

# MTSA **AIRWAYS**

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## *Welcome to MTSA, Class of 2003!!!*

With temperatures rise into the 90's, we are wishing our incoming class a **very** warm welcome! In case you didn't know, MTSA's class of 2003 is our largest ever – 44 students! Extra room has been made in the classroom to accommodate this class and we have moved the student copier in the quiet study room adjacent to the Library. As we get underway with Broadfields Orientation, we hope our new students are ready to hit the ground running!

### ***Meet your new family at MTSA!!!***

A monthly feature of **AIRWAYS** is an interview (usually with a student) conducted by MTSA's Clinical Assistant, Mitzi Birdwell. However, since we have a new class starting this month, we thought it would be a good idea to introduce the members of MTSA's staff over the next couple of issues. While our new students have already met some of us, this is a great opportunity to introduce the entire MTSA family. So over the next couple of months, look for interviews with our soon-to-be-familiar faces!

It is with great regret that I announce that Derek Hunt (Dean Hunt's son) is leaving in August to go to Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia. Derek has worked part-time at MTSA for two years. While we are going to miss Derek's happy face and terrific personality, we are going to miss his muscles most of all! It's been wonderful having this young man around to do our heavy work for us. We hope he will be back to visit and maybe even work a day or two! Best luck to you, Derek, and we miss you already. Chelsea Soapes, our newest member of the MTSA staff, will be replacing Derek. Chelsea will be primarily mornings and Sheena Tait, our other student worker, will continue to work in the afternoons.



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## **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

Full-time CRNA position available in major New York metropolitan medical center. Contact Janet Martens at [jmartens@winstonstaffing.com](mailto:jmartens@winstonstaffing.com).

CRNA opportunities in southwest Missouri and northeast Wisconsin. Contact Ann Lamb at [alamb@cejka.com](mailto:alamb@cejka.com).

Lourdes Hospital (**Paducah, KY**) has two CRNA positions available. Contact Christine Thomas at (270) 444-2934 or [cthomas@lourdes-pad.org](mailto:cthomas@lourdes-pad.org)

*For further information on this and other positions, please check the Job Opportunity Notebook in the Learning Resource Center.*

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

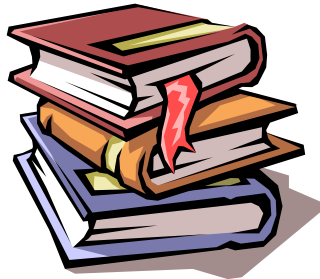
New books:

Nurse anesthesia / [edited by] John J. Nagelhout, Karen L. Zaglaniczny. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

Handbook of nurse anesthesia / John J. Nagelhout, Karen L. Zaglaniczny, Valdor L. Haglund. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

Clinical anesthesia / [edited by] Paul G. Barash, Bruce F. Cullen, Robert K. Stoelting. 4<sup>th</sup> edition.

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The June issue of **Seminars in Anesthesia, Perioperative Medicine and Pain** (vol 20, no 2) is subtitled **Pharmacology Update 2001**.

The June issue of **Anesthesiology Clinics of North America** (vol 19, no 2) is subtitled **Pediatric Emergencies**.

### **From the Chronicle of Higher Education:**

The Educational Testing Service has announced changes in the format of the Graduate Record Examinations General Test for the first time in 20 years. As of October 1, one section of the standardized multiple-choice test will be replaced with a writing section. The G.R.E. will then consist of verbal, quantitative, and analytical-writing portions. The writing section will replace the current analytical section of the test, in which test-takers are asked to solve verbal logic problems.

### **From Edupage:**

Legislation has been introduced into Congress which could compel ICANN, via the U.S. Department of Commerce, to add the .kids top-level domain. The legislation would keep the Commerce Department from approving any more TLDs until ICANN creates a domain for children. The legislation includes rules that the .kids domain operators would have to adhere to in order to ensure that content on the domain is appropriate for children.

### **HOT LINKS**

Teoma <http://www.teoma.com>

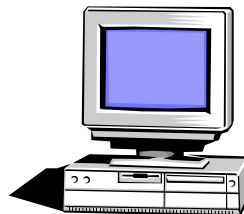
This interesting new keyword search engine sets itself apart by offering three types of returns at once. In addition to the usual individual sites ranked by relevance, Teoma Search also returns topic groups and directory pages, giving users the option to pursue their search on several fronts.

Corante <http://www.corante.com>

This technology Weblog, updated daily, provides abstracts and links to the full text of tech news articles. These are organized in eight sections, including E-Business, Personal Technology, Law & Policy, and Biotechnology. Each subject section includes the abstracts and links, related Websites, and recommended reading. Users may also subscribe to receive Corante daily via email.

Google Image Search <http://images.google.com>

Google has unveiled a Beta version of its new image search engine, which claims to be the most comprehensive on the Web, indexing over 150 million images. Keyword searches produce return pages with 20 thumbnails, each of which includes image size information and the URL of the source page. Clicking on a thumbnail produces a framed page with a larger image of the thumbnail above the full page on which the image was found. Users can turn off the frame using a button on the top right. All of the advanced search commands are available with image search, and users can also limit their search to a specific file format. There is an adult content filter option (default is on), but Google warns users that some adult content may potentially slip through.





**NOTABLE AUGUST DATES**

11-15 AANA National Meeting – San Francisco  
10-19 Elvis Week

*Time to go back to school!!*

**NOTABLE SEPTEMBER DATES**

3 Labor Day  
9 National Grandparents' Day

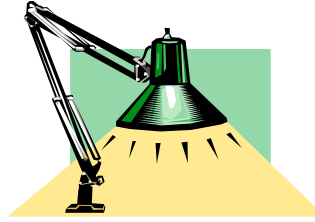
**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

5 Donna Gouge '03  
13 Bernard DeVasher (f)  
26 Brandon Nolen '03  
27 Josh LeMay '01  
30 Jeff Pope '01  
30 Heidi Dykes '03  
31 Molly Carneal '02

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

7 Derek Hunt (s)  
11 David Robinson '03  
14 Bradley Finerty '01  
14 Karl Hare '01  
15 Michael Stovall '03  
17 Todd Titus '01  
19 Wayne Flatt '02  
21 Rusty Oliver '01  
22 Sarah Palazola '03  
26 Christine Richardson (s)  
30 Lisa Clark '03





## **SPOTLIGHT ON . . . MTSA STAFFERS**

### **Patsy Logue, Secretary-Treasurer, Business Manager:**

A native Nashvillian, Patsy was born at St. Thomas Hospital and raised in East Nashville. She claims to have kept moving further out Gallatin Road until she finally reached Gallatin, where she and Bill (her husband of 34 years) currently reside. Her two daughters, Melissa (a former teacher) and Mandy (a former nurse) are now stay-at-home moms to Patsy's three grandchildren, Kate, Cole, and Parker. Mandy is expecting the fourth Logue grandchild around Valentine's Day, 2002. Patsy has been at MTSA for 17 ½ years, witnessing its transformation from a closet-sized room at TCMC to our current facilities. Patsy says she loves working with our staff and meeting such great and interesting students. In her spare time, Patsy loves to read and participate in any kind of water activity. The Logues try to get to the beach at least once a year and last year bought a boat to cruise our local waterways. You'll know Patsy by her sunny disposition and hearty laugh. She always has a humorous anecdote or joke for us here at MTSA.

### **Carol Stinson, Academic Assistant:**

Carol has been at MTSA for what seems like, she says, "forever!" Actually, she has been here for "only" 12 years, starting as a part-timer, but taking on full-time hours in 1992. A native of Fayetteville, Tennessee, Carol has been married to Gary Stinson for 23 years. They have three children, Jon, Brandon, and Jennifer (also an MTSA employee) and three cats, Tiger, Catch, and Emma. (Yes, in the Stinson household, the humans and the cats get equal billing!) When asked what she most enjoys about working at MTSA, Carol cites the Christian environment of MTSA, getting to know the students and their families, and working with the great group of ladies in the office. When she gets a rare moment to herself, Carol enjoys reading, working in the yard, and needlework; these days however, most of Carol's non-MTSA time is spent attending son Brandon's baseball games. (He is a junior at Columbia State and plays on their baseball team.) Carol's primary responsibilities at MTSA involve coordinating the class schedules, planning graduation activities, and administering the comprehensive exams. Carol tries to be organized, but also a bit of a worrier. She admits that she would probably sleep better if she were less of both!

**Mitzi Birdwell, Clinical Assistant:**

Mitzi has been at MTSA for seven years, starting out as receptionist and moving on to her current position as Clinical Assistant. She works closely with Ikey and the clinical affiliates to coordinate students' clinical rotations. In addition to this, Mitzi prepares the daily call schedule and keeps track of the students' vacation time. (She also does the monthly interview for AIRWAYS.) Born in Nashville and raised just north of Nashville in Greenbrier, Mitzi has been married to Ray for seven years and they have a six-year old daughter, Sydney. Sydney has a canine "little sister," Maxie. When she isn't at MTSA (which isn't often), Mitzi enjoys reading and working on her scrapbooks. The Birdwells have also recently bought a boat that has kept them busy this summer. Mitzi says her favorite thing about MTSA is the close family atmosphere. Mitzi describes herself as a "very hyper, talkative person – I always have a story to tell!"

**Christine Richardson, Alumni Assistant/Financial Aid Assistant:**

Even though Christine has been at MTSA for a mere six months, she already wears a couple of hats here! Not only does Christine assist Brenda with admission application and financial aid processing, but she also manages alumni affairs and degree verification. It didn't take Christine long to see how much we love to eat here and she claims that the food at MTSA is one of her favorite things. (Well, she says that she likes the people here, too!) Although born in Vincennes, Indiana, Christine has lived in Hendersonville for 13 years. Christine is a twin, so if you see her out and about, it may be her identical twin sister, Nicole. She also has a younger sister, Tiffany. Christine's favorite non-MTSA activities include working out, shopping, water sports, and boating.

**Jennifer Stinson, Clinical Records and Supplies Assistant:**

Jennifer's job title can be misleading, because she really does a little bit of everything here at MTSA. In addition to handling all things related to our students' clinical records, Jennifer maintains our supply inventory, pitches in with alumni affairs, information requests, classroom tasks, and anything else that needs to be done! Jennifer will be a senior this fall at Beech High School in Hendersonville. She has only been working here for one year, but is truly part of the MTSA family, since her mom Carol, started working here when Jennifer was only in kindergarten. She says the people at MTSA are the best part of her job. When Jennifer isn't at MTSA, she's either at school, hanging out with her friends, or, we suspect, shopping!

**Sheena Tait, Student Assistant:**

Born in Portland, Tennessee, but currently living in Goodlettsville, Sheena is MTSA's part-time, after-school student assistant. She has been at MTSA for two years and helps us out by making copies, shredding waste paper, doing mail runs, sending out information packets, and many of the other things we can't squeeze into our day! Sheena's job here leaves her weekends free, a luxury many of her friends' jobs don't allow. This fall, Sheena will be in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade at Madison Academy.

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