

# Student Affairs Departmental Points of Pride

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## Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs/Housing Operations

- Transitioned 16 suites (over 250 people) into the new Student Services Building, which included planning and managing the move; transitioning of phone lines, new keys building operations and computer operations.
- Oversaw changes to the 2nd residence hall, including more community and office space, new hot water and A/C systems and more recreational facilities.
- Assisted with planning of the Student Union renovation, which incorporates new space for the Student Media areas, Fraternity and Sorority Life and new meeting space and a reflection room.

## Athletics

- 8 of 9 intercollegiate team sports qualified for the post-season playoffs in the American Southwest Conference in 2010-11. All but one advanced past the quarterfinal round.
- Student-athletes in volleyball, and men's and women's basketball earned All-American recognition from various coaches associations during 2010-11
- Three student-athletes won the prestigious ASC Player of the Year designation in their sport
- 15 others were honored in various sports with first-team All-Conference recognition.
- More than 50 student-athletes earned ASC Academic All-Conference recognition.
- Attendance at games was up -- almost 20% increase at basketball games, and a near 10% increase at soccer games.
- Social media marketing effort has increased by 167% over last year. The Athletics Facebook page up 626 patrons from 250.
- New scoreboards and backlit courtside tables installed in the Activity Center gymnasium.

## Career Center

- Explore the WOW!
- Career Advice and a Slice
- Spring Career Expo (because of the new look)
- DEI (Delta Epsilon Iota) Charter Member Ceremony

## Dean of Students

- Dine with the Deans – New monthly event averaged 60 students in attendance, 250 max attendance
- Draft of proposed revisions to Scholastic Dishonesty policy passed by Academic Senate and HOP
- Only 2 suspensions for academic year (so far)

## Fraternity and Sorority Life

- FIJI set to be granted full chapter status in October 2011
- Pi Kappa Phi will join October 2011
- Therri Usher, Zeta Phi Beta, admitted to Johns Hopkins University Ph.D program in Biostatistics with full ride and stipend provided

- College Panhellenic Council recognized for Outstanding Public Relations efforts at Southeastern Panhellenic Conference in Atlanta, GA.
- Briana Lemos named Jane H. Sutton Greek Advisor of the Year at Southeastern Panhellenic Conference in Atlanta, GA.

## International Student Services Office

- Addressed increases in student volume by improved efficiencies while maintaining a high level of service (62% increase in new admits for fall 2010, 37% increase in new students in fall 2010, 17% increase in total students in fall 2010, 250% increase in F-1 alumni constituents):
- Increased programming (iFriend program, Regional Socials, Spring Break trip to Austin) and attendance at events (International Week).
- Implemented scanning solution for prospective student processes. Created, tested, and launched a paperless system to evaluate files and issue new student I-20s.
- Passport to the World 2011 -- Heavy participation from campus community, both international and domestic. 800 people participated. 17 countries represented.
- Effective communications
  - Weekly Events on Campus newsletter (reaches 2,750 students)
  - New Facebook groups by incoming class (630 for fall 2010, 450 so far for fall 2011)
  - Re-structuring of prospective student and alumni communication blasts.

## Living Learning Communities

- Piloted 2 sophomore communities in Pre-Health and Arts and Technology
- 12 total course connections this past year among 7 LLCs
- LLC students contributed nearly 3,000 hours of service (or 21% of the total reported service hours for the University student body) and were recognized with a Presidential Service Award.
- Over 40 faculty members participated in multiple events including discussions, teaching students basic cooking skills, judging art competitions, providing expertise in video making and editing, and a myriad of other activities.
- In fall 2011, student participation in LLCs will increase from 150 to nearly 1,000.

## Marketing and Web Development

- First-ever student photography contest garnered over 160 student entries with 5 winners
- Promotional materials for Homecoming included extensive outdoor advertising and a robust online web presence
- Increased use of video: Over 30 video clips of student life events (Welcome Week, Homecoming and International Week) resulting in over 2 hours of video online

## New Student Programs

- Freshman Orientation welcomed a record 1,369 new freshman students and 1,202 family members at an expanded seven sessions in summer 2010.
- Overnight Option began summer 2010 -- 130 participated in 2010, and 205 have already registered for the program for 2011.
- 13 family members helped at Freshman Orientation by participating as the first Parent Ambassadors.
- Success Camp hosted a record 411 students in 2010.

- A record 11 Orientation Team Mentors returned to serve in 2011.
- New Executive Orientation Team Mentor position began fall 2010 adding four student officer positions to the program.
- 475 guests participated in Family Day 2010.

## Recreational Sports

- Over 400 individuals participated in the Cricket World Cup Watch Party to watch the 8-hour World Cup of Cricket Final
- Club Sports Growth – weekly over 350 active athletes, at least 1,000 participants/month. New clubs: Karate, Soccer, Bowling, Bass Fishing
- Battleship – 69 participants (includes repeat participation), 242 total people signed-in for the event
- Innertube water polo – 8 teams with 245 participants
- Fitness
  - Four (4) different Group X Instructors taught workshops at the prestigious “TextFit” annual fitness conference.
  - 10 Trainers with over 342 clients (selling more than 3,052 sessions).

## Residential Life

- Major events included Freshman Move-In, Comet Beach Luau, Midnight Madness, Splatterbeat and the Crawfish Boil
- Inaugural year of summer housing programs in our new residence hall. Residential Camp & Conference Services (RCCS) housed nearly 20 overnight summer camps/conferences.
- Awards.
- RHA – Received the Most Spirited Delegation and the Community Building Block award at the Southwestern Regional Conference of College and University Residence Hall’s
- Kaytie Farrell appointed as Regional Advisor to the Southwest Association of College and University Residence Halls for the upcoming academic year
- Derek Chui (Peer Advisor) was recognized as Student Leader of the Year
- Ryan White and Pam McElrath received the Vice President of Student Affairs’ Award of Excellence

## Spirit

- Cheerleaders participated in 2011 NCA Collegiate Cheerleading Nationals, Daytona Beach, Florida.

## Student AccessAbility

- Name change from Disability Services to Office of Student AccessAbility.
- Saw the highest number of students using testing accommodations this year.
- Saw an increase in graduate and undergraduate international students using services.
- DASH (Disability Awareness Support and Help) – a new student organization for individuals with or without disabilities aimed at increasing awareness.
- Undergraduate student Laura Shagman designed a shoe allowing individuals who have limited sight to use for navigating a sidewalk or pathway. The shoe provides haptic feedback to the user. This project won first place in the School of Engineering Senior Design competition.

## Student Counseling Center

- Created a new independent doctoral level internship
- Hired a new outreach coordinator who has developed and expanded summer and fall programs and presentations
- Expanded web presence with a new website and the launch of a Facebook group
- The creation of a trained advocate to help victims of sexual assault

## Student Government

- Comet Cruiser (bus) now stops at Walmart on Fridays
- Alumni email addresses coming this summer
- Students informed of City of Richardson elections
- Students offered a cheaper alternative to get textbooks with Comet TextSwap

## Student Health Center

- Staff physician, Saniya Naheed became full time.
- Hired 5 new staff members including our new director over the past year
- Gave out 1,200 free flu vaccines to the student body in fall.
- Treated chronic illness (such as diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol and thyroid problems) in addition to the minor illnesses and injuries since Jan 2011.
- According to "How did you hear about us?" survey the Student Health Center staff provides excellent customer service.

## Student Media

- The Mercury and UTD TV won several awards during the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention (TIPA) on March 31-April 2 in Fort Worth. Won first prize in the following categories:
- Best of Show, "For outstanding quality and performance in Texas college media competition."
- In-Depth Reporting
- Feature Photo
- Information Graphic
- Photo Illustration
- Radio UTD won the Golden Comet award during the Student Leadership Awards Banquet on Monday, April 18.
- Hired assistant director of Student Media

## Student Organization Forum

- 170 registered student organizations for the Spring 2011 semester
- 13 new student organizations
- Increased usage on OrgSync to over 3,250 users
- New risk management training implemented that includes an online component as well as a one-hour workshop component
- 45 entries in 2010 Homecoming Parade

## Student Union

- Student Union Galaxy Rooms upgraded: sound system, 4 new LCD projectors, automated screens were well resulting in more efficient setup times.
- Great semester with our Student Union Student Employees. Set ups and events have been done in a timely manner, customer service has been emphasized and integrated into the working model.
- Additional building license added for EMS Room Reservation System and new meeting event locations were added including areas in the SSB, the chess plaza, and the entire mall area divided into sections.
- Student Union renovations -- new chandelier and wall lighting (1st floor), new floor mats with UT Dallas branding (throughout) and a new dance floor.

## Student Volunteerism

- 2,025 volunteers donated 10,000+ service hours this year (as of April 26), or \$213, 521 worth of volunteer time to the community
- Alternative Spring Break – 11 trips volunteer 4,080 community service hours; Dollar value of volunteer time = \$87,108
- The Apartment Recycling Program won the National Residential Housing Honorary (NRHH) Community Service Program of the Month for February
- Recognized at the Network Community Ministries Annual Volunteer Dinner for providing volunteers to the Hearts & Helpers program during Spring Break (local project we partnered with the Terry Scholars)

## Student Wellness Center

- Opened the Student Wellness Center
  - Hired a Wellness Coordinator
  - Hired an Administrative Assistant
  - Expanded programming to include Suicide Prevention, Healthy Relationships and a large increase in Nutrition and Fitness programs
- Began a brand new Peer Health Educator (PHED) program
  - Had six PHEDs, all of whom will be returning next year
  - Will increase the number of PHEDs to 10 next year because of growing interest in the program
  - Our PHEDs won the National Residence Hall Regional Award for Educational Programming for the Red Stakes Presentation during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week
- Started a Know Your Status Campaign and brought FREE HIV testing to UT Dallas students
  - On a grant through the Greater Dallas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the Student Wellness Center will offer free HIV testing to our student once a month

## SUAAB

- Springapalooza 2011 included comedian Donald Glover, Sprinkles cupcakes, the 24th annual Casino Night and a new event, Splatter Dance Extreme.
- Planned Homecoming Dance based on Whoosh Around the World theme,
- Student-created video “commercial” for Homecoming received over 1,588 plays and won the Advertisement/Commercial category in the Cosmic Film Festival
- Increased use of Comet Card readers allowed better report collection and assessment data

## Transfer Student Services

- 313 members of UT Dallas’ Beta Rho Chapter, of which 140 students became members this year.