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CONSULTANTS VISIT TSUD CAMPUS

Troy State University at Dothan has engaged the services of two highly qualified and respected educational consultants: Dr. Robert W. MacVittie, President Emeritus, State University of New York, College of Arts and Science, Geneseo, New York; Dr. S. V. Martorana, Professor of Education, College of Education, and Senior Research Associate, Center for the Study of Higher Education, The Pennsylvania State University. The consultants made their initial visit to the TSUD campus on February 25 and 26.

According to University President Thomas Harrison, the consultants and TSUD officials agreed on the following four purposes for the consultants' services:

- Assist TSUD in a comprehensive assessment of the current status of the University in programs, services, and facilities (Where are we?)
- Provide direction for TSUD in the development of both short- and long-range goals and plans, including direction in doing an assessment of the needs of the region in higher education (Where are we trying to go / where should we be going?)
- Help the University discover "creative" means for the funding of future programs, services, and facilities (What do we need to get there / how do we obtain what we need?)

 Assist TSUD in the process of effecting its plans and goals (How do we most effectively achieve our goals?)

"These purposes," Harrison said, "provide a working framework from which to start. Both the University and Drs. MacVittie and Martorana may see fit to make modifications and additions as the study progresses."

Much of the time spent on campus was devoted to orienting the consultants to TSUD, to the TSU System, to southeast Alabama, and to higher education in the region and the state. Besides meeting with the local TSUD administrators, Drs. MacVittie and Martorana spent some time with Dr. Ralph W. Adams, Chancellor of the Troy State University System, and Donald Gibson, Administrative Assistant to the Chancellor.

Dr. Frank M. Lovrich, Director of Institutional Research and Planning at TSUD, expressed an optimistic attitude about the assistance that the consultants will be able to provide the University. "The consultants had prepared carefully for their visit to Dothan," Lovrich said, "They had read and studied the advance materials we sent them, they asked probing questions and gathered extensive information, they examined numerous documents, and they departed with a very good picture of TSUD."

Lovrich further explained that the greatest values of the consultants are their professional backgrounds and their ability to offer a clear, objective perspective on the situation at TSUD. "We at the University," Lovrich said, "tend to get bogged down in the day-to-day minutiae of maintaining the University. With their many experiences in higher education, the consultants are better able to see the whole picture for TSUD than those of us with a vested interest." Lovrich added, "I am convinced that these two gentlemen left with an excellent understanding of TSUD--they know its position, its strengths, its weaknesses, and its problems." Drs. MacVittie and Martorana will provide the expertise necessary for TSUD to build on its strengths, remedy its weaknesses, and work toward solving its problems.

The University contracted with these two particular consultants after requesting that the American Association of State Colleges and Universities recommend the best educational consultants available. According to Dr. Jack R. Sublette, Vice President for Student Affairs and Development and the University's coordinator for the consultants' initial visit, "TSUD is extremely fortunate to be able to acquire the services of consultants with credentials like those of Drs. MacVittie and Martorana." Sublette said, "Both consultants started as educators in public school systems and have worked through a variety of positions at all levels of education. They have the training and the first-hand knowledge to complement and supplement that of our own staff."

Dr. MacVittie has the Bachelor of Education degree from State Teachers College, Oneonta, New York; the Master of Arts and Doctor of Education degrees, School of Education, New York University; post-doctoral study in Administration of Higher Education, University of Michigan. His professional experience includes serving as elementary teacher, elementary and secondary coach, principal, director of adult education, professor, dean, and university president. Since his retirement, Dr. MacVittie has served as interim president at State University College of Technology at Utica-Rome; acting president at State University College, Fredonia, New York; and director of alumni affairs at State University College, Oneonta, New York. Dr. MacVittie is active in a number of professional, civic, and community organizations. Among his publications are items concerning evaluation of university and college presidents and the training of substitute teachers.

With a Bachelor of Science degree from New York State Teachers College and the Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosphy degrees from the University of Chicago, Dr. S. V. Martorana has authored, co-authored, and edited more than seventy-five publications. He frequently makes presentations and presents papers at professional meetings. In addition to higher education in general, Dr. Martorana's areas of expertise include regionalism, community and junior colleges, vocational and technical education, and educational planning. He has served as chief of the State and Regional Organization of Higher Education, U.S. Office of Education; Assistant Commissioner for Higher Education

Planning, New York State Board of Regents; Vice Chancellor for Community Colleges and Provost of Vocational and Technical Education, State University of New York. In April 1986, Dr. Martorana was the recipient of the Award for Outstanding Research Contribution, Council of Colleges and Universities of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges.

After the initial visit to TSUD, the two consultants have returned home for further study. They will work separately and together as they prepare a discussion paper for presentation to TSUD officials late in May. Among the topics to be in the discussion paper, will be a precise statement of the issues facing TSUD and a series of suggestions for addressing these issues. At that time, Drs. MacVittie and Martorana may meet with other individuals and groups interested in TSUD.

ACTIVITIES OF PRESIDENT THOMAS HARRISON

- Met with ACHE Wiregrass Regional Committee in Ozark -February 3
- Met with Dale Hubbard and Dr. Adair Gilbert concerning establishing a "Consumer Council" in the Wiregrass area - February 5
- Met with former Governor George Wallace and Mr. Pierce Flatt concerning the Greater TSUD Development Fund -February 6
- Guest speaker at Girard Middle School's Academic Award Program February 12
- Guest speaker at the Twentieth Century Club meeting February 12
- Attended TSU System Board of Trustees meeting February
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- Met with Greater TSUD Development Fund Committee -February 19
- Participated in Council of President's meeting -February 23

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

On February 25, **Dr. Alan Belsches** held an in-service workshop for the faculty of Houston Academy in Dothan on writing across the curriculum.

Mr. Khamis Bilbeisi is helping as a volunteer with an Income Tax Program, which offers free tax help to people who cannot afford professional assistance. Bilbeisi is helping prepare tax returns for lower income, elderly, handicapped and non-English speaking taxpayers. For submitting a paper on budgetary participation for consideration in national competition, Bilbeisi received a Certificate of Appreciation from the National Association of Accountants (NAA).

Dr. Larry Brown has recently judged science fairs in Graceville, Florida, and The Southeast Regional Science Fair at Troy, Alabama.

Dr. Mary Brown was a judge at the Jackson County Science Fair, at the Graceville Civic Center, Graceville, Florida, February 19.

Al Childs attended the Daleville City Council meeting; the Geneva County Quarterly joint meeting of Geneva, Hartford, Slocomb, and Samson mayors, councilmen, county commissioners, attorneys and clerks at Slocomb; the Dothan Kiwanis meeting as the guest of Dr. Bradshaw with President Thomas Harrison the speaker; met with Mr. Kenneth Burton, General Manager, Sikorsky Aircraft, and members of his staff at Fort Rucker; met with Enterprise mayor Don Donaldson and staff; met with Mr. Ed Hilboldt, Executive Director, Ozark Chamber of Commerce; met with Mr. Bill Cathell, Executive Director, Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission; met with Mr. Max Davis, Manager, Alabama State Employment Service--Dothan

office; met with Mr. Dale Hubbard, Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce; attended two Greater TSUD Development Fund Committee meetings; met with Mr. Charles Cooper, IAMAW, Daleville, and subsequently with Dr. Frank Lovrich, presented the video "A Vision for Excellence: Southeast Alabama at the Crossroads" to approximately 50 IAMAW officials during their two-day seminar; contact with Phil Mattoon, new manager of Northside Mall and Mr. Frank Robison, former V.P. AT&T and now Associate Director of Development for Huntingdon College.

Professional Activities for **Dr. Dean Davis** include meeting with Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business Committee and with Norma Hanson, James Robertsen, and Chamber officials to plan a seminar "Marketing -- The Small Business Advantage."

Dr. Davis attended NAA Banquet held to honor the newly formed TSUD student chapter.

Dr. Patricia Fritchie attended the Post-Secondary Reading Conference at Alabama State University; conducted a storytelling session with 3, 4, and 5 year old pre-school classes at Evergreen Presbyterian Pre-school; hosted Board Meeting for Young Author's Conference; conducted singles "Adjusting to the Non-Single Community" workshop twice at Enterprise State Junior College; presented "Read 'Til You're Raggety: The Big Book Language Experience Approach to Teaching Beginning Reading" at Alabama Association of Young Children's Conference at Auburn University at Montgomery; held 3rd Annual Young Author's Conference at TSUD; presented recently published paper, "Middle School Principal's Instructional Leadership Role: Effects on Reading Achievement and Programs," at the Georgia Council of the International Reading Association, in Atlanta; attended Board meeting of the Alabama Reading Association at AEA Conference in Birmingham; and, presented a one-day teacher's in-service for Panhandle Educators Association for Holmes and Washington counties entitled "Putting It All Together From Writing to Book-Binding," K-3, in Chipley, Florida.

Ron Gray conducted a Career Awareness seminar at Northview High School. The seminar, sponsored by the Alabama-Florida

Council of Boy Scouts of America, was targeted to job availability, earnings and promotions, advantages and disadvantages as well as educational requirements and other career preparation tips for all computer related fields.

Dr. J. Wyatt Grimmer attended ALACTE meeting in Montgomery and the Dothan reception for Dr. McGee, President, Jackson-ville State University.

According to Mrs. Laurette Long, Assistant Librarian, Mr. Ron Smith from the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc., will be visiting with her and other library staff members on Thursday, March 5. He will be discussing BNA's POLICY AND PRACTICE SERIES and its THE UNITED STATES LAW WEEK.

Dr. Richard G. Martin, as Chapter Advisor, attended the State Convention of the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society held on January 31, 1987, at Troy State University, Troy. At this convention, the Dothan Chapter received the Distinguished Chapter Award for the third consecutive year. In addition to the Distinguished Chapter Award, the Dothan Chapter's honors included state recognition of the Scrapbook submitted in competition with all of the state chapters. The Dothan Chapter Scrapbook took the First Place Ribbon for the fourth consecutive year! These awards, and the concomitant recognition, are a clear indication of the high quality students we have enrolled at Troy State University at Dothan. Dr. Martin plans to attend the Gamma Beta Phi National Convention being held this April.

At the Young Author's Conference at TSUD, Dr. Priscilla McArthur spoke to the senior high group on aspects of historical writing.

During February, Mrs. Gayle Oberst spoke to Dr. Majors' class SED 471/571 about the Career Ladder Program for the state of Alabama; attended the Alabama Association of College Administrators conference in Montgomery at the Governor's House Conference Center; presented an in-service program for Florala City School systems; attended Zonta meeting; attended a reception for Dr. McGee, President of Jacksonville State University; attended Business and Professional Women's Organization meeting; attended

meetings with Troy data processing personnel to discuss on-line computer operations during the month; and attended Army Aviation Credit Union nominating committee meeting in Daleville.

Dr. Mary Jo Pollman will present a workshop, "These Are A Few of My Storytelling Friends," to the Southern Association of Children Under Six Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, in March.

Over 400 children participated in the Friendship Seminar at the Houston-Love Memorial Library sponsored by Dr. Pollman's Family Life and Social Development class. Dr. Pollman was program chairman of the Alabama Association for Young Children Conference in Montgomery recently.

On February 23, Dr. Leonard Roberts, along with Mr. Bob Booth and Mr. Glen Parker of the Alabama Education Association, conducted a seminar on the benefits of entering the education profession in Alabama. The seminar was sponsored by the Troy State University at Dothan chapter of the Student Alabama Education Association.

On February 3, Dr. Roberts attended the second annual dinner of the Wiregrass Region Alabama Education Association held at the Dothan Sheraton Inn. Dr. Paul Hubbert, Executive Secretary of the Alabama Education Association, was the main speaker.

Dr. Mary Eve Shoaf recently joined the American College of Musicians. This membership allows her to actively participate in the National Guild of Piano Teachers Association. The first meeting of the Dothan NGPT area was held late in February. Dr. Shoaf hopes that TSUD will be able to participate and contribute in future music contests, awards, and seminars.

Some of Dr. Lester Stewart's recent activities include the following: judged beauty contests in Jackson county, Florida, Enterprise, and Slocomb; served on visiting SACS team for Houston Academy; served as division judge for OM program at Houston Academy; officiated Centennial Basketball game for "Oldtimers" at TSU Troy; met with Arts and Humanities Council for planning session on the up-coming

Heritage program (Dr. Stewart will be an active participant in the program for March 21 at TSUD); conducted in-service programs for G. W. Long and Ariton High Schools relating to accreditation; visited Wiregrass Academy, associated with Charter Woods Hospital, for an orientation and lunch; met with Dr. Harold McGee, President, Jacksonville State University for coffee and visitation; met with Mr. Leon Dansby, Superintendent of Dale County Schools, for planning session on school evaluation; and met for planning session with the Dothan Community Concert Association (Dr. Stewart is president of the association).

Dr. Jack Sublette coordinated the recent visit of consultants to TSUD; attended the informational meeting with U.S. Senator Howell Heflin at the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce; participated in numerous picture-taking ceremonies for TSUD scholarships and the Greater TSUD Development Fund; met at the Dothan Country Club with the subcommittee chairmen of the Greater TSUD Development Fund; with Dr. Lovrich met with Dr. Norbert Maertens, Dean of the School of Education at Auburn University at Montgomery, about applying for a Title III grant; and, met on three separate occasions at TSU in Troy about TSUD going on-line with the computer operation, grant possibilities, and the system-wide commencement.

Mrs. Pamela Williamson spoke to the Data Processing Management Association (DPMA) on current trends in the computer science field, and Mrs. Williamson attended District IX, ALACD quarterly meeting at TSUD.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

If after administrative offices are closed an emergency should occur, the security officer on duty should be contacted. He will handle the situation and file an official report. If the situation is not in his realm of duty, he and the switchboard operator will contact the administrative official who is on call during that week.

Administration/Business Office

Jolene Creamer is responsible for inventory control for the University. In the near future, the inventory will be updated and an assignment of equipment made.

Lana Ward wishes to thank the faculty and staff for their concern and support during the illness of her daughter.

Communications/Personnel

On March 5, Mrs. Gayle Oberst and Mark McCuistian will attend an employer seminar sponsored by the Dothan Job Service Employer Committee, the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Alabama State Employment Service.

Counseling Services

Counseling Services hosted a representative from the Alabama State Employment Service on February 9, 1987.

Pre-registration and full Spring testing schedules have been distributed. If there are questions or if extra copies are needed, contact Pamela Williamson, ext. 227.

Courtesy Committee

Dr. Shoaf, chairperson of Courtesy Committee, reports the Committee has recently provided for the following courtesies: Sent get well card to President Harrison's father, Mr. Fred Harrison; sent get well card and visited Mr. Gerald Love; visited and gave balloon to Lana Ward's daughter, Jennifer; sent get well card and visited with Dr. Van Loo's mother, Ms. Audrey Downs; sent sympathy card and flowers, attended services for Ms. Audrey Downs; sent get well card to Dr. and Mrs. Long's daughter, Gretchen; sent sympathy card to Mr. William Rogers; sent get well card and plant to Lori Hughes; will be sending wedding congratulations card to Dr. Bergquist's daughter, Victoria.

Educational Technology Service Center

Mr. Alvin Cooper reports that the extensive services provided by the TSUD Media Center have not changed but the center's name has. It will now be known as the TSUD Educational Technology Service Center.

Among those materials and services provided by the center are the following: 1) Curriculum laboratory publications, learning/instruction kits, and individualized study carrels, 2) Circulation of audiovisual hardware and software, 3) Familiarization/operation training on audiovisual equipment when requested, 4) Equipment and materials for application of lamination and overhead transparency production processes, and 5) Assistance in selecting and/or designing media for use in workshops/presentations.

The ETSC is located in rooms 76 and 78 on the seventh floor of Houston Hall and is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Library

The use of the Library continues to increase. For instance, the number of periodicals used during January totaled 2033, 478 more than were used in the entire Winter Quarter of 1986. Attendance during February totaled 4133, just 833 less than the 4695 for all of Winter Quarter, 1986. One Sunday in February, between 2:00-5:00 p.m., 153 persons were in the Library. Although some of this is from increased use by high school and area college students (whom we welcome as potential students), the great majority is because of faculty requiring more research. That is as it should be.

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee recently took the following actions, all of which have been approved by President Harrison:

 Awarded a scholarship to the winner of the Azalea-Dogwood Festival Beauty Pageant

- Awarded the Sikorsky Scholarship to Janet W. Sheehan
- Removed the limitations in numbers on various tuition scholarships so that the number of awards will be determined by the qualifications of the applicants and the availability of funds
- Changed the half-tuition Academic Scholarship to two separate scholarships (Valedictorian Scholarship and Salutatorian Scholarship), each of which is a full-tuition scholarship
- Created Leadership Scholarship for Student Council Presidents and Senior Class Presidents for high school graduates from an approved list of Alabama high schools
- Created the Allen Cup Award Scholarship for winners of the James B. Allen Cup Award in Alabama junior colleges
- Re-affirmed the policy that applicants for all TSUD scholarships must meet basic requirements for unconditional admission to TSUD

School of Business

The local chapter of the American Society for Quality Control (ASQC) has announced that it will sponsor ASQC memberships for two TSUD School of Business students. A nomination process is now underway. Business Advisory Council scholarship recipients for 1986-87 are Mr. Eric Peterson (\$500.00), Mr. David Berry (\$250.00), and Ms. Sue Baum (\$500.00). Mr. Peterson and Mr. Berry are undergraduate students, and Ms. Baum is a graduate student.

Student Affairs and Development

The Division has published and released the Spring Quarter 1987 Schedule of Courses in a new eight-page format. As both a schedule and a public relations document, this publication is mailed to all currently enrolled students and to others who were enrolled Fall Quarter 1986 but not

currently; it was inserted in the total distribution of the Dothan Progress; it is being delivered to several school systems in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida; and, it is available at various other locations outside TSUD.

Congratulations to the staff and advisor (Mrs. Sandra Jones) on the publication and distribution of the recent issue of The Student News Banner. The newspaper looks good, and it was produced by the students--with much help and direction from Mrs. Jones. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations to the local chapter of Gamma Beta Phi on its recent honors (see Dr. Martin's note in "People in the News").

The Greater TSUD Development Fund continues to be active. The chairmen of the various subcommittees--Special Gifts, Business and Industry, Clubs and Organizations, Regional Counties, TSUD Faculty and Staff, and Alumni--have met again and are in the process of organizing and activating each subcommittee. More news later.

HONORS DAY COMMITTEE

President Thomas Harrison recently appointed an Honors Day Committee to plan an Honors Convocation for the end of Spring Quarter. The Committee has been charged with planning an activity to honor outstanding students, faculty, and/or administrators.

Serving on the Honors Day Committee with Dr. Priscilla McArthur as chairperson are Mr. Crawford Buchanan, Dr. Patricia Fritchie, Dr. Adair Gilbert, Dr. John Woodham, Mrs. Pamela Williamson and ex-officio members Dr. J. Wyatt Grimmer, Dr. Jack Sublette, Dr. Lawrence Brown, and Dr. Dean Davis.

Anyone with suggestions or ideas about the Honors Convocation should submit them to Dr. McArthur.

FACULTY MEMBERS GRANTED TENURE, GIVEN PROMOTIONS AT TSUD

Three faculty members at Troy State University at Dothan have been granted tenure and four have received promotions, Dr. J. Wyatt Grimmer, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, has announced.

Those granted tenure include Dr. Wayne Bradshaw and Dr. Elizabeth Majors of the School of Education, and Dr. Priscilla McArthur of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Promotions were given to Bradshaw, promoted to Associate Professor of Education, McArthur, promoted to Associate Professor of History, Dr. I. Ray Swords, promoted to Associate Professor of Education, and Mr. Ronald Gray, promoted to Assistant Professor of Computer Science.

DR. WOODHAM SELECTED TO 1987 BICENTENNIAL SPEAKERS BUREAU

Dr. John E. Woodham, Professor of History at Troy State University at Dothan, has been selected as one of the speakers for the Bicentennial Speakers Bureau, sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation.

The Foundation is celebrating the 200th birthday of the United States Constitution by providing opportunities for Alabamians to reflect on and discuss some of the fascinating constitutional issues of modern time.

Dr. Woodham, a resident of Hartford, will speak on "The Politics of Constitution Making: Anecdotes of the Conventions." His topic will show that the supporters of the Constitution had to resort to sharp political skills to win approval of the Constitution. Through anecdotes drawn from history, he will look at the highlights of constitutional politics between 1787 and 1789 and the founders' reliance on political maneuvering to gain acceptance for what turned out to be the enduring framework for the government.

Selected by the Foundation, he is one of 15 speakers who will talk throughout the state on different topics. "The

Alabama Humanities Foundation is devoted exclusively to promoting the humanities in the public life of Alabama," Dr. Woodham said. "It is the only state-wide institution to do so."

Dr. Woodham said he expects to travel on the speaking circuit at various times between March and December. "The AHF will send me to speak to the first 10 organizations that request the program. Most of the programs will be within a 100-mile radius of Dothan, although longer trips are possible."

He has been associated with the AHF since 1983 when he served as a humanities scholar for the Festival of Storytelling, an event sponsored by the Foundation.

"I began working closer with the Foundation in 1986 when I submitted a plan for a presentation celebrating the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution," Woodham said. "From a group of about 40 proposals, mine was selected along with 14 others to be offered in Alabama." Speakers were chosen from other schools in the state including Troy State University in Troy, the University of Alabama, UAB, UAH, Auburn University, and the University of South Alabama.

Dr. Woodham has been teaching history at TSUD since 1971. "I was looking for a school that put more emphasis on effective teaching than on frequent publishing or social maneuvers, and I found that in TSUD," he claimed. "I enjoy the genial co-workers, the practical nature of the University with its emphasis on service and teaching, and the opportunity to teach a wide range of courses to the good students that we have."

He said he finds history most interesting which deals with the early republic, the South, Latin America, Spain, and the Foreign Policy of the U.S., "but in truth, I like any history where the story is well told."

Dr. Woodham and the Bicentennial Speakers Bureau have a story to tell. Anyone with a group or organization that is interested in hearing a talk on the Constitution should call the Alabama Humanities Foundation at 324-1314. Only 150 programs will be offered throughout the state

and organizations are encouraged to contact the Foundation early.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The Office of Public Relations has recently begun researching and writing a series of feature articles on TSUD alumni who have positively distinguished themselves in academic, literary, business, professional, public, and/or University service. These are individuals who, through their accomplishments and service, have brought credit to their alma mater. The articles about these people are sent to the local media and can be used in TSUD publications like the soon-to-be-revived TSUD Review. Without a formal alumni organization, the problem often lies in identifying who the distinguished alumni are. If faculty members know of TSUD alumni who should be recognized, please provide Gary Watson (#6 mezzanine, ext. 231) with that information.

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