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12/5—Last Day of Classes
12/5 - Writing Center Open
House 1 p.m.—8 p.m. Avery 203
12/6—Lunch and Learn Series
Noon—1 p.m. Avery 451
12/7—12/14 Final Exams
12/12—Book Buy-Back
11 a.m.—7 p.m. Avery 206
12/15-1/13—Holiday Hours
Building closes at 6:00 p.m. (excluding Fridays the building closes at 5:00 p.m. and the building is closed on Saturdays and Sundays)
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ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT

We are excited to announce that the Associated Student Government (ASG) added a 15th position on the Executive Cabinet for a student representative from the Round Rock Campus. Molly Foster was recommend for this position and has accepted. Congratulations and thank you, Molly!

The Associated Student Government acts as the voice for every Bobcat. The Senate consists of sixty senators that represent the on-campus, off-campus and academic college constituency. All ASG meetings are open so that you can learn about the issues we face as students and call attention to items that are important to you, the student. Meetings are Mondays at 7 pm on the fourth floor of the LBJ Student Center in the Teaching Theatre. For more information about ASG, please visit: http://www.asg.txstate.edu/

Please stay tuned for opportunities to talk with Molly.

PROJECT ANGEL TREE

Each year, Caldwell Heights Elementary (CHE) identifies children and families in need to be “adopted” as part of their holiday assistance program. As part of our continued partnership with CHE, the Round Rock Campus will participate again this year by collecting needs/wish list items and gift cards. In 2010, we sponsored 10 children and collected $500 worth of gift cards! This year we increased the number of students that we are sponsoring to 35 thanks to student organization involvement.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child or donating a gift card ($10 minimum from HEB, Target or Walmart), please visit the One Stop Center or contact Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu. Please bring unwrapped items and gift cards to the One Stop Center on or before Friday, December 9 at 5 p.m.

Thank you for making a child’s Christmas merry and bright!

THE WRITING CENTER

The Writing Center will remain open during Finals Week. Schedule an appointment to get:

• tips on preparing for that in-class essay
• assistance fine tuning your last paper
• information on APA, MLA, or other formats
• another pair of eyes on resume or cover letter
• ideas for your application to graduate school
• anything else writing related

For more information, please contact Chris Muse, cm1913@txstate.edu or Hunter Bates, hb1168@txstate.edu.

COMMENCEMENT

Congratulations to all students graduating this Fall! Commencement will take place on December 16 –17 at Strahan Coliseum. The schedule consists of:

Friday, 2 p.m.
College of Liberal Arts
University College
6 p.m.
College of Fine Arts and Communication
College of Applied Arts

Saturday 10 a.m.
McCoy College of Business Administration
College of Science and Engineering

Can’t Attend the Ceremony? Listen Live!
Audio of the commencement ceremonies can be streamed via the internet or on the iPhone using the Texas State Mobile iPhone App.
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E-mail a KDP Officer with any questions
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PSYCH MAJOR? Interested in meeting new people and networking? Join us for our final meeting of the semester December 7th at 5:30 in Avery 252.

Any and all inquiries, contact: Molly Foster President Round Rock Psychology Association mf1237@txstate.edu

We have a New Advisor!

MBA Student Association
As the semester nears the end, we reflect on the great times we have had. This has been an exciting Fall semester for the MBA Student Association in Round Rock! This semester we crammed in several IPOs, a joint-campus IPO, an Etiquette dinner, and a 5K. These events have given us an opportunity to get to know each other better and share our experiences. We had a great turnout at all events and are looking forward to next semester being just as successful.

Don’t forget to keep up to date by joining us on Facebook. The group name is Texas State MBA Student Association. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions. Best of luck on the midterms!

We are so pleased to welcome Allison Skinner as our new academic advisor for the Round Rock Campus! Allison will be the Undergraduate advisor for students majoring in Mass Comm, CJ and Exploring Professionals.

Allison comes to us from Sam Houston State where she not only earned her BS in Communication Studies with a minor in Psychology, but she served in the registrar’s office, as well as, the Visitor’s Center. Allison’s references went on and on about her positive personality, organizational skills, good documentation, and great attitude. She was well liked and respected by her co-workers and supervisors alike. They said she is eager to learn new things, excellent at follow through, flexible and resourceful. What more can you hope for?

Thank you in advance for showing Allison our Bobcat welcome!
Attention CMED and TRP Students

If you are planning to graduate in May 2012, with your Masters degree, you must pass a written comprehensive exam. You must pre-register for this exam. Go to this link for exam registration information:

http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/comps.html

TExES Practice Exam Information

In order to receive a barcode to take the TExES, one must first take the required practice exams. TExES Practice Examinations will be held at RRC, 9:30 a.m.–Noon in Avery 455, February 4, March 24, and April 28. There is no charge for the practice exam, but you must register online in advance at this address: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/forms/TExES-registration.html.

Information Sessions for Prospective Post-Baccalaureate Students Seeking Teacher Certification

Information sessions regarding the teacher preparation program are held throughout each semester. For more information go to:

http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program.html

Teacher Recruitment Program

The Teacher Recruitment Program (TRP) is designed for mid-career adults who hold a baccalaureate degree and desire an accelerated program teacher certification. The application deadline for Fall 2012 is March 1, 2012. Information and applications are available online at: http://www.education.txstate.edu/ci/degrees-programs/graduate/Teacher-Recruitment-Program.html

Teacher Certification Exam Information

Texas law requires every person seeking educator certification to perform satisfactorily on comprehensive examinations. The purpose of these examinations is to ensure that each educator has the necessary content and professional knowledge to perform effectively in Texas public schools. For information about the policies, test dates/deadlines, practice tests and reviews, study guides, and registration for the exam go to http://www.education.txstate.edu/oep/ and click on the appropriate tab at the top of the page.

Scholarship Seekers

Education students who are seeking scholarships from the College of Education or departments within the College of Education will find information at this website: http://www.education.txstate.edu/Scholarship-FAQ.html

Lunch & Learn Series

Thank you to Dr. Steven Springer and Barbara Herdman for this Fall’s Lunch & Learn Series. We look forward to the Spring 2012 topics!

Veterans Affairs

If you are using the GI Bill, please submit the VA Certification Request for Spring 2012 after you register.

Hazlewood Exemption and Regular and Legacy: There is no need to submit paperwork for Hazlewood benefits beginning with Spring 2012. If you DO NOT choose to use the benefit, please email js213@txstate.edu as soon as possible. Check your bill prior to the payment deadlines to make sure your Hazlewood benefits are showing and to pay for any portion that Hazlewood does not cover.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

Retaking coursework and cost of attendance proration rules may affect your aid (see Cost of Attendance—undergraduates and graduates).

If your spring financial aid is available for disbursement, it will be moved to your student account by Student Business Services on January 7.

Student Business Services

Upcoming Deadlines:

January 12, 2012 – Spring 2012 - All students must be paid in full or enrolled in a payment plan no later than 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit: http://www.sbs.txstate.edu/students/billing-payment-dates.html

Emergency Tuition Loans and Short Term Loans will be available starting January 9th, visit the Student Business Services site to apply.
Grades Available
Grades will be available beginning December 19. To view your holds, grades, and transcripts please visit: Texas State Self-Service Login

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The next student newsletter publication date is January 17. In order to promote your student organization, all submissions (information, articles, photos, etc.) must be emailed to katgarcia@txstate.edu (Subject: Student Newsletter) by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4.