

# DES NEWSLETTER

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## Staff News from DES

### NEW STAFF

John Emmett - University Bursar's Office  
Wes Waggoner - Dean of Undergraduate Admission

### STAFF LEAVING

Courtney Barrett - University Bursar's Office

### Birthdays

Barbara Waters - Oct. 10  
Stan Eddy - Oct. 15  
Veronica Decena - Oct. 25  
Melissa Stanford - Oct. 26  
Sharla Coursey - Oct. 26  
Colleen Franklin - Oct. 30  
Joe Davis - Oct. 30  
Marc Peterson - Oct. 31

### Anniversaries

Penny Griffin - 8 years  
Courtney Barrett - 4 years  
Mary Ann Frye - 1 year  
Federico Munoz - 1 year  
Jeremy Parrish - 1 year

## Transfer & Transition Services Improves Evaluation Process

Director Nancy Skochdopole announces that the Office of Transfer and Transition Service purchased a subscription to a new version of College Source's Transfer Evaluation System (TES). The goal is to make evaluation of transfer credit easier and faster. Dedman College Records tested the TES and found it to be much improved from other products available. Skochdopole wrote, "Comparing College Source Online (CSO), our current system, to the new College Source TES is like comparing a stripped down VW bug to a new BMW with all the bells and whistles."

- TES streamlines the evaluation process by allowing users to enter a university name, course number and academic year; the course description is pulled for that year; the user can also compare course descriptions for previous years to see if a course has changed.

- TES allows fast equivalencies between any two institutions by searching across multiple catalogs.

- Prospective students can also go to collegesource.com and view information provided by schools; we can post our articulation agreements and equivalencies on our SMU/TES webpage.

- College Source estimates TES in 80% faster than CSO.

## VIPs - Very Important Ponies




Some of our VIPs this month are:


**Jerrod Harrell** - As parents of first time college students, we thank you for consistently guiding us in the right direction whenever we have SMU related questions. YOU have never steered us wrong, and we are grateful to have had the good fortune of establishing a professional relationship with you. Sending our twin daughters to college 1200 miles away from home and having knowledgeable staff being able to help guide "first year parents" is a comforting feeling. I personally appreciate your expertise, professionalism and most of all welcoming attitude every time I have spoken to you. *Happy Parents*

**Gretchen Voight and Cate Hamilton** - The Graduation Fair was GREAT! I love the addition of the photo cut outs. It gets better every time you have it.

**Enrollment Resources** - Irma Herrera, Adrienne Hawa, Jerrod Harrell, Daniel Herrera, Kelly Milazzo. I just wanted to send you an email to say THANK YOU for today's presentation!!! The presentation was very informative and interactive. You ALL did a GREAT job!!! Thank

you for all that you do!!  My hat goes off to you! I have forgotten how much knowledge the ER Team has to have in order to assist every call. Today you guys were very impressive

showing the SMU knowledge.  Wanted to say another "Thank You" to the ER team! The info and the presentation were great yesterday!!

 You guys ROCK. Your presentation yesterday was extraordinary! Thank you so much. I really appreciate the time you spent preparing and presenting.

**Gretchen Voight** - Congratulations on your election as the Secretary of the Texas Association of College Registrar's and Admission Officers.

## December Graduation Fair Tops Last Year

The Blanton Building was active on October 13 & 14 with over 250 students preparing for December Graduation. The Fair offers one location to reserve all of the trappings of graduation - Class Ring, Rotunda, Regalia, Diploma Frames, Invitations, Professional Photograph in Regalia, and the introduction to the SMU Young Alumni Association.

To encourage students to talk with all of the vendors present, students obtained stamps that entered them into a drawing for Graduation

## Spring Enrollment Begins



Mark your calendar  
October 31st

### Important Dates

Oct. 20 - DR & Counseling Payment Due Date  
Oct. 21 - mid-term grades due  
Oct. 31 - 60% point for federal financial aid  
Oct. 31 - enrollment begins for spring 2012  
Nov. 4 - last day to drop a course  
Nov. 4-5 - SMU Homecoming  
Nov. 22 - last day to withdraw from the university  
Nov. 23 - no classes - offices open  
Nov. 24-25 - Thanksgiving Holiday  
Dec. 5 - last day of instruction  
Dec. 6 - reading day  
Dec. 7-14 - examinations  
Dec. 15 - residence halls officially close  
Dec. 17 - December graduation  
Dec. 19 - payment due date for spring  
Dec. 26-Jan. 2 - Winter Break

### Quotation of the Month

Perseverance: Sticking to something you're not stuck on.  
*Author Unknown*



## SMU Trivia

### Question

How many years has Peruna VIII served as SMU's Mascot?

### Answer

Fourteen Years.  
VIII is one of the longest serving Peruna's.  
May Peruna IX have a long life in his new role.

## University Bursar Staff gets TxBUC\$

The Texas Bursar's Association - TxBUC\$ brought its annual conference to Dallas in October. Founded by SMU University Bursar, Pat Woods, the Association provides staff in Texas Colleges and University Bursar and University Cashier's offices an opportunity for networking and professional development.

This year the Keynote was by Everson Walls. Ex Cowboy great Walls made a major impact both on and off the football field. His eight

-DCCCD switched to TES after doing a time trail which showed the district would save 4,182 hours a year of personnel time by switching from CSO to TES (DCCCD processes 200 transfer folders a month with a staff of 9 full-time evaluators).

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*Congratulations!*  
**John Hall**  
University Registrar  
40 years of service to SMU!

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related prizes.



years with the Cowboys are filled with accolades and accomplishments. In his rookie year, he broke the single season record with 11 interceptions. He was named to the Pro Bowl team in 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1985. In 1981, 1982 and 1985 he led the NFL in interceptions. In 1987 he was named Cowboy's Man of the Year. Perhaps his most significant accomplishment was in donating a kidney to fellow teammate Ron Springs.

Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Stephanie Dupaul and University Registrar John Hall (as well as others from SMU) shared strategies for success in the student enrollment and student account partnerships.

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