



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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TROY lends a helping hand

University makes displaced family feel at home in Troy

When Hurricane Katrina threatened, Barry Lemoine, his wife Shannon and his mother-in-law Karen Gildea, decided to pack up and leave their Louisiana home.

The family, from a small community only a few miles from New Orleans' famous French Quarter, evacuated eastward and eventually found their way to Troy after remembering the Trojans trip to Baton Rouge last fall for a football game against LSU.

They checked into the Scottish Inn, and in the aftermath of the storm reached the realization that they would not be returning home anytime soon. That is when Barry Lemoine put his computer to work for him. The playwright sent an e-mail to Troy University, explaining the family's plight and seeking assistance.

Lemoine's mother-in-law, Karen Gildea, is a double-amputee and was scheduled to undergo cancer surgery the day



A group of international students joined other members of the student body, faculty and staff in cleaning and painting a house for the Lemoine family. Barry Lemoine, his wife, Shannon, and his mother-in-law, Karen Gildea evacuated to Troy ahead of Hurricane Katrina. Mr. Lemoine e-mailed Dr. Cameron Martindale, vice chancellor for advancement and external relations, seeking help, and University employees went right to work to assist the family.

after Katrina blew ashore. They had very little with them and were convinced the University could help.

And help they did receive. Lemoine's email went to Dr. Cameron Martindale, senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations. Touched by the family's situation, Martindale immediately went to work.

TROY employees were able to locate a house for the family and donations were collected to cover the first two months of rent. Some 41 students, faculty and staff worked to clean and paint the house and supplied the family with some basic necessities. Lemoine was even able to find a temporary job with the *Troy Messenger*.

Nursing students, faculty deployed to hurricane-stricken Mississippi

"We know South Mississippi." So read the slogan on the back of the Wesley Medical Center t-shirts worn by Troy University senior nursing students.

The south Mississippi these students encountered was not the one workers at the Hattiesburg hospital had in mind when they

coined that tag line.

The 12 students' south Mississippi experience was one of 12- to 18-hour shifts, sleeping bags on hard floors, short naps and even shorter showers. And, trauma.

"A lot of trauma," Kerry Varner recalls of the group's trip to assist

the medical center's staff face the health needs following Hurricane Katrina.

The students lobbied to make the trip after seeing the devastation. They learned on the afternoon of Aug. 31 that the trip was on and left for the 211-bed

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Improving education

TROY selected as one of five new Alabama Math, Science and Technology sites

Troy University has been selected as one of five new Alabama Math, Science and Technology (AMSTI) site.

The announcement of a new \$15 million appropriation to fund the five new and three existing sites was made Tuesday by Alabama Superintendent of Education Joe Morton. State and federal funds in the amount of \$1.2 million have been award to Troy University to operate the program.

AMSTI, an Alabama Department of Education initiative designed to improve math and science teaching statewide, was established by a blue-ribbon committee composed of K-12 educators, higher education representatives and business leaders. The research-based initiative provides three basic services: professional development, equipment and materials

and on-site support.

Teachers in the service regions of the new sites will receive extensive math, science and technology training during the summer, as well as all the needed equipment and materials. Math and science specialists at the sites will be available throughout the school year to mentor teachers in implementing the newly learned methods, and on-site support will enable teachers to become comfortable and skilled at hands-on learning.

Training at the TROY site will be conducted through the In-Service Center.

"This is going to improve the way math and science is taught at all educational levels, including pre-service teacher education, throughout southeast Alabama," said Judy Enfinger, director of sponsored programs. "We

are very enthusiastic about this opportunity. The addition of AMSTI training is a wonderful expansion for our in-service program, which is already greatly respected for its continuing education and professional development programs."

Dr. Donna Jacobs, dean of the College of Education, said that while the benefits to area K-12 teachers are obvious, TROY education students also will reap the rewards.

"Certainly the benefits of this program to teachers who are already in the classroom will be great, but this will also help us revamp our pre-service teacher education," Dr. Jacobs said. "Our education students will have the opportunity to receive this training and, as a result, be better prepared for success when they reach the classroom."

Troy University Ranks at the Top in U.S. News Survey

Troy University ranks first in the south when it comes to graduate students and their money. According to this week's edition of U.S. News & World Report, students earning master's degrees at the Dothan Campus finish school with the least amount of debt in the region.

The publication notes half of all Dothan Campus students who earn a master's degree graduate debt free. Those graduate students who do rely on loans to pay for college owe an average of \$6,038.

Financial counseling is one of the main reasons Dothan Campus students finish with less debt, according to Jonua Byrd, Dothan Campus director of financial aid. "Any student who wants financial assistance must go through counseling," Byrd said. "We make sure they understand the debt. They borrow only what is necessary."

Dothan Campus Interim Vice Chancellor Bob Willis is pleased by the magazine's findings. "We know that student loan debt can put a strain on graduates," Willis said. "At the Dothan Campus, we offer flexible day, evening, weekend and on-line courses which make it possible for students to continue to work, and to graduate with less debt."



Hands-on approach. Bo, the ball python, helps Troy University Elementary Education Instructor JoAnn McFarland (right) demonstrate how to conduct an active, hands-on lesson. McFarland, who teaches a course on the Dothan Campus titled "Social and Natural World of Children," encourages education major Roxanne Mollett of Enterprise, and other future teachers, to motivate and engage young learners through experiential learning.

Hurricane response

Troy University reaches out in aftermath of catastrophic storm

Troy University faculty, staff and students are responding to those affected by Hurricane Katrina in a number of ways in the aftermath of the catastrophic storm.

Below is a listing of efforts on Troy University campuses:

- Troy University Public Radio is participating in a statewide effort, sponsored by the Alabama Broadcaster Association, to raise \$2 million in 10 days for the Katrina Disaster Fund. Those wishing to contribute may drop their check, made payable to the American Red Cross - Katrina Disaster Fund, off at the radio station located on the first floor of Wallace Hall or mail their contribution to Troy University Public Radio, Wallace Hall, Troy, AL 36082.

- On Sept. 15, TROY students are challenged to donate \$5 to Hurricane Katrina relief. Organizations, faculty and staff are also encouraged to take part in this effort. The donated money will be used to aid those in our community and the remaining funds will be given to the Red Cross. Checks can be made out to the Troy Foundation Hope Fund or the American Red Cross.

- Student organizations on the Troy Campus are encouraged to take part or

host fundraising events on Sept. 15, and notify the Student Government Association at 3212 of any event scheduled. Currently scheduled events are: the Christian Student Center Sand Volleyball Tournament; Baptist Campus Ministries spaghetti lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and the American Federation for Democratic Women Power Wrist Band sale.

- The Student Government Association on the Dothan Campus has set up drop off points at the switchboard in Malone Hall, next to the deli and in Malone 103, to collect baby wipes, gloves, hand sanitizer, hygiene products, bottled water, teddy bears, diapers, flashlights and batteries. Efforts are also underway to provide student volunteers to the Wiregrass Chapter of the American Red Cross. Students can assist with everything from packing comfort kits to registering displaced families, according to Ginger Mayer, assistant professor of counseling. Mayer is also seeking counseling majors to work with victims of the hurricane.

- The business office on the Dothan Campus collected enough donations to purchase 56 cases of bottled water for hurricane victims. Efforts are also

underway to provide assistance to several displaced families of Dothan Campus employees.

- The Montgomery Campus is providing free tours of the Rosa Parks Museum and free admission to public showings at the Gayle Planetarium for hurricane evacuees. Free meals are also being provided through Sodexo Food Services facility in Whitley Hall to families from Louisiana and Mississippi who have been displaced by the storm.

- In addition to other efforts, the Montgomery Campus also is working to assist students who have had their education disrupted by Hurricane Katrina and also is soliciting students, faculty and staff volunteers to assist the American Red Cross in relief efforts, including working in the organization's established shelters.

- TROY football fans were given the opportunity to make donations for hurricane relief as they entered the gates of Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium for the Trojans' season opener against Cal Poly. In addition, close to 150 tickets to the Cal Poly game were given coastal residents who have evacuated to the Troy area, according to Director of Athletics Steve Dennis.

TROY attracts record number of international students

Troy University's enrollment of international students is up 43 percent over fall semester of 2004, setting a University record and bucking a national trend in the process.

Troy University now enrolls 620 students from 50 countries on its Troy campus, the greatest number of international students enrolled in University history, according to Dr. Curt Porter, Director of International Programs.

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor, said this growth is a positive sign that Troy University's internationalization efforts are producing results.

"We decided over a decade ago to actively recruit international students to create a global village in Troy," he said. "We believe this is in the best interests of our students from America who will compete in an international marketplace. Likewise, it's in the best interest of international students who value a degree from an American university."

Dr. Porter said that TROY's success in recruiting international students counters a national trend, as the most recent figures available show that in 2003-04 U.S. universities experienced

a 2.4 percent drop in international enrollments. This fall, Troy University recruited 320 new students, a 281 percent increase over fall 2004.

"Basically there is no question we are bucking the trends - just how much is the question," Dr. Porter said. "We won't know the complete picture until the national numbers are compiled. We do know that Troy University has put together a string of double-digit increases during a decade when the United States has been losing market share and even total numbers of international students."

A global presence

University College Worldwide Conference draws nearly 400 to Troy Campus

Almost 400 members of University College visited the Troy Campus last week for its 2005 Worldwide Conference.

The conference events included work sessions, campus tours and reports from every region, plus social events such as tailgating before the football game with UAB.

In his welcoming remarks, Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., reviewed some of his institutional goals for 2010, including a \$100 million return from University College. He also urged participants to focus on three key areas of success in the coming academic year: retain the focus on student service, maximize revenues while minimizing expenses and continue to provide high-quality academic programs.

Dr. Susan Aldridge, vice chancellor of University College, said in her "state of the union" opening remarks that University College continued its strong growth mode during the past year with new sites at home and abroad. She also said the character of University College is evolving.

"After Sept. 11, 2001, the world changed and our University College operation changed forever," she said.



Dr. Cameron Martindale, senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations, takes part in a "David Letterman" type, interview presentation during Thursday's session of University College's Worldwide Conference.

"In order to remain viable and strong, we had to change the way we served our military students and move into civilian markets."

Today, one-half of the University College locations are civilian sites, she said.

She added that University College is working to perfect a "feeder" system

to allow TROY students from Alabama the opportunity to study overseas at a University College campus.

"Many universities have study abroad or they have a few locations, but no university has the comprehensive opportunities that we will create for our students," Dr. Aldridge said.

Faculty, staff can bypass parking decal fees with tag purchase

Tag used to only be a game played by children, but for Troy University faculty and staff, it now has a whole new meaning.

All TROY faculty, staff and students who purchase a Troy University Collegiate License Plate for their vehicle will not have to purchase a University parking decal.

Of course, bypassing the parking fee is not the only reason to buy a Troy University license plate. Most importantly, the tax-deductible purchase helps to fund academic scholarships for deserving students. Other than the fees that go to the issuing County Probate office, all money goes toward scholarship.

The license plates also provide a public demonstration of pride in TROY.



Art Educator of the Year

Troy University's Larry Percy earns association's highest honor

Troy University faculty member Larry Percy has been selected as the Alabama Art Education Association's Higher Education Art Educator of the Year.

Percy will now be eligible to compete for the National Art Education Association's Southeastern Region Higher Education Art Educator of the Year. The Alabama Art Education Association is a professional organization of art educators dedicated to advocating art education by following national standards, providing membership services, professional growth and leadership opportunities.

"I am very honored and humbled to receive this award," Percy said. "Arriving here four years ago, I had no idea of the opportunities and the impact that needed to be made in the areas of visual arts and art education. I would have to say that my students won this award for me, because they have worked very hard beyond the bounds of any class or course to advocate and support quality art education in this region."



Percy, left, discusses sculpture with two Troy University art students.

Percy is the current assistant professor of art and design at Troy University. Prior to coming to Troy, he taught 16 years of public school art in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Percy received his master's degree

in fine arts from the University of Kansas and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He and his wife, Annie, have two sons, Brice and Tyler.

Activities & achievements

Michelle Ellis Young has been selected as a participant in the Colloquium V for Aspiring Minority Doctoral Candidates at West Virginia University (WVU). The colloquium is designed to promote graduate education at WVU as well as serve as an opportunity to encourage potential graduate students to consider various academic career possibilities. Michelle serves as the Associate Regional Director for Recruitment & Alumni Affairs in TROY's Atlantic Region.

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Troy University Police Chief **Roderick Anderson** has successfully completed 80 hours of the Law

Enforcement Executive Program. The certificate was awarded during the Association of Chiefs of Police conference in Auburn, Aug. 25. Some of the program's coursework included: "Update on Harassment, Discrimination, and Disability Issues;" "Leadership: An Identification and Understanding;" "Interpersonal Communication: Organizational Behavior;" "Police Leadership: Managing the Future;" "Organizational Effectiveness;" "Understanding Diversity;" "Ethics and the Police Executive;" "Performance Appraisal;" "Selection, Recruitment and Retention;" and, "Applied Problem Solving and Decision Making."

TROY PEOPLE

Cruising for knowledge

Landers research nets students more interesting classes

Troy University biology students are getting a leg up on classroom learning.

Twenty legs, to be exact.

Professor of Biology Stephen Landers, who specializes in marine protozoan research, completed his second research cruise aboard the NOAA Ship MacArthur II over a 10-day period this summer.

For Landers, it was more than just about krill, and the protozoan symbionts that live attached to them.

“It is the experience that is important to my teaching, not the detail of my research,” he said. “Every time I go out to the field – or ocean in this case – I see new things. I see a jellyfish or a sea bird or a worm that I’ve only read about until that point.”

On this year’s voyage, he made a shorter hop in 2004, Landers discovered a “bloom” of the jellyfish-like animal veleva. The creatures are shaped like a blue disk and have a clear blade or sail that sticks up from the animal. It floats on the surface of the water in large clusters the size of a tennis court or larger turning the sea a different color.

“I’ve collected a lot of snapshots like this in my mind and have a better understanding of nature because of it. When I teach organismal biology or invertebrate zoology about seashore animals, I’m not teaching simply the photos in the book, but I can describe how



A bloom of the jellyfish-like animal veleva drew Landers’ attention during his 10-day research voyage this summer aboard the NOAA Ship MacArthur II.



Dr. Stephen Landers, a Troy University biology professor, spent 10 days aboard the NOAA Ship MacArthur II conducting research on protozoans attached to krill, a shrimp-like creature better known as baleen whale food. The research cruise sailed between San Francisco and Astoria, OR.

a particular animal behaves or what it looks like in its habitat, or how painfully it stings. Students listen to that, as it’s more real to them than the textbook descriptions. It’s also fun for me, because I get to relive my best memories of marine animals with my classes.”

On this year’s cruise aboard the MacArthur II, the research vessel sailed between San Francisco and Astoria, Ore. Landers, more or less, worked on the krill project separately from the rest of the research crew, whose primary mission was the study of hydrography and zooplankton in the California Current and Columbia River plume.

A krill, in this case a *Euphasia pacifica* variety, is a shrimp-like creature that’s best known

and baleen whale food.

In cooperation with Dr. Bill Peterson, the chief scientist on the cruise and his host, Landers was the primary scientist on the protozoan project. It was an opportunity that presented itself after researchers at Hatfield Marine Station at Oregon State University contacted Landers about his work on protozoan symbionts of crab and shrimp. That eventually led to the 2004 cruise, and this year’s cruise was a continuation of that study.

Landers said he would co-publish a paper describing the anatomy and life cycle stages of the protozoans found in the legs of the krill with his colleagues out west.

“It does not harm the host animal, but is a very common external symbiont that can be found on some animals by the hundreds. The anatomy of the protozoan that forms cysts on the outside of the krill has not been reported before so I’m excited to make a new contribution to our knowledge of krill symbionts,” he said.

Annual Accountancy Day set for Sept. 15

Troy University's School of Accountancy will honor students, alumni and friends at its 14th Annual Accountancy Day Program, which has been scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 15 on the Troy Campus.

"Accountancy Day is, as always, the day we are able to recognize outstanding accounting students, alumni, and special friends of the Troy University School of Accountancy," said Interim Director Dr. Steve Grice.

The morning session of the program will begin at 8:30 a.m. in Bibb Graves 232 and 238 with "Practitioners in the Classroom."

Area professionals will speak to students on topics such as the differences between regional, national, and industry firms, what to expect from the first job, and how to balance work and outside life.

An awards luncheon, which will include recognition of inductees into the Accounting Hall of Honor and the Young Alumnus of the Year, is set for noon in the Trojan Center Ballrooms.

Guest speaker for the luncheon will be Dr. Willie Larkin, president and chief executive officer of MindOverMatter Presentations. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Tuskegee University and earned his Ph.D. in agricultural education-extension from Ohio State University. Dr. Larkin is a researcher, speaker, trainer and consultant and serves as an assistant professor at Auburn University.

In 1988, Dr. Larkin received the Kellogg Foundation's National Fellowship and traveled throughout the United States, Venezuela, Cuba, Mexico, Canada and Germany to study and write about issues related to human resource management.

This year's Accountancy Day program is sponsored by Aldridge Borden and Co.; Barfield, Murphy, Shank, and Smith; Carr, Riggs, and Ingram; Draffin and Tucker; Ernst and Young; Jackson Thornton and Co.; Jamison, Money, Farmer, and Co.; L. Paul Kassouf and Co.; McDaniel and Associates; O'Sullivan Creel; PricewaterhouseCoopers; Saltmarsh, Cleveland, and Gund; Warren, Averett, Kimbrough and Marino; and Wilson Price.



The unveiling. Officials from the state of Alabama, the city of Montgomery and the U.S. Postal Service unveil the newest stamp series, "To Form a More Perfect Union," during a ceremony held at Troy University's Davis Theatre. The stamp series captures key moments in the Civil Rights movement, including the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The theatre sits directly across from the University's Rosa Parks Museum, which marks the location where Parks was arrested for refusing to surrender her seat on a Montgomery bus to white man. The Montgomery Bus Boycott ensued. The Montgomery Campus was one of only two spots in Alabama selected for the unveiling. Tonya Terry of Montgomery's WSFA-TV served as mistress of ceremonies for the event, which was also attended by Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright, Alabama Lt. Gov. Lucy Baxley and Montgomery Civil Rights icons Johnnie Carr and Fred Gray.

Troy University Writing Club to hold book signing

The Troy University Creative Writing Club will hold a book signing kickoff on the Dothan Campus Saturday, September 17. Copies of the club's annual literary collection, the Copper Blade Review, will go on sale for \$5 at the event, which will be held at 2 p.m. in Sony Hall.

Now in its ninth printing, the Copper Blade Review features works from over forty area authors

of every age and degree. Featured writers will be on-hand to sign their works and to offer readings. Local artist and Troy University Distance Learning and Web Coordinator Gayle Nelson, who created the cover art for the 2004 edition of the collection, will also give a presentation on creating art for literature.

For more information, contact Chris Bryant at (334) 983-6556, ext. 393.

New professor's works featured at Malone Gallery

Troy University will showcase the artistic talents of Professor Greg Skaggs through Sept. 30.

The art exhibition will be displayed in the Malone Gallery and features mixed-media work by TROY's newest art professor. A reception featuring a performance by playwright students, will be

held at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 29 in the Malone Gallery.

The exhibition is free and open to the public.

"The mixed-media art is art that is created when media is mixed to make a single image. Such as an oil painting mixed with collage and wooden boxes," Skaggs said.

Chancellor's Invitational Golf tournament raises funds for scholarships

The Troy University Chancellor's Invitational Golf Tournament is set for Wednesday, Sept. 14 at the Robert Trent Jones Trail's Capitol Hill in Prattville.

The tournament, which will be held on the Legislator Course, supports scholarships for Troy University students.

Registration and lunch will get underway at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start beginning at 1 p.m. An awards ceremony and reception will be held at 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third-place teams, as well as for longest drive and closest to the pin. Each participant will receive a gift bag.

Benham to speak to students

Troy University will host speaker James Benham on Thursday, Sept. 15.

The presentation, which will begin at 3:30 p.m., will be in the Trojan Center Theater and is open to all students of any major, said Dr. Jerry Johnson, who is Chairman of the Department of Art and Design. His topic will be "Discovering Your Core Competencies."

"James Benham is the President of JBKnowledge Technologies Inc., which specializes in Web design and development, 3D animation, software development and graphic design," Johnson said.

Troy University Theatre announces season schedule

Troy University Theatre recently announced its schedule for the 2005-2006 season, including productions of *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Hamlet*.

The complete schedule is listed below.

- Ten Minute Play Festival
Student Directors

Malone Gallery
September 29 (time TBA)

- The Diary of Anne Frank
Directed by David Dye

Trojan Center Theatre
October 13, 14, & 15, 7:30 p.m.

- One Acts
Student Directors

Trojan Center Theatre
Week of November 13

- Pippin
Directed by Adena Moree
Crosby Theatre
January 27 & 28, 7:30 p.m.
January 29, 2:30 p.m.

- Hamlet
Directed by Adena Moree
Trojan Center Theatre
April 20, 21, 22, 23,
7:30p.m.

Course to offer basic computer maintenance tips

Save money by learning to perform routine maintenance on your computer. The Troy University Continuing Education Center will conduct a "Basic Computer Maintenance" course Friday, September 16, from noon to 4 p.m. The class will be held in room 128 B of the Library Technology Building on the Dothan Campus.

This course is designed to help home computer users and small businesses

reduce the need for outside computer maintenance assistance. Methods to enhance the operations of computers, including ways to increase speed and remove unwanted files, will be discussed.

The cost to register is \$60. Two or more attendees from the same business will receive a discounted rate of \$40 per person. Pre-registration is required. Contact the Continuing Education Center at 983-0005 for more information.

Students

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Hattiesburg hospital the following morning.

"The nurses at Wesley were just so exhausted and you could see the relief in their faces when they saw us arriving," Varner said.

What made the students' presence even more important to the staff at Wesley was the influx of patients received from Hattiesburg's other hospital – Forest General Hospital. The larger hospital had experienced generator problems and was forced to ship many patients to nearby Wesley.

The students worked in the emergency room, the surgical unit and obstetrics, and while they had different experiences one thing remained the same.

"With a lot of the patients we saw, we had to deal with the psychological and well as the physical aspect of the situation," said Varner.

In addition to the helping hand, the students also delivered some much-needed medical supply.

Troy Regional Medical Center and Lakeview Hospital in Eufaula donated the

supplies for delivery by the faculty and students.

The students, who returned to Troy on Labor Day, also were in agreement that they would go back if the opportunity presented itself.

"This was the chance of a lifetime," said Tammy Kilgore. "We weren't really sure what to expect, but I know that it will be an experience that we will remember all of our lives."

The students and faculty involved with this trip were: Carolyn Andrews, faculty; Dr. Don Jeffrey, faculty; Dr. Amy Spurlock, faculty; Milton Craig Cassady of Chancellor, AL; Teresa Fryer of Montgomery, AL; Tracy Hall of Saraland, AL; Paul Kiley of Troy, AL; Tammy Kilgore of Forest Home, AL; Leigh Phillips of Birmingham, AL; Hope Scroggins of Eufaula, AL; Christina Szabo of Ozark AL; Nancy Tindell of Slocomb, AL; Kerry Varner of Red Level, AL; Kandace Brooke White of Dothan, AL; and, LeAnn Leslie Winburn of New Brockton, AL.