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Award-Winning Journalist to Speak at TCA's Fall Conference

Once again the Fall Conference is approaching, and your TCA officers have been working hard to plan and organize this annual meeting. One of the highlights of the event will be the Friday night dinner. We hope you will join us to welcome our speaker for this year's TCA dinner, Willy Stern.

Willy Stern, a former staff writer at *Forbes* and *Business Week*, has been with *The Nashville Scene* since 1996. His exhaustive investigations—into topics like airplane safety, police corruption, and crooked charities—have won numerous national journalism awards, including honors from the National Newspaper Association, ACLU of Tennessee, the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies, and the Association for Women in Communications. Stern also teaches part-time at Vanderbilt University, in the English and Communication Studies departments and at the Law School.

Stern's investigative and analytical work has been published in major publications around the globe including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The International Herald Tribune*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The New Republic* and *National Review*.

Stern also teaches part-time at Colorado College in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and has taught as a visiting professor at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts, and at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. A popular speaker, Stern lectures frequently on topics ranging from journalism to humor, from ethics to international relations.

Before coming to Nashville, Stern lived and worked as a journalist in New York, Chicago, Tokyo, Johannesburg and New Zealand, including a stint as the Far East correspondent for the Tel Aviv daily *Ma'ariv*. He holds degrees from Williams College (B.A., 1983) and Harvard University (M.P.A., 1991).

Please be sure to indicate on your registration form (located on the back of this newsletter) if you plan to attend the Friday night dinner. Information on TCA membership and conference registration is available throughout this newsletter.



Belmont Captures State Forensics Championship

Intercollegiate forensics is alive and well in Tennessee. Middle Tennessee State University hosted the 2005 Tennessee Intercollegiate Forensics Championship on Saturday, February 5.

Belmont University captured the overall sweepstakes championship.

In debate, Belmont cleared three teams into the semifinal bracket. In the final round, Belmont defeated Carson-Newman on split decision by the panel of judges. Walters State claimed the novice division championship, while MTSU placed second.

Tennessee State dominated the individual events competition with four champions and twenty-seven other finalists. Belmont placed second, and Carson-Newman placed third.

Competing schools were Belmont University, Carson-Newman College, King College, Lipscomb University, MTSU, Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech, UT-Knoxville, and Walters State.

MTSU will host the 2006 TIFA Championship on February 4. Contact Greg Simerly, gsimerly@mtsu.edu for more information.

President's Column

With the end of this academic year, I'm hopeful that each of you had a productive, successful and satisfying year with your campus activities and personal endeavors. Per your wishes and suggestions, your Association officers, Interest Group Chairs and many, many individual members have taken the initiative to address each of our mutual interests.

Numerous recommendations have been made throughout the year by members. Electronic communication has been very productive as members were quite proactive by providing suggestions and directions for accomplishing objectives set last September.

As we had discussed and planned at the September Annual Meeting, an early spring semester submission date for programs and proposals (in order to have the program substantially complete by April) was accomplished. At the suggestion of many of our members, President-Elect McAvoy's February 21st date was substantially met and the program is now complete for the September Annual Meeting. You and your colleagues have a most interesting program planned that is centered on a theme of "Communication: Teaching, Learning and Applications". The schedule can be accessed at <http://www2.volstate.edu/tca/2005program.mht> on the TCA website.

You will note that a Friday evening meal, with guest speaker, is planned for the Annual Meeting. A very reasonable \$65 per night room rate has been arranged with a deluxe continental breakfast provided for those registered at the headquarters motel. Access Annual Meeting information at <http://www2.volstate.edu/tca/convention.htm>.

Thanks to the Publication Committee for the planning and initial writing of a TCA publication concerning "Tennessee Communicators." Paul Prill's panel will discuss progress to date on this important contribution at the Annual Meeting.

Our Association is actively pursuing planning to involve educators in the Tennessee Communication Association who teach units or courses in communication or who advise communication-related activities in

secondary schools in Tennessee. A special session is planned for the September Annual Conference to continue pursuing this goal. Robert Oliver (McCallie School) and Ralph Hillman (MTSU) are providing initial planning to Malcolm McAvoy.

The Tennessee and Kentucky Communication Association Executive Committees have agreed "in principle" to conduct a joint "sub-regional" conference at a location in Tennessee in September, 2008. The last joint conference was in Kentucky in 2001. The 2008 sub-regional conference will provide an opportunity to invite attendance and presenters from additional states. Malcolm McAvoy will be attending the KCA conference in September the week before our TCA Annual Meeting to gather suggestions and input regarding planning and logistics.

Membership development is progressing nicely, with special efforts at Middle Tennessee State University particularly noteworthy. Five students, at the urging of Janet McCormick, have joined the Association. We are hopeful that other institutions will follow the lead of MTSU.

At the urging of Past-President David Walker and the approval of your Executive Committee, recognition for Outstanding Student Presentation will be given in two categories, instead of overall Student Presentation. An undergraduate and a graduate will be recognized by the Association. It should also be noted that, once again, the Association will provide complimentary registration for students selected to present at the Annual Meeting.

Finally, Len Assante will Chair a panel to address current issues that affect the discipline in Tennessee. A number of issues affecting the Tennessee Board of Regents and University of Tennessee systems will be addressed.

I invite each of you to make plans now to attend our Annual Meeting on September 23-24 in Gallatin and to invite colleagues (full- and part-time) and students to attend the Meeting. See you in September!

- David Warner, President
Volunteer State Community College

Joint Tennessee/Kentucky Annual Meeting Planned

Although the 2001 joint meeting of the Tennessee and the Kentucky Communication Associations at Kentucky Dam Village State Park in Gilbertsville, KY, was smaller than anticipated because of the events of September 11, many considered the promise of future joint meetings worthy of exploration. Your TCA Executive Committee explored the viability of future joint meetings with Kentucky's Executive Committee during the fall months.

An agreement, "in principle," has been reached to host a joint conference/Annual Meeting in Tennessee in 2008. The location of the joint conference will be determined by the

Tennessee Communication Association. The initial meeting, with Michael Osborn, Len Assante and Dorothea Norton as "leads," was conducted with the understanding that meetings would rotate between Kentucky and Tennessee and further, that these joint sub-regional meetings would be arranged for mutually beneficial years.

Each Association will conduct a separate Business Session/Luncheon and separate Interest Groups/Panels/Programs. However, members may submit proposals for presentations and/or attend sessions of either Association. This was the case in 2001 at the Kentucky-hosted joint meeting.

For this second "sub-regional" meeting, efforts will be made to invite attendees from neighboring states. Discussions have included extending invitations to colleagues from northern Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and the Eastern regions of Arkansas and Missouri.

Malcolm McAvoy has agreed to attend the Kentucky Communication Association conference in September, the week before the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Communication Association. The purpose of his attendance will be to gather KCA members' suggestions and to consider planning issues.



TCA Annual Conference

Fall 2005



September 23-24, 2005 • Volunteer State Community College

TCA Conference Information

Fall 2005

Date: September 23-24, 2005

Host: Volunteer State Community College

Conference Motel: Jameson Inn, Gallatin*

Rates: \$65.00/night

Booked: 40 rooms + Social Hour Suite

Theme: *Communication: Teaching, Learning and Applications*

Submission Date: February 21st; For Panel Topics, Paper Topics, & Presenters

We are asking all members to help recruit colleagues from college, high school, and professional ranks to attend and to participate in our Fall 2004 Conference. We are focusing on what and how we teach, best practices for teaching, and the business/professional applications of what we teach. We will make a special effort to have one or two programs designed for high school teachers with topics such as: "Teaching Speaking and Listening in Public Schools" and "Directing the High School Forensics Program." We are asking our members to reach out to public school teachers in their geographical area to invite them to the conference.

We are also prepared to work around the preferred schedule time of the high school teachers to facilitate their involvement with our conference. Further, we want to have business professionals attend both as presenters and conferees.

For the most up-to-date information on the 2005 TCA Conference, please visit our website at <http://www2.vGCC.CC.TN.US/tca/convention.htm>. Information on our Interest Groups proposal and submission deadlines can be found there, as well as additional information regarding the hotel amenities, the meeting facility, registration and more.

We hope to see you there!

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Gallatin, Tennessee 37066
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E-Mail: gallatin.tn@jamesoninns.com
Web: <http://www.jameson-inns.com/> or
http://www.jameson-inns.com/Hotel_Detail.asp?ID=36

Call For Undergraduate and Graduate Papers

The Tennessee Communication Association has annually recognized an "Outstanding Student Paper." Papers are submitted to a committee, under the leadership of the Past President (David Walker for 2004-05), after which students are invited to present a brief report on their completed paper or work in progress. In the past, an overall paper was recognized by the Association. Beginning in 2005, at the Annual Meeting, an outstanding papers will be recognized from among undergraduate submissions and from among graduate submissions.

Recognition at the 2005 Annual Meeting for the "Outstanding Undergraduate Paper" and the "Outstanding Graduate Paper" will include an appropriate recognition plaque and an expense check for each category. In addition, students selected to present at the Annual Meeting of the Association will receive complimentary registration to defray expenses.

Association members are encouraged to identify and encourage students to submit papers and/or reports on research in progress to David Walker, Past President of the Association and Chair of the selection committee. *The deadline for submissions is "in hand" (not postmarked) by September 5, 2005.*

Submission: Include name, institution of affiliation, undergraduate or graduate status and paper. Specify presentation equipment needs and submit 4 copies. Deadline Sept. 5, 2005.

Submit to: David Walker
P.O. Box 111
Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

E-mail David Walker for further information at dwalker@mtsu.edu.





TCA Annual Conference - Fall 2005



2005 Conference Agenda

FRIDAY, September 23

- 11:30 – 4:30 Registration
- 12:30 – 2:30 Interpersonal Communication Workshop for Best Practices
- 2:45 – 4:15 Curriculum & Instruction Panel
- 4:30 – 5:30 Secondary Schools Program and Planning
- 5:45 – 7:15 Dinner and Keynote Speaker
- 8:00 – 10:00 "Memphis Party" at the Jameson Inn

SATURDAY, September 24

- 8:30 Registration
- 8:30 – 9:30 Discipline and Curriculum Issues
- 9:45 – 11:15 Corporate & Organizational Panel
- 11:30 – 12:45 Student Presentations
- 1:00 Luncheon and Business Meeting
- Special Report on TCA Publication Project

TCA Financial Report

Beginning Balance 11-01-04	\$5,124.32
Deposits	\$395.00
Membership Dues and 05 Conference Registration	\$395.00
Expenditures	- \$60.00
Postage - December 04 Tennessee Communicator	- \$35.52
Duplicating and Postage - Ballots and Amendments	- \$24.48
Balance Forward 04-20-05	\$5,459.32

Annual Meeting Particulars

The Tennessee Communication Association 2005 Annual Meeting will be hosted by Volunteer State Community College, Gallatin on Friday and Saturday, September 23-24 with accommodations at the Jameson Inn. See the schedule above or visit the Annual Meeting page at the following address: <http://www2.volstate.edu/tca/convention.htm>.

Housing for attendees will be at the Jameson Inn of Gallatin. Room charges are \$65 per night, including a deluxe continental breakfast. For reservations, contact the Jameson at 1001 Village Green Crossing, Gallatin, TN 37066, Phone: 615-451-4494. The reservation deadline is August 22 for the guaranteed "TCA room rate."

The Jameson Inn will also be the location of the "Memphis" gathering that traditionally follows the Friday programs and dinner, an opportunity for attendees and guests to mingle in an informal gathering.

The Jameson Inn has Classic Southern Colonial Charm in a quaint country inn with all the modern conveniences. The Hampton Inn is next door and both are convenient to shopping and restaurants. Jameson Inn amenities include:

- HBO and extensive cable line-up
- executive workstations w/ data ports
- fax/photocopy
- free local calls and USA Today
- swimming pool
- recliners
- 25" color TVs
- recliners
- coffee/tea makers
- microwave/refrigerator
- voicemail
- hair dryers
- iron & board

Arrangements have also been made for rooms at the Hampton Inn (adjacent to the Jameson) for overflow. Hampton rooms are \$80 per night. For reservations, contact the Hampton at 980 Village Green Crossing, Gallatin, TN 37066, phone: 615-206-9595. The reservation deadline is August 22.

Friday Dinner (and Speaker) includes Grilled Chicken Breast, Country Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Garden Salad, Dinner Roll and Beverage included.

Saturday Breakfast at the Jameson Inn will be a Deluxe Continental Breakfast with fresh baked biscuits, gravy, bagels, muffins,

Danishes, hot and cold cereal, sausage, apple and orange juice, coffee and homemade Belgian Waffles. This breakfast is for conference attendees with Jameson rooms only (not included in conference registration).

The Saturday Business Luncheon menu includes Beef Stroganoff, Baby Carrots, Roasted Potatoes, Garden Salad, Dinner Roll and a Beverage.

The Meeting Facility at Volunteer State includes the following onsite equipment:

- overhead projectors
- microphones and stands
- screen
- sound system
- marker boards
- podium
- markers
- internet connection
- TV and VCR
- slide projectors

Specify presentation needs when submitting proposal to Interest Group Chair.

Meetings will be held in the Rochelle Conference Center of the Thigpen Library on the Volunteer State CC campus, Gallatin.



Recognize Outstanding Colleagues

April is gone, and the semester will soon be over.

Then, as summer is at its hottest, you will be receiving invitations from Dorotha Norton to attend the TCA Fall Conference. The call for papers has been sent out and many of you are working on getting some of those papers started. The interest groups depend on your participation.

As the summer drags to a close, the appeals for nominations for our two annual awards will show up in your e-mail inbox. But you have been out all summer away from your colleagues, or haven't given it a lot of thought or "Gee, do I really need to be a part of all that?" But as we gather for the Fall Conference, many of you will mutter, "Golly, I should have nominated _____ for that award."

Now is the time to look around, make some judgement calls and nominate your choices for the Speech Communicator of the Year and Outstanding Educator of the Year awards.

Nomination forms are located on page 6 of this newsletter.

Just remember, if you don't do it now, you might not get to it before the Fall Conference. Be a part of those awards, make your nominations early and let the committee do its job. We look forward to getting your nominations soon.

Fall Conference Interest Group Previews

Curriculum and Instruction Interest Group

Our presentations this fall will offer many dynamic activities, excellent teaching techniques, as well as new insights to help us improve our own teaching effectiveness in the classroom.

Topics covered include:

- "Special Occasion Speaking: An Impromptu Opportunity" (Jeffrey Rinkel, Chattanooga State)
- "Advantages of Using WebCT in Communication Courses" (Scott Christen, Tennessee Tech University)
- "Teaching Brainstorming" (Dave Warner, Vol State)
- "Speech Planning Made Simple" (Dorotha Norton, University at Martin)
- "Who is your They? What is your It?: Teaching Verbal Clarity in Public Speaking" (Halina Ablamowicz, Tennessee Tech University)
- "Classroom Contacts: A Foundation of Understanding" (Jeffery Mendenhall, Chattanooga State)
- "Senior Exit Surveys and Focus Groups as Assessment Tools" (Sharon Smith and Greg Simerly, MTSU)

Corporate and Organizational Communication Interest Group

When it comes to Communication teaching, learning and applications, the overall theme of the 2005 TCA Fall Conference, the Organizational Communication Interest Group has a one track mind. In order to advance the effective use of communication skills in the Health Care Industry, we believe in assessing the status quo, identifying training needs, providing quality instruction in an interculturally diverse environment, and then

evaluating the success of our efforts and our "students".

Dr. Sharon Smith and Greg Simerly (Director of Debate) from MTSU will guide us through research that supports the significance of survey before initiating an employee training program thereby assessing employee communication needs.

Dr. Yang Soo Kim from MTSU discusses the need for Intercultural Training Programs in the healthcare setting. He indicates that while increasing business and profit, effective intercultural communication also affects patients' physical and mental well being.

Dr. Janet McCormick from MTSU offers practical training activities designed to meet Intercultural Training Needs in the healthcare setting addressing verbal and non-verbal communication variables in a diverse population.

Lori Kissenger, also from MTSU, presents unique research regarding a State-wide project called "Keymunicate" which demonstrates how the arts are a key to the communication process for people with disabilities.

Deborah Warner offers insight from her 26 years experience in Health Care Administration Processes regarding Communication Competencies in staff, office and clinical personnel.

The goal of this panel is to address the "hot topic" of communication training describing the needs of the healthcare industry, possible training activities and current/future trends in TN.

Interpersonal and Small Group Communication Interest Group

The Interpersonal Communications session will be an activity-based session on best practices in Interpersonal Communication. The panel should be very interactive and

TBR Evaluates Lower-Division Classes

2005 continues to be an important year for the communication discipline in Tennessee.

The Tennessee Board of Regents has established a series of disciplinary task forces to examine the lower-division offerings within various disciplines state wide. These groups are tasked with developing a common lower-division offering in various majors. This would supplement the 41 hour common core curriculum in place across all TBR schools and would regulate the offerings at the community college level of the 19 hour area of emphasis. (The 41 hour GE core plus the 19 hour area of emphasis equal the 60 hour AA/AS degree or the freshman/sophomore portion of the BA/BS degree.)

The communication task force, after due consideration and input from many of our colleagues, has decided to table the issue for now, deeming the development of a common area of emphasis to be problematic and not necessarily in the best interest of the institutions or students.

engaging. The sessions will deal with best practices, assertiveness, and conflict management attempting win/win situations. The presenters are Kina Mallard, Union University; Len Assante, Volunteer State; and Teresa Collard, UT Martin.

Kina Mallard's session "Best Practices of Interpersonal Communication" will deal with an interpersonal communication topic. She will introduce her topic and engage the audience in an activity that will help them better understand the particular concept.

Len Assante in his session "Conducting an Assertiveness Inventory" will discuss how students have difficulty understanding and assessing their levels of assertiveness. He will explain the difference between assertive and aggressive behaviors and present a quick and easy activity which attempts to deal with the issue of assertiveness.

Teresa Collard's session, "Conflict Management: Striving for Win/Win" will present information on the various types of conflict management placing emphasis on win/win over win/lose. She will present an activity that will engage the audience in understanding how win/lose is often the paradigm for conflict management.

Nomination Form for *Outstanding Communication Educator of the Year*

Each year, TCA recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to speech education in the state of Tennessee; this recognition is normally awarded to a teaching member of TCA. We invite you to nominate a candidate for this year's award. A committee of the association, appointed by the President, will select the award winner, based on information you provide through this nomination. The award winner will be formally recognized at the awards luncheon as part of the annual meeting.

Name of Nominee: _____

Institution Affiliation of Nominee: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Institution Affiliation of Nominator: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____ Nominator's E-Mail: _____

Rationale for Nomination (please feel free to include additional materials):

Nomination Form for *Speech Communicator of the Year*

The Speech Communicator of the Year has been given traditionally to any person who, by virtue of service or performance, has contributed substantially to the purposes of speech communication in Tennessee. Although this person is usually a TCA member, he/she does not have to belong to the association. If enough support exists, Deans or other college officials, as well as governmental officials, may be submitted as appropriate candidates. We invite you to nominate a candidate for this year's award. A committee of the association, appointed by the President, will select the award winner, based on information you provide through this nomination. The award winner will be formally recognized at the awards luncheon as part of the annual meeting.

Name of Nominee: _____

Institution Affiliation of Nominee: _____

Name of Nominator: _____

Institution Affiliation of Nominator: _____

Nominator's Phone: _____ Nominator's E-Mail: _____

Rationale for Nomination (please feel free to include additional materials):

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION
IS AUGUST 1, 2005**

Send all nominations to:

Dorotha Norton, TCA Executive Director
305 Gooch Hall
University of Tennessee at Martin
Martin, TN 38238

From the Executive Director's Desk by Dorotha O. Norton

How much is your Tennessee Communication Association membership worth to you? That depends; are you "just a member," or are you an involved member? If you perceive TCA to be an insignificant organization that really doesn't matter, what are you doing for TCA?

To each person receiving this Tennessee Communicator, TCA should be the premier organization you eagerly share with your colleagues and students as you urge them to become members. TCA should be the organization that excites you as you volunteer to serve on committees and in leadership roles. TCA should be the organization that involves you with the preparation of conference presentations as you make plans to attend the annual meetings.

TCA membership makes available many professional opportunities, including leadership and scholarship. A current "perk" included for all members is the National Communication Association publication *Communication Teacher*. (CT is \$32 for a 2005

individual subscription.) The annual Fall Conference is a TCA highlight. It provides opportunities for sharing scholarly endeavors and for gaining up-to-date ideas from both seasoned professionals and graduate school newcomers. Fall conference provides opportunities to network with communication scholars from around the state and to form long-lasting, professional friendships. There are opportunities to laugh, to savor good food, to relax, and to escape the pressures of work, whether the conference is held on a college campus, at a hotel, or in a state park.

Working together, TCA members can and do make a difference in communication education in Tennessee, as evidenced by the recent influence upon the TBR schools' public speaking requirement. Working together, TCA members can make TCA an outstanding organization worth much to involved Tennessee communication teachers/professors.

TCA Membership Information

The Tennessee Communication Association is a professional organization for communication scholars—including, but not limited to, faculty and students—who seek to improve communication education at all levels in Tennessee, encourage research in communication, and foster community recognition of effective communication.

Student membership in TCA is \$5 a year, whether undergraduate or graduate. Membership in a professional association is a plus; an opportunity to interact with faculty and students of communication across the state, to establish professional networks, and to broaden discipline perspective. State membership is affordable compared to regional and national membership.

Part-time and/or adjunct faculty dues are also affordable, at \$10 a year. The opportunity to interact with other communication faculty and professionals is an "energizer." A subscription to the *Communication Teacher*, includ-

ed in membership fees, and interaction with other faculty provides an opportunity to "stay in touch" with recent developments and issues in the discipline within the state. Departments might consider providing TCA membership to all members of the department and providing Annual Meeting registration as a part of "in-service" to part-time and adjunct faculty.

Colleagues in your department do not receive TCA correspondence. Give your colleagues the opportunity to join the state Association by providing our website address at <http://www2.volstate.edu/tca/> and by sharing copies of the *Tennessee Communicator* newsletter. Don't overlook colleagues at sister institutions.

A TCA membership form (combined with the 2005 Annual Meeting Registration form) is located on our website at <http://www2.volstate.edu/tca/registration2005.mht>, as well as on the back of this newsletter.

TCA serves its membership in a variety of ways:

- Seeks the improvement of communication education at all levels in Tennessee.
- Encourages research in communication.
- Fosters community recognition of effective communication.
- Hosts an Annual Meeting to share papers and ideas that present research and offer practical suggestions for teaching.
- Publishes newsletters to provide reports and disseminate information concerning all areas of communication scholarship and education.
- Offers award incentives to encourage excellence in scholarship and teaching.
- Provides its members a subscription to *Communication Teacher: Ideas & Strategies for the Classroom*.
- Provides a forum for undergraduate and graduate students' reports on works in progress.

Kudos

University of Memphis

- **John Campbell** was awarded the 2005 James Madison Prize for Outstanding Research in First Amendment Studies from the Southern States Communication Association during their annual conference.
- **David Appleby** has recently received two great honors. In January he received an Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award for his documentary, *Hoxie: The First Stand*. He was also awarded the 2005 Board of Visitors Eminent Faculty Award from the University of Memphis.
- **Dr. Richard Ranta** was awarded the Governor's Arts Leadership Award, which recognizes organizations and people who have demonstrated significant support or participation in activities which foster excellence in, appreciation of, or access to the arts throughout the state.

Volunteer State Community College

- **Len Assante** and **David Warner** have both been nominated for the Volunteer State Community College Outstanding Faculty Award. The award (with a cash prize) is announced at commencement.
- **Dr. Dawn deVeaux** has been awarded a Maxine Smith Fellowship from the Tennessee Board of Regents for the 2004-2005 academic year. The Smith Fellowship allows minority faculty members to be mentored by a senior academic official at a TBR school for one year. Dawn has also been awarded a Geier Grant for 2004-2005.
- **The Department of Communication**, in conjunction with the Department of Visual and Performing Arts and the Media Services department, have completed work on a DVD of several local high school choral and instrumental groups. Four high schools from the Vol State service area accepted invitations for their groups to be recorded in the Vol State recording studio and video production facility. Each student was given a CD of their group's performance. A compilation DVD (audio with video clips) will be made of the best work and sold to the community as well as made available on www.volstate.edu.
- **The Department of Communication**, in conjunction with the Department of Visual and Performing Arts, will begin offering a new AA/AS degree option in Recording Industry Management starting Fall, 2005. This program will compliment the existing AAS degree currently offered and provide students a direct means of transfer to the RIM program at MTSU.

To have your news included in Kudos, please send it by email to rranta@memphis.edu.

2005-2006 TCA Membership / 2005 Conference Registration Form

Name: _____ Institution Represented: _____

Check one: Full-time Faculty Adjunct Faculty Retired Faculty Student Other

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Membership Type:

Student (\$5) Regular for Full-time Faculty (\$25) Regular for Adjunct Faculty (\$10)
 Sustaining (\$50 with free conference registration)
 Emeritus (No fee - must be retired from active service and have been a regular member for 15 continuous years)

List areas of interest: _____

I will attend the 2005 TCA Conference; \$25.00 conference registration fee enclosed. (No charge for student presenters.)
 I will attend the Friday evening dinner.*
 I will attend the Saturday TCA Awards Luncheon.*

Total Enclosed: \$_____ (Membership and/or \$25.00 Conference Registration Fee)

* Saturday breakfast included in Jameson Inn reservations only. No reduction in registration fee if you do not attend meal events.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Tennessee Communication Association

*The TCA membership year runs
from Fall Conference to Fall Conference.*

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