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Staff News from DES

NEW STAFF

Bryon W. Lewis - Associate Director,
Undergraduate Admission - starting in the
summer

STAFF LEAVING

Felicia Davis - Information Processing

Zenda Cox - Information Processing

STAFF PROMOTIONS

Marcia Miller - Associate Director

Cindy Luetzow - Associate Director

Consuela Mitchell - Assistant Director

Birthdays

Nancy Skochdopole - March 8th

Marilyn Prokup - March 13th

Anniversaries

Epi Ramirez - 18 years!

Summer Kotic - 6 years

Deveron Ellison - 6 years

Hilary Bowman - 2 years

Gordon Brannon - 2 years

Fernando Del Rio - 1 year

Paley Wu - 1 year

Peggy Park's Retirement Party

VIPs - Very Important Ponies



Some of our VIPs this month are:

Colleen Franklin - Colleen Rocks! Anytime, I ask her for anything she gets it to me and fast!!! She is a HUGE part of why the EFT recon now works so smoothly and I just wanted to give her props. I am sure ya'll already know this, but I want to say it anyway. Colleen . . . THANK YOU!!!! You make me look good. *Lori Hollingsworth*



Kick Off for Summer School 2008

The second annual Summer School Kick Off was held on the west bridge of the Hughes-Trigg Student Center on March 5th. The location, pizza, give-aways, enthusiastic staff and student workers made the event a big success. Fifteen pizzas were handed out (one piece to a customer) and 300 bottles of water.

The purpose of the event is to remind students, as they prepare for enrollment after spring break, of the programs offered in the summer. Representatives of the SMU Study Abroad Program, SMU-in-Taos and SMU in Dallas were on hand to distribute information and to answer questions. The Summer School staff encourages students to make summer school part of their four plan for their education at SMU. Many students use the summer as a way to add a major, a minor, and even a second degree. Other use it as a way to expand their knowledge outside of their major area of interest through Study Abroad and Taos programs.

Initiatives for SMU in Dallas this summer are to add more classes particularly targeted at

DON'T FORGET
April Division Meeting
April 2nd

Important Dates

March 21 - Good Friday Holiday
April 4 - Last day to drop a course
April 7 - Enrollment begins for Fall and summer 2008
April 22 - Last day to withdraw from the University
April 30 - Last day of instruction
May 1&2 - Reading days
May 3-9 - Examinations
May 10 - Residence Halls close
May 16 - Baccalaureate
May 17 - Commencement
May 26 - Memorial Day Holiday

Quotation of the Month
Perseverance: Sticking to something
you're not stuck on.
Author Unknown



SMU Trivia

Question

Who is the winningest basketball coach in SMU history?

Answer

Rhonda Rompola, Women's Basketball coach took the record with her 300 win scored this season. Her 2007-08 team is champions of C-USA and is headed to the NCAA Tournament.

Those Crazy Registrar's

The Southern Association of College Registrars and Admission Officers (SACRAO) held its 2008 conference in Williamsburg, Virginia under the leadership of John Hall, SMU Registrar and Executive Director of Enrollment Services and President of SACRAO. Staff from SMU welcomed conference participants in



As was reported in the January 08 issue of the *DES Newsletter*, Peggy Park is retiring from her full-time job as Associate Director of Financial Aid. She will continue assisting SMU Financial Aid in an *ad hoc* position as the need arises. This will allow her to spend more time with her family and to travel.

On February 15, 2008, the Division of Enrollment Services honored Peggy for her years of service to SMU with a reception in the Laura Lee Blanton Student Services Building. Here are some pictures of the highlights of the celebration.



The Family



Peggy and Marc Peterson



Peggy and Tom Tunks

General Education Curriculum and to provide more financial assistance to students wishing to enroll for the summer. Both the SMU Study Abroad program and SMU-in-Taos have new offerings as well. All of this information can be accessed from the Summer School website at www.smu.edu/summer.

We hope to have many students (faculty and staff, too) to spend Summer in the City with SMU Summer School. It is Degrees Above the Rest.



Pat Woods Honored for 30 years of Service



Patricia F. Woods began her work at SMU as a temporary staff member assisting with registration for what is now Student Financial Services. She became a full-time, permanent employee in February of 1978 (she was very young at the time). Over the past 30 years, Pat has served in many positions and was

traditional colonial dress.



The theme was "Virginia Hospitality" using the familiar logo of the pineapple.

The Pineapple in Colonial Williamsburg

So, what IS up with using a pineapple for the SACRAO '08 logo? This conference is in Williamsburg, Virginia, not Hawaii, right?

Right, however, the pineapple was used as a decoration throughout not only Williamsburg, but all of the American colonies. As you wander through the colonial capital during the conference you will notice it represented in the form of carvings, sculpture, and seasonal decorations of all kinds such as door knockers, wrought ironwork, and center pieces throughout the town.

The pineapple came from the Caribbean during colonial times and was an expensive luxury. The sweetness and unusual appearance of the pineapple and its association with fertility and agriculture made it a sought-after delicacy.

When it was served to guests, they were naturally flattered at the honor, and thus may have evolved the idea that the pineapple was considered a sign of the highest form of hospitality.

And so because the pineapple evolved into a symbol of hospitality in colonial times it was adopted for the SACRAO '08 conference logo as a representation of our sincere desire to offer Virginia hospitality to you as a SACRAO member.

The conference programs took on a Williamsburg flavor with a session on Colonial Basket Weaving and ample time to explore colonial Williamsburg. Other offering of the conference focused on working with diverse population including the generation gap between staff and students. Sessions were offered for new professionals to learn more about the Registrar and Admissions business and the organization of SACRAO.

promoted to head of Student Financial Services upon the retirement of Frances Campbell.

Now the Bursar and Executive Director of Enrollment Services, Pat has been an innovator. She was instrumental in the re-engineering of Enrollment Services and worked on the plans for the construction of the Blanton Building. In Student Financial Services, Pat has been a pioneer in technical applications to improve service and to make work more efficient.

Pat is a founder of a state-wide association for student account professionals - Texas Bursars and University Cashiers Association - TxBUC\$. She also has been asked by several Texas colleges to conduct an audit of their office operation and offer recommendations to improve efficiency.

