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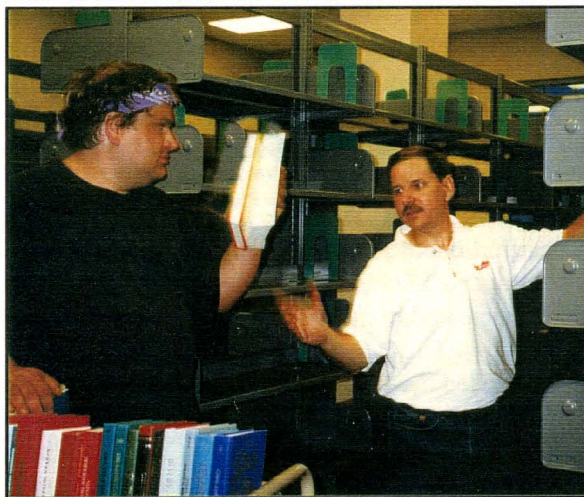
TSUD's Library/Technology Building - A Southeast Alabama Hallmark

History was made once again at Troy State University Dothan as the 54,000 square foot Library/Technology Building opened its doors in January 2002.

The two-story building completes the core of the emerging TSUD campus and will be a hallmark of Southeast Alabama's rightful place in the future of Alabama.

Faculty, staff, and a host of TSUD friends all pitched in to make the move a smooth transition. Thousands of books and other reference materials have found "new homes" while miles of wiring and technical equipment complement the high-tech functions of the building that will serve the educational, cultural and training needs of the community for years to come. Additionally, the Williamsburg Architecture includes a lecture hall, areas for student and faculty project development, and space for community gatherings.

"Our vision for improved quality at TSUD is the same shared vision for improved quality in the Wiregrass community," said TSUD President Michael Malone. An official Ribbon Cutting will be announced at a later date.



Christopher Bryant (left), Instructional Support Center, assists Bob Willis (right), Student and Community Services, with library move.

Reflections of TSUD's Fall Commencement



O HAPPY DAY! Diana Parker, Jean Kirkland, and Olivia Brinson, Student and Community Services, breathe a sigh of relief during Commencement.

One could hear voices crying out "Go Girl!", "That's MY boy!", "We're so proud of you Mommy!" as the 176 of the 314 graduates proudly walked across the stage recently at the Dothan Civic Center to receive their diplomas during Fall Commencement. Tears of joy were

streaming down faces as family and friends recollected their loved ones' accomplishments and anticipated optimistic futures.

While addressing the graduates, TSU System Vice Chancellor and Commencement Speaker Dr. Douglas C. Patterson said, "We are the decisions we make." His brief, yet very thought provoking remarks, included four meaningful points that were not only directed toward TSUD graduates, but for all those in attendance.

- "Make the Right Decisions"**
- "Learn to Make Tough Decisions"**
- "Make Decisions Using Your Head and Your Heart"**
- "Make Decisions Using a Sense of Humor"**

"Dr. Patterson's address concluded with, "You will become the decisions you make."

The Douglas C. Patterson Leadership Scholarship was announced by TSUD President Michael Malone during the Fall 2001 Commencement in honor of Dr. Patterson, former Interim President of TSUD.

The tuition-waiver scholarship, for first-time graduate students in the College of Education for Fall Semester 2002, is provided by TSUD to uphold the legacy of excellence in leadership, integrity, and intelligence as demonstrated by Dr. Patterson.

Scholarship applications are available in the Financial Aid Office at TSUD. The submission deadline is March 11, 2002.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

- * Participated in several Wiregrass United Way events and meetings as Houston County Chair;
- * Taught an Education Leadership Class in College of Education during Session A;
- * Attended TSU System Strategic Planning Advancement Briefing in Troy;
- * Attended House of Ruth Candlelight Vigil in Dothan;
- * Participated in WTSU annual fundraising broadcast in Troy;
- * Attended TSU System Board of Trustees Athletic Policy Committee meetings in Troy;
- * Participated in System Executive Committee meetings in Troy;
- * Attended College Board Forum in Denver, Colorado;
- * Participated in Alabama Humanities Foundation Board meeting and 2001 Award Luncheon in Birmingham;
- * Attended Bartlett Hall Dedication at Troy State University Montgomery;
- * Attended "Why Alabama Can't Wait: Next Steps to Constitutional Reform" meeting in Birmingham;
- * Attended TSU Homecoming activities in Troy;
- * Participated in meetings of the Academic Coordinating Council in Troy;
- * Attended the Douglas C. Patterson Colloquium Series first Colloquy in Troy;
- * Participated in TSU Bus Tour in Eufaula, Phenix City and Opelika;
- * Chaired Articulation and General Studies Committee meeting in Montgomery;
- * Participated in Alabama Council of College and University President's meeting in Montgomery;
- * Participated in CLEAR meeting in Dothan;
- * Represented the Council of Presidents on the ACHE Executive Director Search Committee interview in New Mexico.

Try A Smile

You want to say some cheery word

But don't know what to say;

Sometimes a friendly smile will help

And go a long, long way!

It will not cost you anything

And it may help a lot,

So stretch your face into a smile -

And give it all you've got!

DID YOU KNOW?

Spring Semester Reveals Students Taking More Credit Hours

Coming back from the holidays to a busy registration was a real challenge. Faculty and staff pressed on enduring lengthy lines, repetitive questions, long hours, and inclement weather...all for the benefit of our students.

Approximately 1,840 students are currently enrolled for the 2002 Spring Semester. According to Interim Director of Student and Community Services Bob Willis, "Students who have enrolled are taking more credit hours. Students have become more comfortable with the University's semester system and the split terms available within the semester."

"About 250 students enrolled in the 12 Internet courses offered this spring," said Ronnie Creel, Director of Information Services. This is up from 125 in the fall. The on-line tuition payment option is expected to be offered Fall Semester 2002.

TSUD 1 of 9 Education Development Centers in the U.S.

Troy State University Dothan (TSUD) is the regional center for distribution of the latest science teaching materials for K-12 educators in Alabama, Florida and Georgia. The materials are developed by the non-profit research center, Educational Development Center (EDC), Inc., through a grant from the National Science Foundation. The materials can be borrowed or reviewed at the TSUD Tri-State Science Curriculum Center which is 1 of only 9 such centers in the U.S.

The Tri-State Science Curriculum Center recently hosted a free seminar at the TSUD Continuing Education Center to show how the materials can be used hands-on in classroom environments. Over 120 educators attended the two-day seminar.

TSUD Honors Retirees

The TSUD family recently honored its colleagues Dr. Brenda Ameter and Mrs. Viola Powell with a Retirement Luncheon. TSUD faculty and staff, as well as family members and friends of the retirees, congratulated each of them on their accomplishments and wished them well in future endeavors.

*Dr. Ameter and Mrs. Powell--
Thanks for all you do for TSUD!*

TSUD Rallies to Support Wiregrass United Way

"Dedicated to Helping Others" is a slogan shared among TSUD faculty and staff both internally and externally. Wallets and hearts open each time there is a need and this year's Wiregrass United Way Campaign was no exception. The TSUD Campaign, led by Dr. Barbara Alford and Jean Kirkland, raised \$5,053 for the 19 local agencies that receive funds from the annual drive.

"Approximately 40 percent of TSUD's faculty and staff contributed to this year's campaign," said Kirkland. "This is good considering we didn't have any campus fundraising projects to promote the effort."



Pictured above is SGA member Stephanie Sapp and Food Bank Executive Director David Hanks.

Dr. Alford added, "Our donation was about 13 percent under last year's total." She continued, "This follows a national trend that shows United Way giving was seriously affected by the tremendous outpouring of help (financial and other) that resulted from the September 11th tragedy."

Other fundraising efforts, some of which occurred here at TSUD, did not directly benefit the United Way but did add to the sense of responsibility and community that is the

foundation of the United Way.

"If we calculated the monetary value of all the volunteerism by TSUDer's over the year, our contribution to this community and to one another would be unbeatable," said Dr. Alford.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

TSUD's Student Government Association wishes to thank all who brought non-perishable food items to the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting, sponsored by the SGA. Over one hundred pounds of food were donated to the Wiregrass Area United Way Food Bank, a local United Way funded agency.

DEPARTMENT VIEWS

Counseling and Career Services

Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 14, 2002, for the TSUD Career Fair. "This day promises to be valuable for TSUD students and alumni," says Director Keith Seagle. Area employers will be on-hand to meet career seekers. Seagle added, "Come dressed for success and bearing handfuls of resumes." The Career Fair will be held in Malone Hall from 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. Interviews will be held from 1:00-5:00 P.M.

Continuing Education

A "Human Resource Forum" will be held Wednesday, March 13, 2002, at the TSUD Continuing Education Center from 8:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M. TSUD faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend at a \$25 reduced fee (regular fee is \$75). To register or for more information, call Mary Davis at #901 or 712-0010.

Student Support Services

Student Support Services recently received a 2001-2002 Department of Education Grant Aid Supplement. "Eligible students will utilize these funds toward completion of their four-year degrees," said Debora Pettway, SSS Director. Currently, TSUD has awarded grant aid to 24 recipients. The Grant Aid Supplement is intended to help reduce students' unmet financial needs and loan dependency.

Graduate Admissions Office

A new year brings new changes including the move of the Graduate Admissions Office to Room 111 in Malone Hall. "This new area will enhance our ability to present a professional, efficient image to prospective students," says Director Reta Cordell. She added, "It will also help the flow of student traffic during peak times like registration."

Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs

TSUD's student loan default rate continues to decline. A recent U.S. Department of Education report stated the default rate dropped from 5.3 to 3.6% for FY 99. This rate is the lowest in The TSU System. This university benefit results from increased loan advisement and monitoring by TSUD's Financial Aid staff.

Instructional Support Center

It's exciting to consider how the relocation to the new Library/Technology Building is proving to be a beneficial move for the entire TSUD family. While the actual physical move from one building to another took time, teamwork, hard work, and a settling in period while services were brought back to 100% and beyond, the end result is a monument to TSUD and the community it serves. Taking a glimpse into the potential for the ISC of the future, we can see several immediate benefits of the new facilities.

In the new ISC, the computer lab has space for more than the 20 computers we currently house and the ability to separate the computer stations so that ISC patrons can have more room in which to work. Additionally, the new ISC media lab is housed in an expanded area apart from the computer lab allowing more storage, table, and study space. More space for the ISC means the potential to provide enhanced services such as increased video and CD-ROM collections and the potential to provide new services. Students, faculty, staff and community patrons that walk into the new ISC will find, as always, a friendly and helpful staff in an improved facility that "helps us help you better."

New Faces/New Places

Student and Community Services

Bob Willis - Interim Director

Christine Evans - Interim Director,

Continuing Education

Cynthia Green -Coordinator for University Relations

Information Services

Dr. Quan Yang - Associate Director of Distance Learning

Wes Morgan - Coordinator for Educational Technology for Distance Learning

Henry Hernandez - Programmer Analyst

Counseling and Career Services

Keith Seagle - Director

Library Services

Dr. Martin Olliff - Archivist

College of Arts & Sciences

Dr. William Tarvin - Assistant Professor of English

Dr. Martin Olliff - Assistant Professor of History

Title III Program

Lynn Evans - Clerk Typist II

College of Business Administration

Kathy Adams - Clerk Typist II

NEWSMAKERS

Dr. Barbara Gusick recently submitted her most recent book, a multidisciplinary volume on late-medieval drama, to the University of Delaware Press where the manuscript is currently under consideration. The book, entitled New Approaches to European Theater of the Middle Ages: An Ontology (co-edited with Edelgard E. DuBruck), consists of thirteen essays, two of which she has written. The collection has been designed to appeal to thespians, medievalists, historians, folklorists, economists, and theologians.

During the recent 2001 Fall Ball sponsored by TSUD's Student Government Association, **Joanne Krist**, Clerk Typist III in Student and Community Services, was presented with the first SGA Appreciation Award. This award is presented to TSUD faculty/staff members for their loyal service and support of SGA members and their activities.



Dr. Sandra Lee Jones recently attended the Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honor Society Biennial Convocation in Orlando, Florida, and conducted a presentation on the Merlot Project.

Dr. Patricia Fritchie presented "Launch Into Learning: A Collaborative Reading and Rockets Project" at the recent Southeastern Regional Civic Air Patrol Education Conference at Cocoa Beach, Florida. She also visited with NASA astronauts and engineers at the Astronaut Memorial Foundation at Kennedy Space Center. Co-presenter with Dr. Fritchie was former TSUD student and classroom teacher Sandy Sanders. Dr. Fritchie and Sanders have been invited to present "Rockets and Reading Natural Partner" at the National Conference in Washington, D.C., in April.

Dr. Quan Yang, Associate Director of Distance Learning, recently received her Ph.D.

COURTESY Committee Report



Fall 2001/Winter 2002

GET WELL CARD/PLANT

Gaye Peacock - Director, TSUD Ft. Rucker Location.

SYMPATHY CARDS

Susan Bostick (Adjunct Faculty) on the death of her mother; **Craig R. Hall** (Continuing Education student) **Family** on his death; **Mrs. Eugene Bergquist** (spouse of Dr. Bergquist) on the death of Dr. Bergquist (retired faculty member); **Patrick Schado** (Bookstore Manager) on the death of his father.

DONATION

To the TSUD Library in memory of Dr. Eugene Bergquist.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for the flower arrangement. It sure brightened up some dull, boring and uncomfortable days.

Gaye Peacock

I want to thank the Courtesy Committee and all of the TSUD family for the kind words and sentiments I received after the passing of my father. In these difficult times it is comforting to know that you have the support of "family" and friends. Thank you all again.

Patrick Schado

I wish to thank all the faculty and staff for the many cards and visits I received during my recent illness. I feel sincerely blessed by your thoughtfulness. I love you all.

Viola Powell

To all people from TSUD who treated my family and me to such a fantastic Retirement Ceremony December 6. I was really touched by the showing of both love and humor from all people involved. Thank you so much.

Viola Powell



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

- 12 Karen McGahee
- 16 Barbara Gusick
- 16 Patrick Schado
- 17 John McQueen
- 20 Jan Gunnels
- 21 Dorinda Van Loo
- 24 Victoria Morin
- 25 Debbie Moore
- 31 Burton Wright



Happy Birthday

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
- 26 Daphne Harker
- 26 Lana Ward
- 26 Paul Schreiner

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