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WHETSTONE RETIRES FROM TSUD

TSUD employee honored with stage dedication

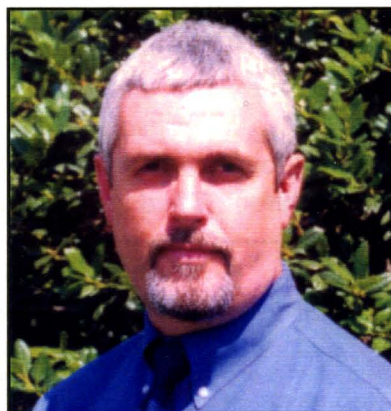
TSUD veteran, Tony Whetstone, retired from TSUD on May 30, 2001. Whetstone, who most recently served as Director of Student and Community Services, began working with TSUD in 1988.

In his announcement to the Student and Community Services division, Whetstone stated that he would be taking a position with Art's Music in Dothan as a school representative. "I was not looking to retire but this position is a perfect fit for the experience that I have gained at TSUD and my prior experience in music."

During a retirement reception held in his honor on May 30, 2001, Whetstone was celebrated for his long-time commitment to TSUD. TSUD President Michael E. Malone unveiled the dedication of the stage in the Library/Technology Building's Sony Hall in honor of Mr. Whetstone's development of and dedication to the TSUD Community Band. Recognizing that the Wiregrass community has been enriched by the talents and music of the TSUD Community Band, Dr. Malone stated, "Through a generous donation,

the stage that will house the TSUD Community Band will now and forevermore be known as the Whetstone Stage."

Whetstone was also described during the ceremony as an



employee who was driven by perfection, "If anyone was ever needed for a job that had to be done right, the first person that would come to mind was Tony Whetstone," said Dr. Barbara Alford, executive vice president.

"We are losing one of our core TSUD family members and he will be missed," she continued.

Whetstone joined TSUD on January 1, 1988 under a Title III grant as Planning, Management and Evaluation Director. In 1990, he was given the opportunity to assume the position of Director of University Relations. "To me,

I was in the right place in the right time. I was able to take the position in university relations knowing that the Title III grant would most likely not be refunded."

Whetstone held this position until 1997 when he became Director of Student and Community Services.

In reflecting upon his tenure at TSUD, Whetstone acknowledges that watching the growth of the University is one of many highlights. "I was fortunate enough to be a part of our move to the present location and I will never forget this experience. This place pulled together like I have never seen before to accomplish the move. Even Dr. (Thomas) Harrison (then TSUD president) pitched and unpacked boxes."

Other highlights of his TSUD career include working on 2 successful SACS accreditations, the creation of the TSUD Community Band, and assisting with the inauguration of President Malone.

"I am leaving TSUD with lots of wonderful memories," said Whetstone.

Editor's Note: Mr. Whetstone worked tirelessly to promote Troy State University Dothan. The example he set while occupying the university relations office will continue to be the benchmark for quality. The editor wishes to express sincere appreciation for his demonstration of true loyalty to an institution.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

YES, PRINCIPLE MATTERS!

As the dust settles from a most contentious special and regular sessions of the Legislature, one must ask: "What was accomplished?" And in my mind, a more important question, "What will be the legacy of the sessions?" I choose to couple these questions.

From the perspective of the Higher Education Partnership, we were able to favorably influence the 2001-02 Education Budget while at the same time fend off 5 (of 6) attempts to have a bad bond issue summarily thrust down our throats by AEA and the Governor. Unfortunately, even with our favorable influence we are still looking at a 2002 budget that is six percent (6%) less in operating dollars vis a' vis the 2001 budget. Nevertheless, I submit that the legacy of these sessions will be the unity and respect the senior universities derived by holding firm on principle.

In my last LOGOS message I paraphrased Dr. Paul Hubbert during our "negotiations" when he chided us that the issue (bond issues) was not about principle, it was about money! He was somewhat right about the latter point but dead wrong about the former. Principle does matter! Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said it best, "Let us be what we are; speak what we

think; and in all things keep ourselves loyal to truth."

The examination of and quest for truth has been a historic goal, albeit lofty goal, of the university community. Nowhere has this been better demonstrated than in the efforts of Alabama's public universities during the past few months. And there is one more truth, one more principle: Equity and equality of treatment is and must always remain the pursuit of education - all segments of education and all constituents who support and affect education in this great state.

Michael E. Malone, Ph.D.
TSUD President

Personal Note: One person who understands and deals continuously with the pressures and challenges of my statements above is TSUD's alumna, Senator Harri Anne Smith. My hat's off to her as she diligently tries to walk that fine line for equal treatment for all her constituents. I personally admire and respect her courage, tenacity, and candor. And she is always true to her word, a quality based on the lofty ideals of truth and principle.

New execs added to alumni board

by Taylor Barbaree

TSUD Alumni Association President Connie Snyder (TSUD '95) is proud to announce the addition of six new members to the governing body of the University's alumni chapter.

Sammy Bass (TSUD '98), Linda Casey (TSUD '83), Gean Hendrix (TSUD '93), Susan Holmes (TSUD 2000),

Susan Parks (TSUD '98) and Pat Simmons (TSUD '2000) were appointed to serve as members-at-large on the TSUD Alumni Association Executive Committee during an April meeting.

Of the appointments, Snyder said, "By doing this (making these appointments) we are not only increasing our number of executive committee members, but strengthening our association.

"Sammy, Linda, Gean, Susan (Holmes), Susan (Parks) and Pat bring a wealth of professional experience to the committee and strongly believe in the mission of TSUD," Snyder said.

The expansion of the executive committee brings the total number of members-at-large serving on the alumni board to 10 members as Bass, Casey, Hendricks, Holmes, Parks and Simmons join longtime members Tara Brackin (TSUD '97), Margaret Ward (TSUD '97), Carl White Jr. (TSUD '84) and LeAnn Wheelan (TSUD 2000). Aside from Snyder and the members-at-large, the executive committee leadership includes Debora Pettway (TSUD '92- president-elect), Theresa Evans (TSUD '97- secretary) and Mary Butler McCruter (TSUD '93- treasurer).



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Activities of the President April 2001

Participated in TSUD SGA officer installation;
 Taught Session B School of Education class;
 Continued to participate in meetings in Montgomery with Council of College & University Presidents, Governor and State Legislators concerning education budget;
 Participated in Higher Education Partnership Advisory Council meeting;
 Participated in Leadership Alabama Spring Summit in Birmingham;
 Presented presentation via video to TSU Capstone Leadership class and Chancellor's Fellows at TSUD campus;
 Participated in TSU System Executive Committee meetings in Troy;
 Participated in Southeastern Public Radio spring friend raiser in Troy;
 Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Affairs Committee meetings;
 Participated in TSUD Honors Convocation;
 Received the Leon G. Davis Award at The University of Montevallo Spring Sports Banquet;
 Participated in Army Aviation Museum Board of Directors meeting at Fort Rucker;
 Met with archives consultant, Dr. Jeff Jakeman, and TSUD personnel regarding the TSUD Special Collections area in the new library;
 Attended the TSUD Faculty Advisory Council meeting

CONTINUING EDUCATION

TSUD Continuing Education provides license renewal hours for health professionals

Social workers, nurses, Counselors, and Nursing Home Administrators in the tri-state area are pleased to be able to receive their required licensing hours locally. Two conferences were hosted in the Spring Term 2001: *Sexual Assault Response Team of the Wiregrass: A Community Team Approach To Caring* on April 20, and *Critical Issues in Long Term Care* on April 27. Over 175 professionals attended these two conferences. Christine Evans, coordinator for personal development, is currently organizing two additional conferences for Summer Term 2001 to include: the *1st Annual Substance Abuse Prevention Conference* on July 20, and the *11th Annual Coping with the Aging Process Conference* on September 13.

TSUD Continuing Education partners with Social Security Administration

TSUD Continuing Education and the Social Security Administration worked together to offer the April 12, 2001 legal seminar, *Social Security Disability & SSI*. Two of the speakers for the day-long seminar were Ron Noble, district manager in Dothan for the Social Security Administration, and Sherry Mitchell. Topics covered included the nuts and bolts of representing the social security claimant, disability determination services, social security hearing, attorney fee agreements, and the new developments in disability law.

Librarians Throw Away Books (Oh my!)

By Robbin Glaser
 TSUD Library

"What are countless books to me, and libraries of which the owner in his whole life will scarcely read the titles?"

--Seneca 4 B.C. to 65 A.D.

The library's goal is to provide the most useful, accurate, accessible information as possible in a given amount of space. To achieve this goal, librarians purchase needed books. Secondly, they remove books that have outlived their usefulness.

"Throwing out" books strikes an emotional chord with many people. That is why I would like to explain the procedure that each title goes through before it is withdrawn from the collection. The chance of a "good" book being "thrown out" is small.

How can the library determine if a book is being used? Due dates show how many times a book has been checked out and the last date of checkout. The amount of time transpired before a book may be "weeded" from the collection depends on the subject area. For example, in history, a copyright is twenty years old before being considered for withdrawal. In medicine, titles are withdrawn after five years. This is because interpretations of the

civil war may not change significantly in 20 years, whereas drug therapy for depression may change greatly in five years. Where number of times a title has checked out is concerned, most books will not be checked out in the future if they have not been checked out in three years.

Discarding books that have outlived their usefulness increases patron satisfaction. Having to look through tightly packed shelves that contain much irrelevant information causes a drop in the number of books checked out. Also, every inch of space will be better utilized, and with a new academic library costing \$123.63 per square foot, space is a necessary consideration.

After librarians pull titles from the shelves, a faculty member for each subject area is consulted. If the faculty member believes a title should remain in the collection, it often does. However, sometimes the librarian will still remove the title. In these cases, faculty and students are welcome to adopt these "homeless" books.

Faculty are encouraged to recommend outstanding authors and titles in the area being evaluated. Also, if books are being withdrawn due to condition, let us know which titles are classics. We will replace them if they are still in print. After withdrawing titles from an area, librarians search book reviews for new purchases.

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FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Brenda Ameter presented a paper on computer-assisted composition at the spring meeting of SPELTA in St. Petersburg, Russia on Saturday, April 14, 2001. She spoke at St. Petersburg State University Monday, April 16, 2001 and at Herten University Tuesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 18. She also presented a paper at the Philological Institute in St. Petersburg during her visit. Her article "Flowers in the Snow: A Fulbrighter's experiences in St. Petersburg" appeared in the April 2001 edition of *Style*.

Dr. William S. Borders had a paper accepted for presentation at the twelfth annual conference of the Production and Operations Management Society (POMS 2001) that was convened in Orlando, Florida, from April 1 - 3, 2001. The paper was titled "Teaching Quality Management Courses in the University: a Y2K Update."

Dr. Charles McArthur and Dr. James Windle provided inservice training on May 2 & 3, 2001 for the Wiregrass Mental Health Board (SpectraCare) on the topic "Ethics and Mental Health Counseling." SpectraCare professionals from Dale, Geneva, Henry, and Houston counties participated.

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Depending on the money available, an area will be replenished within a few months, or as soon as money is in the budget.

If you are asked to review pulled titles, please let us know by phone or e-mail if you are not available. Likewise, if you are available, please let us know when. Because the collection has not been "weeded" comprehensively in many years and the new library will have limited space for books, we are conducting an aggressive weeding project. We just want you to know that much thought has gone into the procedure for withdrawing titles, and that it is done to improve the collection.



COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT April 2001

THANKS for the additional contributions to our Courtesy Fund Drive - as of 5/15/01 a total of \$556.00 was received. If you have not contributed, please remember that donations are accepted at any time. Cindy Halcomb, Chair, TSUD Courtesy Committee.

GET WELL CARD

Mr. M. L. Kornegay, Joy Carr's father

DONATION

Wiregrass Hospice in memory of Henry Rudolph Wells, Mary Davis' father

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED

Your thoughtfulness meant so much.
Michelle Roland

Dear TSUD,

Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude. Barbara and family

Thank you for the generous gift you made to Wiregrass Hospice. We appreciate your support. Ray Shrout, President, CEO

Dear Cindy,

My thanks to you and everyone on the Courtesy Committee for the donation to Wiregrass Hospice in memory of my dad. It really helps to know others care at times like these. Sincerely, Mary Davis



BIRTHDAYS FOR JUNE

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

BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

- 26 Michelle Roland
- 27 Debora Pettway

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

- 2 Keith Seagle
- 4 Reiff Lafleur
- 5 Harriett Ball
- 10 Sandy Henry
- 13 Robbin Glaser
- 17 Janet Ridgeway
- 21 Jonua Byrd
- 24 Sheila Bennett
- 28 Larry Brown
- 29 Kathy Hale

Distance Learning has moved the V-Tel System to A409. The system is used for full interactive teleconferencing with other institutions of higher learning. This means that we will no longer have scheduling problems with other departments. The response to the change by teleconference participants has been very favorable. The small room used in the ISC for many of the conferences has now been freed for 100% use by the ISC. Distance Learning looks forward to the move to the new building, but we must seek ways to operate better today.

Kenny Fondren, Educational Technology Coordinator