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Victoria Moore  Dara Cooper
Dun-Ying Vicki Yu  Christina Sharron

NOTE: Victoria is not a Vicki!
Feel free to come say hi! We'll greet you with a big smile and helping hand.

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Dr. Collins went home in mid-September when her neighborhood flooded. Luckily her apartment is in an area that didn’t flood. Aside for minor damages to her windows and car, everything else is in relatively good shape. Others were not so lucky; when asked what she saw, she says, “In southern Mississippi, whole groves of trees lining the highway were bent, broken, or totally wiped out, as were signs and billboards. The same was true as you got closer to New Orleans. Billboards were bent at impossible angles and sides ripped off of buildings. Streetlights were out everywhere.” She is thankful for how MSASS has welcomed her, having set her up with an office, computer and library privileges. She says, “It’s been really good for me to be able to have access to these things to set up some kind of normalcy among all of this.”

MSASS Katrina Relief

MSASS sponsored several relief efforts including a small student-run fundraiser that offered a light dinner for a donation. They raised $437 for Red Cross. Sarah Andrews spearheaded a drive (with help in packing from Theresa Wilson) that resulted in 30 boxes of personal supplies being sent to Baton Rouge, LA to a synagogue that was sheltering people from New Orleans. Theresa Wilson headed an effort that invited people to an Italian buffet for a monetary donation. That event attracted faculty, students, and staff. The successful event raised a total of $1000 for Katrina relief.

New Assistant Dean of Development

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comfortable since I spent many hours in this building during the MNO program.” She has always been impressed by the energy of the school and the depth of MSASS’ relationship with community organizations. She says, “It’s no ivory tower.”

Her new role is to work with Dean Gilmore and faculty to shape the development efforts to support research, scholarships, and other projects. She says, “It is my role to identify donors who will in- vest in the work being done at MSASS and in scholarships for students who, in turn, will improve the quality of life for people in the community.” She hopes to facilitate millions of dollars to MSASS as well as be a part of the building of the University’s fundraising infrastructure and “bringing stability to the overall fundraising effort.”

Outside of work, Cronin is seeing her son Connor through his senior year in high school. She says helping him get off to a good start in college is a priority. In ten years, she sees herself doing more volunteering and traveling. What does she want you to know about her? She keeps a candy dish on her office table to encourage people to stop in and talk about their ideas and needs for support.

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Announcements

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Three up-coming WEC events:

Fall Kick-Off Potluck Luncheon
October 28, 12pm—1:20pm

Staff Retreat
October 28, 1:30pm-5pm
Room 320A, B, C

WEC’s Spotlight (Brown Bag). In- formal Presentation and Discussion with Dr. Mark Singer: “Violent Behaviors in Adolescents: What’s Their Problem”
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Save the date!

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Theresa Goes to Mississippi

Theresa Wilson and 17 members of New Freedom Ministries United Methodist Church recently traveled, via two 15-passenger vans and a U-haul loaded with food and clothes for the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, to Mississippi and Louisiana. They "camped out" for 4 days at an army base in Mississippi, while visiting some of the hardest hit areas, including New Orleans. Each day they were assigned a different location to work. One of the locations was an area on the beach and under a tent, where they talked with, ministered to, and fed those in need. They also fed soldiers, national guards, and workers who had come from all over the United States to help. Theresa says, "The entire trip was a heart-warming experience that I will never forget."

When asked what she’s doing now in the meantime, she says, “I’m working on how I will work with my social work students in the spring on how Katrina is affecting/will affect their lives and careers as social workers.”

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**New SAC Representatives**

Richard Cole and Joan Llewellen are the new representatives to the CASE Staff Advisory Council (SAC). SAC exists to provide a communication forum between the Staff and the University Administration regarding all areas that affect us as employees. The Council is not a wage and benefits bargaining group and does not address individual worker-