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WIRELESS WORLD — A&M-Commerce computer science students will be able to study network security protocols, intrusion detection systems, and other security concepts regarding information security at just about any location, thanks to an unusual specialized laboratory. A portable, self-contained, controlled network - complete with laptops - that can be set up just about anywhere was acquired through grants from the George Washington University, the National Science Foundation, Cisco Systems, and the College of Arts and Sciences at A&M-Commerce. Pictured are (left) Linda Morales and Debbi Howard of computer science; Sam Saffer, computer science department head; and James "Jim" Klein, College of Arts and Sciences dean.



THEATRICALS — University Playhouse actors rehearse a scene in "An Experiment With An Air Pump" that opens at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11. At front are Kyle Halberstadt and Chris Martinez. Others pictured are Garrison Ausburn, Christian Galloway, Lacy Lynch, Kathryn Townsend, and Rachel Joseph. The British drama will also be presented at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 12-14, on the Main Stage of the Performing Arts Center. A Sunday matinee is also scheduled at 3 p.m. Oct. 15. For reservations, call the Playhouse Box Office at 5900.

Homecoming

Tuesday, Oct. 24 – Banner/Window/Door Contest Judging. Make the campus beautiful by decorating an area and enter the contest to win. Winners announced on Wednesday.

Casino Night in the Memorial Student Center's American Ballroom.

Wednesday, Oct. 25 – The traditional Homecoming Hotdog Spirit Day Rally and announcement of the Homecoming Court, East Circle, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Java Jive – An evening of coffee, open microphone poetry, and music at the Morris Recreation Center.

Thursday, Oct. 26 – Breakout Entertainment Homecoming Comedy Show featuring Damon Williams, Honest John, Juan Villarreal and Vanessa Fraction at 7 p.m. in the University Auditorium, second floor of the Ferguson Social Science Building.

Friday, Oct. 27 – Alumni Homecoming Golf Scramble at the Web Hill Golf and Country Club, Bonfire Pep Rally at Whitley Hall Band Practice Field, and Alumni Scholarship Mixer, Vain Lounge, Dallas.

Saturday, Oct. 28 – Morris Recreation Center open for a day of free family fun.

Professor William L. Mayo memorial graveside service, 11 a.m.

Book signing and art display, West Lawn, from noon to 2 p.m.

Tailgate party, West Lawn, from noon to 2 p.m. Be there early to cheer the Lions on their traditional walk to the Memorial Stadium for the game.

Training School Reunion Luncheon, American Ballroom 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Football game, 2 p.m., Memorial Stadium. A&M-Commerce plays East Central.

Hall of Fame Banquet, Texas Ballroom, 7 p.m.

Pan-Hellenic Homecoming Scholarship Greek After Party, from 10.30 p.m. to midnight, in the Watson Building.

You work hard to try to stay ahead of everything that needs to be done each day, but it often seems as if it is a losing battle. The solution could be to look at how you are working, and devise strategies to use your time more effectively. Ken Crutchfield, Human Resources director, offers these helpful tips.

1. Don't put off until tomorrow what can be done today. Each day brings new challenges to deal with.
2. Your time is valuable so decide whether it is worth doing particular jobs. Try not to waste time on a low yield task.
3. If you find that your time is filled with these, then you may be able to make a good case for employing an assistant.
3. Crutchfield suggests keeping an activity log to help to understand and analyze how time is actually spent.
4. Note whether you feel tired or energetic throughout the day. This could help you find out when you are most effective, so you can try to do your most important work at that time.
4. Draw up a to-do list of several goals and give them priorities according to their importance, then create an action plan for each of those goals. To achieve the goal, simply carry out each task on the list.
5. Try to concentrate on one task rather than multi-tasking. Doing too much at once can make it difficult to finish anything.
6. When drawing up a schedule, be realistic about how long it will take for something to be done.
7. Plan to make the best use of the time available, beginning with the essential and high priority tasks of your job, but be sure to leave contingency time to manage the unexpected. Last thing at night, and first thing in the morning, check what is ahead for the next day.
8. If you manage your time better in the workplace, you could find you have more time to spend with your family and friends.

Research grants

Eleven faculty have received Faculty Research Enhancement Awards for 2006-2007.

The awards total more than \$66,500, according to Dean of Graduate Studies and Research Allan Headley.

Winners, their departments, and projects are the following:

Maria Fernandez-Babineaux, literature and languages, "Revisiting Elena Fortun's and Antoniorrobes' Censored Spanish Children's Literature."

Jenra Hamra, biological and environmental sciences, "Characterization of Serotonergic Receptors on Specific Lymphocyte Subsets."

Sandy Kimbrough, health and human performance, "Using Immediate and Delayed Video Feedback for Improving the Training and Teaching of Physical Education Pre-service Teachers."

Frank Miskevich, biological and environmental sciences, "Analysis of Tomato Lectin as a Stem Cell Marker."

Asli Ogunc, economics and finance, "Further Evidence of Mutual Funds Performance."

Robin Reid, literature and languages, "Women in Science Fiction and Fantasy: An Encyclopedia."

Nikolay Sirakov, computer science and mathematics, "2D Image Segmentation and Efficient Features Extraction for Indexing a Step Toward the 3D Case."

Stephen Starnes, chemistry, "Shape Selective Anion Recognition: The Rational Design of Nitrite and Nitrate Receptors."

Sang Suh, computer science, "Smart Retrieve-An Embedded Intelligent Knowledge Retrieval System."

Chiu-Che Tseng, computer science, "Smart Environment Technologies for Alzheimer's Patients Living at Home."

Keith West, physics, "Influences of Solar Eclipses on the Low-Latitude Inosphere."

Publications

Mary Druhan, music, "Multimedia Music for the Clarinet," *The Clarinet*, December 2006.

Serge P. von Duvillard, human performance laboratory, "Oral Magnesium Therapy, Exercise Heart Rate, Exercise Tolerance, and Myocardial Function in Coronary Artery Disease Patients," *British Journal of Sports Medicine*, 2006.

Presentations

Yvonne Villanueva-Russell, sociology and criminal justice, "The Sociology of Professions and Professionalism," McTimoney Chiropractic Association, Basingstoke, England, July 20-21.

Rodger Pool, educational leadership, panelist on "Growing Your Own Leaders: Regional Doctoral Programs," North Texas Community College Consortium's Fall Leadership Convocation, Spring Creek Campus of Collin County Community College District, Sept. 8.

Grant received

Maria Fernandez-Babineaux, literature and languages, has received a grant from The Program of Cultural Cooperation Between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United States Universities. The project to be researched is "Revisiting Elena Fortun and Antoniorrobes Spanish children's literature."

Kudos

Sandy Kimbrough, health and human performance, has been named to *Who's Who in Health Science Education* for 2006.

Career development

Wendy Gruver, student assessment and TSI coordinator, has been named to the National College Testing Association Governing Board and currently serves as the president of the Texas Association of the Collegiate Testing Personnel.

Fast facts

Scholarship honors Razniaks

Proceeds from Bois d'Arc Wine and Food Society at the Northeast Texas Chapter of the International Wine and Food Society will fund the Stephen and Helon Razniak Scholarship Award.

Stephen Razniak was a longtime faculty member and former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

His wife, Helon, is a retired university employee. They were active in the Wine and Food Society.

The \$1,000 scholarship will go to a deserving student chosen from chemistry, biology, or agricultural sciences and will be awarded this spring at a Wine and Food Society meeting.

New mission statement

A new mission statement for the university has been approved by The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The mission statement is: "Texas A&M University-Commerce provides a personal educational experience for a diverse community of life-long learners. Our purpose is to discover and disseminate knowledge for leadership and service in an interconnected and dynamic world. Our challenge is to nurture partnerships for the intellectual, cultural, social, and economic vitality of Texas and beyond."

Refer to the university web site home page at www.tamu-commerce.edu and click on

See 'Ultimate Universe'

Take a grand tour of the solar system with "Ultimate Universe" now being shown at the A&M-Commerce Planetarium.

This show headlines a new fall schedule at the planetarium which includes three shows on Saturdays starting at 5 p.m. with a children's matinee, 6 p.m. with a show that has already had its initial run at the facility, and 7 p.m. with a new show.

On Fridays, the show currently playing will be featured at 7 and 8 p.m. with the Rock Hall of Fame at 9 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of the month.

The change in the Saturday schedule has been in response to patrons wanting the planetarium to offer the children's shows to the public and others inquiring about shows they had missed and wanted to see.

Viewers of "Ultimate Universe" will take a journey through vast fields of galaxies.



PUMPKIN PATCH — Lisa Rhoades, director of the Children's Learning Center, is at one of the displays at last year's Pumpkin Patch. The October 2006 sale is under way and will be until Halloween. Come and visit the patch set up outside Sikes Hall. The annual Pumpkin Patch raises funds for the center.

LEGISLATOR IS HONORED

— State Senator Robert F. "Bob" Deuell was recently honored at a luncheon for his support of higher education in the three years he has served in the Senate. From left are A&M-Commerce President Keith McFarland; Senator Deuell; Leo Sayavedra, vice chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs at The Texas A&M University System; and



David Rejino, assistant vice chancellor of Governmental Relations, A&M System. Senator Deuell serves on the Senate Finance Committee and Intergovernmental Relations Committee and is vice-chair of both the Senate Nominations Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee.

CREATING A LASTING LEGACY — Doug Rogers, Texas Association for Educational Technology executive director, hands a check to establish a scholarship in education to Sylvia Kelley, vice president of Institutional Advancement at A&M-Commerce. The 50-year-old association recently disbanded and entrusted their remaining assets to the university as many members are alumni.



Campus prepares to honor veterans



WE REMEMBER — A half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. will be on campus Nov. 7. Public Radio 88.9 KETR is planning a program of war veteran interviews titled “We Remember” on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 11 as part of the Veterans Vigil.

The Moving Wall, a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., is expected to arrive in Commerce Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Public Radio 88.9 KETR is planning to air a special program commemorating the service of war veterans, and is looking for veterans to interview.

Volunteers are also needed to help with this traveling exhibit, which will be erected on the West Lawn of the Memorial Student Center.

Area residents with military experience are needed to guard at the Vigil Flame during the 15th Annual Veterans Vigil from the opening ceremony on Thursday, Nov. 9, through Sunday, Nov. 12.

Also the committee needs name readers to take 30-minute increments during the observance to read the 58,000-plus names of Vietnam veterans on the Wall.

Other volunteers are needed to work at the tent that will be erected on the West Lawn and help those viewing the memorial find

names they may be looking for. Also business leaders and merchants in Commerce are being asked to advertise in the patrons section of a program that will be published listing the observance events.

Those who make a \$200 donation to the program will be invited to the patron luncheon following the opening ceremony and lighting of the Vigil Flame and receive a complimentary Moving Wall t-shirt.

For more information, refer to <http://campusactivities.tamu-commerce.edu/vigil/index.asp>.

Area high school trumpet players are needed to play “Taps” every hour on the hour during the observance.

Student musicians interested in helping need to contact Chris White, music department chair, at extension 5303 or by visiting www.tamu-commerce.edu/music/.

If you are a veteran and would like to be interviewed for radio, contact Lorraine Pace at extension 8171.

Families invited to visit on Oct. 7

Family Day on Saturday, Oct. 7, is going to offer options for families to meet, eat, and greet on campus. The chili cook-off is going to be a focal point.

There will be receptions and a variety of activities, including chili chefs concocting their dishes, tailgate party, and football game between A&M-Commerce and Southeastern Oklahoma at 2 p.m. in Memorial Stadium.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Main Hall of the student center followed by a welcome by A&M-Commerce President Keith McFarland at 10 a.m. in the Founder’s Lounge.

Judging in the chili cook-off will be at 11:30 a.m. on the West Lawn.

Registration in advance is required. Contact Sara Hillis at extension 5814.

October

- 6 Women’s soccer, Central Oklahoma, in Commerce, 4 p.m.
- 7 Cross Country, Mississippi College Invitational, in Clinton, Miss.
Family Day on campus.
Football, Southeastern Oklahoma, in Commerce, 2 p.m.
- 8 Women’s soccer, Southwestern Oklahoma, in Commerce, noon.
- 9 Poet Joaquin Zihuatanejo, Breakout Entertainment event for Hispanic Heritage Month, Founder’s Lounge, 7 p.m.
- 10 Making College Count: Ultimate Money Skills, BPF Rooms, Memorial Student Center, sessions at 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m.
Women’s volleyball, Southeastern Oklahoma, in Commerce, 7 p.m.
- 13 Junior Level Essay administered, Testing Center, Business Administration Building, 1:30 p.m.
- 14 Junior Level Essay administered, 8:30 a.m.
Climb Mineral Wells with Rec Center outdoors.
Cops and Rodders Auto Show, Memorial Student Building lawn.
- 16 Registration and drop/add begins for graduate students for Winter Mini and Spring 2007.
- 18 Registration and drop/add begins for seniors and second bachelor’s degree students.
- 19 Recycled Percussion concert, University Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 21 Dayhike Dinosaur Park with Rec Center outdoor group.
- 23 Registration and drop/add begins for juniors.
- 25 Hot Dog Spirit Rally, East Lawn, noon.
- 26 Registration and drop/add begins for sophomores.
Homecoming Comedy Show, sponsors are Student Government Association, Alpha Phi Alpha, and Breakout Entertainment, University Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- 27 Homecoming Bonfire, Band Practice Field, 8 p.m.
- 28 Homecoming Saturday, events during morning at MSC.
Football, East Central, in Commerce, 2 p.m.
- 31 Registration and drop/add begins for freshmen.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of *A&M-Commerce Today* is Wednesday, Nov. 1. Copy deadline for the issue is Wednesday, Oct. 25. Please send your news to mary_hazal@tamu-commerce.edu or by fax to 5522.

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