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Tri-State University and Women.

Two mutually exclusive entities? Hardly.

Tri-State University has long recognized women as an invaluable source of innovation and leadership. Contributions from women permeate our school's history, from the professors who have taught in our classrooms, to the scholars who have chaired our academic departments, to the trustees who have efficiently moved our institution forward.

Outstanding female students have also found in TSU a place to explore ideas, and to absorb knowledge with a thirst born of an awareness of the battle their female ancestors waged for enlightenment and equality.

Nothing restricts a pioneering spirit.

This issue of Discover magazine will introduce you to a group of women whose life journeys, at some point, intersected with TSU and in so doing, became even more remarkable. Their histories begin with the earliest ranks of TSU women scholars, at a time barely removed from the Constitutional amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote. Those who followed explored fields theretofore rarely examined by women, opening the doors for their pioneering sisters to come. Today's TSU women alumnae work side-by-side with their male counterparts in laboratories, classrooms, corporations, and human service agencies.

With their success, our mission to serve all students continues. As we further strengthen the established excellence of our academic offerings, we know we will intellectually stir other talented students, women and men of all ages and races, to reach their highest potential and pass on that knowledge to others in their communities, their workplaces, their classrooms.

In addition, we will continue to explore new ways to more fully instruct and engage our students in the disciplines necessary to protect our planet and benefit our nation.

We salute these remarkable women. They are emblematic of distinguished leaders everywhere. By setting a high standard, they challenge all TSU students to achieve and then raise the bar, incognizant of supposed limits.

Earl D. Brooks II

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President



Eleven remarkable women.

Eleven unique stories of achievement, self-discovery, and professional success, some with global impact. This edition of Discover will spotlight a group of women who sought higher education and used it to shape their destinies. With Tri-State as a springboard, some of them launched careers in the relative frontiers of engineering, business, and science, tapping their uncaged intellect and energy.



As they tested the tools of their disciplines, they sparked world-changing discoveries in the treatment of suffering and disease; the testing of machines; the nature of substance addiction; the interrelationships of business; the maneuvering of the mind and behavior. Often, they juggled the dual responsibilities of career and family during their quest for self-actualization, challenge, and answers.

Some of these women earned degrees elsewhere, and yet Tri-State's opportunities attracted them here to pass on their hard-won knowledge to young women and men in the classroom, empowering those students to venture even more deeply into professions which drive the world and touch lives.

Recent TSU female graduates have found their way more easily due to their pioneering predecessors. They are moving and evolving, transforming their environment as they refine themselves. They are engineers, research physicists, workshop creators, business leaders, and directors of organizations. They're field leaders. They defy stereotypes and stubbornly resist classification.

Why shouldn't they? For over 100 years, they've illustrated, as did the "Steel Magnolias" characters, that women can be soft as satin or hard as nails, depending on the circumstances.

They have been a pleasure and an inspiration to meet, and I hope these pages in small measure convey the spirit, grit, humor, and intellect of these outstanding Tri-State women.

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MASTER PLAN ON COURSE



With \$76 million raised, TSU's *Vision for the Future* master plan notched impressive gains in 2007 on its way to the ultimate goal of \$90 million by June, 2009.

As a result, unprecedented infrastructure improvements forever changed the look of TSU for fall and future students. The 73,000-square-foot University Center and Center for Technology and Online Resources, unveiled Homecoming

and Information Services for education resources. The TSU Bookstore opened with shelves of clothing and accessories for sports fans, gifts and snacks, textbooks, and school supplies. Students flocked to the Office of Student Life and IT Help Desk for aid and services, while a new post office also kept services central and convenient.

The historic Sniff building has been restored and now serves as the magnificent C.W.

For the first year, students enjoyed suite-style living in a co-ed environment in the new Kinney Street, University Center, and Moss Street apartments. The new buildings have private one-, two-, and three-bedroom spaces with living room, kitchen, and restroom, and include a recreation area equipped with pool tables, air hockey tables, and a big screen television. In addition, each common area offers a fireplace and small bistro area.



weekend Oct. 4-6, immediately became the campus nerve center, attracting students and staff to Whitney Commons for gourmet dining; Fabiani Theatre for films and cultural events; the student lounge for sessions in the massage chairs; the Center for Digital Excellence for state-of-the-art technology; and the Library

Sponsel Administration Center, four stories of granite floors, chandeliers, and hardwood trim to accent distinctive windows and high ceilings. Interior furnishings donated by Drs. Ralph and Sheri Trine accent the executive, marketing and development offices. The fourth floor houses the elegant Franks Executive Conference Suite.

The Information Technology Department completed the wireless environment in the fall, and \$2 million in technology upgrades enhanced communication and learning for students and staff. On the horizon for the plan are additional student apartments and athletic facilities upgrades.



THE FUTURE UNVEILED

Hundreds of Tri-State alumni and friends gathered on the revitalized campus Oct. 4-6 to take a much-anticipated look at the university's \$26 million investment in a new university center, student apartments and remodeled administration center while congratulating award winners and enjoying a victory on the Thunder football field as part of Homecoming weekend festivities. Alumni and the public viewed the new University Center for the first time at a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday at 6 p.m., enjoying dinner in its Whitney Commons dining area and touring the facility for the remainder of the evening. On Friday, donors such as alumnus Dr. Clifford Sponsel, his wife, Juliette, and Virginia Fabiani, wife of late



HOMECOMING EXCITEMENT

Oct. 4-6, 2007



Written by Yvonne Schroeder • Photography by Dean Orewiler Portrait Art



TSU alumnus Dante Fabiani, received recognition for their roles in bringing this segment of the campus improvement plan to fruition. In Fabiani Theatre Thursday evening, alumni whose gifts have significantly impacted the university were honored. Virginia Fabiani received the Woman of Distinction Award, while Dr. Clifford Sponsel was honored with the Pillar of Success, the university's highest award, for his contributions. His namesake building, the C.W. Sponsel Administration Center, was dedicated on Friday. Saturday found supportive TSU fans assembled in the bleachers at Shive Field for a Homecoming game in near-90-degree weather. The Thunder delivered on the crowd's expectations, besting Kalamazoo College 17-14 in the MIAA contest. The Office of Student Life created excitement at the game and throughout the weekend, sponsoring a pre-game tailgate party with free brats and a live band, fireworks, a banner competition, and a skydiving team dropping in for the occasion. The next Homecoming weekend, set for Sept. 25-27, promises even more excitement, when TSU unveils new athletic facilities and student apartments.



SEMESTER RETROSPECTIVES

1 A SHAKE-UP The Drama Club put a modern spin on the works of William Shakespeare with the fall production, “The Compleat Works of Wllm Shkspr (abridged),” on Nov. 8-10 in the new Fabiani Theatre. The play incorporated modern entertainment, theater, and performance art into 37 well-known Shakespeare plays.

2 TSU FAMILY DIVERSIFIES TSU’s new English Language Center Director, Gail Lugo, and new international coordinator, Mari Williams, helped students from Japan, China, Korea, and Saudi Arabia bridge the language gap and adjust to a new culture when they began classes on the Angola campus this fall.

3 TSU RATED TOPS TSU earned the 34th spot among Midwestern baccalaureate colleges in the 2008 edition of “America’s Best Colleges” by *U.S. News & World Report*, a national source of service journalism and news.

4 POPULATION EXPLOSION The largest fall student population making TSU its home in 10 years moved to campus Aug. 18 and 19. Volunteers staffed welcome centers in residence halls and the new student apartments, dispensing freezer pops, TSU water, and popcorn to students.

5 HOT DEGREES The May 2007 graduate destination survey conducted by the Office of Career Services shows 100 percent of responding students in 22 TSU degree programs are either employed or in graduate school within six months of their graduation.

6 NCAA UPDATE After three years of provisional status, TSU became a full active member of the NCAA Division III on Sept. 1. The Thunder is now eligible for all NCAA Division III championships and national rankings.

7 TAKING IT TO THE STREET TSU hosted

Chalk it Up, a community-wide event for artists of all ages, on University Boulevard Saturday, Sept. 22, as part of Angola’s Fall Fest. Local artists created their own four-by-four-foot masterpieces in chalk, directly on the boulevard.

8 LONG-TIMERS TSU faculty members Dr. Edward Nagel, Dr. Roger Hawks, and Dr. Dolores Tichenor received awards for their years with TSU. Tichenor and Nagel celebrated 40 years with the University, and Hawks over 30.

9 THE BIG CHILL A foot or so of snow blanketed the TSU campus on New Year’s Eve, creating a white wonderland while students enjoyed a holiday break.

10 IN SPEAKER LINEUP Joe Kernan, former Indiana governor, visited TSU on Monday, Oct. 15, to present “Play Ball!” as part of the university’s Distinguished Speaker series. Kernan now heads a group of investors who purchased the South Bend Silver Hawks baseball team in 2005.

11 ENGINEERS EXCEL TSU engineering seniors outscored their national counterparts in scoring on the fundamentals of engineering exam administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

12 WATCH ‘TIL YOU DROP TSU’s Office of Student Life offered a Holiday Movie Marathon for students in December. Students suited up in PJ’s, slippers, and blankets to watch Christmas favorites in Fabiani Theatre until the wee hours.

13 ALL EYES ON KETNER Students in the Ketner School of Business are all smiles after an October site visit from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. TSU will receive its ASCBSP accreditation decision shortly.

14 SIDEWALK SUPPORT The sorority Kappa Sigma Alpha showed their support of the football team by

painting this square on the sidewalk near the stadium in a traditional TSU Homecoming activity.

15 OH, BROTHER Brother, a local favorite band from Fort Wayne, posed with TSU’s Katelyn Storms before performing in TSU’s Hershey Hall in November. The Office of Student Life sponsored the concert.

16 TSU ON TARGET TSU’s American Criminal Justice Association (ACJA) Tau Alpha Omicron chapter topped its previous records at the ACJA Region 6 conference in Big Rapids, Mich. Nov. 2-4, bringing home TSU’s first-ever Top Gun in handgun competition.

17 SEASONAL MERRIMENT TSU kicked off the holiday season festively by donating decorated, lit Christmas trees to families of Project Help, the county’s food and clothing bank. The tree giveaway was part of TSU’s first annual Holiday Extravaganza, which included concerts, a dinner, visits with Santa and treats in the University mall area.

18 MIDNIGHT MUNCHING TSU students enjoyed Midnight Breakfast, served up by Bon Appétit and faculty and staff during finals week.

19 HARVEST HAPPENINGS The Office of Student Life sponsored its annual pumpkin carving event, giving students a chance to showcase entries like this one. TSU athletes also treated area children to Treats for Tots, a Halloween event in the University Center.

20 HOSTING BUSINESS LEADERS Dr. V.G. Hornbacher received recognition with his family for contributing the Hornbacher Fitness Center to the University Center. Hornbacher and the Steuben County Community Foundation were honored during an Angola Area Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Event hosted by TSU in October.

NEW TSU STUDENTS UP 33 PERCENT

Tri-State University's new fall student enrollment increased by 33 percent over last year.

Vice President of Enrollment Management Scott Goplin attributed the enrollment jump to a five-year enrollment marketing plan implemented in fall 2005, in which TSU "has aggressively pursued the development of new academic and activity programming, a master plan to address facility needs, and deliberate and innovative programming to improve student retention," he said.

The master plan included the construction of TSU's University Center and Center for Technology and Online Resources and three new student apartment buildings, which drew support from current students and attracted the public's attention. A successful \$90 million capital campaign wrapping up in fall 2009 also fueled energy and excitement, he said.

Other factors include polished admission and marketing efforts to communicate a consistent TSU message; new academic

and activity programs such as the five-year master degree in civil and mechanical engineering, an entrepreneurship major, and minors in robotics, metallurgy, architecture, and music; increased academic standards and the availability of scholarships and financial aid; the transition to National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III membership, improved athletic recruitment and retention, and the addition of men's and women's lacrosse; and admission office outreaches through high schools and college fairs.



MASTER PLAN AND BEYOND

TSU's continued enrollment growth will spark a range of improvements designed to accommodate the increased student numbers and enhance the experience of athletics, including \$20.5 million in new construction for the Tri-State University campus over the next year, according to TSU President Dr. Earl Brooks II.

Of immediate impact will be four apartment buildings overlooking Zollner Golf Course, which will add 400 beds for the influx of students. Apartments for the first 100 students will be open Aug. 1, in

time for students to occupy them in the coming fall semester. Apartments to house the next 300 students will open in January, 2009. Stewart Hall, the last dormitory on campus, will then be razed to make way for a new tennis complex.

Previously approved projects valued at \$5.5 million, also to be completed by August, include a new football stadium with artificial turf, locker rooms, restrooms, press boxes, and concessions, which will occupy the site of present-day Shive Field to accommodate the sports of football,

lacrosse, and soccer. Within the stadium overlooking the field will be four motel rooms for the use of campus visitors. On game day, the spaces will convert to hospitality rooms with a view of the action on the field. The stadium area will also contain a new practice football field.

A new field house with 200-meter indoor track will connect with Hershey Hall, which houses the university's Ketner Sports Center. TSU's Thunder Sports Park will also receive a facelift, with new parking areas, curbs and sidewalks, restrooms, and concessions.



Heather Carroll, BBAM 2006, left, Joshua Aldrich, BBAM 2007, center, and David Ray, BAM 2007, are among the adult students in continuing education at Tri-State University's School of Professional Studies in Fort Wayne.

Photography by Dani Kiefer

NEW YEAR USHERS IN NEW SPS COURSES

The year 2008 brought new degree offerings to TSU Fort Wayne, a branch campus within the TSU School of Professional Studies (SPS). The university's accrediting organization formally approved the offering of a master of science degree for criminal justice majors and a bachelor of science degree in emergency management after a focused visit in May. The organization also approved an online bachelor's degree with a major in business administration.

Dr. Thomas Beckner directs the SPS criminal justice and emergency management programs at the new Public Safety Academy of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. Law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and other emergency professionals can now engage in physical training on the academy's first floor and classroom courses on the second floor.

Ten students opened the semester in 2008 by declaring criminal justice majors in the master degree program, Beckner said.

TSU EXPANDS TO BRYAN, OHIO

TSU Bryan, a branch campus of the Tri-State University School of Professional Studies, opened for spring semester classes on Jan. 1 at 124 S. Beech St., Bryan, Ohio.

Initial course offerings in the newly renovated TSU Bryan facility include accounting, economics, criminal justice, business, and psychology. With final Ohio Board of Regents approval, TSU Bryan will offer bachelor's degrees in business administration, applied management, and criminal justice. Students have access to a full range of other classes and degree programs online.

In keeping with the SPS mission of providing higher learning opportunities for adults, TSU Bryan awards prior learning credit and accepts transfer credit from other universities to support returning adult students. Ongoing discussions with local colleges and universities focus on partnerships and formal articulation agreements to work cooperatively to serve the needs of adults who wish to begin or advance in careers, or enhance skills to keep pace with a complex world.

TSU COURSE EDUCATES ON WISE GIVING

Most of us don't analyze our charitable giving. A new class in philanthropy began at TSU this fall to educate students to give wisely and to understand some functions of a non-profit corporation.



TSU teamed up with Steuben County Community Foundation executive director Sharon Stroh to give future leaders some experience in giving back to their communities. The course in philanthropy, which derives from the Latin word meaning "love of people," was offered as an elective for management majors in the Ketner School of Business.

Stroh explained some functions of her foundation in a focus on distributing philanthropic funds. The foundation manages and invests endowed funds, channeling profits into grants for charitable community projects. Students worked with \$10,000 provided by the foundation to create, manage, and distribute a grant to Rehabilitative and Industrial Services Enterprise (RISE) Inc., the county's sheltered workshop. In the process, they communicated with their public and worked as a board to decide distributions.

"The notion of philanthropy from a leadership perspective is important, so the course is a welcomed addition to our students' thinking as they look ahead to their roles as leaders," said Ketner School of Business associate professor and acting dean Don Kreitzer. "It will show them there is more to leadership than leading an organization. It's about keeping the community vital."

The Women of Tri-State and the History of the World

Oh, how far we've come!

1884

When Tri-State Normal College was established in 1884, the world of women was already on the cusp of change, with women progressively making their marks in social change, education, politics, industry, and science. For example, in 1881, Clara Barton was founding the American Red Cross, while Alice Freeman Palmer was being initiated as president of Wellesley College.

1884

Situated in a county and town whose founders believed in the value of education, Tri-State Normal College quickly gained a reputation for producing the finest students of “normal” studies—from this institution from the start came teachers, engineers, artists, musicians, and future scientists and physicians.

1899

Early on, many young ladies, like Mrs. Elizabeth Waters from Grand Rapids, Mich., (1899) attended the teacher training program, taking their certificates and securing jobs. Some of these graduates became principals and administrators, while other early teachers used their training in diverse fields, like Mrs. Alfred Habegger (1912), who became a missionary to the Cheyenne Indians, or Mrs. Enola Bash (1912) who became an auditor for the U.S. Department of Justice.

1892

By the time of Elizabeth Cady Stanton’s crusade for women’s rights (1892) and Helen Keller’s graduation from Radcliffe College (1904), women had established a foothold in what was to be a revolution. And, already at Tri-State, they were showing that they could hold their own with the best of the men. For example, Ana E. Ireland (IG, 1927 and Sec, 1931) became an assistant training specialist in the Bureau of Aeronautics in the U.S. Navy, while Mrs. Emma Hummon (Sc 1910) became a physician.

1914

In 1914 Margaret Sanger published the first issue of “The Woman Rebel,” and, on the heels of Jeannette Rankin being the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress in 1917, women picketed the White House, demanding that women in every state be allowed to vote. And then, in 1920, just two years before Tri-State alumna Frances Shevenaugh earned her diploma, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified.

1923

It was 1923 when the Equal Rights Amendment was introduced, and 1925 when Texas gave the U.S. its first woman governor. Six years later the first woman was recommended as an astronaut (1931!)

1935

Meanwhile at Tri-State, still more women were making their marks, some of them coming back to their alma mater as professors, like Mary Carney (1935) who taught English for Tri-State College, or Elizabeth Brown Orlosky, who taught English and speech at TSC for 30 years, from 1956 to 1986.

1932

In the timeline of women’s history, Amelia Earhart made her fated flight in 1932; a year later Frances Perkins became the first female cabinet member—the same year that Nellie Taylor Ross became the first woman to head the U.S. Mint. During this time many of Tri-State’s young ladies worked in the nation’s capital, like Catherine Covell (Sec 1941) who became secretary to a senator, and June Sollenberger (Sec 1941) who worked in the U.S. Department of Labor.

1942

It was 1942 when the military created women’s branches, with women quickly taking their places beside the U.S. Air Force’s flyboys, by establishing the Women’s Auxiliary Flying Squadron. A year later the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League was formed, with a team just down the road from Tri-State, in Fort Wayne.

1951

In 1951 a woman discovered mobile genetic elements in plants—the same year that Brownie Wise was appointed general sales manager of Tupperware Home Parties. But it was 1953 when Katherine Jamerson graduated from Tri-State, to become a junior engineer in data procedures for Boeing’s guided missile project in less than four years.

1955

In 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus; in 1966, the first six women qualified for the U.S. Space Program. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the President’s Commission on the Status of Women; two years later, The Equal Pay Act required employers to give equal pay for men and women performing the same job duties.

1972

In 1972 Gloria Steinem developed the Ms. Foundation for Women, the same year that the Equal Rights Amendment was finally passed in the U.S. Senate. In 1981 Sandra Day O’Connor became the first woman Supreme Court Justice.

1990

In 1990 Oprah Winfrey became the first woman to own and produce her own syndicated TV show.

1993

In 1993, President Clinton named his wife, Hillary, to head his health care reform task force; in 1996 Madeleine Albright became the first female secretary of state. And, in 2007, Hillary Rodham Clinton became the first woman to actively campaign for president of the United States.

And, through it all, Tri-State’s women became well-established in the world of work and achievement in every imaginable field. They are women like Sarah McWilliams, who took a job with a defense contractor, or Stephanie Weber-Demyan, a 1984 CE alum who became director of quality engineering for Matrix Essentials, making cosmetics.

They also are musicians and entrepreneurs—like Frances Elliot Clark, who became president of the music section of the National Education Association, and Deborah Gosselin, a 1984 CE alum who owns her own engineering firm in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Today the women of Tri-State traverse the globe, accomplishing great things. We have Janelle Burkhart, a computer science alum who travels the world in her work for Motorola. Or, there’s Erin Burk, who works for ITT, creating software for NASA space shuttle missions.

These, and more, are the women of Tri-State—too many to enumerate in a single issue of Discover, but all examples of great things accomplished.

Female unbound

Shevenaugh's life spent testing boundaries for women



“I tell people I’m 90, and they won’t believe it.”

—1922 TSC TEACHING GRADUATE
FRANCES KAIN SHEVENAUGH, AGE 106

Frances Kain Shevenaugh’s youthful appearance so contradicts her age, fibbing about it requires absolutely no skill. “I tell people I’m 90, and they won’t believe it,” said Shevenaugh, 106.

Small wonder. The abundance of thick, beautiful white hair crowning her head could incite envy in the hearts of women decades younger. Striking blue eyes, unobscured by spectacles, beam a smile from a face of nearly lineless, fair skin. The slim, tiny woman walks at a brisk pace, unaided but for an arm to clasp during a climb up the stairs at one of her haunts, the YMCA in Winter Park, Fla.

She’s a modern miracle, and a pronounced exception to common notions about aging. But there’s nothing common about Shevenaugh. In an era of few higher education opportunities for women, she transcended the female roles of her time to join the very first women admitted to Tri-State College. She embraced change, evolved as a professional, and enjoyed a remarkable life extending beyond the limits of the tumultuous 20th century.

She achieved it all by simply pursuing her dreams. Born July 16, 1901 in Zanesville, Ind., she moved with her family in 1912 to Newton Falls, Ohio, where she attended elementary and high school and worked summers for the Newton Falls Post Office. In 1921, she accepted one of many opportunities which punctuate her long life—she entered TSC, and earned her teacher certificate.

“I had a sister, Ida Mae Can Camp, who lived in Angola,” Shevenaugh explained. “She gave me an opportunity to stay there, and I had a car. You got into school, and you were able to get into things.” The campus consisted of two big buildings, she remembered.

After earning certification, she turned down an offer to teach in Kansas, not

much more than a frontier at the time. “I didn’t want to go that far,” she said, and that ended the chapter on teaching. However, she possessed mathematics and organizational skills which, coupled with her education, served her well in a lifetime in business.

For four years beginning in 1922, she worked in the lumber and steel businesses back home in Newton Falls. She figured project estimates for the Newton Falls lumberyard before accepting a position as bookkeeping clerk for Youngstown Steel Co. She advanced to assisting the company president during that short time.

The use of her talents empowered her. “I felt important because they hadn’t been letting women into business before that,” she said. The Youngstown job led her to her husband, Frank Shevenaugh, an engineer with the company.

But Frances was not fated for a domestic life. Frank became ill, and she cared for him until his death eight years later. They had no children, and she never remarried.

A 30-year career in business followed. She moved to Altoona, Penn., after her husband’s death, working for the Pennsylvania Railroad for five years. She then relocated to California to live with her sisters, Fern and Carolyn, in 1941, beginning a long stint with the Maryland Casualty Co. “I wanted to be a cashier, and I did so for 25 years,” she said.

Retiring in 1966, she moved with Fern to Santa Anna, Calif., where Carolyn lived with her husband, Murray. She lived with and cared for all three until their deaths. She moved back to Indiana, living in Auburn for 10 years before moving to Deland, Fla., and then Orlando, where she now lives with her niece, Sandy Gill.

She astounds all who know her by working out with other seniors in classes at the

YMCA three times a week, and traveling to remote destinations with Gill and her family. In 2005, she traveled to a dude ranch in Colorado and enjoyed some horseback riding. In the past few years, the adventures have included swimming with dolphins, riding a catamaran, deep-sea fishing, cruising in the Caribbean, and visiting Alaska for ATV and dogsled rides.

Frances can’t understand all the fuss. “She wants to know why everybody wants to make a big deal over her,” said Gill, with whom “Aunt Fran” has resided for the past eight years. “The Orange County Council on Aging wants to do a TV piece with her now. She says, ‘Why do they want to talk to me?’”

Frances said she always chose walking over driving when she could, and attributes her longevity to that active lifestyle. “She always chose the fit route. She’s exercised all her life, and I think that helps,” said Gill, whose home holds a treadmill, exercise bar, Universal machine and light weights for the family’s use.

Shevenaugh presented gifts to the university’s New Horizons capital campaign and its Department of Education in 1997, when a campus visit revealed enormous changes since her life as a student there. “I went back and saw some of those changes. It does seem like a lot of time has passed,” she marveled. Her support was recognized on May 1, 1997, with the naming of the Frances Kain Shevenaugh Department of Education.

“I had a chance to go to school, and I’m glad I had the opportunity,” she said in Florida this past spring. Progress and opportunities for women have increased enormously since her school days, she said. Having a career was “just easy for her,” Gill said. “She’s very methodical, very organized.”

facing conflict WITH GRACE

It's all about the spiral, TSU's Valencic says

Conflict. We all face it, but dealing with it effectively may have much to do with what every mechanical engineer knows about the spiral.

With its ability to absorb force and spring back powerfully, the spiral is a standard design feature in machines like vehicles, which sustain impact with use. That could be why 1979 Tri-State University mechanical engineering graduate Karen Valencic uses it as a central metaphor in her business, Spiral Impact, as well as in her life philosophy.

The Indianapolis-based Valencic developed the program Spiral Impact to teach individuals and companies to harness the power of the spiral. Through principles taken from the martial art of aikido, performance improvement, and science, she strives to enable them to achieve desired outcomes gracefully.

Companies engage Valencic to teach their personnel to use conflict creatively, focus energy, and make solid decisions to reach their goals. Merging companies seek her skills in education and team development. She is a popular conference speaker, providing keynote speeches and breakout sessions throughout the Midwest. Human resources directors also employ her program to help employees manage stress.

In 2007, she wrote "Spiral Impact: The

Power to Get It Done with Grace," to expand upon the program, and began e-mail instruction with individuals in December. For the drive to work, her CD employs music, breathing, and positioning techniques in a 15-minute guiding practice, and a 15-minute de-briefing session when the job is done.

A 17-year practitioner of aikido, Valencic compares its principles to those employed in mechanical engineering. "It really is all vectors and angles. Aikido attracts techies," she said in a return visit to her alma mater in October.

Her TSU ME degree, which included an internship with Delco Remy in Anderson, provided a springboard to an amazingly vast world of opportunity. "The market was good, and the experience gave me tons of options," she said. "I was a little overwhelmed with all the opportunity."

After three years with Delco Remy as a student, upon graduation she joined the company as one of its first engineers, numbering among the few people providing finite analysis for General Motors by hand. She eventually took a leave from engineering to raise her two daughters, now 19 and 22, performing practice management and personnel development for her husband's dental office during that time.

Karen made a rather radical change in

careers in 1990. She founded LifeWorks and began teaching conflict resolution in a wide variety of organizations. She began her studies with Thomas F. Crum, author of "The Magic of Conflict," in 1990. She has completed hundreds of hours of non-credit courses in communications and personal development. In 2000, Karen authored the course and guidebook, "Using Conflict Creatively."

"I wanted to be in command of my life rather than have circumstances control me," she says in her book. "I met an aikidoist out West, and that triggered a change in my life. I felt like I could have more impact with what I do now."

Aikido teaches the power of position and moving with oncoming force in a spiral motion, and Valencic teaches and applies its concepts interpersonally. "It's all about shifting position, and fluidity," she said. "You shift your position. Where initially you would have been in someone's face, instead you move off your point to see how they are seeing it. When you do that, you use the model of the spiral."

During conflict, one must not only know oneself, but also understand the other. In order to do so, one "turns statements into questions and acknowledgements. In other words, how do we get unstuck," Valencic asked. "Movement gives us energy and creativity; struggle and fear

sometimes overwhelm us. The choices you make either create or stop momentum, both on the aikido practice mat and in life and work."

Managing conflict fruitfully has led to "lots of work in health care," she acknowledged, and some interesting input for construction businesses, where she helped employees build the skills to work together to get the job done. Her program also helps managers retain employees to avoid the cost of turnover and retraining.

In an era when women comprised only 10 percent of the TSU student population, Valencic thrived in the environment. She called the small campus "wonderful," and appreciated the guidance of a TSU counselor who talked her out of a degree in drafting. "He said, 'I know I can place you early if you have a good GPA,'" she said. Taking advantage of a school year set up on quarters, she worked one quarter to pay for the next. Combining work with a student loan program, she graduated with \$200 in debt.

She praised the confidence and intellect of the women who preceded her in engineering. "The women ahead of me opened the door, and that comes from (a sense of) community," she said. "I appreciate it."



"When I ask people what conflict is, most of the time they respond with 'A difference in opinion.' Conflict is not a difference in opinion, it is how we respond to a difference in opinion."

—1979 TSU MECHANICAL ENGINEERING GRADUATE KAREN VALENCIC

Missing one phone call could have kept 2007 mechanical engineering graduate Megan DeWolf from attending Tri-State University and becoming the first TSU graduate to gain acceptance into Toyota's elite Engineer in Training program.

DeWolf was presumed headed to Michigan State University, like the rest of her family. A call from a TSU recruiter led to a visit to the Angola campus, and DeWolf was hooked. "I thought it was a home away from home," she said. "My hometown of Ardena, Mich., is small like this, and I loved the size of the campus and the classes."

She connected with the TSU Career Services office to keep abreast of inquiries by recruiters, a decision that eventually shaped her destiny. "Career Services did a great job for me, putting in the effort and time to set up multiple interviews for every company coming in here. Jerry Sturdivant, a TSU engineering alumnus who is now director of the Toyota EiT program, was on his way to recruit at Purdue and decided to stop in. So I got my lucky break," DeWolf said.



PRECEDENT-SETTER DEWOLF IS TSU'S FIRST TOYOTA EIT

Sturdivant liked what he saw and heard during a grueling exam and series of interviews, and invited DeWolf to become one of 46 EiTs in the two-year program. The future and its many possibilities thrill her.

She will train at three of 12 U.S. locations over the two years as a full-time employee. After completing the program, she will be a full mechanical engineer at the location and position of her choice within the

Toyota Engineering and Manufacturing Division. Now finished with three months of orientation and intensive training, she will work for nine months at a facility in Erlanger, Ky., before finishing out the second year at another plant.

Admittedly root-bound, her dream job would take her back home to nearby Ann Arbor, Mich. and the Toyota Technical Center for a job in research

and development. "All of my family's in Michigan, so I want to be there. I have three godchildren I'm very close to."

She takes her engineer's oath, repeated a few days before her TSU commencement, seriously. "We have talent and skill, and pledge to never use it for harm, but to push humanity forward," she said. "It's a great honor to be in this field with so many great inventors before us."

MAKING CONNECTIONS DRIVES LANTZ'S WORK

Tri-State University mechanical engineering professor Dr. Susan Lantz worked for years on parts that connect different areas of the body. Small wonder she enjoys the intellectual connection with her students as a new professor in TSU's Wade Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering.

A doctor in engineering mechanics with specialization in orthopedic biomechanics, she brings to TSU a wealth of experience in bioengineering and biomechanics from big prosthetics designers like Howmedica, J and J Orthopedics, and Synthes. But it's the student connection that drives her.

"For me, the explaining and the 'I've got it!' look on the students' faces is the best part of the whole day," she said, sitting at her desk this fall, a couple months into her new TSU job. An engineering professor at Wayne State, the University of Utah, and then Rose-Hulman in Terre Haute, Ind., she spent eight years as a consultant in Florida before succumbing to the need to experience the classroom again.

Accepting a job at TSU was a bit like coming home. Her father, also a mechanical engineer, taught as a TSU adjunct for eight years. "I heard him speak of TSU and Dr. Brooks' direction for the university. When my dad told me an ME professor's position was available,

I sent my resumé." Calls from TSU's Dr. David Finley, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Roger Hawks, Dean of the Allen School of Engineering, sealed the deal.

She likes the fit. "The small size classes suit how I get to know the students," she said. Calling TSU engineering students "as devoted a group of students as I've seen anywhere," she seeks to instill in them the ethics, and responsibility, engineers must exhibit. "In my area, particularly when you design or test devices for implant in a body, you must test six ways from Sunday to make sure there's no way possible a person can be hurt."

Women were a rarity in mechanical engineering in her early years. "When I first got my B.A. in the '70s, there were so few women in it back then, people didn't know how to take us," she said. "I had over 300 in my class, and three were women."

Although balancing school and family can make earning an advanced engineering degree more difficult, perseverance pays off.

"If you want it, and put your mind to it, you can do it. It may take a bit longer, but you can," she advised young women ready to make some connections of their own.



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— Dr. Susan Lantz, TSU mechanical engineering professor

"I love the stuff."

Eli Lilly research scientist and former TSU Trustee Dr. Anne Reifel Miller's face lights up when she describes her love for the painstaking, trial-and-error process leading to her company's manufacture of drugs to ease suffering and manage illness.

Loving the "stuff"—the beakers, Petri dishes, and test tubes common to any laboratory—certainly simplifies Dr. Reifel Miller's groundbreaking work, and her impact on the medical world. But it points to the driving force behind the labor of scientists like the 1978 TSU biology

in deep, intense intellectual conversations that take place daily."

That truth emerges via a difficult process of repetition, elimination, and often, failure. "Twenty percent of the experiments work, and we spend the rest of the time trying to understand the failures. But some level of progress is made daily. It keeps us coming back to the lab day after day," she said.

Small progress over time yields important discoveries. Her work at Lilly has produced six molecules that have entered clinical trials in people with type 2 diabetes or sepsis. That defied some pretty imposing odds.

The TSU graduate completed licensing as a medical technologist at Lutheran Hospital's School of Medical Technology in Fort Wayne for her fourth year of TSU credit. She moved on to complete a master's degree in genetics with honors at Ball State University in Muncie and a doctorate in molecular biology with honors at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis.

After joining Lilly as a senior scientist in the Endocrinology Research Division in 1991, she rose through the ranks to become acting director of the division's diabetes section, and then senior

at TSU, Ball State, Indianapolis, Hamburg, London, Chicago, Bangalore, and Calgary, among many others.

A tremendous success in the world of science, she avidly supports the roles of women in leadership positions. In 2002, she traveled to her alma mater to present the workshop, "Credibility, Composure, and Confidence for Today's Career Woman," and the speech "Words of Inspiration" as TSU's Senior Banquet guest speaker in 2004. She is active in Women in Lilly Discovery (WILD), a networking forum for senior-level research scientists at Lilly Research Laboratories. "It's a great support group of bright women, one of whom discovered the breast cancer gene, BRCA1," she said.

Ascending to executive positions as a minority in the field gives her great pride, and she advises younger women to persevere in disciplines that tap their strengths. "Just pursue what you enjoy doing and what you're good at, because you will need to demonstrate your worth over and over again."

Her TSU undergraduate degree served her well in the professional world. "I felt very prepared for Lutheran Hospital, and then the master of science in genetics," she said. She honored a family tradition of women studying at TSU—her grandmother attended two generations before her.

She praised TSU Professor Pete Hippensteel and Professor Miller in the School of Arts and Sciences as big influences in her undergraduate studies. Like other alumnae, she said TSU simply took hold and never let her go. "Dad said to start out at TSU because it was safe and close to home. I started, I loved it, and I stayed."

PASSIONATELY MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Reifel Miller's research changes lives

graduate. These folks simply love lab work—the ideas, the people, the equipment, the processes.

The Pioneer, Ohio, kid who entered many science fairs and knew she wanted a career in science shares that passion with a unique core of individuals. "The people are different," she said, offering some insights during a fall visit in her Indianapolis office. "They're introverted. Few people working in science are making a fortune, so they work in this field for other reasons. The people in the lab are often here to seek truth, identify and execute unique discoveries, and participate

"It's not uncommon to work here for an entire career and never get one molecule into a person. One of 1 million compounds goes into a person. ... You have to love the process of getting that 'eureka' moment," she said. She recalled an inspiring quote from the company's current CEO—"You have the ability to change people's lives, and in some cases make life possible."

Reifel Miller echoes that sentiment. "Improving lives is what a career in science can achieve. Indeed, it is for this reason that we come back to the lab every day to face the staggering odds that are common to the drug discovery process."

research scientist, research adviser, and senior research adviser for the division. Since 2005, she served first as chief scientific officer and then as research fellow for the Diabetes Drug Hunting Team in the Endocrine and Cardiovascular Cluster at Lilly Research Laboratories.

Her research is world-renowned. She has published a dizzying array of review articles and manuscripts for medical journals, and research abstracts for conferences across the globe. Her long list of invited lectures, workshops, and research presentations include appearances



Tough it out to achieve your dreams, she advises younger women. "Just pursue what you enjoy doing and what you're good at, because you will need to demonstrate your worth over and over again."

—1978 TSU BIOLOGY GRADUATE
DR. ANNE REIFEL MILLER

Few boundaries exist for today's women engineering graduates, says Tri-State University alumna Amanda Portis, who graduated in 2004 with a B.A. in chemical engineering.

However, while many of those opportunities include company jobs with big paychecks, Portis recently moved away from the money and closer to an area of engineering near to her heart – teaching. This fall, she entered Michigan State University in East Lansing to work on her doctorate in engineering and education.

After three summer internships with the pharmaceutical company Pfizer in her hometown of Kalamazoo, Mich., it seemed only natural to join the company after graduating TSU. Her internship experience and her mother's employment with

when production ended on one drug and began on another.

However, when she left her alma mater, concerned mentors like Dr. John McKetta, from whom the McKetta School of Chemical & Bioprocess Engineering takes its name, urged her to become a doctoral candidate. An NAIA national champion for TSU in the 10,000-meter run, she enjoyed coaching. She missed the classroom and teamwork.

"My priorities changed," she said. "Industry is inflexible and routine. I like coaching, and it's tough to get that in (with that job). I always wanted to teach, so now it's about what I like. I want to be a professor and teach."

EXERCISE YOUR OPTIONS

opportunities abound for female engineers, Portis says

the company made the transition smooth.

She excelled as a production engineer, providing around-the-clock trouble shooting for processing problems, and refining and writing procedures. She refined processes transferred to her from elsewhere to better fit her plant. She also performed cleaning validation, making sure no cross contamination occurred

Comfortable with her decision, she encourages women with the ability and interest to enter the field, as teachers or professional engineers. At TSU, over 50 percent of the ChE majors in her graduating class were women, she said. In the workplace, she found overcoming youth and inexperience, not gender, the biggest challenge.

"I think I chose engineering because I knew when you graduate, you're open to so many opportunities, it's hard to choose. It's great to have the flexibility and have a job almost anywhere you want to go. If this is what you like, it's the way to go, because the opportunities are broad-ranged, from working with the environment to industry," she said.



SHORTCUT TO Success

MAY'S COMPANY PICKS UP THE PACE

TSU jump-started 1987 mechanical engineering graduate Angie May's career in much the same way May's company now catapults new products to the marketplace—by reducing the time required to produce results.

May founded Columbus, Ind.-based Analytical Engineering Inc. in 1994 to rapidly respond to a variety of technical challenges. As a result, major manufacturers now seek AEI to shorten new product development.

"We designed and installed a 'super cell' utilized by many engine developers to fine-tune their engine controls and hardware for extreme conditions," she said. "AEI also developed an instrument that gave original equipment manufacturers the ability to compress a 250-hour test into just 15 minutes. Over 20 diesel engine companies worldwide now use it."

Similarly, TSU internships and classes allowed May to hit the ground running as an engineering graduate, leading her to the Technical Center for Cummins Engine in Columbus directly after college and preparing her to own and found AEI.

She praised her education. "I had summer internships at two companies and worked part-time in the quality depart-

ment at a foundry. I worked on CAD systems and had a variety of responsibilities that helped me better connect my education with real-world applications."

TSU prepared her well for a demanding field. "My TSU degree taught me engineering fundamentals and how to manage time," she said. "The education was thorough and application oriented. Real-world problems require a complex set of interdisciplinary skills. The projects I completed helped prepare me for the challenges of a technical business."

To women entering the field, "Engineers will interact with someone according to their perception of the person's knowledge base," she said. "Gain a thorough technical understanding of the subject matter. Don't pretend you know more than you do. Treat everyone the way you would like to be treated. Work hard and don't expect any breaks, ... and you will find your work enjoyable."

She knows hard work. "Prior to having children, I would routinely work seven days a week, often late into the evening. When my eldest daughter was young, she spent many hours with me at work," she said.

Tough it out, she advised. "It was a financial struggle for me to pay for school. Hindsight has shown me that the struggle was worthwhile. My engineering education and many years of effort in the workplace have resulted in a unique company and working atmosphere. It is very gratifying to provide interesting and meaningful work at AEI in a good and safe environment. It is also very satisfying when customers tell us we have been able to accomplish something in two months that had previously taken more than a year."



I wanted to learn in a new environment and have a vacation. I enrolled in a six-week course of Spanish language and culture through International Studies Abroad (ISA) and the Menendez Pelayo International University (MPIU) in Barcelona, Spain. I earned six credits, was housed and fed for six weeks, and taken on tours and excursions throughout the eastern coast and central Spain. Of the 90 American students involved in the program, I was the only one from the Midwest.

Barcelona boasts amazing architecture and artists such as Gaudi and Picasso, a sky that's always blue, crazy people, populous beaches, and the Mediterranean Sea. The smell however, is horrible (since there is little grass). All-in-all, it was a great city to visit.

Air travel was the most stressful part of being overseas. I was stuck in the Dublin, Ireland airport for eight extra hours because my plane was two hours late taking off from New York, which then made me two hours late for my connecting flight to Madrid. Luckily, there were three other ISA students with me, so I did not feel too alone.

As for the program, I would definitely recommend ISA. They scheduled week-end trips where we stayed in top hotels and visited the coolest places. MPIU also took us on tours, in addition to teaching us the language and culture. The staff was helpful and accommodating.

Staying in Pamplona to watch the running of the bulls was the craziest thing that my friends and I did. People from all over the world come for this week-long event of wearing white clothes, drinking sangria wine, running in front of angry bulls, and then watching them die in a bull fight.

1: In Gothic Quarters, Barcelona. 2: In Cadaques, Spain. Back from left, Ashley Williamson, Sumeet Dhat, Jared Bacall, Ciara Hurt, Alex Rothenberg, Eric Feinstein, and Alex Vargas. 3: In Parc Güell, Barcelona. 4: Detail from a mosaic in Antoni Gaudi's Parc Güell, Barcelona, Spain.



OUT OF THE BLUE

I DECIDED I WANTED TO STUDY ABROAD



"I met many awesome people from Spain and the United States and saw some of the coolest places this world has to offer. It was a trip of a lifetime."

-TSU CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR ASHLEY RICHARDSON



Written by TSU Criminal Justice Major Ashley Richardson

Austin Remembers TSU BACK IN THE DAY

Who can imagine, immersed in Tri-State University's wireless environment, that early information technology majors worked on green diode screens?

TSU 1983 computer science graduate Karen Austin numbered among the few women students in the field then, and remembers the study environment for information technology majors in a male-to-female ratio of nine to one.

"We just had green screens, and you signed up for time to use them, versus wireless and being in class or down in the coffee shop with your laptop," she said. The World Wide Web didn't exist as a research tool, and studying meant a snowy walk to Best Hall for Assembler programming assignments.

In a world without cell phones, a call from home rang into the dorm, prompting the answerer to yell down the hall to locate the recipient. "That's versus texting your mom now," she said.

Since she liked math but didn't want a math major, a counselor suggested the Delphos, Ohio native try computer science. "I hadn't even seen a computer, but I loved it because I love logic," she said. She sat down to her first calculus class as the second woman in a class of 50 men.

That's a far cry from today, when women in technology like Austin have set benchmarks for excellence and professionalism. "If you know your stuff and you're passionate and you execute, you gain credibility," she said.

She speaks from a lifetime of doing just that. The executive vice president and chief information officer for Sears Holdings Corp., she previously served Sears as senior vice president and chief information officer. Prior to that, she held numerous positions, including vice president, director, systems manager, project manager, systems analyst and programmer analyst, within the information technology department for K-mart. She was also interim chief marketing officer for K-mart in 2003. Her professional associations include membership in CIO Strategy Exchange.

The success came with sacrifices, including uprooting her family from Detroit and moving to the Chicago area. "It's very challenging. I have two daughters, ages 21 and 16, and it required moving," she said. "That's a big deal for the kids, and job moves for mom are not that common."

Strive for balance, she said. "It's very important to stay focused and keep a



strong balance with work and home. Not being a workaholic, but you can't always put family first, either. I'm a master at multi-tasking."

Building a resilient family is the reward. "I must be doing OK, because my daughters are very successful at what they do."

They obviously used their mom as a model. "I don't see any barriers," Austin said. "It's what you make it, and how well you drive your vision and what you need to get it done."

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-1983 COMPUTER SCIENCE GRADUATE KAREN AUSTIN

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

MARTI'S JOURNEY LAUNCHES WOMEN'S RECOVERY HOUSE



Anyone who escapes the pit of substance abuse knows about hitting rock bottom before beginning the climb back up the jagged slope to light and life again.

TSU graduate Lindi Marti reached that place 20 years before walking across the gymnasium with other Ketner School of Business students to claim her BSBA with high honors in June 2000. She eventually used those KSOB business

skills to create a business plan, attract board members and incorporate as the non-profit Women in Transition, an Angola, Ind. recovery house for women battling substance abuse. The recovery house began its fifth year of supporting troubled women in October 2007.

But before she could help others, Marti had to find herself. “I started drinking at 15, moved on to cocaine, and by age 21 was

taking any other drugs I could get,” Marti said, reflecting on the journey that brought her to the end of WIT’s fourth year.

Pregnant at 29, she thought a baby might cure her drug problems, but by the time her son reached 21 months, nothing had changed. “I realized after waking up on the kitchen floor after a binge and finding him standing over me that I didn’t want him to see me like that any more. I called

around and got into a Charter hospital,” she said. On Jan. 7, 1988, she checked into the treatment facility for 28 days.

Those who manage to weather the storm of withdrawal eventually find the hobgoblin of addiction blocking their path to recovery. “I really wanted to be sober,” she said. “But it’s harder when you get the urge to start using again about 60 days into the program.”

A slim percentage resist the lure of the old habits. Of the 12 men and women with whom she embarked upon her journey toward sobriety, only three remain substance-free after 20 years. A good support system like the one WIT offers recovering women helped her through it.

The California native moved with her husband and family to Steuben County in August 1993, after the Rodney King riots in Los Angeles prompted their search for a better and safer place for their children. They made the move “on faith and money from our condo sale. We had no jobs and stayed in his parents’ vacation mobile home on Hamilton Lake. We had eight days to find housing,” she said.

Settling in Pleasant Lake, the job search began. A trained real estate professional in California, she had tired of that business climate and experimented with a couple jobs at the Steuben County unemployment and temporary services offices. “None of the jobs seemed like ‘it,’” she found.

However, after speaking with a TSU representative and weighing the cost and benefits of various schools, she started in the TSU business school in 1995. After graduating, she took jobs in sales and accounting, but those failed to satisfy her.

“People kept saying, ‘You should run a recovery house.’ At first I thought, ‘No, I don’t want to work with people whose thinking is off-kilter. I’m past that,’” she said. However, 30 interested local partners soon encouraged her to make the recovery house a reality. Attorney Linda Zabona contributed services for the non-profit incorporation. Marti’s TSU business professor, accountant Ruth Gitzendanner, donated time for the filing of Internal Revenue Service documentation. The Steuben County Community Foundation also aided in the incorporation.

After eight months of fundraising, she raised \$10,000 to open in a rented house on Angola’s Park Avenue. Almost immediately, the space proved too small for size of the need. With no insulation or air conditioning, the facility lacked basic comforts.

More fund-raising and grant writing ensued in the following years, and a new facility now stands on John Street, giving women ages 18-57 an airy space and cozy kitchen in which to interact. In January, WIT expanded to an adjacent house. That means a better chance for success, Marti said.

“I love what I do, helping and dealing with the women,” she said, watching a group of residents chat as they added hot peppers from their own garden to a pot of chili in the bright kitchen. “We’re returning moms and enabling them to reclaim their kids from the system. We save the courts money, and return people as responsible citizens who work and pay taxes instead of draining the system.”

They’re also bucking the odds. While statistics show only 10 percent of addicted people staying sober for one year, 24 of 118 WIT residents remained sober over the past year—a 21 percent success rate.

She gives back to the university that equipped her to help others. “I’m a speaker for a psychology of addiction course and for Dr. Susan Anspaugh’s sports health classes every fall. I also work with TSU during its Alcohol Awareness Week,” she said.

She also works to educate the local community on the problem of addiction. “I speak to church and civic groups to make them aware alcohol and substance addiction are a disease, not a lack of morals and discipline. It’s a brain condition,” she said.

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— 2000 TSU BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION GRADUATE LINDI MARTI

But a safety net like WIT costs money, and she urges local citizens not to become complacent about its support. One-third of the budget derives from the residents’ payments, one-third from grants, and the other third from donations, she said. The recovery house serves women from southern Michigan, as well as those from Steuben, LaGrange, and Noble counties, and the city of Indianapolis, in Indiana.

STAB AT TEACHING LEADS TO DEPARTMENT CHAIR FOR BENSON

Tri-State University Science Department chair Ann Benson tried out teaching at TSU 31 years ago to battle cultural shock. The experience tapped an unrealized talent, and gave her a ring-side seat to the evolution of the TSU science program from a tool for engineers to a department in its own right today.

The New Orleans native married and relocated to Angola, Ind. from Atlanta and a job with chemical and health care giant DuPont. “I was going stir-crazy for a while,” Benson admitted. “Then Professor Pete Hippensteel said TSU needed a lab instructor, and I didn’t care if I was paid or not,” she said in a humorous recollection of her introduction to TSU.

She found she enjoyed interacting with students and faculty members, and worked part-time for 10 years before accepting a full-time teaching position. When the department extended an invitation for Benson to be chair in the mid-’90s,

she accepted, without a lot of confidence in her ability to do the job. “We all have special abilities, and I’m good at organizing people and teamwork. I thought, ‘Well, maybe I’ll be OK,” she said.

A dozen years later, she can reflect on the department’s direction and the role of women within it. “When I started in 1977, I was the only woman in the science faculty, and I taught few females,” she said. “Women have traditionally been interested in science—we just didn’t think we could have careers in science.”

History changed that. “In 1969 the women’s movement took off, and many issues were exploding then. At that point, women realized they could be in science. Now they know they can do well in it,” she said.

TSU figures reflect that. Women routinely choose majors in forensic science, pre-med, and the life sciences, majors which use a special set of skills, Benson said.



“Women have a nurturing quality. They want to help and work with people, and these majors appeal to that.”

The strong early academic foundation carries forward into today’s TSU Department of Science. “Now we’re into our own majors, and increasing them,” she said. “We have good faculty, we challenge our students, we are ethical, and we prepare them for graduate school and careers.”

THE SKY’S THE LIMIT IN TICHENOR’S 40 TSU YEARS

Dr. Dolores Tichenor has worn a lot of hats in her 40 years at TSU, but nothing fits the Assistant Vice President for Study Abroad better than witnessing the excitement of students in her travel courses.

“Each time we’ve had a number who’ve never flown or been overseas. It’s a nice, safe way for students to explore the world with experienced travelers,” said Tichenor, who developed a humanities honors seminar in 2005 to allow students to travel abroad each spring break.

She teaches a course on the language, arts, architecture, customs, and culture of the destination country with Dr. Jeanine Samuelson, professor of German and speech. “By the time we’re going, it’s a family,” Tichenor said.

Students already benefit. “One student went to Berlin last year. When he applied for a job, the employer was pleased he had his passport and documents already, because he wanted him to travel to Japan

in January,” Tichenor said.

HNR 401, “Vienna: Haydn and the Habsburgs,” will take TSU students to Vienna, Austria, from Feb. 29-March 8.

Tichenor joined TSU as a mathematics instructor in 1967 after earning a bachelor’s degree in math and physics from Mundelein College in Chicago and a master’s degree in math from Purdue. At that time, she didn’t predict the 40-year stint at TSU. “I met my husband here, got married in 1969, we both went back and got our doctorates at the University of Missouri-Rolla, and then came back here,” she said.

TSU has benefited greatly from that return trip. Tichenor moved on to fill the positions of chair of the Department of Mathematics and Sciences, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and vice president and director of Institutional Planning and Analysis. She added the job of Assistant Vice President for Study Abroad to that of Director of



Institutional Planning and Analysis in 2006.

She is a prolific and successful grant writer, securing National Science Foundation and Lilly Foundation funds for scholarships and diverse projects. She has seen numerous scholarly articles published in academic journals.

She was inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Missouri-Rolla, and she earned the Helen Smith McKetta Excellence in Teaching Award, the Barrenbrugge Award for Excellence, and the Jannen Renaissance Scholar Award from TSU.

EXCELLENCE A CONSTANT IN VAN WAGNER’S 24 YEARS AT TSU

While Dr. Suzanne Van Wagner has witnessed a lot of change in her 24 years at Tri-State University, one common thread winds through that tapestry of time—excellence.

“You can always look at the changes in facilities and individuals, but the opportunities were always there,” said Van Wagner, dean of the Franks School of Education since 2001. “The quality of the education and the opportunities to be very good were there and still are.”

That excellence manifests itself today in state and national accreditation for TSU’s teacher preparation programs—through the Indiana Department of Education/Division of Professional Standards and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The long, arduous NCATE journey distinguishes TSU, and underscores the teacher education program’s high quality. “It took 15 hours a day, seven days a week. There are about 1,300 programs,

and about half are nationally accredited,” Van Wagner said. “We’re probably one of the smallest schools with NCATE accreditation. They are high standards, and we’re glad we met them.”

TSU satisfies the standard by providing hands-on teaching experience. “We have many, many opportunities to observe our students in teaching situations. Most are seen 15-20 times. They’re in the classroom a lot, and our grads rate that the best thing in the program,” she said.

She bases her observations on decades spent teaching in public schools and major universities like Central Michigan, Michigan State, Saginaw Valley State, and Oakland University. She earned bachelor, master, and doctoral degrees in education at Michigan State, and remembers the exact moment when university teaching became a mission.

“A colleague belittled a child. I couldn’t believe a teacher would do that, and

decided then I want to be an influence so nobody does that. I wanted to help it be better,” she said.

That led to a standard for the school she leads as dean. “We help the future teacher be the best he or she can be. You have to show us that to graduate. You have the classes, opportunity, and field experience to be your best, and we will work with you until you meet that goal.”



MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM

Now there is an easy way to find out if your company/employer has a matching gift program. Please visit the Matching Gift link on the Alumni page of the TSU Web site, *tristate.edu*. The direct link is *matchinggifts.com/tristate*. Type in the name of your company to view information on its policy and procedure for matching gifts. Some of the companies even have a link that will allow you to print a matching gift form.

Gifts to Tri-State University through matching gift programs totaled nearly \$50,000 last year. These funds provide significant additional support for the University.

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ON THE MOVE

Raymond Stuckey has been promoted to Vice President for Alumni and Development after Bob Remington’s retirement. He had been TSU’s executive director of development and planned giving. Kevin Jones, Director of External Resources in the Department of Alumni and Development, has been hired after serving as Annual Giving Director at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind. Larry Piekarski has also joined the department as a new Director of External Resources.



Class of '67 grads gathered for the Homecoming Breakfast on Oct. 5 in Whitney Commons are, from left: Ted Kaufman, ME; Dick Johnson, BA; Jack Aaron, BA; Jim Mott, EE; and Lawrence Wasielewski, BA. The Alpha Sigma Phi brothers traveled to TSU for their 40th reunion.

TOGETHER AGAIN AFTER 40 YEARS

Article submitted by Dick Johnson

Back in February, 2007, I began the process of contacting eight other class of 1967 members and Alpha Sigma Phi brothers. The university was a big help with addresses and phone numbers. Except for one person, we had not seen each other for 40 years. Since it had been that long, I told them my wife and I were planning to attend Homecoming in October, and hoped they could join us. Attached to my letter was a photo taken on the day of our graduation on June 3, 1967 in front of the fraternity house on Broad Street.

As the responses started coming in, I got some sad news. One of the brothers had died about four years ago and another had serious health problems. The most

exciting times for me were having the fellow grads call. I was shocked that their voices sounded the same—they wouldn’t have had to identify themselves. Word got out, and some of the brothers from the classes of '68 and '69 said they would come back to Homecoming just to see us “geezers.”

We enjoyed a great time attending functions at school, topped off with a dinner Saturday night with all the grads and their wives. Most of us are retired from our business careers and have vowed to get together more often than once every 40 years. States represented by the nine '67 grads were California, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, New York, Ohio, and Virginia.

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ALUMNI APPLAUSE

Tri-State University alumni honored some high achievers and big contributors with the Alumni Awards Saturday, Oct. 6 in Whitney Commons during the annual Homecoming Breakfast. The TSU Alumni Board of Governors elects award recipients.

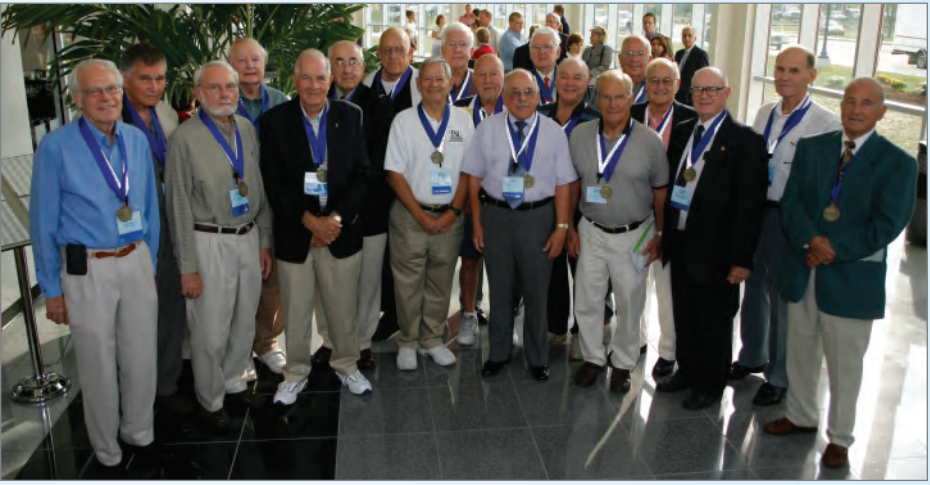
Outstanding Achievement Awards went to Karen Austin, CS 1983, and Philip O’Brien, BA 1956. Austin has held numerous corporate executive positions, serving presently as executive vice president and chief information officer for Sears Holdings Corp. O’Brien is chief executive officer for Canada Endoscope Corp.

William Dubois, CE 1966, and TSU Trustee Stephen LaHood, BA 1970, earned Distinguished Service Awards. Dubois is president and senior project manager for Patriot Engineering and Environmental Inc. in Indianapolis. He has supported TSU alumni events and provided professional opportunities for TSU graduates. LaHood is senior vice president of supply chain for Arbonne International in Irvine, Calif. He has chaired board committees and secured federal grants for the university.

Distinguished Service Young Alumnus Awards went to Jason Blume, ME 2004, and Jonathan Cress, BA 2002. Blume is a senior manufacturing supervisor for Zimmer in Warsaw, Ind., and serves TSU on the Cast Metals Advisory Board and the Alumni Board of Governors. Cress is an attorney and partner in Simmons-Brown & Cress PC in Angola, and supports the TSU men’s basketball program and other university initiatives.



From the left are TSU Trustee Steve LaHood; Jonathan Cress; Jason Blume; William DuBois; and Karen Austin.



Class of '57 members gathered on Homecoming weekend to celebrate their 50th class reunion. United in enduring support of TSU, they established the Class of 1957 Scholarship Endowment. For all gifts made by class members to the scholarship endowment by that weekend, TSU AE grad John “Jack” Luther of Upland, Calif., pledged a match, up to \$50,000, with the goal of leaving at least a \$100,000 endowment as a class gift in recognition of the reunion.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS GOLF OUTING SETS RECORD

Tri-State University’s 17th annual Alumni and Friends Golf Outing at Zollner Golf Course in August bolstered the Annual Fund for Scholarships more than any of the previous outings. The fund provides financial aid for deserving TSU students.

The team of Joel Bickel, Jeff Reiniche, Mike Rogers, and John Weicht finished with a score of 53 to win the tournament.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: 18th annual Alumni and Friends Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 1, 2008



A NEW WORLD *Janus*

You can find Shirley Brauker's Native American pottery in the Smithsonian, Heard, and Eiteljorg museums and elsewhere. The late Mr. Eiteljorg himself selected some of her pieces.

Her artworks have garnered many first-, second-, and third-place prizes at the prestigious Santa Fe and Eiteljorg Indian markets. She was invited to a Smithsonian show this December and was told, "We love your work." She has had a show at the Field Museum in Chicago, and she has conducted numerous week-long residencies in places from Sitka, Alaska, to Michigan State University.

You'll find her featured in *Fine Art of the Great Lakes* (2007), *Contemporary Indian Artists*, in articles in *Southwest Art*, and in a 1986 documentary film, "Woodland Traditions: The Art of 3 Native Americans," which still airs yearly on PBS. Every fourth-grader in Michigan is given a state history book which features Shirley.

Now, thanks to the generosity of Walter (BAD 1956) and Don Nell Cunningham, long-time friends of the Humanities Institute, you can find her work in Taylor Hall.

We challenged Shirley to create a New World Janus to pair with our Trine Janus discussed in the last issue of *Discover*. "The form of the Janus pot is very new to me," she writes. She was unhappy with her first attempt and so started over: "I completely changed the shape from the first one, and came up with a more

'classical' goblet shape."

Faces, she felt, were not her forte, so she "looked at countless sculptures and techniques for the eyes and bone structure." She used a mirror to see the first face to help her approximate the face on the other side. The pot sat in her studio to dry for two months.

"Any moisture in a large pot can cause it to blow up during firing.... The firing went to 1,835 degrees," she writes. "This matures the clay and gets it ready for the second firing, called the 'glaze' firing. I used iron oxide to cover the surface. After it soaks into the pot, I use a sponge to wipe off the excess and create 'highlights.' The stain soaks into the deeper recesses and shows up as dark shadows. It is wiped off the higher surfaces and causes the lighter areas. Then back into the kiln for another eight hours or so until it reaches 2,305 degrees."

What she has created, with a nod to classical form, is a stark, haunting, indigenous, almost primordial face, one predating the Roman Janus. The symbol of the crescent moon goes at least as far back as the ancient cave paintings. Maybe this is the sturdy face of one who crossed the Bering land mass and ventured forth into what was truly an unbesmirched New World.

You may see more of Shirley Brauker's work at www.cbpu.com/moonbear. If you would like to examine this more closely, you may e-mail Dr. Tierney at tierneyt@tristate.edu.



1950s

Frances X. Ball, BSCE '57, is a professional engineer in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Indiana, and Kentucky.

1960s

Tom Lundregan, EE '60, and Norm Miller, EE '60 visited Tri-State on Oct. 16, 2007. Both were impressed with the campus changes since they last visited in 2000.

David Tully, BSEE '65, founded Quadra Sales Corp. in 1977 with a partner, Jerald Winters. Quadra ultimately had three divisions: Quadra Sales, an electronics rep company; PACCOM electronics, an importer and manufacturer of passive electric devices; and Priebe Electronics, an electronic distributor. In 1985 Dave bought out his partner and managed and increased the size of the company to a \$14 million a year enterprise with 75 employees. He sold the company in 1994. In 1990 he founded Mackie Designs, an audio mixer company, with Greg Mackie and Marcus Sorenson. Mackie later changed its name to Loud Technology, which is listed on the Nasdaq as LTEC. The majority of this company was sold to Sun Capital in 2002.

1970s

Nadim Y. Sarraf, BSCE '70, was awarded a medal from Pope John Paul II for being a consultant supervising engineer for building the cathedral in Kirkuk, Iraq in 2002 and maintenance of Catholic Church property.

Terry Capuano, BSME '70, has started several businesses in his career. In 1988 he started Anocast, which is now owned by Rockwell Automation. In 1995 he started Precision Polymer Casting LLC,

which is now owned by ITW. In 2006 he started Accures Casting LLC, which he currently owns. These companies use polymer casting technology that Terry developed to replace cast iron, steel, aluminum and granite. It is the only process that can cast parts to finished tolerances, Terry says.

Terry also started a children's foundation, the Capuano Foundation; a home rehabilitation company, TED Properties LLC; a home rental company, TENERIC LLC; an auto warranty company, Tru-Warranty; and a business consulting company, ASCENDTEK LLC, all of which he currently manages. (He says he retired in 2000 and started those companies out of boredom!)

Edward R. Gerecke Jr., BSCE '70, is a professional engineer in New York. He retired from the New York State Department of Transportation, and is now on call at the NYS Emergency Management Office.

Allan Fowler, BSChE '73, retired from The Dow Chemical Company in December 2007. He was the head of the company's West Virginia operations since 2003. His career began at Dow 36 years ago, when he received a student internship while studying at TSU.

During his career Allan was active in several civic and trade organizations. He also serves on the board of directors of Thomas Memorial Hospital, the University of Charleston and the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences.

Edwin L. Buker, BSME '76, has joined the Fortune 1000 firm of Tecumseh Products Co. as its new CEO. Based in Tecumseh, Ohio, the company is a leading supplier of compressors for commercial refrigerators and freezers,

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1980s

Jose Antonio Gomez Tovar, BSCE '82, plays baseball in the Baseball Master's League in Caracas, Venezuela. After the passing of his father, Jose with his brother Gustavo became a director in his family firm. The firm has contracts for inspection of the Tacoma Dam in Bolivar State, southeast of Venezuela, where he is the chief inspector.

Tracy O'Brien, BA ENG and COM '86, is a marketing manager at Lincoln Financial Group in Fort Wayne.

Amran V. Awang, BSBA MGT '88, was conferred with his Ph.D. from University Science Malaysia in August of 2007.

1990s

Thomas J. Auble, BCHE '94, announced the birth of his first son on Feb. 5, 2007.

Lisa (Lehman) Flatt, BSBAD and MKT '98, delivered her son, Scott Flatt on Aug. 14, 2007.

Angela (Dirschell) Neusabum, L-ED '99 and her husband, Brandon, welcomed their new son, Drew Brandon Neusabum, on May 22, 2007.

2000s

Eric Flatt, BSSM '03, manager of inside sales for Bobcats Sports & Entertainment, left the Charlotte Bobcats after three seasons to go to the Dallas Cowboys.

Cherie Ditto, BSBA ACC '03, has incorporated a business, Tote All-E Unique, in which she produces customized totes, bags, glasses cases, diaper bags, garment bags and other products. She also attends merchandising shows where she takes thousands of samples of fabric, trim and styles.

Joe Guillemette, ChE '05, is now working with Nicor Gas as systems planning engineer, after working for Alpharma Inc. In his new position, he will be working from Nicor's Joliet, Illinois office. He will be doing extensive traveling. Joe was married in May 2007.

Nicole Muir, CRJ and PSY '05, graduated from Valparaiso Law School in 2007.

Dawn O'Conner, BSBA ACC and MGT '07, graduated from the School of Professional Studies with a 4.0 average and was honored as an SPS outstanding student. She has owned a painting company for 16 years.

David Hellen, BSCE '07, has accepted a job with Quaker Chemical Corp. in Flint, Mich.

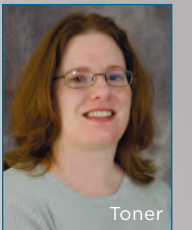
TSU MOURNS DR. TONER'S PASSING

The TSU community received the sad news of the death of Dr. Lisa Toner on Tuesday, Dec. 4, her 41st birthday, after a battle against Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Dr. Toner was an assistant professor in what was then the TSU Department of English and Communication from August, 2002 through May, 2007, serving as chair of the department for three years. She earned her master's and doctorate in English, rhetoric and composition from Purdue University.

She spent the last several months at the Leesport, Penn. home of her parents, Pat and Carol, while undergoing treatment at Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. In addition to her parents, a brother, Sean, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins survive in the New York area.

TSU staff members who attended the funeral service in New York on Dec. 7 conveyed the sympathy of the entire TSU family to Dr. Toner's family.



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CLASS OF 1926

Luella E. Sappington, TTC '26, of Fort Wayne, Ind., on Oct. 31, 2007

1929

Paul E. Gwin, BSEE '29, of Sharon, Penn., on June 20, 2007

1930

Barney McCardel, BSBA '30, of Traverse City, Mich., on Oct. 24, 2007

1934

Merrill A. Kitchel, of Zephyrhills, Fla., on June 27, 2007

1936

Willis L. Barnes, BSCE '36, of Houston, Texas, on July 25, 2007

1937

David H. Lock, BSCE '37, of Scott, Penn., on Oct. 17, 2007

1938

Paul H. Knabe, BSME '38, of San Ramon, Calif., in 2004

Obed T. Wells, BSME '38, of Wichita, Kan., on Aug. 22, 2007

Edward J. Castledine, BSCE '38, of Charlton, N.Y., on Sept. 16, 2007

Harry B. Deyoe, BSCE '38, of Prairie Village, Kan.

1939

Jeanette (Storey) Rathbun, CSS '39, of Fremont, Ind., on May 31, 2007

Claire E. (Guilford) Mielke, CSS '39, of Kansas City, Mo., on July 29, 2007

Nathaniel C. Hallet, BCHE '39, of Lewisville, Texas, on Sept. 20, 2007

Sidney B. Hammarlund, BSAE '39, of South Bend, Ind., on Oct. 17, 2007

Herbert O. Leipold, BSCE '39, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

1940

Charles H. Wright, BCHE '40, of Louisville, Ky., on Aug. 18, 2007

Norman Y. Smith, BSAE '40, of Huntington Beach, Calif., on Aug. 26, 2007

William C. McCurdy, BSBA '40, of Naples, Fla., on Sept. 5, 2007

Clifton J. Gasaway, BSME '40, of Muskegon, Mich., on Oct. 21, 2007

1941

Melvin R. Loar, BSME '41, of Manhattan, Kan., on July 10, 2007

Albert A. Holcomb, BSEE '41, of Kalamazoo, Mich., on July 2, 2007

John A. Daniel, BSCE '41, of Bexley, Ohio, on Oct. 6, 2007

Roy D. Letsinger, BSME '41, of Ajijic CE, Mexico, on Oct. 21, 2007

1942

Stephen O. Johnson, BCHE '42, of Mentor, Ohio, on June 1, 2007

Dorset J. Goff, BSBA '42, of East Lansing, Mich., on Nov. 8, 2007

1944

Benjamin J. Wyluda, BCHE '44, of Warren Township, N.J., on Sept. 21, 2007

1947

Paul A. Thomas, BSBA '47, West Des Moines, Iowa, on July 23, 2007

Mitchell S. Bozimowski, BSME '47, of Plymouth, Mich., on July 27, 2007

Wilber E. Witmer, BSBA '47, of Elkhart, Ind., on Oct. 1, 2007

Donald E. Goodchild, BSCE '47, of Circleville, Ohio, on Oct. 7, 2007

1948

Dean H. Freund, BSAE '48, of Hendersonville, N.C., on Aug. 10, 2007

Victor E. Brown Jr., BSME '48, of Fletcher, N.C., on Sept. 5, 2007

John L. Buttler, BSRE '48, of San Antonio, Texas, on Oct. 12, 2007

Kenneth Raymond Curwin, BSME '48, of Georgetown, Texas, on Jan. 31, 2007

Wallace G. Brauks, BSME '48, of Aftton, Mo.

1949

Robert S. Seidel, BSME '49, of Frisco, Texas, on May 23, 2007

Frank J. Frimmer, BSEE '49, of Tampa, Fla., on May 30, 2007

James R. Miller, BSME '49, of Williamsville, N.Y., on June 17, 2007

George D. Sink, BSME, BADE '49, of Bowling Green, Ohio, on Sept. 10, 2007

1950

James A. Strickler, BSCE '50, of Fort Myers, Fla., on July 7, 2007

John W. McGinnis, BSME '50, of Saegertown, Penn., on Aug. 25, 2007

Jack W. Skidmore, BSME '50, of Mendham, N.J., on Aug. 26, 2007

Dean B. George, BSAE '50, of Knox, Penn., on Sept. 3, 2007

1951

Donald J. Hawk, BSME '51, of New Port Richey, Fla., on May 12, 2007

Norman F. Wehrmeister, BSME '51, of Fremont, Ohio, on May 22, 2007

Howard E. Fincher, BSCE '51, of Lafayette, Ind., on June 2, 2007

Frank L. Davis, BSCE '51, of Wilmington, Del., on June 3, 2007

David E. Doudna, BSRE '51, of Bellingham, Wash., on July 28, 2007

Don L. Zwyer, BSME '51, of Tulsa, Okla., on Oct. 30, 2007

Charles B. Childress, BSRE '51, of Dallas, Texas, on Nov. 14, 2007

1952

Harry F. Fabisch, BSRE '52, of Corpus Christi, Texas, on June 16, 2007

Jonah Eidelberg, BSME '52, of Melville, N.Y., on Sept. 16, 2007

1953

Frank J. Simunic, BSME '53, of Crestwood, Ky., on May 8, 2007

1954

David B. Roberts, BSCE '54, of Durham, N.C., on May 19, 2007

1955

Harry S. Jakubowski, BSME '55, of Viera, Fla., on Sept. 12, 2007

1956

Donald L. Hudkins, BSBA '56, of Vero Beach, Fla., on Sept. 12, 2007

Thomas E. Harris, BSBA '56, of Madison, Wis., on Oct. 31, 2007

1957

Peter A. Rusche, BSEE '57, of Jackson, Mich., on Sept. 14, 2007

John W. Pilon, BSAE '57, of Pontiac, Mich., on Sept. 17, 2007

1958

Bernard C. Johnson, BSME '58, of Lakeland, Fla., on June 9, 2007

William C. McKenzie, BSME '58, of Indianapolis, Ind., on July 8, 2007

James R. Toler, BSEE '58, of Harbour Marsh, Va., on Sept. 8, 2007

1959

John Stojko, BSEE '59, of Montville, N.J., on June 27, 2007

Leo M. Cullmann, BSBA '59, of Ottawa, Ill., on Aug. 27, 2007

1961

Harold E. Haase, BSCE '61, of Indianapolis, Ind., on May 10, 2007

Floyd C. Lebold, BSME '61, of Mew Bern, N.C., on May 20, 2007

1963

George J. Basalyga, BSEE '63, of Scranton, Pa., on May 7, 2007

1965

Harry A. Walizer, BSCE '65, of Bellefonte, Penn., on July 6, 2007

1966

Paul E. Cole, BSME '66, of Chelsea, Mich., on Sept. 17, 2007

Kent J. Murphy, BSBA '66, of Fairborn, Ohio, on Oct. 28, 2007

Paul H. Hunsinger, BSCE '66, of Drums, Pa., on Nov. 1, 2007

1984

John R. Reichard, BSME '84, of Alma, Ariz., on May 15, 2007

1986

James D. Habiby, BSAE '86, of Indianapolis, Ind., on Oct. 11, 2007

In Memoriam remembers alumni and friends who have passed-away. To include a name, we must have a newspaper obituary (photocopy or online version are permissible) from a direct relative. Every effort is made to print individuals' passings within six months, but no later than 12 months. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

FROM THE FIELD

2007 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

JOHN WYSONG, '76

Wysong was a three-year letterman on the men's basketball team. He was Most Valuable Player, and as captain, led the team to the District 21 state and the Mid-Central Conference championships in 1975.



TINA (BASHELIER) BALKA '00

Balka captained the women's golf team in 1999 and 2000 and received the Shari Coons Award, presented to the university's outstanding female scholar-athlete. She held the number-one position on the women's golf team for two years.



CRYSTAL (HARDESTY) SATTLER '02

Sattler was a four-year member of the women's basketball team, earning the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Emil S. Liston Award as the outstanding junior female basketball player in the nation. She earned TSU's Shari Coons Award as the university's outstanding female scholar-athlete, and ranked second in all-time scoring with 1,834 points.



1977 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

The 1977 men's cross country team finished 7-0 and were NAIA 21-State and Mid-Central Conference champions. Runners were Jeff Lauber, Dexter Lehman, Jeff Gangloff, Doyle Houser, Greg Johnson, Scott Wilson, Mike Schlemmer, Kevin Leinbach, and Mike Maycock.

1997 WOMEN'S GOLF TEAM

The 1997 women's golf team won the national championship for NAIA Division II, under the leadership of coach Lori Stinson. Members were Sarah Brown, Amy Eckhardt, Janell Howland, Dara Jones, Michelle Doremus, and Tina Bashelier. Stinson and Brown already have Hall of Fame individual honors, along with Bashelier, who was inducted this year.



THUNDER STRIKES IN THE MIAA

DANIELS COMPETES NATIONALLY

TSU's Curt Daniels (Huntington, Ind./Huntington North) became the first TSU cross country runner to advance to the NCAA National Championship Meet since the Thunder became an official NCAA DIII member. Daniels ran to a 13th place finish in the Great Lakes Regional Meet hosted by Calvin College. Daniels completed the 8K course in 27:17 and finished 262nd in the NCAA Championship hosted by St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.

MIAA ALL-CONFERENCE

CROSS COUNTRY

The TSU men's cross country team was honored with five of the nine spots on the All-MIAA second team. Justin Kowalski (Mishawaka, Ind./Mishawaka) finished ninth overall and led the Thunder to a second-place finish at the MIAA championship. Curt Daniels (Huntington, Ind./Huntington North), Josh Hogan (Russell, Pa./Eishenhower), Tim Murray (Sturgis, Mich./Sturgis), and Darin King (Archbold, Ohio/Archbold) were also selected.

MEN'S GOLF

Clint Miller (Columbus, Ind./Brown County) and Alex Lorencz (Chesaning, Mich./Chesaning Union) were named All-MIAA second team selections. Miller concluded his fall season by earning medalist honors and shooting a season-low round of 68 at the MIAA Jamboree hosted by TSU. Lorencz was steady throughout the fall with an average of 77.0 strokes per round.

WOMEN'S GOLF

The TSU women's golf team finished second in the MIAA and had four players named to the All-MIAA second team, Allison Rodino (Elkhart, Ind./Elkhart Central), Becca Miller (Logansport, Ind./Logansport), Brittny Makohn (Jackson, Mich./Jackson), and Jessica Vanderklok (Scotts, Mich./Vicksburg). Rodino and Miller paced the way for the Thunder with an average of 84.8 and tied for the eighth lowest average round in the conference

FOOTBALL

TSU's Courtney Pearson (Fort Wayne, Ind./South Side) was recognized as MIAA Co-Defensive MVP for his outstanding season. Pearson led the MIAA with 148 total tackles, and his 20.5 tackles for loss of yardage also topped the league. Pearson planted his name in the TSU record books this season, setting a new single-season tackles record with 148, and the career tackles for loss record at 40.

Return specialist Corrie Latta (Battle Creek, Mich./Delton Kellogg) was named to the All-MIAA first team-specialist. Latta returned 13 kickoffs for 344 yards, including an 80-yard touchdown return. Latta was also selected to the All-MIAA defensive second team after collecting 61 total tackles.

TSU was well represented on the All-MIAA second team with four additional players named. Place kicker Justin Hoover (Napoleon, Ohio/Napoleon) and punter Nathaniel Fitzsimmons (Warsaw, Ind./Warsaw) were named to the specialist second team. Linebacker

Matt Eby (Warsaw, Ind./Warsaw) was a defensive second team selection, and offensive lineman James Greenlee (Columbus, Ind./Columbus North) was an offensive second team selection.

Hoover connected on eight of his 15 field goal attempts this season, setting a new career-long of 44 yards. Fitzsimmons consistently gave the Thunder good field position this season, averaging 38.9 yards and pinning 17 inside the 20 yard-line on 50 punts. Eby ends his collegiate career ranked fifth in the TSU career record with 270 tackles, and is tied for fourth with seven interceptions. Greenlee anchored the frontline that gained 153.5 rushing yards per game.

VOLLEYBALL

TSU outside hitter Tia Roberts (Sherwood, Mich./Union City) became the first TSU volleyball player to be named first team All-MIAA. Roberts led the Thunder to a turnaround season and a fourth-place finish in the MIAA at 10-6. Roberts produced 392 kills on the season and had an attack percentage of .232. TSU junior outside hitter Sallie Richardson (Jackson, Mich./Napoleon) was selected as a second team performer for her contributions on the court. Richardson led TSU with 428 kills, and 47 service aces.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

TSU forward Jackie Havenaar (Plainwell, Mich./Kalamazoo Christian) was selected as a member of the All-MIAA second team. Despite a team record of 0-15-2 overall and 0-8 in MIAA play, Havenaar finished 15th in the MIAA in scoring with seven points.

MIAA PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

MEN'S SOCCER

TSU striker Rudy Cantrell (Justin, Texas/Northwest) was named the MIAA offensive player of the week during the week of Oct. 22-28. Cantrell had a goal and an assist in the Thunder's 3-2 win against Adrian and a goal in a 5-1 loss to Hope.

VOLLEYBALL

TSU outside hitter Tia Roberts (Sherwood, Mich./Union City) was named the MIAA player of the week for the week of Sept. 23-30. Roberts keyed a week in which the Thunder won two of three league matches.

FOOTBALL

TSU's Courtney Pearson was named the MIAA defensive player of the week for Aug. 27-Sept. 2 and Oct. 8-14. Pearson intercepted a pass, recovered a fumble and was credited with 12 solo tackles, including two for lost yardage, as the Thunder defeated Manchester 14-9. He had 18 tackles, including 12 solos, as the Thunder edged Adrian 23-20 in overtime.

TSU quarterback Eric Watt (Kentland, Ind./South Newton) and place kicker Justin Hoover (Napoleon, Ohio/Napoleon) were named MIAA players of the week for Sept. 10-16. Watt came off the bench to throw a pair of fourth-quarter touchdown passes as the Thunder came from behind to defeat Defiance 17-13. Hoover kicked a field goal of 27 yards and was 2-for-2 on PATs.

TSU defensive back Brandon Conlin (Martinsville, Ind./Martinsville) was named the MIAA defensive player of the week for Oct. 1-7. Conlin intercepted two passes as the Thunder defeated Kalamazoo 17-14.

TSU's Corrie Latta (Battle Creek, Mich./Delton Kellogg) was named the MIAA special teams player of the week for Oct. 22-28. Latta returned four kickoffs for a total of 131 yards, including an 80-yarder for a touchdown against Hope.

TSU punter Nathaniel Fitzsimmons (Warsaw, Ind./Warsaw) was named the MIAA special teams player of the week for Oct. 29-Nov. 4. Fitzsimmons averaged 41.0 yards on five punts in the Thunder's 30-10 victory over Wisconsin Lutheran.

HOWLAND GOES PRO



TSU head men's golf coach and golf management program director Bill San Giacomo meets with Ladies Professional Golf Association member Janell Howland during the 2007 LPGA Tour. Howland participated in TSU's golf management program in 1997 and 1998, helping her team to win the NAIA National Women's Golf Championship and then return to nationals to finish fourth the following year. Howland recently won her first tournament on the Futures Golf Tour, and ranks fifth on the money list for that tour.

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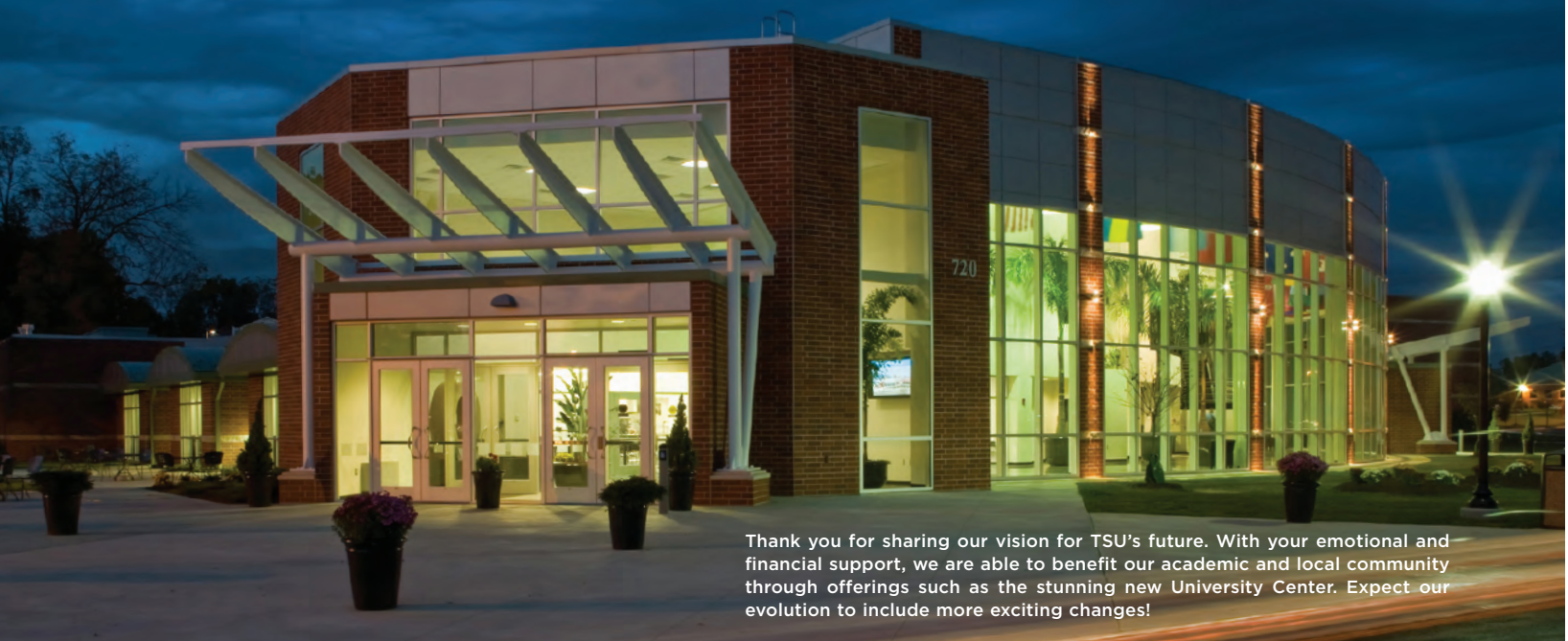
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