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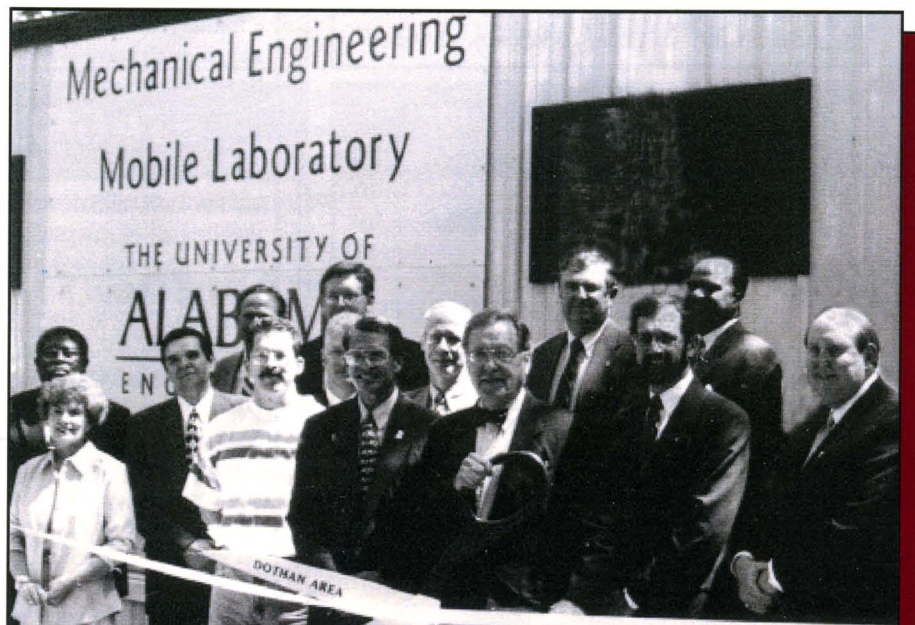
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NEWSLETTER FOR TSUD FACULTY AND STAFF

TSUD CELEBRATES HERITAGE WEEK



The TSUD family enjoyed a time of reflection and celebration during Heritage Week 2000. Pictured above and below are scenes from a few of the weeks activities (clockwise from top): The TSUD Library hosted a book signing by Mrs. Mary Brown as part of National Library Week; during the Community Advisory Board Meeting, Dr. Malone recognized Mr. C. Charles Nailen, Jr., for his leadership during the *Quest for Excellence* Campaign; Mrs. Mary Noble wins a prize for her version of the "twist" during Spring Luau; members from TSUD, The University of Alabama, and the Dothan community participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Mechanical Engineering Mobile Laboratory.



ExEL PROGRAM

The TSUD School of Education has a new program office as of January. ExEL--Excellent Educators Ladder Program--uses federal grant funds to provide two-year scholarships and support services to prospective teachers, especially minorities, in the fields of math, science, and special education. ExEL also assists local school systems in administering a professional development program for paraprofessionals and provides outreach opportunities for high school students to explore teaching as a career. According to Beth Quick, program director, the ExEL program is a wonderful example of how Alabama is proactively addressing the teacher shortage issue. "We wanted to tackle this program through foresight, long-range commitment, and strategic planning. We are proud to be recognized by the United States Department of Education, and we hope to have a pool of qualified teachers for our most important resource--our children--in the near future." Established as a community partnership with the Dothan City, Houston County, and Ozark City School Systems, Wallace Community College, and the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce, the program is housed at Northside Mall.



The ExEL Program is staffed by (L-R): Demetria Boone, Clerk/Typist; Nancy Ludlum, Counselor; and Beth Quick, Director.

SPOTLIGHT ON LIBRARY AND ISC SERVICES

by Julia Smith, director of library services

During National Library Week, the library held a fund drive among the faculty and staff. We would like to thank the following **Library Champions** for their support of the TSUD Library:

President Michael Malone
Dr. Barbara Alford
Dr. Ronnie Capps
Dr. Jan Gunnels
Mrs. Cindy Halcomb
Mr. Bob Willis
Mr. Buzz Wood

The books purchased with the donations have been ordered and will be on display in the Library lobby in the near future. This will be an ongoing campaign. Please contact me at jsmith@tsud.edu if you are interested or would like more information.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

April 2000

Attended Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Monday morning Legislative Committee sessions with local political representatives
Participated in TSU System Executive Committee meetings in Troy
Met with Dr. Andrew Sorensen and Dean Tim Greene in Tuscaloosa
Participated in TSUD Community Advisory Board meeting
Participated in TSUD SGA officer installation
Attended School of Education Brown Bag Seminar
Participated in TSU Public Radio live fundraising broadcast in Troy
Hosted University of Alabama - TSUD Mechanical Engineering Laboratory ribbon cutting and lunch at TSUD
Gave "The Leader and Technology" presentation to the TSU Capstone Leadership class
Attended Woodham Lecture Series presentation by Dr. Reiff Lafleur
Attended TSU System press conference in Montgomery announcing Dr. Cameron Martindale's selection as TSUM president
Attended I-10 Public Involvement meeting in Dothan
Attended Faculty Evaluation Workshop
Attended Gamma Beta Phi Induction ceremony
Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting
Participated in TSU Symphony Band Concert in Dothan as narrator for an original work by Robert W. Smith, director of the TSU Symphony Band, entitled *Jefferson: A Vision for America*
Attended Wiregrass Chapter AUSA meeting at Fort Rucker
Attended Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Media Appreciation Party
Attended TSU Honors Program on Troy campus
Gave keynote address at Wallace Community College Honors Convocation
Participated in Museum Foundation Executive Committee meeting at Fort Rucker
Participated in Wiregrass Forum in Ozark

WILLIAMSON TO BE AWARDED DOCTORATE

Pamela T. Williamson, director of counseling and career services, completed requirements for the Doctor of Education at Auburn University on April 25, 2000. As part of her requirements, Dr. Williamson successfully defended her dissertation, "A Study of the Attitudes of the Troy State University Dothan Faculty Toward Serving Students with Disabilities."

Dr. Williamson comments that completing her doctorate is something that took two attempts to accomplish, "I started working towards it when my son, Jason, was young but had to stop because of an injury he received." As a military wife and mom, she reflects that she would not change the choices she made to leave work in order to care for and follow her family who have been her biggest supporters. "Jason was probably my biggest cheerleader to complete it. He kept telling me 'Mom, you quit for me once, now it is your time to finish.'" She adds that the most challenging part was balancing a full-time job and her coursework and that she came closest to giving it up during her third statistics course. "It was during this course that I realized how tough juggling all of this really was."

Dr. Williamson joined The Troy State University System in 1972 but left when her husband, Bob, was transferred as part of his military service. Before rejoining TSU in 1980, Dr. Williamson held positions with Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Los Angeles Community College, and with Michigan State University in Japan. In 1980, she and her husband returned to Fort Rucker. During her tenure, Dr. Williamson has worked in both undergraduate and graduate admissions and served as associate registrar. In 1986 she became TSUD's first full-time counselor. As counselor, she works with students who are both entering TSUD as well as are currently enrolled. In addition, she works with admitting the university's foreign students and serves as ADA coordinator.

Dr. Williamson will be officially conferred her degree during Auburn University's commencement ceremony on June 10, 2000.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CONDUCTS TRAINING

Troy State University Dothan Continuing Education was pleased to partner with the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Dothan Area Convention and Visitors Bureau to offer FiveStar Customer Service training to the Wiregrass area.

Rita Bumgarner, a nationally recognized Customer Service Coach, presented 4 two-hour sessions on March 15 and 16. Over 180 people attended this training; representing a dynamic cross section of the Wiregrass, including city employees, RSVP volunteers, Wallace College, veterinary clinics, car dealerships, hotels, restaurants, and many more.

Ms. Bumgarner's energetic and enthusiastic presentation skills made her total belief and dedication to customer service evident to the audience. Many of the comments from the attendees included, "When will she be back?" and "The training should be longer."

If you missed the FiveStar training in March, do not worry. Christine Evans, personal development coordinator for TSUD Continuing Education, says, "We plan to invite Rita back in the fall for an encore presentation."

TSUD Continuing Education would like to thank Carole Ann Correll of the Chamber of Commerce and Bob Hendrix of the Dothan Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for so actively promoting this training. Without their partnership, this training would not have been possible.

The following businesses made greatly appreciated donations to the training: Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Great American Cookie Company, Schlotzsky's Deli, U.S. Business Forms, and the Alabama Peanut Producers Association.



Pictured above (L-R) are: Christine Evans, TSUD Continuing Education; Bob Hendrix, Dothan Area Convention and Visitors Bureau; and Rita Bumgarner, FiveStar Customer Service Strategies, with some of the props used during training to build audience enthusiasm.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

A great deal of work is being performed within the recently erected walls of the Library/Technology Building and brick is being laid around the exterior. Insulation, plumbing, electrical, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and interior walls are being installed. The cupola is scheduled for delivery on May 12th and installation on May 19th. The chiller should be placed on the pad behind the building within two weeks. Within the month we will see the window frames installed, the front portico and steps laid out, and interior walls completed. The number of workers on site is increasing daily as is delivery of material. Please be safety conscience as you enter, travel through, and depart campus. If you would like to tour the facility, e-mail John Quick at jquick@tsud.edu to coordinate the tour.

TSU SYMPHONY BAND PERFORMS

The Dothan Opera House was the site for the annual TSU Symphony Band Concert on April 18th. In its third year, this concert is becoming a much anticipated event for concert band enthusiasts throughout Dothan and the Wiregrass region.

Following a French Horn fanfare and the National Anthem, Robert W. Smith, director of the Symphony Band, conducted one of his original works for the band titled "Twelve Seconds to the Moon." This dramatic work depicts the history of flight beginning with the Wright Brothers "twelve second" flight at Kitty Hawks to the Apollo space mission at Cape Canaveral.

Another highlight from the evening's performance showcased students from Girard Middle School and TSUD President Michael Malone in a tribute to Thomas Jefferson. Rhonda Whetstone, Girard Middle School principal and TSUD graduate, was guest conductor for the evening and led the TSU Symphony Band in John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." The evening's concert concluded with a salute to American jazz featuring Ralph Ford's arrangement of "100 Years of Jazz: Joplin to Jones."



Featured in a tribute to Thomas Jefferson were: (L-R) Rhonda Whetstone, TSUD graduate and principal at Girard Middle School; GMS students Wesley Gay, Monica Pacanins, Richard Lee, Spence Waddell; TSU Director of Bands Robert W. Smith; GMS students Elizabeth English, Meghan Dockery, Will Buie; GMS Band Director Larry Smith; TSUD President Michael Malone.

OVERCOMING STAGE FRIGHT AND OTHER PHOBIAS

**ARE YOU AFRAID TO SPEAK
IN PUBLIC?**

THEN THIS IS THE CLASS FOR YOU

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2000
6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

**INSTRUCTOR: DR. WILLIAM EVANS
COURSE FEE: \$40.00
(YOU MUST REGISTER IN ADVANCE)**

LOCATION: NORTHSIDE MALL



COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

April 2000

Get Well Cards

*Becky Hunt
*Debora Pettway

Thinking of You Card

*Wanda Gregg

THANKS to those of you who contributed to our Courtesy Fund. It is not too late to contribute. It would be wonderful to have 100% participation by faculty and staff. As of May 5, 2000, **32%** have donated.

Also, please remember that we want to remember our work family in times of need or celebrate with them during happy events through the Courtesy Committee, **BUT WE CAN ONLY DO THIS IF WE ARE NOTIFIED.**

*Cindy Halcomb, Chair
TSUD Courtesy Committee*

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Sandra Lee Jones was named the Student Alabama Education Association Outstanding Advisor for 1999-2000.

Mr. Bill Lipscomb attended the Southern States Communication Association convention in New Orleans on March 31-April 2. He participated in a performance panel celebrating Louisiana history and culture. His performance "In My Father's Eyes: Depression Crescent City Style" is an oral interpretive account of stories from his father's life interwoven with a variety of published materials, including newspaper clippings, medical reports, audiotape, and biographical information on and about New Orleans. He has been invited to present this performance next year at Louisiana State University.

BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

- 1 Ramamohana
Guttikonda
- 3 Ronnie Childree
- 3 Cynthia Lumpkin
- 3 Janet McQueen
- 5 Stacey Mixon
- 6 Fred Feagin
- 7 Rodney Beaver
- 7 Beth Quick
- 9 Mary Noble
- 11 Taylor Barbaree
- 12 Adair Gilbert
- 13 Linda Young
- 15 Robert Saunders
- 24 Farrow Burks
- 26 Kirk Davis



BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

- 3 Kim McNab
- 6 Parviz Parsa
- 10 Alan Belsches
- 12 Olivia Brinson
- 12 Sarah Patrick
- 13 Nancy Miller
- 13 Ruth Oliver
- 17 Philip Fretwell
- 17 Greg Ruediger
- 17 Julia Smith
- 18 William Dapper
- 24 William Evans
- 26 Michelle Hall
- 27 Debora Pettway
- 29 Johnnie Quick

Spirit of Service

TSUD participated in Spirit of Service Day 2000 by volunteering at the Wiregrass Area Food Bank. SGA President James Stokes, left, and SGA Senator Craig Dempsey, center, are shown preparing food bags for distribution to residents in Houston County.



TSUD has agreed to volunteer at the Food Bank for the entire year. Bags are prepared on the second Friday of each month. Two or three people are needed to volunteer for approximately 2 hours each time. Persons or departments who would like to adopt a month should contact Bob Willis at extension 205 or by e-mail at bwillis@tsud.edu.

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