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Welcome to the Bulletin!

Welcome to the very first issue of the *UAC Bulletin*, a newsletter intended to inform you about the happenings of university advisors and counselors across campus. The Communications Committee has worked hard to compile this newsletter and hopes you will get a glimpse into what UAC is doing and how you can get involved in future UAC sponsored events. We hope by reading this newsletter you will feel more connected to UAC and to the advising community at Texas A&M University.

-Summer Felton, VP Communications

A Note from our President...

Howdy! What an honor it is to serve as President of such an energetic, productive and dedicated group of A&M advisors and counselors! You all are the best. This year we have set these goals and priorities:



- Keeping the Career Ladder proposal in front of the Administration
- Holding the 2nd annual Advisor Briefing Day (a great success! See article below)
- Liaisoning with the new Office of Diversity and addressing diversity issues through advising
- Providing timely training and information programs
- Initiating this very newsletter (YEA Communications Committee!)
- Involving more advisors and counselors in the day to day operation of the organization!
- Hosting the holiday gathering for celebration and networking
- Providing our premier advising conference, Symposium, in the Spring
- Recognizing an outstanding professional advisor and an outstanding faculty advisor with the Ed Guthrie and the Mervin and Annette Peters Awards
- Hosting the Annual Breakfast meeting in May

If you have ideas, concerns or just want to get together and share an idea, please let me hear from you. In the meantime, 'eat your Wheaties' and hang on tight as we approach pre-registration and the end of the semester.

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What's Coming Up?

December 11
UAC Holiday Party
11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Wings-n-More
Southwood Valley
Party Room

February 17
UAC Symposium

May 6
UAC Awards
Breakfast



***In the Spotlight:
Alice Reinarz, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies***

By Dale Pracht, TAMU Career Center

"I am thrilled to be a part of the campus in the midst of change, always a pleasure to work with academic advisors."

Alice Goodwin Reinarz is a welcome addition to Texas A&M University joining us in September 2003. She began her career as an educator and mentor in life sciences. However, her continuing interests have evolved to academic advising, teaching and learning models, program assessment, faculty mentoring, and issues of women in leadership roles in higher education.

Her early career moved from serving students as an advisor, mentor, and teacher to include more administrative responsibilities, initially at the University of Texas at Austin.

Holding B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Microbiology from the University of Texas at Austin, Reinarz has utilized her disciplinary training and science teaching background in situations that involve the construction or revitalization of effective academic advising units. Her work with undergraduates, inside and outside the classroom, has included varied teaching and mentoring experiences. Alice was a recipient of the 1990 Carski Foundation Outstanding Teaching Award from the American Society for Microbiology.

Alice can be contacted at 862-3210 or at areinarz@tamu.edu

Advisor Briefing Day—Yet Another Success!

By Anne Reber, Services for Students with Disabilities

The Second Annual Academic Advisor Briefing was held on September 16 and 17 in the Memorial Student Center on the Texas A&M University campus. Once again, advisors were treated to an array of sessions that contained information pertinent to their daily interactions in working with students. Advisors were treated to breakfast, networking opportunities and active learning opportunities. Topics ranged from "campus-wide collaborations" to "financial services" to "legal issues" to the "new honor system" being implemented for all students.

Participants were welcomed by the Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. David Prior, and given opportunities to interact with Dr. Karan Watson, Dean of Faculties & Associate Provost, Genevieve Stubbs, Senior Associate General Counsel, and new Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Alice Reinarz.

Terri Burger, Assistant Director of Undergraduate Advising in the College of Liberal Arts, chaired the planning committee and reported that the feedback from the participants has been "overwhelmingly positive." Serving on the planning committee were advisors and representatives from many areas of the TAMU campus community: Tammy Tiner, Department of Chemistry, Nancy Street, Department of Communication, Sallye Henderson, General Studies, Vida Wilhelm, College of Education, Lyle Slack, Student Counseling Service, Jennifer Funkhouser, Department of Rangeland Ecology & Management, Rodney Paris, Department of Athletics, and Mary Broussard, Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Programs.

Thanks to all who participated in the Second Annual Academic Advisor Briefing and a special thanks to all who worked hard to provide this enriching professional development opportunity for the advisors of Texas A&M University!

The feedback from participants of Advisor Briefing Day has been "overwhelmingly positive"!
- Terri Burger, Liberal Arts

New NCAA Rules for Student Athletes

By Summer Felton, Agricultural Education

The October program was sponsored by the TAMU Athletics Department and was held on October 8 at Cain Hall. Advisors in attendance were treated with lunch and then a report was given by Steve McDonnell about the new NCAA rules and academic eligibility requirements for athletes. For information about these "new" rules, you can go to www.ncaa.org. Click on "Custom Home Pages" and pull the menu down to "Prospect/Parent" page. We would like to thank the Athletics Department, Steve McDonnell and Rodney Paris, and the Programs Committee for hosting this event and for providing lunch for all advisors.



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Looking for an opportunity to work with fellow advisors?

How about volunteering some time working with the 2004 UAC Symposium Committee? While we have a great group of people already working on the planning committee, there's always room for more. Interested? Contact Vida Wilhelm at 845-5364.

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and Summer Felton.*

DID YOU KNOW?

- Texas A&M's 5,200-acre campus - among largest in nation; with more than 100 buildings, the value of the campus exceeds \$1 billion. It includes a 434-acre research park
- Texas A&M is the only academic institution to clone four different species: cattle, goat, swine, feline
- TAMU ranks among the top dozen universities nationally in ability to house its students on campus, enhancing academic and extracurricular opportunities; more than 11,000 students reside in campus housing, and the university provides shuttle buses to scores of surrounding apartment complexes, making off-campus students even more a part of campus life

These and more interesting facts can be found at
<http://www.tamu.edu/univrel/sheets/>