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This mid-year update – the first report since last September – finds the campus in the thick of training for our final Banner module, Advancement. After a brief hiatus for the holidays, the training began again in earnest in early January, and will wind up later on in the Spring. The projected “Go Live” date will be in early July 2008. The AD implementation team has accomplished a great deal in the past four months. The required tasks thus far have been completed as assigned and the process is on schedule thanks to the efforts of Katie Yates, Ranee Baker, Margaret Lester, Megan Horn, and Greg Walters. As with previous modules, this training has necessitated that these individuals be off-campus on a regular basis. Please bear in mind that they may not be available when you need them – and please plan accordingly.

The Library is pleased to announce the addition of 5 new databases. One database in particular, **Points of View Reference Center**, will be especially useful for argumentative and/or persuasive papers and speeches. As always, if you have any questions about the databases or if you need to schedule a class for library instruction, please contact the Reference Desk at extension 3558.

The new databases are as follows:

**America’s News Magazines** — Search a small collection of twenty-seven popular magazines including *Newsweek*, *Time*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Fortune*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Real Simple*, *Sports Illustrated*, *People Weekly*, *Teen People*, *Popular Science*, *Parenting*, *Baby Talk*, *In Style*, and more.

**InfoTrac Custom Newspapers** — Includes over 26 million articles from more than 650 newspapers, including U.S., national, regional, local, and some international newspapers. Also includes news and business coverage from an additional 300 sources. Includes selected articles from *The Chattanooga Times-Free Press*, *The Commercial Appeal* (Memphis), and *The Knoxville News-Sentinel*.

**InfoTrac Science** — Includes millions of articles from over 1,600 magazines, journals and reference materials on all aspects of the sciences. Topics include: agriculture, aerospace engineering, architecture, computer-aided design and engineering, electronics, microbiology, physics, plants and animals, psychology, zoology and more. The content of this database is also part of Academic OneFile and General OneFile.

**Points of View Reference Center** — A database of 200+ topics with an overview, point (argument) and counterpoint (opposing argument), a Guide to Critical Analysis, periodical and newspaper articles, book sections, biographies, primary source documents, images, and video. Topics include affirmative action, alternative medicine, cloning, gun control, immigration, Iraq, stem cell research, and many more. Also includes guides on debating, developing arguments, evaluating sources, writing papers, and more.

**Southern Life** — Includes almost 6 million full-text articles from academic journals, newspapers, and reference materials. Topics are directly related to past and present Southern living; includes people, places, historical, cultural and social events, literature, music, food, etc.

**Tennessee Newspapers** — Provides access to articles in *Chattanooga Times-Free Press*, *The Commercial Appeal* (Memphis), *Knoxville News-Sentinel*, and *The Tennessean* (Nashville).

— Virginia Salmon, Librarian

## Banner

The final formal tasks for the Banner Student module were completed at the end of December. While there is still some cleaning-up to take care of – along with some tweaking to optimize the system for our needs – Banner ST is, for all intents and purposes, successfully complete. It has been a lengthy and involved process and Dr. Jon Harr, Margaret Lester, Jennifer Starling, Billy Benton, Pat Sweeney, and Kathy Coleman are to be commended for their efforts.

There will be one more update on the progress of the Banner implementation on our campus. An end-of-the-school-year report will be issued in May or June of 2008, unless some concerns arise which need to be reported to the campus.

— Submitted by Duncan Parsons, Dean of the Library



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*Belated congratulations to Chris & Robin Demas on their little bundle of joy! Jonah Christopher Demas was born on Sept. 6, 2007. In the photo to the left, Jonah is 4 1/2 months old. Welcome to the Northeast State family, Jonah!*

**Hooked on a Feeling**

***Gut Feelings: The Intelligence of the Unconscious*, by Gerd Gigerenzer [BF 315.5 .G54 2007]**

Normally I would not pick up a book by an author named Gerd. However, something told me this would be a good book to read. My instinct was correct! *Gut Feelings: The Intelligence of the Unconscious*, by Gerd Gigerenzer, is an excellent book.

In the book, you will learn about how your instincts take over and help you in many facets of your life. From catching a ball, to determining which action is morally correct, your “gut” has a great deal to do with the decisions you make in life.

I highly recommend this book by the author named Gerd. I’m glad my instincts led me to it.

— Dr. Rick Merritt, Assistant Professor

**Trust the Experts**

The Basler Library’s “Eating With the Experts” programs is back for another attempt to appeal to your sense of learning, laughter, and life-lessons.

Our Spring line-up starts off with Northeast State’s own Norma Sanchez Webb demonstrating how to create handmade, home-made, straight-from-the-heart Valentine’s cards and candy treat bags. This program will take place in **L106** on **Monday, February 11, from 12:30-1:15 p.m.** Registrations are required for the hands-on portion of this event. Everyone is welcome to come and watch; however, only eight (8) people will receive kits to make the items at the program. You can register by calling Chrissie at ext. 3563, or by emailing her at capeters@NortheastState.edu — ASAP!

Celebrate “Women’s History Month” with us in March, as we welcome Kaylene Martin, a retired Senior Civilian who worked in the Pentagon, and whose career was spent working in the Defense Department of our nation’s government. Hear Ms. Martin talk about her experiences in what was certainly seen as a “man’s” domain, and prepare to be inspired and informed from someone now living right here in the Tri-Cities! This program is free and open to the public. Join us in **L106**, on **Thursday, March 13, from 12:30-1:30 p.m.**

Stay tuned for April’s program, still in the process of being scheduled.



**Dropkick Me, Jesus,  
 Through the Goal Posts of Life**

***Touchdown Taco Dip***

(Contributed by Chrissie Peters, Librarian)

- 1 can (9 oz.) bean dip
- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 Cup sour cream
- 1 T taco seasoning mix
- 1 garlic clove, pressed
- 1/4 Cup (1 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 medium tomato, seeded and diced (about 1/2 Cup)
- 2 green onions with tops, thinly sliced
- 1/2 Cup pitted olives, sliced
- 1 T finely chopped fresh cilantro or parsley
- Additional sour cream (optional)
- Baked tortilla chips (optional)



Preheat oven to 350° F. Spread bean dip over bottom of small baking dish. Combine cream cheese, sour cream, taco seasoning mix, and pressed garlic; mix well.

Spread cream cheese mixture evenly over bean dip. Grate cheddar cheese over top. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until cheese is melted.

Dice tomato and thinly slice green onions. Slice olives. Finely chop cilantro. Sprinkle tomato, onions, olives, and cilantro over dip. Garnish with additional sour cream, if desired. Serve with baked tortilla chips, if desired.