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NEWSLETTER FOR TSUD FACULTY AND STAFF

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RECOGNITION CEREMONY HELD FOR OUTSTANDING FACULTY AND STAFF

TSUD held a recognition ceremony honoring outstanding faculty and staff on Thursday, September 28, 2000, in the Malone Hall Harrison Room. According to Dr. Barbara Alford, executive vice president, the outstanding faculty and staff awards have previously been announced at TSUD's annual Honor's Convocation but a special ceremony was held this year to highlight the "best of the best at TSUD." Those receiving awards at the ceremony were:

Dr. Robert Saunders – Outstanding Faculty Member, College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Saunders joined TSUD in 1997 and serves as assistant professor of history. He received his bachelor of arts from Auburn University, master's degree from Salisbury State, and his Ph.D. from Auburn University.

Dr. Parviz Parsa – Outstanding Faculty Member, School of Business. As professor of business, Dr. Parsa is a veteran at TSUD, having joined the faculty ranks in 1982. He received his bachelor of science from Tehran, his master's from Texas Christian, and his Ph.D. from Oklahoma.

Dr. Kirk Davis – Outstanding Faculty Member, School of Education. Dr. Davis, assistant professor of psychology, came to TSUD in 1998 from the University of Mississippi. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University and a second master's and Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi.

Mrs. Joanne Krist – Outstanding Classified Staff Member, Student and Community Services. Mrs. Krist serves as clerk typist III in the Office of Counseling and Career Services. She joined TSUD in 1993 and holds a Microcomputer Certificate from TSUD Continuing Education.

Mrs. Farrow Burks – Outstanding Professional Staff Member, Student and Community Services. Joining TSUD in 1996 as coordinator for personal development, Mrs. Burks currently serves as coordinator for public relations and student activities. She earned her bachelor's degree in marketing from Auburn University and an MBA from TSUD.



TSUD Outstanding Faculty and Staff (from left to right): Mrs. Farrow Burks, Mrs. Joanne Krist, Dr. Kirk Davis, Dr. Robert Saunders, and Dr. Parviz Parsa.

FIRE PREVENTION IN THE HOME

Residential fires kill an average of 5,000 people, injure an additional 21,000 persons, and cost \$3.4 billion dollars each year! Here are some safety tips for you:

SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke is responsible for three out of four deaths.

- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and outside of sleeping areas.
- Test every detector at least once a month. [See your instruction book for the location of the test button.]
- Keep smoke detectors dust free. Replace batteries with new ones at least once a year or sooner if the detector makes a chirping sound.
- If you have a smoke detector directly wired into your electrical system, be sure that the little signal light is blinking periodically. This tells you that the alarm is active.
- Inexpensive smoke detectors are available for the hearing impaired.

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

They remain your best bet if you're on the spot when a fire begins.

- Fire extinguishers should be mounted in the kitchen, garage, and workshop.
- Purchase an ABC type extinguisher for extinguishing all types of fires.
- Learn how to use your fire extinguisher before there is an emergency.
- Remember, use an extinguisher on small fires only. If there is a large fire, get out immediately and call 911 from another location.

CLOTHES DRYER

Under some circumstances, dangerous heat can build up in a dryer.

- Never leave home with the clothes dryer running.
- Dryers must be vented to the outside, not into a wall or attic.
- Clean the lint screen frequently to keep the airway clear.
- Never put in synthetic fabrics, plastic, rubber, or foam because they retain heat.

KITCHEN

Careless cooking is the number one cause of residential fires.

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- It's wise to have a fire extinguisher near the kitchen. Keep it 10 feet away from the stove on the exit side of the kitchen.
- Never pour water on a grease fire; turn off the stove and cover the pan with a lid or close the oven door.
- Keep pot handles on the stove pointing to the back and always watch young children in the kitchen.
- Don't store items on the stove top, as they could catch fire.
- Clean the exhaust hood and duct over the stove regularly and wipe up spilled grease as soon as the surface of the stove is cool.

Fire Safety Information for Kids

US Fire Administration Home Page for Kids:

www.usfa.fema.gov/kids/hfs.htm

Fire Safety for Seniors

Fire Safety for Seniors:

www.patriot.ci.lexington.ma.us/Fire/firesafetyseniors.htm

Information provided by: John McQueen, evening administrator/safety officer

TEAM TSUD

Walking for a Better Wiregrass

TSUD's group of walkers, commonly known as **Team TSUD**, has been keeping the pavement busy! On September 23, 2000, nine **Team TSUD** members walked in the American Heart Association's Heart Walk at Westgate Park. According to Cindy Halcomb, TSUD Heart Walk chairperson, \$568.00 was raised for donation to the agency. On October 7, 2000, 32 walkers from TSUD participated in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk. Keith Seagle, TSUD Memory Walk chair, reported that \$1,188.50 was raised for the Alzheimer's Resource Center. Thanks to all who participated through their time or donations...together we are helping to make a better Wiregrass!



TSUD'S UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

The TSUD United Way Campaign is well underway. Taylor Barbaree, chairman of TSUD's campaign, reports that giving from the TSUD family has been impressive. "I am pleased at the outpouring of donations that we have received from the faculty and staff. The amount that has been donated to this point definitely shows that TSUD is committed to making the Wiregrass the best it can be for all people." Barbaree adds it is not too late for faculty and staff to return their pledge card to him or Kim McNab.

In addition to individual pledges, this year's United Way committee has organized a series of food vendors to serve on campus each Tuesday during the month of October. A portion of each vendor's proceeds is contributed to TSUD's fund drive. To date, TSUD's United Way campaign has raised \$4,265 with over \$4,000 donated by TSUD faculty and staff through cash donations or payroll deductions.

TSUD's United Way campaign concludes October 31, 2000.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

September 2000

Participated in Alabama Humanities Foundation
Nominating Committee meeting in Birmingham
Participated in Leadership Alabama Program in Huntsville
Participated in Williamsburg Institute Program "Thomas
Jefferson and the Second American Revolution: The
Election of 1800" in Williamsburg, VA
Chaired meeting of the TSU System Strategic Planning
Student and Administrative Services Team in Montgomery
Co-chaired meeting of Wiregrass United Way Board
Education Division
Attended TSU System Strategic Planning Community
Development Team meeting in Montgomery
Participated in TSUD Community Advisory Board meeting
Attended TSU System Strategic Planning Academic
Programs Team meeting in Troy
Participated in TSU System Strategic Planning Steering
Committee meeting in Troy

SPOTLIGHT ON LIBRARY AND ISC SERVICES

by Julia Smith, director of library services

Welcome, Robbin!

The Library/ISC staff welcomes its newest addition, Robbin Tomlin Glaser, as technical services librarian. Robbin will be responsible for acquisitions/cataloging duties, as well as patron assistance and collection development. Robbin has her M.L.S. degree from The University of Alabama and is an alumni of TSU with a major in history. She comes to TSUD from the Demopolis Public Library, where she served as director. She has also worked in public libraries in New Jersey and Tennessee, as well as the AUM Library, Montgomery. Robbin began her new duties on October 2. She can be reached at ext. 325.

Mary McCruter has graciously agreed to take on the additional responsibilities of the periodicals department in addition to continuing the excellent interlibrary loan services. Mary will now be located at ext. 323 in the Periodicals Department.

Please submit comments, criticisms, suggestions, or accolades concerning Library/ISC to jsmith@tsud.edu or call ext. 320. Your feedback is appreciated.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The brick installation and cleaning continues, and brick is now being installed on the front side of the building. The windows are on site and are currently being installed on the west side of the building. The drywall has been installed on the first floor and is being prepared for painting, and drywall is being installed on the second floor. Air conditioning and electrical work continues on both floors. Precast concrete columns are being installed on the east side at the porch. The west side courtyard and east side sidewalk plans have been revised. The revised plan will improve the overall landscape plan. Additional provisions have also been made to improve handicap accessibility. Please be safety conscience as you enter, travel through, and depart campus.

STATE POLICE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION SELECTS UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

The University Partnership of Alabama Continuing Education has been selected to provide management-level training for police chiefs in the state. At the State Conference held at the Florence Conference Center in August, the partnership hosted the first session entitled, "Update on Harassment, Discrimination, and Disability Issues."

The purpose of this program is to provide high quality, executive-level training leading to professional certification for police chiefs of Alabama and to help police chiefs reach their highest possible level of professional achievement.

Certification is earned when a police chief completes ten courses and masters each course exam with a minimum score of 70 percent.

TSUD ALUMNI NEWS



2000-2001 TSUD Alumni Association officers (left to right): Connie Snyder, president; Debora Pettway, president-elect; Theresa Evans, secretary; Mary B. McCruter, treasurer.

The Troy State University Dothan Alumni Association held its Fourth Annual Alumni Association meeting in the Harrison Room on the TSUD Campus Thursday, August 17, 2000. Gordon Stone, executive director of the state's Higher Education Partnership (HEP), served as the keynote speaker during the two hour meeting. Stone provided insight to the more than 40 alumni members in attendance about the past and present role the HEP has played in insuring that Alabama's 15, four-year universities are equally represented each time the State Legislature is in session. Prior to Stone's remarks, members received updates on events and projects taking place at TSUD by Tony Whetstone, director of student and community services, and at TSU in athletics from Marcus Paramore, director of development for athletics. Faith Ward, executive director of the TSU National Alumni Association, also updated the audience on upcoming alumni events and activities.

The TSUD Alumni Association also recognized and presented the "Alumni of the Year Award" to TSUD staff member Keith Seagle and presented the TSUD Alumni Association Scholarship to April Michelle Smith.

Following a brief business meeting, in which members received an alumni executive committee and treasurer's report, nominations were taken from the floor for the offices of president-elect, secretary, and treasurer. Nominated and taking the oath of office with Alumni President Connie Snyder (TSUD '95) were: Debora Pettway (TSUD '92), president-elect; Theresa Evans (TSUD '97), secretary; and Mary B. McCruter (TSUD '93), treasurer. Serving with the officers on the TSUD Alumni Association Executive Committee as members-at-large are: Tara Brackin, Mark Kelly, Margaret Ward, Carl White Jr., and LeAnn Wheelan. Each officer and member-at-large will serve a one-year term.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Brenda Ameter spoke on her experiences in Russia to five classes at Houston Academy on September 18.

Dr. Patricia Fritchie is having lots of fun at Kennedy Space Center, where she was treated to a shuttle launch on September 8 and is scheduled for a night launch on October 5. She is learning Front Page 2000 and Graphics Pad and Paint Classic. She is really enjoying researching and designing a web based course for teachers in Space Education and Technology Applications. She has been contacted by Sandy Armstrong, an Abbeville teacher who won the "Teacher of the Year Christa McAuliffe Award," about helping her with Alabama Aerospace Education Association. They are planning on presenting workshops to teachers in our area. She has been exploring the wildlife in the area in her spare time.

Dr. Jan Gunnels presented two workshops, "Using Literacy Assessments" and "Managing Guided Reading," to Abbeville and Headland Elementary faculties as part of the Alabama Reading Initiative. She has been notified of the acceptance of a presentation proposal for "Writing That Matters: Practical Classroom Approaches for Developing and Using Children's Writing" at the National Association for the Education of Young Children's annual conference. Co-presenters are Dr. Amanda Branscombe, University of Wisconsin-Stout, and Dr. Janet Taylor, Auburn University. She had a book review article accepted for publication in the *Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education*, the journal of the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators.

Ms. Mary Davis and Ms. Ann Wells, TSUD Continuing Education, hosted training for the State of Alabama County Engineers Certificate Program in Montgomery on September 13-14. The program, "Disaster Preparedness and Response," is one of the ten courses required for a county engineer to complete the certificate program. This program was developed and is taught through UPACE, the University Partnership of Alabama Continuing Education, consisting of Jacksonville State University, University of North Alabama, and Troy State University Dothan. In preparation for Continuing Education's 2nd Annual Wiregrass Human Resource Management Forum, Ms. Davis attended the 13th Annual Human Resource Management Forum at Jacksonville State University on September 21. TSUD Continuing Education and the Wiregrass Human Resource Association will host their 2nd Annual Forum in March.



COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

September 2000

Get Well Cards

- *Olga Rey (Cindy Halcomb's mother)
- *Lillie Mae Taylor (Anthony Taylor's mother)

Sympathy Card

- *Farrow Burks (on the death of her grandmother)

The Deli would like to thank TSUD students, faculty, and staff for contributing \$175.00 to Samaritan's Purse. Your generosity will enable children who wouldn't have had Christmas to have one.

Thank You,
The Deli



Executive Council Reps Selected

Dr. Michael Malone announced recently the 2000-2001 professional and classified Executive Council representatives. Ms. Rosemary Button was elected as the classified staff representative, and Mr. Alex McMahan was elected as the professional staff representative.

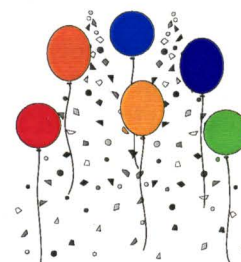
Ms. Button has served as departmental secretary in the School of Business since August 1999. Before her employment with TSUD, Ms. Button was employed with First Baptist Church Dothan and London International. She holds a bachelor's degree from SUNY Albany.

Mr. McMahan joined TSUD in 1998 as assistant director of financial aid and veterans' affairs. He received his bachelor's degree from The University of the State of New York and a master's degree from TSUD. Prior to coming to TSUD as a graduate student, Mr. McMahan retired as an officer in the Coast Guard after 30 years of service.

Ms. Button and Mr. McMahan assumed their positions during the October 13, 2000, Executive Council meeting. Congratulations to both of these delegates as they represent the TSUD staff throughout the upcoming year.

BIRTHDAYS FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 Brenda Ameter
- 1 Harlan Washington
- 2 Gaye Peacock
- 4 Harry Wills
- 5 William Lipscomb
- 10 Pamela Williamson
- 11 Lannes Morris-Murphy
- 21 Debbie Christian
- 21 Quan Yang
- 23 Ronnie Creel
- 28 Elizabeth Fell



BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

- 1 Barbara Minsky
- 1 Sherri Burns
- 3 Cindy Halcomb
- 4 John Lester, Jr.
- 4 Scot Craig
- 5 Alex McMahan
- 5 Diana Parker
- 6 Jean Timmel
- 6 Priscilla McArthur
- 6 Richard Williams
- 9 Reta Cordell
- 12 Patricia Fritchie
- 15 Jean Kirkland
- 16 Gary Buchanan
- 25 Dennis Pearson
- 27 Pam Parris
- 30 Matthew Elbeck
- 31 Kerri Parris

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