

A Note From The Office of The President

Colleagues:

Welcome to a new academic year! The start of school is always a time of renewal. Our students return from a summer away, and we welcome an entirely new group of freshmen from around the country. This fall, we have 702 new freshmen on campus, and they are an extraordinary group: 76 National Merit Scholars, average ACT score of 28.2; 65% in the top ten percent of their high school graduating class; 54% from out of state.

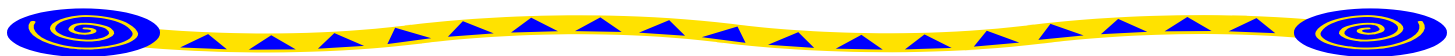
Our strong enrollment and our zero vacancy rate in student housing mean that we are holding steady through these very difficult economic times. As you know, tough economic conditions have required us to conserve and to do more with less. TU staff, including administrators, recently completed two months of half-day Friday furloughs – a step that has brought essential relief to our salary budget. I know I speak on behalf of our entire administration and our Board of Trustees in thanking you for your sacrifice and solidarity which have left TU on firmer footing.

But moving forward isn't only about dealing with challenges. It's also about seizing opportunities. TU begins this academic year amid a number of positive developments:

- Work has begun on the 78,000 square-foot Roxana Rozsa and Robert Eugene Lorton Performance Center, which will bring vast new possibilities to our performing arts and film studies programs. The site and utility work along Harvard Avenue was completed this summer, and the steel superstructure will be coming out of the ground shortly. We are deeply indebted to Trustees Roxana and Bob Lorton for their generous leadership of this project, to the many others who have placed their resources behind this vision, and to the George Kaiser Family Foundation for providing a \$24 million bridge loan to fund construction while our gift pledges come in.
- During these times of need, we also have stepped up our dialogue with representatives of the Kendall-Whittier neighborhood. Over the summer, we were able to help several young students take advantage of day camp opportunities at Turner Park, and we made the commitment to provide back to school supplies for all 960 students of Kendall-Whittier Elementary School. These two projects are part of even bigger plans for the TU-Kendall-Whittier partnership. I invite you to come to Convocation September 30th to learn more about this exciting initiative.
- We welcomed 16 new faculty members to the TU Family this fall. They represent a variety of academic disciplines and hail from some of the best universities in the country. Many universities did not hire new faculty this past year, so we are particularly privileged to be adding new strength to our already distinguished faculty in this deep recession.

Each of these examples – dynamic faculty recruiting, ambitious construction, and cheerful service – shows the power of creativity and shared commitment. As we go forward, we will enjoy many more opportunities to put that power to work for our students, for our neighbors, and for ourselves. I am privileged to share these opportunities with you, and I have every confidence that together we will make this another outstanding year.

All best,
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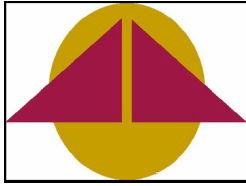
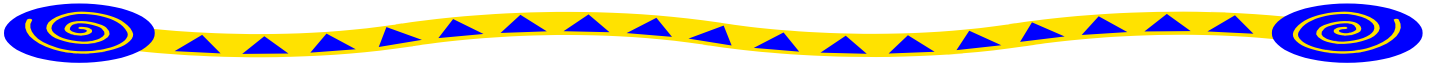
Important Dates

Labor Day-Offices Closed	September 7
Thanksgiving Recess	November 23-27
Thanksgiving-Offices Closed	Nov. 26-27
Last Day of Classes	December 7
Finals	December 10-17
Commencement	December 19
Christmas/New Year	Dec 24-Jan 1
-Offices Closed	



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Departmental Highlight:

we are: Campus Recreation

By: Mary Wafer-Johnston, Director of Campus Recreation

Hello, from Campus Recreation/Collins Fitness Center! Campus Recreation provides a broad and diversified program of sports and activities to meet the needs and interests of the entire campus community. I know you are thinking, tell me more about the activities and what am I eligible to do as an employee? Full time faculty, staff and their spouses are eligible to join the CFC, sorry no kids. As a member you can play intramurals, you know you are looking for an excuse to play golf, have a departmental volleyball team, or show up some young'en on the tennis court. We have free towel service and lovely lockers if you want to work out at lunch and shower before heading back to the office. Fitness classes are available at every fitness level; you can Zumba or Hip Hop or just take out all your angst on a punching bag. Now I know these are lean economic times and you wonder how you can afford a membership, well this year only (thank you Pete Sandman) you can get a Fall and Spring membership for \$100 and do payroll deduction for 10 months at \$10.00 per month, we love Pete! We are looking forward to a great year and hope you will all be a part of our team. For more information please call extension 2675 or visit www.utulsa.edu/recreation.



The 2009 Tulsa Area United Way Campaign at The University of Tulsa

By: Mike Mills, Associate Dean of Students and Coordinator of University & Student Affairs

The TU campus will soon embark on the 2009 United Way campaign. This year's campaign will officially kick off with the annual Day of Caring on Friday, September 11th and will conclude on Friday, October 30th.

As in year's past, our campaign will consist of a wide array of activities including the on-line auction, campus building fundraisers, drawings and much more. There will be no shortage of opportunities for fun and fellowship while supporting a very good cause. Our goal this year is to raise \$75,000! We cannot do this without your help and participation!

Please mark your calendars and plan to join our 2009 Co-Chairs, Ginna Langston and Yolanda Taylor as they and our UW committee members engage our campus community in an effort to assist the United Way in its mission to improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of the Tulsa community.

This year, the Tulsa Area United Way is celebrating 85 years of serving Tulsa and the surrounding area. More than \$545,273,000 has been raised and invested in our community in the past 85 years. The 2009 United Way slogan says it all: Live United. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. Please consider giving generously of your time and/or money. Advocate for those who have no voice. Volunteer where you are needed.

Ideas, suggestions, questions about the newsletter? Please email: eenewsletter@utulsa.edu

Steps to a Healthier You!

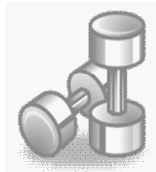


The Office of Student Affairs will be sponsoring a team to participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Breast Cancer is second only to lung cancer in cancer deaths among women. An estimated 40,480 women and 450 men will die from breast cancer this year. Worldwide, one woman is diagnosed with breast cancer every 30 seconds and one woman will lose their life to breast cancer every 90 seconds.

Team registrations are due by Friday, August 28th. The Race for the Cure will take place at CityPlex Towers on September 19th. The cost is \$27 for the 5K timed run; \$25 for the 5K untimed run, and \$20 for the Adult One-Mile Fun Run/Walk. For more information contact Mary Wafer-Johnston in Campus Recreation at 631-2675.

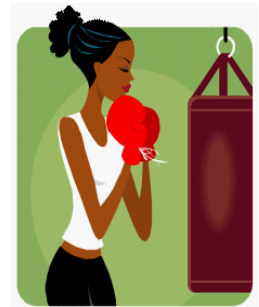


Collins Fitness Center Fall 2009 Fitness Class Schedule



Sept 8-Dec 4

Advanced Fitness	MWF	6:30 - 7:30 am	\$50
Yoga for Life	MWF	12:00 - 1:00 pm	\$50
Cardio Pump	MW	5:15 - 6:15 pm	\$40
Pilates	MW	6:15 - 7:15 pm	\$40
Cardio Kickboxing	MW	7:15 - 8:15 pm	\$40
Build a Better Body	T/TH	6:30 - 7:30 am	\$40
TurboKick	T/TH	10:30 - 11:25 am	\$40
Abs	T/TH	11:30 - 11:50 am	\$20
Cardio Kickboxing	T/TH	12:00 - 1:00 pm	\$40
Hip Hop Hustle	T/TH	4:40 - 5:20 pm	\$40
Zumba	T/TH	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$40
Tai Chi	T	7:00 - 8:00 pm	\$25
Yoga	T/TH	8:30 - 10:00 pm	\$50



All Classes meet in the Collins Fitness Center Multi-Purpose Room

You must have a gym membership to participate in fitness classes.

Register Monday~Friday from 8am-5pm in the Campus Recreation Office.

Questions...Call 631-2679



Date: 10/17/2009

Location: University of Tulsa-Chapman Stadium at Thomas Plaza

Registration Opens: 9:00 am, Event Start Time: 10:00 am

Did you know that 1 in 3 children in the United States faces a future with diabetes? The American Diabetes Association works everyday to change the frightening future that diabetes has in store, but we need your help. Together we can stop diabetes. Take the first step today by registering to walk in our local Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes event.

Every step you take and every dollar you raise helps the American Diabetes Association provide education programs in our community, protect the rights of people with diabetes and fund critical research for a cure. Once you register, use our online fundraising tools to create your personal web page, email your friends, family and co-workers, accept online donations and raise more money to stop diabetes. Join us for a 3 mile route around campus and great food, fun and to celebrate our fight to STOP DIABETES. For more information please contact: Emily McCready at 918-492-3839 ext 6036 or emccready@diabetes.org or visit the American Diabetes website at <http://main.diabetes.org/stepouttulsa>.

