



College Update
September 5, 2016

Happy Labor Day!

In keeping with Trinidad State tradition, our student-athletes are participating in the Labor Day parade through downtown Trinidad. The newly-minted cross country teams are making the trip across the pass this year to join in the festivities. In total, the College boasts over 170 student-athletes this fall on nine different teams. Sue and Earl Nesbitt will also be riding with me in the blue convertible, representing our faculty and staff.

We migrated to a new College website over the weekend. As a result, we should be in a better position to communicate more effectively with prospective students and market our programs electronically. Please join me in thanking Todd Cotton – our webmaster – for his efforts, which we know are just beginning. As a living document, a website is *never* finished! Thanks also to Ira Williamson, whose last minute server heroics were essential to this successful launch. If you have a few moments, please take a look at the website (www.trinidadstate.edu) and send feedback to us. Our goal is to represent the hard work you do every day in a professional way.

The hailstorms of last summer brought a bit of good news with them. Damage to five roofs (Berg, Scott Gym, the President's House, Latuda Hall and the greenhouse) was extensive enough to warrant replacement. For the cost of a small insurance deductible of \$5,000, we will soon have five new roofs. Bid documents are now being generated, which will then proceed through code review, bid solicitation and walk through, bid submission, award and finally, the official notice to proceed. It's a lengthy process, but worth the time and effort.

Last week, we began the process of determining the best way to fill the soon-to-be-vacant Facilities Director position. As you are aware, this is a key role at the College and it has the potential to draw both internal and external interest. We are encouraging *all* interested parties to apply and hope to identify a successful candidate early this fall. Once this position is set, we will be able to better assess further departmental needs and priorities.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or information to share, please let me know.

Hope you have a great week!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carmen M. Simone'.

Carmen M. Simone,
President