

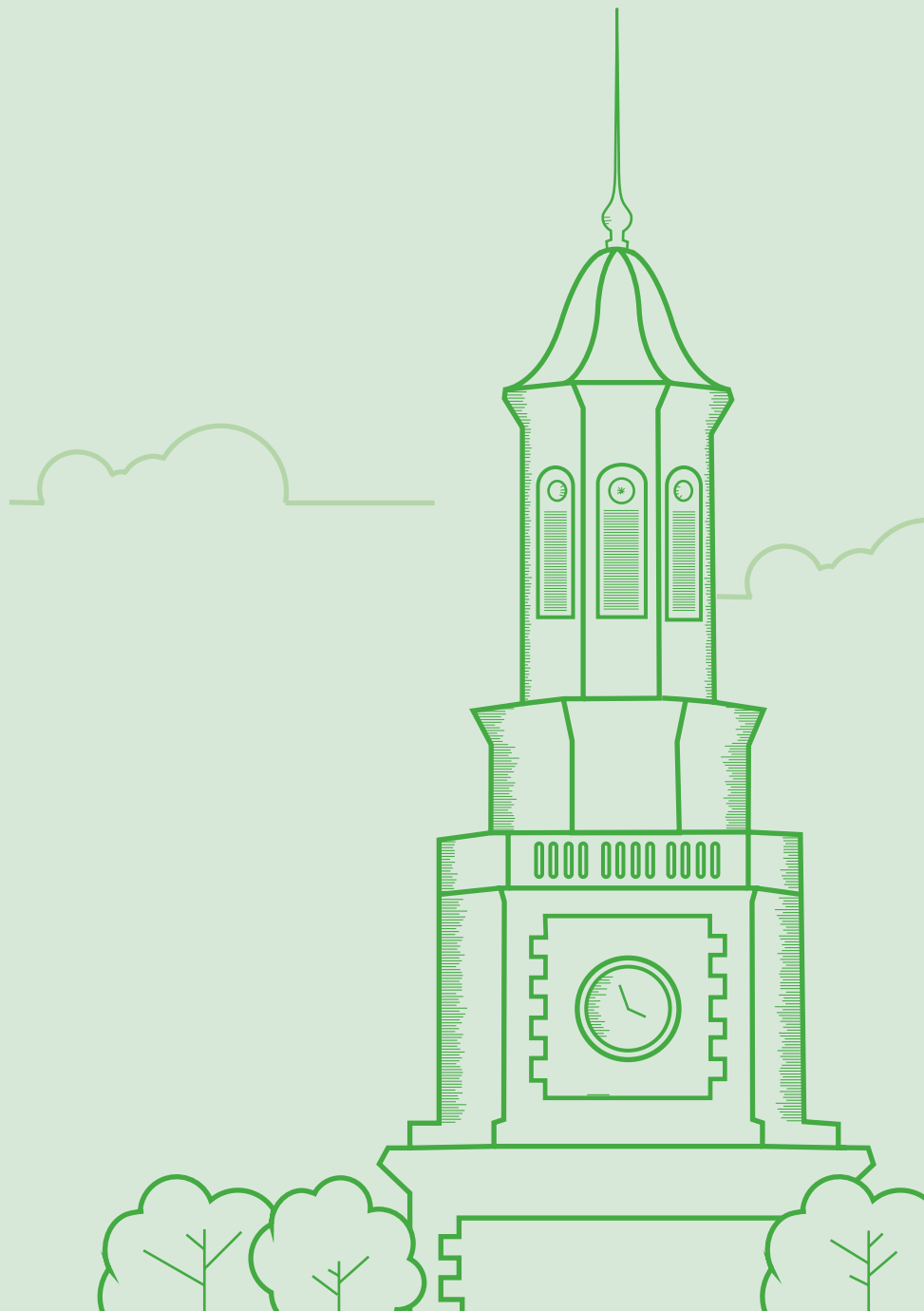
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# Rainn Wilson serves a slice of “SoulPancake” for UNT



Wilson took the stage Thursday, September 19th and continued running and waving right off the Coliseum stage and floor, emerging from the opposite tunnel soon after to another uproar of applause and laughter.

“Contentment...is never attached to external events,” said Rainn Wilson, nearly halfway through his lecture Thursday evening. The goal of his speech, up to this point still untouched, was laid out before the roughly 2500 fans in the Coliseum. He challenged everyone to dig deep, and be brave as they tackled life’s big questions.

Wilson’s desire to chew on these questions lead to the creation of SoulPancake (almost called “Spirit Taco,” but changed due to the unavailable domain name), and the writing of a book by the same name. He played some highlight videos of what the company has been doing with its You Tube channel, causing the audience to bust out laughing a few times as he spoke with and playfully harassed an unseen Taylor to run the clips. They showcased clips from Kid President, My Last Days and



Rainn’s own show, Metaphysical Milkshake. Wilson stressed that people, especially the students in the audience, needed to take on life’s big questions head first. SoulPancake’s material is supposed to be a jumping off point. From there he encouraged everyone to discover the answers for themselves, though not necessarily alone.

He wrapped up his lecture by answering a few questions from the audience. One included yelling “Go Mean Green,” followed by a sad but eventually true prediction about us losing in the Georgia game.

“The more we focus on being of service to others...the more richer, deeper contentment we will have,” Wilson said just before leaving the stage as the audience quickly rose to their feet with applause.

In preparation for the speech, Jon Bartlett, of the Office of Spiritual Life, held a handfull of smaller events to encourage students to think about life’s big questions. Conversation Couch, inspired by SoulPancake’s video of the same name, and the UNT Thinks Big wall got students involved for the two weeks leading up to Wilson’s visit.





## Dining changes bring fresh food and feelings to campus

This school year has brought new additions and changes for how faculty, staff and students eat on campus. Dining Services has set up several new initiatives, including a campaign to reduce food waste and the new Food Pavilion that replaced the dining locations at the University Union.

The biggest change on campus has been the new Food Pavilion, the temporary food court near Sage Hall that has been set up while the new University Union is under construction. All Union dining places — including Avesta, The Campus Chat and the Corner Store — will remain closed during construction.

The pavilion includes Taco Bell; Chick-Fil-A; a grill that features burgers, chicken strips, taco salads and homestyle meals. Grab-and-go items, such as sandwiches, salads and sushi, are also available in the pavilion.

If you need a place to eat, there are tables and chairs set up on the first level of Sage Hall next door to the food pavilion.

As a replacement for the Green Mountain Coffee shop in the Union, there will soon be a full-service coffee bar on the second floor of the General Academics Building. The bar will feature Caribou Coffee, a variety of grab-n-go items and fresh pastries,

similar to the station in Wooten Hall.

The long-closed Clark Grill will soon be home to a centralized bakery that will provide fresh good for dining halls, catering and retail locations.

Bruck Hall’s “Bruceteria is being renovated to feature 200 additional seats for a total of 664. The new hall also will have a more open floor plan and a new entrance at the front of the building so visitors do not have to go through the rest of the building.

## New no-waste initiative and student organization.

Dining Services started a campaign to encourage visitors not to waste food. Ken Botts, manager of special projects for Dining Services, said “40 percent of all food produced in the world is wasted.” “On campus, there is a lot of plate waste and this equates to higher food cost in our dining halls.”

To help with the effort, Dining Services cooks everything from scratch, so the food tastes better. The awareness campaign was started by placing messages and graphics around the dining halls about where food comes from and the impact that waste has. “We have a responsibility to make sure students are aware of the impact that food waste has on our

campus, our community and our world,” Botts said.

Members of Eco Reps (lower left), a student organization that promotes sustainable lifestyles, visit one dining hall a week to encourage waste reduction.

Dining Services also has joined the Environmental Protection Agency’s Food Recovery Challenge. For the 2013-14 year, Dining Services will gather information about how much waste they collect. Next school year, they will set goals about how they can reduce that waste.



# This Month in Social Media



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Staff in the **UNT Student Money Management Center** are all about **#UNTPRIDE**. Don't forget to post a picture of yourself on Twitter or Instagram with the UNTPRIDE hashtag for a chance to win a \$50 gift card!

**UNT Student Affairs**  
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Today's **@ntdaily** showcases the Dean of Student's new program to prevent sexual assault. [ntdaily.com/dos-heads-new-...](http://ntdaily.com/dos-heads-new-...)



**UNT Student Affairs**  
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**@UNTCareerCenter** filling the halls of Discovery Park with students and employers hoping to find the right fit.

**UNT Student Affairs**  
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Don't forget to pay your housing bill installment today! Go to [reslife.unt.edu](http://reslife.unt.edu) and log in to get it done. **@UNT\_Housing #UNT**



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**@UNIMc** in the library mall for Carnival, celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with food and music. Come join in! **#UNT**



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**@UNT\_UPC** hosted talented R&B artist **@RayvonOwen** on the BLB patio for an afternoon show of smooth and elegant music.

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**UNT Student Activities** hosted the Off Campus Housing Fair today in the Library Mall as part of Non-Traditional Student Week. More information and events for the week can be found here: <http://studentactivities.unt.edu/ocss-events>





## Mentor Denton Kicks off

Mentor Denton is a new initiative between UNT and numerous Denton community partners whose goal is to pair the 10,000 children that are at-risk of dropping out of school with a mentor. The 2012 United Way of Denton County Needs Assessment found that one in three students is at-risk, and this equals out to 10,000 children in Denton County. Mentors in this program commit to spending one hour a week for the academic school year with their mentee. The first phase of the

program is aimed at pairing 1,000 at-risk children with a mentor. The Center for Leadership and Service has committed to signing up 500 volunteers from UNT and the community partners have committed to signing up 500 from the Denton community. Being a mentor in this program allows you to make a difference in a child's life, build on their strengths and assets, and instill hope in their lives.

So far, over 800 people from UNT have expressed interest in

the Mentor Denton program on [MentorDenton.org](http://MentorDenton.org). The Center for Leadership and Service has trained over 400 people, and numerous mentors have already met with their mentee for the first time! We are still looking for more mentors. To sign up go to [MentorDenton.org](http://MentorDenton.org). Trainings are being held at UNT throughout the month of October. It's not too late to make an IMPACT!

## Non Traditional Student Week

From October 7th to the 11th, Off Campus Student Services hosted a handfull of events for the non-traditional students.

Students coming in for their evening classes could grab a snack Tuesday at Wooten.

On Wednesday the Housing Fair showcased many of the popular student living apartments and property managers. Thursday's Campus Services Open House allowed unfamiliar students a chance to look into the now full STUB and get information from more than 10 campus departments.



The week finished off with a showing of "Monsters University" which tied the whole experience nicely into Family Weekend.

[studentactivities.unt.edu/ocss](http://studentactivities.unt.edu/ocss)



## Geek Week: full of tech, fun and student involvement.



Each year the College of engineering holds a week of events to welcome it's new students. This year's events included a demo of the new gaming technology Oculus Rift, career fair and resume advice sessions, hallway games, a showing of Iron Man 3 and a picnic for studens to meet and greet campus departments and organizations.



## Upcoming Events



### Food Day

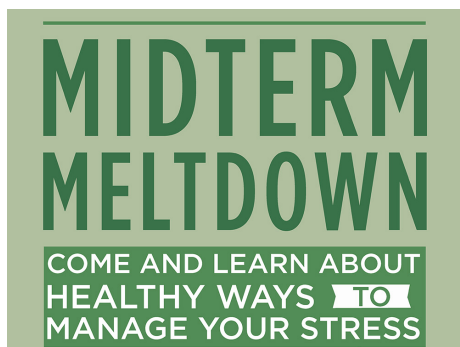
Dining Services will be hosting a full day of events including a special lunch and ice cream social featuring the culinary expertise of Executive Chef Patrick Stark from the popular restaurant Sundown at Granada in Dallas.

A local farmers market, pie judging contest and live music by Chef Stark's band, Amusé will surely make the day memorable. Make sure to mark your calendars, October 24th, 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Go to: [sustainable.unt.edu/food-day-2013](http://sustainable.unt.edu/food-day-2013) for full details.

## Homecoming

Homecoming 2013 will take place from November 4-9. This year's theme, selected by the students on the Homecoming Crew, is "Mean Green on the Big Screen," a nod to Hollywood and film. We look forward to seeing Mean Green

fans at traditional Homecoming events, including Bonfire and the Parade. The week's activities end with the Mean Green taking on UT – El Paso at Apogee Stadium. Game starts at 2:30! For a full list of events go to [studentactivities.unt.edu/homecoming](http://studentactivities.unt.edu/homecoming).



### Midterm Meltdown

Join Health and Wellness Wednesday, October 23, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at in the Discovery Park hallway and student lounge.

You will find therapy dogs, free massages, yoga and a Student Le-

gal Services information booth.

The event is free and open to all students, just bring your UNT ID.

For more information go to [dplife.unt.edu](http://dplife.unt.edu), [facebook.com/unt-dplife](http://facebook.com/unt-dplife) or call 940.369.5847.



### Rec Center Goes Half Price

Beginning October 21, all semester memberships, semester lockers, unlimited group exercise passes, unlimited climbing passes and semester towel service will be HALF PRICE! Stop by the Rec Center or call 940-369-8347 for more information!



# Green Light To Greatness Award

## August

### Admissions

Myra Hafer

### Auxiliary Services

Carolyn Blevins

### Career Center

Cheryl Garst

Arthur Lumzy

Bonita Vinson

### Dean of Students

Dennis Hall

### Housing & Res Life

Cheryl Elliot

James Fairchild

Derek Gates

Max Rodriguez

Billy Roussel

Lauren Stephan

### OTP

Ashlea Coulter

### Recreational Sports

Jay Henson

### SFAS

Mighael Cotter

Dena Guzman-Torres

### Student Activities

Christa Coffey

### Student Affairs Admin.

Michelle Bradley

### TRiO

Desiree Padron

### Undergrad Admissions

Tiffany Bonner

Jason Peacock

Max Rodriguez

### University Union

Mike Flores

Lenea Ishman-Schwarz

### Upward Bound Math & Sci.

Anne Strong

## September

### Gateway Center

Kerry Herndon

### Career Center

Caitlin Niemann

Amy Ferman

Melissa Larabee

Rachel Smith

### Housing & Res Life

Aundrea Caraway

### Recreational Sports

Ashley Henson

Lori Duval

### SHWC

Dana Sachs

Shari Ruhberg

Karen Knotts

Kerry Stanhope

### Student Activities

Mara Washington

### Student Legal Services

Kathryn McCauley

### SMMC

Velma White

## Mean Greens earns UNT an A

For the first time, peta2, PETA's youth division, has ranked the vegan-friendliness of every four-year public and private nonprofit college and university with a dining program in the country. After



reviewing the results of a survey sent to more than 2,000 schools nationwide, the group awarded each school a report card-style letter grade, and The University of North Texas—with its celebrated all-vegan dining hall, Mean Greens—earned an A. The complete rankings are available on [peta2.com](http://peta2.com), where students can react to their schools' grade with a “thumbs up” or “thumbs down” as well as contact [peta2](http://peta2) with suggestions for raising—or lowering—that grade.

## National Drug Take-Back Event

The Student Health and Wellness Center Pharmacy along with the UNT Police Dept will host the Fall Drug Take Back Event in the rotunda of Chestnut Hall on October 24, 2013 from 10am - 2pm. Faculty, staff and students clean out your medicine cabinets and safely dispose of unwanted or unused medications. We are unable to accept needles or inhalers.

## Safety tip of the Month

The 2013 Fall Semester has kicked into gear on a “Grand Scale”, with a very high capacity of students, faculty, and staff on campus, plus constructions sites. Many people on campus these days walk with distractions such as talking on cell phones, texting, and wearing ear phones and are not fully aware of what is going on around them. Safety is the responsibility of every-

one, so we need to be advocates for keeping everyone safe on campus. Specifically if you drive any kind of motorized vehicle (trucks, carts) on campus, it is critical that you are very aware of your surroundings at all times. This means NO distractions as you drive! Distractions are considered anything that would cause you to look away. This includes - cell phones, I pods, ear

plugs, eating, drinking, even deep conversations with a passenger can cause you to become unfocused. It is the responsibility of vehicles to yield to pedestrians at ALL times. Please help keep this University accident free and eliminate your distractions when driving any kind of vehicle on campus.

## Annual Safety Kick-Off

The Auxiliary Services Safety Committee held its Annual Safety Kick-off on September 25th. This year our focus and theme is “Navigating Change” and with so many major changes taking place on campus, Zane Reif, University Union Director, Joanna Koliba, Barnes & Noble @ UNT Manager and Betsy Warren, Housing & Residence Life Director gave presentations on the modifications and expectations for campus expansion projects and the safety precautions to take. Afterwards, the committee was given a tour at Discovery Park and learn about their growth and expansions.

History of the Safety Program:  
The safety program was formed

in 1988 under the direction and supervision of Auxiliary Services (formerly Business Services) Department. The official organization of teams A, B & C began in 1989 with Sheila Meyer, former Health Center Director, heading the program as Chairperson.

The Auxiliary Services Safety Program is designed to inform students, staff and faculty of resources, proper health and safety procedures, investigations and an education and training program. The education and training program is designed to focus on high risk issues and hazards that employees face while performing job duties. We are committed to providing an environment free of

unsafe and hazardous conditions.

The primary function of the program is to educate the supervisor and employee about workplace safety and how to identify, manage and handle emergency situations. Recordkeeping procedures are handled by a database with accident and incident information. This is verified by a quarterly report from UNT Risk Management Office. We are here to help coordinate any type of workplace safety training or any other topics needed in your department. Please contact Lisa Williams x 2033 or Cecil Miller x 2020 for more information about the committee and our services.

## Dean of Students welcomes new Graduate Assistants

We are excited to have Olivia Fritts and Julianne Schroeder working with Student Initiated Withdrawal process. Olivia is a Clinical Mental Health Counseling student. She has work experience with Denton County MHMR and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in General Studies from UNT. Julianne is also a

Clinical Mental Health Counseling student. She has student service experience and has a Master’s in Education Clinical Counseling from Texas A & M - Corpus Christi and a Bachelor of Art in Education from the University of Wyoming.

## Student withdrawl prevention efforts

By the end of September, the Dean of Students Office worked with nearly 300 students through the Student-Initiated Withdrawal Process this fall. The top 3 reasons for withdrawal at this point in the semester are financial difficulty, work/class conflict, and health/accident. The Dean of Students staff retained roughly 7% of the students they have interacted with this fall and we hope to raise this percentage as the semester continues.

