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# Staff Council SUN

A PERIODIC NEWSLETTER FROM THE  
UTD STAFF COUNCIL

## ANNUAL FALL FORUM and President's Town Hall Meeting

**Wednesday, November 7 the Staff Council will present its Annual Fall Forum and the President's Town Hall Meeting. The event will be held in the Davidson Auditorium in SOM 1.118 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.**

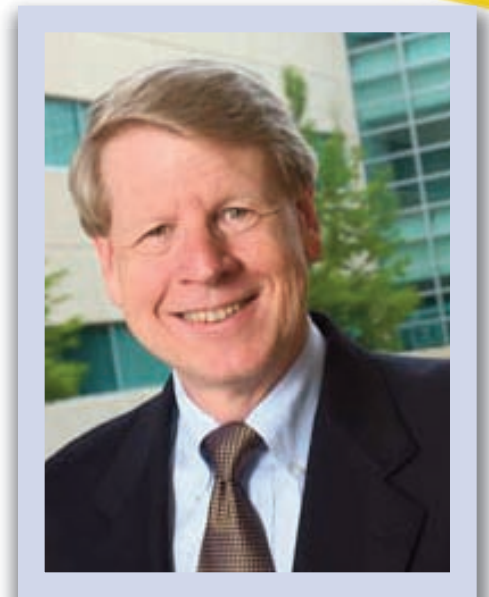
This is a great opportunity to meet your Staff Council representatives and hear Dr. Daniel's report on the dynamic accomplishments and goals for the campus community.

The Staff council will report on its activities during the past year and recognize CARE Award winners

and recent Staff Council Scholarship recipients.

As part of the program, President Daniel answers questions from the floor, so we are asking you to submit questions for him to answer. These questions will be used as an "ice breaker" if needed or to fill in if time allows. If you are unable to attend or would like the Staff Council to ask questions on your behalf, please email your question to Paul Oelkrug at [Oelkrug@utdallas.edu](mailto:Oelkrug@utdallas.edu).

Plan to join Dr. Daniel and the Staff Council as we honor staff contributions at UT Dallas.



## COFFEE WITH THE PRESIDENT



On October 31, Districts 5 & 6 had an opportunity to sit down with President Daniel and talk about UT Dallas. Dr. Daniel mentioned the on-going improvements to the side walks and signage around campus. He addressed our concerns about

parking problems saying that a budget and a master plan for parking is currently being worked on and will be finalized in 2008. In the coming years, there will also be a larger focus on increasing enrollment by offering new degree programs, hiring more instructors, additional advertising and better

customer service. As we grow, new buildings need to be built and in March 2008 we will break ground on the new dorms.

The next Coffee with the President is **December 19 for Districts 1 & 3**. Ask your Staff Council representative about attending.

## The 2007-2009 Staff Council – Contact List



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# CORPORATE CHALLENGE REPORT

UT Dallas participated in the Tenth Annual Corporate Challenge sponsored by the City of Richardson. UT Dallas was one of thirty-eight companies that came together in friendly competition to build teamwork and camaraderie and to raise money for Special Olympics. Last year, all total, the companies raised \$76,100.

The final numbers are in, and UT Dallas has done it again! After another terrific run, UT Dallas is bringing home the 1st place trophy. It earned that coveted spot by obtaining numerous medals including four gold, four silver, and four bronze.

Thanks to the enthusiasm and involvement of many UT Dallas staff and faculty, UT Dallas has also earned the most participation points of all divisions. UT Dallas also won the t-shirt award and spirit award for the BB Division.

Along with the great talent shown in both athletic and non-athletic events, the UT Dallas community has surpassed their fundraising goal and is contributing over \$4,000 to Special Olympics this year.

UT Dallas definitely stepped up and made its involvement in this year's Corporate Challenge an amazing run.



*UT Dallas gold-winning Flag Football team.*

EVENTS	OVERALL	MEN	WOMEN	MIXED
Badminton	Gold	Gold	Gold	Gold
Basketball	Silver			
Bass Fishing	Bronze			
15K Bike	4th			
Billiards	4th	5th	5th	Silver
Bowling	Bronze			
Darts	6th	7th	5th	Bronze
Dominos	7th	9th	7th	
Flag Football	Gold			
Golf	Silver			
Horseshoes	6th	4th	5th	5th
Kickball	4th			
Miniature Golf	Gold	Silver	4th	Silver
Punt, Pass & Kick	Silver			
5K Run	Gold			
Soccer	6th			
Softball	Bronze			
Swimming	Silver			
Table Tennis	5th	5th	4th	7th
Tennis	Gold	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Texas Hold 'Em	7th			
Volleyball	Bronze			

## Congratulations to all the GOLD MEDAL WINNERS!

**Men's Tennis team:** Marcos Chavez and Jason Huffenberger.

**Flag Football team:** Ben Piper, Corina Cantua, Adriana Cantua, Joe Fernandez, Jamey Finch, Megan Greene, Dave Greene, Andrea Moody, Paul Moody, Tricia Losavio, and Matt Polze.

**5K runners:** Duane Buhrmester, David Holmes, Rob Gribble, Gina Pace, Heather Huntley, and Monica Rankin. Thanks to all 60+ participants.

**Mini Golf team:** Sharon Etheredge, Jay Etheredge, Lynn Butler, Larry Redlinger, Rich Grant, and Carol Lanham.

### Swimming individual gold medalists:

Greg Metz - Men's Freestyle

Martha Grayson - Women's Freestyle & Backstroke

**Badminton team members:** Unnat Bhansali, Deborah Sauer, Abhiji Biswas, Nanda Kumar, Manori Nadesalingam, and Nina Baranchuk.



## IN THE STAFF SPOTLIGHT

By Lori Jacobsen

### Cynthia Ladejo

Cynthia Ladejo has been employed at UTD for over 5 years. She works in the Bursar Office as the Third Party Billing Analyst. Her responsibilities include invoicing vendors who pay students tuition and fees. She is also responsible for making sure the daily bank deposits are balanced and bagged properly. Cynthia says she loves working for UTD for its atmosphere and because she loves her Bursar Office family.

When she isn't working, Cynthia enjoys sewing, jigsaw puzzles, and cooking (on special occasions ONLY). She has three grown children, two who are currently attending college and one who graduated from barber college. Cynthia is also the teacher for young adults for her church's Sunday school class. She is a native Texan from Dallas who graduated from Prairie View A&M with a B.S. in Psychology.



If you would like to suggest someone for the Staff Spotlight section of the Sun, email their name and contact information to [lori.jacobsen@utdallas.edu](mailto:lori.jacobsen@utdallas.edu). Suggestions will be reviewed and chosen by the Staff Council Communications Committee.

## Did You Know . . .

by Paul A. Oelkrug, C.A.

The Special Collections Department, located in McDermott Library recently completed a two year project with JAK Films?

JAK Films, Inc., formed in 1994 by George Lucas to produce the final three episodes of Star Wars, contacted Special Collections in August 2005 requesting WWI moving and still images for a DVD series they were producing titled *The Adventures of Young Indiana Jones*. They requested moving and still images of Manfred von Richthofen (the Red Baron), Anthony Fokker, and the Lafayette Escadrille. These images were used in companion documentaries for *Episode 12: Attack of the Hawkmen*.



Recently, Special Collections received copies of the segments in which their materials were used. These copies are available to anyone who wishes to view them. The first volume of the series was released October 23, 2007. It should also be noted that UTD's Media Services participated in the project by converting VHS video tape to a broadcast-quality format.

Submit your 'Did You Know...' to [lbrown@utdallas.edu](mailto:lbrown@utdallas.edu) for the next issue and keep us all informed.



## Pointsetta Sales are coming up!

The Staff Council will be selling Poinsettias to benefit the Staff Scholarship Fund **beginning the week of NOVEMBER 12.**

The Poinsettias will be **delivered November 30.** An e-mail with more details will be posted to the Staff bulletin board soon!

# McDermott Library Faculty Author Reception

by Tom Koch

Dean of Libraries, Larry D. Sall, Ph.D. and Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Hobson Wildenthal, Ph.D., came together at the McDermott Suite in McDermott Library October 18, 2007 to celebrate the publishing contributions of our distinguished, creative, and dedicated faculty. UT Dallas' commitment to scholarship is demonstrated through the breadth and depth of the faculty's publications. This occasion allowed all UT Dallas faculty, McDermott Library staff, and special guests to become acquainted with the literary works of our colleagues. The honorees in this second annual reception consisted of those who published a creative work during the past 12 months.



Left to right: Library staff  
Debbie Gilbert-Stadigh,  
Nadira Zakhidova,  
Linda DePhillips

This year McDermott Library also initiated a program to honor faculty members who achieved tenure - "Achieving Tenure: Celebrating Books." The program, devised by Ellen Safley, Ph.D., McDermott Library's Senior Associate Director for Public Services and Collections, invited newly-tenured UT Dallas faculty members to select a book for the library collection and to have a bookplate placed in the book to commemorate their achievement. Newly-tenured faculty members were encouraged to choose a title that represents something meaningful to them, either professionally or personally.

#### Newly-Tenured Faculty members:

Marco Atzori, Ph.D.  
Indranil Bardhan, Ph.D.  
Sergey Bereg, Ph.D.  
Homer Montgomery, Ph.D.  
Dean Terry, MFA



## UT Dallas goes into Space

A UT Dallas flag flew with astronaut Jim Reilly, a UT Dallas alumnus, to the International Space Station this summer. Mr Reilly gave to the UT Dallas students, staff and faculty a framed collage of the crew, crew patch and a small Texas flag that flew with Reilly to the International Space Station.

The inscription in the framed collage reads, *"This Texas state flag and accompanying UT Dallas banner were flown aboard the United States Space Shuttle Atlantis during STS-117, which launched June 8, 2007, and landed June 22, 2007, for a mission duration of 13 days, 20 hours, 12 minutes and 44 seconds and 220 orbits covering a total distance of 5,809,363 miles. Presented to the Faculty, Staff and Students of the University of Texas at Dallas, where the uncompromising search for academic excellence provides students the ability to reach past their expectations. From the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the crew of Atlantis, STS-117. (Signed) Jim Reilly, Jim Reilly, EV-1 UTD alumnus BS '77, MS '87, PhD '95"*

Pictured left: Dean of Libraries  
Larry Sall with the UT Dallas  
space flag and commemorative  
collage.

Brought to you by the  
Staff Council Communications Committee

Laurie Brown, Chair

Corina Cantua	Lori Jacobsen
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Paul Oelkrug	Loreen Phillips

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#### About the UTD Staff Council

The Staff Council is an advisory body through which eligible staff members can convey information and make recommendations to the President regarding interests and concerns of the university staff. The Staff Council is constituted by the President with the goal of continually improving university operations and the well-being of UTD's employees. The Staff Council addresses matters of general concern to the UTD community and, in particular, to members of the UTD staff and is not intended to supplant existing procedures for addressing individual grievances.