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The Division of Student Development

The Beat Newsletter

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Upcoming Events and Dates

Division Lunchtime Workshops
"Sign Language Basics" presented
by Randi Johnson, Office of
Disability Accommodation
March 23rd, 12 – 1 pm, Union 418

"How Full is Your Bucket?"
presented by Amie Trahan, Off
Campus & Community Development
April 13th, 12 – 1 pm, Union 418

Division Educational Program
Student Rec Center, room 205
Thursday, March 30th
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Teleconference "Cultivating Campus
Cultures That Value Student
Success" sponsored by Enrollment
Management and the Staff
Development Committee

Division Recognition Awards
Luncheon
"The Division Goes Hollywood"
April 19th, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Silver Eagle Suites

Division News

Join the Division of Student Development and the Office of Enrollment Management as they host:

"Cultivating Campus Cultures That Value Student Success".

The expert panelists will address the role campus culture plays on the success of our first year students. This national teleconference is produced by the National Resource Center for the First Year Experience and Students in Transition.

The teleconference will be held **Thursday, March 30, 2006, at Noon** in the Student Rec Center, Room 205. Please share this announcement with your staff and colleagues.

Feel free to bring your lunch. Beverages will be provided.

For more information contact:
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Dean of Students Office
565-2648

Division Capital Campaign

Presentations to various departments around the Division on the status of the fundraising campaign for the new Student Health & Wellness Center are now underway with a goal of raising \$25,000 from staff. The funds are being solicited as part of the Capital Campaign to raise \$1 million in private dollars needed to reach the project's overall goal of \$18 million.

"We have been asked by one foundation to show internal support for this project," stated Lisa Wallace, Development Officer for the Division of Student Development.

"Foundations prefer to fund projects where the requestor can show that they have a personal investment as well. These gifts will greatly increase our eligibility to receive additional matching funds from foundations."

Donations of \$100 and up will afford the giver a permanent place on the facility's wall of honor. Donors at the \$1,000 level will become members of the President's Council. Gifts may be made in cash, by pledge or

through payroll deduction.
Contact Lisa Wallace at 565-4909
for pledge cards/payroll forms.



What's Going On...?

Texas Storytelling Festival

Denton Parks and Recreation-
Civic Center Park
March 31- April 2
Concerts, workshops, arts and
much more will be hosted by the
Tejas Storytelling Association.
For more information call
940-387-8336.

Spring 2006 Global Film Series
UNT Radio, Television, Film and
Performing Arts Building
February 6- April 3
Eight foreign directed Films will
be showcased. For more
information call 940- 565-2537.

**6th Annual North Texas Jazz
Festival in Addison**
Hotel Inter-Continental Dallas
March 31- April 2
There will be jazz competitions
and performances. For more
information call 972-450-6281.

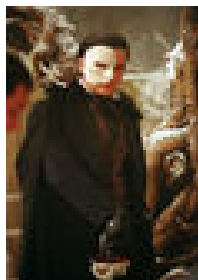
**The UNT One O'Clock Lab
Band is the headliner for the
concert on Friday, March 31.**

Henry Finkelstein Exhibit
Valley House Gallery in Dallas
March 17- April 22
Third exhibit portraying emotion
and color through paintings of
Brittany and Maine landscapes.
For more information call
972-239-2441

Dallas Blooms 2006
Dallas Arboretum
March 10-April 17
Adults \$8, Children ages 3-12 \$5,
Seniors 65 or over 7\$ Parking 5\$.
Located at 8617 Garland Road
Dallas, TX 75218
Enjoy the sites and activities of
these beautiful gardens.



Phantom of the Opera
will be offered at Music Hall in
Fair Park March 25 - May 16
Enjoy the "Music of the Night"
and come appreciate this
unforgettable Broadway
masterpiece.



**Aaron Neville and Linda
Ronstadt with the Dallas
Symphony Orchestra**
Morton H. Meyerson Symphony
Center March 22 - 23 will feature
pop musicians giving
performances with the Dallas
Symphony Orchestra.

Caribbean Roots Series
Latino Cultural Center in Dallas
February 18 – April 29
Features music, dancing, arts and
crafts that all relay back to the
roots and traditions of the
Caribbean. For more information
call 972-276-4972.

International Show Art Exhibit
University Union Gallery, Level 3
March 27 – April 6
8am – 10pm
For more information call
940-565-3829

International Food Fair
Baptist Student Union
April 6th from 11:00 am to 1:00
pm. Buy \$0.25 food tickets at
door. For more information call
940-565-2209

Women of Color Conference
University Union, various rooms
8am – 5pm, sponsored by the
Multicultural Center. Join them as
they bring women of diverse
backgrounds together in a
dialogue concerning women's
issues and create bonds in the
commonalities of women's issues.
For more information call
940-369-7297

Department News

Center for Student Rights & Responsibilities

Renee Hebert was honored at the Greek Awards Ceremony for her dedication to promoting and upholding ideals relevant to the Greek community here at UNT. They bestowed upon her the honor of OUTSTANDING GREEK SUPPORTER. Renee, being an alumna of Alpha Omicron Pi, knows what it takes to be a successful Greek student and offers her guidance to the men of the Zeta Omicron chapter of Sigma Nu fraternity. With her coaching, Chris Childress, past president of IFC and Sigma Nu past president was awarded the highest honor a Greek can receive, that of Fraternal Standard.

Congratulations Renee!



Counseling & Testing Services

Consider This....

The lunchtime workshop offered by the Counseling & Testing Services office will have the topic "Confidence", presented by **Dr.**

La Sandra Ward.

Discover the secret to possessing confidence and learn tips to face challenging situations on April 11th from noon to 1 pm in Union 415.

Recreational Sports

Spring Semester memberships, lockers, towel service, semester climbing wall passes and semester group exercise classes will be discounted to half price March 20, 2006.

Group Exercise Dollar Days

March 21-23, May 8-12! Don't Miss Out! Visit our current Group Exercise Schedule:

<http://www.unt.edu/recsports/fitness/groupsched.htm>

Faculty and Staff Fitness Programs visit:

<http://www.unt.edu/recsports/fitness/fitfaculty.htm>

My Pyramid Challenge

Take the My Pyramid Challenge to get a Food Pyramid and Activity Log designed just for you and your body's needs. This program will consider your age, weight, and lifestyle to help create a realistic approach and mindset for you to reach and attain your health goals. This program is Web-Based and is Free for all to join. Program runs March 1-31. Sign-up anytime between March 1-31 by e-mailing Coby Welch, Faculty/Staff Fitness Coordinator at coby@unt.edu

NEW!!! Learn to Swim Parent/Child Class

This class introduces parents and their children to the water. Basic skills and fundamentals are taught to parents to help them and their children safely learn how to play in the water. Class minimum, 3 participants.

\$45, Rec Center Members
\$55, Non-Members*

Registration Date: March 20-31
Classes Meet Mon. & Wed. April 3-27 from 5:30-6:15 pm.

*Non-members must be UNT Faculty, staff or retirees.

Visit our aquatics website for more program information
<http://www.unt.edu/recsports/aquatics/>

Free Weights for the Beginner

Learn how to use free weights in a small group setting. Taught by one of our very own certified personal trainers, this class will show you how to lift using free weights. A variety of exercises will be demonstrated for you to design a personal training program that you will enjoy. Class size limited to 8 participants. Registration deadline: March 30th. Program runs April 3-19, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30-12:30 p.m.
Cost: 40

Fun Facts: The St.

Patrick's Day custom came to America in 1737. That was the first year St. Patrick's Day was publicly celebrated in this country, in Boston.



A Texas Sized Celebration



Wednesday, March 8, 2006, the Union celebrated 58 years of Unions at NT. The theme this year was **A Texas Sized Celebration**. We started with breakfast at 6am at Ruby's Diner on the Square! This annual breakfast tradition got us all revved up so we could begin decorating and serving coffee and donut holes at 7am to the early risers on campus! By 9am we were finished transforming the Union with tons of decorations and had moved on the building **THE CAKE!** The vendors have moved in and are setting up everything from food sampling booths to mechanical bull riding station, music venues are being created as well as roving artists are getting set to thrill the crowds.



The Union Day cake has become another long-standing tradition. It is 100 square feet, made with 35 sheet cakes, 10 gallons of icing,

serves 3000, and takes about 3 hours to assemble by a crew of 5-7 crazy people who seem to enjoy this activity and come back year after year to do it again!



As soon as we greet folks and sing *Happy Anniversary*, the cake-cutting gets underway as we jump into the ice cream sundaes. We serve about 1,000 of those as the children from the Lab School look on, gobbling cake and ice cream set aside just for them. Lester the Fool entertains them with balloon art while they attach sheriff's badges to their shirts in the spirit of the Texas celebration! Giggles and melting ice cream permeate the air!

(Sit down! Breathe! Take! five!)



It's time to clean up. The students and guests have gone. The facility is becoming quiet. We drag ourselves up for one last hurrah and fishing expedition! As the decorations come down, the last remnants of the cake are

scrubbed off tables, and the vendors pack up, a strange event begins---**Balloon Fishing!**

Balloon fishing is the art of capturing all those balloons that have escaped during the day to sit on the ceiling 3 stories above our heads. We must capture them all so that they do not set off the fire and smoke alarms that have motion detectors. As they loose helium and descend during the night, they have in the past set off the alarms. To fish these stragglers down, we take a very large balloon topped with wads of masking tape attached to a long piece of cord and *GO FISHIN'*.

The evening was capped off in the Syndicate with a jazz band crowd listening to the Zebras. All in all, it was a very good day with more than 14,000 visitors.



Fun Facts: The University of North Texas was first called Texas Normal College and Teacher Training Institute.

Student Activities & Organizations

Women's Center

UNT received a \$5,000 grant from the American Association of University Women for the Campus Action Project: Building a Harassment-Free Campus. UNT's Project, "UNT = Harassment Free," includes assessment of UNT policies, procedures and resources on sexual harassment. A survey will be used as part of the assessment process to help gauge students' knowledge of university policies relating to sexual harassment, and will be used to develop educational and prevention programs on campus. The grant was possible due to Mary Pastorius, director of Student Life & Involvement; AAUW of Denton and UNT's Office of Compliance.

Volunteer Center

The Volunteer Center has coordinated an Alternative Spring Break program for our students. This program places a team of college students in a community to engage in community service during their spring break. Students will perform short-term projects for the communities and learn about issues these communities face. This year students will assist The San Antonio Food Bank, San Antonio Youth Center, Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio, TX. There are currently 30 students registered to participate in this program.

Student Activities and Organizations is proud to announce a new employee, **NaMicha Boyd**, Coordinator of Student Life and Involvement joined our team in January. Ms. Boyd came to us from Texas Wesleyan. Ms. Boyd is also pursuing a Master's in Education Administration from TCU, and will receive her degree this May.

The Student Activities and Organization Award Banquet will be held on Tuesday April 25, at 6:00pm in the Silver Eagle Suite. Award packets have gone out to Student Organizations. The award winners will be announced at the banquet.

The **Office of Greek Life** hosted the annual Greek Awards Ceremony on Sunday, February 26 at 7pm in the Silver Eagle Suite of the University Union. Numerous awards were presented to each of the four councils (Interfraternity Council, Latino Greek Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and Panhellenic), including Chapter of the Year Awards and Greek Man and Woman of the Year Awards. Additionally, the Greek community honored Channel 8 reporter, Debbie Denmon as this year's Outstanding Greek Alumni. Ms. Denmon is a graduate of North Texas and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Eagle Leadership Liaisons Applications Available!!

Each year the Eagle Leadership Programs office hires dynamic and involved student leaders to serve as mentors, facilitators and program developers for all of ELP's programs. These Leadership Liaisons are a vital part of the ELP staff and an important link between the office and the student body.

Applications for the 2006-2007 Leadership Liaisons are available now in the Dean of Students office, Union Suite 216-I. Completed applications are due by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 24, 2006 to the Dean of Student's office.

Please encourage any of your eager, active and involved students to contact our office with any questions or to stop by and pick up an application packet.

For more information about Leadership Liaisons applications or any of Eagle Leadership Programs' events, please contact the ELP staff at (940) 891-6770.

Please direct any questions, comments or newsworthy information to Michael Pritchett at 940/565-2614, Pritchett@dsa.admin.unt.edu or Carol Brady at 940/565-2734, CBrady@unt.edu.