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Troy University News

## Troops, families express appreciation for University's 'TROY for Troops' effort

Troy University's "TROY for Troops" campaign is truly making a difference among service men and women in harm's way.

The effort, begun last year by TROY First Lady Janice Hawkins, seeks to send letters and care packages to troops with a connection to the University.

"I receive some of the most heart-warming e-mails from our troops," Mrs. Hawkins said. "They are very grateful for what Troy University is doing for them."

As of the end of September, the University had sent 40 care packages to troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan and sent out 115 "TROY for Troops" t-shirts.

Capt. Michael D. Bromund of the 97th Military Police Battalion, stationed in Northern Iraq, also was the recipient of a Troy University flag, which he has flown with pride during the football season, especially in celebration of the Trojans' victory over Oklahoma State.

"I wanted to let everyone know we got to watch the Trojans beat OSU," Capt. Bromund said in a recent e-mail. "Armed Forces Network came through for us and the TROY flag is hanging over the OSU flag in our coffee shop. Thanks again for your continued support."

Staff Sgt. Jim Harris, deployed at the Bagram Theater Internment Facility in Afghanistan, also expressed his gratitude for the University's support of the Armed Forces.

"I appreciate the support from 'home,'" Staff Sgt. Harris said in an e-mail. "Though no longer active duty, I



**Capt. Michael D. Bromund of the 97th Military Police Battalion poses for a photo with children in Irbil, Iraq.**

have spent the greater part of the last two years supporting and defending this country as a mobilized reservist. I am thankful that people like yourselves are back home making sure no one forgets us. Your continued support is cherished throughout my long work days in Afghanistan."

The appreciation for the "TROY for Troops" effort is felt by family members of the deployed as well.

"Thank you so much for the t-shirt and care package that you sent Damoreo Green," writes Addie Green, Damoreo's mother. "It means so much to me that you honor him that way. Damoreo called to tell me he received the care package and said he'd wear the Troy University shirt with pride while serving his country in Iraq."



**Alumnus in Washington** – Troy University alumnus Dr. Manley Johnson, an eminent economist and former vice chairman of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Federal Reserve, and TROY Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., are pictured in Washington, D.C., with the White House as their backdrop. Dr. Johnson, a TROY alumnus, is being featured in one of the University's television commercials as a part of the "Measure of Success" alumni advertising campaign. The campaign features prominent alumni, who share the impact that their TROY education has had on their lives.



At left, shoppers browse the aisles at the new Barnes & Noble University Superstore on the Troy Campus.

# Changing landscape

*Bookstore, student housing complex open on Troy Campus*



**Barnes & Noble Vice President of Stores Brian Starks, a TROY alumnus, speaks during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Barnes & Noble University Bookstore at Troy University's Troy Campus on Friday afternoon as Dr. Doug Hawkins, president pro-tem of the TROY Board of Trustees; Janice Hawkins, TROY first lady; and Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor, listen.**

Troy University officially dedicated two new facilities on its Troy Campus July 27, a residence hall and a Barnes & Noble University Superstore. The new Barnes & Noble Bookstore, the company's first academic superstore in Alabama, includes state-of-the-art point-of-sale and online sales technology and serves as the central hub in a system that includes bookstores on the University's campuses in Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City. A virtual bookstore is also operated for University College, providing TROY students in 13 time zones access to a full-service bookstore.

The 11,000 square-foot facility on the Troy Campus also includes a Starbucks Coffee Cafe that provides a full selection of specialty drinks, sandwiches, soups and desserts.

The \$2.5 million renovation of the Troy Campus bookstore also included a new Trojan

Theater ticket office and entrance on the south side of the Adams Center. Barnes and Noble College Booksellers, Inc., invested about \$800,000 in design, fixtures, equipment and technology.

During ceremonies on July 27, Troy University officials also cut the ribbon on the new four-building Trojan Village, a residential four-story complex that will add 524 new beds to the campus.

Ground was broken on the University's largest-ever building project on Aug. 4, 2006. Owned by the Troy University Foundation and leased to the University's housing office, Trojan Village was designed and developed by Ambling University Development Group of Valdosta, GA.

Whaley Construction Company of Troy served as the general contractor on the project.

Trojan Village offers apartment-style living arrangements in either two- or four-bedroom suites. Each suite consists of shared bathroom facilities, a kitchenette and private bedrooms, in addition to a common living room area. Each room is equipped with high-speed internet and cable television connections and the complex includes a convenience store, a fitness center and a student lounge.



Trojan Village features apartment-style living arrangements consisting of a kitchenette and a common living room area, which is a favorite gathering place for these TROY students.



Top right: The new Trojan Village, a four-building residential complex on the Troy Campus, was opened prior to the start of the fall semester. Above: Troy University officials cut the ribbon for the new complex on July 27. From left to right are: Herb Reeves, dean of student services; Charles Nailen, TROY trustee and chairman of the Troy University Foundation Board of Directors; Dr. Doug Hawkins, president pro-tem of the TROY Board of Trustees; Charles Perry, president of Ambling University Development Group; Janice Hawkins, TROY first lady; Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., TROY Chancellor; Roy Drinkard, TROY trustee; Gerald Dial, TROY trustee; and Alex Whaley, president of Whaley Construction.

## Dr. Don Hines named dean of Sorrell College of Business

Troy University officials have announced the appointment of Dr. Don Hines as dean of its Sorrell College of Business.

Dr. Hines, a former university president, has once before served as dean of the University's college of business and has held a variety of private consulting concerns in addition to his service in higher education.

A Ripley, MS, native, Dr. Hines has been serving as interim dean of the college since last year, when then-dean Dr. Earl Ingram was made vice chancellor of University College, the arm of the institution that oversees all of TROY's out-of-state and international operations.

From 1994 until 1998, Dr. Hines served as president of the University of West Alabama before returning to TROY to teach in the business college. At the time of his appointment, Dr. Hines was dean of the Sorrell College of Business. In 2001, he co-founded Horseshoe H Consulting with his wife Candace. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Mississippi State University and completed his doctorate in economics at Kansas State University.

"I have for many years believed that the whole of Troy



Dr. Don Hines

University has greatly exceeded the sum of the parts and I embrace this concept with great enthusiasm," said Dr. Hines. "My highest priority is to create an environment within the Sorrell College where all our parts, from Heidelberg, Germany, to Sarjah, UAE, to Troy, Alabama, and all places in between, feel an equal participant in what we do."

## Kaylor takes different approach in new book on University's history

When setting out to write a history of Troy University, Dr. Noel Kaylor wanted to take a different tact.

Dr. Kaylor, a professor in the University's Department of English, did just that in his book *History of Troy: The University*, which was published earlier this year, by paralleling the mythology of ancient Troy with the beginning and growth of the University.

"There are those who look at it and don't see a traditional, narrative history," Kaylor said. "They see it as a work that people will read, learn from and enjoy. Not



Dr. Noel Kaylor leads a class discussion about former chancellors of Troy University in the foyer of the Adams Administration Building on the Troy Campus. Dr. Kaylor focuses on the visions of each of the University's presidents and chancellors in his book *History of Troy: The University*.

being a historian, an Alabamian or a TROY alumnus, I was able to offer an objective look at the University's history."

Dr. Kaylor spent 18 months researching the book, which examines each of the University's presidents or chancellors and discusses the vision each had for TROY.

"The book goes through the history of the University, period by period. It goes into detail with the visions of each president or chancellor and how that vision interplayed with national priorities and local educational needs," Dr. Kaylor said. "What I found through my research is that each of the University's leaders has done a fantastic job. I was impressed with what I found."

Dr. Kaylor also uncovered in his research the positive town and gown relationship that has helped the University to grow throughout its history.

"From the beginning, the City of Troy saw the advantages of having a publicly supported higher education institution located here," Dr. Kaylor said. "Geography was a favorable factor because there were no other such institutions in this area of the state. The continued support of the alumni, who truly appreciated the positive changes a TROY education brought about in their personal and professional lives, has also played an important role in the growth of the University."

Dr. Kaylor said the success of that Troy University enjoys today can be traced back throughout its history.

"There is nothing scandalous in the history of the University," Dr. Kaylor said. "Scandal results from low-minded dealings with the world and we haven't had that at TROY. Each administration has been successfully able to balance the ideals of higher education with the practical facts of life, with politics and economics and the higher education needs."



Students take advantage of Troy University's new Student Success Center in Eldridge Hall. The center brings the Natural Science Center, Computer Works, the Writing Center, the Student Orientation Program, Adaptive Needs, Career Services, academic counseling and the TRIO program, which includes Upward Bound and the Student Support Services, into one location to better serve the needs of students.

## New Student Success Center brings services under one roof

By Melissa Harrison

When it comes to the success of its students, Troy University is taking a "one-stop shopping" approach.

Instructional Support Services, Student Development and the TRIO program are being merged into the Student Success Center in the newly renovated Eldridge Hall.

"We are trying to bring together as many elements of success as we can, and put them into one building," said Hal Fulmer, associate provost and dean of undergraduate studies.

The services that are to be included are the Natural Science Center, Computer Works, the Writing Center, the Student Orientation Program, Adaptive Needs, Career Services, academic counseling and the TRIO program, which includes Upward Bound and the Student Support Services.

Fulmer said that the students will be more likely to use the facilities now that they are easily accessible in one location.

Eleanor Lee, the newly appointed dean of first-year studies, said that this move is meant to serve all students, not just first-year students. "We are trying to strengthen everyone," said Lee.

Fulmer echoed Lee's sentiments.

"First-year success promotes ongoing success," said Fulmer. "The first-year students then become successful upper classmen who then become successful alumni; and hopefully, they will send their kids to us, so the loop continues."

Lee hopes the center will be able to add programs in the near future.

"We may be adding a Learning Initiative program, which

includes the new Reading Initiative and a Service Learning program, and a Testing and Assessment program to the center," said Lee.

Lee, who took over her new position in August, earned a bachelor's degree from Alabama State University and master's degrees from the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. She has also attended multiple workshops and seminars at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education. She has worked with thousands of entering students as Coordinator of the Writing Center and Director of Instructional Support Services.

*Harrison, a broadcast journalism and public relations major from Dothan, is a workshop student in the University Relations Office.*



Eleanor Lee, newly appointed dean of first year studies, believes the new Student Success Center will be a tremendous benefit for all TROY students.