

TROY STATE UNIVERSITY AT DOTHAN



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TSUD ANNOUNCES LAND PURCHASE

Following extensive research and study, Troy State University at Dothan has purchased approximately 275 acres of land which will be used in the relocation of the downtown campus.

The land was purchased from the Jim Espy estate, through Mrs. Bertha Espy of Headland, and from R. E. Solomon, also of Headland. Located in the northwest section of the Dothan city limits, on the west side of U. S. Highway 231, between Barrington Road and County Road 59, the site for the University campus is approximately 6 miles from the present downtown campus location and 4 miles from the Ross Clark Traffic Circle. The rolling fields and wooded land-scape are aesthetically attractive and will require only minor site preparation, both facts significant considerations in the University's search for appropriate property.

The University purchased the land using a 1985 state bond allocation that was granted for use in capital improvements. The money was reserved until a site for a campus could be found. No money was used for the purchase of land from the everyday operating budget of the University, from student tuition and fees, or from state allocations.

The purchase is the culmination of two years of study and planning. According to Dr. Jack R. Sublette, Vice President for Student Affairs and Development, "One of the major reasons for moving is the University's steadily increasing enrollment. Last year the average enrollment was nearly 1,800 students per quarter, and we expect the enrollment to continue to increase over the next several years."

A needs-assessment study conducted within the past year indicated an immediate need for additional classroom, library, and lecture space for the Dothan campus. "Some of our present facilities have become inadequate, and we are currently pressed for classroom space," said Dr. Frank M. Lovrich, Director of Institutional Research and Planning for the University.

Lovrich said the choice to move was made after the consideration of several alternatives. "It was not a snap decision to move from downtown. A great deal of forethought went into this. Staying downtown was one of a number of options," he stated.

Once a decision was reached to purchase land away from the downtown area, University officials, in consultation with the University Advisory Board, began the task of searching for a building site. Several areas were studied with the criteria for selection including the location, economic factors, the amount of site preparation needed to begin construction, the aesthetics of the area, and the access to highways and city utilities. Once a site was chosen, University President Thomas Harrison recommended the site to the appropriate Troy State University System officials and received their approval.

"I feel that the decisions to relocate and to purchase the land were well considered moves," reported Harrison. "The property the University purchased," Harrison continued, "beautifully meets the specifications we had determined." The site for the TSUD campus will allow for construction to meet the expanding needs in higher education of the entire Wiregrass region.

The exact timetable has not yet been established for construction and the actual move to the new site. President Harrison has appointed a TSUD Planning Committee to conduct studies involving the type of facilities needed and the timing of the move.

ACTIVITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

President Thomas Harrison's civic and professional activities were numerous during August and September:

- Attended Alabama Commission on Higher Education
 Dinner in Montgomery August 7
- Delivered Summer Quarter Commencement Speech at Troy State University Graduation - August 8
- Participated in ceremonies at Dothan Post Office for Special Cancellation Stamp in Honor of Troy State University's 100th Anniversary - August 13
- Made presentation on TSUD to Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors - August 18
- Spoke at Ozark Rotary Club luncheon August 19
- Gave presentation on TSUD to Chamber of Commerce Education Committee - September 8
- Attended United Way Breakfast September 9
- Spoke at Dothan-Houston County Rotary Club luncheon
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- Attended TSU Board of Trustees meeting in Troy -September 10
- Attended Chamber of Commerce Eager Beaver Breakfast
 September 11
- Attended Alabama Mental Health Association's "Tribute to Governor Wallace Luncheon" September 13
- Participated in Council of Presidents' meeting in Montgomery - September 17
- Spoke at Kiwanis Club Breakfast September 23
- Had lunch with Dr. Howard Gundy and Dr. Mack Potera of the University of Alabama and Mr. Jim Loftin -September 24
- Met with TSUD Advisory Board September 25
- Met with Dr. Joseph Sutton of ACHE and Dr. David Spence of SREB - September 25
- Spoke at Dothan Board of Realtors luncheon September 26

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In addition to appearing on the Betty Baggott Show and Ann Varnum's Morning Show, Dr. Dean Davis spoke to the Kiwanis Club and the Optimist Club and remained active with the Business Advisory Council and Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Davis "starred" in TSUD's television commercial advertising Fall Quarter 1986.

Besides teaching this summer, Mrs. Sandra Faria completed eight semester hours of credit toward the doctorate in nursing and vacationed at Gulf Shores.

Dr. Patricia Fritchie has been busy with various reading groups: conducting a Statewide Leadership Conference/Training Alabama Reading Association in Montgomery (August 8-9); hosting the Executive Board meeting of Wiregrass Reading Council (September 9); attending the first meeting of Wiregrass Reading Council (September 18); attending and installing officers for Chattahoochee Valley Reading Council (September 29). During vacation, Dr. Fritchie went deep sea fishing in Clearwater, Florida, and attended car races at Pensacola, Florida, and Mobile.

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Dr. Leonard Roberts' recent professional activities include lectures on the political situation in the Middle East to the Houston County Kiwanis Club (July 1), the Dothan Exchange Club (July 21), and the Dothan Rotary Club (September 16). Dr. Roberts co-conducted a TSUD workshop (August 1) on classroom management and discipline.

Ms. Julia Smith received the Master of Library Science degree from the University of Alabama in August.

During the last two months, Dr. Jack R. Sublette met with several individuals and attended numerous meetings: met with Mrs. Belle Lambert, manager of Wiregrass Commons Mall, to discuss TSUD's association with the Mall; met with Walter Hennigan, Director of TSU System Foundation, and Joel Williams, TSU System attorney, to discuss formation of TSUD Foundation; attended ceremony at Dothan Post Office to initiate use of commemorative die for the TSU Centennial; attended Ozark Rotary Club meeting to hear President Harrison speak about TSUD; planned and participated in TSUD information display for "College Days at the Commons" at Wiregrass Commons Mall; attended Kick-off Breakfast at Ramada Inn for the United Way; attended meeting of Board of Trustees for Enterprise Public Library and a social in honor of Board members and Friends of Enterprise Public Library; presented brief program about TSUD at Dothan Jaycees; attended meeting of ACHE in Montgomery; met with Marvin Newman, publisher of Dothan Eagle, and Mike Mullins, publisher of Dothan Progress, to discuss TSUD's contacts with local media.

As part of the activities of TSUD's Division of Student Affairs and Development, Mrs. Pamela Williamson planned and presented a Re-Entering Student Seminar (September 11), Freshman Orientation (September 16), and Transfer Student Orientation (September 17). Mrs. Williamson visited (August 28) the TSUT Placement Office and Mrs. Carolyn Gibson, Director of Placement.

Mr. Forrest (Buzz) Wood attended the Summer Institute of Nova University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, as a part of his doctoral degree requirements.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Rob Paul and his wife, Melanie, on the birth of their daughter, Emily Elisabeth, on September 17. Emily weighed 6 pounds, 1½ ounces, and was 19 inches long.

To the TSUD Chapter of Gamma Beta Phi on being notified by Margaret C. McCauley, National Executive Director of Gamma Beta Phi, that the local chapter is the recipient of the 1986-1987 Distinguished Chapter Award.

DEPARTURE

Dr. Mary F. Gunter, Director of Development, resigned from TSUD, effective September 30, to engage in private law practice in Abbeville.

NEW PHONE NUMBER

To make the number easy to remember and to use it in promotional materials for the University, TSUD has a new telephone number: 792-TSUD. Until new phone directories are published and distributed, anyone calling the old number will be given the new one. Remember 792-TSUD!

NEW PERSONNEL

The University would like to welcome the following new personnel to TSUD.

Faculty

- Dr. Ronald P. Bae, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, College of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. Edwin Baxley, Associate Professor of Marketing, School of Business
- Mr. Khamis Bilbeisi, Assistant Professor of Accounting, School of Business

- Dr. James Davies, Assistant Professor of Biology, College of Arts and Sciences
- Dr. Carolyn Holdsworth, Assistant Professor of English, College of Arts and Sciences

Professional Staff

Mrs. Reta S. Cordell, Assistant Director of Admissions, Division of Student Affairs and Development

More biographical information will be provided about the above personnel in future issues of LOGOS.

Classified Staff

Ms. Amy German, Student Worker, Business Office

Mrs. Cynthia Halcomb, Executive Secretary to the President

Ms. Michele McCuistian, PBX Operator

Ms. Reba Moore, Part-time Clerical Worker, College of Arts and Sciences

Ms. Karen Scarbrough, Part-time Clerical Worker, School of Business

Work/Study Students

Susan Crutchfield, Office of Counseling Services
Cindy Jackson, Office of Public Relations
Ron Milum, Office of Veterans' Affairs
Ricky Shoemaker, Media Center
Carrie Thompson, Records Office

PEANUT FESTIVAL TIME AGAIN

October 16 marks the beginning of this year's National Peanut Festival at the Houston County Farm Center. The theme for the event is "The Peanut Express." The Division of Student Affairs and Development guarantees the University will be represented by the best booth it has ever had for the Festival.

The Festival will run from October 16 through October 25 and will be visited by more than 100,000 people during these 10 days.

The University's display will be designed to look like a train station, complete with bars over the ticket window and flashing signal lights. A professionally painted train holding a diploma will be opposite the station. "Tickets" providing brief information about TSUD will be distributed to persons visiting the booth.

A "crew" list will be published within the next few days for University personnel to sign up for shifts to work the booth. If you have a preferred time to work, please call Gary Watson at ext. 231. All workers are asked to dress in blue jeans/overalls and a white shirt. Train engineer caps and bandanas will be provided at the booth. If everyone pitches in and helps, this year's Peanut Festival display can be the most profitable the University has seen.

THANK YOU

Melanie and I (Rob Paul) would like to thank everyone for the many kind words and other expressions of congratulations at the birth of our daughter, Emily Elisabeth. A very special thank you to Dr. Mary Eve Shoaf, who represented the faculty and staff Courtesy Committee. Melanie and Emily are both doing fine.

The Division of Student Affairs and Development would like to extend special thanks to two faculty members who made significant contributions to the 1986 Fall Quarter recruiting effort--Dr. Dean Davis and Dr. Dorinda Van Loo. Dr. Davis graciously consented to participate in the television commercial, and Dr. Van Loo made arrangements for faculty and staff members to visit meetings of numerous professional and social organizations to present programs and distribute class schedules.

The Division of Student Affairs and Development says thank you to the students who volunteered to work at TSUD's display at Wiregrass Commons Mall, September 4-7: James Etress, Mary Freeman, Kenneth Thomas, and Kim Sawyers.

The Office of Counseling Services appreciates the contribution of Barbara Glover and Charles Pierce, TSUD students, who made brief presentations at the Re-Entering Student Seminar, September 11; of Candice McKnight and Phillip Skipper, who helped with orientation.

UNIVERSITY MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

President Thomas Harrison has appointed a University Master Plan Committee. Chaired by Dr. Frank Lovrich, the Committee is charged with providing direction for the University as it moves to a new location. With Dr. Lovrich's leadership, the Committee will prepare a Master Plan for all future facilities, programs, and services. The Committee is composed of the following TSUD personnel: Dr. Lawrence Brown, Mr. Crawford Buchanan, Dr. Dean Davis, Dr. Wyatt Grimmer, Dr. Priscilla McArthur, Mrs. Gayle Oberst, Dr. Jack Sublette, Mr. Frank Walker, and Mr. Forrest Wood.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS

- Dr. J. Wyatt Grimmer now serves as Acting Dean of the School of Education in addition to his duties and responsibilities as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Graduate School.
- Mr. Robert M. Paul, Jr., is Director of Admissions, Recruiting, and Student Activities. Mr. Paul is responsible for both undergraduate and graduate admissions.
- Mrs. Anne McCuistian is the Director of University Records and University Registrar. Mrs. McCuistian is responsible for both undergraduate and graduate records.
- Mr. Gary Watson is Media Coordinator, responsible for the University's public relations.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Mr. Frank Walker, Director of Library Services, reports the following areas of responsibility for Library staff:

- Julia Smith (Acquisitions/Cataloging) Receives all book acquisition requests from faculty/staff, informs requester when received, works with faculty/staff in collection development.
- Connie Oberneder (Circulation Librarian) Receives and prepares all materials on reserve, interlibrary loans, overdues, registration, class tours, and all matters pertaining to circulation.
- Sonja Woodham (Serials/Reference Librarian) Receives all requests from faculty/staff for suggested journal additions, journal interlibrary loans, ERIC acquisitions, and reference services.
- Al Cooper (Media Coordinator) Receives all acquisition requests for audiovisual software, reservations for AV software and hardware, AV hardware use training, and curriculum laboratory acquisitions and use.

SPRING 1987 COMMENCEMENT

Because of the problems in scheduling the Dothan Civic Center for the commencement exercise at the end of the spring quarter, the 1987 Spring Commencement will be held on Friday, June 5, during the morning rather than the evening. Exact time will be announced later.

LOGOS, the Troy State University at Dothan Faculty and Staff Newsletter, is distributed monthly by the Division of Student Affairs and Development. It is intended to be a vehicle for the dissemination of information to employees of the University. Suggestions as to format and content of the LOGOS will be welcomed by the Student Affairs staff. Employees are encouraged to submit data for inclusion no later than the 25th of each month.

ENROLLMENT

Because of electrical and computer problems, enrollment statistics for Fall Quarter 1986 are not included in this issue of LOGOS. That information will be forthcoming in a later memorandum.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The following students received TSUD scholarships, which begin Fall Quarter 1986. The students' names, types of scholarships received, and the names of schools most recently attended are listed below:

- Pamela Jean Creamer, Student Affairs Scholarship, George C. Wallace State Community College
- Angela C. Early, Presidential Scholarship, George C. Wallace State Community College
- Anita Frichter, Re-Entering Student Seminar Scholarship, George C. Wallace State Community College
- Faye Henderson, Junior College Transfer Scholarship, George C. Wallace State Community College
- Cynthia W. Huff, Presidential Scholarship, George C. Wallace State Community Scholarship
- Carla McAllister, Presidential Scholarship,
 Dothan High School
- Sherry Pouncey, Student Affairs Scholarship, Lurleen B. Wallace State Community College
- Lora Sowell, Junior College Transfer Scholarship, George C. Wallace State Community College
- Jill Walden Whiddon, Academic Scholarship, Headland High School