

The University of Memphis

# Adult & Commuter Connection

## Q&A with Kay Driver

Kay Driver has provided tutoring in English and writing in Adult and Commuter Student Services since Spring 2005. She has been an invaluable part of the university, as many past and present students would surely attest.



Kay Driver

**Q:** How long have you been an instructor at the University of Memphis?

**A:** This is my nineteenth year as a full-time instructor. Beginning in 1982, I taught part-time for the English Department for five years. Since 1987, I have been a full-time instructor.

**Q:** What classes do you teach?

**A:** I began teaching part-time for the English Department in

1982. In 1987, I became a full-time instructor in the Developmental Studies Department where I taught DSPW 0700 and DSPW 0800 for 16 years. During that time I also taught ACAD 1100. Now I teach special sections of ENGL 1010 for developmental students. These classes meet four days a week and are a combination of Developmental Composition and ENGL 1010.

**Q:** What kinds of questions or problems do students usually have during tutoring?

**A:** Most students have questions about organizing their papers. They may need encouragement to develop and support their ideas with additional specific details or to use transitions so their essays are more coherent. Some writers need tutoring on certain aspects of grammar and usage,

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## Adult and MLK Scholarships

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Applications for the 2006-2007 *Adult Scholarships* are now available. This competitive, renewable scholarship covers in-state tuition and is awarded annually to a limited number of students. Students can pick up applications at the Scholarship Office in 103 Wilder Tower, or online at [www.enrollment.memphis.edu/scholarships/schol\\_list.htm](http://www.enrollment.memphis.edu/scholarships/schol_list.htm). The **deadline** for the applications is **March 1, 2006**.

The scholarship is open to in-state and out-of-state students who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree and who will be at least 25 years old by Aug. 1, 2006. Current students must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA, and new students must meet Adult Admissions requirements to be considered for the scholarship. Part-time students must complete a minimum of six hours and full-time students must com-

plete a minimum of 12 hours per semester. Preference is given to students who do not have a current scholarship.

For more information about the Adult Scholarship, please contact Adult and Commuter Student Services, 678-2644, or the Scholarship Office, 678-3213.

The *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship* application is available online at <http://cas.memphis.edu/efiles/mlkscholarship.pdf>. The award is \$500. To be eligible, students must be undergraduates, have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, and have earned at least 12 credit hours. Students must also submit a 250-word essay describing what they have done to further "good human relations" on campus or in the community. The application and essay are **due March 3, 2006**, to Hope Smith, Interdisciplinary Studies Center, Scates Hall 107.

## Wild Wednesdays! Training Seminars



Learn how to juggle your academic and love life at the upcoming seminar, "Balancing School and Relationships," facilitated by Dr. Joseph Ventimiglia. Refreshments will be provided. Space is

limited, so RSVP to Heather Hampton at 678-2644.

The Wild Wednesdays! Training Seminars are sponsored by Adult and Commuter Student Services. Future seminars include "Keys to Successful Apartment Living" on March 15; and "Stress Management" on April 19. For more information, go to [www.memphis.edu/acss/](http://www.memphis.edu/acss/).

### Balancing School and Relationships

*Facilitated by Dr. Joseph Ventimiglia*

Join a panel of current and former students as they discuss how to balance school, work, family, and other relationships.

**Wednesday, February 8, 2006**

1 p.m.– 2:30 p.m.

UC 218

Please RSVP to Heather Hampton at 678-2644.

Refreshments will be provided.

## Student Spotlight

James Schrader took his first step more than six years ago toward becoming an engineer when he enrolled in night classes at Southwest



*Jim Schrader*

Tennessee Community College. As wonderful as it was to embark on his dream, Jim couldn't help but feel overwhelmed at the time it would take to finish school. But now all he feels is excitement, because Jim is merely weeks away from graduating with his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Jim has accomplished much since coming to the University of Memphis in Fall 2003. He was awarded the Adult Scholarship in 2004. At that time, he joined the Adult Student Association (ASA). Jim has been the

ASA treasurer for a year, and has managed the organization's Web site since Fall 2005. Jim says his involvement with ASA gave him leadership experience that he can take with him on his job pursuit. "It's important now because the job market is [so tough], you're competing against every one of those persons graduating with you. It gives you an opportunity to set yourself apart when you have those [leadership] skills."

Working with ASA also gave Jim the chance to help other adult students "struggling with classes, registration, or computers. ASA workshops have been able to help those students." One such workshop helped Jim during his first semester at U of M. He says that he was a "D" student the first four weeks of class. Then he attended a seminar facilitated by Dr. Barbara Bekis, coor-

dinator of Educational Support Program (ESP). "It brought clarity to my problem and I finished that semester with A's," Jim said. He recommends that adult students take advantage of resources such as ESP and Adult and Commuter Student Services. He also advises adult students to become involved with student organizations such as ASA or the Commuter Student Association.

Everyone at Adult and Commuter Student Services and the Adult Student Association is happy for Jim as he graduates, but they will also greatly miss his service, friendship, and leadership. They have no doubt that these qualities will launch Jim's engineering career and carry him as far as he wants to go.

## Black History Month

For the full calendar of Black History Month events, visit <http://saweb.memphis.edu/minorityaffairs/> and click "Calendar," or call the Office of Minority Affairs at 678-2054.

Each Monday	Snack & Raps	12 p.m.	UC 218
	<i>Bring your lunch and participate in various discussions.</i>		
Tues. Feb. 14	Smokey Robinson	7 p.m.	Rose Theatre
Fri. Feb. 24	Gospel Explosion	7 p.m.	Rose Theatre
Tues. Feb. 28	Closing Ceremony	12:30 p.m.	UC Faulkner Lounge
	<i>Featuring Shelby County Mayor AC Wharton, Jr. and a scholarship presentation</i>		

## Adult Student Association

The Adult Student Association (ASA) has several meetings and weekend workshops scheduled for the Spring Semester. Please mark your calendars and join us.

### Meetings:

**Fri., Feb. 17, 1 p.m., UC 404**  
**Fri., March 17, 1 p.m., UC 404**  
**Fri., April 21, 1 p.m., UC 404**

The February meeting is of special importance since we'll be electing officers for next year and discussing necessary updates to the constitution. So if you can only make one meeting this semester, this will be a big one.

If you're interested in running for an

officer position, please contact Alyce Richmond at [abrchmnd@memphis.edu](mailto:abrchmnd@memphis.edu) before 8 a.m. on February 16. For members' review, a copy of the ASA constitution was sent as an attachment with the distribution of the January meeting minutes and there's also a hard copy for review in the ACSS office in the plastic wall pocket on the ASA News posting area.

Don't forget about our weekend workshops, which are open to all students.

### Workshops:

#### Tax Preparation Help

Sat., Feb. 18, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
UC 404

#### Procrastination Pitfalls

Sat., March 18, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  
UC 404

#### Assertiveness & Communication

Sat., April 8, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.  
UC 404

For additional information about the ASA or upcoming meetings and workshops, please see the ASA web site at <https://umdrive.memphis.edu/g-adultstu/www/> or the ASA News area in the ACSS office.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the ASA please contact Alyce Richmond at [abrchmnd@memphis.edu](mailto:abrchmnd@memphis.edu).

## Commuter Student Association

The Commuter Student Association held its inaugural meeting on Jan. 25. Charter members included Noel Moore, Patricia Miller, Jessica Waller, Neili Jones, LaTonya Gray, Aneicia Barbee, Jarrid Johnson, Juaniqua McClennan, Carmen Mott, and William Terrell. CSA discussed ways to raise awareness of commuter issues, such as parking and safety.

CSA will hold meetings the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 4 p.m. in UC 310J. Come join the organization that addresses the needs of students who live off campus. Nominations for Spring 2006 officers will take place at the next meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006.



### CSA Meeting

**Wednesday, February 8, 2006**  
**4 p.m.**  
**UC 310J**

Nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sergeant-at-Arms.

All undergraduate commuter students with a 3.0 cumulative GPA and who have completed at least 12 credit hours are eligible to run for office.

*Call 678-2644 for more information.*

## Housing & Child Care Information Fairs



Mark your calendars for the third annual **"Off-Campus Housing Information Fair."** The event, sponsored by Adult and Commuter Student Services, will be **Wed., March 22, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** in the Rose Theatre Main Lobby. Students will have an opportunity to obtain information about various housing options in the community.

On the same day, ACSS is sponsoring its first **"Child Care Information Fair"** in the Rose Theatre Entertainment Lobby from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Students can learn about different child care options near campus, and ask questions about availability, hours of operation, and cost, among other concerns. For more information, call Heather Hampton, 678-2644.



## Look Ahead to PINNACLE



Are you an undergraduate student who is at least 25 years old, has earned 85 or more credit hours, and has maintained a 3.0 GPA? If so, then you may soon receive a request to join PINNACLE, the Non-traditional Honor Society for adults.

Letters will go out in the next few weeks to all adult students who meet

the aforementioned requirements. Students who are interested in joining PINNACLE must fill out the personal data sheet that accompanies the letter and return it to Adult and Commuter Student Services (UC 424), along with a \$30 check payable to the Adult Student Association (ASA). This amount covers membership fees for both PINNACLE and ASA.

Membership in the honor society is granted on a first-come, first-serve basis, so be sure to turn in all materials by **Friday, March 3, 2006**. An induction ceremony will be held on **Sunday, April 4, 2006**. At that time, new members will be recognized and receive their certificates and lapel pins. Call 678-2644 for more details.

## Q&A with Kay Driver (cont'd)

such as subject/verb agreement, pronoun errors, and fragments, comma splices, or run-on sentences.

**Q:** How did you get involved with ACSS?

**A:** I met Joy Stout [Director of ACSS] when both of us taught ACAD 1100. Since my schedule no longer allows me to teach ACAD 1100, I was eager to work with students outside the classroom. I believe that individual tutoring is beneficial to all students, especially those who have been out of school and are trying to refresh their skills.

**Q:** Why is it important for students to have good writing skills?

**A:** The majority of college courses require students to use

academic and business writing to demonstrate their knowledge whether they are taking tests or writing papers. Good writing skills prepare students for the courses they must take to graduate, and employers place this ability at the top of the list for hiring and promoting employees.

**Q:** What tips or advice can you offer adult and commuter students on writing good papers?

**A:** Students must realize that writing is a process that takes time and effort. No step in the process can be skipped. From reading the material and understanding the assignment to producing a paper to be proud of, every writer must go through a series of rough drafts and be willing to proof-read, edit, and revise carefully.

## Love Quotes for Valentine's Day

Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place. ~Zora Neale Hurston

But we loved with a love that was more than love. ~Edgar Allan Poe, "Annabel Lee," 1849

Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind,

And therefore is winged Cupid painted blind. ~William Shakespeare, *Mid-Summer Night's Dream*, 1595

Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down. ~Oprah Winfrey



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The mission of the Adult and Commuter Student Services Office is to provide a supportive environment for non-traditional and commuter students that promotes intellectual, social and academic growth and development through services and programs that foster lifelong learning.

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