TSUD RECEIVES AWARD

Troy State University at Dothan recently received the award for Best Planning Document at the 1989 conference of the Southern Association for Institutional Research (SAIR) and the Society for College and University Planning (SCUP) held in Durham, North Carolina.

A number of institutions from the Southeast, South Central, and Southwest regions of the nation participated in the conference. Participating in the conference were such institutions as Wake Forest University, The University of Alabama, Tulane University, Clemson University, Texas A&M University, the University of Miami, and Grambling State University.

According to Dr. William Findley, Associate Director of the Office of Institutional Planning and Studies at the University of Virginia and current Treasurer of SAIR/SCUP, TSUD’s planning document was the one of approximately 15 entries in that category that best met the selection committee’s criteria. "The planning documents were judged on several points: presentation of material; completeness; statement of goals and objectives; and whether it appeared to be complete for that particular institution.

TSUD had a very good document and certainly deserved the award." Dr. Findley added that TSUD is the first recipient of what will be an annual award.

Dr. Frank Lovrich, TSUD Director of Institutional Planning, commented on the award by saying, "It is always gratifying to be recognized by your peers, and as in our case, to selected as having an outstanding planning process. One major emphasis of Dr. Harrison’s has been that this institution would plan for its future in a prudent and efficient manner."

According to Dr. Lovrich included in the TSUD planning document are: evaluations of the University's strengths and weaknesses; priorities; accomplishments; and shortcomings. "Basically we do this kind of strategic planning because funding is low and we feel that we should be serving our constituents in a fiscally responsible manner."

ACHE APPROVES BUDGET INCREASE

The Alabama Commission on Higher Education approved the unified budget request for the state’s public universities and two year colleges for the next fiscal year. The budget request approved by the commission recommends that Troy State University at Dothan receive a $704,200, or 33% increase over current funding level raising the University’s yearly state appropriation from $2,127,500 to $2,831,700.

Under the recommendation, TSUD will begin to receive 71% as a percentage of need calculated by the Commission in 1989-90, to receiving 76% in the next fiscal year. Despite the increase, TSUD still ranks next to the bottom (15th out of 16) among Alabama's colleges and universities in terms of funding based on calculated need.

Dr. Frank M. Lovrich, Director of Institutional Research and Planning, says he feels that the improvement is a step in the right direction. However, he added that the University still lags behind other state institutions in terms of equitable funding. To illustrate his point, Dr. Lovrich pointed out that four universities in the state are currently funded at above 100% of their calculated need.

"All we ask is that TSUD be given equitable funding with the other institutions in the state. We realize there is not a neverending supply of funds available for education, but the citizens in the Wiregrass deserve their fair-share of educational dollars." Dr. Lovrich continued, "Because of the past inadequate state appropriation, TSUD has had to rely more heavily on tuition and fees than other institutions."
CAREER DAY PLANNED

Plans for TSUD’s second Career Day are currently in the works, according to Mrs. Pamela Williamson. Career Day ‘90 is scheduled for January 30, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and will again be held in the ballroom and student center of Houston Hall. Last year approximately 40 area businesses, organizations, and school systems took part in the University’s career fair. This year’s program promises to be even more successful with well over 100 invitations being sent out to past and prospective participants. For more information on Career Day ‘90, contact Mrs. Pamela Williamson at ext. 225.

SALARY INFORMATION

Pursuant to University policy concerning the release of salary information as outlined in the March 8, 1989, memorandum written by Mr. Joel Lee Williams, University Attorney, Dr. Joseph Mitchell, on November 6, 1989, requested additional information concerning salaries of the entire Troy State University System. Dr. Mitchell was provided the requested information on November 21, 1989. In further compliance with University policy concerning the release of salary information, the publication of this notice shall serve as the University’s notification to all affected persons that information about their salaries has been supplied to Dr. Joseph Mitchell.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

- Presided at Administrative Council meetings - October 31 and November 17.
- Attended reception and dinner for SACS Visiting Team - November 6.

- Attended ACHE Facilities meeting in Montgomery - November 14.
- Met with University Advisory Board Committee Chairmen - November 15.
- Participated in Council of Presidents meetings in Montgomery - November 27 and 30.
- Presented commencement address at Alabama Aviation and Technical College - November 29.
- Attended reception in honor of Fall ’89 Interns - November 29.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

DR. WILLIAM BORDERS reports that he attended the National Decision Sciences Institute meeting in New Orleans. He also gave a presentation on Panamanian history and culture to the Fort Rucker school.

In early December, DR. SANDRA FARIA presented a paper at the Southern Regional Education Board’s (SREB) Annual Nursing Research Conference held in Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. Faria’s paper was a synopsis of her dissertation research on Caregivers of CVA (stroke) Patients in the Home.

Dr. ELIZABETH FELL has had a busy month beginning with an Alpha Delta Kappa meeting in early November. She and Diane Murphy conducted the fourth training session for cooperating teachers on the 27th. Dr. Fell hosted an organizational meeting for BYW in her home and served as
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a judge for the Miss Christmas Pageant in Samson, AL. She also judged the December 9th Carroll High School annual yearbook beauty pageant. Dr. Fell reports that she plans to meet with principals at Casthen Elementary and Morningside Elementary schools in Mobile, as a part of her duties as chairman of the SACS visiting teams for each of the schools' ten-year self-studies.

During the month of November, Dr. Patricia Fritchie attended a Wiregrass Reading Council (WRC) meeting; attended a WRC board meeting; attended and testified at a NAEP Federal hearing on testing objectives and format for Reading Language Measurement 1992; attended SAC's welcoming reception at the Ramada Inn; delivered an inservice address entitled "Content Reading and Increasing Comprehension of At Risk Students," at Daleville High School; delivered a speech, "What Motivates Writers to Write," to Carver Middle School's Enrichment Students; attended Kaleidoscope's executive committee at Landmark Park; and delivered an inservice presentation, "Using Pictures to Stimulate Language Development in Very Young Children," to the Evergreen Presbyterian pre-school. In December, she gave a presentation, "Value of a Reading Council in Improving Reading Instruction," to the newly formed Baldwin County Reading Council in Robertsdale, AL., and presented the Cajun Night Before Christmas and other Christmas tales to the Pike County Reading Council in Troy, AL.

In the month of October, Dr. Debbie Goodman presented at a TEP meeting; met with Wiregrass Mental Health representatives regarding training for their employees; attended a Vocational Curriculum Enhancement Committee meeting; met with hotel representatives regarding an education conference; met with Wiregrass Museum of Art employees to discuss an upcoming program; met with Dr. Joseph Talmadge, President of ESJC, regarding courses he is teaching; attended a meeting concerning a statewide meeting on Whole Language; met with Ansell representatives to plan training for their company; attended a School of Education Advisory Committee meeting; met with United Methodist Church officials regarding a Spanish class; toured Ansell; attended the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce annual meeting. In November and December she attended an AUSA meeting at Fort Rucker; attended a reception honoring new doctors at Charter Woods; met with Jean Fogg of Gayfers to plan a continuing education course; represented TSUD at Geneva County High School's College Day; met with Covenant United Methodist officials to plan a course; discussed continuing education training with Great Southern Paper Company; discussed training possibilities with General Electric.

Dr. J. Wyatt Grimmer met with the Alliance and Leadership Coalition concerning recruitment and enrollment of minority students on November 1; attended a reception and dinner for the SACS Visiting Committee on the 6th; and met with the Alabama Commission on Higher Education staff concerning the role and scope of TSUD.

Dr. William Humphrey reports that he participated in American Education Week and the Thanksgiving Celebration at Houston County High School during November. During December, he presented a 30 minute overview of interviewing techniques to the Ambassador Committee of the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce.

During the months of November and December, MRS. DIANE MURPHY led two additional leadership seminars for Barbour County administrators and prospective administrators; attended the ACT workshop; met with fall interns in an all-day seminar; presented a seminar on Higher Orders Thinking Skills to secondary teachers in the Auburn City School System; led two additional training sessions for paraprofessionals of Dothan City Schools; presented the EACT format to area superintendents; trained winter cooperating teachers.

On November 13, DR. MARY JO Pollman headed a workshop for the Mamie Thompson School in Ozark, on "Whole Language Schools in Australia" and on the 18th, she made a presentation to Dr. Mildred Koger's class on "Children of Alcoholics: What Teachers Should Know." She had a research article, "Key Word Approach: These are a Few of My Favorite Words," published in Alabama Reader.

Dr. Leonard Roberts is serving as an editorial reviewer for a Foundations of Education text being planned for publication in 1991 by the Merrill Publishing Company.

Dr. Mary Eve Shoaf recently attended a meeting of the Houston Arts and Humanities Council, met with the owner of the Drescher-
Baldwin Family Music Center to set dates for a piano workshop, and attended the Ecumenical dinner at St. Columba Church. Dr. Shoaf reports that her music class presented "The Giving Tree" to a gathering of TSUD faculty and staff.

Mr. Paul Stark represented the TSUD School of Business at the October and November meetings of the Small Business Committee of the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce. He also attended the November meeting of the Southeast Alabama Traffic Club.

During November, Dr. Jack R. Sublette met with the Alliance and Leadership Coalition; represented TSUD at two Council of Presidents meetings in Montgomery; attended an Enterprise Public Library Board of Trustees meeting; attended a ceremony at GTE to accept a scholarship donation; and attended a reception for the School of Education interns.

Dr. Elizabeth Van Loo attended a meeting of the Houston County Health Council on November 21.

Mr. Frank Walker attended a Library Service and construction Act Advisory Committee meeting in Montgomery; attended an Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind Regional Advisory Council meeting in Dothan; visited Auburn University and Tuskegee Institute Library to explore automation possibilities; and attended a Network of Alabama Academic Libraries Publications Committee meeting. While in Atlanta on personal business, Mr. Walker visited the Emory University Library to see its automated system.

Mr. Tony Whetstone attended a planning meeting at Landmark Park concerning Kaleidoscope '90. Mr. Whetstone will serve as the music chairman for this year's activities.

Mrs. Pamela Williamson attended the monthly luncheon for the Association of Service Agencies on November 4; spoke to the winter quarter teacher interns on November 2; taught a study skills workshop with Alex Perez on November 9; hosted a representative from Jones Law School on the TSUD campus on the 28th; and taught an ACT Workshop session.

NEWS FROM...

The Courtesy Committee reports the following activities:

- sent a get well card to Don Jenkins.
- sent a get well card to Dr. Fell.
- gave a wedding gift and card to Melanie Horn.

The Courtesy Committee extends sympathy to Dr. Harrison upon the death of his stepmother.

The Office of Recruiting and Student Activities

Congratulations to Mrs. Courtney Hardyman on the November 27th birth of her 8 lb., 7 oz. son, Marshall Reed.