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SGA Perspective



Welcome Back!

We are looking forward to another fantastic year! Here is a look back at some of the ways that SGA has served you this past semester.

Upcoming Events

Singled Out

February 10th

8:00 p.m.

In the Burg

Winter Ball

February 20th

7:00 p.m.

Located at the Empire Room in Downtown Dallas

Space is limited

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS...

Student Government is an organization designed to serve the students. Without your help, we will never know what DBU students want or need. We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions.

Email us at:

sga@dbu.edu

Campus Issues

Hot Topics

SGA is pursuing the following topics:

Dead day before finals
Red Box on campus
Reinstating Hebrew classes
Study Abroad programs
Undergraduate international business degree

Student Government listens to the students needs and creates resolutions that are addressed at a weekly meeting. Listed are several of the resolutions that have been addressed and voted upon.

Resolutions Passed to administration

Street names on campus
Volleyball Open Gym night
Water coolers next to the intramural field

Town Hall Forum With Dr. Blair Blackburn

On Thursday, November 13, 2008, SGA hosted a Town Hall meeting with Dr. Blair Blackburn. Following are some of the topics that were discussed:

Dr. Blackburn responded to a comment about faculty and staff parking in fire lanes and being able to have citations appealed. He wants to increase the amount of accountability of all staff and faculty members.

The new chapel should be finished in early summer.

Set tuition was an issue brought up by a fellow student. Dr. Blackburn answered by explaining how set tuition will put the school on a sliding scale with everyone paying different amounts. He also said that this is why DBU provides percentage scholarships and not just a flat amount. As tuition increases, so does your scholarship.

Due to the expense of security cameras, they are not an option for DBU parking lots at this time.

A future outdoor recreation court is currently being designed and a location is being established.

Dr. Blackburn is currently looking for a place for our longboarding students to board. He wants them to have a safe place to board (away from the streets).

A question was asked about possibly increasing the apartment internet connection. Dr. Blackburn said that if students would close out of the internet when it is not being used (Facebook especially), the connection would improve. DBU has recently invested in two additional T1 lines to help aid this problem.

A student raised some concern about campus curfew and possibly extending the time a student can be out on campus past midnight. Dr. Blackburn is considering this suggestion.

Melanie Chadwick, Senior Senator

Giving Blood, Saving Lives.

On January 29, SGA hosted the annual Spring Carter Blood Drive. It was a huge success. We had 80 units of blood donated. It is such a great blessing for DBU and its students to be a part of this opportunity. Over the past two years, we have helped save more than 400 lives with the amount we have donated. Thank you for helping us save lives.

Christian
Santiago
Junior Senator

Chaplain's Corner

Don't be discouraged! In Matt 7:24 Jesus says, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who builds his house on the rock." So what are we to do when the "storms" of life come and test our faith? The answer is not to simply listen to God's Word, but to DO IT! My challenge to you is to re-evaluate your obedience to Him. If you find yourself struggling with the hardships of life, check yourself and see if you are just going through religious motions. If you are, then read 1 Peter 1:6-9 and be encouraged!

Caleb Wright
Chaplain

Big Red Valentines

Do you have a special someone in your life? Do you or anyone you know just love cherry coke, chocolate candy, or Cupid in tights? Then, here is your chance to embrace Valentine's Day! Student Government is partnering with Student Life for the annual Big Red Valentines event. To purchase a Big Red Valentine come by the Student Life office located on the 3rd floor of the Mahler Student Center. Grams will be delivered on Friday, February 13. Orders must be in by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12. Below are the options for the grams:

- \$1 - Hershey Chocolate Bar
- \$3 - Cherry Coke, one balloon, and small bag of candy
- \$5 - Cherry Coke, two balloons, and a large bag of candy
- \$8 - Cherry Coke, three balloons, large bag of candy, stuffed animal, and a rose



2007-08 SGA Delivering Big Red Valentines

Senator Spotlight



Amy Quinn,
Freshman Senator

Service is the theme of the Student Government Association and no one embodies service quite like Amy Quinn. Amy is a newcomer to Student Government, but has immediately made an impact on-campus. Richardson, Texas is where Amy calls home; however, when she was four she lived with her parents for a year as missionaries in Ireland. Amy's family encouraged her to attend Dallas Baptist University for college; however, that was not enough to sell her on the idea. While she was visiting DBU, Amy felt Christ calling her here. Amy saw that unlike many Christian affiliated schools, Christ truly is the center of the education at DBU.

When Amy was in high school she was involved with several government-type organizations, so naturally she felt drawn towards SGA. Recently, Amy took on the task of raising money for Operation Christmas Child. Amy coordinated a fundraiser through SGA that raised over \$300 dollars and put together 13 boxes for the organization. When asking Amy why she offered her services for this project she said, "Operation Christmas Child has always been a tradition in my family which I have always enjoyed, and that is why I volunteered to take on the task." Amy has a servant's heart and a passion for helping others. She is a valuable member of the Student Government Association, and a wonderful addition to the DBU family.