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Message from Dr. With



As we approach April, it is hard to believe that this spring semester is winding down. Although we have faced many challenges in the last few months, it would be impossible for us to have accomplished as much as we have without the wonderful hard work that each of you have put forth.

Despite changes in leadership, hard economic times nationwide, and departmental budgetary restraints, our Division staff has risen to the challenge to continue to better serve our students in a manner that both enhances the academic mission of the University and the personal development of each and every student. The quality of programs, the new creative partnerships and the overwhelming support of the University's goals and mission are a testament to the dedication of our staff.

One of the greatest strengths of the Division is our ability to rally together for the common good of our students. We must reflect on the work that we do here on campus that is making a difference in molding our students into well-rounded global citizens. New initiatives and programs are being put into place to address the unique needs of our growing campus population. Every day, our staff is touching the lives of our students, developing future leaders and equipping them with the tools to be successful learners. Each department within the Division is invaluable to the personal achievement of our students.

Not only has our staff worked to make a difference on the UNT campus, but also in the community. This semester, the Division was able to support the UNT Big Give in raising money for Red Cross relief in Haiti; donated more than seven thousand-pounds of food to the Denton County food bank; sent 52 students and staff to aid in a variety of projects for an Alternative Spring Break; and participated in many, many more other programs including those that support sustainability, UNICEF, cancer awareness, Meals on Wheels, etc.

In the coming weeks the Division Awards banquet will provide an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the departmental as well as personal staff achievements. We look forward to the opportunity to look back on the last year and the good work that was done. We also hope to look to the future for the opportunities to further make our imprint on the lives of our students, and also impact our campus and community in a positive and enlightened manner.

In May, Divisional leadership and departmental staff will be meeting to discuss and evaluate the strategic plan of the Division, refining the focus and core vision of what Student Development means at UNT. This will help guide us in the future as we seek synergy in our ability to serve our students in a dynamic manner.

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Alternative Spring Break

52 Students and Staff Participate

52 students and staff spent their spring break rebuilding homes devastated by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and Mississippi, participating in environmental projects at Goose Island State Park in Rockport, Texas and volunteering with children and families in Kansas City and Memphis. The Center for Leadership and Service sponsored the six trips in the Alternative Spring Break Program this year. Each trip was led by a staff advisor and team of student leaders. Although the trips were only for one week, students began planning the service projects in the fall. It is the Center for Leadership and Service's hope that these powerful experiences and the spark that encourage students to continue their service when they return to Denton.

Gabrielle Loper, a UNT sophomore in early childhood education, spent the week in New Orleans rebuilding homes. Loper's grandparents and other relatives live in New Orleans, so Katrina took a personal toll on her family. "Rebuilding this city gives you a whole different perspective on life," Loper, 20, said. "One day you can have everything, and the next day you can lose it all. By spending a week there, we can get a very small idea of what people have been through."

Special thanks to the Student Development Staff who served as advisors on the Alternative Spring Break Trips:

- Christine Bloczynski - United Methodist Neighborhood Centers, Memphis, Tennessee
- Tonya Riley - Ronald McDonald House, Memphis, Tennessee
- Ben Taylor - Operation Breakthrough, Kansas City, Missouri
- Christina Herrera - Goose Island State Park, Rockport, Texas
- Dennis Hall - Katrina Relief, Poplarville, Mississippi
- T.J. Zambrano - St. Bernard Project, New Orleans, Louisiana

"Rebuilding this city gives you a whole different perspective on life."

- Gabrielle Loper, sophomore



UNION RECYCLING

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Email unionrecycling@unt.edu and a representative will be by to pick up any recyclable products.

Including: Cardboard and Paper



**UNION
RECYCLING
PROGRAM**

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WHAT YOU SEE

- ✓ Dedicated wall to sustainability efforts in the Union
- ✓ Electronic messaging systems to replace paper advertisements
- ✓ Seven new recycling centers located throughout the Union
- ✓ Added mixed-paper bins on each level
- ✓ Paper recycling bins in each office area
- ✓ Paper recycling bins within the small meeting rooms
- ✓ Introduction of 100% recycled paper products in all union restrooms
- ✓ Lower-energy retro-fitted lighting throughout the building
- ✓ Lower-energy LED lighting outside the Union to reduce energy consumption

WHAT IS TO COME

- ▶ Solar-powered trash receptacles
- ▶ Union hybrid pickup truck (two-mode hybrid)
- ▶ Information Table during Earth Week in April 2010



**UNION
RECYCLING
PROGRAM**



“The National Marrow Donor Program helps patients with leukemia and other life-threatening blood diseases.”



Many departments throughout the University of North Texas in conjunction with the Be the Match Registry and National Marrow Donor Program are working on Cancer Prevention Week for the week of April 12-17, 2010 at the UNT campus. During this week we will be educating our community on all different types of cancer through a Health Fair, Cancer Walk, Athletic Events, Memory Walls, Human Ribbon during University Day, Relay for Life and our biggest event, Be the Match Marrow Registration. We are hoping to get 1,000 UNT community members to be listed as donors during the Marrow Registration during UNT's Cancer Prevention Week.

“The National Marrow Donor Program helps patients with leukemia and other life-threatening blood diseases locate the best source of stem cells for marrow or blood stem cell transplantation.” We have more than 80 UNT faculty, staff and students who have been trained to be the Be the Match Ambassadors and to help collect information for potential donors on the UNT Campus.

Schedule of Events

April 12-April 16, 2010 Be the Match Drive

Monday - Thursday - Be the Match Drive at the Library Mall, Campus Green from 10am-4pm
Pohl Recreation Center from 3pm-8pm
Various Residence Halls from 6pm-9pm
Discovery Park, Wednesday, from 11am-2pm
University Day, Friday, 11am-2pm

Tuesday, April 13 - Free Health Fair, Union Golden Eagle Suite from 10am-2pm

Wednesday, April 14 - Cancer Walk to raise awareness about cancer. Meet outside of the Pohl Recreation Center at noon.

Wednesday, April 14 - Play for Kay Softball Game

All Week - Memory and Survivor Walls in the Residence Halls and outside the University Union

UNT Human Ribbon - Friday during University Day (Wear Your Green!)

2010 Relay for Life Denton, Texas
April 17, 3pm - April 18, 6am
Fouts Field

Join students, staff, faculty and the community in making a difference!

www.relayforlife.org/rfldentontx

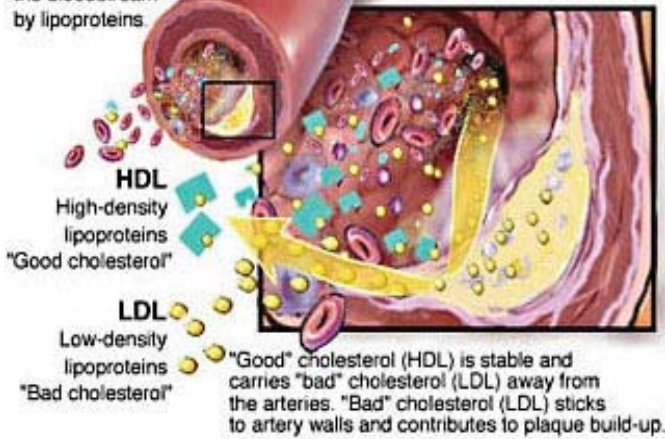
Nutri-Tip Tuesday

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Cholesterol

Cholesterol is a waxy fat carried through the bloodstream by lipoproteins



We are continuing with the heart health topic. For today's tip we are talking cholesterol...that evil little word! Or is it?

The answer is yes and no. We need cholesterol to:

- Produce steroid hormones like progesterone, testosterone, cortisol, and aldosterone
- Assist in making Vitamin D needed for bone health
- Make bile, to digest fats and absorb fat soluble vitamins

So you see... cholesterol isn't all bad. We need it. The concept to understand is that our body will make all the cholesterol it needs without us eating any in our diet. As we eat cholesterol, the liver adjusts how much it makes. A good way to understand if you are eating cholesterol is to ask yourself, does my food have a mother? If the answer is yes, you are eating cholesterol.

Example, butter comes from milk, which comes from a cow. That's its mother—a living animal. Plants don't come from animals, therefore, no mother. But, Plants DO have cholesterol like substances. They are called plant sterols. These are great for decreasing cholesterol levels up to 10%!

Let's review the type of cholesterol. In order for cholesterol to travel through the blood, it is coated with a protein. Because cholesterol is a lipid, the coating of cholesterol with protein makes it a "*lipoprotein*". There are 5 types of lipoproteins, two of which we are all familiar with—the ones connected to heart disease—LDL and HDL cholesterol. The "good" cholesterol, HDL or High Density Lipoprotein, is responsible for carrying blood cholesterol away from the arteries and back to the liver, thus slowing the growth of plaque buildup. High HDL is a good thing and conversely, low HDL is actually a risk factor in heart disease and stroke. Low HDL is defined for men as less than 40 and for women it is less than 50.

Risk categories for LDL-cholesterol

LDL cholesterol, or Low Density Lipoproteins (aka "bad" cholesterol), is the primary cholesterol carrier. Remember, we need something to

LDL-cholesterol*	Risk	Action
less than 130 mg/dL	average	check in 5 years
130-160 mg/dL	moderate	check every year
161-189 mg/dL	high	diet therapy for 6 months; if little change, begin drug therapy
190 mg/dL and over	extreme	begin both diet and drug therapy at once

*measured in milligrams per deciliter

transport cholesterol around the body. This guy does that for us. But, too much LDL can build up and with the help of other substances form atherosclerotic (ath-er-o-scla-rot-ic) plaques that block blood flow to the brain, heart, or other parts of the body. This clearly is not a good thing, hence why LDL has gotten a "bad" reputation.

Foods That Help Lower Cholesterol

Garlic	Leeks	Vegetables	Oats (5 min, grouts, steel cut, bran)	Seeds	Apple pulp	Strawberries
Onions	Fruits	Whole grains	Beans / legumes	Nuts	Barley	Citrus fruits



CANstruction

MORE THAN 7,000 POUNDS OF FOOD COLLECTED

On Friday, February 26, students, staff and faculty participated in the second annual CANstruction contest as part of Building Citizen's Week. Through this event, more than 7,000 pounds of food was collected and donated to the Denton Community Food Center. Sculptures were judged on creativity and size.

"The second CANstruction was a huge success and the Denton Community Food Center is grateful for all the food that was donated," said Amy Simon, Director, Center for Leadership and Service. Thank you to all who participated in helping to make a difference for those who are hungry right here in our own community."

CANstruction Winners:

Grand Prize Winner: Volunteer League

Greek Week Winner: Team Omicron

Faculty/Staff/Dept.: Office of Sustainability

Student Organization: ASHRE/SWE -
Discovery Park

Building Citizens Week

The Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities celebrated Building Citizens Week February 22-26, 2010.

Building Citizens is an initiative created to support, encourage, and inspire the students of the University of North Texas to become active citizens not only in our University community, but also in local, state, national, and global communities.

In addition to CANstruction, the week included a variety of programs that encouraged our community members to be active citizens. Activities included environmental awareness trivia, presentations, blood drive, voter and census registration, and much more.

Grand Prize Winners:
Volunteer League



Greek Week Winner:
Team Omicron



Faculty/Staff/Dept:
Office of Sustainability



Student Organization:
ASHRAE/SWE -
Discovery Park



NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK CELEBRATED AT DISCOVERY PARK

National Engineers Week, February 14-20, 2010, was celebrated with a week-long series of events hosted by the Council of Engineering Organizations. With guidance and funding support from the Office of the Dean of Engineering and the Center for Student Development, the week's highlights included an opening luncheon featuring speaker Dr. "Vish" Prasad, UNT VP for Research and Economic Development; an Awards and Dessert Reception with guest speaker, Ms. Julie England, an independent IT consultant; tour of the Navistar Truck Plant and Microsoft Offices; and a career fair hosting more than twenty companies. In addition, several interactive events took place including a poster competition, cart and winch race, circuit competition, CANstruction and a Gaming Night. Student participation greatly increased this year and the Council hopes to expand and develop these activities for the future.



GREEK WEEK

2010

ALPHA (AL-FAH) BETA (BAY-TAH) GAMMA (GAM-AY) DELTA (D-L-TAH) EPSILON (EP-S-LON) ZETA (ZAY-TAH) ETA (AY-TAH)

More Than \$17,500 Raised for UNT Scholarships

The Office of Greek Life is proud to announce that the Greek community raised more than \$17,500 for UNT scholarships during our annual Greek Week fundraiser. Over the last several years, the Greek Community has raised large amounts of money, but this year's total was the largest amount ever!

Furthermore, Greek Week 2010 was a huge success which concluded Sunday, March 7, with our annual Greek Awards ceremony. On behalf of the Greek Community and the Office of Greek Life, we'd like to give a special thank you to the UNT staff judges for this year's awards:

- Brooke Carter, Student Activities
- Uyen Tran, Women's Center
- Kristi Taylor, Student Activities
- Tracy Frier, Student Activities
- Paul Goebel, Student Money Management Center
- Stella Mulberry, Dean of Students Office
- Jacob Huffman, Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Renee Hebert, College of Business
- Tonya Riley, New Student Programs

Finally, we'd like to congratulate two very special individuals. Dr. Mona Hicks and Peggy Kindt received two of our highest honors as they received special awards for Greek Supporter of the Year!

Congratulations to everyone, and on behalf of the Office of Greek Life, have a wonderful rest of the semester!

Business Services Day 2010

Business Services Day took place on January 11, 2010 at the Gateway Center, and is a full day of professional development classes of safety-related issues for all full-time and part-time Business Services employees to attend. The day also includes a professional speaker during the General Session to talk to employees about safety. This year Chuck Fuller received the first ever "Marge Jimmerson Dedication to Safety Awareness Award."





Dining Services News

Value Menu at the Student Union

It goes without saying that times are tough and people are “pinching pennies” to get by. Everything seems to be going up in price; auto expenses, rent, groceries... heck even the cost of movie tickets and popcorn. In this world of everything going up one thing is coming down - the price of food at the Student Union.

For years people have thought that the price of eating in the Union was out of control. According to Kim Schroeder, Director of Retail Dining for Dining Services, “We have always had value options but now there are even more.” To make sure that people eating at the Union could really see the value offered at the retail locations, large red and yellow banners were hung to highlight the value.

“There is value everything you look in the Union,” said Schroeder. Here are some of the great values you can find.

Union - 2nd Level

- Boar’s Head Deli - \$5.99 Any sandwich, chips and a fountain drink
- Freshen’s - Regular smoothie \$1.99, Large \$2.49 (M-F after 3pm)
- Green Mountain Coffee - \$2.99, 12 oz. coffee and muffin

Union - 1st Level

- University Burger Company - \$1.99 burger, \$1.99 cup-o-fries, \$2.99 burger and fries, \$3.99 big breakfast (bacon, eggs, biscuit and gravy), \$3.99 double burger and fries
- Mean Wings - \$2.99 chicken wings/strips with fries
- Pasta Bar - \$2.99 huge smoked potato, \$2.99 giant slice of pizza and a fountain drink, \$3.99 baked pasta

This is just the beginning, watch for new specials coming soon and remember, at UNT Dining Services “It’s about the food.”



**2.99
DAILY
VALUES**

Single Burger & Fries
Giant Pizza Slice & Soda
4 Wings & Fries
Smoked Potato

GREAT LUNCH MEAL DEALS!

Look for the bright signage hanging in the Chat Food Court, Union level one, and in and the Corner Store, on level two of the Union.

Win a Bike With Your Favorite Recipe

Need a bike? How about a custom North Texas mountain bike? Starting March 8, visit Bruce, Kerr or Mean Green cafeterias and submit your favorite "recipe from home" to be entered to win. You can enter as many recipes as you wish for a chance to win a custom North Texas Mountain Bike, courtesy of Dining Services and General Mills.

The recipes will be reviewed on April 2, 2010, and one winner per cafeteria will be selected to win one of three North Texas Mountain Bikes. Once decided the winning recipes will be cooked up in our cafeterias for the entire campus to enjoy.

According to Shohreh Sparks, Associate Director of Resident Dining, "this promotion is just the beginning of our Recipes from Home program that will become part of our new Dining Services Web site." Sparks continues, "We want to incorporate favorite recipes from home so that not only do the students get to see their favorite home-cooked meals on the menu, but it will be shared with the entire campus to enjoy."

For More Information About the Promotion, Visit One of the Participating Cafeterias, or Email, Shohreh.Sparks@unt.edu - Good Luck!



Money Matters

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

Danielle Champagne, Student Money Management Center

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, Social Security number, credit card number, or other identifying information, without your permission in order to commit fraud or other crimes. Consumers whose identities have been stolen can spend months and years clearing up their good name and credit, not to mention the expense that may be involved. The best way to help prevent becoming a victim of identity theft is to safeguard your personal information.

Protect Your Social Security Number

Remove your Social Security Number from your driver's license and insurance cards. Don't put your SSN on your checks or carry a copy of your card in your wallet. If you have to provide your number for anything, offer only the last 4 digits and request that your number be taken off any loan applications.

Protect Your Credit Cards/ATM/Debit Card

Carry your credit cards separately from your wallet. Report any questionable charges in writing and send by registered mail to the credit card companies. Keep a secured copy of all account numbers and write, "See Photo ID" or "Ask for ID" on the back of all cards instead of your signature. Never leave your purse, wallet, or credit cards unattended, even at work. And protect all accounts with a password. Destroy account numbers on discarded cards and be sure to cut through the embossed account numbers. Review all monthly statements for accuracy and report any discrepancies you may find. Check account activity regularly and do not carry your PIN number on your person. Be alert for "peering eyes" when making a purchase and do not leave ATM receipts behind.

Protect Your Financial Documents

Shred all personal information in a cross-cut or diamond-cut shredder whenever possible and do not carry extra cards or identifying documents. Review your credit report annually from all three credit reporting agencies, available at www.annualcreditreport.com. If you believe you have been a victim of identity theft at any time, you should immediately order a copy of your reports and follow the instructions for reporting suspected cases of fraud.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has excellent information on guarding against identity theft and further actions to take if you have become a victim on their Web site at <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/index.html>

Statistics

More than 10 million people will become victims of identity theft in 2010.

71% of fraud happens within a week of stealing a victim's personal data.

Low-tech methods for stealing personal information are still the most popular for identity thieves. Stolen wallets and physical documents accounted for 43% of all identity theft, while online methods accounted for only 11%.

guard yourself against attack

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR INTERNET SAFETY

DON'T VISIT NON-REPUTABLE SITES OR SITES THAT YOU HAVE DON'T HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT

- Drive by infections are on the rise now. What I mean by drive-by infections is that you go to a Web site and unbeknownst to you malware/viruses download themselves to your computer without you having clicked on any links. All you did was enter the initial URL in the address bar to go the site.
- Malware embedded within advertisements is also on the increase.
- Social networking sites are also great vehicles for malware/virus distribution.
- Hiding malicious payload behind video playing buttons is also a common practice now.
- Scare hacking, ie. showing you a screen that mimics your operating system's update or security page is a tactic used to entice users to click on buttons and links that will take them to disreputable sites so that your information can be harvested.

DOWNLOAD SOFTWARE FROM SITES YOU TRUST.

- Free software may not be necessarily free if it provides nice graphics but it also siphons your personal information or it allows remote access to your computer or information.

PATCH YOUR OPERATING SOFTWARE REGULARLY.

- For Windows operating systems this is at least once a month.

INCREASE BROWSER SECURITY.

- Rather than clicking a link in an email, type the URL into the address bar of your browser.
- Phishing emails will often hide a malicious URL behind trusted names.

USE AN UP-TO-DATE ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE.

- Be sure to keep up with the virus signature updates. Antivirus software that has out of date signature files is worse than having no virus protection because you are lulled into a false sense of security.

USE ANTI-SPYWARE SOFTWARE - THIS CAN BE SOFTWARE SEPARATE FROM YOUR ANTIVIRUS.

USE SOME TYPE OF WEB ADVISOR LIKE MCAFEE'S SITE ADVISOR, WHICH CAN BE DOWNLOADED FOR FREE.

WHEN BROWSING, MAKE SURE YOU USE THE APPROPRIATE USER RIGHTS.

- Administrator right should be reserved for IT staff only. The reason to not have administrator privileges is to limit the damage that could be caused if you do get an infection.

IF SOMETHING APPEARS TO BE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE - IT PROBABLY IS.

- Your financial institution will not send you an email indicating that there is something wrong with your account or ID or password and they will never ask you to just click a link. When going to your financial institution's Web site take the time to actually correctly type the institution's Web site address in the address bar - don't click on a link.
- It is highly unlikely that you have a relative who absolutely can't get out of some place unless you wire them your information or funds and even if you do, it is again unlikely that you will get that request via an email that you can't verify and one that a few million people also receive.

According to the latest FBI statistics on cybercrime, 52% of computer users (mostly from the business community) experienced some sort of unauthorized use or intrusion of their computer systems.

Distinguished Lecture Series



The Objective of the Distinguished Lecture Series (DSL) is to introduce the University community to the excellence of world-class speakers and to raise the appreciation of same; to expose the University community members to personalities to whom they would not ordinarily be exposed; to complement the educational process; to add significantly to the quality of life for the University community and the greater Metroplex communities; endeavor to enhance the educational opportunities for the communities and attain speakers who provide and are of interest to students. Speakers range from provocative public intellectuals to finance experts to icons within their respective fields. Suggestions for speakers are solicited from students, faculty and staff members. Suggestions are then included on the Student Government Association (SGA) ballot. The committee attempts to bring the speakers in order of majority vote. This system ensures that the committee best represents and reflects the selections of the student body. Past speakers include: Dr Cornel West, Suze Orman, Vincente Fox, Bill Nye, Troy Aikman, and Robert F. Kennedy. Depending on the content of the lecture and the lecturer's area of expertise, academic partners are chosen in order to provide a unique opportunity for students to attend smaller, more intimate sessions where they have the ability to meet the distinguished lecturer and ask questions. Academic partners are areas that have a direct link to the content of the lecture. After each lecture, students are surveyed to determine what they have learned from the presentation in order to assess the validity and effectiveness of the program. Learning outcomes considered and achieved area as diverse as the speakers DLS host. Obvious learning outcomes correlate to the subject of information delivered by the speaker. Suze Orman provided educational information regarding credit scores, loans, and tips for successful personal finance practice. Orman was a dynamic speaker that engaged the crowd by asking tough financial questions and encouraged financial responsibility and accountability. The most recent lecturer, Dr. Cornel West, provided challenging insight into historical and current social indifferences. Dr. West challenged students to measure success in terms of higher education and the ability to have a deeper knowledge of the world around them rather than by materialistic measures.

The Next DLS Lecture, Featuring Eric Schlosser Author of *Fast Food Nation*, Will Be On April 21, 2010.



UNT Housing Director Receives Special Honors

Betsy Warren Named Faculty Member For Association of College and University Housing Officers International

Every 2 years, the Association of College and University Housing Officers International (ACUHO-I) hosts a training session for 40 new professional chief housing officers. During the four day retreat, the conference invites ten seasoned chief housing officers to compete to teach the ten topics for that year. Warren was selected to teach a segment on "Creating Effective Partnerships Throughout the University." This is a huge honor for Warren and a terrific opportunity to influence the work of these 40 new professionals that have been in the field for less than five years. Warren also gained valuable insight from segments taught by other leaders in the profession.

Also, Warren was recently named Diversity Champion at the African-American Heritage Banquet. She has been an asset to the housing community and the Division as a whole for her example of leadership.

Career Center Events and Student Appreciation

Student Employee Appreciation Week Monday, April 12- Friday, April 16, 2010

Join the UNT Career Center in honoring the hard work and dedication of UNT's Student Employees. Our Student Employees provide the support, creativity and enthusiasm that allow our departments to operate efficiently. We all know that without our Student Employees our departments would come to a screeching halt!

Here are some creative ways to recognize your Student Employees throughout the week:

- Give them a balloon bouquet from Union Design Works (give five days notice for orders)
- Hang a banner in your office celebrating your Student Employees
- Make posters showing them how great they are
- Tell them how great they are
- Give them a card telling them how much you appreciate them
- Bake their favorite goodies
- Take them to the

Student Employee Appreciation Party
Wednesday, April 14, 2010
3:30 - 4:30 pm (come and go)
Silver Eagle Suites, University Union

Students are currently looking for summer employment. If you are looking to hire someone to start in the fall, it is good to post the position in late July/Early August. If you have questions, please contact Shaun Stoehr (Shaun.Stoehr@unt.edu) in the Career Center.

UNION FEST

UnionFest Celebrates 62 Years of Unions at UNT

To celebrate 62 years of Unions at UNT, UnionFest 2010 packed a full-day of fun and excitement for the entire campus community. Free food, music, games, prizes, entertainment, and the return of the giant Union cake were just highlights of this fun annual UNT event which more than 17,000 people attended.

For 62 years UNT students, faculty, staff as well as many community members, dignitaries and campus visitors have roamed the halls of the University Union. Today the Union plays a significant role in co-curricular activities of UNT students that fosters a total learning environment. Committed to providing an atmosphere that is educational, cultural, social, and recreational, the Union enhances the experiences of the entire campus community.

Commonly known as the “living room” of campus, the Union is the only place on campus where the entire campus community can come together to relax, unwind, or break from their busy life.

“The Union staff is committed to providing outstanding service to our students and the UNT community, UnionFest is an opportunity for us to give our thanks to them for including us in their daily lives,” said Tom Rufer, Vice President for Auxillary Services.

UnionFest 2010 took place Wednesday, March 10, 2010.





Adoptions/Births

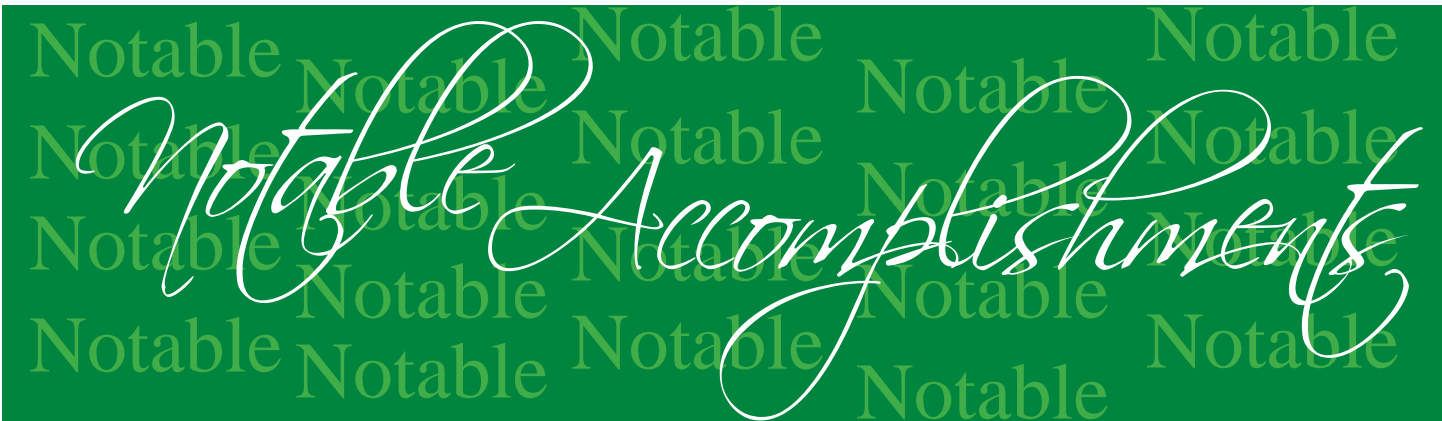
Melissa McGuire, New Student and Student Success Programs, welcomed a baby boy 02/01/10

Brooke Elder-Moore, VPSD, welcomed a baby boy on 02/22/10

Jenna and Philip Elliott, Counseling and Testing and Housing respectively, welcomed a baby boy on 02/22/10

Engagements/Marriages

Kristi Taylor Collins, GA for Student Activities, married 02/19/10



HOUSING

HOUSING STAFF GOES TO AUSTIN

Fourteen Housing employees attended the annual Southwest Association of College and Union Housing Officers) SWACUHO Conference in Austin. From all reports, everyone learned much and encountered great bonding and networking experiences. Those representing UNT Housing include: Jon Bartlett, Josh Brown, James Fairchild, Derek Gates, Dennis Hall, Stephen Harper, Christina Herrera, Russell Lopez, Sharon Miller, Bill Rose, Tiffany Roussel, Billy Roussel, Zach Thompson, and T.J. Zambrano.

MEAN GREEN WINNERS

Kudos to Tiffany Roussel and Rachel Rachel for winning prestigious awards. Roussel was recognized for "Tales for Staff Development" in the Top 5 Programming category; and Rachel Rachel was awarded the Gene Ward Outstanding Student Leader Award.

NO FRILLS

Students attended the regional business conference for SWACURH, known as No Frills, and brought home two esteemed awards. The students who attended include: Nicky Davies, Dana Slemph and Sarah Amberson.

Kristin Sharp was named the National Residence Hall Honorary Member of the Year.

UNT Housing was also won the Commitment to Sustainability during the conference.

UNION

Stefanie Ritz, Union Marketing Coordinator, and Tom Rufer, Assistant Vice President for Auxiliary Services, represented UNT at the annual Association of College Unions International Conference in New York City in March.

Several students and staff members traveled to Boston for the National Association of Campus Activities National Convention, including: Amber Turner, Carlos Rodriguez, Kiera Wade, Montreal Williams and JaShae Banks.

Amber Turner, Programming Coordinator, and Christina Coovert, GA for UPC, represented UNT at the American College Personnel Association National Convention in Boston.

Peggy Kindt, Scheduling Services Coordinator, was recently awarded the Greek Supporter of the Year Award.



DEAN OF STUDENTS

SMMC TEAM MEMBER CALLED TO SERVE

Velma Gray, SMMC Administrative Coordinator, was selected as a reviewer for the competitive 2010 FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship for the Accredited Financial Counselor Program. The scholarship program is an initiative launched by the FINRA Investor Education Foundation to increase the financial knowledge of military service members and their families. The program will provide fellowship recipients with the education necessary to earn the Accredited Financial Counselor (AFC) designation and to provide financial counseling and education within the military community. Last year, 1050 spouses applied for the fellowship with 187 scholarships awarded.

SMMC MENTOR NOMINATED AS NATIONAL DELEGATE

Latisha Stephenson, SMMC Money Management Mentor and UNT senior, was nominated to become a Vision 2020 National Delegate. *Vision 2020: An American Conversation About Women and Leadership*, a project dedicated to creating a decade of education and action to promote gender equality, starting will commence with an issue-setting session at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia on October 21-22, 2010, and culminate with a celebration in Philadelphia of the 100th anniversary of the 19th ammendment to the United States Constitution on October 21, 2020. Two women from each state and the District of Columbia will be selected as delegates to participate in identifying and framing the issues that Vision 2020 will study and act on in the decade leading to the anniversary of women's suffrage in 2020.

SMMC SPONSORS FREE TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SMMC, in partnership with the United Way of Denton County and Internal Revenue Service, sponsored free income tax assistance for the campus community this tax season. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program offers free tax help to low- to moderat-income (generally \$49,000 and below) individuals and households. The volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS. Students receive free

assistance and free electronic filing of their taxes. Openings are still available for the April 6th program that will be held in Chestnut Hall from 5-8pm, reservations are required (940.369.7761). The United Way will also be sponsoring additional free income tax assistance opportunities at the North Branch Library from 9:30-1pm on Saturdays until April 10, 2010. No appointments are necessary.

DIRECTOR OF GREEK LIFE

Congratulations to Alex Seltzer for being named the new Director of Greek Life. Seltzer has previously worked as a Greek Life Coordinator at UNT.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cancer Awareness Week
April 12-17, 2010

Earth Week
April 19-22, 2010

Divisional Awards Luncheon
April 29, 2010

Twilight Golf League
Each Thursday, April 8-May 6, 2010

Spring 2010 Faculty/Staff Golf Tournament
April 16, 2010

Winstar Golf Course
For More Information, contact Rec Sports

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