobo Spiritual Life Center!

THE ACADEMY FOR LEADER DEVELOPMENT AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
WELCOMES NEW CANDIDATES TO THE FELLOW PROGRAM

The Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement welcomes 19 new candidates to the Fellow Program:

Prince Adotama, Biology
Ross Apffel, Electrical & Computer Engineering
Kristin Boxleitner, Spanish Education
Steven Diedrich, University Scholars
Destiny Dike, Business
Emanuel Gawrieh, Political Science and Philosophy
Sam Han, Biology
Matt Hill, Finance
Farrah Khoja, Neuroscience
Caitlyn Land, Biochemistry
Patricia Martinez, Biology/Pre-med
Elizabeth McClary, Business
Ashleigh Myers, Political Science and Environmental Studies
Jasmine Nkrumah, Medical Humanities
Tania Perez, Music Marketing
Saralyn Salisbury, International Studies, Pre-Law
Krysten Steed, Speech Communication/Philosophy
Brandon Wold, Neuroscience
Helen Woldemichael, Medical Humanities

These students have committed to pursue a series of curricular and co-curricular commitments including a 50-hour Civic Engagement Project in the Greater Waco Community. Students will gain a heightened awareness of themselves and the world around them. The ultimate goal of the program is to assist students in the discovery of their God-given talents and responsibilities to lead others in a journey toward a more just and humane world.

The Academy for Leader Development and Civic Engagement was established in 2004 by the Division of Student Life at Baylor University to create a common place where diverse individuals studying, researching, or practicing leadership in the context of a Christian worldview will benefit from collaboration. The purpose of fostering greater synergy among “leadership thinkers” is guided by an aspiration to provide a meaningful forum for talented Baylor students to develop their strengths in preparation for answering a call to sustained leadership in their chosen vocations.
Many have asked why the SLC pool is closed and when it will re-open. The federal government has mandated that every public pool install newly designed drain covers that prevent suction from trapping people under water. Congress was spurred by the death of the 7-year-old granddaughter of former Secretary of State James Baker. She died in 2002 after being sucked onto a spa drain, despite efforts to pry her off. Across the nation, pool operators have been scrambling to comply with the new law, which took effect in December. Baylor has run into a snag that many pool and hot tub operators across the country are experiencing — a backlog of orders for the drain covers needed to make the upgrade. Because of that, the SLC pool is temporarily closed. The SLC received a partial shipment and have installed those covers. However, several other drain covers are on back order, so we are still at the mercy of the manufacturer. There is no way to predict exactly when the pool will re-open. The only thing we know for sure is that we cannot re-open it until we are compliant. This is a terrible inconvenience for you many patrons, and the SLC staff regrets that. We will move as quickly as we can. For additional information, contact Jeff Walter at 710-7560 or visit the Campus Recreation Web site at www.baylor.edu/campusrec.

**STUDENT STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

Tuesday, January 20, 4-5 p.m., the Staff Development Work Team will host the STUDENT Staff Development. All deans and department heads are requested to encourage your student workers to attend this important staff development opportunity! Hot Chocolate will be served! The topic will be *Customer Service* and will be led by Cheryl Gochis. Location to be determined.

**Spring into BEar FIT!**

Are you ready to get healthier, have more energy, and lose a few pounds in 2009? You can do so with the Faculty/Staff BEar FIT Program!

**Interest Meetings:**

**Wednesday, January 22nd**
5:15-6:00 p.m.
SUB Beckham Room

**Thursday, January 23rd**
12:15-1:00 p.m.
Mayborn Museum Theater

Registration begins January 12th @ SLC front desk.

For more information, email Van_Davis@baylor.edu.

Program begins January 26th!
BEar FIT FOR LIFE!!!
**MULTICULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 12-1:30 p.m. on the 5th floor of Cashion. The guest speaker is Reverend Dr. Claudette Copeland. If you have not sent your RSVP, please contact Diana Balderas by January 16.

The Association of Black Students will host *We Must Learn to Live Together as Brothers or Perish Together as Fools* on Wednesday, January 21, at 7 p.m. in Miller Chapel.

The Department of Multicultural Activities has applications available for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship. Applications are available in the Bill Daniel Student Center. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required and selection is based upon service to the Baylor and Waco community. Applications are due Thursday, February 5. Two undergraduate recipients will each receive a **$500** scholarship.

Please join Multicultural Activities in welcoming Oscar Garcia, Jazzmine Woodard, Daphne McGee, and Erica Nichols as the undergraduate interns selected for the Spring 2009 semester.

Frankly Speaking will be on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the SUB. Join us on January 20 as we discuss *Has Change Really Come*?

**PRESENTATIONS**

*Ben Robert* presented at the annual Texas Public Pool Council state conference in College Station on Wednesday, January 7. The presentation covered *Developing the Leaders around You*. The focus of the presentation centered on developing lifeguard staff to their potential in leadership and management of aquatic facilities personnel. This is Ben’s fifth year to present at this conference.

**FAMILY CORNER**

Congratulations to *Sandra Northern* on the marriage of her daughter, Kayleigh, to Craig Cunningham on December 13. Both are May 2008 Baylor graduates, and Kayleigh continues her education at Baylor working toward a Master’s in Social Work.

**WINTER CARAVAN GETS ROLLING THIS WEEK**

*Astros players, coaches, alumni to visit Baylor Campus*

This January, the Astros are making visits to 18 cities over a 12-day span, known as the annual Winter Caravan. The group will be on Baylor campus on **Monday, January 26, 2-3 p.m. at the McLane Student Life Center** for an autograph session with Mike Hampton, Mark Saccamanno, Jeff Bagwell, Milo Hamilton. Mark Saccamanno is a BU graduate; and, of course, the Astros owner is Drayton McLane, a Baylor alumni and former Regent. More than 30 Astros players, alumni, coaches and front office staff will take part in the 2009 Caravan stops. Some of the members of the Astros organization participating in the 14-day tour include general manager Ed Wade, manager Cecil Cooper, current players Brandon Backe, Lance Berkman, Geoff Blum, Michael Bourn, Darin Erstad, Mike Hampton, Roy Oswalt, Hunter Pence and Jose Valverde, along with former players Jeff Bagwell, Craig Reynolds, and Shane Reynolds. Appearances are open to the public, player appearances are subject to change, and all autograph signings are free of charge. For more information, visit [http://mlb.mlb.com/news/article.jsp?ymd=20090112&content_id=3739972&vkey=news_hou&fext=.jsp&c_id=hou](http://mlb.mlb.com/news/article.jsp?ymd=20090112&content_id=3739972&vkey=news_hou&fext=.jsp&c_id=hou).