

TACUSPA TIMES

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CELEBRATING 80 YEARS!

The Fall '05 Conference at the Denton Radisson promises to provide an exhilarating professional development opportunity for TACUSPA members. The conference will be ably co-chaired by Kent Marshall (UNT), Kyle Voyles (TWU), and Maureen Clouse (UNT), and this will mark TACUSPA's 80th anniversary complete with historical remembrances and commemorative keepsakes. Former TACUSPA presidents Jim Caswell (SMU), Don Mills (TCU), and Joe Stewart (UNT, retired) are spearheading the 80th anniversary events and promise to make it an event to remember.

The New Professionals Institute, coordinated by Richard Nicholas (TWU), will be held on Sunday afternoon and will offer entering professionals an opportunity to learn from the leading student affairs professionals in the state. Please encourage all new staff to attend this worthwhile event.

The Call for Program Proposals is available on the TACUSPA website (www.tacuspa.net) and questions can be addressed to Trisha Van Duser (Program Chair, TWU, 940-898-3616, tvanduser@twu.edu) or Ginger Long (UTHSCSA, 210-567-2627). Registration forms will sent to the membership at the end of the summer.

Please mark your calendars and we'll see you in Denton on October 11th.



TACUSPA President, **Bonita Jacobs** received the John Jones Award - For Outstanding Performance as a Senior Student Affairs Officer at the NASPA region III/TACUSPA Summer conference in San Antonio.

ELECTION RESULTS... from Darlene Biggers



Congratulations to Dr. Thomas Moorman who will be serving as president-elect. Thomas attended his first TACUSPA conference in the Fall of 1990 and has served on the executive board since the Fall of 1999. He was first elected to the board as the four-year institution rep-

resentative and later became the first database and technology manager. Thomas is currently the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth. Upon hearing the results of the election, Thomas stated, "I attended my first TACUSPA conference 15 years ago and it is a true honor to have the opportunity to serve this valuable organization. I would also like to challenge those graduate students and new professionals to become more involved. You are the next generation of leaders for our organization and profession."



Dr. Steve Sutton was elected as database manager. He has worked in student affairs for almost nineteen years and has served in various positions at Dominican College, University of California at Berkeley, University of Miami, Rice University, University of Houston, and University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Steve is currently the Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of St. Thomas. Steve has served on the TACUSPA Executive Board as secretary. Upon learning of his new role, Steve said, "I am very excited about having the opportunity to serve TACUSPA in this new capacity. I have benefited tremendously from my association with TACUSPA since 1999, and am committed to doing what I can to maintain TACUSPA's excellence as an organization serving the needs of student affairs professionals in Texas."

Congratulations to both Dr. Moorman and Dr. Sutton. We look forward to continued excellent leadership in TACUSPA which will further develop the organization's abilities to meet the needs of its diverse members. Many thanks to the other candidates and for all of you who took the time to vote in this election.

Message from the President



The number of TACUSPA members continues to grow! We currently have 351 professional members from 60 different institutions across the state of Texas – a 3.5% increase over last year's membership numbers. As a result, there is more opportunity for professional dialogue within our association than ever before.

Last June, for the first time in TACUSPA's history, we co-sponsored a summer conference with NASPA Region III. Under the direction of Wanda Mercer (Tarleton State), the spectacular conference was well attended and highly evaluated by members of each association. We are pleased that TACUSPA members had the opportunity to participate in an expanded format with professionals from throughout the southern states.

The summer has flown by quickly and we are beginning yet another academic year with new opportunities to participate in professional development programs and activities. Plans are underway for an exciting fall conference in Denton October 9-11 where we will celebrate our 80th anniversary. Expect more visibility from Caucuses and Committees than ever before along with an increased opportunity for you to become involved in TACUSPA.

I continue to be honored to serve as TACUSPA President and to work with so many dedicated professionals. It has been a joy to serve the association at a time when so many positive things are happening.

Please mark your calendars for October 9th – 11th. I hope to see you in Denton!

Bonita Jacobs

FALL CONFERENCE EVENTS

ATTENTION GRADUATE STUDENTS: CASE STUDY COMPETITION

Don't miss the Graduate Student Case Study Competition at the fall conference in Denton, October 9-11.

Participants of the competition will be divided into teams and provided a scenario (case study) of a common issue encountered by student affairs professionals. You may form your own team, or be

grouped with other graduate students participating in the competition. Teams are asked to present a response to the scenario before a panel of judges, and prizes are awarded

The competition is open to all graduate students. To participate in the competition, you must attend an informational meeting held on Sunday evening follow-

ing the Opening Banquet. Case studies are distributed at the meeting, and the competition is on Monday afternoon. Winners are announced during the President's Reception on Monday evening.

For more information about the Graduate Student Case Study Competition, please

contact Deidra Graves Stephens at

512-573-4840 or

deidra.stephens@mccombs.utexas.edu.

NEW PROFESSIONALS INSTITUTE

The New Professionals Institute (NPI) will take place on Sunday, October 9 from 2-5pm at the fall 2005 conference.

If you are a new professional (less than 2 years of experience in the field) or would like to nominate a new professional to attend, please contact

Trisha Van Duser at (940) 898-3616 or tvanduser@twu.edu or Heather Speed at (940) 898-3614 or hspeed@twu.edu.

There is no charge to attend NPI and it's an excellent way to meet peers and hear from experienced professionals.





KEY DATES

- **September 16th**
Graduate Student Scholarship deadline
- **October 9th**
New Professionals Institute (part of Fall conference)
- **October 9th-11th**
TACUSPA Fall conference, Denton, Texas
- **October 21st**
Off Campus Student Trends Conference
- **April 10th-11th**
Higher Education Law Conference, Denton, Texas

Can I be Sued for a FERPA Violation?

By Thomas Moorman

Did you know that you cannot be sued for violating FERPA. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) does not allow for a private right of action. Therefore you will never be sued by a student or family member of a student relative to a FERPA violation. However, you should not take FERPA lightly. A student or student representative

can file a complaint of FERPA violation with the Family Policy Compliance Office at the US Department of Education. Complaints must be filed within 180 days of becoming aware of the alleged violation. The complainant is required to provide the date of the violation and reasonable evidence that supports the occurrence of a violation. The Depart-

ment of Education will then conduct an investigation to determine if a violation occurred and the extent of the violation. Upon validation of such a violation, the institution may be subject to the loss of federal funding.

For more on FERPA, go to:

<http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html>

“FERPA DOES NOT ALLOW FOR A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.”

Driving Toward Tomorrow: Meeting the Needs of Our Off-Campus Students

The University of North Texas is proud to present our second annual National Conference on Off-Campus Student Trends Friday, October 21, 2005.

Last year's conference was a giant success. There were attendees and presenters from all over the nation as well as Canada!

Why is this the conference for you?

- Learn more about national trends and how to be an off-campus friendly office or department
- Share programming and outreach ideas
- Drive toward tomorrow for your student's educational success

The keynote speaker is Dr. Barbara Jacoby, Director of the Office of Community Service-Learning at the University of Maryland, College Park.

We are in search for quality presentations and poster sessions. You can find the program proposal form at www.unt.edu/commuterconference. The deadline for submission is September 2, 2005.

Registration forms and further conference information can also be found at www.unt.edu/commuterconference

For more information Contact Amie S. Trahan at atrah@dsa.admin.unt.edu

SUMMER CONFERENCE

update by Elizabeth With

The summer conference, held in June was the first-ever joint venture between TACUSPA and NASPA Region III. With 156 participants from all around the southeastern United States, this venture was truly a success! The TACUSPA Executive Board is to be commended for their willingness to enter into this new partnership and provide this opportunity for the summer conference.

Much appreciation goes to the NASPA III Chair, Dr. Wanda Mercer (Vice President for Student Services, Tarleton State University) and



to Rusty Jergins (Associate Vice President for Student Services, Tarleton State University) for their leadership and efforts throughout the conference planning process.

Having a FIESTA (First in Educating Students to Achieve) theme served as a stimulating reminder to all participants of our profession's focus of preparing students to succeed.

Perhaps the highlight of the conference was a presidential panel (pictured below), all of whom are previous student affairs vice presidents, who provided their perspectives on a being a president and how their former role has impacted their leadership. The panel consisted of Dr. Mary Sias, Eastern Kentucky University, Dr. Dan Carey, Edgewood College and Dr. Jim Dennis, McKendree College. Particular thanks go to Dr. Cynthia Cherrey, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at Tulane University, who moderated this illustrious group.

TACUSPA members did an outstanding job of representing our association by presenting many of the conference interest sessions. In addition, 85 of the conference participants are TACUSPA members – a great showing of support for this conference format. Our hope is that the partnership with NASPA continues and that more joint conferences are in our future.

From the scenic San Antonio riverwalk, to the excellent sessions and speakers, to networking time with our friends and colleagues from around the region, this conference was able to provide it all. For those who participated, we hope that you found your time at the conference rewarding, educational, and rejuvenating. For those who were unable to attend, we look forward to seeing you at the annual fall conference in Denton.



COMMENTARY ON HENRY ROSOVSKY'S *UNIVERSITY: AN OWNER'S MANUAL*

by Steve Sutton



If you're like me, you try to create some time during the summer for things you just can't get to during the academic year. For many of us, this means catching up on a bit of professional reading. I decided I'd finally read a book that has been sitting on my bookshelf for quite awhile – *The University: An Owner's Manual* (Henry Rosovsky, 1990, W.W. Norton & Company). Rosovsky served as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University for eleven years, and writes this book from that perspective while offering commentary on many higher education issues.

Though Rosovsky's point of view comes from the "ivory tower" of our nation's oldest university – a place quite different from many if not most of our TACUSPA institutions – he does offer interesting and insightful commentary on a variety of timeless topics within academe. These include such issues as a comparison of American higher education with other international models (e.g., European), a review of a "day in the life" of an academic dean, the dynamics surrounding selecting an entering class at a highly competitive liberal arts institution, the purposes of liberal education (including an excellent and lucid description on

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why colleges and universities require a core curriculum), the meaning and purposes of the tenure system, and both criticism of, and suggestions for improving, university governance. Trained as an economist, Rosovsky's arguments tend to be both practical and straightforward in nature.

Though his comments certainly emerge from looking through the lens of a faculty member, I appreciated that he did not try to "ride the fence" when expressing his views.

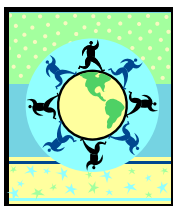
So, why is such a book and its inherent lessons important for those of us who labor in student affairs, often on the other side of campus far removed from our faculty colleagues? I point to the purpose of the book as outlined by Rosovsky himself. Rosovsky says that, "each chapter of this manual is intended to be helpful to all those claiming some form of ownership".... and "to show how all can derive maximum benefit from the university" (p. 15). Those of us that work daily with students are certainly shareholders in this endeavor. Thus, at a time when collaboration is crucial in order to achieve multiple goals, I think it wise to learn as much about our faculty colleagues' experience and world view as possible. In my opinion, reading this book is one way of doing that.

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Texas A&M University celebrates "Year of the International Student"

Texas A&M University President Robert Gates recently charged A&M faculty and staff to focus on internationalization and globalization. In particular, the President asked staff to ensure that A&M is a welcoming community for international students, and challenged them to increase international awareness of students, faculty and staff. In response, Vice President Dean Bresciani declared February 2005-February 2006 the Year of the International Student within the Division of Student Affairs.

To launch the year of focus, Dr. Bresciani implemented a competitive grant program to catalyze efforts across the University. Faculty and staff were invited to submit proposals to enhance services to international students, create opportunities to better integrate international students into the University community, and enhance the knowledge and skills of domestic students, staff and faculty.



A range of proposals have been funded through the grant program since it was launched. The College of Education and Human Development was funded to implement a multifaceted program aimed at facilitating a deeper integration of international students into the college and its departments. Four professors and three international graduate students from the Department of Mathematics were funded for travel to Colonia, Uruguay, to attend the Coloquio Latinoamericano de Algebra. The program is aimed at deepening contacts between Latin American mathematicians and faculty, as well as recruiting Latin American students to A&M. The

Asian Presidents' Council was awarded funding to host Asian Heritage Week. The Colonias Summer Service Learning Opportunity is a program for undergraduate students to spend five weeks along the Texas-Mexico border learning about border issues while volunteering in the colonias.

Dr. Wynn Rosser, coordinator of the grant program, has been pleased with the range of proposals funded to date. "The program has captured the attention of faculty, staff and students across campus. We are especially pleased that we can support such a variety of efforts, all of which are making significant contributions to our internationalization and globalization goals."



UTSA News

Pilger Joins Student Activities

Keith Pilger has recently been appointed to the position of Programming Coordinator for the University of Texas at San Antonio's Downtown Campus. Pilger was serving in a role with Campus Recreation. Pilger previously was employed at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois, as Director of Campus Activities. In his role at UTSA, he will be involved with the coordination of programs at the growing Downtown Campus of UTSA.

McKinney Serves On NACA National Student Government Workshop Faculty Team

Barry McKinney, Associate Director of Student Activities at UTSA was among the faculty for the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) Student Government Workshop at Chapman University. The workshop is geared to assist students and advisors involved with SGA to better their programs.

Service Learning InterCollegiate Collaborative

Sharis Smith and Pamela Neumann presented at the Service Learning InterCollegiate Collaborative's (SLIC) College and Community Mini-Conference: Partners in Service. Sharis and Jennifer Bendele (Our Lady of the Lake University) presented a workshop called *The Continuum of Student Development: Programmatic and Practice Considerations*. Pamela Neumann presented a workshop called *Service Learning: An Overview*. Sharis and Pam are members of SLIC and served on the planning committee for the Mini-Conference.

Texas Campus Compact Holds conference in San Antonio

Texas Campus Compact held it's Statewide Conference in San Antonio this year. Sharis Smith and Pamela Neumann presented a workshop called *Mobilizing and Motivating Student Volunteers*. Pam And Sharis both served on the planning committee for this conference.

McKinney Attends Mid-Managers Institute

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Barry McKinney, Associate Director of Student Activities at the University of Texas at San Antonio was one of forty-five people selected to participate in this year's NASPA/SACSA Mid Manager's Institute. The focus of the Institute was the document, *Learning Reconsidered*. This program was an intense five days of workshops and learning.

Anderson Appointed To Position As Coordinator of Leadership Development & SGA

Marlon Anderson has been appointed to a position where he is responsible for the Leadership Development Programmatic efforts at UTSA along with being the primary advisor to the Student Government Association. Anderson returns to higher education after spending some time in the private sector. Previously, he was the Director of Residence Life at Our Lady of the Lake University.

McKinney Serves NACA Central Region on Diversity Initiative

Barry McKinney, Associate Director of Student Activities at the University of Texas at San Antonio is serving NACA's Central Region on its Diversity Initiative. The Initiative is meant to assist NACA in becoming more inclusive of all cultures during it's conferences.

Sul Ross University

Fond Farewell

Bonnie McCombs, RN, Coordinator of Health Services retired in December 2004

Garcia as Interim Dean

Currently Liz Garcia is serving as Interim Dean of Student Life and Campus Activities Coordinator in addition to her regular position as Director of Residential Living.

\$20 million in Housing

Sul Ross State University is undergoing a \$20 million housing project. The first of two residence halls is scheduled for occupancy in Spring 2006. The project consists of 500 residence hall beds, 60 efficiency apartments, and 40 family housing units. This project will replace existing housing.

Texas State

Publication to TACUSPA members The Office of Student Justice at Texas State University has developed two new brochures that are being made available to TACUSPA members. One is an actual promotional piece for the university's discipline function and the other is a simplified version of the university's conduct code called "The *Pocket Code* of Student Conduct." By request, samples of these will be provided to TACUSPA members by contacting Dr. Rod Fluker, Assistant Dean and Coordinator of Student Justice at rf12@txstate.edu.

Congratulations to new Texas State employees and promotions

Daniel Vasquez, Associate Director - Programs

Kristy Caldwell, Associate Director - Facilities

Trevon Walker, Assistant Director - Intramural Sports

Patrick Tate, Supervisor - Field Maintenance

Erin Davis, Assistant Director - Informal Recreation

Eric Carner, Supervisor - Golf Operations

Achievement is largely the product of steadily raising one's levels of aspiration... and expectation.

Jack Nicklaus

University of Texas Medical Branch

UTMB graduates most Hispanic physicians in United States

The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston School of Medicine graduated more Hispanic physicians than any other medical school in the United States, and ranked third in the number of conferred medical degrees to Hispanics in American colleges and universities including institutions in U.S. territories and commonwealths. According to *Black Issues in Higher Education* magazine's list of top 100 degree producers for 2005, only the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus and Universidad Central del Caribe graduated more Hispanic students than UTMB.

The magazine also listed UTMB as 10th in the number of medical degrees awarded to minorities, including Hispanic-American, African-American, Asian-American and American Indian students.

McMurry University

Residence Hall updates Two totally renovated residence halls will greet McMurry University's 2005 student body. Since construction, J.W. Hunt Memorial Residence Hall (1957) and W.C. Martin Memorial Residence Hall (1958) have seen renovations of new carpeting, paint and furnishings. However, the current, massive renovation of these two halls includes all new wiring and electrical systems, a new heating and cooling system and totally remodeled rooms featuring new flooring throughout. Students will enjoy all new appliances in a remodeled eat-in kitchen, stylish new lobby furnishings, and new laundry facilities. President and Gold Star residence halls have undergone recent cosmetic and furnishing upgrades as well, and stand ready to greet the incoming Tribe of 2005.

Staff Updates

James Greer, M.A., L.M.F.T. is the new Director of Counseling & Career Services. A private practice in Christian family counseling as well as three children in various stages of college education gives James insight into the needs of students at all levels.

Laura Brannon, recent graduate and former assistant to the Dean of Students, has accepted the position of Managing Director for Century Campus Housing. Laura will oversee management of the newly renovated Hunt and Martin Halls.

Donna Mahan, M.Ed., Director of Gold Star Residence Hall since 2003, is now Assistant Director of Residence Life at McMurry. She supervises the management of Gold Star and President Residence Halls as well as the Campus Apartments.

Maurice Simmons recently joined the student affairs team. He comes to us from Hardin Simmons University with his Masters of Education in Sports and Recreation Management. Maurice will fulfill the dual rolls of Director of Gold Star Residence Hall and Assistant Director of University Wellness & Recreation.

Upcoming programs

Incoming freshman are invited to go on a "**Vision Quest**" (Freshman Orientation) the week before classes begin. This is their time to get acquainted with the McMurry "family" and adjust to college life through new friends, fun programs, team building, and community services. This year's theme for Vision Quest is "Rise Above! Fly Beyond!"

Senior Safari prepares seniors for graduation and beyond. Advice and resources range from how to apply for graduation to tips on resumes and job search. These skills may land that great first job because . . . "It's a jungle out there!"

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University of St. Thomas—Houston

Coordinator of Health Promotion & Wellness Ms. Amanda Avery has been selected to serve as the Coordinator for Health Promotion & Wellness. She began her duties on July 18 and will be living in Guinan Hall, working directly with the Health & Wellness Shared Interest Housing environment.

Assistant Director of Student Activities Angie Montelongo is the new Assistant Director of Student Activities. Most recently, Angie was a Residence Manager at Indiana University; she brings 10 years of experience to the University of St. Thomas.

Assistant Director of Recreational Sports Matt Gustafson is the new Assistant Director of Recreational Sports. Matt held the same title at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. As an undergraduate, Matt served as the Head Manager for the NCAA Division I men's basketball team.

Coordinator of Residence Life Lynette Fontenot Stuck will serve as the new Coordinator of Residence Life. Lynette recently completed an internship in Student Affairs at the University of St. Thomas. She also received her B.A. in Psychology (Philosophy minor) from St. Thomas.

Trinity University

New Initiatives

Wellness campaign entitled "Got Health" is supported by Health Services, Counseling Services and Residence Life, as well as a collaboration between our campus newspaper (The Trinitonian), and Health Services physician, Dr. Janna Wilder. This program includes regular contributions from Dr. Wilder's book entitled "Bugs, Drugs, & other Hot Health Topics."

Staff Updates

Becky Spurlock—Director of Campus & Community Involvement

Jerry Alexander—Director of Career Services

Katie Jundt—Greek Advisor

Carmen Nasr—Residential Life Coordinator

Elva Hernandez—Coates University Center Service Manager

Texas Christian University

Office of Student Development Services

Among the responsibilities of the Office of Special Programs are meeting the needs of transfer students, overseeing the programming targeted specifically at parents and families of current students, and mentoring programs throughout the city of Fort Worth.

The **TCU Leadership Center** is the major campus-wide clearinghouse for intentional student leadership development initiatives. Class topics include: global leadership, community involvement, ethical leadership, women in leadership, and responsible citizenship. International leadership exposure is gained through Model United Nations

and relationships with the University of the Americas in Mexico, and Ft. Worth Sister Cities International.

The **First Year Experience** programming aims to provide a continuum of opportunities to welcome new students to the TCU community and facilitate a smooth transition throughout their first year. Starting with Academic Orientation and Frog Camp in the summer before their matriculation, targeted programming continues throughout the first year.

Engagement in the global community is a focus of the TCU mission statement and the **Office of Community Outreach and Service Learning** helps to generate student awareness of major community is-

sues, match students with service opportunity throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth area, nationally, and internationally.

Alcohol and drug education programming and services provide alcohol and drug screening and referrals, initiatives for a safe campus community through alcohol-free social events, and abuse prevention education.

The concerns and needs of the female population are assessed and met through the work of the **Women's Resource Center**. Current programming includes healthy eating and body image education, a Pink Bag Lunch Series featuring female authors and/or issues facing women of diverse backgrounds, and collaboration with the Women's Studies program.