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A Newsletter for TSUD Faculty and Staff

TSUD RECEIVES TITLE III GRANT OF \$127,990

Thomas Harrison, President of Troy State University at Dothan, has announced that TSUD recently received a three-year federal grant under the auspices of Strengthening Institutions Program of Title III. Beginning October 1, 1987, the Title III grant will provide TSUD with \$127,990, the first federal grant that TSUD has ever received. The University will receive similar funding for each of the two remaining years of the grant.

Dr. Jack R. Sublette, Vice President for Student Affairs and Development, commented that the University is particularly pleased to have received the grant as a result of its first application. Sublette said, "Receipt of a federal grant like this is not automatic or routine. The competition is intense. We thought that the University might have to apply this year in order to learn the process and re-apply next year. But our dreams came true in that we were funded with the first application."

The federal funds are to be expended for special projects. TSUD director of Institutional Research and Planning and Project, Dr. Frank M. Lovrich, explained the two projects on which TSUD plans to use the federal funds: the creation of an office of Planning, Management, and Evaluation, which will allow the University to centralize and unify all of its planning efforts; develoment of ar instruction suport laboratory. "With planning the number one priority of the University," Lovrich said, "an office of Planning, Management and Evaluation is exactly what TSUD needs, and the instructional support laboratory will enable many students the opportunity to receive much-needed extra help in academics."

President Harrison reported that Dr. Sublette traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend Title III workshops to learn about the administration of the grant. Harrison said, "We at the University hope that this is just the first of a long series of grants to be used to supplement the funding received from students' tuition and fees, state appropriations, and community support."

ACTIVITIES OF PRESIDENT THOMAS HARRISON

- * Attended swearing-in ceremony of City Commissioners at Dothan Civic Center October 1.
- * Attended United United Way Project luncheon October 2.
- * Attended budget meeting at TSU Troy October 6.
- * Attended United Way Report luncheon October 16.
- * Participated in Council of Presidents meeting in Montgomery
 October 30.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dr. Alan Belsches has been asked by the University of Alabama Press to do the introduction for a reprinting of <u>Devil Make a Third</u>, a 1948 novel by Dothan rative, Douglas Fields Bailey.

On October 19, Ms. Jonua Brooks attended the 1987 VA Regional Workshop for Certifying Officials, held at the University of South Alabama in Nobile.

Mrs. Marilyn Davis attended the September and October Wiregrass Personnel Association Meetings. September's meeting was hosted by the Farley Nuclear Plant and included a very interesting and informative tour of the plant facilities. At October's meeting, Senator Chip Bailey spoke on Tort Reform.

Dr. Patricia Fritchie has been involved with the following activities: attended last working sessions and voting session of the State Department-Textbook Committee in Montgomery; attended SACS training conference, TSU-Troy, October 2; co-presented at PEP Conference held at TSUD, October 1; presented at Florida Reading Association Fall Conference held at Miami Beach, Florida, October 16, the topic of Principals as Pals to Reading Programs: Instructional Leadership Roles; attended Alabama Reading Association's Board Meeting in Birmingham on October 22; chaired session at Alabama Reading Association's Fall Conference on October 23 and introduced senior author, Dr. Allan Glatthorn—Responding to Literature: A Workable Framework for Classroom Teachers; and, presided over Leadership Breakfast and Council Awards presentations at the Alabama Reading Association's Fall Conference on October 24.

On October 22-23, Dr. J. Wyatt Grimmer attended NCHEMS Seminar on "Institutional Effectiveness" held in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Betty Kennedy attended several meetings in late October: Alabama Elementary Committee, SACS meeting in Montgomery; Alabama Reading Association Fall Conference in Birmingham; Alabama Association of Colleges' for Teacher Education in Montgomery. Dr. Kennedy conducted a "Critical Thinking Skills" Workshop in Enterprise, offered consultation to the Barbour County School personnel, and was appointed by Dr. Wayne Teague, State Superintendent of Education, to serve on a state-wide task force to study preparation programs, the role and function, and professional development for counselors. Dr. Kennedy attended the Counselor Task Force meeting at AUM in Montgomery on October 28 & 29.

On October 23-25, Dr. Richard Martin attended the Annual Conference of the International Studies Association-Southern Region which was held in Tuscalcosa. Dr. Martin represented TSUD in discussions and panel sessions covering topics ranging from conditions in Africa and the Far East to East-West Trade Policies; from numan rights as a factor in U.S. foreign policy to attitudes toward non-democratic regimes.

Mrs. Gayle Oberst attended a conference in Montgomery concerning the Alabama telephone system; met with the State of Alabama personnel system representatives; met with the TSU-Troy personnel to discuss the ACHE budget hearing, the on-line situation, and other personnel matters. Mrs. Oberst attended "It's a Deaf, Deaf World" seminar in September as a member of the Kellogg Foundation Advisory Board. Locally, she has attended several Chamber of Commerce committee meetings and the installation ceremony for the city commissioners.

On October 29, Dr. Mary Jo Pollman played the role of Mother Goose at the Children's Auction of Landmark Park held at the Dothan Civic Center. Dr. Pollman plans to attend in November the Alabama Association for Young Children Board Meeting in Montgomery and to present "Storytelling" at the Wiregrass Association for Young Children in Dothan.

Dr. Mary Eve Shoaf attended the monthly meeting of the Houston Arts and Humanities Council. Early in November, she will be judging the Fine Arts & Crafts Show held at Porter Square. This event is sponsored by the Houston Arts and Humanities Council for the Art for Heart Association. Also, Dr. Shoaf will be a guest on the Ann Varnum morning television show to promote the upcoming Atlanta Chamber Concert to be held at the Dothan Opera House.

A presentation, "Making Sook Reports Fun" was made by Dr. Sarah Skelton to offer recent research and methods for sharing children's literature at the Alabama Council of Teachers' of English Fall Workshop held in Montgomery. She participated in the Alabama Library Association Emphasis on Reading Workshop held in Birmingham. This workshop included a committee vote for children's books to be placed on selected lists and/or those to be nominated for book awards. Dr. Skelton also attended the Alabama Reading Association Conference held in Sirmingham. In November, Dr. Skelton will present her recent research on "Determining Accuracy of Cultural Perceptions of Oriental Cultures" at the Mid-South Educational Research Association meeting to be held in Mobile.

Dr. Sesan Kim Sokoya attended a meeting of the Southeast Academy of International Business in New Orleans, November 4-7, and presented a paper "Cross-Cultural Transfer of Personal Value Orientations: A Preliminary Investigation." He also served as a discussant for two other papers.

On October 6, Dr. Jack Sublette met with TSU System officials in Troy to prepare for the ACHE budget hearing. He attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Wiregrass Commons for the TSUD-information booth. On October 18-21, Dr. Sublette attended National Title III Workshop in Washington, D.C. Besides attending numerous sessions designed specifically to provide information about Title III, he attended a luncheon at which Alabama's Governor Buy Hunt was the speaker and a reception for Gov. Hunt following the luncheon. The sidelight of the trip was his walking into the hotel with Sam Donaldson of ABC News.

Dr. Dorinda Van Loo and Mrs. Becky Yarbrough presented an In-Service Teacher Program on AIDS at Wicksburg High School on October 12.

Mr. Frank Walker has been appointed to the Alabama Advisory Council on Libraries for a three-year term.

Mrs. Elsie Williams has recently had a poem selected for publication in <u>Unity Magazine</u>, a publication of Unity School of Christianity in Unity Village, Missour:. The short poem entitled "March Meditation" should appear in the March 1988 issue. <u>Unity</u> has millions of subscribers world-wide.

Mrs. Pamela Williamson attended an Association of Service Agencies meeting on October 7; a Wiregrass United Way Luncheon on October 16; and an ACT Fall Workshop at Wallace College on October 22. Mrs. Williamson presented National Alcohol Awareness Day for TSUD students on October 21, 1987.

On October 16, Mr. Buzz Wood attended an articulation conference at Wallace College with representatives from Auburn. UAB, University of South Alabama, and TSU-Troy to discuss granting of credit for CIS courses taken in the junior/community college environment. Mr. Wood is currently providing computer consulting services to the House of Ruth (refuge for battered families) as a community outreach function of the TSUD CIS Department.

NEWS FROM . . .

Community Outreach Committee

Many thanks to everyone who attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at our new information booth in Wiregrass Commons. It was a special occasion for us and we appreciate your attendance.

Counseling & Placement Services

Videos on a variety of occupational careers will be shown each Tuesday in the Placement Office. Please encourage all freshmen to attend along with any undecided majors.

Courtesy Committee

Recent courtesies extended by the committee: sent get well card to Mrs. Mary Kay Money (Sandra Faria's grandmother): sent congratulations/wedding card to Sarah Love's son. Mike; visited and sent get well card and flowers to Cindy Halcomb.

Dr. Mary Eve Shoaf, chairperson for the Courtesy Committee, would like to thank the faculty and staff for their recent donations to the committee. At present, there is a fifty percent participation, but there is still time to bring that percentage up. Please make checks out to TSUD Courtesy Committee. Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated by everyone.

Library

The Library will become a participating member of SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network) is January. SOLINET is an on-line cataloging/bibliographic system linking the Southeast to nationwide networks to share cataloging and bibliographic information. When implemented, it will immediately enhance the cataloging and the inter-library loan functions of the Library. In the near future, dependant on funds, the Library hopes to subscribe to research subsystems of SOLINET, such as DIALOG, to strengthen the research services provided to faculty, staff, and students.

Recruiting

A recruiting strategy is being developed and implemented. Plans have been made to visit our five "feeder" junior colleges in November, and we also plan to attend area high school college day programs, the monthly Welcome Center for Fort Rucker newcomers, as well as visit area businesses.

The booth at Wiregrass Commons is being stocked with newly printed literature on various aspects of the University, and 60,000 statement stuffers advertising Winter Quarter registration will be mailed in bank or credit union statements in December.

A plan to expedite the handling of requests for information has been implemented. The goal of the recruiting office is to respond to each request within 24 hours with a follow-up letter being sent two weeks later. A Winter Quarter schedule will also be mailed to each person.

SAEA--Dothan Chapter

The first meeting of the new academic year for the Student Alabama Education Association, Dothan Chapter, was held on Wednesday, October 14. New members were welcomed by the SAEA advisor, Dr. Leonard Roberts. The group discussed how SAEA can best serve the community and contribute to teacher education at TSUD. Plan were established for sponsoring the House of Ruth annual drive beginning in early November. Elections for officers will be held at the next meeting.

Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee met on October 27 and awarded Sikorsky Scholarships to Elizabeth Morgante and David Dukes. These scholarships are provided with funds donated from Sikorsky Support Services. The Committee decided on new requirements for TSUD scholarships so that a brochure can be printed and new application materials prepared for distribution.

BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER

- 2 Ms. Gaye Peacock
- 3 Ms. Wannie Richards
- 7 Mrs. Sandra Faria
- 10 Mrs. Pamela Williamson
- 13 Dr. Eugene Bergquist
- 28 Mrs. Robin Wyatt

LOGOS, the Troy State University at Dothan faculty and staff newsletter, is distributed monthly by the Division of Student Affairs and Development. It is intended to be a vehicle for the dissemination of information to employees of the University. Suggestions as to format and content of LOGOS will be welcomed by the Student Affairs Staff.

HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY!!!
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