

NOTES AND NOTICES

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School of Education

Greetings,

Welcome to the fifth edition of *NOTES AND NOTICES*. It is hard to believe that we have just a little over one month before the SOE Spring Retreat. The retreat will focus on celebrating 2001-2002 accomplishments and preparing for the future. Over the next few weeks you will receive information about how the retreat will be structured. Be assured that everyone will have a role in the preparations for the retreat. I hope that you are as excited about the future of the SOE as I am. Even in the midst of budget woes, there is potential for greatness.

This is the last issue of *NOTES AND NOTICES* for this academic year. The next edition will be published in August. However, I will need each of you to keep me informed about events that occur over the summer. Please e-mail or drop by with news items.

Trustee Teaching Award

Congratulations to Patti McNames and Guy Wall for receiving 2002 Trustee Teaching Awards. Great job! Since its inception, four of our faculty members have received this award.

Improvement of Teaching

Gary Pinkston scores again. Gary's work with PDA Technology was recognized with an Improvement of Teaching Grant. Congratulations, Gary.

Dean's List

Congratulations to Sue Schenatzki for making the Dean's List for academic year 2000-2001. Sue is a student in the School of Continuing Studies.

2001 Metroversity Teaching Award

Susan Ridout is the recipient of the 2002 Metroversity Outstanding Faculty Adult Learner's Award. She will be publicly honored on April 10, 2002.

Honors Reception

Please plan to attend. The reception will be an opportunity to recognize students and others who have contributed to the SOE. RSVP to Linda by April 23.

Public Relations ad hoc committee

Thanks to the work of this committee we now have a bulletin board designated for full-time faculty and staff and part-time faculty accomplishments. However, we need everyone to contribute. Please provide information to Teesue. The committee is working very closely with External Affairs to design an SOE brochure. The brochure is fully funded by the External Affairs office. The committee will try to have a first draft for you to see this month or next.

Superintendents Breakfast meeting on March 5

Twenty-three people attended. Several school districts were represented. The chancellor attended and welcomed everyone. Issues or concerns raised during the meeting included:

1. Shortages of teachers in special education, science, math, and middle grades
2. Training and preparing teachers for alternative schools
3. Quality and attitude of new teachers towards working with diverse populations
4. Higher education and K-12 partnerships to tackle problems
5. New teachers need skills on problem-solving
6. PL-221
7. Standardized testing
8. Budget short-falls

Service Learning/School Partnerships

- Mt. Tabor Elementary
 - < Tiger techs (G. Pinkston)
 - < P250 tutoring (G. Wall and C. deGraaf)
 - < School Improvement Team (PL-221) (C. Babione)
- Fairmont Elementary
 - < School Improvement Team (PL-221) (F. Squires)
- Galena Elementary
 - < Technology (S. Ridout, W. Ryan, C. deGraaf)
- Hazelwood Jr. High
 - < Reading Program (K. Bailey)
- Jeffersonville High
 - < Cadet Teaching (B. Jamski)
- Green Valley Elementary
 - < Reading/Writing Workshop (C. Bowles and B. Thompson)
- Corydon Elementary
 - < E-Pals Project (M. Herdoiza-Estevez)
- Scott Districts 1 and 2
 - < Title II grant proposal (C. Babione and C. Shea)

As you can see by the list we have a wide range of relationships with local schools, all under the umbrella of service learning. If there are others, please let me know.

Web Master

Please thank Gary Pinkston for moving us forward on our SOE web site. Gary will continue to work with faculty to establish individual web pages. Jim Clements will now serve the SOE as its official web master. A job description for this new assignment will be available by May 6, 2002. Until that time he will be working with Gary and others to establish duties and responsibilities for this new assignment.