

Parent News

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“Wild with Pride” Homecoming, Oct. 16-17

Join the UNT Parent Association for the “Wild with Pride” Homecoming 2009 tailgate, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17, in the Orange Parking Lot of Fouts field. Parent Association members will socialize and enjoy barbeque before the Mean Green kickoff against Florida Atlantic. Food and ice tea will be provided, beginning around 4 p.m.

Bring your favorite camp or tailgating chair; wear your UNT parent attire; and help show Mean Green fans that parents and families support our Eagles in many ways. This is meant to be a fun, come-and-go event, so stop by when you can to make new friends and get reacquainted with other members of your UNT family.

Another highlight of Homecoming Weekend is the Bonfire and Student Yell Contest, one of UNT’s oldest traditions. Coordinated by the Talons, the bonfire first burned in 1935. This year’s bonfire will be lit at 8:15 p.m. Friday.

The weekend also features a number of alumni events and organization reunions. The Class of 1959 will enjoy a luncheon Friday in the University Union to celebrate their golden reunion.

Then Friday night UNT Jazz studies will host an Alumni Lab Band reunion/jam session, playing classic charts from the jazz library, and rotating personnel every couple of pieces. Guest artist Denis DiBlasio will sit in as well. This event will be held at 8 p.m. Friday. It’s free and open to the jazz-loving public.

The weekend is packed with fun. More detailed information can be found at: www.homecoming.edu

**Don’t Miss the
Parent Association Tailgate
This Saturday!**

When: 3:30-Kickoff

**Where: The Orange Parking Lot of
Fouts Field.**

Look for the Green & White Parent Association Tent along North Texas Blvd.

**Contact: Brian Richman at
brian.richman@unt.edu or 817-688-4580**



MAKE NOTE

The 2009-2010 Roadside Assistance Booklets are now available. Have your student stop by the Parent Programs Office in the University Union, Suite 319 to pick one up.

Homecoming Activities

Homecoming Parade

Saturday, 1:00p.m.
Click [here](#) to see parade route.

Mean Green Village

Saturday, 3:00 p.m.
Tailgating starts early and ends late. Homecoming festivities include organization, department and college tents.

Mean Green vs. Florida Atlantic

Saturday, 7:00 p.m.
Ticketing options start at \$10.
Call (800) 868-2366

Family Weekend Feedback Wanted Prizes Available for Survey Completion

More than 1,100 UNT students and their family members registered to participate in Family Weekend, held September 25-27.

Events included a dinner Friday evening, a special presentation and breakfast with UNT President Gretchen Bataille, tailgating and a Mean Green football game.

The Family Weekend Planning Committee would like to hear from those of you who attended the weekend’s events.

The planning committee recently emailed an online

survey to the head registrant for each family group. Those who complete the survey are eligible for a Family Fun Pack of UNT basketball tickets, valid for any home game, courtesy of Mean Green Athletics.

We use your feedback to plan and improve future events. If you attended, but you have not completed your survey, your opinion matters. Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.

NOTE: If you were eligible for a Chili-Cookoff refund, we are processing those requests.

Congratulations 2009-2010 Parent Association Executive Board Members!

At the most recent bi-annual meeting, held Sept. 26, the Parent Association elected the following parent volunteers to serve as leaders for the organization.

Presidents: Brian and Dixie Pennington (briandixie@sbcglobal.net)

Presidents-Elect: Brian and Sharon Richman (kelleyrichman@yahoo.com)

Vice Presidents: Robert and Jana Sloan (janasloan@sbcglobal.net)

Secretary: Pat Czepiel (txitaliana@hotmail.com)

Treasurer: Elizabeth Cheney (Elizabeth.Cheney@rosewoodhotels.com)

Parliamentarian: Sarah Clark (untparent.clark@gmail.com)

Historians: Manuel and Shawn LeBlanc (toocajun@sbcglobal.net)

Past President: Karen Peoples (klpeoples@yahoo.com)

Campus Snapshots



Did you know...

- For the 14th year in a row, the University of North Texas has been named to the list of [America's 100 Best College Buys®](#).
- THECB awarded \$310,000 grant to UNT to increase college enrollment. University of North Texas will boost the university's efforts to increase college enrollment among first generation college students.
- The University of North Texas continues to lead all four-year schools in Texas in its efforts toward creating a carbon neutral campus, according to reports submitted to the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment.

Family Weekend 2009

Over 1,100 UNT family members attended Family Weekend. The weekend was full of activities, fellowship, and food! Thanks to all who attend. We look forward to celebrating families with you next year. Check out our website for more pictures from the weekend:

<http://www.unt.edu/ssp/gallery>

A LETTER FROM THE COORDINATOR of PARENT PROGRAMS

Dear Parents:

This week mark the mid-semester check point for your students. Whether receives financial aid or participates in a student organization, the mid-semester mark signals an important threshold in the semester. Many classes have critical assignments due at this point in October.

For some of your students, this period might be incredibly stressful. They are likely balancing academic demands with the variety of student activities and social events offered at this time of year. When talking with your student, don't forget to ask about classes and social activities. Encourage you student learn their study-style, and their balance their social calendar. Their well-being as successful college students depends, at least in part on how well they can establish harmony in all aspect of their lives.

The weather is changing, stress-levels are high and illnesses like flu and colds can be common. Encourage your student to consider their health. Part of good time management and study habits includes time for rest. Encourage you student to eat a well-balanced diet, get a good night's sleep and practice good hygiene. These tips might see intuitive, but you would be amazed what students forget about when their minds are racing with the demand of college life.

One of the best things about the Parent Association is that our membership includes "veteran" parents and freshman parents. If you have a tip about how to talk to your student about managing stress share it by sending an email to parents@unt.edu.

Jaime Blanton

First-Year Experience Program Promotes Awareness Through Action

UNT students will be walking barefoot around campus Nov. 7 to raise money and awareness for the "Take the Walk" project, which focuses on actionable ways to fight poverty and the spread of the HIV/AIDS in Africa.

The university's FYE program will sponsor a one-mile walk 10 a.m., Nov. 7 at the Pohl Recreation Center. Participation is free, but students are encouraged to fill out a form on site to register their attendance. A

\$1 donation will be made to the "Take the Walk" project for each participant. Through a partnership between entertainers Hanson and TOMS Shoes, the money raised will be used to help make shoes available to African children,

For more information on how to participate in UNT's Take the Walk, email ask-fye@unt.edu. Additional information about "Take the Walk can is available [here](#).

UNT's Student Experience Survey sheds light on how students are spending their on-campus time outside the classroom

Results from UNT's 2009 Student Experience Survey are helping faculty and staff gain insight into the habits and beliefs of the university's high-achieving students, and the data reveals interesting trends about how students spend their time.

According to the university's survey, 93.5 percent of the traditional undergraduates who responded are using time between classes to study. While 24 percent of students, report they aren't attending campus events, overall data reveals that high achievers are finding a balance between academic studies and social and personal pursuits.

Nearly 89 percent of respondents report that they use time on-campus outside the classroom to meet up with friends, and 74 percent of respondents report using the Pohl Recreation

Center. Data gathered regarding students' interaction with faculty reveals interesting trends. Nearly 60 percent of respondents are meeting with faculty during office hours. However, another 23.2 percent of these high achieving students report they don't meet with faculty during office hours.

The Office of Planning and Assessment for Student Development collaborated with the Veterans Center, Transfer Center, Off-Campus and Commuter Student Programs and Institutional Research and Effectiveness to create the 222-question survey.

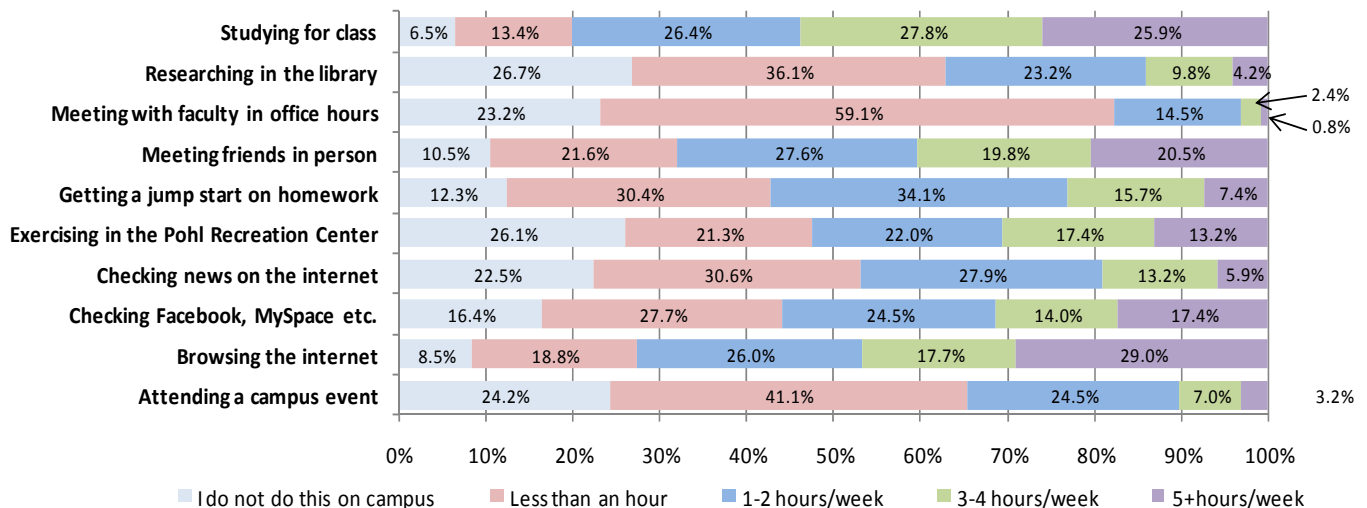
Students were asked about their experiences, participation and engagement at the university. While the survey focused on transfer, non-

traditional and veteran students, all students were invited to participate. The student who responded to the survey represent a relatively high-achieving population, with a mean grade point average exceeding 3.0.

Staff will be using the results of the Student Experience Survey to evaluate strategic direction and focus program offerings and marketing efforts through Student Development, particularly because this survey includes feedback from traditional and non-traditional students and includes transfer student, commuters and veterans from all classifications.

For more information on the Student Experience Survey contact parents@unt.edu.

Traditional undergraduates who responded to the 2009 Student Experience Survey reported they spend time ON CAMPUS outside of the classroom in these ways.



621 students responded to the questions above. This information is part of a larger UNT study conducted by the Division of Student Development Office of Planning and Assessment. Traditional students are typically less than 25 years old.

Spirit & Traditions



Photo courtesy URCM

Bonfire

The first Homecoming bonfire blazed bright in 1935, preceding a 30-6 Eagle victory over East Texas State University.

The bonfire tradition has changed and evolved over the years. No bonfire was held during World War II, and weather conditions extinguished the flames in 2003 and 2005, but the tradition has a permanent place in the hearts of the Mean Green faithful.

Current Talons and Talon alumni build and keep watch over the bonfire site, located behind Fouts Field off Bonnie Brae Street behind the former Radisson Hotel. This year's festivities kick off at 6:45 p.m. with a spirit march from Fraternity Row. The bonfire lighting and student yell contest will take place at 8:15 p.m.



Join the UNT Alumni Association for a networking mixer.

Time: 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Date: Thursday, Oct. 22

Location: BlackFinn Restaurant and Saloon

4440 Beltline Road, Addison

To RSVP go to:

<http://untalumni.blackfinnevents.com>

Upcoming Student Events

Encourage Your Students to Attend One of These Exciting Activities

Night CAP

Students can participate in a series of workshops from different resources on campus.

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Date: Tuesday, October 20th

Place: Gateway Center Room 43/47

Halloween Spooktacular

First Year Experience is hosting a study session full of study tips, refreshments, and a costume contest.

Time: 8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Date: Wednesday, October 28th

Place: One O'clock lounge in the University Union

Fem Film Series: Lioness

A feature-length documentary film about 5 female U.S. Army soldiers who served in Iraq as support, but attached to all-male infantry units.

Time: 8:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Date: Wednesday, October 28th

Place: One O'clock lounge in the University Union

UNT PARENT ASSOCIATION HOMECOMING TAILGATE!!

JOIN THE PARENT ASSOCIATION IN THE **ORANGE** PARKING LOT OF FOUTS FIELD, OCTOBER 17 FOR BBQ!!

FOOD WILL BE READY AT 4 PM IN THE PARENT ASSOCIATION TENT. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR.

MENU: BRISKET, SAUSAGES, BBQ BEANS, COLESLAW, POTATO SALAD, ROLLS, ICED TEA, AND APPLE COBBLER

(THIS EVENT IS BYOB FOR ANTHING OTHER THAN ICED TEA.)

