



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS

# Staff Council SUN

# HOMECOMING 2011

The University of Texas at Dallas' homecoming is as unique as its mascot. The celebration begins Monday, November 14th, with festivities scheduled throughout the week. The focal point will be the University's men's and women's basketball games against Centenary College, scheduled on Saturday, November 19th.

The main celebration kicks off on Wednesday the 16th at the Comet Spirit Shop, where students can show their Comet pride by creating signs, mums, and spirit sticks for the Spirit Rally. For the whoosher who is interested in showing their spirit in a true fitness style, the homecoming 5K is just the event! Not only are the runners showing their "glowing" spirit, they also have a unique opportunity to run through the UTD campus at night. And if running is not your forte, then car bashing might be for you! From 2-4 p.m. the North Texas Food Bank is sponsoring a Car Bash. Whoosers will get a swing at the car for each canned food item they bring!

Tuesday night is the traditional Powderpuff

Game! Ours is scheduled for 8 p.m. at the Soccer Fields. Come watch the women of Team Green take on those in Team Orange, and don't forget to check out the all-male cheer squad. That same night the Activity Center is hosting the Grand Opening of the UTD Climbing Wall at 10 p.m., followed by their one-of-a-kind *Silent Disco*.

Our Homecoming Parade is scheduled for Friday, the 18th, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Rutford Avenue. This is no ordinary parade, however! Watch participants perform a skit in front of judges and onlookers as they march by. Following this, the power dancers and cheerleaders will show their Comet spirit at the Spirit Rally at 12:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Another unique event during Homecoming is the Cardboard Regatta at the Activity Center Pool. At 6 p.m. teams will launch boats made exclusively of cardboard and duct tape for two lengths of the pool. Prizes are given out for the teams with the most creative use of a theme, the fastest boat, and for best

homecoming spirit.

No homecoming would be complete without the official Tailgate Party! Come picnic and enjoy music at 11:30 a.m. between the Student Services Building and the Activity Center on Saturday, November 19th. After tailgating, the Lady Comets tip-off at 1 p.m., so dress up in your finest orange and green to support these student athletes!

Finally, the traditional "Orange, Green, & White Ball," will bring our Homecoming to a close. This year's theme, "A Night of Enchantment," is based on childhood stories and fairytales. Be sure your wardrobe highlights this year's color of choice, green. November at UTD is the alive with Comet spirit, so bring the whole family out to celebrate with us! Who knows, maybe you will get a photo opportunity with local celebrity, Temoc, himself!



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## 2011 State of the University Address

Please join President David E. Daniel, Speaker of the Faculty Murray J. Leaf, President of Staff Council Rochelle Pena and Student Government President Sharkey Andrews at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8 in the Clark Center Auditorium (formerly the Conference Center) for the 2011 State of the University Address.

Dr. Daniel will discuss the University's current outlook and plans for the future. Remarks will be followed with a question-and-answer discussion.



Staff Council meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. in the TI Auditorium (ECSS 2.102).

The next meeting is Wednesday, November 9th.

JOIN US!

## Comet Cares!

*School of Management students are collecting items to pack in 200 boxes for deployed U.S. service members.*

*You can help by providing:*

***SNACKS PERSONAL ITEMS CARE ITEMS***

***FUN STUFF***

*Collection starts October 15th and runs through November 16th.*

*Donation boxes are near the Coffee Shop (1st Floor SOM) or Professor Barden's Office (SOM 4.429).*

For more information, contact [john.barden@utdallas.edu](mailto:john.barden@utdallas.edu)

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# Congratulations to UT Dallas in the 2011 Corporate Challenge!



The 14th Annual Corporate Challenge, the 10-week, Olympic-styled corporate competition which raises

funds for the Special Olympics Texas, had its closing ceremonies Thursday evening on October 20th at Galatyn Plaza in Richardson. The event included award presentations, great music and a festive spirit where over 45 companies from the area were represented. UTD was recognized for reaching our fundraising goal for Special Olympics and for being the Silver Champion in our division for the athletic competitions.

“We are thrilled by the business community’s response... and with this being the 14th year of Corporate Challenge, being able to reach \$1 million for Special Olympics” said Robbie

Hazelbaker, the Assistant Director of Parks with the City of Richardson. Mr. Hazelbaker continued to say they truly value the “great relationship and support of UTD and of President Daniel.”

“Corporate Challenge is a great opportunity for staff and faculty to bring their families, cheer on their teams, and share in the spirit of camaraderie in a non-work environment” said UTD 2011 Corporate Challenge chair, Tracy Dorsey. She also added that the event was a “public service, as we are partners in the Richardson business community.”

UTD, a Division BB company, medaled with Gold, Silver and Bronze in several events including badminton, darts, tennis, volleyball, bowling, golf, table tennis, billiards and dominoes – just to name a few! There were over 20 athletic and non-athletic events ranging from basketball and dodge-ball to Texas Hold ‘Em Poker and soccer throughout the entire competition. To see the complete list of standings and scores for each division go

to [www.quickscores.com/cc/](http://www.quickscores.com/cc/).

More information on Corporate Challenge can be found on their web page, [www.cor.net](http://www.cor.net) (then click on Corporate Challenge). Stay tuned in the Spring for an announcement regarding next year’s Corporate Challenge!



## Poinsettia and Cactus Sale

It’s that time again! The order form for the Annual Staff Council Poinsettia & Christmas Cactus Sale will be released to the UT Dallas faculty and staff shortly.

Faculty and staff will be able to order poinsettias in red, pink or white, and/or the Christmas cactus. You can order online at <http://alumni.utdallas.edu/netcommunity/staffcouncil> or by mailing your order form and payment to Howard Medlock at JO31. The deadline to order will be November 16th.

Your purchases will benefit the Staff Council Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to eligible staff members each Fall and Spring.



## Free Flu Shots Boost More than Our Immunities

The Staff Council, the Office of Business Affairs, and the Department of Environmental Health & Safety once again sponsored free flu shots for UT Dallas staff and faculty.

A total of over 430 shots were given this year! On Wednesday, October 19th, 87 shots were given at Callier Dallas and 207 shots were given at Facilities Management. On Thursday, October 20th, 145 shots were given at the Activity Center.

Methodist Richardson Medical Center graciously provided the nursing help and shot recipients donated a total of \$375.04, which will benefit the UTD Staff Council Scholarship Fund.

## 2011-2012 Staff Council Representatives

Name	Department	Committee
<b>District 1 – ECSN, ECSS, HH, NSERL</b>		
Arturo Elizondo, Jr.	Engineering and Computer Science	Staff Development, <i>Chair</i>
Lin Maute	Engineering and Computer Science	Benefits
Rochelle Peña, <i>President</i>	Engineering and Computer Science	
Chelsea Posey	Engineering and Computer Science	Fund Raising
Suzanne Potts	Materials Science and Engineering	Staff Development
Rhonda Walls	Computer Science	Benefits
<b>District 2 – BE, FA, FN, FO, ROC, SLC, WSTC</b>		
Letitia Andrews	Information Resources	Communications
Sharon Edwards	Lithospheric Studies	Communications
Betty Maldonado	Chemistry	Benefits
Carrilaine Schneckner	Chemistry	Benefits
Victoria Winters	Molecular and Cell Biology	Staff Development
<b>District 3 – AS, ATEC, MC, JO</b>		
Colter Fleming	McDermott Scholars	Staff Development
Kimberly Flicker	McDermott Scholars	Staff Development
Howard Medlock	Arts and Humanities	Fund Raising, <i>Chair</i>
<b>District 4 – AB, CN, SM, RHN, RHS, SSB, SU</b>		
Drew Brown	Financial Services	Benefits
Lynn Butler	Academic Affairs and Provost	Communications
Natalie de Leon	Activity Center	Fund Raising
Nancy Hong	Management	Staff Development
Chelsea Villareal	Residential Life	Fund Raising
Melissa Wyder	Office of Student AccessAbility	Fund Raising
<b>District 5 – FM, PD, SB, SG</b>		
Jay Jascott	Facilities Management	Benefits, <i>Chair</i>
Carol Lanham	Facilities Management	Staff Development
Sandra Mitchell	Environmental Health and Safety	Benefits
Jennifer Orme	Facilities Management	Benefits
<b>District 6 – AD, NB, NL</b>		
Paula Austell, <i>Vice President</i>	Development and Alumni Relations	
Lydia Blackwell	Human Resources Management	Communications
Denise Cooper	Communications	Staff Development
Dena Davis	Budget	Communications
Stephanie Iverson	Development and Alumni Relations	Fund Raising
Tracey Tatum	Finance and Budget	Communications
<b>District 7 – CBH, CD, CR, CVL, GC, GR</b>		
Betsy Albritton	Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences	Benefits
Wendy Newton	Center for BrainHealth	Staff Development
Sheila Rollerson	Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences	Benefits
<b>At-Large</b>		
Daniel Calhoun	University Police	Communications, <i>Chair</i>
Patrice Holt	Printing Division	Fund Raising

## A Salute to UT Dallas Faculty Authors and Editors

Each October for the past six years, the University's top producing authors and editors gather as guests of the Executive Vice President and Provost and the Director of Libraries to celebrate their published works from the recent academic year.

On October 13, 2011 honored faculty were feted to a reception and a gallery of individually framed posters noting their books in the McDermott Suite on the fourth floor of Eugene McDermott Library. The 28 photographs were taken in locations across the campus.

Provost Hobson Wildenthal greeted the guests and Director of Libraries Ellen Safley outlined the production of published works by each school in the university. These 16 authors and 9 editors had some very productive years.

Nils Roemer, a professor of historical studies in the School of Arts and Humanities, had the busiest year by

writing *German City, Jewish Memory: The Story of Worms*. He co-edited two other volumes – *Crossing the Atlantic: Travel and Writing in Modern Times* and *Jewish Longings and Belongings in Modern European Consumer Culture*.

Adrienne McLean, Professor of Film Studies, was the editor of *Glamour* in

several years in succession. This year Moller co-edited *The Book of Tinnitus* and Root wrote *The Living Chess Game: Fine Arts Activities for Kids 9-14*.

“The diversity of our faculty is shown in the wide range of subjects for which they publish each year,” said Safley who organized the reception in cooperation with Provost Wildenthal.

“We enjoy recognizing their significant commitment to scholarship. We are proud to add these publications to our collection.”

Included in the festivities were faculty members who were promoted from assistant

*a Golden Age: Movie Stars of the 1930s*. She was also the series editor for nine other volumes in the Star Decades series published by Rutgers University Press.

Aage Moller, Professor of Cognition and Neuroscience, and Alexey Root, senior lecturer for Chess in Education courses, have been recognized

professor without tenure to associate professor with tenure – a milestone in a professor's career. The newly-tenured professors are invited to select a book that has been meaningful to them, either professionally or personally, to be added to the library's collection.



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### About the UT Dallas 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 staff of the University. The Staff Council is constituted by the President under the discretion and authority invested in the President by the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System, with the goal of continually improving University operations and the well-being of UTD's employees. The Staff Council is constituted to address 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.