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NEWSLETTER FOR TSUD FACULTY AND STAFF

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TSUD ACCREDITATION REAFFIRMED

TSUD President Michael E. Malone received notification that Troy State University Dothan (TSUD) has been reaccredited 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. Malone received the good news while attending the Commission's annual meeting in Atlanta on December 4 and 5, 2000.

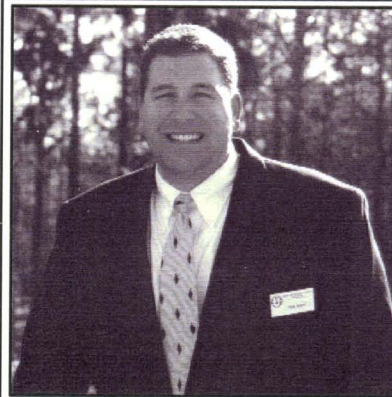
This distinction has been awarded to TSUD after thorough review of the University's educational quality including an 18-month institutional self-study. The success of the self-study hinged on the involvement of the entire university community--faculty, staff, students, and community leaders. These groups joined efforts to identify TSUD's strengths and weaknesses in the areas of academic programs, administration, faculty, resources, and student services. "In the life of any university, there exists no higher professional priority than accreditation by the regional accrediting body (SACS)," says Malone. "TSUD's ten-year reaffirmation of accreditation speaks highly of our faculty and staff's total commitment to quality teaching and service."

The self-study process concluded with a visit to TSUD by members of a SACS Review Team during March 13-16, 2000. During this peer-review, members from regional universities including The University of North Carolina-Asheville, Cumberland University, and West Texas A&M University evaluated TSUD's academic environment. A report from the visiting team was then presented to the Commission for final recommendation.

What does this mean for the Wiregrass community? Accreditation assures students that the programs offered by TSUD meet a strict set of criteria and that the education they receive is nationally recognized. Accreditation also eases transferability of TSUD courses to institutions nationwide and enables the University to award financial aid to students. Malone adds, "Our accreditation has been a five-year journey of preparation. We have had countless hours of hard work dedicated to this process. And, we have had excellent leadership exhibited by Dr. Barbara Alford, executive vice president, and self-study chairpersons, Dr. Priscilla McArthur and Dr. Jan Gunnels."

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is the recognized regional accrediting body in the eleven U.S. Southern states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia) and in Latin America for those institutions of higher education that award associate, baccalaureate, master's, or doctoral degrees.

BARBAREE NAMED CHAIRMAN FOR MARCH OF DIMES 2001 WALK



Taylor Barbaree has been named chairman for the March of Dimes 2001 Walk-America. Rhonda Andrews, chairman of the Board of Directors, made this announcement.

Barbaree is employed at Troy State University Dothan as coordinator for development and alumni affairs. Prior to moving to Dothan, Barbaree was involved with the March of Dimes in Troy.

He first served as a team captain and later as Team Walk Chairman for the Pike County WalkAmerica.

Assisting Barbaree as vice chairman will be Mark Culver, chairman of the Houston County Commission. Culver has been involved with the March of Dimes for several years. The previous two years he served as honorary chairman for WalkAmerica. Christine Evans has agreed to be the Team Walk Captain for TSUD March of Dimes for WalkAmerica 2001.

The 2001 WalkAmerica will be held Saturday, April 21, at Eastgate Park in Dothan. Teams are in the process of registering now. Any business, church, organization, family, civic club, school, or group can participate. For information, call 792-0149.

TSUD BLOOD DRIVE

**TUESDAY,
JANUARY 30, 2001
9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
THOMAS HARRISON ROOM
ALL BLOOD TYPES NEEDED**

LIBRARY NEWS

by Robbin Glaser, technical services librarian

"Hype or Right: will computers mean the end of books?"

"Where do you want to go today?", asks a commercial for a popular World Wide Web server. The implication is that you can find anything on the World Wide Web. However, it is not true that all information, or even a majority of information, is freely available through the Web. Therefore, books and other print media are still popular.

There is much useful research available over the Web by paying substantial database fees. However, what most people access through America Online and other servers is free. Most of this free information on the Internet is commercial. Over 60% of Internet sites are commercial. Only 11% are educational. The remaining percentage is comprised largely of government and organization sites. Therefore, the Internet is not a panacea for information.

What about E-books? E-books have the potential to replace paper books, but will they? E-book screens are not easy to read for long periods. A vast improvement will need to be made before people rely on them for research and pleasure reading. While E-books may be helpful for brief treatments such as magazine articles, do students want to squint through hundreds of pages to read a book? Do you want to curl up with plastic to read the latest bestseller?

Many librarians believe that, at least for the foreseeable future, the digital format will be just another type of media, along with books and video. I can hear many people saying, "Well, a librarian would think that. They are stuck in the past!" Nothing could be further from reality. Librarians have been leaders in Internet access. Alabama librarians successfully lobbied the Alabama legislature to provide the three million dollars necessary for the "The Alabama Virtual Library." The AVL is a collection of databases available to every academic, public, and school library with Internet access. Through the Alabama Virtual Library, people have access to thousands of journals and magazines that it would be impossible for any one library to afford.

A question I often hear is, "Aren't you afraid computers will replace librarians?" My answer is "not at all." The number of librarian positions has increased with the explosion of the World Wide Web. Librarians teach people how to use the many different digital sources, and they know efficient search strategies to minimize searching time.

The computer revolution hasn't put an end to paper; it has actually resulted in more paper. Research has shown that people want a hard copy of what is on their screens. Books are already in hard copy form, do not disappear with power surges, are portable, and are much easier to read than computer screens. Technological innovations may one day make all digital information and pleasure reading easily affordable and readable, but books will be a popular format until then.

HOME SAFETY/HOME SECURITY

1. Various sources indicate that simply displaying WINDOW DECALS and/or yard signs can decrease your chances of being burglarized by up to 75%.
2. You can help secure your WINDOWS from being slid open by placing pins through the window frames.
3. A solid door with a double deadbolt lock can delay a burglar, and time to a thief is synonymous to their own safety.
4. A piece of wood placed in the window track or pins through the window frames prevent SLIDING GLASS doors from sliding open for the wrong person.
5. To get a DOG or not to get a dog (for protection), "that is the question." The real thing (guard dog) may protect you from burglary, but may cause a danger to others. Modern technology now provides many simulated dog alarm models ranging from motion to noise vibration sensors.
6. You may want to first try any kind of alarm before committing to it because "FALSE ALARMS" can become a nuisance as well as potentially dangerous. In lieu of contracting for a professionally installed security system and service, you can choose very carefully from different "do it yourself" remedies.
7. WIRELESS systems are often the easiest to install, but often are also the fastest to cause false alarms. These systems can be hooked up to a central monitoring system and there are many available.
8. Check with the local police for any advice they may be able to offer before you buy and especially, before you install a system. FALSE ALARMS for police have become a national epidemic and one that you don't want to contribute. You may need to register your system, depending on local laws.
9. A strong motivator to buying a security system is that most home owner INSURANCE policies premiums will be REDUCED. Make sure to first consult with your insurance agent before making a final decision as to the type of system you want.

<http://www.safewithin.com>

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

November and December 2000

Participated in Leadership Alabama Program in Birmingham
 Participated in TSU System Executive Committee meeting in Troy
 Participated in TSU Virtual University meeting in Troy
 Met with Mayor Tim Alford in Enterprise
 Participated in meeting of the TSU System Strategic Planning Steering Committee in Troy
 Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee meeting
 Attended Wiregrass Museum of Art reception
 Participated in The House of Ruth Board of Directors meetings
 Attended TSU System Strategic Planning Academic Programs Team meeting in Troy
 Chaired meeting of the TSU System Strategic Planning Student and Administrative Services Team in Troy
 Participated in State Articulation and General Studies Committee meeting in Montgomery
 Participated in Higher Education Partnership Advisory Council dinner meeting in Montgomery
 Participated in Alabama Council of College and University Presidents meeting in Montgomery
 Participated in first meeting of the Alabama Teacher Preparation Advisory Council (ATPAC) in Montgomery
 Attended Wiregrass Aerospace Center Initiatives subcommittee meeting in Ozark
 Participated in TSU System Ed.D. meeting in Troy
 Attended SACS Commission on Colleges Annual meeting in Atlanta
 Chaired meeting of the TSU System Strategic Planning Student and Administrative Services Team on TSUD campus
 Hosted lunch for TSU System Strategic Planning Student and Administrative Services and Academic Programs Teams at TSUD
 Attended TSU System Strategic Planning Academic Programs Team meeting at TSUD
 Met with Mayor Bob Bunting in Ozark
 Attended TSUD Community Band Concert at Wiregrass Commons Mall
 Attended TSU Board of Trustees meeting in Troy
 Attended TSU Commencement and luncheon on Troy campus
 Participated in Wiregrass Museum of Art Board of Directors meeting
 Participated in Alabama Humanities Foundation new board member orientation in Birmingham

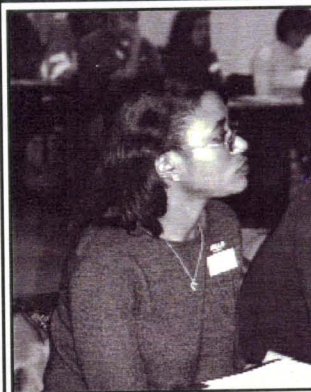
Accounting Club Receives Donation



The TSUD Accounting Club received a \$500.00 contribution from the Southeast Alabama Chapter of Certified Public Accountants. The donation was presented during the chapter's December meeting at the Dothan Country Club. The TSUD Accounting Club meets monthly on the TSUD campus to hear guest speakers from the Wiregrass business community.

Pictured from left: Ms. Denise Culbreth, chapter president, presents check to Dr. Khamis Bilbeisi, TSUD Accounting Club advisor.

ExEL ORIENTATION HELD

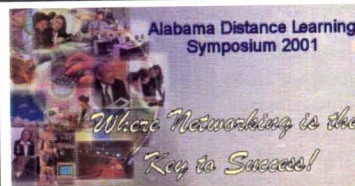


Ms. Tressie Miller, pictured at left, was one of forty ExEL scholarship recipients who attended an orientation on January 4, 2001, in the Harrison Room at TSUD. Welcoming remarks were given by Dr. Michael Malone and Dr. Barbara Alford. Dr. Cynthia Lumpkin presented an overview of the ExEL grant, the School of Education, and TEP requirements. Mr. Tony Whetstone gave a review of

the student handbook and student services. Ms. Nancy Ludlum and Ms. Demetria Boone presented the scholarship agreements for signatures and reminded the students of the important dates and registration procedures. We are very proud to have these ExEL scholarship recipients pursuing teaching degrees with Troy State University Dothan. Welcome them in your classes and around campus!

JOHNSON COMPLETES DOCTORAL REQUIREMENTS

Dr. Sallie Johnson! Sallie has completed her Ph.D. in Computing Technology in Education from Nova Southeastern University. Her dissertation research, "Faculty Attitudes Toward Educational Technology," included the faculty from TSUD's School of Education. Professors from six randomly selected institutions of higher education with teacher education programs were surveyed using the Faculty Instructional Computing Questionnaire (Faseyitan & Hirschbuhl, 1992). The colleges or universities were from three southeastern states in the United States and included both National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and non-NCATE accredited institutions. This formative evaluation study continued the research conducted by Mack Bullard in 1998 on the attitudes of professors in teacher education programs toward teaching with technology, the flexibility in using technology for instruction, and the status provided by using educational technology. This study sought information to indicate if the professors' attitudes were related to selected variables. The variables analyzed were the professors' actual use of educational technology, their gender, place of employment, rank, length of overall teaching experience, efficacy, and institutional encouragement to use computers in instruction. Multiple regression analysis and analysis of variance were used to determine the composite and independent effects of the selected predictor variables on the criterion variables attitude toward educational technology and use of educational technology. Results from the study are available upon request.



Join us March 15th and 16th for the 2nd annual meeting of the Alabama Distance Learning Symposium!

In addition to keynote speakers, there will be paper presentations, poster presentations, panel discussions, and workshop sessions.

Where: The symposium will be held at The Governor's House Hotel Center in Montgomery, AL.

How Much: The cost is \$79 per participant.

When: March 15 and 16, 2001

See <http://www.tsud.edu/adls2> or call Dr. Sallie Johnson (334) 983-6556, ext. 326, for more information.

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Brenda Ameter has been asked to serve on the Fulbright Senior Specialist Review Committee to review applications from other scholars.

Dr. William Capps had his article, "John Dewey's Philosophy of Hope" published in *Process Papers*, December 2000, by the Association for Process Philosophy of Education.

Dr. Sandra Lee Jones attended the Community Intensive Treatment for Youth (CITY) Program of Houston County Advisory Council meeting on November 30; attended Rosa Parks Museum and Library Dedication at Troy State University Montgomery on December 1; attended the U.S. Department of Education's Improving America's Schools Conference in Washington, D.C., on December 12-18.

TSU DIRECTOR OF BANDS TO TAKE POSITION WITH WARNER BROS.

Robert W. Smith, director of bands at Troy State University, will leave his position Sept. 1 to become a consulting editor with Warner Bros. Publishing, one of the largest music publishers in the world. Smith, a TSU alumnus who succeeded the legendary Dr. John M. Long as director of bands, will serve as a consulting editor for educational product development for Warner Bros. He has more than 350 publications, with the majority composed and arranged through his long-term association with Warner Bros.

"It was difficult to make the decision to leave Troy State University," Smith said. "I learned a great deal from Dr. Long as a student, and I was honored to follow him as director. I will miss working with the students and the outstanding music faculty TSU has assembled." Smith said he would not have left TSU for another academic post, but the position at Warner Bros. is the "opportunity of a lifetime." In addition to his administrative duties, Smith serves as conductor of the TSU Symphony Band and the TSU Chamber Winds and as director of the nationally renowned "Sound of the South" Marching Band.

Warner Bros. Publications recently released under its CPP Media Records label *The Divine Comedy: The Symphonic Music of Robert W. Smith*. "The Inferno" and "The Ascension" from that symphony have received worldwide critical acclaim. His original works for winds and percussion have been performed by countless military, university, high school, and middle school bands throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, and Japan. His compositions and arrangements have been used in a variety of situations, such as NBC's coverage of the Presidential Inauguration, Walt Disney's "American Teacher's Awards," welcoming ceremonies in Japan honoring then-President Ronald Reagan, Opening Day at Dodger Stadium, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, the Ringling Brothers/Barnum and Bailey Circus, the Olympic Games, and television shows in the United States and Europe.



COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT

November and December 2000

Get Well Card

Dr. Brenda Ameter

Sympathy Card

Kim McNab (on the death of her grandfather)

Donation

Colomokee Baptist Church Building Fund (in memory of L. L. Roberts, Jr., Kim McNab's grandfather)

Thank You Notes Received

I can't express enough the appreciation for the kind words, regrets, cards, and the donation to the Colomokee Baptist Church Building Fund since Granddaddy's recent death. Although we can never be prepared for something like this, it's great to know such a fine group of people care the way they do. Thanks so much!

Kim McNab and Family

Your gift in memory of Brother L. L. Roberts is gratefully acknowledged by Colomokee Baptist Church.

TSU "UNIVERSITY DELI"

The "University Deli" is under new management!

We will be open
7:30 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.
Monday through Thursday
with your favorite beverages and snacks.

Please stop by and welcome
David and Jeanne Filkins
to our campus.

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY

- 1 James Windle
- 1 Tina Bernath
- 3 Robert Melczarek
- 4 Barbara Alford
- 5 Ronnie Capps
- 9 Bob Miller
- 10 Forrest Wood
- 11 Richard Kynard
- 17 Ronald Bae
- 20 Khamis Bilbeisi
- 23 Jo Ann Camarata
- 26 Daphne Harker
- 26 Paul Schreiner
- 26 Lana Ward



BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

- 5 Jeanette Anglin
- 7 Robert Burroughs
- 19 Ann Wells
- 19 Sam Wise
- 25 Thomas Anderson
- 31 Chris Bryant

"Enthusiasm is contagious. Be a carrier."

--Susan Rabin

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