

# The Student Advocate

Troy Links

Important Dates

Registration

Financial Aid

Housing

Athletics

Records

Center for Student  
Success

Bookstore

SOS  
Emergency  
Information

Other  
Parent/Student  
Resources

Campus Link  
Newsletter

If you would like to be removed from our parent newsletter list, please click here.



## WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING TROY TROJANS!!

Move-In Weekend Starts Now! As many students already are beginning to make it back on campus, Saturday, Aug 10th officially kicks off many new beginnings as Troy students move into their dorms for MOVE-IN WEEKEND. Picture provided by the Troy IT Dept.

## Common Reading Initiative Spotlights To The Last Breath By Francis Slakey

Every year the University focuses on one book, required for all entering freshmen, that we hope challenges the students and inspires them in some way. This year's selection is *To the Last Breath*, a work by Georgetown physics professor Francis Slakey detailing his adventures climbing the highest mountain on every continent and surfing in every ocean. This "surf and turf" adventure began as simply a way to pass time and amuse himself. Ensuing events, however, cause Slakey, who describes himself in the beginning as isolated and cold, to examine himself and his approach to life; he learns that the world is interconnected, that we are all involved with each other in one way or another, whether we know it or not. As a result of his about-face, he has established the Georgetown Program on Science in the Public Interest, a program that helps students identify problems in the world and then join with students in other disciplines to help solve those problems. At least for Slakey, we are indeed our brother's keeper.

One of the reasons the Common Reading Initiative committee chose *To the Last Breath* is that we want our students to come to the same realizations that Slakey does. We want our students to be open to all that they will experience at Troy University and take advantage of the richness that is present here. We want our students to be aware of the different cultures that exist on the campus, to realize they are part of something much bigger than a small campus in southern Alabama—and this world we live in is getting smaller every day. Our Troy University students will be able to participate in a global environment, and everything they learn at the University (including what they discover in *To the Last Breath*) will help prepare them!

**Written by Elaine Bassett**  
**Coordinator of Troy University's Writing Center**

August 2013

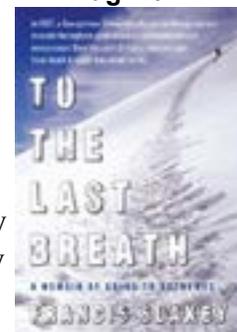
Registration  
August 12-13

First Day of  
Fall Classes  
August 14

Late  
Registration  
Aug. 14-19

First Payment Due  
Aug. 14

Last Day to WD/  
Add/Drop without  
Financial Penalty  
Aug. 19



## TROY EVENTS

**August 10**

RHA Ice Cream Social  
Barnes and Nobles  
Parking Deck  
6pm-7pm

**August 11**

Freshmen  
Odyssey  
Convocation

**AUGUST 31**

TROY FOOTBALL vs  
UAB @ 6:00 PM!!

**Worried about  
your student get-  
ting lost their first  
day of class?**

Send them to the **Information Station** located on Trojan Quad near the fountain. Center for Student Success Staff members will be there to help point your student in the right direction.