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New Faculty

Dr. Kristy Oden is an assistant professor in the Department of Nursing at UNA. She was born and raised in Northeast Mississippi. She began her nursing education with an Associate degree in Nursing from a Mississippi based community college that was followed by a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of North Alabama. While working in the area of women's health, she continued her education by obtaining a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Alabama at Huntsville. After completing national certification, she worked as a family nurse practitioner in the areas of internal medicine and gastroenterology. Dr. Oden completed her Doctorate of Nursing Practice from the University of Alabama in Huntsville with a focus on community education for the prevention of colorectal cancer. Her focus remains on cancer prevention and early detection through community education. Kristy is active with community programs such as the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. She enjoys spending time in outdoor activities and traveling with her family.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dr. Paul Davison, Department of Biology, who earned a four-page color spread in the *Tennessee Conservationist*, November/December 2011 issue. The article featured Dr. Davison engaging young to older learners in field biology observational techniques in the South Cumberland State Recreation Area. Dr. Davison often shares his passion for micro-organisms through informal environmental science education programs.

QEP

Thanks to all who were able to attend the QEP information session. Join UNA QEP on Facebook and become a part of the discussion.

Faculty Retirements

Drs. Walter Campbell, Teresa Leonard, and Greg Risner will retire at the end of this semester. They came to UNA as faculty members in 1994, 1991, and 1988 respectively. That represents 60 years of service to UNA. What a great legacy! Thanks to these three colleagues for their devoted service.

Retirement Reflections

Walter Campbell, along with wife Sharon and their children Shannon and Neil, moved to the Shoals during the summer of 1994, and Walter began teaching as a Professor of Accounting in the fall. He hoped the Shoals

area would be a good living environment to raise their kids, hoped their children would get to know their cousins better in Northeast Mississippi and Hoover, Alabama, and hoped UNA and the Accounting Department would grow as a university and academic department that he could be very proud to be associated with in his career. In summary, the Shoals area became a great place for his children to develop their skills and values, his children now consider their cousins like brothers and sisters, and UNA, the College of Business, and Accounting Department have become very special to him.

During his 17 and one half years at UNA, he has taught many special accounting students who have become successful in the business world. Beginning in the middle 1990s, he also spent considerable time in identification and interaction with accounting alumni, including development of a simple database of accounting graduates since the early 1950s from UNA Registrar records. Using these records and alumni association information, the department has successfully worked with the UNA administrative personnel in alumni affairs, admissions, career services, and central administration in conducting accounting and College of Business alumni receptions in Birmingham, Memphis, Nashville, Huntsville, and the Shoals. For the last 15 years, Walter has had the privilege of serving as a faculty advisor to the business honorary society, Delta Mu Delta, where annually UNA's best academic business students are honored and former and current College of Business faculty leaders and key supportive alumni are honorary inductees.

After retiring from teaching at the end of 2011, Walter hopes to continue to work with UNA in some capacity in transitioning from out-of-classroom activities and perhaps working with accounting alumni on activities that will benefit UNA. He also plans to travel more in retirement.

Teresa Leonard came to UNA in 1991 as an assistant professor after an 18 year career as a critical care nurse. Her tenure at UNA enhanced her personal and professional growth. Teresa established permanent relationships, developed lifelong friendships, and created numerous memories. She plans to work through the 2012 fall semester as an Isbell Scholar.

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