Letter From the VP (Continued from page 1) also bring additional relief for the Hazelwood and Hazelwood Legacy free tuition and fee programs. More about all of this as we get closer to January, 2015. In the meantime, have a great summer. And, yeah, pray for rain.

Travel Smart more than 50 water rides and attractions, including a large wave pool, lazy river and more than a dozen exciting water slides. Splashtown San Antonio offers a variety of water fun with its many pools the favorite spot is surrounded by a lazy river and more water rides and attractions on this side. During your visit you’ll find exciting rides like the seven-story tall Amusement, a roller coaster when you stop can ride together down one of two different flumes. For thrill-seekers The Whirl will afford you the chance to ride down a thrilling, free-fall, double drop spiral slide. Other rides include two double-tower tube rides, constructed body slides, and San Antonio’s only head first mat ride – Flood Rider. Splashtown San Antonio also has volleyball and baseball courts, water volleyball, a water activity pool with waterfalls and slides, picnic areas and facilities for birthday parties and groups. During the summer months the park offers special events including some free events in the wave pool.

www.splashtownusa.com 1-888-825-1000
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• Bexar county is the largest in terms of area, 6,208 square miles and is larger than the state of Rhode Island.
• Texas has 11 geographical areas Brazen Valley, Central Texas, Hill Country, Gulf Coast/Coastal Bend, East Texas/Piney Woods, West Texas/Edwards Plateau, North Texas/Rolling Hills, Rio Grande Valley/Big Bend, Southeast Texas and the Texas Panhandle.
• More than 25 million people live in Texas.
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We encourage you to send personal and professional news, photos, articles, Dates to Remember and other newsletter submissions to any committee member.

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FSS Vision: In this Issue

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VPFSS Brown Bag
Have an idea...a question...a concern? Bill Nance will visit offices for his monthly Brown Bag session on the following dates.
Thursday, July 17 Accounting & Purchasing 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Wednesday, August 20 Facilities Management 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Wednesday, September 17 Human Resources 12:00pm - 1:00pm

If you take a walk for the funding to be moved into the appropriate accounts, GoTo as the developed for the new positions, like the named and the new employees hired, but at least we will be able to breathe a little easier in the near future. Thank you to every manager who put forward a request for a new staff position. Even those that were not funded helped tell the story of our overall needs in the FSS division. Speaking of needs, each summer in an even numbered year Texas State and every other institution of higher education and state agency prepares their Biennial Request for Legislative Appropriations, called the LAR, for the upcoming Legislative Session. That work is in full swing. This is our opportunity to put forward our needs for the next two year State funding period. The current biennium, 2014 and 2015, saw the first upturn in the level of “real” State Appropriations in more than ten years. I have my fingers crossed that it will continue into 2016 and 2017. We will be requesting funding for two new buildings, one on each campus, an Engineering and Science Building in San Marcos and a Health Professions Building in Round Rock, a new research institute called the Multifunctional Materials Innovation Center, and increased formula funding for ongoing operations. Suntrust efforts are underway to...
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Schlitterbahn New Braunfels
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Schlitterbahn New Braunfels is 65 acres with more than 40 water rides and family attractions in six named areas. The large collection of rides includes three uphill water coasters, nine tube chutes, 17 water slides, family wave pool, five swimming pools, five hot tubs, seven children’s water playgrounds, plus water and sand volleyball courts.

Schlitterbahn is split into two main parts – East and West – separated by three city blocks and with free tram service provided between them. The 25-acre East added in 1991, includes the Safari Islands section with the Boogie Bahn bodyboarding ride and the world’s first uphill water coaster. In 1996, the 4-acre Blazin’ River section opened next to Safari Island with cut-throat slides like the Torrent River and the world’s first uphill water coaster. schlitterbahn.com

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FSS Staff Scoop
FSS Employee News

Cindy Krueckemeyer, Director of Student Business, always takes great pleasure in her twice-weekly accomplishments. She and her husband, Nolan, have double the reasons for this newsletter. Their first grandchild, Kori Rae, was born to daughter Jessica and her husband Caleb Warren on May 2. Jeremiah, not to be outdone, received his doctor of pharmacy degree from TTUHSC on May 23.
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Once again, it is time for ERS Annual Enrollment. Annual Enrollment is your chance to make changes to your benefits without a qualifying life event.

While we are able to utilize the entire Annual Enrollment period, ERS has named this phase as our designated window of time to make changes. Using these dates to call ERS will help speed up processing and shorten customer service wait times.

Some highlights:

• 100% contribution toward employee medical for full-time employees will continue.

• Brand new Dental Discount Plan through Carrington Dental

• Co-pay for Tier 1 generic drugs is lowered to $10

• Rollover rule changes to the TexFlex medical plan

If you have not already received it, check your mail for your Personal Employee Benefits Statement sent directly from ERS. This will show what benefits you currently have and what options are available. You can also visit the Annual Enrollment site on the “What’s New” section of the Human Resources website at www.hr.txstate.edu.

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Rolando Bolanos, Grounds Operations
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Martin Brocco, Utility Operations
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Jarardo Flores, Custodial Operations
Julie T. Goins, Facilities Management
Conrado M. Hughes, Custodial Operations
Don Johnson, Facilities Operations
George Al-Essalikani, Facilities Planning, Design and Construction
Candisito S. Martinez, Custodial Operations
Tomás Martínez, Transportation Services
Larry McWhaba, Facilities Operations
Jack Mace, Nucleus-Emphasis on Service and Strategic Sourcing
Sharon McQueen, Grounds Operations
Raymond Kaya, Grounds Operations

Sandoval Guzmán Rodriguez, Custodial Operations
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6 Years

Mary Alice Gonzalez, Auxiliary Services
Hermano Hernandez, Custodial Operations
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Henry Perez, Facilities Operations
Carolyn Jakab, Facilities Management
Ronald Dean Reading, Transportation Services
Rodriguez C. Rodriguez, Grounds Operations
Tonie J. Randolph, Office of Budgeting, Financial Planning and Analysis
Manuel Salinas, Custodial Operations
Monica Sanchez, Materials Management and Logistics
Vernon Tealer, Transportation Services

20 Years

Susan A. Caro, Office of Risk, Management and Insurance
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Elizabeth M. Espinosa, University Bookstore
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- Bath & Body Works
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- Cameron’s BBQ
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- Cracker Barrel Old Country Store
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- Johnny Carinos Italian Restaurant
- Kreuz Market
- Little Shoppe of Health
- Lonestar Inn & Suites
- Mami’s Restaurant & Cantina
- McNiel’s
- Missouri City Building Supply
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- Mocha & Java
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Aquatica San Antonio has 42,000 square-feet of sandy beaches, three terraced pools, a large wave pool, meandering lazy river, racing slides and one-of-a-kind family raft rides – “Stingray Falls” goes underwater through a reef filled with stingrays and tropical fish and “Wallabah Wave” sends the rafters up a gravity wall where you’ll experience weightlessness.

The park’s signature animal – the stingray – is represented in six different species, including cow nose and spotted eagle rays. In addition you will be able to interact with other amazing creatures, including exotic birds and animals in walk-around interactions.

Aquatica is an add-on to your visit to SeaWorld San Antonio theme park. Admission to the waterpark is an additional $25 above the cost of a one-day admission to SeaWorld.

www.seaworld.com

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Splatterhouse San Antonio

Voted “America’s Number One Waterpark” by the Travel Channel, Splatterhouse New Braunfels is the original and largest of the three Texas Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resorts. What sets Schlitterbahn apart from other waterparks is the natural riverfront setting, unique mix of attrac- tions, family friendly atmosphere and water rides on the park grounds.

Splatterhouse New Braunfels is 65 acres with more than 40 water rides and family attractions in six themed areas. The large collection of rides includes three uphill water coasters, nine tube chutes, 17 tur- ner slides, family pool, five swimming pools, five hot tubs, seven children’s water playgrounds, plus waterslide and wave pool attractions.

Schlitterbahn is split into two main parts – East and West – separated by three city blocks and with four tram service provided between them. The 25- acre East added in 1991, included the Surfside section with the Boogie Bahn body boarding ride and the world’s first uphill water coaster. In 1996, the 4-acre Blanco section opened next to Surfside with cutting-edge rides like the Torrence River and the Master Blaster uphill water coaster.

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Staff Scoop

Cindy Kruckemeyer, Director of Student Business, always takes great pleasure in her twins’ accomplishments. She and her husband, Nolan, have double the reasons for this newsletter. Their first grandchild, Kori Rae, was born to daughter Jessica and her husband Caleb Warren on May 2. Jeremiah, not to be outdone, received his doctor of pharmacy degree from TTUHSC on May 23.
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Letter From the Vice President

Have an idea...a question...a concern? Bill Nance will visit offices for his monthly Brown Bag sessions on the following dates:

Thursday, July 17
Accounting & Purchasing
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Wednesday, August 20
Facilities Management
12:00pm - 1:00pm

Wednesday, September 17
Human Resources
12:00pm - 1:00pm

VPFSS Brown Bag

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Darryl Borgonah
Director, EHS&RM
Russell Clark
Director, Auxiliary Services
John McBride
Assistant VP, Budgeting, Financial Planning & Analysis

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Did You Know?

• There are 254 counties in the state of Texas.
• Bee counties is the largest – it covers 6,208 square miles and is larger than the state of Rhode Island.
• Texas has 11 geographical areas: Brazos Valley, Central Texas, Hill Country, Gulf Coast/Coast Bend, East Texas/Piney Woods, West Texas/Edwards Plateau, North Texas/Rolling Hills, Rio Grande Valley/Big Bend, Southeast Texas and the Texas Panhandle.
• More than 25 million people live in Texas.
• Texas is home to 3 of the 10 largest cities in America: they are Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio.
• Almost ½ of the population lives in the Texas Urban Triangles that encompasses metro areas of Dallas-Ft Worth, Houston, Austin, and San Antonio.

State shell of Texas is the lightning whelk. (Buccinum commutum), an edible species of large predatory sea snail that looks like this. This species has a left handed or snail shell.

Texas produces more wool than any other U.S. state.

• Edwards terrain in west Texas is the largest in the country.

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FSS received 525 new FYE positions in the allocation, every bit proportional to the overall total distributed between five divisions. These positions are allocated among:

• Procurement and Strategic Sourcing
• Environmental Health, Safety and Risk Management
• Materials Management
• Facilities
• Human Resources.

I don’t have to tell you how much stress state universities have been under for the past few years as our enrollment, grant expenditures, and all areas of the University for that matter, have grown while general staff employment remained steady. Rapid enrollment growth, coupled with new state appropriations and limits imposed on tuition and fee increases, has led to increased workloads in every area. Sunbelt statistics show that Texas State was ahead of most of the best major public universities before this happened. It’s only my impression and nothing more, but I believe this past academic year saw frustration among both faculty and staff grow just short of the breaking point across campus. These new positions will be very welcomed in all divisions. We need to thank President Trauth, Provost Bourgeois and the other Vice Presidents for uniting in support of the need for these new staff positions.

It will take a while for the funding to be moved into the appropriate accounts, GOJAs to be developed for the new positions, jobs to be posted and new employees hired, but at least we will be able to breathe a little easier in the near future. Thank you to everyone manager who put forward a request for a new staff position. Even those that were not funded helped tell the story of our overall needs in the FSS division.

Speaking of needs, each summer in an even numbered year our Texas State and every other institution of higher education and state agency prepares their Biennial Request for Legislative Appropriations, called the LAR, for the upcoming Legislative Session. That work is in full swing. This is our opportunity to put forward our needs for the next two year State funding period. The current biennium, 2014 and 2015, saw the first upturn in the level of “real” State appropriations in more than ten years. I have my fingers crossed that it will continue into 2016 and 2017. We will be requesting funding for two new buildings, one on each campus, an Engineering and Science Building in San Marcos and a Health Professions Building in Round Rock, a new research institute called the Multifunctional Materials Innovation Institute, and increased formula funding for ongoing operations. University efforts are underway to...

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