

STUDENT LIFE NEWSLETTER



Calendar Dates

September 17
Traditions Rally

September 18-19
Parents Weekend

September 18
After Dark

A MESSAGE FROM KEVIN: OFF TO A GREAT START

I was never much of a track star, but the one thing I can still remember my coach saying to me is: "Jackson, you must get off to a good start in order to have a good finish." Over the years, I have learned that what worked on the cinder track at Pine Tree High School is also true for organizations. Starting strong is vitally important to finishing strong, and my impression is we are off to a great start. That said, it is important to remember that the year ahead is more of a long distance run than a sprint—although there will be times that we sprint—and our goal is to achieve a collective stride that helps each student learn, grow, and develop to the best of his or her ability. It is a time and energy

intensive process that frequently takes every ounce of strength we can muster. Thankfully, we are not alone in this endeavor. As members of a larger Christian, educational community, we are surrounded by colleagues who run alongside us to encourage, assist,

and support our efforts. And, if that is not encouragement enough, remember Hebrews 12:1—"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us" (NIV). We have a wonderful opportunity to impact students' lives through "the race marked out for us," I look forward to running with you through the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Thank you for all that you do for the students of Baylor University.

Truly,
Kevin



NEW STAFF MEMBER



WELCOME!

Camden McClintock
Staff Psychologist
Counseling Center

Flu Shot Clinic

- 10/5 10 a.m.—12 noon
@ Sid Richardson 1st floor study area
- 10/6 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
@ Penland Residence Hall Lobby
- 10/7 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
@ Collins Residence Hall TV lounge
- 10/8 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
@ North Village Residential Community Center
- 10/12 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
@ Brooks Residential College Library
- 10/13 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
@ Alexander Residence Hall Side Lobby
- 10/15 3 p.m.—5 p.m.
@ SLC 3rd Floor Room 308
- 10/19 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
@ SUB 1st Floor Lobby
- 10/20 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
@ Robinson Tower 6th Floor Atrium Area
- 10/21 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
@ Law School Lawyer's Lounge
- 10/22 11 a.m.—1 p.m.
@ Business School Jones Student Center

The Flu Shot Clinic is sponsored by Baylor Health Services and is open to faculty, staff, and students.

The cost is \$20. Students' costs will be charged to their accounts; faculty and staff may use payroll deduction.

For additional information about the H1N1 flu and ways to protect yourselves, visit www.baylor.edu/h1n1

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

This summer was exciting for Baylor Outdoor Adventure. A group of 13 traveled to the Wind River Range in Wyoming for a 10-day Wilderness Leadership Course. The ten students who participated represented ROCK staff and Trip Leaders for the Campus Recreation Outdoor Adventure program. They completed the partial requirements for the Wilderness Education Association's (WEA) National Standard Program in Outdoor Leadership. Mary Ann Jennings (adjunct instructor with HHPR/challenge course facilitator), Ross Van Dyke (Coordinator for Campus Visits), and Matthew Bates (Coordinator for the Outdoor Adventure Living



and Learning Center in the School of Education) completed the WEA Professional Short Course.

Kelli McMahan and Paul Miller (OA Grad) co-instructed the course with Mark Mullert (Coordinator for Outdoor Adventure). This course also served as training for the OA Line Camp student leaders. The premise behind WEA is to train future outdoor leaders in judgment and decision making based on a rigorous and extensive 18 point curriculum. The curriculum covers topics such as ration planning, backcountry cooking, weather, risk management, etc. Each student received three to four teaching topics, presented them to their peers, and received evaluation on content and presentation.

WEA is a reputable organization within the industry and provides affiliates plenty of freedom to tailor the WEA curriculum to include Baylor distinctiveness and learning outcomes specific to student life. For most of the expedition, the group traveled on rugged off-trail terrain, endured relentless mosquitoes, and negotiated lightning, hail, sleet, snow, very cold temperatures with extremely heavy packs.



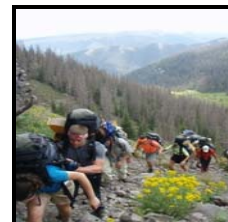
COLORADO LINE CAMP



While all OA student leaders have been trained each year prior to Line Camp, this inaugural course was the most exciting of the 9 years by far. The course was long enough that students were able to feel confident in

their leadership and wilderness skills. They were then able to apply what they learned along with the Line Camp curriculum and become true leaders of that very powerful freshman experience. It was exciting for us as professionals to be truly able to take a step back and let the students lead with confidence and see the fruits of the investment.

Paul, Mark, and Kelli plan to present at the Wilderness Education Association Conference in February about the effectiveness of this model; where students are able to immediately put into practice the skills they learned in leadership, teaching, and



risk management as true leaders, with a professional staff there to continue

to mentor them in their development. We will be asking our students and the three professionals who participated to provide essays about their experience.



LATE NIGHT AT THE SLC: DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT



MORNING PRAYERS

Beginning Tuesday, September 8 after Labor Day, we will be returning to our practice of Noon Prayer at the Spiritual Life Center.

Each day at 12 o'clock, someone from the staff will be leading a brief and reverent service of prayer, that

will involve simple readings, a time to remember the needs of the Baylor family, and occasionally singing.

The services last about ten to fifteen minutes; the hope is that faculty, staff, and graduate students will make at

least one of these services a part of the week's rhythm.

We hope to see you soon at noon prayers. Please pass this information on to your friends and colleagues and ask them to attend with you.

BAYLOR CHALLENGE COURSE

The month of August has been an exciting time for the Baylor Challenge Course as well. It started in July when the Engineering and Computer Science

Line Camp came with 80 students to the ropes course. Since that time, the challenge course saw an additional 520 participants during the month. September is likely to match those numbers. Out of that 600 August participants, 508 were Baylor students. When we work with outside groups, we are real happy that this provides a life opportunity for Baylor student facilitators to have leadership opportunities and to serve the Waco community at large. The July and August groups represents over 320 facilitator hours and 42 contact hours (direct programming). One of these groups included a unique day of earning mar-

ket shares, purchasing resources and building a raft based on planned concept drawings. It has been an incredible amount of fun and growth for students and professionals alike.



FAMILY CORNER

Congratulations to **Dr. Dana Lee Haines**, Associate Director of Student Activities for Facilities and Operations, for getting her dissertation published.

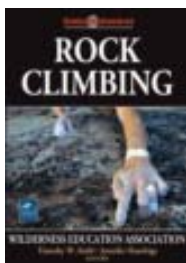
Community College Student Attitudes Related to Service Learning: Service Learning at Mesa Community College is the title of her work and can be purchased on Amazon.com.



Kelli McMahan, Assistant Director of Campus Recreation - Outdoor Adventure, has written the chapter entitled "Know Before You Go" in the textbook *Rock Climbing*.

This book is published by the Wilderness Education Association in conjunction with Human Kinetics.

The chapter deals with free-climbing and bouldering rating systems, location and trip logistics, and climbing safety.



Baylor employee, **Jerry Gray**, exit host at Baylor University Central Libraries passed away at his home on Thursday, September 3.

Jerry graduated from Baylor University as a drama major in 1954. He worked at Baylor as a dorm security monitor from 1996-2004. He held a temporary/on-call position in the Central Libraries beginning in 2004 and became a regular, part-time staff member in May 2006. Please keep the family and Jerry's friends in your prayers.

Condolences may be sent to:
Linda Freyer (Jerry's sister)
719 Horseshoe
Waco, TX 76711

Erika Walter Snapp, **Jeff Walter's** daughter, is leaving this month for a two-year mission in the Dominican Republic.

Along with her husband of six months, Chris, the Snapps will be part of a ministry called *Makarios*, an Austin-based non-profit organization dedicated to educational development in the Dominican and other impoverished areas of the world.

Chris and Erika will serve as the "host couple" for American short-term mission teams who travel to the Dominican Republic to be part of the *Makarios* ministry. Interestingly, some of the funding for these efforts comes from a little coffee shop in downtown Austin called Dominican Joe.

<http://vimeo.com/6317078>

Prayers for Jeff and the entire Walter family, as well as for Erika and Chris, and the Makarios ministry, are much appreciated.



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