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Message from Dr. With



We've finally found ourselves in the midst of May, and for me, this time always comes with a bittersweet feeling. While it may finally feel like the calm after the storm has come and the pace has relaxed a bit, having the students disperse for the summer leaves the campus a little less lively. However, there is much work to be done in the coming months in preparation for that lively spirit to return in the fall. Our Summer Summit will be a time to realign our divisional goals with those of the new Four Bold Goals. In addition, we'll also be receiving updates and recommendations from our Engagement Workgroups and talking a great deal about retention, our magic word.

You can mark your calendars now: The Summer Summit will be held on July 26 in the Silver Eagle Suite from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Based on our projected enrollment numbers thus far, it looks as though we are headed in to another academic year with lower enrollment numbers than we would like to see. What this means for us and the rest of the campus is that when enrollment is down, the pocketbook sees a little less reward. All budgets will most likely be affected by this. However, as an institution, we will not waiver from striving for Goal 1: *Provide the best undergraduate experience in Texas*. It simply is not an option to give our students anything less than what they deserve from our institution. And after hearing all the wonderful words written in nomination after nomination at the Division Awards Banquet, I am certain there is the exact amount of passion and creativity to make that happen. I also want to reiterate the importance of your interactions with our students. Now more than ever, don't underestimate your ability to influence retention and make a positive impact on the success of our students. It is critical to maintaining the promise we have made to them.

Lastly, I want to make a quick mention of our Student Services Fee Committee, which was run solely by students for the first time this year. They did an excellent job of considering all information presented to them to make the best decisions possible in allocating funds for services and programs on behalf of their fellow students. It is a good feeling to be able to say that students are truly in control of where their fees are being distributed.

I hope that you all have a wonderful summer and that you're able to find a bit of relaxation whether nearby or a far-off destination.

We'll see you at the Summer Summit,

Vice President of Student Affairs

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STUDENT AFFAIRS

"Where Students Matter"

Division of Student Affairs Award Winners

Individual Awards

- Allie Thibodeaux and Nicole Newland (Graduate Assistant of the Year)
- Kathy Fisher (Administrative Professional of the Year)
- Leigh Grisson and Blake Rexroat (DSA New Member of the Year)
- Kirsten Bishop (DSA New Professional of the Year)
- Dennis Hall and Phyllis Vaughn (Staff Member of the Year)
- Mike Flores (Senior Staff Member of the Year)

- Earl Thomson (New Service Provider of the Year)
- Janet Murrill (Service Provider of the Year)
- Shohreh Sparks (Senior Service Provider of the Year)
- DaNeetra Kersee (DSA Ambassador of the Year Award)

Department/Group Awards

- Career Center (Excellence in Assessment Award)
- Student Activities Center (Outstanding Innovation Award)

- Student Activities Center -Mean Green Fling (Outstanding Program Award)
- Student Money Management (Outstanding Collaboration Award)
- Center for Leadership and Service (Outstanding Department Award)

Individual/Department/Group Awards

- Student Activities Center (Eagle Spirit Award)
- Dee Wilson (Friend of Student Affairs Award)

DSA Receives Two UNT Staff Contribution Awards

Two Student Affairs employees received UNT Staff Contribution awards from President V. Rawlins in a ceremony on March, 26. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Manager Strategic Grants, RAP, and Josh Gosdin Assistant Director of Maple Hall received crystal trophies and cash awards for their outstanding contributions to the university.

Dr. Abbas organized the First South Asia Peace Conference in November featuring ambassadors, activists and several scholars who presented papers and discussed emerging peace issues of the region. The conference was organized with 10 internal grants in collaboration with Student Affairs and other UNT partners.

Josh Gosdin received the award for his outstanding contributions as

Assistant Director of Maple Hall. These awards are presented annually to those who have made outstanding contributions in support of university goals. Any UNT or UNT System faculty, staff or student may nominate others for the award. Nominations are reviewed by a committee comprised of staff members and confirmed by the president.

Dean of Students

On April 18, the Dean of Students Office hosted the sixth annual Flight Memorial Ceremony, honoring those students, faculty, staff and alumni who have passed on within the past year. Over 200 people joined together to remember our fallen eagles. Touching remarks were given by Dr. V. Lane Rawlins and attendees were moved

after Cynthia Uduebor, a UNT alumni, shared her personal experiences. A wonderful tribute was performed by the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, followed by the reading of the names by student Monica Saunders, Executive Director of the UNT Alumni Association Derrick Morgan, Staff Council Chairperson Hillary Talatzko and Faculty Senate

Representative Dr. Donna Emmanuel. Attendees remained silent as the UNT Bell rang four times, followed by the playing of Taps. The Dean of Students Office would like to thank all who volunteered their time making this ceremony special for all in attendance.

Union Director and Master Plan Committee Recognized for Campaign Transparency

Zane Reif, director of activities and the University Union was recognized by the National Residence Hall Honorary for his work leading the master plan committee for the campaign for a new Union at the April 25 ceremony.

“His tireless efforts and dedication to ensure that students get the best Union possible should be commended. However, it’s his continued attention to the needs and wants of students that Zane should truly be recognized for,” said Brittini Barnett, UNT student and residence hall member.

Barnett continued, “Since he came to UNT, Zane has made sure that the voices and opinions of students were heard loud and clear. This can be seen in the slogan adopted by the Union Master Plan project, Your Union. Your Voice.”

The Master Plan committee, made

up of a majority ratio of students to staff and faculty, developed a marketing campaign that was designed to be transparent and open to students. An active social media campaign and blog were started to engage students in conversations about the project and helped answer any questions and concerns that students may have had.

In April, the work of Reif and the master plan committee paid off when UNT students voted in favor of a referendum to fund the renovated and expanded Union. The new Union is expected to open in 2015.

“My favorite part about my job is interacting with students, especially on this project. I think it’s fun to see students get excited about the Union and the possibilities of what this building will look like,” said Reif.

The master plan committee and Reif will be working with the architects and representatives from the UNT System throughout the next months and year ahead on the project. Students will continue to be involved in the project with more student forums planned for the future and opportunities for students to make the decisions that directly impact every aspect of the new Union spaces.

“These efforts to be as transparent as possible in what could be one of the University’s biggest and most important undertaking truly show Zane’s dedication to the student body. He listens to them and most importantly, he realizes that they are the reason he is here,” Barnett said.

Alternative Service Breaks – *A week that lasts a lifetime!*

The Center for Leadership & Service sponsored 13 Alternative Spring Break trips with 125 students and staff volunteering with poverty and hunger programs, education and youth, animals and the environment, and Hurricane Katrina relief. Volunteering more than 5,000 hours, their service not only impacted the communities where they worked, but had a life-changing impact on the participants as well.

Special thanks to the UNT staff who served as Alternative Spring Break advisors this year and made these trips possible:

- Kirsten Bishop
- Hope Garcia
- Tracy Frier
- Scott Geer

- Alaina Glenn
- Amy Simon
- Kerry Stanhope
- Patavia Whaley
- Christina Herrera
- Katy Miller
- Leigh Smith
- Whusheane Perry
- T.J. Zambrano

“ASB is the chance for real students to make a real impact on a community. It’s the opportunity to fully commit for a week to making the world a better place, step by step” a student who served at Turpentine Creek Wildlife in Refuge, Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

“This trip was my first opportunity to serve, but will not be my last. ASB changed my life and has really ignited

a spirit within me to volunteer,” said a student on the Class Cause trip to SAMM Ministries, in San Antonio.

“Stepping back from typical college life to see others struggling is eye opening and life changing to be able to help. ASB allows connections between other students from diverse backgrounds to come together for one cause. ‘Ga-du-gi’ in Cherokee means working together,” said a student on the class cause trip to Cherokee Nation Head Start in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Union Completes Two Big Assessment Projects

The month of April is busy for everyone with programs and big events happening almost every single day. The Union is no exception. During the month of April the Union completed two big assessment projects that will provide vital feedback and insight into the student experience. The annual Educational Benchmarking Institute (EBI) survey measures the opinions of approximately 500 users of the building, gauging their thoughts about everything from programming and the arts, to cleanliness and customer service.

“The results of the survey help us better tailor how we deliver our programs and services,” said Stefanie Ritz, assistant director of the Union for assessment, marketing, and planning.

Results are shared with each department for review and action items are planned to address any concerns that may arise. The survey was completed April 30-May 2.

The second assessment project completed was the Union Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (UASK), a survey designed to measure the

student learning outcomes of student employees. The outcomes are based on previously defined learning outcomes from the Association of College Unions International (ACUI).

“We see the UASK survey as being a great opportunity for our managers to learn how they can train their employees better throughout the year, and also for our students to have a better understanding of what skills and experiences they have gained through their employment here at the Union,” said Ritz.

Sustainability Efforts in Housing and Residence Life

The Go Green initiative made an impact this semester with a strong group of 12 Eco-Reps. Each residence hall was provided an Eco-Rep, who informed residents of the sustainability efforts that UNT is making, educated residents on recycling and created programs to show others a sustainable way of living. Our focus for the semester was to bring the BYOB program to its fullest potential and promote a friendly competition for the residence halls in collaboration with the Office of Sustainability’s project Recycle Mania. The residence halls had an opportunity to win a pizza party. Bruce and Crumley Hall were the winners with 23.2 lbs. per resident for recycling during the competition.

Programming efforts for the semester were:

- **Recycle Mania was a success.** Recycling increased by 4% within residence halls during the eight

week-long recycling competition because of Eco-Reps’ efforts to get residents involved.

- **BYOB was brought back.** The Residence Hall Association made BYOB a key element in programming by distributing bottles during their Welcome Back Bash and at Student Symposium this month.
- Eco-Reps put on programs to view *Tapped*, a documentary about the water bottle industry at both Maple and Crumley Hall to help educate residents about the benefits of BYOB.
- Proposed projects for the We Mean Green Fund
 - A residence hall community garden and community recreational area by Victory Hall’s pond
 - Eco-Reps teamed up with Joel Morales, special assistant for social



media, to create a “Go Green” video that promoted recycling. The video is the first of many to come that will cover different topics of sustainability.

Recognize Kappa Delta Chi Sorority for their Go Green efforts and involvement with Residence Life for spring 2012.

Kappa Delta Chi, a multicultural and service based sorority at UNT, received the “Greenest Greek Award” at Greek Awards this year. The sorority has demonstrated a passion for the “Go Green” initiative by helping the Residence Hall Association and Eco-Reps at programs. The special assistant for sustainability, Yvette Andablo, nominated the sorority for the award because of their contributions to Residence Life and their efforts to get Greek Life more involved with campus sustainability.

Greek Life

On April 21, the Office of Greek Life successfully held its inaugural Greek Preview Day. Students admitted to the university with a GPA of 2.75 or above and transfer students with a GPA of 2.5 or above and their family members were invited to attend the event. The 300 participants began the day with registration and mingling with the many Greek organizations in the Union before heading into the Lyceum for a welcome. A panel discussion was conducted to introduce participants to Greek life with Alyssa Dixon, current member of Greek life, Maureen McGuinness, dean of students, and Frank Bracken, Greek life and UNT alumnus.

Participants then headed up to the fourth floor of the Union to take part in three informational breakout sessions. These sessions were led by volunteer members of the Greek community who put together presentations about

the four Greek Councils at UNT, recruitment processes for the different councils, and what involvement in Greek Life looks like at UNT. An additional informational session was also available just for parents where they received information about Greek Life and community standards expectations and parents were encouraged to get involved with Parent Programs.

The Greek Ambassadors then led interested participants on a Greek housing tour before everyone headed to Apogee Stadium to tailgate before the annual Green and White Game. The tailgating atmosphere was lively with Greek organizations' letters and tents spreading over the stadium grounds, music playing, and hot dogs and other tasty food catered through UNT's Dining Services. Everyone was then invited to attend the spring football game and the Reckless Kelly concert to

conclude the day.

The purpose of Greek Preview Day is to encourage interest in joining the Greek community at UNT. Greek Life as well as the recruitment process can often be mysterious. The goal of Greek Preview Day is to share what Greek life truly is, what membership looks like, and how joining the Greek community helps provide opportunities for individual growth.

A book drive was also held, and attendees as well as members of the Greek community were asked to give children's books on the day of the event in an effort to promote philanthropic activity. These books will be donated to local Denton organizations.

For more information about Greek Life, visit their website. And check out our facebook page.

Recreational Sports

Recreational Sports and the Student Health and Wellness Center teamed up to sponsor the Health & Fitness Expo on April 10. The event took place outside of Chestnut Hall and the Pohl Recreation Center, and offered an estimated 400 students that attended the chance to visit with resources and services on campus and in the surrounding community that

target all aspects of student wellbeing. The event featured free food and drinks, a Carter blood drive, fun games, health and fitness screenings, and health information. This was a great collaborative effort by the staffs at the Health Center and the Rec Center!

One hundred five students from colleges around the state visited the Pohl Recreation Center on April 7 to compete in the 8th Annual Red Point Riot climbing competition. Student climbing wall staff at the Rec Center spent the week cleaning holds and setting routes for the competition.

The Second-Annual Student Portraits

A Symposium for UNT Educators was held on Thursday, May 3. The Symposium is an opportunity for the UNT community to deepen its understanding of our students and their experiences. This intentional time-out focused on UNT retention efforts and our role in improving the student experience. Over 90 new retention ideas were generated by attendees.

Sessions included a student

panel, a panel with senior university leadership, 21 concurrent sessions on critical student issues, and 30 research posters featuring campus data. 39% of registrants were from Academic Affairs, and 31% of registrants were from Student Affairs. There was a 26% increase in registration from last year's program, as well as a 90% increase in the number of concurrent sessions and a 76% increase in the number of research-

based posters.

The Symposium was sponsored by Student Affairs, Institutional Research and Effectiveness, Undergraduate Studies, Enrollment Management, Housing and Residence Life, UNT Libraries, Equity and Diversity, CLEAR, the UNT Bookstore, and Bb Analytics. The date for next year's Symposium will be announced in the fall.

SMMC Celebrates Student Mentor

The center is proud of Monique Bradley for receiving the Outstanding Student Employee Award. Monique was one of 10 recipients and the

only DSA student employee to receive this special recognition. Monique, a Communications/Sociology junior, was recognized for her contributions and achievements as a Money Management Mentor. She has also been instrumental in the design of all the

center's marketing materials and was responsible for creating the "Pick Me" marketing campaign promoting the mentor services. It's student workers like Monique that make the center and division shine!

Referendum to Fund a Renovated and Expanded Union Passes by a Majority Student Vote

A majority of UNT students voted in April to fund the Union Master Plan project to renovate and expand the Union. The new Union is expected to open in 2015.

The project will expand the Union by 200,000 square feet, more than doubling student organization space and increasing in other areas such as dining, study, student service offices, retail locations and entertainment. The new Union will feature state-of-the-art technologies and many UNT-centric pride and traditions.

By design, the Union is the "living room" of campus. UNT students who worked on the master plan committee

felt that it was important for the campus to have the best place on campus to get connected, to relax and to get involved with their friends and peers.

"UNT students deserve the best, and as students, it's our responsibility to leave our campus better than when we came. I am glad that our students decided to move forward with the project," said Jayleen Watson, broadcast journalism junior and master plan committee co-chair.

For more information about the new Union, visit their website.

Eagle Talk

Food Democracy

UNT Dining has won its third Goldie award in two years. The Goldies is an annual award program presented by *FoodService Director* magazine in conjunction with the Culinary Institute of America that recognizes Gold Standard in non-commercial foodservice. It is an opportunity for us to showcase our dining concepts that exemplify the highest level of operational excellence.

This year UNT Dining won in the food democracy category. Khush Roti, our international sandwich cart, and Mean Greens, our all-vegan cafeteria, were two concepts that helped us earn this award. It is important that there is something for everyone on this campus of 35,000 students. We listened to our students' requests for more healthy

options and opened Mean Greens as an all-vegan dining hall and added a vegan line at the other four dining halls. Khush Roti made dining-on-the-go easily accessible to students with our food cart parked in the middle of campus.

Understanding what our customers want is an integral part of the success of Dining Services. Two programs that help us gather feedback from students are the Food Advisory Committee and the Secret Shopper program. The Food Advisory Committee is run by student volunteers who meet once a month with our dining directors. The committee has been sharing feedback with us for three

years and has generated several changes in our dining halls. We reached out to the University's Student Ambassadors and hired them to be our "secret shoppers". The students are paid with a meal plan and are directed to visit all of the dining halls and then complete an online survey that is shared with the managers weekly. Encouraging our students to be directly involved gives them a voice in our food democracy and helps us to be



successful.

Earth Week Mean Green Award

This year UNT Dining Services received the Earth Week We Mean Green Award. It is awarded to those that have impacted the campus with their sustainability initiatives. We have made several changes this past year that have improved our efficiency and effectiveness and set us on the path to greater sustainability.

By implementing new procurement procedures we reduced our product cost, pre- and post-consumer waste, and our carbon footprint. One of the

many changes we implemented was contracting with a prime vendor, Ben E. Keith. We decreased our truck deliveries from seventeen to three per week, reducing our fuel consumption, cost, and our carbon footprint. Another step toward sustainability was the creation of Mean Greens, our internationally recognized, all-vegan cafeteria. This cafeteria not only answered our students' requests for healthier options, but is focuses on offering more locally grown, plant-based dining. Mean

Greens serves made-from-scratch food in a trayless dining hall.

UNT Dining strives to be an innovator in creating a sustainable campus culture and has enjoyed sponsoring the annual Earth Day cook-out, an event focusing on locally grown food with minimal waste.

Counseling and Testing Services

Counseling and Testing Services (CTS) began two new electronic data collection systems this semester.

This spring, CTS went to a computer

check-in system where students can complete their intake forms on computers in the waiting room.

Counseling and Testing Services

also started their first online satisfaction survey for students to complete who have received counseling services this semester.

Multicultural Greek Council

The Multicultural Greek Council (MGC) has expanded to add the colony of Sigma Beta Rho to the University of North Texas' campus. Sigma Beta Rho will be the bring MGC to 11 chapters, steadily growing to support the needs and population of UNT. Historically, Sigma Beta Rho serves a South Asian

male population, and now prides itself on being the "largest and fastest growing fraternity of its kind." Founded on August 16, 1996, at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, these men have expanded to over 40 chapters and colonies and continue to push out west, where they feel momentum

growing. Focusing on the pillars of society, brotherhood and remembrance, these men will be a great asset to the growing council. The Greek Life Office and its chapters welcome Sigma Beta Rho with open arms and support!

Coffee & Culture is a Big Hit for Celebrating Great Global Citizens Month

In celebration of Great Global Citizens Month, Center for Student Affairs (CSA) hosted a four-week program called Coffee & Culture at Discovery Park. Coffee & Culture showcased a different country each week where coffee is grown around the world. Each program included direct buy coffee, a snack from the country and a cultural exchange. Discovery Park

students from Indonesia, Brazil, Guatemala and Kenya helped in the planning to ensure the authenticity. Coffee was served in recycled mugs to support the sustainability focus of the month as well.



Earth Month Featured Renowned Researcher Dr. Robert Boehm

Dr. Robert Boehm, director of the Energy Research Center at UNLV, and a top world scholar in solar research was our guest on April 19-20 at Discovery Park. During his visit, Dr. Boehm was a guest lecturer in an energy engineering

class, gave a public address entitled "Power Generation from the Sun" sharing current research in solar energy; engaged students in the newly formed Association of Energy Engineers professional society, and attended the

dedication of the Zero Energy Lab at Discovery Park. Dr. Boehm's visit was a partnership with Dr. Tao Yong, chair of the Department of Mechanical and Energy Engineering.

EarthFest Sees a Huge Increase in Participation

The third annual EarthFest was held at Discovery Park on April 25 and featured a free picnic lunch, live music,

games, giveaways and information to help students prepare for end of year activities. This year's attendance grew

significantly, with 387 in attendance, a 25% increase. This event continues to be one of the highlights of the year.

AlcoholEdu Results from First Year

The Substance Abuse Resource Center will begin the second year of implementation of AlcoholEdu this summer after a successful response from the inaugural year. AlcoholEdu is an online alcohol prevention program that provides a personalized approach for students. The program assists students in making healthy decisions regarding alcohol. Almost 2,000 new students completed all required parts of the assessment.

Survey Highlights:

- When measured prior to their arrival on campus, UNT students' drinking rates were below the national and state averages.
- When measured midway through the fall semester, 9% of UNT students reported drinking in a high risk way (compared to 28% nationally and 19% in Texas).
- Drinking rates are similar for men and women at UNT.
- The most common drinking-related risk behaviors for UNT students is doing shots and pre-gaming.
- After completing AlcoholEdu, students reported increases in positive behavioral intentions.

- Among high-risk drinkers who did not see a need to change their drinking behavior before the course, 35% indicated a readiness to change their drinking behavior after the course.

Positive Outcomes:

AlcoholEdu has enabled us to provide students with baseline knowledge and decision-making strategies regarding alcohol use.

Data from the fall data indicates:

- 80% of UNT students found the program to help them establish a plan

for responsible decisions regarding alcohol.

- 82% said it prepared them to identify and/or help someone who has alcohol poisoning.
- 58% indicated that it changed their perceptions of others' drinking-related behaviors.
- 57% indicated that the program stimulated them to reflect on their own personal attitudes and behaviors.



SMMC Director Honored with NASPA Award

Paul F. Goebel, senior director for Campus Life and director of the Student Money Management Center, has been awarded NASPA's Bob E. Leach Award for Outstanding Service to Students for his work with the SMMC and the Spiritual Life Initiatives. The award honors Paul's genuine and sincere

sense of caring and concern for students, a commitment to personalized student experiences, high quality interactions with individual students and student groups, and evidence "above and beyond" the call of duty while serving multiple roles within the UNT community. Paul's dedication and

commitment was exemplified when four students stepped up to offer letters of support for his nomination. Paul will be presented with the award at NASPA's Region III Summer Symposium in June. The SMMC team is proud of Paul's accomplishments!

Leadership and Service

From May 13-18, the Center for Leadership and Service is taking 65 of the top student leaders at UNT to Bridgeport, Texas for UNT's second LeaderShape Institute. LeaderShape is a nationally recognized program and is designed to help students improve their leadership skills, help make a change on campus and in the community, and help students lead with integrity and high ethical standards. The mission of LeaderShape is to teach students how to lead with integrity, and this opportunity for the inaugural class of LeaderShape will truly transform our campus.

As our office prepares for the transformative six-day experience, we are thankful for the team of Student Affairs staff who will make this week possible. A key feature of LeaderShape is the cluster system, where the 65 students are divided into smaller groups with a cluster facilitator. The cluster facilitator's for the this year

LeaderShape are:

- Ashlea Coulter – Transfer Center Coordinator
- Allyson Gardner – Coordinator for the Learning Center
- Blake Rexroat – Special Projects Coordinator for Student Affairs Administration
- Christina Coovert – Assistant Hall Director for Kerr Hall
- Jacob Huffman – Assistant Director for the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Kirsten Bishop – Leadership Coordinator for the Center for Leadership and Service
- Molly Orr – UPC Coordinator for the University Union

Our On-site Coordinators are:

- Leslie Pedigo – Graduate Student in the Higher Education program and graduate assistant for leadership for the Center for Leadership and Service

- Monica Saunders – strategic communications junior and LeaderShape 2011 Alumna.

We are excited for LeaderShape and thankful for our wonderful group of cluster facilitators. Our goal is that LeaderShape will be transformative not only for our 65 students, but for the staff who will interact with them for those six days, and for UNT.

LeaderShape would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors:

- Division of Student Affairs
- Wells Fargo
- UNT Auxiliary Services
- Dining Services
- Housing
- University Union
- UNT Alumni Association
- Undergraduate Studies
- Recreational Sports
- UNT Athletics

Dining Services Welcomes Two Alumni to the Team

UNT Dining Services would like to welcome Peter Pajak and David Smith to our management team. Peter is a UNT alumnus with a B.S. in Hospitality Management. He has over 12 years of experience in food service management. Before joining the UNT team, Peter was the assistant general manager of the Riverwalk Cantina and the Texan

Station sports bar at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine. Peter was responsible for purchasing, inventory and financials, as well as overseeing day-to-day operations. Prior to his work at the Gaylord Texan, Peter was the restaurant manager at the Marriott Solana in Westlake.

David Smith is also a graduate of UNT's Hospitality Management program. He has previously worked at the Holiday Inn in Irving

and the former Radisson Hotel in Denton. In addition to these positions, David also managed Tex-Mex restaurants for 10 years. David brings the unique skill of ice-carving to Dining Services. When not working, David enjoys outdoor activities.

We welcome both back in to the UNT community.

Funding, Fads and Student Affairs

Despite the fact that funding opportunities for higher education are becoming more competitive, a recent survey has revealed some positive funding trends in the United States. While funding efforts are yielding greater returns as compared to the last year, grant seeking organizations are hopeful that opportunities in the next six months will further increase.

Traditionally academic departments have been more involved with grants than student affairs but this trend is changing fast and more and more student affairs departments are paying attention to available funding opportunities. In fact, seeking external grants for student affairs on campuses around the nation has become one big way of expanding the financial base for programs beyond institutions of higher education in the current economic down turn.

How can student affairs departments prepare themselves to embrace the change? Let's see what the major trends these days are in grant writing and how can we reflect these trends in our grant proposals?

Although there are three buzz

words in the field of grant writing- collaboration, collaboration and collaboration-these days globalization, science, technology, social media, diversity, first generation students, and mentoring are increasingly becoming popular themes for grants.

Collaborative programs at three fundamental levels are viewed valuable: collaboration between academic and administrative departments on campus, working with surrounding communities and cooperation at state and even national levels. Most funders like to see some evidence that student affairs departments are interested in seeking a wider base in assisting students.

Globalization is also a favorite funding fad these days. Several foundations, corporations and federal departments are emphasizing on enhancing ties with international institutions and communities. Several grants are focusing on student exchange programs, service learning, leadership building, study abroad, student retention strategies, summer programs and advising services.

As more minority and first

generation college-going students are joining campuses, foundations and federal agencies are also becoming aware of widening funding opportunities for these groups. Additionally, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) are fast becoming favorite areas of interest for several funding agencies based on the growing demand for a well trained workforce in these fields. Finally, Innovative mentoring programs using social media, online resources, and face to face guidance have also become favorite funding themes these days.

Generally speaking, grant proposals that include these themes are increasingly more funded than others. As funding opportunities are available from federal departments, foundations, corporations and professional organizations, changing the culture of student affairs for developing better environments for funding is also becoming more important.

To visit our new "DSA Grant Writing Handbook" click [here](#). feel free to contact us if you have an idea for funding.

SMMC Gives Back To Students with Money Week

More than 560 students participated in UNT's Money Week (April 16-20). Money Week has become the center's gift of week-long programs and special events offered to students in appreciation and gratitude for their support of our programs and services. This year the center partnered with the Wells Fargo Foundation, various departments and community organizations to host events and workshops to strengthen

students' money skills and knowledge. Two students won a \$200 UNT Bookstore gift cards as part of the week's Earn & Learn Program. The center is grateful for all the support and assistance provided within and outside the division to help students stay in the (Green)!



Eagle Talk

Dance Marathon

The Dance Marathon Dance Marathon organization raised over \$2,500 throughout the year with the help of generous faculty, staff, and students. All proceeds will go to Cook Children's

Hospital in Fort Worth. Dance Marathon is in the process of selecting their new executive board and current members and advisors are excited about raising even more funds in the upcoming

years. To donate to DM, or for more information, please contact Student Activities. Thanks again for all of your help!

Commuter Week

The Commuter Board coordinated Commuter Week 2012: A Week In Hollywood, held March 26-30. They

hosted several events on the Library Mall, including the Housing Fair, as well as a few events at local apartment

complexes. Almost 3,000 students were in attendance during the course of the week!

EarthFest

EarthFest was hosted on the Library Mall on April 26. Student Activities collaborated with the University Program Council, Sustainability and UNT International to make the event

a success. This year, we combined the International Fair and Market with EarthFest to enhance both events. We collected recycling and composting in order to make the event as sustainable

as possible. The attendees enjoyed live music, farmer's market food and connecting local vendors, and were able to learn ways to be more sustainable.

Staff Accomplishments

- In February, Dr. Dylan Matsumori was severely injured in an automobile accident and after a couple of months recuperation time is now back to work and everyone here is very happy he is alive and back at work!
- Shelly (Barnett) Parker, who has been at the front desk of Counseling

and Testing for more than seven years is leaving to work at UTA as an Academic Advisor in the College of Business. We will miss her very much.

- Dr. Tim Lane was voted president-elect for the Association for the Coordination of Counseling Center Clinical Services.

- Jason Simon's dissertation has been chosen as the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation winner for the 2012 Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) John Grenzbach Award for Outstanding Research in Philanthropy for Educational Advancement.

Rec Center Summer Membership

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