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FEBRUARY'S FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

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This month's spotlight is on Dr. Dwayne J. Scott, the Associate Dean of Students in the Office of Judicial and Ethical Programs. Dr. Scott recently accepted the position as President of the Adult and Commuter Student Services Advisory Board.

Q: How long have you been with the University of Memphis?

A: This is my fifth year as Associate Dean of Students in the Office of Judicial and Ethical Programs, and it has been a learning experience. I have seen the program transition throughout the years, however the mission of the University and that of Judicial and Ethical Programs has remained one committed to promoting student learning through discipline that is creative and thought-provoking which focuses on pursuing the truth and fairness to all involved.

Q. Many students may not be familiar with Judicial and Ethical programs. What is paramount that students know about Judicial and Ethical Programs?

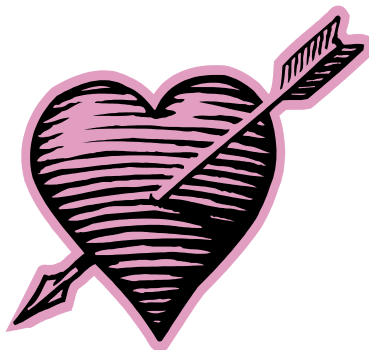
A. Students need to know that we are not only a place where you come when you are in "trouble", but we also are a place to come before trouble starts. You may need to file a complaint against another student for harassment or a variety of reasons. The Office of Judicial and Ethical Programs also administers the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities and other student policies, including academic dishonesty, classroom disruptive behavior, and peer-to-peer sexual harassment.

Q: You are new the President of the Adult and Commuter Student Services Advisory Board. When did you first become interested in the mission and goals of Adult and Commuter Student Services?

A: My familiarity and interest with Adult and Commuter Student began when I started my career with the University. When I initially heard of the ACSS, I thought it was a wonderful resource for our commuter and adult populations. Students really need an outlet outside of class to keep up their motivation, and the office provides that outlet. Through my interaction with ACSS and the Director, Joy Rogers Stout, I have seen the office transition from one that provides that outlet to a location for students to find information, enhance their academics skills, and learn of various ways to become active on campus.



"BALANCING SCHOOL, WORK AND ROMANCE"



Are you finding it difficult to balance the demands of work, school, and a love life? Maybe you feel that between school or work, you have no time for a love life. If you can relate to either of these feelings you should attend the Adult and Commuter Student Services' Balancing School, Work, and Romance Workshop. The facilitator will be Dr. Joseph Ventimiglia of the Sociology Department. Join us on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 in The Rose Theatre Entertainment Lobby. There will be two sessions (9:40 a.m. & 11:20 a.m.) so pick the one most suitable to your schedule. Refreshments will be served. See you there! For more information or to RSVP call 901.678.2644.

COMMUTER STUDENT ASSOCIATION (CSA) CORNER

CSA News

The first CSA meeting of the New Year was held February 1, 2007. The meeting was well attended. Parking, traffic, and safety issues were discussed.

Members also discussed the first CSA event of the New Year, "Soups On!" CSA will be providing a free bowl of hot soup and beverages to students who stop by Adult and Commuter Student Services on February 7, 2007, from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

This is an event open to all commuters! Other agenda items included membership dues, CSA constitution and the holding of elections which will take place at the next meeting, February 22, 2007. It is never too late to come and take part in the organization that is rocking campus, the CSA! Hope to see you on the 22nd!

What is the CSA?

The CSA serves as a support and advocacy group for commuter students who have needs, both academic and social, which are different than those of residential students. CSA

addresses issues important to the commuter, from parking and traffic fines to off-campus housing and campus events!

Where can I find out more?

You can pick up information and an application to join in the Adult & Commuter Student Services office, or email the CSA at tclover@memphis.edu for more information. Membership fees are \$10.00 per semester and can be paid prior to or at the next meeting, February 22, 2007.



ADULT STUDENT ASSOCIATION (ASA) NEWS

Adult Student Association News

February is full of activities with Black History month events, love is in the air with Valentine's Day and the party of all parties - Mardi Gras is on the way! I forgot to mention one thing? Taxes!

Doing your taxes can be taxing, and ASA seeks to take some of the taxing out. Join us Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. for our first Weekend Workshop of the Spring Semester on tax preparation. Guest

speaker and University of Memphis faculty professor Andrew Morgret will present "Preparing Your Taxes". The seminar will be held in Brister Hall, room 202 and free refreshments will be provided.

February's ASA membership meeting will be held Tuesday, February 20th at 4:00 p.m. in the ACSS office. This will be an important meeting because we need to discuss some necessary changes to the constitution. Also, if you're thinking about

running for an officer position for next year, you need to have accumulated a sufficient number of points (points are awarded for paying dues and attending meetings & workshops) before elections are held in March.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the ASA, please contact: Alyce Richmond, President of Adult Student Association at abrchmnd@memphis.edu.



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Q: As president of the ACSS Advisory Board, how do you see the board furthering or meeting the mission of Adult and Commuter Student Services?

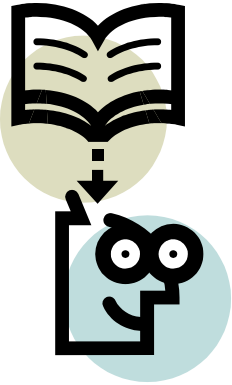
A: I see the board as a tool to help Adult and Commuter Student Services better understand the needs of the commuter and adult populations. The campus is predominantly a commuter campus with over three-fourths of the students being commuters. I see the board furthering the mission of ACSS by finding out what these students need socially and academically. We need to make sure the students are receiving both a quality in and outer class experience, and ACSS assists students in both capacities. ACSS is place where students can socialize with other students, gather important information pertaining to their unique needs (i.e. busing, housing, carpooling, child care information), and also enhance their academic skills through educational workshops that ACSS sponsors. I see the board assisting the ACSS in all these capacities. We are there to help ACSS adjust, create, and develop programs that will better assist our students.

Q: Do you have a particular objective or goal you would like to see the board accomplish this year?

A: Yes, I would like to see the board serve as resource for the Adult and Commuter Student Services to rely on for various areas of expertise and as a springboard for new ideas and suggestions. We (the board) are a diverse group of experts from various fields, and I hope that ACSS relies on the uniqueness that each member brings to the table.

Looking to become a better student? Check out the Educational Support Program

2007 Workshop Series!



Where: Mitchell Hall 407

Time: 1:00 p.m.

No Reservations Needed!

February 15th & 21st

March 22nd & 28th

“Organization is of the Essence”

“Strategic Learning and Performance”

March 1st & 14th

April 5th & 11th

“Self-Management, Study, and Stress” “Concentration and Memory”

ESP Seminars, “Learning More Effectively”

Snap Shot:

January’s Wild Wednesday training seminar focused on , Tiger Technology, Becoming a PowerPoint Whiz.



The workshop was held Wednesday, January 31, 2007 from 12:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in room 225 of the FedEx Institute of Technology. An audience of 28

students enjoyed pizza and soft drinks while learning a myriad of Power Point tips and techniques. The Tiger Technology

workshop was facilitated by Christopher Andrew Glenn of the Advanced Learning Center.

Christopher provided both informational and instructional Power Point techniques. Students were provided with notebook computers and were given step-by-step instruction of how to create a dynamic power point presentation for class or work. Students gave the presentation and overall rating of excellent!



Did you miss the January seminar? Don't worry! ACSS training seminars are now accessible online through the ACSS website.

Visit our website at www.memphis.edu/acss/ to view streaming video presentation of the Tiger Technology seminar, or to download the Podcast to your iPod.

THE HISTORY OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The story of Black History Month begins with historian Carter G. Woodson. Woodson was passionate about black history. His passion, however, evolved in the most unlikely place. While working at a coal mine when he was twenty, the daily conversation of the black Civil War veterans often focused on interesting historical facts not recorded in history books. Woodson realized that despite the constantly evolving history of the African American experience, documentation was sparse.

Woodson’s enthusiasm led him to college where he earned a bachelor degree in European history and a Ph.D. in history. As a new graduate, he managed to earn a living as



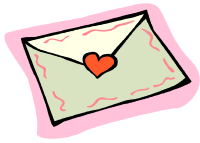
a high school teacher and later as a professor of history at Howard University. Yet, his desire to document black history remained. He co-founded and financed the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915 with the lofty goal for it to both publish and fund research and writing projects;’ about black history.

In 1926, Woodson finally came across an idea that would forever associate his name with Black History Month. Negro History Week, as it was called by the black fraternity Omega Psi Phi,

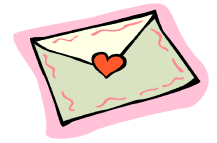
was a week in February dedicated to celebrating the achievements of blacks.



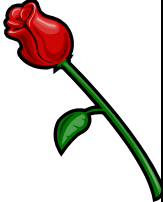






Their celebration was somewhat stagnant until Woodson offered to put the Association’s name behind the idea in February 1926. Through Woodson’s promotion of the celebration in the *Journal of Negro History* and the creation and distribution of kits for children, Negro History Week gained in popularity. In 1976, it evolved into Black History Month. Check out this month calendar for Black history events on campus!

Source: <http://afroamhistory.about.com/od/blkhistorymonth/a/origins.htm>



Falling for February



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 	6	7 Soup's On Free Soup 5th fl. Wilder Tower 11am-1pm An Evening with Cicely Tyson, 7 p.m., Rose Theatre	8 NAACP Freedom Ball Gala 7 p.m., U of M Holiday Inn Ballroom	9 	10 	11
12 SAC's Film Fest- "Employee of the Month" 8pm, Panhellenic Building	13 Balancing Life: School, Work & Romance 9:40 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. Rose Theatre RM. 115	14 Valentine's Day  Black Scholars Unlim- ited Igniting Excite- ment, 3 p.m., Rose Theatre	15 	16 Gospel Explosion, 7 p.m., Rose Thea- tre	17 Play - "Many Thousand Gone," 7 p.m., Rose Theatre	18
19 	20 ASA Meeting 4:00 p.m. 5th Fl. Wilder Tower	21	22 CSA Meeting 2:30 p.m. 5th Fl. Wilder Tower	23 Salute to Soul Music with Con- funkshun, 7 p.m., Rose Theatre	24  <i>Wells-Paxnett</i>	25
26 SAC's Film Fest- "The Prestige" 8pm, Panhellenic Building	27 	28 Closing Ceremony with National Civil Rights Museum Executive Director - Beverly Robertson, 1 p.m., Rose Theatre	 Looking Ahead to March <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Scholarship Deadline—3/1 • Understanding Lease Agreements—3/13 • Women's History Month Panel—3/15 • Off-campus Housing Information Fair—3/21 • Pinnacle Induction Ceremony—3/31 			

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