Wiregrass residents can now earn mechanical engineering degrees from The University of Alabama without giving up their jobs or struggling with a lengthy commute, thanks to a new, unique program where distance education is combined with a mobile laboratory.

More than 70 southeast Alabama residents have already requested evaluation of their transcripts for the new program. It is made possible through a collaborative effort among The University of Alabama, Troy State University Dothan, Wallace Community College, Enterprise State Junior College, and Wiregrass industry.

In the new program, students will take lower-level prerequisite courses at TSUD, Wallace, or ESJC; pre-engineering courses at TSUD; and then take engineering courses from UA via a video-based distance learning program known as QUEST (Quality University Extended Site Telecourses). In QUEST, classes are videotaped, and those tapes are forwarded to students. This gives professionals a means of continuing their education without having to give up their jobs or heed to a regimented class schedule.

A mobile, completely equipped UA engineering laboratory will be stationed on the TSUD campus where students will take laboratory classes and conduct other hands-on activities. The arrangement, combining distance learning with a mobile engineering lab, is believed to be the nation's only such means of earning a bachelor of science degree in engineering.

Troy State University Dothan President Michael Malone said, "This is the way higher education should be delivered to students in the future. In other words, the community determines its academic and training needs, the local college or university then partners with other state institutions to offer courses and degree programs that supplement the local institutions' offerings, and the mode of course delivery combines the best traditional face-to-face instruction and digital learning technologies. If we are successful in changing the way we do business in higher education, the benefactors of this new education program will be the citizens of the Wiregrass."

Plans are to eventually use the World Wide Web and Inter-campus Interactive Telecommunications Systems (IITS) for the distance education program. The Web will be used to deliver lectures, assignments and supplementary materials, and to allow teacher-student communication. In IITS, already scheduled for installation at TSUD, a network of conference rooms is established around the state for live connections to the UA campus. This will allow groups of students in Dothan to confer with students and faculty in Tuscaloosa and to work on projects or assignments outside of class.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have recently done a lot of introspection and recollection regarding our time together the last two years. I vividly recall our opening of school convocation September 1996. Chancellor Hawkins, Jack Sublette, and I made remarks similar in theme but arrived at independent of previous consultation. On that day (my first opening of school with you), we all talked about change: The inevitability of change; the challenges that change presents; and the stress of change. Lately, I have given much thought to the latter point.

The literature emphasizes the multifacets of stress. Stress is natural to the human organism, and when properly controlled, stress can be healthy. Conversely, uncontrolled (unmanaged) stress can be a killer!

Words cannot express how deeply appreciative I am, and will always be, relative to your willingness to change the way we have historically done business at TSUD. Your confidence and enthusiasm has given me the energy and direction I needed to provide the leadership to carry out your (our) strategic plans. Your loyalty and can-do attitude inspired me to represent you and your interests in my daily activities. However, your tireless, go the extra mile efforts have left you stressed, very stressed. I recognize this and have asked many of you what I can do to lessen the stress.

I hear you using one phrase over and over again, “We need stability!” You are right, stability is often a good antidote to unhealthy stress. I will not insult your intelligence by saying we will not see any more changes. But, unlike the past two years, I do not see significant changes coming your (our) way as compared to the plethora of changes we have experienced since the opening of school, 1996.

Our operational watch words will be “managed” change; teamwork; smarter, not harder; quality assurance; and people first. You have my commitment to make these watch words manifest in our work together next year, and the important two years thereafter. We will be successful. We will be focused. We will have stability. And hopefully, you will have as much fun in the next three years as I have had in the past two years!

Michael E. Malone
President

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Dr. Brenda Ameter appeared before the Alabama Council on the Arts in Montgomery to defend a grant she had written on August 4; hosted the SGA swimming party and picnic to honor David Johnson on August 13; met with Sigma Tau Delta’s Executive Council to set up this year’s activities; participated in SGA canoe trip.

Ms. Tina Bernath attended closing program for Summer Spectacular on July 23; attended lecture on “El Nino/La Nina” presented by Dr. Stacey Mixon on August 4.

Ms. Reita Cordell participated in Excel and Access training and the Dean’s Search for the School of Education; attended Student Systems Steering Committee at TSU; assisted with proofing of TSUD Bulletin on site at TSU.

Dr. Elizabeth Fell attended School of Education Dean’s Search Committee on July 7 and 23; conducted in-service on “Collaboration” at Rehobeth High School on July 9; attended advisement workshops on July 9 and 14; conducted the Summer Reading Program “Surf’s Up” with Teaching Language Arts class at the Houston Love Library and participants were filmed/interviewed by Teresa Thomas from Channel 4 (305 children who were 3 to 6 years-olds participated in the program) on July 8, 15, 22, and 29; conducted curriculum and department meetings on July 14, 22, August 18, and 19; attended department chair meetings on July 21 and August 12; attended TEP Committee on July 29; attended President Malone’s faculty breakfast meeting on July 30; attended internship meeting on August 6; participated in Dean Search Committee activities with candidates on August 10 and 11; hosted a pizza party at her home for Teaching Language Arts class on August 17; attended PICLE meeting on August 21; attended The TSU System Conference in Eufaula on August 24 and 25; camped and relaxed on the Suwannee River with husband, Ray, from August 28—September 3.

Dr. Patricia Fritchlie reviewed the following: Phonics for Teachers: Self Instruction for Chas. Merrill & Prentice Hall, publication date 1999, university acknowledged in text; Developing Real Readers Through Explicit Systematic Phonological Awareness and Word Attack Skills, Chas. Merrill & Prentice Hall, pre-publication manuscript; Developments in Literacy—for Reading On Line—web journal of International Reading Association, which can be found at www.readingonline.org.; and Standards for Literacy Professionals & Paraprofessionals, International Reading Association; served as volunteer to register participants at 1998 Kids’ Fishing Clinic, Dan Russel Pier, sponsored by the Department of Environmental Protection, Tallahassee, FL; conducted two Continuing Education workshops—KidPix for Teachers and Holiday Make and Take: Learning About Cultural Differences.

Dr. Jan Gunnels attended Advisement Workshops on July 9 and 14; met with Dothan Eagle and Dothan Progress reporters about stories on Summer Spectacular on July 13-16; met with Academic Council on July 21; attended a going-away party for Melody Turner on July 22; met with TEP Committee on July 29; met with Dr. Malone in faculty group on August 5; presented “Look What I Did!”;
SONY SUPPORTS QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE CAMPAIGN

Pictured from left to right above are: Barry Singletary, President of Sony Magnetic Products, Inc.; C. Charles Nailen, Jr., Chair, TSUD Development Committee Quest for Excellence Campaign; and Dr. Michael Malone, President of TSUD.

Sony Magnetic Products, Inc. of America (SMPA) presented Troy State University Dothan with a pledge of $250,000 on July 27 to aid the institution in its Quest for Excellence Campaign. The campaign aims to invest in students' education by providing them with state-of-the art technological tools.

SMPA will help TSUD reach its goal over five years with a $125,000 donation and a matching gift from parent company Sony Electronics' foundation. The first $50,000 installment of this pledge was made earlier in July.

"As a Dothan-based operation, we owe it to the community to be involved in any way we can," said SMPA President Barry Singletary. "Our contribution will help provide students with the tools they need to become well-educated employees in their community."

In the works through the Quest for Excellence Campaign is a library/high technology building that will house an interactive lecture hall, computer laboratories, distance education classroom, and a production studio.

TSUD President Michael Malone said Sony's gift to the school will help in equipping the new facility with the latest technology. "We have a goal of two million to equip our new building," he said. Malone said the construction of the school's third building will begin next year and is expected to be completed in time for the 2000-2001 school year.

Established in 1977, Sony Magnetic Products, Inc. of America produces consumer and professional videotape, audio tape, and data storage media. As part of Dothan’s landscape for over 20 years, the company continues to respond to community needs in the Dothan area and the state of Alabama with financial support and volunteer efforts.

Physical Knowledge in ECE at the Southeast Alabama Early Childhood Conference in Ozark on August 8; attended presentations given by candidates for dean of School of Education on August 10.

Dr. Barbara Gusick presented a paper entitled "Death and Work in Late-Medieval English Lyrics" at the Fifth International Medieval Congress held at the University of Leeds (U.K.) from July 13-16 where she further organized and presided over a session entitled "Death and Dying: Late Middle Ages" at the same conference; while in England, she attended an all-day performance of the York Mystery Plays staged in the streets of the medieval city of York; attended The TSU System Conference in Eufaula on August 24 and 25.

Ms. Cindy Halcomb participated in Microsoft Office 97 Access and Outlook training classes through Continuing Education; attended TSUD University Forum meeting; attended TSUD Community Band concert at Landmark Park; attended Woodham Lecture Series presentation by Dr. Stacey Mixon; attended TSUD Alumni Association annual meeting.

Dr. Cynthia Lumpkin met with Dr. Malone, Dr. Alford, and officials from Farley Nuclear Plant to plan an in-service course for secondary science teachers; co-directed Summer Spectacular at Kelly Springs Elementary School; attended and presented advisement workshops; presented a workshop for K-12 teachers at Wicksburg School; attended presentations given by candidates for Dean of School of Education; attended The TSU System Conference in Eufaula; hosted Dr. Phillip Bennett of Lander University, chair of Board of Examiners from NCATE, for pre-visit.

Dr. Priscilla McArthur and Charles went on a three-week tour of the Baltic Sea area during summer break. A highlight of the trip will be a return to St. Petersburg and Moscow and the opportunity to compare and contrast 1992 and 1998.

Ms. Janet McQueen attended monthly meeting of the Wiregrass Human Resource Management Association on "Performing Interviewing" on July 9; attended ADA Advisory Council meeting on July 14; attended Institutional Support Staff meeting on July 30; participated in Legal Issues Roundtable presented by Wallace Community College on Harassment in the Workplace on July 30.

Mr. John McQueen attended a 16-hour course from the National Fire Academy entitled "Emergency Response to Terrorism Basic
ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

July and August

Made four Capital Campaign visits
Hosted lunch for Farley Nuclear Plant and Alabama Power Company officials at TSUD
Participated in Capital Campaign Executive Committee meetings
Attended retirement reception at Wallace College for Dr. Larry Beatty
Presided at July TSUD Executive Council meeting
Held small group discussion meetings with TSUD faculty
Attended monthly State Articulation and General Studies meeting in Gulf Shores
Attended Alabama Humanities Foundation conference at Spring Hill College in Mobile
Participated in two Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meetings
Was guest speaker at Lion’s Club lunch meeting
Attended TSUD Community Band concert at Landmark Park
Accepted Capital Campaign donation from Sony Magnetic Products, Inc.
Attended Summer Reading Program at Houston Love Library
Participated in Wiregrass Forum meeting in Ozark
Attended Woodham Memorial Lecture Series presentation by Dr. Stacey Mixon
Met with TSUD library director candidates
Hosted luncheon for E. B. McDaniel family and associates scholarship donation
Chaired Alabama-Florida Council of Boy Scouts School Night in Dothan
Attended TSU summer commencement in Troy
Met with TSUD School of Education dean candidates
Participated in System Executive Committee meeting in Troy
Participated in TSUD-University of Alabama mechanical engineering planning meeting
Participated in Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors planning retreat at Cedar Springs, Georgia
Participated in meeting in Montgomery with Dr. Henry Hector, ACHE staff, Dr. Jack Hawkins, Dr. Glenda Curry, and Dr. Doug Patterson
Participated in The TSU System Conference in Eufaula
Attended Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce General Membership luncheon with Senator Shelby as guest speaker
Hosted Coach Larry Blakeney at TSUD Alumni Chapter cookout
Attended job loss impact strategy session at Slocomb City Hall
Met with Dr. Bennett from NCATE during his pre-visit meeting at TSUD
Ms. Pamela Williamson attended Alabama Graduate and Professional Schools Fair Planning Committee meeting in Prattville on August 7; co-hosted, along with Joanne Krist and Diana Parker, a baby shower for Ashleigh Savoy on August 13.

Mr. Bob Willis attended a meeting with The University of Alabama representatives to plan for the Mechanical Engineering Program media event on July 15; served as co-technical director for SEACT’s production of “Noises Off” on August 11-15; attended The TSU System Conference in Eufaula on August 24 and 25.

Thank you for remembering me during my recent hospital stay. Your prayers and concerns were instrumental in my speedy recovery. More importantly, thank you for all you do to give Tony peace of mind when he is away from TSUD. We are fortunate to be surrounded by such a caring group of people.

Rhonda Whetstone

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Thank you for the memorial in honor of our beloved one, Lewis Woodham, to our church building fund.

We appreciate your generosity and love toward our family.

In Christ,
The Woodhams

COURTESY COMMITTEE REPORT
July and August 1998

Get Well Cards

*Debora Pettway
*Jamesie Rivers
*Nancy Schado (Pat Schado’s mother)
*Dr. Dorinda Van Loo
*Rhonda Whetstone
*Tammy Williams

Sympathy Card

*Dr. Dean Davis on the death of his mother

Wedding Gift

*Becky (Izzell) and Tom Hunt

Thank You Notes Received

*Becky Izzell
*Pat Schado
*Rhonda Whetstone
*The Woodham Family

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McDaniel & Associates, P.C., donated $10,000 to Troy State University Dothan’s School of Business to endow an accounting scholarship named in honor and memory of the firm’s founding partner, Edgar Bernard McDaniel, Jr.

McDaniel had a strong academic background ranging from his Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce from the University of Georgia to Jones Law School, where he served as valedictorian of his graduating class. He became a certified public accountant in Georgia and Alabama and moved to Dothan in 1937. In 1940, McDaniel was a founding partner of the firm of Strickland and McDaniel, the present firm of McDaniel & Associates. During his distinguished career, he became Dothan’s first Certified Public Accountant, was a former president of the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants, and served on the Council of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

As a firm with deep roots in the Wiregrass area, the partners have made a commitment to maintain the integrity and prestige associated with Edgar Bernard McDaniel, Jr., and McDaniel & Associates. To accomplish this, a $10,000 gift has been donated to TSUD to endow an accounting scholarship. Once it becomes fully endowed, the scholarship will be awarded annually to a student interested in pursuing a career in the field of accounting and serve as a perpetual memorial to McDaniel for his many contributions to the field and the Wiregrass community.

Pictured above from left to right are: Dr. Khamis Bilbeisi, Professor of Accounting at TSUD; Dr. Michael Malone, President of TSUD; Mrs. E. B. McDaniel, wife of Edgar Bernard McDaniel, Jr.; Jim Ellis, President of McDaniel & Associates, P.C.; and Dr. Adair Gilbert, Dean of the TSUD School of Business.

TSU System News...
From Troy...

VOLUNTEER SPIRIT THRIVES AT TSU

A system-wide study of volunteerism and community service by Dr. Jean Laliberte, associate professor of marketing at TSU and a Chancellor’s Faculty and Staff Fellow for 1998, has uncovered information about TSU’s volunteer spirit. Faculty and staff donate their time to an array of community agencies and volunteer projects, Dr. Laliberte said, ranging from school Parent-Teacher Organizations to nonprofit agencies, such as the American Heart Association, to serving in handicapped-assistance programs. But the amount of time donated by TSU personnel provided the real surprise, she said.

In Alabama, the faculty and staff of The TSU System donate an average of 7,700 volunteer hours to their communities each month, Dr. Laliberte said. That translates into 10 volunteer hours per month per employee.

One community-benefiting project that has felt the impact of TSU’s volunteerism is the Pike/Troy chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Troy State University personnel have been key components of the Pike/Troy chapter of Habitat for Humanity, which builds quality, affordable housing for less-fortunate families, since it began in 1994.

TSU students are also regular participants in Habitat projects. Students can often be found at home sites, lending their labor. Last spring, the Interfraternity Council donated $600 to support the Pike/Troy chapter’s current home-building project on Banks Street in Troy.

Construction of the Banks Street home is progressing and the property for the chapter’s next home, which will be located in Brundidge, has been acquired. The chapter is helping families outside of Pike County as well—donations of more than $4,000 to Habitat for Humanity International have funded the construction of four new homes in Mexico.
LIBRARY NEWS

by Julia Smith, library director

A new database is now available in the library. LEXIS-NEXIS Academic Universe provides access to a wide range of news, business, legal, and reference information. Come by the library and check out this new resource.

Library hours for Fall Quarter 1998 are:
- Monday - Thursday 8 A.M. - 9 P.M.
- Friday 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
- Saturday 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.
- Sunday 1 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Pentium computers have been installed in the library in order to provide quicker access to the growing number of databases available. Additional full-text databases will be announced soon.

The TSU System Library Catalog includes the holdings of the TSUD library and can be accessed on the Web at http://tsulib.troyst.edu.

Questions, comments, or suggestions concerning the library can be e-mailed to jsmith@tsud.edu.

JOHNSON MOVES TO UA

Success in life comes from being able to adapt to change within life’s experiences. I believe that education can be an empowering and transforming experience that increases one’s capacity to respond positively to change. Having worked in higher education administration for the past five years, I am very much aware of organizational change issues. My professional experiences have been varied and challenging.

I wrote the above paragraph to begin my “statement of purpose” when I applied to the doctoral program in higher education administration at The University of Alabama. Little did I know how quickly change would come to me. It is with mixed emotions and the sincerest heartfelt thanks to the TSUD students and to my TSUD colleagues that I must say goodbye for now as I leave the familiar and friendly surroundings of TSUD and the Wiregrass to begin a new journey.

I have been accepted into the doctoral program at The University of Alabama, and I have also accepted the position of Assistant Director of Admissions for Orientation and Special Events. I look forward to the challenges that these two new adventures will present to me. I also am very grateful for the opportunities that have been afforded me at TSUD. At TSUD, I was given the opportunity to challenge the process and to be creative in structuring new process. Simply put, I was given the tools and the freedom to create and to make my mark in the areas of student and alumni activities. I hope that I have hit the mark square in the middle.

Thus, I wish to thank the following: Chancellor Hawkins, for inspiring me as a student and an employee and reminding me to be in and stay in this business of higher education; Dr. Thomas Harrison, who took the chance to give me the opportunity to grow in higher education; Dr. Michael Malone, for his vision of where TSUD and academe should be; Dr. Barbara Alford, for her tireless professional leadership and constant personal support; Tony Whetstone, for “modeling the way” and a great friendship; and certainly Dr. Jack Sublette, for being my mentor and friend.

These are but a few of the people who have touched my life while I have served at TSUD. Many of you have given to me far more than you know. I hope that, in some small way, I have been able to impart to others the positive energy that I have received over the past five years. I hope that upon my completion of the doctoral degree program, I will be better prepared to meet the challenges of various leadership roles and better able to help others view change as a positive and challenging factor within organizations.

In conclusion, I say to you in Hindi, “Phir Milenge,” which means, “we’ll meet again!”

Sincerely,

David B. Johnson

SACS UPDATE

Dr. Charles McArthur will chair the Institutional Effectiveness Committee. He replaces Dr. Diane Murphy, who took a position with Ozark City Schools. Thank you!

TSUD ALUMNI INFORMATION

Coach Larry Blakeney was guest speaker at the TSUD Alumni Association annual meeting and hot dog cookout on August 27 at Troy State University Dothan.

At the meeting, the TSUD Alumni Association announced and awarded three TSUD Alumni Association Scholarships which pay $150 toward tuition for three quarters to the following students: Adana Baker, Beate Holmes, and Amanda Mercer. They also awarded Dana Harrison a TSUD Alumni Association Bookstore Scholarship which pays $50 toward books at the TSUD bookstore for three quarters.

New officers for the 1998-99 year were selected. Officers are: Christina Johnson, president; Carl White, president-elect; Theresa Evans, secretary; and Mary Butler-McCruter, treasurer.
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GAMMA BETA PHI

The new Executive Committee of the TSUD Chapter of Gamma Beta Phi held its annual organization meeting this summer on Sunday, August 23, 1998, and set the meeting schedule for the coming academic year.

All meetings will be held in the Harrison Room in Malone Hall at 2:30 P.M. on the following Sundays: September 20, October 18, November 15 (1998); January 10, February 21, March 14, April 18, May 16, and June 13 (1999).

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