2004 Corporate Challenge / Benefiting Special Olympics Begins August 24th

In August, companies from all over Richardson will compete against each other in the 2004 Corporate Challenge benefiting Texas Special Olympics. The City of Richardson has a terrific website for you to explore and learn more about this wonderful community event. http://www.cor.net/CorporateChallenge/

We need a CAPTAIN for Track & Field.

We need participants for the following teams:
- 42 (Dominos) Badminton Racquetball
- 33 (Bank of America) Billiards Flag Football Tennis
- 34 (Trees) Track & Field

WE NEED YOU!!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carol Lanham at ext. 2233 or clanham@utdallas.edu.

Come One Come All!!
UTD Faculty, Staff & Families
Corporate Challenge
Opening Ceremony
Richardson HS Stadium
August 27, 2004

5:00 pm TAILGATE PARTIES BEGIN (Food will be provided)
6:00 pm Corporations start to come in and take their place in the West stands
6:15 pm Skidiver team jumps
6:45 pm Band plays National Anthem while Richardson Police and Fire Honor Guard present the flags.

Companies start their march Olympic Style down center of field and around thru a hole in the bands formation. (Judges from the Council and the RISD School Board rank their enthusiasm for the Spirit Award)

7:40 pm Special Olympians abbreviated track meet begins
7:50 pm Corporate Challenge abbreviated track meet begins
8:15 pm Corporation Spirit Awards are presented
8:20 pm Band marches on again to perform their show. During the last song the Olympians are invited to come out and stand by their favorite instrument.

Punt, Pass and Kick Winners are awarded their Medals.

Presidental Serach Update

The Presidential Search committee is picking up steam as they move towards narrowing the field of over fifty prospective candidates. By mid-September personal interviews will be conducted with several “semi-finalists” to narrow the field even more. I am glad to report that we have an outstanding pool of candidates. Stay tuned for further developments.

Betty Loy

Mark your calendars for Information Resources’ Fall Technology Fair November 11 • Student Union, Galaxy Rooms

Intersession PUB Hours

The PUB will be closed August 12 and 13. It will be open August 16-18 from 8am - 2pm for front counter service and beverages only. It will reopen with full service August 19. Don’t have time to cook dinner? Stop by THE PUB in the Student Union and order take-out. Watch for new menu selections and fall specials.
Staff Council Election Results

Congratulations to the newly elected Staff Council representatives for the term effective September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2006.

District 1: Sandy Burdine
Barb Holmes
District 2: Donna Bohnske
Wendy Newton
Randy Sims
Anastasia Lyden - (Expires 8/31/05)
District 3: Daniel Calhoun
Karen Jarrell
Kathy Meyer
John Terrell
District 4: Gayle Holt
Alex Nester
District 5: Kris Faulk
Cleon Ramey
District 6: Tina Butterfield
David Maldonado
Mary Ann Rounton
District 7: Donna Pearson
Betty Roth
Volya Wilds-Helm
Other: Sandra Mitchell - (At Large)

The returning representatives with terms expiring August 31, 2005, are as follows:

District 1: Deb Day
Rochelle Pena
District 2: Barbara Gordon
Keith Stelzenmuller
Doug Vass
District 3: Fatiah Lambert
Ramona Metcalf
District 4: Lisa Garza
April Gauer
District 5: Andy Aquatero
J. B. Barnes
John Turner
District 6: Mary James
Caron Lanhain
Trudy Muller
Other: Betty Loy - (At Large)
Sandeep Goertzen - (Lifetime Member)

The Staff Council website, www.undallas.edu/undergraduate/staffcouncil has information about the staff scholarship program, ink-jet recycling program, minutes of Staff Council meetings, officers and member contact information, CARE award information in A Z Guide (departmental directory information), and staff resources (information about discounts, Advisory Committee information).

Tuition Fee Waivers

The Staff Council is pleased to announce that President Jenifer and the Cabinet have approved an expanded Tuition and Fee Waiver benefit for full-time employees beginning with the fall 2004 semester. Eligible employees may enroll in up to six semester credit hours and have designated tuition and certain fees waived. After several suggestions to the Staff Council, this new program was made possible by the higher education deregulation legislation passed by the state legislature and subsequent action by the Board of Regents.

Under this new Tuition and Fee Waiver, the Career Placement Fee, EES & SOM Graduate Advising Fee, Industrial Practicum Fee, Information Technology Fee, Instruemental Instruction Fee, Library Acquisition Fee, Records Processing Fee, and Undergraduate Advising Fee will be waived. Tuition Statutory and all other fees will still be charged. Staff will have to pay all costs at the start of the semester and then receive a refund of the appropriate tuition and fee expenses.

Registrations will be on a space-available basis, and can only be done during the regular registration period. Registrations processed prior to regular registration will not be eligible for this waiver benefit. For the fall 2004 semester, the regular registration period begins August 10, 2004. Anyone registering before regular registration will not be eligible for the waiver.

For more information, including eligibility requirements and an application form, refer to http://www.undallas.edu/undergraduate/business/employee_tuition bénéfic

The Staff Council would like to thank President and the Cabinet for their support of the staff tuition and fee waiver.

Coffee with the President

Dr. #2 Coffee - June 10, 2004

Dr. Jenifer began by mentioning that this year his retirement has been and will continue to be a dominating factor for him. The search is going slower than the committee hopes and they are having a particular problem finding a candidate from a major university. They had hoped to have the search over by June, but now it looks like it will be closer to January. With his “lame duck” status he had hoped to minimalize any major changes at UTD, allowing the upcoming president the chance to put his/her own stamp on the school. But if the search takes too long he will need to make major decisions out of necessity.

Dr. Jenifer talked about continuing to do what we do well and stay focused on our goal of first tier advancement. He mentions that the university had concentrated the money on the academic side and not the operations side. This leaves us behind on new systems introductions. He is concerned that if someone doesn’t come forward publicly and announce support for our first tier status goal and support our efforts for funding priority, we may be forced to adjust our steep climb with our academic priorities and divert our funds to operations.

Dr. Jenifer then spoke of the progress in building acquisition and remodeling current facilities, specifically Founders North, the Westech and Emmitt Buildings, and the Brain Health Center at UT Southwestern Medical Center and mentioned concerns by the Regents over such a large influx of square footage.

A new budget session is coming up in the legislature and without increases in funding new faculty hires will have to be cut back.

Dr. Jenifer spoke of the Tuition Waiver Program coming down the pike. He hopes he has good news to announce soon.

Spring 2004 Retirees

Gloria Carrozzi
Epic Crofford
Susan March
Monroe McGuire

Employee Advisory Council

The Employee Advisory Council (EAC) met in Austin on March 22 and approved several agenda items, including Computer Security by the Director for Information Security at U. T. Austin, Mr. Angel Cruz. He spoke on the problems of lack of funding and preventative measures in his department, as well as other security issues. He also talked about wireless usage and said that it is like sending information on a postcard. A representative from the Office of General Counsel spoke about the Education Assistance Initiative. This will come on a future agenda item. Mr. Servar, Director of the Employee Group Advisory Council, gave a presentation about insurance changes and having more wellness oriented programs in the future.

Elections were held for the officers for the next year. Sandee Goertzen was elected Chair. She has been Chair of the Benefits Committee and David Maldonado is serving as Chair of the Communications Committee.

4th Annual Faculty/Staff Golf Classic

Greetings from the Department of Athletics! This annual athletics fundraiser will take place Tuesday, October 26, at Tanglewood Creek Country Club at 1:00pm with a shotgun start. Activities include lunch, a silent auction and prizes for winning teams in each flight.

In addition, you are invited to become members of the official booster organization, The Comet Club! UTD is committed to developing the highest quality athletics program to complement our already outstanding dedication to academics! In order for athletics to achieve the excellence envisioned, your help and support are needed. Donations can be designated by sport or place in the general athletics fund to be used in many different ways to improve our competitiveness and the overall athletics experience of our student-athletes. Joining the Comet Club will afford you the opportunity to directly share in the success of our athletic teams.

Benefits of being a Comet Club donor include email newsletter updates, official Comet apparel, game program recognition, media guides, and other publications, and all-sports season tickets.

So, join in enhancing the athletics experience at UTD. For more information and a Comet Club donor brochure, contact Chris Gage, Director of Athletics, at 883-2055 or Albert Buckles, Assistant Director of Athletics for External Affairs, at 883-6166.