

Focus on the Staff New Employees

JULY 2004

Kyle Benson Police Department
Kimberly Bishop Enrollment Services
Bay Bui Management
Srilakshmi Chetlur Management
Angela Compton Library
Kevin Dillin Bursar
Joseph Eakin Admissions
Kristofer English Physical Plant
Louis Floyd Physical Plant
Heather Huntley Student Affairs
Phillip Jolly Physical Plant
Dean Morell Enrollment Services
Pollyana Perez Arts & Humanities
Carla Raymond Callier
Gabriel Ramos Bursar
Jacquelyn Rogers Admissions
Ryan White Student Affairs

AUGUST 2004

Christine Adkins Enrollment Services
Kristi Barrus Arts and Humanities
Ryan Campbell Office of the Registrar
Marguerite Kay Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Dartonya Lambert Enrollment Services
Eric Lavin Admissions
Brian Moore Technology Customer Services

Renee Rasmussen School of Management
Kimberly Sotomayer Student Affairs
Phuong-Thao Ton-Nu Natural Sciences and Mathematics

SEPTEMBER 2004

Franciso Aguirre Physical Plant
Tyson Arthur Physical Plant
Mohammad Aqrabawi Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Bridget Busse School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Kristin Chambers Student Affairs
Dina Louise Chester Office of the Executive Vice President & Provost
Abdullah Daud Library
Ben Davis Physical Plant
Connie Detarville Enrollment Services
Von Emma Dietholm Engineering and Computer Science
Ursula Donnell Admissions
Jacob Eckert Physical Plant
Shaoli Fang Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Kearin Gibson Arts and Humanities
Debra Giles Callier
Anita Gray Callier
Shawn Hammes Management
Bob Hinton Management
Samia Kamal Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Scott Meeks Physical Plant
Patrizia Nava Library
Ellie Prosser Student Affairs
Michael Regenold Student Affairs
Kellyn Rixford School of Management
Mark Routson Police Department
Tess Maris Simons Police Department
Richard Sullins University Management Systems

Sieu Tran Management
Heather Weiner Student Affairs
Maude Westerman Callier
Thomas Wilson III Human Resources
Christina York Student Affairs
Xiaogogoang Zhang Engineering and Computer Science

OCTOBER 2004

Lana Baker Management
Pat Blatney Management
Lynne Boyer Undergraduate Studies
Erica Smith-Dowling Enrollment Services
Debra Finley Student Affairs
Daniel Gilligan University Management Systems
Stephen Hansen Library
Victoria Johnston Admissions
Karolina King Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost

Darrell Milton University Management Systems
Lisa Partain Payroll Services
Jesus Perez Physical Plant
Zimran Pyatt Physical Plant
Francine Simpson University Management Systems
Merrie Tabert Office of the Registrar
Ken-Lee Yu Student Affairs

Deceased

Dale Draeger
Maxine Maberry
Vicente Targa
Edward Triplett

New Retiree Association

The newly created Retiree Association is open to all retired faculty and staff of UT Dallas. Steering Committee members are hard at work planning future meetings and establishing guidelines for the association. Check out the link on the Human Resources webpage for more information, pictures of the first meeting, and privileges given to them by the President. Questions about the Association can be directed to Tina Butterfield, Association Liaison at 972-883-2221 or tina.butterfield@utdallas.edu

Alex Nestor, Chair
LeeAnn Fitussi, Secretary
Andrew Aquaturo
Sandy Burdine
Tina Butterfield
Jackie Long
Ramona Metcalf
Cleon Ramey
John Terrell

Flu Shot Update

As many of you knew, the Staff Council was notified that our request for the flu vaccine that had been ordered back in March 2004, and was scheduled to arrive in mid-October to Richardson Regional has been cancelled. Richardson Regional was not anticipating any problems which would have permitted the Staff Council to offer the flu shots to faculty and staff again this year. However, Richardson Regional will be unable to provide on-site flu shots this year due to the smaller supply available.

British regulators unexpectedly shut down a major flu-shot supplier on 10/5/04, citing manufacturing problems at the Chiron Corp. factory in England where roughly 46 million doses destined for the United States had been made. That means only about 54 million flu shots will be available this year from a competing firm. Therefore the U.S. government decided quickly that most healthy adults should delay or skip them to leave enough vaccine for the elderly and other high-risk patients.

We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your continued support of the Staff Council.

Retirees

Jesus Arceo
Violet Brown
Carla Carpenter
Gloria Carrozza
Karen Decker
Charles Evans
Rubye Jones
Janet Mack
Ralph McNerney
Dorothy Stell



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UT System News Release - Finalists Named For President of U.T. Dallas

The University of Texas System Board of Regents named three finalists on October 12 for the presidency of The University of Texas at Dallas.

The board announced the finalists after considering recommendations of an advisory committee that reviewed nominations and applications for the position.

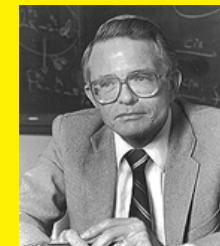
Under state law, university governing boards must name finalists for a presidency at least 21 days before making an appointment. A meeting at which the UT System board will make a final decision has not yet been scheduled.

The finalists are:



John C. Baldwin, M.D., associate provost for health affairs, Dartmouth College, and professor of surgery at Dartmouth Medical School. Dr. Baldwin

earned his M.D. at Stanford University and completed residencies at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He has held academic positions at Stanford and Yale University and was chairman of the Department of Surgery at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, where he held the DeBakey-Bard Chair of Surgery. Dr. Baldwin has served for 10 years as a corporate director and a member of the audit committee of the Houston Trust Company in Houston and has served on several corporate boards. A former Rhodes Scholar, Dr. Baldwin served as vice chair of the Board of Overseers of Harvard University. Dr. Baldwin is a native of Collin County.



Thomas J. Barton, Ph.D., professor of chemistry, Iowa State University, and director of the Ames National Laboratory, a government owned, contractor operated research facility

of the Department of Energy. He also serves as director of the Institute for Physical Research and Technology at Iowa State. A native of Dallas, Dr. Barton earned his Ph.D. at the University of Florida and did postdoctoral work at The Ohio State University. He began his career at Iowa State in 1967. He was named Distinguished Professor at Iowa State in 1984. Dr. Barton holds thirteen patents.



Gary B. Schuster, Ph.D., professor of chemistry and dean, College of Sciences, Georgia Institute of Technology. Dr. Schuster joined the faculty of Georgia Tech in 1994. Prior to moving to Georgia Tech, he was

chair of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Illinois. He was named Arthur C. Cope Scholar by the American Chemical Society. At Georgia Tech he holds the Vasser Woolley Chair of Chemistry and Biochemistry. Dr. Schuster earned his Ph.D. degree at the University of Rochester and did postdoctoral study at Columbia University.

The three finalists visited UTD for two days each between October 18 and 29. Each met with students, faculty, staff, department chairs, deans, alumni, and community members.

Staff Council Member Comments:

“Dr. Schuster helps to dispel the myth that men of the hard sciences are dry and humorless with his smooth and wry intellect and quick sense of humor.”

“In academia, the term scholar gets tossed around far too easily, but Dr. Baldwin embodies all the qualities of a truly well rounded and exceptional scholar as well as a gentleman and philanthropist.”

“Dr. Barton appears to have almost boundless energy and intellectual curiosity that he brings to all his new challenges. At an age where many people would be slowing down, it seems that he continues to ramp up for attaining and surpassing his new goals as well as sustaining past ones.”

“Dr. Baldwin seemed to have the most fund raising experience and was well rounded. I liked his management style on consensus and his attitude towards a lifelong education process being a priority.”

“Dr. Schuster was quite affable. I liked his sense of humor. He seems like a strong leader. I believe people would willingly follow his lead. He has some great ideas for UTD’s future.”

“Dr. Barton has strong research lab management skills, which would be beneficial to growing and developing an excellent research school, but I do not believe he has the staff development nor benefits on his radar screen. I feel he is lacking in his vision and understanding that UTD is not made up of students, faculty and janitors.”

“My first choice is Dr. Baldwin due to many factors, mostly his well rounded education, career and life experiences, and his willingness to learn and take consideration from other points of view.”

“Each of the candidates would guide UTD toward its future goals using entirely different but effective methods and leadership styles.”

Corporate Raffle Success



During 2004 Corporate Challenge, UTD held a raffle to raise funds benefiting the Texas Special Olympics. The drawing for the UTD

prizes took place at 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 7. Here is the list of prizes and the lucky winners:

\$50 Gift Certificates to Romano's Macaroni Grill from Aramark (Food Services)

Mary Ruth Huber
Emebet Sahale

2 Pairs of UTD All-Sport Season Passes
Bridget Busse
Michael Doty

\$50 Gift Certificates from the Practice Tee

Darlene Coppage
Gaby Perkowski

Activities Center One Year Membership

Barbara Thompson

\$50 Gift Certificate from the UTD

Bookstore (Barnes & Noble)
Sherry Clarkson

Orange Parking Pass

Patrice Morman

\$30 Gift Certificate to Abbey Restaurant

Debra Harrison

\$30 Gift Certificate to Cappuccino Italian Restaurant

Joe Jennings

\$25 Gift Certificate to Rockfish Seafood Grill

Kim Winkler

\$25 Gift Certificate Hasson's Jewelers

Jody Nelsen

\$20 Gift Certificate to la Madeleine Restaurant

Patrice Morman

Special thanks to raffle chairperson and Spirit Committee Chairperson, Carol Lanham for her leadership as UTD raised \$1,400 in donations this year.

Homecoming 2004

This year's Homecoming Parade theme was "Uniting Comets under the Lone Star" and the Staff Council's entry did just that. Our imaginative theme interpretation led us to recreate a Lone Star Hayride right here on the UTD campus. The float consisted of a highly decorated staff member's truck festooned with both a Texas Flag and the UTD Flag towing a flatbed trailer float filled with bales of hay and spirited Staff Council parade volunteers.

We were able to pass out candy, sheriff badges and patriotic pins along the parade route along with our Comet Pride. Congratulations and thanks to all that participated this year. Ya'all come back now next year. Ya'hear!

By: Kent R. Mecklenburg



Scholarship Fundraisers

Poinsettias

The annual Poinsettia Sale is at hand. Order forms will be available on line and from your staff council representative. We will offer red, pink and white poinsettias at \$10.00 each. They are florist quality and have multi-bloomed. Orders can be picked up December 3. See our posters and flyers for more complete information.

Cookbooks

A cookbook is a great gift for the holidays. "What's Cooking at UTD" has fantastic recipes and is only \$10.00. You can purchase them from anyone of your staff council representatives. What a great holiday gift, delicious food and helping our scholarship fund.

Remember to Recycle those Ink-jet Cartridges!

The Staff Council has entered into a working relationship with a third-party vendor that will collect ink-jet cartridges. For every good one that UTD recycles, they will pay us a fee.

The process is very simple. Everyone can bring their used ink-jet cartridges (Hewlett-Packard, Canon, Epson, etc.) and deposit them in a recycle bin. Recycle envelopes will also be available, which when filled can be deposited in the recycle bin. Once the bin is full, it will be returned to the vendor for credit.

UTD is under no obligation to purchase the refilled cartridges, so this is a win-win situation for the Staff Council Scholarship Fund! Please remember, though, that the laser jet toner cartridges are still recycled through the Physical Plant.

This is our secret gold mine! Please remember to put your discarded ink jet cartilages in one of the Staff Council Recycling boxes. If you don't know where one is, ask your representative. Encourage your students and faculty to participate by bring in their cartridges as well.

Check out staff scholarship criteria at http://www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/staffcouncil/staff_scholarship.html



Inclement Weather Reminder

Winter is around the corner and its time to start thinking about inclement weather closings. If offices close during the workday, an e-mail will be sent out. If the decision is made after hours, the University Police Department will contact the media with closing announcements. Employees should check with more than one of the following sources to be sure that the closing announcement is accurate:

Television: Channels 4, 5, 8, or 11.
Radio: KLIF 570 AM, WBPA 820 AM, KRLD 1080 AM, KTCK 1310 AM, KERA 90.1 FM, KKZN 93.3 FM, KPLX 99.5 FM, or KVIL 103.7 FM

When weather forces the closing of 1DISD, RISD, and PISD; daytime operations of the UTD Richardson campus will also close. However, if all three school districts do not close together, employees will have to listen for an announcement about UTD or contact their supervisor.

The Dallas Callier Center clinical and educational programs that serve the general public will close when the DISD closes.

If you cannot report to work due to bad weather when the University is open, call to let your supervisor know. Employees can use annual leave, or with supervisor's permission may be able to make up the time within 30 days. The official policy is available online at: [/www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/business/admin_manual/pdf/d112400.pdf](http://www.utdallas.edu/utdgeneral/business/admin_manual/pdf/d112400.pdf)



Fall Forum

The Staff Council's Annual Forum will be held on **Wednesday, November 17, at 9:30 A.M. in the School of Management Auditorium.** The agenda for the forum will include the Staff Council's Annual Report, Dr. Jenifer's State of the University Address, and a question and answer session with Dr. Jenifer and his staff. Dr. Jenifer is encouraging all supervisors to make arrangements for their employees to attend.

New Staff Council Officers Elected

During the September 2004 meeting, new Staff Council Officers were elected. Your new officers are:

Chairperson:	Sandee Goertzen
Vice Chairperson:	Daniel Calhoun
Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian:	Trudy Muller
Corresponding Secretary and Historian:	David Maldonado
Treasurer:	Gayle Holt

Congratulations to the newly elected officials!

Flexible Spending

Reminder: UT Flex claims for September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2004, must be submitted by November 30, 2004. Flex Ben claim forms can be found on the HR website under Benefits information. Questions about your available balance should be directed to Flex Ben at 1-800-577-3322.

Beginning on September 1, 2004, Pay Flex has provided one claim form combining both Health and Dependent Child Care. The toll-free number for Pay Flex is 877-230-4283, or you can visit www.utflex.com.

NEW! IR Forum

Information Resources (IR) is pleased to announce the new online IR Forum. This web site will be used for making public announcements to the entire campus community.

The IR Forum is actually made up of four separate announcement forums for service outages, IR events, IR general announcements, and information on who to contact when problems arise.

In addition to the announcement forums, there is a forum where users can submit questions to the IR staff. If you have always wondered why something is run a certain way, or why something is named a certain name, this forum provides you with the opportunity to fire away. The IR staff will check the forum routinely and try to respond to questions in a timely fashion.

To post a question to this forum, you must register on this site with a valid e-mail address. The e-mail address will be hidden to forum users, but the address is necessary to validate your account before you will be allowed to post a question.

We hope the IR Forum at <https://webapps.utdallas.edu/irforum/> helps IR improve the avenues of communications with the UTD campus.



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