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NEWSLETTER FOR TSUD FACULTY AND STAFF

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CAREER DAY 2000 RECAP

The Office of Counseling and Career Services hosted Career Day 2000 on February 22, 2000, from 8:00 A.M. until noon. The halls of Malone Hall were alive as upcoming and recent TSUD graduates participated in the most successful Career Day to date.

Job searchers from TSUD, as well as the Wiregrass community, were invited to take advantage of this opportunity to hand out resumes to local and regional employers. Three hundred and eighty invitations were mailed to area businesses, school systems, non-profit agencies, and TSUD clubs. There were 48 different employers who attended the fair, with the largest percentage of respondents being from non-profit agencies. In addition to being on hand to discuss job opportunities with students, three employers conducted on-campus interviews. Those businesses were Black and Decker, SouthTrust Bank, and Glenwood Mental Health Services. A total of 11 student interviews were conducted. Those attending the fair were also encouraged to register for door prizes donated by Army Aviation Center Federal Credit Union, Dyncorp, and Snelling Employment.

According to Ms. Pamela Williamson, director of counseling and career services, the day was successful "because of the wonderful support of the TSUD faculty, staff, and students."

BARBAREE JOINS TSUD



The Division of Student and Community Services welcomes Taylor Barbaree as coordinator for development and alumni affairs. Prior to coming to TSUD, Taylor served as director of the Family Life Center and Youth Activities and Athletics for the Troy Housing Authority. His responsibilities included coordinating

after-school programs and recruiting college students to serve as tutors for children who lived in Troy's public housing communities.

Taylor received his A.S. from Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College in 1993 and his B.S. in Human Resources Management from Faulkner University in Montgomery in 1996. Taylor is a 12-year member of Alabama Army National Guard where he is a public affairs specialist and military journalist. Taylor is editor of the *Alabama Guardsman*, a quarterly publication of the Guard. Since joining he has served in Germany, Panama, Hungary, and Bosnia.

Taylor is married to the former Jenna Mitchell of Andalusia. She is an assistant vice president for SouthTrust Bank in Dothan. Taylor and Jenna have a cat named "Pickles" and are members of First Presbyterian Church in Dothan.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction of the Library/Technology Building is on schedule and has a scheduled completion date of January 13, 2001. The roof trusses are being installed, and the installation of the roof decking for the shingles began in February. The concrete second floor required 405 yards of cement, and the concrete floor of the lecture hall has been poured. The remaining ground floor will be completed in stages. The floor completion on the south end will be slow as concrete is worked around the ninety service boxes in the floor. The pace of work is increasing as more trades start their portion of the work. The framing contractor has begun installing the metal wall studs on the second floor. With the increase in the pace of work, please be safety conscience as you drive onto, around, and exit campus. If you would like to tour the construction site, e-mail John Quick at jquick@tsud.edu and he will schedule a time.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SANS IT . . . WOULD WE DO IT?

If we eliminated regional accrediting requirements (and agencies) would we at TSUD still put ourselves through the scrutiny and rigor of a comprehensive self-study? Think about it. I have, though not because it has been discussed in Congress; not because it has been discussed in professional meetings of senior administrators; and not because it has been suggested by rival agencies or disgruntled institutions. NO, I think about it because I wonder sometimes if we really mean what we say when we talk about "excellence," "quality," and other superlatives to describe our various enterprises.

There was a time (and not so long ago) that we in this business could pass accreditation muster by simply showing how efficiently we followed our policies and procedures irrespective of the fact that these same procedures had not been examined or updated in years. There was a time as an instructor I could pass muster simply by showing that I actually had a syllabus, course description, and class notes (written sometime in this century!). But no longer!

As colleagues we have responded to this new age of "demonstrated accountability" by upping the standards of rigor on ourselves, the same way we purport to up the standards of rigor on our students. Outcomes assessment, institutional effectiveness, and quality assurance came to academe late. These are corporate and military measures. Yet when we objectively think about measuring outcomes (of learning and achievement), common sense leads us to respond positively, unthwarted by the demands inherent in the measurements themselves. Who better to measure outcomes than we in academia? We teach the stuff! We think about this stuff! So why does it take the quest (or threat) of accreditation to make us do it, i.e., describe what we do and determine if we're making progress toward achieving what we say we're doing?

So I end this discourse where I began. Post-accreditation visit I ask: If we eliminated regional (and/or professional) accreditation, would we put ourselves through such rigorous qualitative self-examination and scrutiny? Think about it.

Michael E. Malone
President



FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Dr. Ronnie Capps had published "Dewey and Niebuhr: Man, Society and the Liberal Creed," in *Process Papers--An Occasional Publication of the Association for Process Philosophy of Education*, Number 4, December 1999.

Dr. Adair Gilbert has been asked to serve again this year as an examiner for the Alabama Quality Award. To serve, a person has to have a background in the quality area. She will be in Tuscaloosa from April 4-6 for three days of intensive training in the new criteria for 2000. She has also been asked to serve again this year as a judge for the national Delta Mu Delta (a business honorary) scholarships.

Mr. Keith Seagle was a featured presenter at the 28th annual conference of SAEOPP (Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel). In his presentation entitled "Balancing Your Wheel," Keith discussed the balance of cognitive, emotional, and behavioral aspects of ourselves with emphasis on the need for a spiritual center in our lives. Keith is a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) serving as the counselor of TSUD's Student Support Services program. This year's conference, held in Orlando, FL, was the second year Keith has been selected to present at SEAOPP.

SPOTLIGHT ON LIBRARY AND ISC SERVICES

by Julia Smith, director of library services

Kudos to President Malone for making the first donation in celebration of National Library Week, April 9-15. Please see me concerning your \$35.00 donation, which will go to purchase a book for the Library in honor or in memory of someone important to you.

NOTABLE VIEWS ON LIBRARIES AND BOOKS

There is no Frigate like a book to take us lands away, nor any courses like a page of prancing poetry.

(Emily Dickinson)

My library was dukedom large enough.

(William Shakespeare)

If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he read.

(Ralph Waldo Emerson)

I cannot live without books.

(Thomas Jefferson)

Anyone who has a library and a garden wants for nothing.

(Cicero)

I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library.

(Jorge Luis Borges)

What a school thinks about its library is a measure of what it thinks about education.

(Harold Howe, Former U.S. Commissioner of Education)



TSUD STAFF RECEIVE RECOGNITION

The Dothan Houston County Substance Abuse Partnership recognized Pamela Williamson, director of counseling and career services, and Keith Seagle, counselor for student support services, recently during the partnership's annual banquet. Williamson and Seagle were recognized for their exceptional volunteerism in the effort against substance abuse in the community. (Not pictured: Dr. Adair Gilbert, dean of the School of Business, was also recognized during the banquet.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Heritage Week April 10-14, 2000

Plans are already underway for Heritage Week 2000, "A Time for Celebration and Reflection." These are the exciting events taking place as we celebrate TSUD.

April 10-14	National Library Week
Mon., April 10	TSUD Community Advisory Council 7:00 - 8:30 A.M. Harrison Room
Mon., April 10	Leadership Celebration: SGA Officer Installation 10:00 A.M. with Gordon Stone - Higher Education Partnership Harrison Room
Mon., April 10	"Brown Bag Seminar" 12:30 P.M. Adams Hall, Room 312
Tues., April 11	Health and Wellness Fair 8:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Harrison Room
Tues., April 11	BME Mobile Laboratory Ribbon Cutting 11:00 A.M.
Wed., April 12	Courtesy Fund Drive Day
Wed., April 12	John Woodham Lecture Series 12:00-1:00 P.M. Harrison Room
Thurs., April 13	Spring Luau 11:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Thurs., April 13	Two-Year College Volleyball Tournament 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
Fri., April 14	Spirit of Service Project 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Wiregrass Area Food Bank
Fri., April 14	Faculty Evaluation Workshop
Fri., April 14	Gamma Beta Phi Induction 7:00 P.M. Heritage Baptist Church

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

February 2000

Attended TSU dedication of new Claudia Crosby Theater at TSU
Participated in TSU System *Quest for Excellence* conclusion event in Troy
Represented The TSU System at the Jacksonville State University President's Inauguration in Jacksonville, Alabama
Met with representatives of the Wiregrass Military Alliance
Participated in meeting in Montgomery with University of Alabama College of Engineering dean and others concerning the BSME partnership with TSUD
Attended Fort Rucker National Prayer Breakfast
Participated in State Articulation and General Studies Committee meeting in Montgomery
Attended TSU Chancellor's Ball in Troy
Attended reception in Dothan for Senator Jeff Sessions
Delivered welcome for TSUD Alliance for Cultural Diversity's Black History program
Participated in TSU System Executive Committee meeting in Troy
Delivered welcome for TSUD Continuing Education/Wiregrass Chapter Human Resource Management Association forum
Attended Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce General Membership Luncheon at which Senator Richard Shelby was guest speaker
Attended Wiregrass United Way Houston County Campaign Appreciation Breakfast
Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting
Visited with area legislators in Montgomery
Delivered keynote address at WTVY-TV's Anniversary Breakfast for WTVY-TV employees
Hosted lunch for administrative group visiting TSUD from Mississippi State University at Meridian
Hosted breakfast meeting for local school superintendents and Wallace Community College President and Vice President for Academic Affairs to discuss future plans for education information technology development in the Wiregrass area
Had breakfast meeting with Wallace Community College President, Dr. Linda Young and Enterprise State Junior College President, Dr. Stafford Thompson
Delivered welcome for SGA Black History Month Program, at which Mr. Lamar Higgins spoke about leadership
Participated in Council of College and University Presidents meeting in Montgomery
Participated in Higher Education Day activities in Montgomery
Participated in Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium Board of Directors meeting in Montgomery
Participated in Higher Education Partnership Board of Directors meeting in Montgomery

Troy State University Dothan (TSUD) is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone number 404-679-4501) to award associate, bachelor's, master's, and education specialist degrees.



COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

February 2000

Get Well Card

*Nancy Schado (Patrick Schado's mother)

Thank You Cards Received

*Patrick Schado
*Wiregrass Hospice

Thank you for The Generous Gift of \$35.00 you made to Wiregrass Hospice. We appreciate your support.

Ray Shrout
Administrator

FROM THE TSUD FAMILY

Cindy,

Please pass on my sincere thanks to the Courtesy Committee for the kind and wonderful get well card sent to my mother during her recent hospital visit. She is home and getting better. Again, thank you for the kind thoughts.

Patrick Schado, Sr.

TSUD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF MISSION

Troy State University Dothan (TSUD) is a separately accredited university within The Troy State University System providing opportunities for affordable, accessible education primarily to residents of southeast Alabama, southwest Georgia, and northwest Florida.

The university's emphasis on academics is complemented by dedication to public service, applied research, and lifelong learning. TSUD is committed, through traditional and non-traditional means, to enhancing the critical thinking and personal growth essential for informed, productive citizens.



Chick-fil-A will be
serving hot, fresh food
from the
TSUD Deli
beginning April 4, 2000.

Join us for our
"First Bite Celebration"

April 4th
10:00 A.M.

BIRTHDAYS FOR APRIL

- 1 Christine Evans
- 1 Charles McArthur
- 6 Donna Miller
- 9 William Borders
- 12 Anne Lorange
- 19 Steve Cross
- 28 Mary McCruter



BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY

- 3 Joseph Fielding
- 11 Lynda Salisbury
- 13 Renee' Green
- 21 Sandra Lee Jones
- 27 Michael Malone
- 29 Kenny Fondren
- 30 Michael Higgins

SAFETY TIP

Alabama Public Safety Laws

(from the Alabama Department of Public
Safety Driver's Manual)

Alabama's Safety Belt and Child Restraint Laws

The "Alabama Safety Belt Use Act of 1991" requires front seat occupants to use safety belts when riding in passenger cars (motor vehicles designed for carrying 10 or fewer passengers) manufactured in 1965 and later. Persons stopped and cited for not wearing safety belts are subject to a \$25.00 fine.

The "Alabama Child Restraint Law" requires that children under the age of six occupy federally approved child restraint systems when riding in motor vehicles (excluding trucks or buses having tonnage rating of one ton or more) registered in Alabama and operated on Alabama roadways. Four-and five-year-olds may use standard safety belts instead of child safety seats.

Windshield Wipers/Headlights Law

Alabama state law requires that headlights be turned on when the windshield wipers of the vehicle are in use because of rain, sleet, or snow, except when the use is intermittent because of misting rain, sleet, or snow.

John McQueen
Evening Administrator/Safety Officer