MONTGOMERY CAMPUS SAFETY, SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
(Answers to Dr. Hal Fulmer's Questions - July 14, 2008)

• Where is the access for a copy of the Montgomery Campus safety plan? The Montgomery Campus Safety and Security Plan can be found on the Montgomery Campus website at:  http://montgomery.troy.edu/documents/sasp.pdf

• Are the facilities and grounds in Montgomery regularly reviewed and/or tested for health and safety concerns? Yes, Maintenance and Campus Police accomplish daily walk-through inspections of all facilities and grounds to review for safety and security. Any unsafe areas or problems (i.e., lights not working, landscaping blocking safe visibility, uneven concrete in walk areas, dark areas at night, etc.) are identified to the Director for Auxiliary Services, who initiates immediate resolution to fix the problems identified. There are also 89 video cameras installed throughout the Montgomery Campus, both inside and outside. These cameras are connected for 24-hour recording. There have been numerous incidents where crimes were committed and caught on camera. Several individuals were arrested and charged for these crimes based on the camera video recordings.

Also as part of Troy University’s efforts to provide accurate, timely information to our university community, a mass communication system is being promoted and used by students, faculty and staff as a means of notification of emergency situations and conditions. It is promoted as S.O.S. TROY contracted with E2Campus to provide an efficient mechanism for expedient delivery of emergency notices to a variety of electronic devices. TROY officials swiftly notify university constituents of a number of unexpected events, including:

• Emergency Broadcasts
• Alerts
• Weather Advisories
• School Closing
• Class Cancellation
• Significant Maintenance Events

The subscription service allows the end-user to enlist an electronic device as a supplemental contact. Currently, the university utilizes many electronic systems for dissemination of unexpected event notifications. A list of current systems follows:

• Website notices to http://www.troy.edu
• Website notices to http://sos.troy.edu
• Email to Trojan Email account
• Audible Alerts (limited use)
• Digital Signs (limited use)

The E2Campus system instantly sends notification to a subscriber device. A list of supported devices follows:

• Mobile phone (via SMS text message)*
• Blackberry*
• Wireless PDA*
• Text pager*
• Personal portal (My Yahoo, iGoogle or My AOL page)
• RSS reader
How does the institution ensure campus security at its Montgomery site? At the Montgomery, this is one of the greatest successes at the campus. There have been no major reportable crimes at the campus since it opened in 1973. This is due to the strong presence of campus police officers, who regularly patrol the campus grounds and facilities. In addition, the campus has a standing policy that any student may obtain a police escort to their vehicle, day or night. Also, the maintenance staff supplements safety and security personnel on a regular basis. It is a team effort where everyone pitches in to demonstrate genuine concern for the safety of the students, faculty, staff and visitors.

How many campus safety officials do we have at the Montgomery campus? At Montgomery Campus, we have 17 part-time campus police officers, counting a part-time police chief. Most of our police officers are former or retired police officers. Four existing officers are currently full-time police officers or detectives with the Montgomery Police Department. Another important positive for deterring crime on campus is the fact some of the Montgomery police officers actually park their police vehicles around the campus to show a strong presence. This sets a tone of confidence for our students when they see the police vehicles and policemen in uniform walking around campus and talking with them.

Where are copies of the Montgomery Campus' current safety, emergency and disaster plans (if different from the general safety plan in the first bullet above)? These are all included in the Safety and Security Plan on the website: http://montgomery.troy.edu/documents/sasp.pdf

Are copies available of health inspection reports for the Montgomery Campus? Only Sodexo has health inspection reports. These can be obtained from the Sodexo management staff.

What kind of evidence exists that the Montgomery Campus is in compliance with environmental and occupational regulations? All construction and renovation projects that have been accomplished on the Montgomery Campus were accomplished within environmental and occupational requirements being part of the contractor's responsibilities for compliance. However, when we accomplished the work in-house, we ensured compliance with all safety and environmental practices and laws. Whenever, asbestos or other unsafe materials were found, we had the materials removed by qualified abatement companies. If needed, we can produce copies of contracts where asbestos or unsafe fiber materials were abated. These were always accomplished by qualified companies at times when no classes were being conducted in the particular building being abated. When underground storage tanks were found, these were always contracted out to qualified underground tank removal companies.

Do all of the Montgomery Campus buildings have evacuation plans posted? Yes, these are posted on the Montgomery Campus.