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Star-Spangled Banner

Northeast State, along with the other schools in the Tennessee Board of Regents system, is in the process of implementing a new administrative software package called "Banner." This system is produced by SunGard SCT, the same company that produced the administrative software currently in use (SIS, FRS, and HRS). In addition to the current modules, NSCC will implement additional components including Banner Advancement for the Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations Office, and Luminis, a much-improved version of the Campus Pipeline portal. The project is a lengthy and complicated process which has necessitated dividing the TBR schools into three cohorts (NSCC is in Cohort 1B). Training for Cohort 1B began in earnest this past spring with the HRS/Payroll component being the first step.

For us, the project will be completed in March 2007. Implementation for the various modules is as follows: Human Resources is scheduled to go live in January 2006, Finance in July 2006, Student Recruiting and Admissions in September 2006, Financial Aid in January 2007, and Student Registration in March 2007.

Implementation of each module involves a great deal of training. Cohort 1B alternates training locations between Austin Peay State University (APSU) and

East Tennessee State University (ETSU). Most training sessions require three days of hands-on experience, (typically Tuesdays-Thursdays). Generally, there are 2-3 training sessions per month. Given the small departments at most community colleges, this means that most — if not all — of the staff in a department involved with training will not be available except for portions of Mondays and Fridays. Please be patient with the situation and plan accordingly. The training schedules may be accessed by all employees through Outlook under the Public Folders tab. You can see where/when the training will take place for the coming months, as well as who will attend.

A project of this size requires a great deal of resources, careful planning, and open communication. With regard to the latter, there will be monthly updates to keep you informed of the implementation progress of Banner. Questions about the project can be directed to the following individuals: Fred Lewis, Executive Sponsor (423.279.7665); Dr. Claire Stinson, Executive Sponsor (423.323.0205); Margaret Lester, Project Manager (423.323.3202); Dr. Jon Harr, Project Scheduler (423.323.0231); or Duncan Parsons, Project Scheduler (423.354.2588).

— Submitted by Duncan Parsons, Dean of the Library

Our House

Congratulations to Chris Demas! Chris has just become a first-time homeowner and moved into his new house in Jonesborough at the end of August. So, if any of you have great landscaping tips or home décor ideas to pass along, we know that he will appreciate all the help he can get!

The Spotlight

September's Spotlight staff member is **Virginia Salmon!** Virginia holds a BA in History and General Social Sciences (double major) from James Madison University, an MS in Science and Technology Studies from Virginia Tech, and a Masters of Science in Library Science (MSLS) from the University of Kentucky, and has been a Librarian at NSCC for 11 years. She does an amazing job of taking care of all of the Library's periodical needs — from acquisitions to processing to maintaining, etc. Additionally, she has the sometimes daunting task of damaged items that are returned the Library. (We could tell you stories to make your hair stand on end, but we don't want to frighten anyone the first month back for the academic year.) Virginia also assists at the Circulation Desk as needed and works there one night each week. Her talents really shine in the Reference Department, though! Even though all of the Librarians take turns working at the Reference Desk, Virginia manages the scheduling of the Reference Desk each semester, as well as making sure that the other four of us are armed with handouts for the classes that come in for bibliographic instruction. She also creates the Library Worksheet and revises the MLA and APA Handouts each academic year. She is a very busy woman! Her favorite parts of working here are "The people and the energy." Her professional goal is to "keep up with all of the exciting changes happening in the Library, especially new technologies and information-acquiring opportunities."

Virginia's personal interests include sewing, needlework, crafts, cooking, traveling, and reading. Some of her favorite authors are Sharyn McCrumb, Mary Higgins Clark, Ray Bradbury, and Barbara Michaels. She hopes to have the opportunity to do more traveling in the future and wants to return to England to "spend more time visiting the historic sites." She adds, "Also, a cruise sounds good anytime!" Virginia is the proud mommy of "three adorable mixed-breed dogs" — Lucy, Linus, and Toby.



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**CHECK OUT THE NEW
LIBRARY HOMEPAGE —
WWW.NORTHEASTSTATE.EDU/LIBRARY**

Have you read a great book that we own at the Basler Library? We want you to tell us about it! In about 200-250 words, write a review, then submit it to us at capeters@NortheastState.edu. Editors reserve the right to screen/edit all materials submitted for publication.

Everybody's Everything

From patriotism to the stories behind popular movies, there's a book for every reading taste at the Basler Library! Come by and see what we have to offer. Here are just a few of the new titles we have recently received that might spark your interest.

Fiction: *Hedwig and Berti* (Arkin); *Specimen Days* (Cunningham); *Penultimate Truth* (Dick); *Ice Queen* (Hoffman); *Blood from a Stone* (Leon); *Lady of the Sea* (Miles); *Maid of the White Hands* (Miles); *Prince of Darkness* (Penman); *Novel* (Singleton); *Runny Babbit* (Silverstein); *Crazy Ladies of Pearl Street* (Trevanian); *Two Trains Running* (Vachss); *Something Dangerous* (Vincent); *Chain of Command* (Weinberger); and *Life Support* (Whitlow).

Non-Fiction: *Makeovers at the Beauty Counter of Happiness* (Beckerman); *Eldercare 911 Question and Answer Book* (Beerman); *Slave Nation: How Slavery United the Colonies and Sparked the American Revolution* (Blumrosen); *Cinderella Man* (DeLisa); *Indians in Unexpected Places* (Deloria); *Flag: An American Biography* (Leepson); *Disappearing Girl: Learning the Language of Teenage Depression* (Machoiian); *What Mary and Joseph Knew About Parenting* (Osborne); *Illustrated Encyclopedia of Scotland* (MacLeod); *Monster Show* (Skal); *Barbara Kingsolver: A Literary Companion* (Snodgrass); *Man Who Had Been King: The American Exile of Napoleon's Brother Joseph* (Stroud); *God's Politics* (Wallis); *Your Credit Score* (Weston); *Bristol Sessions* (Wolfe & Olson); and *Terrorist Leaders* (Young).

Come September

We're very enthusiastic about a thrilling new year in the Basler Library's exquisite program line-up! When I began lining up speakers and presenters for 2005-2006, I thought about what our purpose is in offering the programs, but also about what I hope that these programs mean to the people who attend them. I wish that we could take the program on the road, so to speak — to take those interested in attending them to all sorts of interesting places to meet really neat people. After all, **EVERYBODY loves a field trip!**

Since time hardly allows for that sort of thing, I want us to think about this year's line-up as field trips that come to us! We are offering programs about a variety of topics that will inform, entertain, and intrigue attendees in a range of ways. Although the entire Fall line-up is not completely finalized, we do have the programs for September 2005.

Thurs., Sept 8, 12:30-1:15 p.m. ==> Eating With the Experts Kick-Off, Eric Fish

Our favorite culinary grammarian joins us again this year for what promises to be a DELICIOUS event! Join us in the Student Study Lounge on the Basler Library's 1st floor. The food is free and the laughter gratuitous!

Mon., Sept. 19, 12:30-1:15 p.m. ==> Eating With the Experts, Steve Evans

Airline pilot Steve Evans will join us to talk about what he does for a living — from what he did to prepare for his career to some of the exciting places he has visited to some of the things that have happened to him while on-the-job.

Thurs., Sept. 29, 12:30-1:15 p.m. ==> Open Books, Brent Kennedy

Author and researcher Brent Kennedy will join us in L106 for a program centered around regional history, genealogy, DNA, and other exciting topics. The leading researcher in the field of "Melungeons," Mr. Kennedy will explore and explain this race of people from our own region. To learn more about this dynamic speaker before his program, check out his book *Melungeons: The Resurrection of a Proud People: An Untold Story of Ethnic Cleansing in America* (the Basler Library owns two editions) or read this statement by Mr. Kennedy online — <http://www.melungeons.com/articles/statemenkennedydec02.htm>.

Watch for more exciting programs as the semester goes on — or go to our Library homepage at <http://www.NortheastState.edu/library> to see what's in store under the various program series titles (Eating With the Experts, Open Books, and WHATTCHA Reading).

Pudding Time Old-Fashioned Bread Pudding

(Courtesy of Margaret Hill of Washington State, a member of the Vance Family Site through MyFamily.com)

bread and biscuits from a week's worth of cooking (equal to about 3 C of bread pieces)

milk
2 eggs
3/4 C. sugar
1 t. cinnamon
1 t. vanilla



Use the bread and biscuits from a week's worth of cooking.

Break all the crumbs up in a large bowl. Add eggs and cup sugar, cinnamon, and vanilla.

Begin to mix in milk until you have a very thick cake-like batter.

Spoon mixture into a well-buttered 8x8" square pan and bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes or until you can insert a knife and it comes out clean.

Cool; cut into squares.

Kids love this. Our mom made it for us growing up in the 30's and 40's and it was a huge hit. It tastes wonderful.