A Note From Martha Lou

“God is good.” Pearl Beverly reminds us of that frequently, particularly when we find ourselves the most vulnerable.

“God is good.” For most of us, June is an emotional month. On the heels of graduation and the mass exodus of students we have grown to know and love, we are faced with staff transitions and the departure of respected colleagues we value as friends. Thankfully, as orientation comes rushing in on us, we are reminded that friends are for a lifetime. It’s during orientation that familiar faces return to campus, this time with their students in tow. Their students are here preparing to enter Baylor in the fall. The bond at Baylor holds all of us tightly together. I hope you continue to be reminded this month of the common experiences that connect us. I hope that you will realize the value of community. I pray you will cherish the gift we have been offered to influence lives and deepen our relationships with one another in this community.

“God is good.” Stepping into the vice presidency, even for a short while, is a bit more daunting than I had anticipated. Just because we are between vice presidents, has not meant that the daily issues of life at Baylor have been put on hold. My thanks to each of you for the manner in which you continue to serve each day and for the support you have extended me during these days of transition. I will forever be grateful to each of you.

“God is good.”

Martha Lou

A Contemplative Experience

During the summer months, University Chaplain Burt Burleson will lead a contemplative experience on Thursday afternoons from 4-5 p.m. in the Spiritual Life Chapel. The first 20 minutes or so will be a prayer service that will involve silence, Lectio Divina (prayerful reading of scripture), singing, and other contemplative elements. Following the time of prayer, there will be a brief presentation on some facet of the contemplative life, followed (hopefully) by some helpful and clarifying discussion.
STAFF TRANSITIONS

Melinda Blomquist
Administrative Assistant
Leader Development and
Civic Engagement
Student Learning and Engagement

Brandi Barber
Coordinator for Greek Life
Student Activities

Joell Beagle
Coordinator for Missions
Spiritual Life

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Every life has purpose, and everyone has the opportunity to do a greater good in the lives of others. It was from this belief that a desire was born in Tyrone Smith to make a difference in the lives of today’s youth. Following his retirement from a four-year career of playing professional football in June of 2000, Tyrone made a choice to travel a road less taken, and pursue another lifelong ambition. Tyrone felt that God not only wanted him to make a difference on the field, but off the field as well. Tyrone became President and co-founder of First and Goal Incorporated, a non-profit organization focused on equipping, enriching, and empowering today’s youth with the essential life skills and support to follow their dreams. Understanding that Jesus Christ has always been the head of his life, and believing that through Jesus Christ one can do all things, Tyrone’s passion continues to be helping youth establish and grow in their lives.

The week Tyrone brought a group of 45 high school students to campus to participate in The Journey Beyond Dreams College Experience Program, a program committed to teaching our youth the power that lies within their possibilities. The goal for the week was to motivate youth to believe in their own talents and to have the dedication and drive to make their personal vision of success come to life. Baylor staff from Admissions, the Paul L. Foster Success Center, Student Life, the Athletic Department, and the Law School joined together to show youth how to turn discouragement and defeat into optimism and victory, allowing them to reach higher levels of accomplishment than they ever dreamed possible.

The Journey Beyond Dreams College Experience Program was created to increase high school graduation, college attendance, and college graduation rates. In addition to introducing youth to the college experience, this unique program also equips them with life application skills and methods to apply classroom curriculum to their everyday experiences.

The Journey Beyond Dreams College Experience Program offers first-hand residential experience, as well as exposure to college professors, curriculums, and multiple learning environments. Students receive college readiness training by attending workshops that include such topics as the academic and social realities of college life, tips on successful study and classroom skills, choosing the right majors for their future careers, dealing with stress, setting realistic goals, and finding the right financial resources to fit their needs.

By exposing youth to a college setting prior to attending a post secondary institution, the anxiety regarding college and the college drop-out/failure rates can be significantly reduced. When our youth learn the values of preparation, dedication, and self-worth, there truly is no limit to what they can contribute to their world. It is our goal to help our youth find the right path to making their dreams a reality. The sky is truly the limit for those who are willing to take the journey beyond their dreams.
ACADEMY WELCOMES SUMMER INTERNS: Ready for insight into careers in Higher Education

Name: Michelle Diaz
Educational History: Bachelor of Business Administration, December 2010
Major: Management
Hometown: Axtell, Texas
Internship: Develop foundation for Global Mission trip, gain insight into program planning and development for first-year students, develop a deeper understanding of the student affairs profession
Interesting Fact: Michelle was recently selected to be a NASPA Undergraduate Fellow.

Name: Jordan Hannah
Educational History: Bachelor of Arts, May 2010
Major: Political Science
Hometown: Cleburne, Texas
Internship: Serve on various search committees, coordinate common reading efforts, develop a deeper understanding of the student affairs profession
Interesting Fact: Jordan is the current Student Body President at Baylor University.

Name: Christy Tanton
Educational History: B.S. in Psychology from Texas A&M University, Dec ‘06
Current Major: M.Ed. in College Student Affairs Administration
Hometown: Conroe, Texas
Internship: Create and evaluate resources for the Leadership Living-Learning Center, develop a deeper understanding of leadership and civic engagement
Interesting Fact: Christy completed her first Half-Marathon April 26th in Nashville, TN! She intends to run a Half-Marathon in all 50 states! Next up...Houston!

Academy Says Goodbye to Melissa Shehane
Melissa Shehane, Associate Director for Leader Development and Civic Engagement leaves to become the Senior Advisor for the Leadership and Service Center at Texas A&M University. She will also begin her doctoral work at A&M in Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications with an emphasis on college student leadership. Melissa joined the Academy staff during the summer of 2007. Highlights of her time in the Academy have been: providing insight into the leadership minor proposal process, strengthening the learning and engagement of upper-division students in the LEAD-LLC, mentoring student organizations in order to create a greater sense of identity within the Academy, integrating the Social Change Model into the Fellow Program, and designing the new Academy webpage that will launch later this summer. Throughout the past two years she has spoken at local, regional, and national conferences and was recently elected as the 2010-2012 Co-Chair for the NASPA Student Leadership Programs Knowledge Community. Ramona Curtis states, “Melissa’s passion for the study and practice of leadership has served the Academy well. She is an intelligent and gifted student affairs professional who will continue to be a trailblazer in our profession.”
JUDICIAL AFFAIRS PROVIDES COMMUNITY SERVICE TO BAYLOR CAMPUS
The Judicial Affairs staff decided to provide Community Service to the campus by cleaning the trash out of the creek behind the Baylor Sciences Building and University Parks Drive (see picture #1). The staff was very productive until they encountered a couple of snakes, in particular, the Cottonmouth Water Moccasin eating a catfish (see picture #2). And no, this picture has not been touched up using Photoshop -- just ask the staff!

FAMILY CORNER
Congratulations to Jim Broaddus on the graduation of his son, Patrick Broaddus, from Truett Seminary in May with a Master’s of Theology Studies.

Congratulations to Sharon Stern, on the graduation of her daughter, Emily Stern, from Midway High School this spring.

Congratulations to Melisa Benham, on the graduation of her son Jason Benham, from Lorena High School this spring.

Congratulations to Chris Terry, on the graduation of both her son and daughter from Baylor University. Matthew Terry graduated in December 2008 with an Accounting Degree and Elizabeth Terry graduated in May with a Nursing Degree.

Congratulations to Teresa Dixon, on the graduation of her daughter Katrina Dixon, from Crawford High School this spring. Her daughter, Abby Dixon, graduated from Baylor in May with a Social Work Degree.

Congratulations to Sandra Northern, on the graduation of her son Zach Northern, from Midway High School this spring. Zach will be attending Baylor in the Fall. Her daughter, Kayleigh Cunningham, graduated from Baylor this spring with a Masters in Social Work. She is employed by Wesley Woods Alzheimer's Care Center.

Sara Mudd’s younger brother, Richard, passed away recently. Please remember Sarah and her family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

John Carrier’s father passed away recently. Please remember John and his family in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.