

Paying tribute to a TROY alumna



General Academic Building's atrium named in memory of Frances Daniel Branum

The legacy of Troy University alumna and Greenville native Frances Daniel Branum lives on through an atrium dedicated in her memory on the Troy Campus.

Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., formally dedicated the Frances Daniel Branum Atrium in the University's new General Academic Building last fall where about 100 family members, dignitaries, students, faculty and staff gathered to pay tribute to Branum's memory.

"... Fran epitomized the 'leader as servant.' She was unpretentious. She had the ability, as the poet said, 'to walk with kings without losing the common touch'," Hawkins said. "In short, Fran Daniel Branum was a remarkable Trojan who left this world much

too soon. We are proud that her name will live on at this campus through the Frances Daniel Branum Atrium."

A 1993 TROY graduate, Branum, who died in 2003, became a member of the Troy University Foundation Board of Directors from 1995 – 2000. She was a graduate of Fort Dale Academy and was an active community leader serving on the Greenville/Butler County Public Library Board and the Children's Policy Council. She was also a member of the Daniel Foundation Board of Directors.

The atrium is the centerpiece of the campus's newest building, a 42,000 square-foot academic building that increases the classroom space on the campus by about 22 percent.

A replica terracotta warrior also adorns the atrium. Hawkins said the statue was given as an anonymous gift to the University.

Members of Frances Daniel Branum's family were on hand for the dedication of the Frances Daniel Branum Atrium of Troy University's General Academic Building. Family members included, from left, sister Susan Bricken, step-daughters Katie Branum and Lee Branum, son Daniel Branum, mother Marion S. Norman, husband Richard Norman, step-daughter Annie Branum, sister Missy Head and TROY Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.



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Survey says...

Alumni give TROY high marks

By Torie Hardee

Ninety-six percent of TROY alumni participating in a recent survey responded that they would recommend Troy University to a potential student.

Eighty-four percent of respondents felt that the University had prepared them “Well” or “Very Well” for employment.

The survey conducted by the Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness also found that 85 percent of the respondents rated Troy University as “Good” or “Excellent” in the areas of class size, educational experience, quality of instruction, professors, courses, grading procedures and availability of classes.

The feedback came from 1,075 TROY students from the graduating

classes of 1999-2004. Participants in this survey covered the TROY campuses in Troy, Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City, as well as University College.

Dr. Angela Roling, associate vice chancellor for institutional, research, planning and effectiveness, said that the survey was the first to be conducted under TROY’s One Great University initiative. “This survey will be considered the baseline for future TROY surveys,” Roling said.

Of the respondents, 58.4 percent graduated with master’s

degrees, 34.4 percent graduated with bachelor’s degrees, 5 percent with Education Specialist degrees and 2 percent with associate degrees.

Overall statistics from the 2005 Alumni Survey showed that TROY alumni who participated in the survey thought highly of their Troy University education and were pleased with their experiences at the University.

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White named to head University College while search is under way

Dr. David M. White has been named interim vice chancellor of University College and took the helm at the end of January.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Dr. Ed Roach made the announcement Jan. 1 and also announced a nationwide search to replace Dr. Susan Aldridge, who has been named president of University of Maryland



University College.

White, currently regional director of University College’s Southeast Region, is a nine-year University College veteran first hired as a faculty member for the Fort Benning, GA, site. He was eventually named site director at Fort Benning before being named regional director.

During his absence from the region, Mr. Bill Glisson will serve as acting regional director.

University College oversees the University’s eCampus and more than 60 sites in 17 states, 14 international locations and across 13 time zones. No state funds are used in the operation of University College.

Global Gateway

Hatchers honored for service to University's international students

Troy University honored a retired faculty member and Troy Rotarian by naming an entryway in his honor.

Dr. Nolan Hatcher and his wife Willetta were honored with the Hatcher International Gateway at the University's Rotary International Center at Pace Hall in October. The centerpiece of the gateway, a 16,000-plus pound granite globe that adorns a central fountain leading into the Rotary International Center, was unveiled during the ceremony.

"The Hatchers have been very generous in helping the University renovate Pace Hall," said Dr. Doug Hawkins, president pro-tempore of the University's Board of Trustees.

Hawkins said that through the combined efforts of the Hatchers, the Troy Rotary Club, the State of Alabama, other private donors and the University, support for the international program has flourished.

A bulk of that support has come directly from the Troy Rotary Club, which presented a \$12,500 check to the University during the ceremony. The donation was the eighth installment of a 10-year, \$125,000 commitment by the club to support the University's international program, said Carol Franks, a Rotary club and district officer.

Hatcher, the long-time international student advisor, was credited with helping build TROY's international student population – now at more than 600 students from 50 nations, said Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

"The Rotary Club has gone beyond the call of duty and, to a large extent, made this renovation possible," Chancellor Hawkins said. "We're proud this gateway is named in honor of Willetta and Nolan Hatcher and I say 'thank you' for all you have done."

Providing the ceremony's keynote address was Dr. Seth Hammett, speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, who holds an honorary doctorate from the University.

"TROY is indeed one great university," he said. "Our world is getting smaller and we can learn much from each other. We need to keep the vision of sharing ideas and information to make the world a better place. That's our challenge and goal."



Above, Dr. Nolan Hatcher, the long-time international student advisor was credited with helping to build TROY's international student population. Below, Troy University international students join officials and guests at the new International Gateway.

