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Words from the President

Dear Baylor Friends,

I am delighted to report that the new BUWAH year is off to a terrific start. It was wonderful to see so many old friends as well as newcomers at our Fall Social in October. Thank you to Cindy Reeter for opening her beautiful home and Gretchen McCormack and Terry Edwards for chairing the lovely event.

By now you should have received your new yearbook. Thank you to Denna Tekell our yearbook chairman and Tricia Ratliff our membership chairman for making that possible. We appreciate our Golden Members whose additional dues contributions help build our scholarship fund. Those ladies are listed in this issue of The Women's Page.

The holidays are around the corner with several exciting events as we begin the New Year. Our 20th Anniversary Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 12th at the Junior League of Houston. We will be honoring the BUWAH Founding Steering Committee and Featuring Baylor Showtime. Amy Badger and Jacquelyn Cox are busy planning for this wonderful luncheon to celebrate our past and move forward to 20 more years of our ties to Baylor University. Mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this exciting event as our goal is to raise \$20,000 for our scholarship fund.

I encourage you to bring your friends and colleagues to our upcoming events and introduce them to our great group of ladies. We have included a calendar of events for our upcoming year so plan to be involved. I am excited about the fabulous activities our Board has planned.

If there are ways we can better serve you, I am always eager to hear from you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President.

Kimberly Gabriel Dominy
President, BUWAH

20 Years of Faith, Friendship, and Philanthropy

"Baylor Women had some delightful experiences... such as day trips to historic sites in Beaumont and the Independence area led by Sylvia Thompson; early morning breakfasts for professional women; superb Baylor speakers from both Houston and Waco... for example, Lois McCall, Ann Miller, and James Vardaman, a night at the theater to watch the A. D. Players; and even a golf tournament!" recalls Ann Iler, BUWAH advisor and



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Warm Fall Welcome

A beautiful fall day provided the perfect backdrop for our annual Fall Social. Cindy Reeter's lovely home welcomed us for a fun time of socializing, reminiscing, and of course, eating!

We truly appreciated the members of our board and organization who so generously helped out with food, hospitality and serving that day - we never could have done it without all of you! Thanks to everyone who attended for getting our year off to a festive and memorable start.

Gretchen McCormack and Terry Edwards
Fall Social Co-Chairs

Charter Member, of the early years of BUWAH.

In 1987, an interested group of Baylor graduates formed the steering committee for BUWAH. They desired to create a format that would have the greatest appeal to a diverse group of Baylor women. The original purpose continues today- to preserve and extend the bonds of friendship, furtherance of education and continuation of

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Houston at the Holidays

At the fall social, several ladies mentioned being newcomers to Houston. With the holidays right around the corner, here are a few tips to navigate the myriad of choices and activities our city has to offer.

Great food: No time to make treats? Relax. Try Mueller's Bakery for petit fours, Love dip & crudités from Central Market, or orange rolls from the Junior League pantry. Hosting a small gathering? A bevy of tasty appetizers are done in a jiffy with a stop at Costco. Central market has great take-away for an easy, elegant dinner.

Gift Shopping? 19th Street in the Heights offers an array of trendy, artful, antique, and unique items. Try Jubilee for fun girly gifts or Eclectic Home for stylish, attractive home ware. Around town, Charming Charlie's is great for affordable & fun costume jewelry and accessories. Next year, don't miss the Nutcracker Market in mid November. Shopping can get quite crowded in our big city, so consider shopping in unexpected places that are less crowded, like Buffalo Hardware (really- they have cute



For Houston newcomers and long-timers, knowing a few local favorites can help ease the holiday challenges of a big city.

stuff!) or the Museum of Fine Arts gift shop which has special discounts for members.

Cultural Activities: Take time to enjoy our diverse seasonal entertainment, and perhaps start a new family tradition. Many enjoy the hopeful message of the Christmas Carol at the Alley Theater, the gorgeous costumes and graceful dancers in the Nutcracker ballet at the Wortham, the glorious Christmas pageant at First Baptist Church, and the outdoor ice skating rink in the Woodlands.

Whatever you discover, remember to take time to relax and enjoy time with loved ones. Remember the reason for the season. Creating great memories with our loved ones... that's what we'll remember most about our Houston experiences.

Join us for Our 20th Anniversary Celebration!

This year we proudly celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Baylor University Women's Association of Houston. Our organization, supported by over 300 Houston-area women, annually awards a full scholarship to Baylor to an incoming student based upon both financial need and academic excellence.

In recognition of our 20th anniversary, the Baylor University Women's Association of Houston will host a celebration honoring the spirit and dedication of our founding members and the philanthropic success of the organization over the last two decades. Held at the Junior League of Houston on February 12, 2008 at 11:30 a.m., we hope you'll mark your calendars to attend.

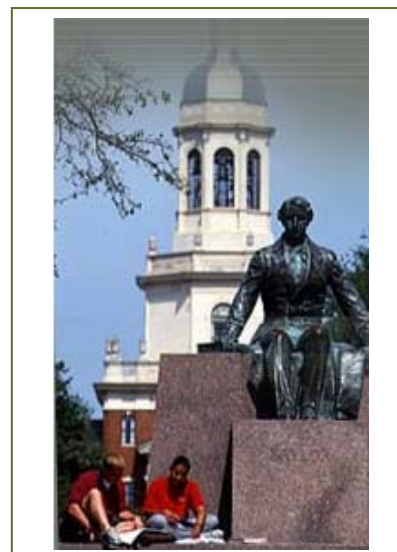
Featuring entertainment by Baylor ShowTime!, a fantastic

lunch, and a look back at BUWAH over the last two decades, don't miss this wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. *Watch your email for sponsorship opportunities... we hope you'll plan to be part of this special event!*

Amy Badger & Jacquelyn Cox,
Co-Chairs, 20th Anniversary Luncheon

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*Jacquelyn Cox, Co-Chair
20th Anniversary Luncheon*

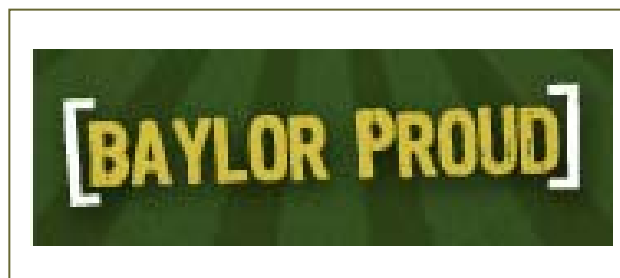


Scholarship Recipient Updates

Each year, BUWAH awards a scholarship to a special Houston senior to attend Baylor. Recently, Philanthropy VP Barbara Walker checked-in with Amanda Peterson, Ashley Gulley, Shayla Harrison, and Amanda Mitchell. These aspiring young women took a moment from their busy schedules to share their news with us.

Amanda R. Patterson, BU Freshman from Cypress Springs High: Things have been going quite well, all things considered. My teachers seem very competent and involved in their various subjects. My biology teacher, Dr. Harvill, is in particular quite amusing - his is a class I look forward to a great deal. Registration is just past, and went quite well - I was able to get most of the classes I wanted to get. I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to come here, which BUWAH helped a great deal in providing me.

Ashley Gulley, BU Sophomore from Alief Taylor High: This year has been a pleasant one. I am enjoying and understanding the material presented in my courses which consists of psychology statistics, intro neuroscience, neuroscience lab, world cultures 3, and social world 1. Some of the highlights of the year have been our semester field trip for my world cultures 3 class. This year we went to Fort Worth, Texas to a Japanese Zen garden and I can truly say I have never enjoyed being outside in Texas until then. It was a true diverse cultural experience that included sushi, waterfalls, and being one with nature. I actually plan on going back there with some friends to see the rest of the surrounding gardens and to try and to achieve the "Zen" moment once again. Overall, my current 14 hour course load, although challenging (like



the psy. stats course) is perfect because I am still able to participate in organizations that help to enrich my Baylor experience. I am currently a member of Impact (a nationwide collegiate bible study group), PORTRAITS (a Christian performing arts group that mentors school age children), Alpha Lambda Omega Christian Sorority Inc. discipleship program and I work part time at the Baylor Spirit Shop/ Bookstore.

This semester has gone by so fast, but I feel prepared to go on to next semester with a positive outlook and a little anxiety because I will have an 18 hour course load. Although I do not know what great things may lay ahead for me at Baylor, I can say this semester has by far been my most eventful and academically pleasing one yet.

Shayla Harrison - BU Junior from North Shore High: I'm in the first semester of my junior year here at Baylor. So far this

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Membership Update

Thanks to all of our members - both new and returning - for your commitment to BUWAH this year. Also, special appreciation to those of you who joined as Golden members and to those who enclosed donations with your dues. BUWAH is able to make a great impact on Baylor women in Houston and on Baylor and its students, because of the fine BUWAH membership!

In case you have not joined yet, or you have a friend who would like to join, follow the link below. You can join online and have two payment options: credit card or PayPal account.

<https://www.baylor.edu/network/buwah/>

We'd love to see our new and returning members at the next event!

Tricia Ratliff, Membership Chair

Thank you Golden Members

Amy Coffey Badger
Sandy Sims Benak
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Sharlene King McGill
Carole Menefee
Cora Bess Smith Meyer
Dot Abernathy Miller
Pamela Rath Powell Mitschke
Brenda Moore Morris
Robbie Williamson Pape
LaJuan Johnson Pessarra
Peggy Powell
Pat Graves Powers
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Jacquelyn (Jacque) McDonald Royce
Shannon Collier Saeger
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Martha Brooks Taylor
Roberta Keys Tom
Barbara Humphrey Walker
Linda Gale Thompson White
Marjorie Ciruti Williamson
Evelyn Whitener Woodruff
Jennifer Barnum Wright
Joyce R. Wylie
Darlene York
Susan Torn Young
Karen Koonce Ytterberg

20 Years of BUWAH from page 1

interests of Baylor University. There was enthusiasm to renew old friendships and discover new ones. The charter members were 433 ladies strong, ages 21 through 88 years, 90 different zip codes, about 65% employed in some way, single and married, parents and non-parents, with lots of ideas about almost anything!

In the first year, there were three outstanding major events: the Fall Charter Membership Brunch, the Forum (for continuing education), and the Spring Luncheon & Annual Meeting. Two endowed funds were established at Baylor, one for scholarship and the other for library.

Emily Tinsley, Charter Committee member and BUWAH advisor, recalls the wide variety of ladies serving on the

original steering committee. "We welcomed all Baylor women and sought to include many generations. Our steering committee ranged from graduates from '39 to '86. I see those names noted in our new 2007 yearbook. It should be noted that Dorothy Barfield Kronzer, '44, is deceased (2007). Dorothy was a beloved lady, a Baylor Regent Emeritus and a former president of the Baylor Alumni Association. The Barfield Drawing Room in the SUB was a gift from the Kronzers in her honor among their many contributions to Baylor. "

Emily also shared that we still keep the original name of our newsletter *The Women's Line*, initially edited by Carol Vincent Smelley. The name is a play on *The Baylor Line*, this time for women only (and with multiple meanings!).

Learn more about BUWAH's 20 years of history in your 2007-2008 Yearbook & Membership Directory.

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has been an interesting year. I am currently preparing to take the DAT and apply to dental school next semester. I've been studying more than ever before because my classes are becoming more difficult as I approach graduation. Between studying for the DAT and studying for classes, I don't really have much free time for anything else. I'm involved in a few organizations here on campus and at a local church called Antioch Baptist. I am part of their college ministry and I also sing in the choir. Although I'm having a tough time in school right now, I love it here because I know it will pay off in the end. I have an opportunity that many people don't get a chance to have and for that I am extremely grateful.

Amanda Mitchell - BU Senior from Splendora High:
I'm doing very well this year! I studied abroad in Southeast Asia and then in Europe in the spring. I then spent the summer at home with my grandmother, like always. She is still so important to me! This semester I am interning for the Senate Finance Committee in Washington, DC. I am actually working under the chief-of-staff, Russ Sullivan, who is a Baylor graduate! Once again I have been very blessed by the Baylor family, both for the scholarship funds allowing me to spend four months in our nation's capitol, and the Baylor connections I have made here.

"I am very excited and eager to join BUWAH after all of the wonderful opportunities y'all have given me!"

Amanda Mitchell, Senior at Baylor

While working for the Finance Committee, I helped plan a summit for the Chairman, Senator Max Baucus of Montana, and spent two weeks in Montana working on it. Since then I have researched renewable energy tax incentives in other countries and how the U.S. could incorporate them under our tax structure. I have also been included in educational tax incentive meetings. It has been very eye-opening to see our government in action. I thought I already knew how

it worked being a political science major, but I never realized all of the bicameral conferences, lobbying, rewriting, bargaining, etc. that is required to pass legislation! It has been a great experience so far. I will leave Washington on Dec. 13th in order to graduate at the Ferrell Center on Dec. 15th. I'm hoping there are no flight delays!!

Also, I currently have my application in at several law schools in Texas, including Baylor, SMU, UT, and UH. I hope to start hearing from them some time in December or January. As in high school, I am nervously awaiting financial aid packages to make my decision. I have applied for the spring quarter of Baylor Law, but the other law schools in Texas offer fall admission only, so if I choose to attend one of them I will need to find a productive way of occupying myself from January to August. I will be sure to let the ladies at BUWAH know my decision as soon as I make it. I am very excited and eager to join BUWAH after all of the wonderful opportunities y'all have given me!



Consider becoming a sponsor at the 20th Anniversary luncheon. Your donation contributes to the scholarship fund and assists local women in attending Baylor.

Fun times at the October 2007 Fall Social ...see more photos on the photo album website: <http://www.baylor.edu/network/buwah/>



Celebrations...

Former BUWAH president Lisa Timmons Wood and husband Gordon celebrated the arrival of Aiker Gordon Heaney, born Oct 30, 2006. Congrats to Tiffany Raczy, BUWAH Treasurer, married Oct 2007!

We want to hear from you! Please share your news by email to BUWAH@live.com

*Or send a note to:
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Calling all Young Grads

(and those that wish they were!)

Please join us on March 6 from 6:30 – 8:30pm for a fun, informal mixer at Anthropologie in Highland Village. For a big city, the Baylor family can make Houston seem like a small town! Come join us and reconnect with old friends from Baylor and meet new ones in a fun, casual setting. What could be better than food, friends and shopping?!?!? We will serve light appetizers and enjoy visiting with other young graduates. Invitations will go out via e-mail in February, but mark your calendars now! We can't wait to see you all there!

Heather Gray,
Young Grad Event Chair

Mark your Calendars! BUWAH Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 12, 2008
20th Anniversary Luncheon
At the Junior League of Houston
Honoring our 1987 Steering Committee
Featuring *Baylor ShowTime*
11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 6, 2008
Young Grad Event
Anthropologie in Highland Village
4066 Westheimer Road
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 24, 2008
Ladies Night Out
At the Houston Racquet Club
With Elizabeth Stone of
Stone Kitchen
6:30 p.m.

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Website:
<http://www.baylor.edu/network/buwah/>

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