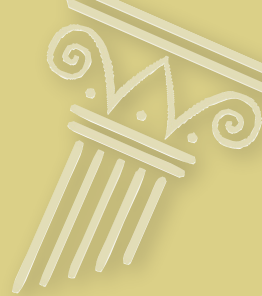


# THE COLUMNS



NOVEMBER 2004

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF TENNESSEE WESLEYAN COLLEGE

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...

- Nov. 6**  
Admissions Open House
- Nov. 8**  
Cookout at Blakeslee Hall
- Nov. 9**  
First Home Basketball Games  
**Go Bulldogs!**  
5:30 p.m.  
Women vs. Knoxville College  
7:30 p.m.  
Men vs. Cumberland College
- Nov. 11-13, 7 p.m.**  
*Townsend Hall*  
Performances of  
"Lend Me a Tenor"
- Nov. 8-12**  
Advising for spring 2005 semester
- Nov. 15-19**  
Pre-registration for spring 2005 classes
- Nov. 24-28**  
Thanksgiving Break

## CAMPUS KUDOS!

Education instructor **Amy Sullins** co-authored an article on adolescent literature, which appeared in the January 2004 edition of "English Journal."

**The Education Angels** kicked off their after-school literacy program for fourth through sixth graders at Athens' Westside Elementary School on Nov. 1. The annual Scholastic Book Fair, coordinated by the Angels, is scheduled for Nov. 15-19 in the Cheek Room from 3 to 6 p.m. There will be read alouds every day of the book fair from 4 to 5 p.m., and it is rumored that Clifford the Big Red Dog will make an appearance.

**Stan Harrison** made room on his trophy shelf for another award this month. He was recently named the 2003-04 NAIA-ADA National Athletics Director of the Year. The honoree is selected annually from 14 Region Athletics Directors of the Year. Stan said he was "honored and humbled by the announcement," and that "it's special when the recognition for your efforts comes from the national level and recognized by a panel of your peers." Congratulations, Stan!

At the beginning of October, **Dr. Ruth Elliott**, chair of the nursing department, attended a conference on multicultural healthcare in Salzburg, Austria, as part of an Appalachian Col-

lege Association fellowship. The conference included representatives from 31 countries and major discussion topics included development of multicultural understanding, strategies to enhance multiculturalism and future directions. The seminar was held at the famous Scholl Leopoldskron in Salzburg which serves as a strategic site for major policy meetings and creative think tanks.

At the end of October, **Gina Bever**, director of public and media relations, and **Nicole Gibbs**, director of communications, along with nearly 4,000 other public relations professionals, traveled to New York City for the international conference of the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA). They attended numerous professional development seminars as well as special sessions featuring Ken Auletta from the "New Yorker," Al Roker from NBC's "The Today Show," and Larry King from CNN's "Larry King Live." Just a few days before they left for the conference, Nicole and Gina were re-elected to the PRSA Lookout Chapter's board of directors. Nicole will serve a second term as the organization's public relations director, and Gina, who served as the chapter's president this year, will move into the role of past president and membership chair in 2005.

On Oct. 28, the **nursing program** inducted 63 students, alumni, faculty and healthcare practitioners as charter members of its new nursing honor society at a ceremony at the Thompson Cancer Survival Center at the Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center in Knoxville. The honorees were recognized for their excellence, leadership, scholarship and professionalism within nursing. This is the department's first step in establishing a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, an international nursing honor society. Congratulations to all the inductees and the nursing department!

In the past few weeks, the **Office of Financial Aid** has conducted 10 financial aid workshops at high schools throughout the region. These informational sessions, which were open to all high school students and their parents, helped hundreds of people understand the most important aspects of the financial aid process. All of these workshops were held in the evening, so special kudos go to those in Financial Aid who sacrificed some of their personal time to provide these valuable programs. Great job!



A campus-wide Halloween Costume Contest was held on Fri., Oct. 29. Winners in the Faculty/Staff category were **Angela Malm**, Best Overall Costume (Cow), **Suellen Perry**, Most Original Costume (Starbucks), and **Nicole Gibbs**, Most School Spirit (Nocatula).

## PERSONAL KUDOS!

On Oct. 2, **Bobbie Pennington**, assistant director of financial aid, celebrated the marriage of her son, Andy, to Ms. Jeanne Casteel. Best wishes to the newlyweds and Bobbie!

**Nicole Gibbs**, director of communications, and her husband, Daniel, a Chattanooga police officer, celebrated their first wedding anniversary on Oct. 4. They live in Cleveland, where they recently bought their first home. Congratulations, Nicole and Daniel!

**Editor's note:** *This is certainly not an exhaustive list of the accomplishments of the College's faculty and staff. If you deserve some kudos or know of someone on the faculty or staff who does, please share this information with Gina Bever at [gbever@twcnet.edu](mailto:gbever@twcnet.edu), so she can include these items in the next issue of *The Columns*.*

## CAMPUS CLOSING INFO.

While it may have been nearly 80 degrees earlier this week, winter will be here before we know it, and occasionally, the college will need to cancel classes because of inclement weather. The decision to close campus is usually made very early in the morning, so if there is winter weather, check one of the following media outlets before you leave your home:

### Chattanooga TV Stations

WTVC-NewsChannel 9  
WRCB Channel 3 News

### Knoxville TV Stations

WBIR Channel 10  
WATE Channel 6

### Radio Stations

WYXI – 1390 AM

WJSQ – 101.7 FM  
WLAR – 1450 AM

You can also check the InfoLine at the "Daily Post Athenian" at 745-3100, ext. #7005. While Dr. Scott Mashburn, dean of students, makes the call to close campus, Gina Bever is responsible for contacting the media when the campus is closed, so in addition to these media outlets, she will also attempt to send out an email message if the college is closed via the faculty and staff listserves.

If you do not see or hear Tennessee Wesleyan listed on the school closings, the college is open and running on schedule.

## OTHER NEWS ... PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

The search for the college's next president is underway. On Oct. 12, the presidential search committee, which consists of several members of the board of trustees as well as Dr. Falany, student Leigh Perrine, Dr. William McDonald, Sandra Clariday and Stan Harrison, met to initiate the process of finding the right candidate to lead the institution. A request for nominations and applications will run in the Nov. 12 issue of "The Chronicle of Higher Education," and other relevant publications will also receive information about the opportunity. The college's webmaster, Blake McCaslin, is in the process of posting a special presidential search section to the Tennessee Wesleyan website where interested parties can find information about the college and the Athens area. Updates on the committee's activities will be shared with the campus and community on an ongoing basis.



Material for future issues of *The Columns* should be submitted to **Gina Bever**, at [gbever@twcnet.edu](mailto:gbever@twcnet.edu).