The Round Rock Bobcat

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The results of the name the newsletter contest are in! The name of the student newsletter is The Round Rock Bobcat. Congratulations to Stephen Kreher for his winning submission!

Honorable mentions are:
Bobcat Tales (Sandra Talton)
RR Student Connections (Sandra Talton)

Student Newsletter has a name!

Bobcat Bulletin (Heather Anderson, Justin LeBlanc, Elizabeth Guizar)
Campus Chronicle (Carolyn Lindell)

A special thank you to all who submitted a name for the newsletter, to the committee members who narrowed the 51 submissions down and everyone who voted!

Financial Aid and Scholarships

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Office of Disability Services

2011 Special Groups Registration
The 2011 summer and fall semester sign up for students registered with the ODS is from 8 a.m. Monday, January 3 to 11:59 p.m. Friday, February 19.

To request your Spring 2011 accommodation letter, visit the ODS website at https://sa.txstate.edu/ods/ or before February 16 and follow the links to the ODS System for Students.

To sign up, visit the ODS web site and follow the links to ODS System for Students and Special Groups Registration. No names will be added after the February 16 deadline.

Texas State Mentoring Program

The Mentoring Program is a student service provided by the Vice President for Student Affairs Office. The program pairs incoming freshmen and transfer students with staff, faculty, and peer/student mentors. The commitment to help new Texas State students acclimate to campus has resulted in higher GPAs and increased retention. The Mentoring Program gives new students opportunities to have a successful first year and supports students through academic and social activities. For more information, visit http://www.vpsa.txstate.edu/programs-and-services/Mentoring-Program.html
Welcome back everyone! First of all on behalf of everyone in the Psychology Association, I would like to thank Kimberly Coles for all her hard work last term as our president. This semester is going to be full of activities and opportunities. We will be holding a social event at a local restaurant, having a few guest speakers, and holding a practice test for the GRE. We are making t-shirts for the Psychology Association and they will be available shortly. There will also be plenty of volunteer opportunities and fundraisers throughout the semester. We hold our meetings on the first Thursday of every month in Avery 256 at 5:30 p.m. The first meeting of the semester will be on February 3. Undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to join. The member fee is $10 per semester. Meet us at the first meeting for more information. Have a great spring term!

Dustin Meyerson, dm1462@txstate.edu

Texas State Psychology Association

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The Student Leadership and Activities Organization (SLAO) exists to increase student involvement at the RRHEC and within the community. Interested in volunteering? SLAO might be just what you are looking for! To find out information and put your ideas into action, join us on February 1 from 5:30-6:15 p.m. in Avery 367. For additional information and meeting dates please visit the SLAO web page or contact: Felicia Engelke, President fe1017@txstate.edu

Dr. Byron Morgan, Faculty Advisor bm13@txstate.edu

Jill Seidenberger, Staff Advisor js213@txstate.edu

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Kappa Delta Pi Centennial Celebration!

2011 marks the 100 year anniversary of Kappa Delta Pi's creation. Come celebrate with us at the TGI Friday's located on University Blvd in Round Rock on Feb. 10 from 5-7 p.m. This will be an informal time to meet other members, gather info about membership, and network! Non-members are welcome at this event.

Become a KDP member! Initiation fees, first year dues, honor cords, and journal subscriptions are $68.

Benefits of KDP Membership:

· Honor cords for recognition at graduation ceremony
· Certificate of membership suitable for framing or for your professional portfolio
· Honor society membership to list on your résumé
· Subscriptions to The New Teacher’s Advocate and The KDP Record
· Local professional development meetings and workshops
· Leadership, service and networking opportunities
· Opportunities to travel to national conferences

What's happening this semester?

KDP Spring Initiation Ceremony- 4/3 2-3:30 p.m. LBJ Student Center Ballroom, San Marcos

KDP Job Resource Workshop- 3/26 8 a.m.–12 p.m., Avery 252

Professional Development Meetings 4/19 Gang Awareness Training, 6-7:30 p.m., Avery 408

Questions? Email us!

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Sherri Harwell: sh1496@txstate.edu
Jessica Ligon: jlg02@txstate.edu

Join our group on Facebook: KDP Eta Zeta-RRHEC

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2010 Holiday Assistance Programs

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

On behalf of Texas State – Round Rock Higher Education Center, we want to thank faculty, staff, and students who contributed to one of the following Holiday Assistance Programs:

- Caldwell Heights - Holiday Assistance Programs – Collected $500 in gift cards and various wish list items for 10 students
- Pet Food Drive, Charlene’s Pound Puppies - Collected $80, 40 lbs. of dog food, and 20 toys.
- Coats for Kids - sponsored by Kappa Delta Pi
- Toys for Tots - sponsored by RRHEC Psychology Association
- Support the Troops – Filled 22 boxes with donated books and magazines.

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SLAO Fundraiser—wood shaved flowers on sale February 8
Want to be a mentor for Caldwell Heights Elementary School? Just 30 minutes a week could make a difference!

If so, please 1) send your contact information to Jill Seidenberger, js213@txstate.edu, 2) fill out the online volunteer/mentor application https://hrsapp.roundrockisd.org/appentry/(be sure to choose Caldwell Heights as your preferred school), and 3) sign up for a training session http://www1.roundrockisd.org/

For additional information about the program, please visit the Stars Mentor Program web site.

Writing Center

In June 2009, the Writing Center opened a satellite office at the RRHEC. It is open to all Texas State students. The Writing Center is a student service dedicated to improving writing and self-editing skills campus wide. The peer tutors are able to help with any assignment from any discipline, including cover letters and resumes, from the planning stages to polishing the final draft. The services are all free of charge to current students.

If you would like more information on the Writing Center or its services, please contact Lisa Tomacek-Bias, lt1119@txstate.edu or Ronny Roland, rr1460@txstate.edu. Additional information can also be found online at http://www.writingcenter.txstate.edu/rrhec

Library Services

Library Services is once again operating in our normal location, Avery 255. We underwent a few changes over the Winter Break, adding a quiet study room which will house our study carrels and a few other places to study as well as a brand new library instruction room. We are still in the finishing phases of the construction project and hope to have all areas open soon. We are excited about the changes and hope you will stop by to check them out.

Additional library information can be found online at: http://rrhec.library.txstate.edu/

Management Open Forum

There will be an Open Forum for all students and faculty hosted by the Management Department Chair, Dr. Rechner and Assistant Chair/Internship Coordinator, Mrs. Dietert.

When: March 1, 2011- 5-6:30 p.m., Avery 408
OR April 13, 2011- 5-6:30 p.m., Avery 256

Imagine 2011

You are invited to attend the 3rd Annual Imagine Arts/Fine Arts Event sponsored by Texas State’s RRHEC and the Round Rock Area Arts Council. There will be artwork on all floors, music performances throughout the atrium, and a short play performance in the Teaching Theater.

When: February 25, 2011 - 7-9 p.m., Avery 252

Life Lecture Series

The community and students at Texas State University are invited to a free lecture series at the Round Rock Higher Education Center. The series will focus on life issues such as returning to college, marriage and family issues as well as managing stress. The participants do not have to register and they are encouraged to bring their lunch for the sessions. All sessions will take place in Avery 453 from Noon - 1 p.m., Feb. 8, March 1, and April 5.

Presenter:
Dr. Steve Springer, Chair of Occupational Education, Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Public Manager will be the presenter. Dr. Springer has experience ranging from Education through serving in Public Office.

Presentations:
February 8, 2011 “Dealing With Life Stresses” This presentation is designed to help focus our direction in order to assist with the many stressors in life. This is practical and “hands on advice.”

March 1, 2011 “Is Your Career What You Want?” This presentation explores options for an individual who is thinking about career change or returning to college…no matter what age.

April 5, 2011 “Setting Life Goals” This session challenges the participant to establish a “life plan” mapping out where he or she wishes to move toward.

Remember, there is no charge and everyone is welcome.
The next student newsletter publication date is February 18. In order to promote your student organization, all submissions (information, articles, photos, etc.) must be emailed to sara.moore@txstate.edu (Subject: Student Newsletter) by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9.