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NEWSLETTER FOR TSUD FACULTY AND STAFF

TSUD MAINTAINS LOW DEFAULT RATE ON STUDENT LOANS

Troy State University Dothan (TSUD) was notified recently by the U.S. Department of Education of its continued low default rate under the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program for Fiscal Year 1996. TSUD's default rate of 4.6% was second only to Auburn University's default rate of 4.4% for the sixteen public state universities in Alabama.

With an increase of borrowers from 177 in 1994 to 323 in 1996, TSUD's default rate has steadily decreased over the past three years with rates of 6.2% and 5.6% for years 1994 and 1995, respectively.

When asked why this trend of decreasing rates continues at TSUD, Jonua Byrd, director of financial aid and veterans' affairs at TSUD, said, "We spend time counseling our students before we award any financial aid. The students must watch a video and spend one-on-one time with staff in our office. We feel that this extra time up front saves a great deal of time and money in the long run." She added, "The majority of our students are adults with other responsibilities in their lives. This type of student tends to be more responsible for their actions and their day-to-day obligations."

Dr. Michael Malone, TSUD president, said, "This statistic speaks well for the maturity and responsibility level of our students. The low default rate highlights the hard work and efficiency of our outstanding financial aid staff."

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SENIOR SALUTE WELL RECEIVED



TSUD students select items during the university's first Senior Salute activity.

As a service to its graduating students, TSUD held its first Senior Salute on October 14th and 15th. During these two days, 138 students took advantage of the one-stop-shop for graduation needs--announcements, rings, caps, and gowns, etc. TSUD also provided information tables representing the Records Office, Job Placement, Graduate School, Financial Aid, and TSUD Alumni Association.

The overwhelming response from the students was positive. The evaluation showed that the process was easy and efficient, was informative and well organized, and was staffed with friendly and helpful people. TSUD plans to hold the next Senior Salute in April 1999 for the Spring Commencement.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THE PRICE OF PROGRESS

You probably have heard me remark about the special prayer I say each morning as I roll onto the beautiful campus, "God, please don't let me do anything this day to blemish this beautiful campus." It is more than a mantra but, rather, a plea for heartfelt divine support.

Looking ahead to the exciting prospect of adding a building to our picturesque campus, my enthusiasm is tempered somewhat by the less than exciting reality that our campus is about to undergo physical assault tantamount rivaled only by the first days of earth moving in 1988.

Construction by its very nature is an ugly event. To build (construct) we must first tear up, knock down, and dig up. To build we must relocate, reallocate, and regenerate. Construction of our long awaited Library/Technology building will challenge our sensibilities and challenge our sensitivities. It is not only my responsibility to lead in the design, construction, and financing of our new facility but also to get our university community ready to manage the challenging times ahead.

As we design site development plans, we will keep you all informed as best we can about the plans. As always, we (I) value your input and critical comments. But once the heavy equipment comes in to wage temporary war on this wonderful ground we care about so deeply, I will be asking for your ongoing patience, civility, good humor, and vision of the final product.

Michael E. Malone
President



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dr. Brenda Ameter hosted Sigma Tau Delta at her home during the afternoon of October 3; hosted Creative Writing Club at her home on the evening of October 3; hosted Chess Club at her home on October 16; assisted with TSUD's Intercollegiate Chess Tournament on October 17; attended Red Ribbon Day activities with 27 of her students on October 27.

Ms. Tina Bernath attended SACS committee meetings on October 14 and 28; attended Elements of an On-Line Course seminar on October 28.

Ms. Farrow Burks helped co-sponsor the Second Annual Conference on Behavior Disorders in Children on October 1 and 2; participated in Leadership Dothan on October 15; attended Alabama State Board of Auctioneers meeting on October 22; attended Elements of an On-Line Course seminar on October 28; attended Child Advocacy Center luncheon on October 30.

Ms. Jonua Byrd attended the fall conference of the Alabama Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (AASFAA), which was held in Birmingham on October 21-23.

Dr. William Capps attended annual conference of the Alabama Association of School Administrators in Birmingham on October 18-20; his poem entitled "A Road Like That" will be published in the *Copper Blade Review*.

Dr. Elizabeth Fell conducted curriculum and instruction meetings on October 7 and 21; met with Ashford Elementary teachers for PDS orientation on October 8; participated in NCATE activities, served as host to NCATE members as they visited Thompkins Early Childhood Center, Mixon Elementary, and Rehobeth High School on October 11-13; conducted SACS Educational Services Committee on October 14 and 28; attended Mixon Elementary PTO meeting on October 19.

Dr. Joseph Fielding attended annual conference of the southeastern region

of the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) in Jacksonville, FL, on October 9 and 10; attended the monthly meeting of the Dothan Advertising Federation on October 14; attended SACS Institutional Effectiveness Committee meetings on October 12, 19, 26; participated in Microsoft Office 97 Word, Excel, and Access training classes through Continuing Education on October 12, 19, and 26.

Dr. Barbara Gusick was elected vice president of the Dothan Optimist Club on October 5; as a member of Team TSUD, participated in the Alzheimer's Walk held at Westgate Park on October 10; attended a NCATE/SDE reception hosted by President Malone at his home on October 11; attended Red Ribbon Day activities on October 27; attended Elements of an On-Line Course seminar on October 28.

Ms. Maya Jones attended Christian Student Fellowship meeting on October 7 and 21; volunteered for Habitat for Humanity's Newsong concert on October 13 and the Crystal Lewis concert on October 26; attended the SACS Members, Organization, and Administration Committee meeting on October 28; attended the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL) annual meeting at Samford University on October 29 and 30.

Dr. Sandra Lee Jones attended a NCATE/SDE reception hosted by President Malone at his home on October 11; worked with SDE/NCATE as one of the NCATE coordinators for the visit on October 12 and 13; attended NCATE/SDE Exit Conference on October 14; assisted TSUD's SAEA Chapter in hosting the State Student Alabama Education Association Fall Conference in Dothan and, as State Advisor to SAEA, facilitated round table discussion among advisors representing chapters from other universities to develop an advisor's handbook and attended SAEA Executive Board meeting on October 23 and 24; attended Certification Officers and Personnel in Education meeting at Auburn Univ. Montgomery on October 26.

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS AT TSUD

Troy State University Dothan (TSUD) announces the following administrative positions filled since September 1, 1998.

In the School of Business, Dr. Adair Gilbert has been appointed dean. Dr. Gilbert has served as interim dean and professor of statistics. She has been employed at TSUD since 1982. Dr. Gilbert received her bachelor's and master's degrees from The University of Alabama, and, in 1976, she received her Ph.D. from UA. As a Certified Quality Engineer, she conducts professional consulting on quality management and quality control issues with area business and industry through her consulting firm of Gilbert & Associates.

Dr. Matt Valle, assistant professor of management, has been appointed as assistant dean for the School of Business. He has been employed with TSUD since 1995. Dr. Valle received his bachelor's degree from the U.S. Air Force, his master's degree from the University of Arkansas, and completed the doctorate in business administration at Florida State University.

In the School of Education, Dr. Cynthia Lumpkin has been appointed dean. Dr. Lumpkin has served as associate professor of elementary education and assistant dean. She has been employed with TSUD since 1992. Dr. Lumpkin received her bachelor's degree from Auburn University and her master's degree from the University of South Alabama. In 1990, she received her Ph.D. from Auburn University. Prior to coming to TSUD, she was assistant professor of education at Shorter College in Rome, GA. She has served as an elementary teacher and elementary principal.

Dr. James Windle, assistant professor of counseling and psychology, has been appointed assistant dean for the School of Education. Dr. Windle came to TSUD in 1991. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Alabama and his master's degree from Mississippi State University. In 1976, he received his Ed.D. from MSU. Prior to coming to TSUD, he was the program administrator for the adult psychiatric unit at Charter Woods Hospital and served thirteen years as the assistant director of the North Central Alabama Mental Health Center in Decatur, AL.

Julia Smith, assistant library director, has been appointed director of library services. She has been employed with TSUD since 1979. Ms. Smith received her bachelor's degree from Troy State University and her master's degree from The University of Alabama. She is a member of the Alabama Library Association and the Alabama Association of Research Libraries.

Congratulations

Dr. Cynthia Lumpkin hosted NCATE and SDE review teams with the faculty and staff of the School of Education; attended a NCATE/SDE reception hosted by President Malone at his home; attended the National Professional Development Schools Conference in Baltimore, MD; attended Executive Council retreat.

Ms. Diana Parker attended a presentation by Metro Crime Prevention Team on "Just How Street Smart Are You?" at TSUD on October 8; attended University Forum on October 20; attended Red Ribbon Day activities on October 27; attended SACS Institutional Effectiveness Committee meetings on October 19, 26, and 27.

Ms. Julia Smith attended NCATE reception hosted by President Malone at his home on October 11; attended Graduate Council/NCATE interview on October 12; attended Academic Council/NCATE interview on October 13; attended University Forum on October 20; attended Executive Council retreat on October 30; attended several SACS committee meetings.

Ms. Ann Wells attended the Network meeting of the Dothan Area Convention and Visitors Bureau on October 1; met with Dr. Richard Bothel, Director of Distance Learning, in Troy on October 6; made a presentation at the "Rapid Response" meeting for displaced workers from Gates on October 7; attended the State of Alabama Real Estate Commission's annual real estate instructor's seminar in Auburn and obtained approval for TSUD to continue to offer real estate courses on October 9; attended a reception given by the Zonta Club to honor the Advisory Council of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program on October 13; attended the Job Fair sponsored by the Family Services Center and attended a reception for the Wise Center on October 22; attended Red Ribbon Day activities on October 27; attended Elements of an On-Line Course seminar on October 28; attended an awards luncheon for the Dothan Area Convention and Visitors Bureau on October 29.

Mr. Tony Whetstone attended Candidate Forum in Montgomery with SGA students on October 1; participated in Alzheimer's Memory Walk on October 10; participated in Senior Salute on October 14 and 15; attended "Law and Policy in Higher Education Critical Issues for 1998" seminar in Asheville, NC, on October 21-24; participated in Red Ribbon Day activities on October 27; attended Elements of an On-Line Course seminar on October 28; participated in Executive Council retreat on October 30.

TSU System News...

From Troy...

TSU LEADS ALABAMA IN PROGRAM VIABILITY

Troy State University is doing the best job among Alabama colleges and universities in eliminating wasteful duplication of programs and ensuring academic majors are turning out graduates on a regular basis.

Those are the findings of a recently released survey by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE), which tracks program viability in all state colleges and universities. The ACHE report declares a university bachelor's degree program "viable" if it produces an annual average of 7.5 graduates over five years. The study shows Troy State University in Troy with 51 programs deemed viable out of 55 programs offered, for 93 percent institutional viability.

Vice Chancellor Doug Patterson said Troy State's success story in this area stems from a systematic self-review process and a willingness to make whatever changes necessary to ensure the university's effectiveness. "Over the past four to five years, Troy State University has worked diligently to feed our strengths and starve our weaknesses and in the process we have eliminated programs that are not productive or viable," Dr. Patterson said. "Consequently, in this most recent ACHE report we had the highest per-

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

October 1998

Made five Capital Campaign visits

Attended Higher Education Partnership Candidate Forum in Montgomery

Participated in SEADAC Board of Directors meeting

Attended Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Small Business committee meeting

Attended Alabama Humanities Foundation Annual Award Luncheon and Fall Board meeting in Birmingham

Hosted reception for NCATE and SDE visiting team

Met with BOE chair and SDE consultant

Participated in TSU vs. Samford women's volleyball game in Troy as honorary coach

Attended NCATE/SDE Exit Interview

Attended TSUD Senior Salute

Met with Dothan Civic Center interim director, John Tidwell

Attended State Articulation and General Studies Committee meeting in Montgomery

Participated in Southeastern Public Radio fundraiser in Troy

Participated in Army Aviation Museum Executive committee meeting at Fort Rucker

Introduced Alabama ACT workshop presenter at ACT workshop on TSUD campus

Met with architects

Attended TSU vs. Southwest Texas football game in Troy

Attended House of Ruth Candlelight Ceremony

Participated in TSU System Executive committee meeting in Troy

Attended General Anthony R. Jones Promotion Ceremony at Fort Rucker

Hosted breakfast at TSUD for Dothan Eagle publisher and editor

Participated in Southeast Alabama Regional Development conference at TSUD

Participated in Army Aviation Museum executive director interviews

Attended Wiregrass Forum meeting in Ozark

Participated in TSUD Executive Council retreat

centage of viable programs in the state."

The ACHE report examined 1,835 programs across the state, 1,215 in four-year colleges and 620 in two-year institutions. Overall, 64.3 percent of all academic programs in the state met the standards of viability. The fields with the greatest number of non-viable programs statewide, according to the

study, were education, visual and performing arts, social science, and foreign languages.

Dr. Angela Roling, TSU vice president of institutional research, planning and effectiveness, pointed out that the ACHE study is part of compliance with a 1996 state law that requires Alabama

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public colleges to eliminate non-viable programs and meet productivity guidelines. "I think this report shows that we at Troy State University are good stewards with our resources," Dr. Roling said. Dr. Roling explained the law requires ACHE to monitor the non-viable programs for three years. After the three-year period, institutions will either bring programs up to standards, phase them out, or request a waiver based on special circumstances. Some liberal arts programs will be allowed six years to comply, Dr. Roling added.

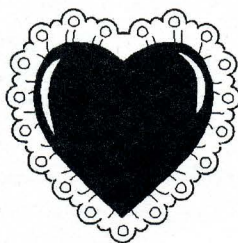


From Montgomery...

TSUM BEGINS SEARCH FOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A search committee has begun taking nominations and applications for the position of vice president for academic affairs at Troy State University Montgomery (TSUM). The position was left vacant after Dr. Livingston Alexander accepted a position with Kean University in New Jersey.

TSUM seeks a creative and dynamic vice president for academic affairs to provide academic leadership in curriculum development and review, academic planning, budgeting, assessment, and formulation of academic policies and regulations. This individual will coordinate selection, evaluation, and retention of faculty and academic administrative staff and supervise all aspects of our academic divisions, students support service programs, and the library.



COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

October 1998

Get Well Cards

*Ronnie Childree
*Carolyn Jordan

Baby Gift and Card

*Kenny Fondren

Baby Card

*Ashleigh Savoy

Thank You Notes Received

*Joy Carr
*Johnnie Quick

FROM THE TSUD FAMILY

Dear TSUD Family,

Allison and I appreciate your support during her illness. It was a very stressful time for the girls and me. Your concern and thoughtful gestures helped tremendously. Allison received a lovely card from the Courtesy Committee. I can't let this opportunity pass without saying a special thank you to my friends in Arts and Sciences. You are always there for me during times of need and that means very much to me.

Sincerely,
Joy Carr

Dear TSUD Family,

I would like to thank the TSUD family for the gift you gave to me on the occasion of my daughter's birth.

Kenny Fondren

Courtesy Committee,

My deep appreciation to all for the well wishes, encouragement, and prayers during my recent hospitalization and recovery and the support extended to my family.

John Quick



TSUD CONTRIBUTES TO THE WIREGRASS UNITED WAY

Reta Cordell served as the TSUD representative for the Wiregrass United Way Campaign this year. The theme for this year's campaign was "The Power of U. Without U, There's No Way." She reported that 38 employees contributed to United Way. Contributions in checks totaled \$645.00 and payroll deductions totaled \$2,903.80, for total contributions from TSUD of \$3,548.80.

Thanks goes to Reta and Jean Kirkland for coordinating this most worthwhile campaign.

WEATHERLINE

Weatherline—a weather report and forecast by phone—is provided as a community service with the exclusive sponsorship of Southeast Alabama Medical Center. It is a 24-hour service provided by WKM Radio (106.7) offering callers the time, temperature, local and extended weather forecasts, and any storm watches or warnings issued by the National Weather Service. It is a free service to the local caller.

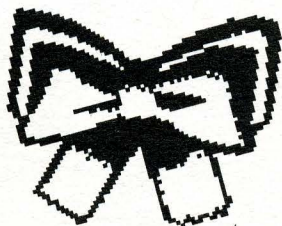
Each weather forecast includes a short health message from Southeast Alabama Medical Center on hospital services or health and wellness programs. The phone weathercast is updated often to insure timeliness and provides continual updates during severe weather.

"Weatherline allows us to not only offer a timely weather forecast but also to provide health education and information for the communities we serve," said Linda Odierno, assistant administrator, community relations. "The response to this service has been, and continues to be, astounding. We feel this was an excellent choice in extending our community education."

The Weatherline numbers are easy to remember—671-2222 for Dothan and surrounding areas. Enterprise and Daleville also have a local number, 503-1555.



On October 27, many TSUD students, faculty, and staff celebrated the annual Red Ribbon Day ceremony, sponsored by Counseling Services and SGA. Enjoying refreshments after a brief presentation, participants were encouraged to take active roles in the prevention of the growing epidemic of drug abuse. The TSUD ceremony was held in conjunction with similar presentations in universities and communities throughout Alabama during Red Ribbon Week running from October 23-31. According to Tony Whetstone, director of student and community services, the mission of Red Ribbon Day at TSUD is to "make a visible statement that we are strongly committed to a healthy drug free community and state."



COMMUNITY CALENDAR SOUTHEAST ALABAMA MEDICAL CENTER

BEATING THE HOLIDAY BLUES

**December 2
12 Noon**

**Rosemarie Pilarczyk
Director of
Behavioral Medicine**

We often think of the holidays as a time for joy, laughter, and fun. But for many people they are a time of loneliness, sadness, and depression. Learn how to overcome these feelings, or how to help someone else who may be experiencing the "Holiday Blues." Reservations are required. Please call (334) 793-8107 or 1-800-533-7445.

TSUD ANNUAL CRIMINAL OFFENSES REPORT

Sept. 1, 1997 - Aug. 31, 1998

Incidents and Year-To-Date

Murder	0
Rape	0
Robbery	0
Aggravated Assault	0
Burglary/Theft	1

Arrests and Year-To-Date

Liquor Violations	0
Drug Violations	0
Weapons Possessions	0

SACS UPDATE

The SACS committees are working in subcommittees and writing the first drafts of their reports which are due to the SACS Steering Committee January 18.

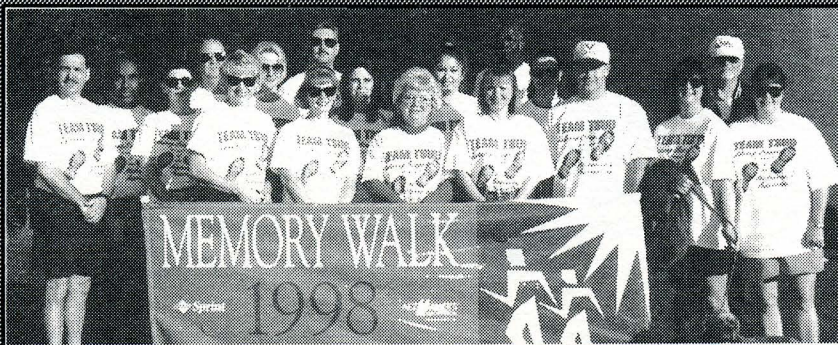


TSUD HOLDS ITS FIRST VETERANS' RECOGNITION PROGRAM

On November 5, Troy State University Dothan held a Veterans' Recognition Program honoring faculty and staff members who had served in the military. Seventeen employees, with 253 combined years of military service, were recognized in the ceremony that included special music by Bob Willis, Dr. Jan Gunnels, Renee' Green, and Tony Whetstone (pictured above L-R) and a guest speaker.

Dr. Burton Wright, College of Arts and Sciences, spoke about war and military service during WWII through the Vietnam War. Dr. Wright is a thirty-year veteran in the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Maryland and USS Amsterdam. He was stationed in the Pacific, Panama, and numerous locations in the United States.

Janet McQueen, Andrew Rivers, and Bob Willis served on the committee that planned the activities.



Twenty-two students, faculty, and staff members represented TSUD at the Southeast Alabama Chapter of Alzheimer's Association 1998 Memory Walk fundraiser on October 10, 1998, at Westgate Park in Dothan. TSUD received the fourth place award for number of walkers and was recognized as one of five teams with original T-shirts. Patsy Rach, secretary for the Records Office, served as team captain for TSUD. The TSUD team raised nearly \$890 in donations to add to the fight of the degenerative disease of the brain that is the fourth leading cause of death among adults.

LIBRARY NEWS

by Julia Smith
director of library services

Ms. Maya Jones has been appointed as assistant library director, effective October 1. Maya assumes these duties in addition to her previous duties as TSUD reference librarian. An employee of the Library staff since April 1996, Maya holds a Master's of Library Service from The University of Alabama. She also serves TSUD as faculty advisor for the Christian Student Fellowship organization. Please congratulate Maya on her new responsibilities.

A Knogo Library Security System has been installed at the entrance to the Library. The system should prevent unauthorized materials from being removed from the Library. The system will not affect computer software, videotapes, medical devices, etc. Hopefully, the system will minimize library losses and protect the University's investment in library resources.

The Library and Instruction Support Center staff would appreciate your feedback concerning services and resources in the Library and the ISC. We need input on how we can better meet your needs. Please talk to any of the staff or e-mail me at: jsmith@tsud.edu with your comments and ideas.

Be a driving force for Troy State University academic scholarships.

Be a proud supporter of academic excellence at Troy State University! If you are a resident of Alabama and order the TSU car tag, you'll join the ranks of other alumni who show their support of TSU academics.

With each tag sold or renewed, another \$50 goes toward academic scholarships. TSU license tag sales have already generated over \$64,000 in scholarship funds!

For more information, contact the TSU Office of Alumni Affairs at (334) 670-3318 or visit your Probate Office today to purchase a tag.

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Tag**



**New
Look**

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

- 1 Sherri Burns
- 3 Cindy Halcomb
- 4 Scot Craig
- 5 Diana Parker
- 6 Priscilla McArthur
- 6 Richard Williams
- 9 Reta Cordell
- 12 Patricia Fritchie
- 15 Jean Kirkland
- 16 Gary Buchanan
- 29 John Chalker

BIRTHDAYS!

BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY

- 12 Susan Craig
- 12 Karen McGahee
- 16 Barbara Gusick
- 16 Patrick Schado
- 17 John McQueen
- 18 Paul Stark
- 20 Jan Gunnels
- 21 Dorinda Van Loo
- 23 Ed Kirkland
- 24 Victoria Morin
- 25 Debbie Moore
- 31 Burton Wright

Happy Thanksgiving

University Closed for the
Thanksgiving Holiday
12 Noon
Wednesday, November 25
and
Thursday and Friday
November 26 and 27



FALL COMMENCEMENT

December 4, 1998
Dothan Civic Center

Reception (on second floor)
8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.
Commencement
10:00 A.M.

Speaker:
Dr. Fred Gainous
Chancellor of the Post
Secondary College System



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