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As we near the end of 2015 and 90 years as a college we are reminded of all those who have come before us. Trinidad State is a proud institution with a colorful and impressive heritage. As you read these pages you'll get a taste of past greatness and current creativity.

Our sports teams continue their strong tradition of competitiveness balanced with integrity and academic achievement.

Our Gunsmithing Program still draws national attention for the quality of education we provide and the skill of our graduates. We were featured on the Outdoor Channel in August. We also were selected as the first Certified Training Center of the National Rifle Association (NRA) this year.

Our Robotics Team once again topped the field at the Colorado Space Grant Consortium's Robotics Challenge at the Great Sand Dunes, despite facing nearly every four-year college in the state.

We even had a student graduate with a college degree before he finished high school!

I am so humbled by where we've been and so excited about where we're going. Thank you for taking the time to see what's been happening at Trinidad State.



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Public Comments Sought

Trinidad State Junior College is seeking comments from the public about the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The College will host a visit December 7-9, 2015, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. Trinidad State Junior College has been accredited by the Commission since 1962. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet the Commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the college:
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The Public may also submit comments on the Commission's Website at www.ncahlc.org.

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing.

All comments must be received by November 9, 2015

2015 Fun and Friendraiser

Major League Baseball star Todd Helton spoke at the Trinidad State Educational Foundation Fun & Friendraiser dinner event entitled "Aim for the Fence" in February. The Fun & Friendraiser is a social evening for the community that includes friends, entertainment and excitement all in support of Trinidad State. The gala event featured a reception and silent auction followed by an address from Helton. About 275 people attended.



Helton played his entire 17-year career for the Colorado Rockies, retiring in 2013. He's a Major League Baseball icon and was a five-time All Star, four-time Silver Slugger, and three-time Gold Glove Award winner. He led the Colorado Rockies on a dramatic World Series run in 2007 and is known across Colorado and Major League Baseball as a team and clubhouse leader.

"Baseball sets you up for the game of life," Helton said in his speech. "It's about picking yourself up, knocking the dust off and pulling yourself up by your bootstraps. And knowing in your heart you're going to get on the next time."

Helton concluded by honoring his father, his "first and best coach." Following the speech, guests lined up to get an autograph.

Helton still lives in Colorado and enjoys being a dad, hunting, skiing and golfing.

Of Helton, Trinidad State Junior College President Dr. Carmen Simone said, "He's the kind of role model we hope our students will emulate as they graduate and move on with their lives."

Highlights of the silent auction included a Navajo-crafted silver necklace with turquoise pendant and an autographed bat Helton had once used in a Colorado Rockies game. The proceeds from the event benefit the Trinidad State Educational Foundation in its mission to promote the growth and development of Trinidad State Junior College. Nearly \$40,000 was raised.

Community interest sparks red hot class



'If you weld it, we will come.' This attitude, generated by a meeting between Trinidad State and the Colorado Potato Administrative Committee, resulted in a month-long evening welding program

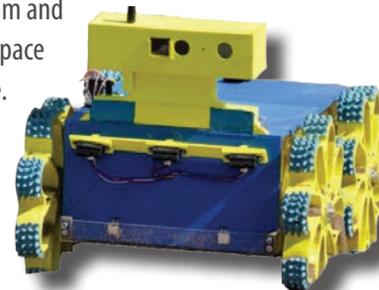
at the Trinidad State Valley Campus last spring. Fourteen participated in the three-night-a-week class.

CAMPUS NEWS

Robotics team conquers the Dunes - again

In April, the Trinidad State Robotics Team, for the second straight year, was named top robot in the 1.5 kilogram and over category at the annual Colorado Space Grant Consortium's Robotics Challenge.

The competition, held at the Great Sand Dunes National Park, included almost every four-year school in the state—32 teams in all.



The job of Trinidad State's BEK.E

(Beacon Enhanced Kinect Explorer) was to avoid the pitfalls of the six increasingly difficult obstacle courses, while moving toward a radio beacon at the finish line. BEK.E was able to complete all six courses,

just like ALLEN, her predecessor, did last year.

Two of the four team members had helped build ALLEN and were ready this year with a new and improved robot. While ALLEN tended to bump into obstacles, BEK.E was equipped with much more sophisticated visual sensors.



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Trinidad State names Athletic Director



Trinidad State Junior College named Mike Salbato as Athletic Director, effective July 1. Salbato has been an employee at Trinidad State for more than 20 years.

He started as an audio-visual assistant in 1994 after graduating from Trinidad State. Since then he's held a variety of positions related to audio-visual and information technology. He was the college Webmaster from 2007 until July and was named Assistant Athletic Director in 2013.

"His current role within athletics has prepared him well for the challenges of this new

position," said President Dr. Carmen Simone in announcing Salbato's appointment. Salbato holds a bachelor's degree from Colorado Christian University in Organizational Management. He is on track to receive a master's degree in November from Coker College in Collegiate Athletic Administration.

Salbato will inherit a very successful department with

seven sports: Baseball, Softball, Volleyball, Men's and Women's Soccer and Men's and Women's Basketball. In the last 18 months both the Baseball and Men's Soccer teams took the Region IX Title. The Men's Soccer Team then finished third in the nation in NJCAA Division I. The Men's Golf Team also won a Region IX Title in its last season at Trinidad State. Volleyball finished with the best winning percentage in program history before Coach Ellen McGill moved on to Division II Pembroke this past December.

"We have an outstanding athletic department at Trinidad State and I am honored to be a part of it. The coaching staff is tremendous. They all work extremely hard and their teams have had great success both on the field and in the classroom," said Salbato. "Coach Holden has done a great job running this department. It is a daunting task to follow in his footsteps but with his support, that of the coaches, the administration and the rest of the TSJC family, we can keep taking our programs forward."

Former Athletic Director Rich Holden will now focus his attention on Women's Basketball. Dr. Simone thanked Holden "for his years of service and his continuing support throughout this transition. His dedication to the College is noteworthy and his guidance will be invaluable."

For these two high school students, college degrees come first

Do you know anyone who has graduated with a college degree before graduating from high school? Two brothers from Antonito accomplished that feat on May 8 when both participated in the Trinidad State graduation ceremony in Alamosa after earning Associate of Arts degrees. Taylor Bollinger then graduated from high school 14 days later. His brother, Jonah, is currently a senior in high school and is continuing college classes as he works toward his bachelor's degree.

Both young men began taking college classes at Trinidad State in Trinidad while attending Primero High School. Their father, who was the Principal/Superintendent of Primero at that time, had encouraged, not only his sons, but other students as well, to begin college while still in high school. Because Colorado school districts contribute to the tuition costs for these college classes, it can

represent a considerable savings.

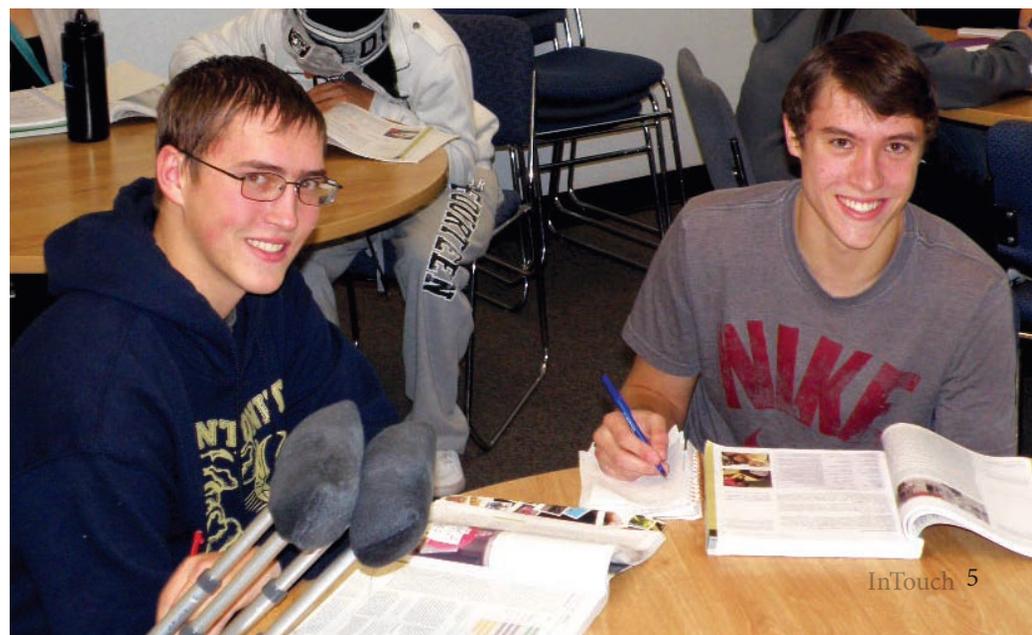
“Our dad has always supported us in our educational endeavors,” said Jonah Bollinger. “He’s always pushed us to excel. The concurrent courses they have now are a great opportunity.” Concurrent courses are college classes taken while in high school. Dual credits are earned for both high school and college. Jonah took 18 college credit hours his sophomore year, along with some high school courses and participated in four different sports that year. “We’re very competitive,” said Jonah. “We play all the sports we can. We want to win in everything. We want the best in everything we do – in sports, in school and in life.”

“They are very hard working young men,” their mom Tammy said. “Their dad and I are very proud of them. They have brought themselves to this point. All we ask is that they do their best.” With eight children ages five through



19 with Taylor being the oldest, Tammy explained, “It has been a family team effort. Taylor and Jonah are setting a great example for their younger siblings.”

Bonnie Ortega, Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences at Trinidad State, said, “Taylor and Jonah are inspiring examples of what students can accomplish if they put their minds to it and are willing to work.”



Trinidad State becomes the first NRA Certified Training Center

Trinidad State Junior College announced a partnership with the National Rifle Association to launch the first ever NRA Certified Training Center in February of 2015. Approved by the Department of Education and the Higher Learning Commission, this affiliation allows students to use federal financial aid, the GI Bill and Vocational Rehabilitation benefits to help pay for their firearms safety training.

The first classes were offered in February and continued through the summer.

“More than 100,000 NRA Certified Instructors teach nearly 1,000,000 students the basics of safe, effective use of firearms every year,” said NRA General Operations Executive Director Kyle Weaver.



Classes are divided into two groups: Basic and Instructor. To gain a NRA Firearms Safety Instructor Certificate, students must complete 18-credit hours. The classes include basic pistol shooting, followed by an instructor level pistol shooting class. Other classes cover rifles, shotguns and muzzle loading firearms. A public speaking class is required along with a practice teaching course.

“The thing that most people don’t know is the NRA’s primary business since they started was education and safety training,” said Dean of Instruction Keith Gipson. “We’ve worked a long time to get this together.”

Trinidad State’s affiliation with the National Rifle Association dates back to 1977. For 38 years, students have signed up for nine weeks of gun-related summer classes. More than 20 additional classes were on this year’s agenda thanks to the new NRA partnership.

“Partnering with Trinidad means America’s longstanding tradition of gun ownership has never been more secure.”

The program has already attracted students from all over the United States. “It’s about education and gun safety,” said Trinidad State President Dr. Carmen Simone. “And we have a great opportunity to train the trainers who teach people how to properly handle firearms.”



Featured in the October issue of NRA's Shooting Illustrated Magazine

Student from Illinois first to earn NRA Safety Instructor Certificate at Trinidad State

Casey Schmidgall, from Springfield, Illinois, was the first student to complete the NRA Safety Instructor Certificate at Trinidad State in July. Schmidgall completed 16 courses related to Firearms Safety and Instruction, such as NRA Basic Pistol Shooting, NRA Muzzleloading Rifle Instructor, and NRA Basic Shotgun Instructor Training. Many classes are completed in two days and include both classroom instruction and shooting at the Prator Gun Range. Schmidgall will earn his certificate once he completes Public Speaking and Instructional Leadership courses.



Ladies find their mark at Prator Gun Range

by Eric John Monson,
The Chronicle-News

“What’s the first rule of gun safety?
Everybody together now:”

“ALWAYS
keep the gun
pointed in a safe
direction.”

“Second rule?”

“ALWAYS keep
your finger off
the trigger until
ready to shoot.”

“And the third rule?”

“ALWAYS keep the gun unloaded
until ready to use.”

It’s a common mantra taught and
repeated at every gun safety course.
The only difference here might be



the pitch of the voices repeating
it. Just moments ago those voices
were whooping it up with every
clay pigeon they shattered at the
Prator Gun Range trap station.

You see this
shooting class is
all women.

Over 20 women
signed up for
the Women on
Target event held
at Prator Gun
Range. The NRA’s

Women on Target Instructional
Shooting Clinics are designed to
provide women with firearm safety
training and the fundamentals
of marksmanship in a hands-on
learning environment that is both

welcoming and supportive.

“We have some beginners; we have
some with a little bit of experience,
but mostly limited experience, or
beginning shooters. And it was a
shotgun event today. They also do
handgun and rifle events and this
is our first,” said Keith Gipson who
was leading the day’s program.
Gipson has taught at TSJC in
their world famous gunsmithing
program for over 26 years.

There are already plans for more
Women on Target events in the
future. The classes, sponsored by
Prator Range and TSJC are mini-
seminars with three hours spent in
a classroom and three hours spent
on the range.

Trinidad State’s gunsmithing program featured on Outdoor Channel

Trinidad State’s gunsmithing program was showcased
on the Outdoor Channel in a program called NRA All
Access which aired August 12.

A two-person crew from Warm Springs Productions
in Missoula, Montana spent the day at Trinidad State
last April and shot the segment, which was about
seven minutes in length in its edited form.

Featured is Jennifer Stevens, a second year student
of the two-year program, as well as Instructor Ryan

Newport and
two other
gunsmithing
students.

According
to the show’s
website,
“NRA All
Access

connects stories of those
who inspire the outdoor
world with those who love the
outdoors through entertaining
and educational storytelling.
Offering an insider view, this
show highlights the outdoor
traditions that millions of
Americans and their families value
and treasure.”

Trinidad State’s gunsmithing
program began in 1947 and is the
oldest gunsmithing school in the
United States. Only about one out of
three students who apply are accepted
to the two-year program. Trinidad
State gunsmith graduates work all over
the world.



Jennifer Stevens,
2nd year Gunsmithing Student



TROJANS

CLAIM THREE REGION IX TITLES

Men's Soccer places 3rd at Nationals

The magical 2014 soccer season came to an end on a beautiful Arizona evening at the 2014 National Tournament. The Trojan squad hoisted a third place trophy to the cheers of their families and fans following the Trojan's loss to eventual champion Tyler Junior College in the semifinal round. The sentimental moment elicited some tears, more smiles and an overall feeling of accomplishment from a group of young men who worked extremely hard for the past four months to get to that moment.

The Trojans ended the year with a 20-3-2 record. They were the Region IX Champions, the West District runner-ups and National Semifinalists.



Baseball rolls to second straight Region IX title

The Trinidad State baseball team finished third in the regular season race for the Empire Conference crown, but that did not stop the Trojans from claiming their second Region IX title in as many years at the Region IX Tournament in Lamar. The Trojans won three games in three days to bring home the trophy.

The regular season race was tight all spring, coming down to a four-way competition the final two weeks of the season. Lamar ended up first with a 26-10 record, followed by Otero at 24-12, Trinidad at 21-15 and Northeastern at 20-16.



Golf finishes 13th in the nation

The Trojan Golfers wrapped up the regular season with the Region IX trophy in hand and their ticket punched to the 2015 National Tournament in Newton, Kansas.

To say the Trojan golf team went out on a high note would be an understatement. This year was the last for the golf program at Trinidad State and the Trojan squad made sure TSJC had saved the best for last. A dominant fall season, followed up by a strong finish in the spring, and the best showing ever at the National Tournament was a great way for these young men to show what Trojan pride is all about.

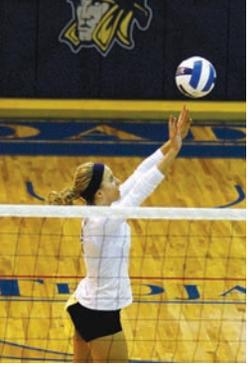


Trojans excel in classroom

Success on the court or field is a vital part of any college athletic program, but it is important to remember that these athletes are students first. At Trinidad State the athletic department takes the academic achievement of their student-athletes very seriously, so it's an anxious time once the grades are posted as the coaches wait to see the final results of all the extra hours of study. Again this year the Trojan athletes proved they do not only succeed in their sport but in the classroom as well.

For the second year in a row 11 Trojan athletes were honored by the NJCAA for their academic achievement. The NJCAA also recognized the Women's Basketball team, Lady Trojan Volleyball squad and the Trojan Baseball team for the teams' GPAs all above a 3.0 for the year.

In addition, Region IX awards individuals who maintain at least a 3.25 GPA over 30 credit hours of classwork. Trinidad State had 33 All Region IX Academic Award Winners in 2014-2015.



2014-2015 NJCAA Academic Achievement Honorees



NO BONES ABOUT IT: STUDENTS GET CREATIVE

Trinidad State pupils' T-Bone sculpture a new draw to archaeology museum

By Anthony A. Mestas, *The Pueblo Chieftain*



"People are driving by and looking at it," said Loretta Martin, museum director.

"They are sometimes backing up their cars and taking a second look at it. That's pretty exciting."

The construction of the dinosaur, which school officials said is unusual for a college welding class, seems to have made a lasting impression on the students.

"I noticed the students were trying to make each weld better than the other students," said Robert Sanchez, TSJC welding instructor.

Meat-eating tyrannosaurs roamed the region millions of years ago.

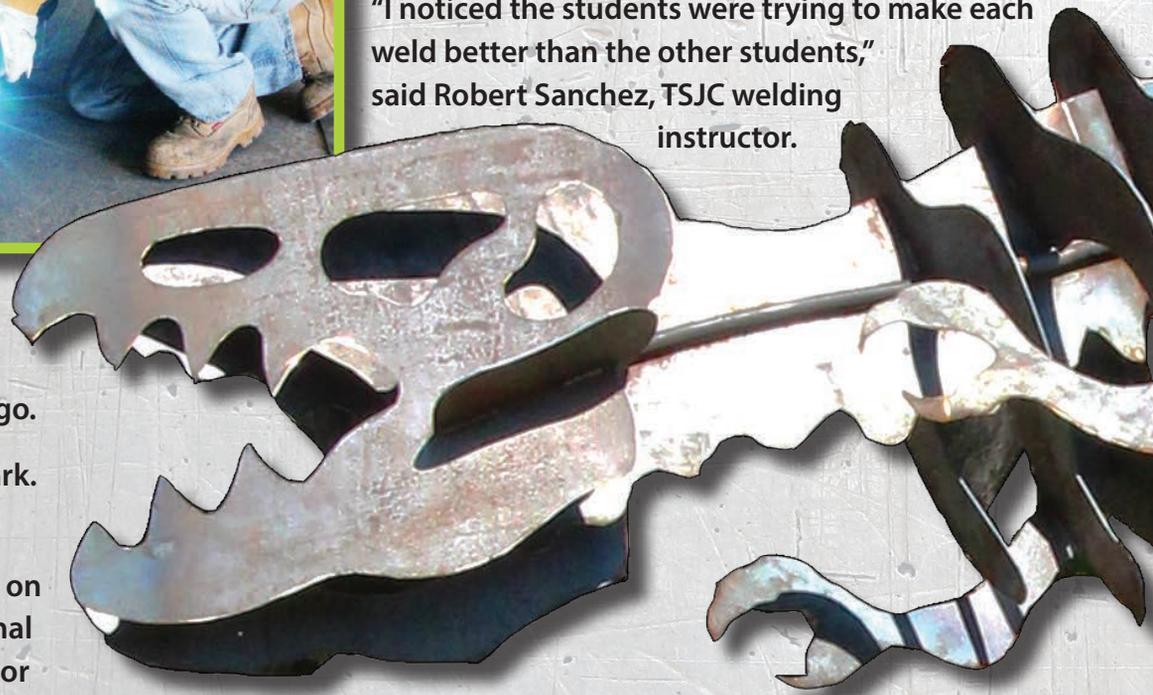
It's not exactly Jurassic Park.

But one of the ferocious predators stands sentinel on the east side of Freudenthal Library on the bottom-floor entrance to the Louden-Henritze Archaeology Museum at Trinidad State Junior College.

The T-rex properly named "T-Bone" is a new, 13-foot long tyrannosaur sculpture at TSJC.

The sculpture, which is a collaboration of the automotive, machining and art departments at TSJC, was recently mounted on a stack of sandstone boulders surrounded by a small metal picket fence.

T-Bone was built in the spring of 2014 and then bolted to the bed of a pickup truck and entered in Trinidad's ArtoCade parade in September 2014. It was moved to its permanent home on March 27.



"So they kind of made it a little welding competition because they knew it was going to be a piece of art and the welds needed to be beautiful. Even today when they see it up there mounted, I've had a few students come to me and they're just pleased with the outcome."

Art professor Vilas Tonape modified the curve of the spine and added some vertebrae. Brian Cumby, a machining instructor, used computer-aided design software to design the metal pieces. The school's PlasmaCAM was used to cut the individual pieces from sheets of steel.

Sanchez supervised the assembly, which was done by students Travis Esquibel, Dillon Duran

and Desi Medina.

Current welding students assembled the permanent fence around the sculpture.

"They learned how to fabricate, how to actually make a project, rather than just putting down weld beads," Sanchez said. "They got a great amount of knowledge out of just the fence."

Martin said the response from the public has been great.

"We had some tour groups that have taken pictures in front of it. We expect to have a lot of visitors this summer," Martin said.

The museum showcases the history of the Trinidad area.

"We show geology of the area with

fossils and archaeology," she said.

"Most of the things that we have on exhibit are from this area."

Martin said that although there have not been fossils of the creature found in the region, a footprint has been found in nearby Cimarron, N.M.

The footprint is showcased in the museum.

"They could have roamed this area more than 65 million years ago, before the dinosaurs became extinct. So far no bones have been found. Just the footprint," Martin said.

Martin said the sculpture is sure to bring visitors to the museum.

"It's right outside our doors. If they see the dinosaur, they will see the sign and hopefully they'll come in."

The museum is free and open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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Trinidad State launches new Heritage School

Southern Rockies Heritage School *at Trinidad State*

Southern Colorado features a rich heritage, tempered with pioneer spirit and ingenuity. With the goal of promoting life-long learning, Trinidad State Junior College has formed the Southern Rockies Heritage School. The school teaches traditional skills, crafts, and other art forms.

Many of the classes are held at Trinidad State's Trinidad Campus, but some classes are planned for outlying locations where facilities permit, as well as Trinidad State's Valley Campus in Alamosa. Classes this past summer included scrimshaw, cowboy hat making, leather holster making, powder horns, spur making and belt buckles.

The director of the new school is Kim McKee. She has wanted to open a heritage-based school for more than a decade. "Realizing there are no 'folk schools' in the West, and having collected ideas and data from existing 'folk schools' back east," said McKee, "I began

envisioning and submitting the project idea in 2007 to various organizations in Southern Colorado. Southern Rockies Heritage School is a confluence of great timing, great people and great opportunity to be able to create a community of learning, sharing and 'handing down' with Trinidad State Junior College!"

McKee and her husband are professional musicians who have studied traditional cultures to gain an understanding of our ancestors. She performs on the harp, accordion, hammer and mountain dulcimer, guitar and Irish bodhran.

She believes this transition into a folk, or heritage school, is an obvious choice for her. "Some skills which are no longer needed for survival have become 'art,' but they are still alive and vibrant." She wants the new school to share knowledge and skills and pass them from one generation to the next, so

they won't be lost.

If you've ever wondered how cheese is made, marveled at the skill of a blacksmith or felt the creative urge to work with leather, spin wool or make soap, the school will have something for you. Farm classes will include medicinal herbs, backyard chickens, beekeeping and more.



"We will try to include things within the community that have to do with our history," said McKee. Skills will include adobe making, rope making and making dye out of cactus bugs.

McKee can be reached at (719) 846-5724, or kim.mckee@trinidadstate.edu. More information and a class list are available at southernrockiesheritageschool.org.



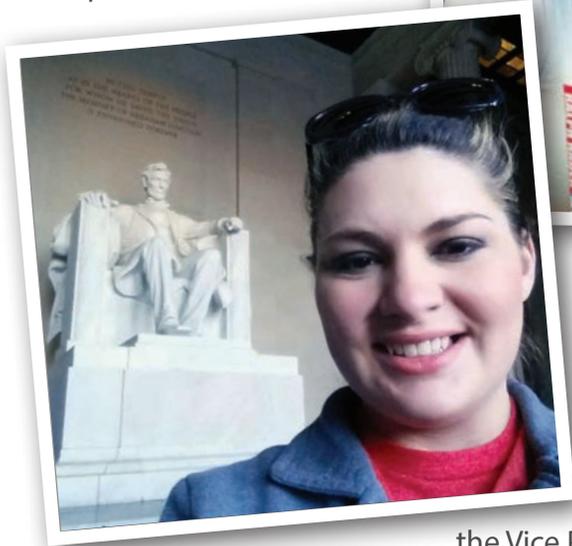
Trip to Washington D.C. is life-changing experience for Trinidad State student



A Trinidad State student went to Washington in March to represent Colorado Community Colleges and came away with an interest in politics. "It all began with one small step," said Danielle



with Danielle's leadership skills. She represented TSJC and Colorado so well. She not only impressed me, but impressed the heads of the American Student Association of Community Colleges. They would love for Danielle to be involved with the organization on a national level representing TSJC and CCCS on the Student Leadership Team. I think this is an incredible honor for your college and for CCCS. Danielle is a true gem and I am honored I had the opportunity to get to know her better."



Armstrong. "First, I became Senator at Large, then

the Vice President of Marketing for our local student government and then the State Legislative Liaison for the State Student Advisory Council (SSAC) for Colorado Community Colleges. And now I will serve on the National Leadership Council." Armstrong still plans to finish her counseling degree, but now she has added a Political Science degree as well. This trip seems to have sparked a fire for politics in her as she quipped, "Maybe in 20 years you'll see me running for President!"

Teaming up with Armstrong were Ed Miller, a student at Red Rocks Community College, and its Vice President of Student Success, Lisa Fowler who also serves as the advisor for SSAC. The threesome traveled to Washington D.C. on behalf of the 180,000 Colorado Community College students to join the nearly 300 attending the National Student Advocacy Conference from March 14-17.

About Armstrong, Fowler said, "I was impressed

During their stay they visited the Capitol, the White House and the Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Thomas Jefferson, Vietnam and World War II memorials. They also toured the National Archives Museum where they saw the Bill of Rights and the Constitution.

"Beyond awesome" was Armstrong's reaction to the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery.



New addition nearing completion



Trinidad State will soon have a new wing featuring state-of-the-art classrooms at its Alamosa Campus. It's been a long time coming. The first request for an expansion was submitted to the State of Colorado in 2007. It was 2013 before \$1.5 million was appropriated. The addition has been under construction for most of the year. When completed by Alcon Construction it will encompass 6,700 square feet on two floors at the corner of 4th Street and Bell Avenue.

On the second floor two science labs equipped with the latest technology are separated by a lab prep room where experiments will be prepared for biology, chemistry and physics classes.

A utility controller called ISIMET can be used to immediately shut down water, natural gas, and/or HVAC in case of an emergency. Also, an acid waste system separates acid from the waste water system.

"This really allows us to be at the cutting edge of science education to support programs like our nursing program that relies heavily on those background prerequisite courses," said Trinidad State President Dr. Carmen Simone. "This will give us more equipment so that more students can work on the same kinds of experiments at the same time."

"The building came about based on a shortage of up-to-date lab technology and classroom space," said Josh Jones, head of Maintenance at the Trinidad State Valley campus. "We had a student load our facilities could not accommodate."

Restrooms are located on the first floor along with one large room which can be divided into two classrooms using a moveable partition. In addition to classes, this large space will also be used as a multipurpose room. "We desperately needed a larger gathering space on campus where everyone can come and work

on projects together. And it's also something the community will be able to utilize and that's something I'm excited about," said Dr. Simone.

"We were really excited that we were able to award the contract to Alcon Construction, a local company," Jones continued. "That was important to us. And the subcontractors such as electricians, plumbers and painters are local as well. This created jobs for Valley residents. I've been extremely pleased with Alcon. They have been really great to work with. We wanted as much quality as possible with the budget we had to work with. Every step of the way they have looked at every conceivable plan that could save us money and make it possible for us to do the things we really need to do."

No fall semester classes were scheduled on the second floor in case of unforeseen delays. The first floor has already seen limited use.



CLASS NOTES

John Gagliardi, '47, was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame on April 2, 2015. During his 64 seasons coaching at the collegiate level his record was 489-138-11 (77.5 winning percentage) and he became the winningest football coach in college history. He won four national titles at St. John's University and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2006.

Robert Lincoln, '48. After leaving the gunsmithing program, he and his wife moved to Massachusetts where he worked for the Fram Filter Co. for 10 years. They returned to Longmont, Colorado where he worked for a battery company and then Coors Brewing Co. Robert's wife passed away in '08. He is now assisting four grandchildren through college.

George Ortiz, '48, was recently honored by the City of Trinidad when April 22 was declared "George Ortiz Day" recognizing his many years of service to the young people of Las Animas County.

Ralph Woodworth, '49, is 87 years old and doing reasonably well – mobile and not too many "senior moments." He resides with his daughter and her husband in the Appalachians, along with their pets. "I read a lot and write letters, as well as do some handicrafts." He also sings in a small country church.

Florie Massarotti, '50, was honored at the City of Champions Award dinner, presented by the Trinidad Community Foundation. Massarotti led Trinidad Boy Scouts for 55 years and recently turned over leadership of the Troop. "Scouting needs to remain true to its early traditions of working to help boys learn important lessons about life that should prepare them for responsible adulthood."

Robert Menaadi, '51, continued his education in Greeley and earned his BA and MA, served in the US Army for two years and then taught and coached until '65. He and his wife married in 1960. He then worked for the State (Division of Youth Services), retiring in 1989. They have four children and nine grandchildren. "Life is good!"

Jerrold Booher, '57, was TSJC's typical Trojan, spent 40 years in Colorado schools – teaching, coaching, and administration.

Gerald "Jay" Cimino, '58, and the Mount Carmel Wellness & Community Center

welcomed more than 100 Cimino family members this year for the 46th reunion of Domenic and Mary Cimino.

Clarence "Doc" Ellis, '62, graduated with an AAS in gunsmithing and worked for Golden State Arms, Weatherby and Accuracy Gun Shop. He later earned a BS and MS in Geological Engineering and engineered hydro-electric dam sites. He retired in 1996 and indulges in three passions – mountain climbing, big game hunting and geology. He teaches rock hounding classes at a community college, published his auto-biography, explores the Grand Canyon and has a hunt planned on a 6th continent. Retirement only means he is not getting paid.

Roy Ray, '62, states that "following my graduation I spent time as a gunsmith in Juneau, AK. Even in my retirement years I continue a deep appreciation of firearms and the outdoors."

Les Smith, '62. After graduating with a gunsmithing degree, he served for three years in the Army as a weapons specialist and then earned his BA in secondary education from Central Washington in '69. Les taught industrial and vocational education for 12 years in Montana. He continued his education, earning a master's degree from Montana State College. He then moved to Alaska and taught vocational education for 25 years and retired after 35 years in the education field. He enjoys hunting, fishing, shooting sports, boating, fly tying and fly rod building (he has a small business selling his flies and rods).

James Petrigala, '65, is retired after 30 years as a home building contractor, now living in Florida. "Being 'just a football player,' Trinidad served me well, allowing me to move forward and receive a four-year degree from the University of Dayton.

Karla Owen-Reed, '69, graduated as an Education major and married shortly after. She lived in Pueblo, Colorado for 22 years and then moved to Michigan, where she is a medical receptionist. She has one son, one grandson and one granddaughter.

Ed Griego, '72, his wife, Karen, and daughter, Kathleen were honored with the J. Edgar Chenoweth award earlier this year. Ed and his family are long time owners and operators of Griego Insurance and the Trinidad Wendy's franchise. Ed stated, "We've been in a group of people who work well together; we're one link

Former Trojan Spencer Haywood now in the NBA Hall of Fame



Spencer Haywood, who played basketball at Trinidad State for one year in the late 1960s, was inducted into the NBA Hall of Fame in September.

After leading his high school team in Detroit to a state title, he came to Colorado. He averaged 28.2 points per game at Trinidad State as well as 22.1 rebounds per game in 1968. He was 6'8" and 220

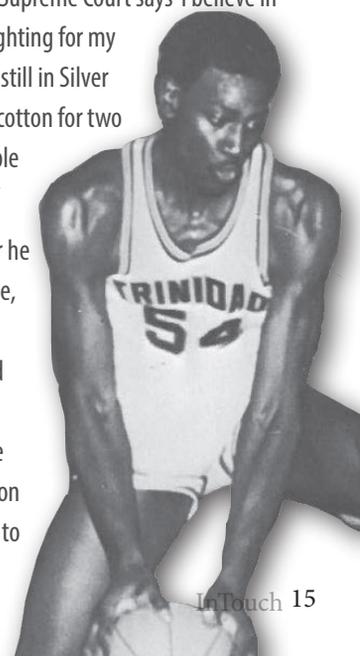
pounds and stories of his athletic prowess are still told at venerable Scott Gym.

Later that year, at the age of 19, he played on the U.S. Olympic Team in Mexico City, helping bring home a gold medal. In the nine games the U.S. Team played at the Olympics he scored 145 points. His shooting percentage was an incredible 71.9 percent, a record.

He then played one season at the University of Detroit Mercy and decided to go pro.

He was Rookie of the Year as well as MVP of the old American Basketball Association for his play with the Denver Rockets. That year he led the league in scoring and rebounding. After one year he decided to make the jump to the NBA and the Seattle SuperSonics, but the NBA had a rule against accepting players who were not yet at college graduation age. His successful challenge went all the way to the Supreme Court and paved the way for a generation of talented young players to join the NBA before graduating from college. In his acceptance speech Haywood said, "And the Supreme Court says 'I believe in you young man.' I was fighting for my mother. My mother was still in Silver City, Mississippi picking cotton for two dollars a day. So I was able to get her off her knees."

In his professional career he played for Denver, Seattle, New York Knicks, New Orleans, Los Angeles and Washington Bullets. The Haywood case paved the way for players like LeBron James and Kevin Durant to enter the NBA early.



Graduate now directs education programs at Space Center Houston



A Trinidad State Valley Campus graduate was recently named Director of Education at Space Center Houston. Daniel Newmyer will lead the Houston center's interactive

educational programs attended by more than 100,000 educators and students annually from around the world.

Until last year Newmyer was a secondary math and science teacher at Center, Colorado. He holds an associate's degree from Trinidad State, which he earned in 2001, a bachelor's degree from the University of Colorado, and a master's from Regis University. His academic experience recently includes serving as an Albert Einstein Distinguished Education Fellow in the Office of Education for NASA Headquarters and the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. In that role, Newmyer led the development and implementation of NASA Goddard Mission's Educational Moment Opportunities for STEM and informal Student Leadership Forums for kindergarten through 12th grade. He also delivered educator professional development programs to Maryland Master Educators and an informal science lesson at the White House.

In his career, Newmyer has managed business operations and water development projects as president of NWP Drilling and Consulting, LLC. He also partnered with organizations to offer training to local people in Cambodia, Uzbekistan, Haiti, Tanzania, Nigeria and Mozambique on groundwater and community development.

"Daniel is a dynamic visionary in education who has been connecting students with innovation, creative thinking and problem-solving skills for more than a decade," said Tracy Lamm, chief operating officer of the nonprofit. "With his hands-on teaching experience and extensive knowledge in research-based education practices, the center's growing educational programs will empower students and educators in science, technology, engineering and mathematics."

"My philosophy in education is to meet people where they are and empower them through discovery to change the world around them," Newmyer said.

in a very long chain. We've always believed in honest, hard work and strong cooperation, and that you must find your passion and discover your purpose."

Harold Horner, '72, joined the Army after leaving Trinidad State. He did some data processing administration while in the Army, and for a short time after he got out. He then became involved in the heavy equipment field. He is living in California and has been there for "a long time." He was originally from Branson – his family still has a ranch and house there. He has three kids and 10 grandchildren and hopes to retire soon.

Ken Tapia, '75, owner of Salon 309, celebrates his 40th year of business in Trinidad.

McSherry Graham Weber, '81, graduated in Soil Conservation Technology with John Haddow as her main instructor. She worked for USDA Soil Conservation Service for 17 years and then realized she did not want to work for a regulatory arm of the government. "I later went to work for Lamar Community College fundraising for scholarships."

Dave Nolan, '85, recently appeared on the NRA All Access show that aired on the Outdoor Channel in August. You can watch a portion of the episode on his website, www.nolanqualitycustoms.com.

Pam Spry, Phd, CNM was a TS Nursing faculty member from 1986 to 1989. She retired from midwifery practice and teaching in 2012 and lives with her husband in Aurora, CO. Retirement activities include walking, bicycling, swimming, reading and travel.

Patrick Malone, '93, among other honors, recently received a first-place award in investigative reporting for a story about doctors who had been banned from practicing elsewhere landing jobs in the state of New Mexico when working for The Santa Fe New Mexican. He and his family have since moved to Washington, DC where he works for the Center for Public Integrity, one of the country's oldest and largest nonpartisan, nonprofit investigative news organizations.

John McLaughlin, '95, and former Gunsmithing instructor, built two guns for one of the Jurassic Park movies. It is said that Director Steven Spielberg owns one.

Kelli (Dochter) Van Matre, '02 and her husband, Jeremy, opened Terra Firma Recycling in January '14, giving Trinidad a full-time

recycling center. "Recycling doesn't have to be inconvenient—people want to do the right thing. We will strive to combine those goals."

Manuel Castillo Ortiz, '11, opened Grizzly Motors, LLC, a used car lot on his property on Highway 160.

Danny Milan, '15 was one of the featured students in the recent NRA All Access show that aired on the Outdoor Channel in August.

2015 Honor Grads

Mrs. Emily Schoembs Bocko, '45, worked for the University of Colorado medical school for a number of years following her graduation. She married fellow graduate, Michael Bocko, and they have two sons.

Clayton Nelson, '55. After graduating from Trinidad State, Clayton and his wife Kirsten were married. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently. They decided to move to Kansas, where Clayton built custom rifles and worked at various jobs in agriculture. In 1966, he went to work for Champlin firearms, which propelled him into realizing his aspirations for custom rifle making. Eventually his own work grew so demanding, he left Champlin to build custom rifles on his own, eventually building over 850 custom rifles. His work has been mentioned in numerous magazine articles and books. He has lived in Trinidad since 2000 and has become involved in the TSJC gun making program, serving in various positions, most recently as an instructor in the summer NRA program.

Jim Vigil, '65, graduated with an AAS and transferred to Metropolitan State University where he earned a BSBM and MBA. He served in the United States Marine Corps and then spent 31 years working in the energy industry. In addition, he has worked as an adjunct faculty member at Trinidad State. Jim is a former Las Animas County Commissioner and is currently a Colorado Parks & Wildlife Commissioner.

Mr. Eli DeBono, '75, attended Trinidad State and received an associate of arts degree. While here, he played basketball for the Trojans under Coach Jim Toupal. Eli went on to further his education at the University of Southern Colorado (now Colorado State University – Pueblo) and at Adams State College (now Adams State University), receiving BA and BS degrees. He taught math, science, and physical education at Trinidad High School and

Trinidad Middle School for 33 years, where he also held a number of coaching positions. Eli is a member of the TSJC Booster Club and he continues to support the college forty years after graduating.

Mr. Frank Joseph Molinaro, Jr., '85. After graduating from Trinidad Catholic High School, Frank worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad for a few years. He realized he needed to change his career path and made the decision to attend Trinidad State, majoring in electronics. After graduating, he obtained a position with Sperry Univac in Pueblo, which later became Unisys and then Martin Marietta. He was responsible for testing the computers that went into the F18 fighter planes. When the plant relocated to Florida after many years, Frank found himself facing another career change. He opened his first business, Frankie's Italian Deli & Market in Pueblo which remained in business for six years. During this time, he also constructed and opened Mesa Self Storage which started with two buildings and 104 units and now has six buildings and 314 units. In addition to Mesa Self Storage, he is currently a partner in ownership of two locations of American Jewelry & Pawn Shops, four commercial buildings, 1st & Main bar, and a soon to open upscale restaurant, all of which are in Pueblo. In addition, Frank is employed as a maintenance supervisor with the Department of Corrections. He is the sole owner of a residential rental property and 10 acres of farm land on which he raises hay and corn.

Friends We'll Miss...

Frank A. Montera, '47

Frank Salerno, Jr., Education, '51

Donald Shattuck, Gunsmithing, '52

William Baker, Gunsmithing, '52

Sylvia Lackey, Secretarial Science, '56

Ruben Gutierrez, Auto Mechanics, '58

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Judy DeGarbo, Practical Nursing, '64

Joseph Duran, Electronics, '67

Betty Bailey, Education, '68

Ida Sue Pachorek, Practical Nursing, '68

Robert Makloski, Electronics/Computer Maintenance, '70

Hope Brunelli, Business, '72

Rose Philpott, Business, '72

Timmie Herschel, Civil Technology, '76

Ms. Tanya Tortorice Fischer, '95, received a scholarship to attend Trinidad State. During her time here, she was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She developed life-long friendships with many classmates and graduated with an Associate of Applied Arts Degree. After graduation, she attended and graduated from Colorado State University, Fort Collins with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Nutrition And Dietetics. Tanya successfully completed a dietetic internship with the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley and became a registered dietitian. She has been a practicing dietitian for the last 15 years, not only in Colorado, but in several states and overseas. Tanya and her husband and son currently live in Colorado City and she works at Parkview Medical Center in Pueblo. She and her family lived for several years in Stuttgart, Germany and took every opportunity to travel as much as possible.

Ms. Tiffany Oselio Medford, '05, began her college education at Trinidad State. She accepted a scholarship to play with the first TSJC softball team as a catcher in 2003. After receiving her Associates Degree, she continued her education at New Mexico Highlands University, where she also played softball, graduating in 2007. Tiffany received her Masters and Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the University of New Mexico in 2011. She now resides in Albuquerque with her husband, Ryan, and three energetic boys. Dr. Medford is a physical therapist at an outpatient rehabilitation clinic and a full-time mommy.

Richard "Rick" Flores, Electronics, '79

Barbara Jamieson, Nursing, '83

Linda Wilson, Business, '95

Friends of TSJC

Lora Jean "Lorie" Entz, Community Supporter, passed away 9/7/14

Harold Hinton, former Agriculture Education, passed away 9/18/14

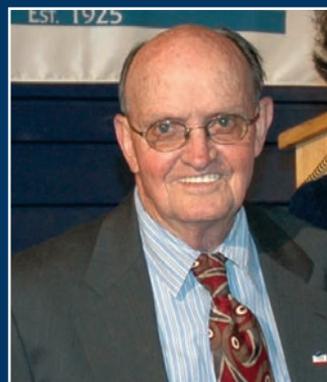
James William "Billy" Fox, Employee, passed away 11/11/14

Charles Latuda, Founding Educational Foundation Board Member and Employee, passed away 6/10/15

John N. "Jack" Bearden, former Educational Foundation Board Member, passed away, 6/18/15

Steve Brown, former Tool Room Manager, passed away, 6/18/15

Charles Latuda honored for a lifetime of service at Trinidad State



Beloved former Trinidad State employee Charles Latuda passed away in June, just seven months after he was given a Lifetime Achievement Award at the

National Philanthropy Day in Colorado.

Latuda graduated from Holy Trinity High School in 1944 and served in the military for two years before enrolling at Trinidad State. He graduated in 1948 and then went on to receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Denver.

He later coached at Holy Trinity High School while teaching part time at Trinidad State. During his time at Holy Trinity, he coached the 1952 and 1954 football teams to State Parochial Championships.

He became Athletic Director at Trinidad State in 1961, a job he held until 1976. For another ten years after that Latuda taught classes at Trinidad State. While he was Athletic Director Trinidad State won a national Junior College football championship. He was the recipient of two Fullbright Fellowships, one to South Africa in 1965 and another to Italy in 1966. His influence and caring way touched the lives of hundreds of students during his time at Trinidad State. The adult education building at the Trinidad campus now bears his name.

Latuda, along with two longtime friends and colleagues started the Trinidad State Junior College Educational Foundation in 1968. In a 2005 interview he said, "Our purpose was — and is — to take contributions and work to continue the growth of the College." He served as a non-voting member on the Foundation until his retirement in 1986. He was the President of the Foundation from 1999 to 2002.

For nearly 20 years he has personally supported one or two students a year with a full-tuition scholarship. Through a planned giving trust, Latuda's legacy will continue with the establishment of a legacy endowed scholarship fund capable of awarding scholarships in perpetuity.

Jack Bearden, Former Educational Board Member



Jack Bearden, who served on the Trinidad State Educational Foundation Board for more than three decades, died in June at the age of 87. Bearden

descended from the Turner family, who settled in the Trinidad area in 1882.

He graduated from the University of Colorado, spent a year in Kansas City, and then returned to Trinidad and joined the Bearden family business, an insurance company with offices downtown. Over the years Bearden volunteered at the Carnegie Library, the A.R. Mitchell Museum and at the Stonewall Country Club. He also served on the Trinidad/Las Animas Economic Development Board in the '70s, '80s and '90s. He was also on the Board at Century Savings and Loan.

In the 1980s when Jack was President of the Educational Foundation he and his fellow board members were able to secure a bus for athletic teams, help with improvements at Prator Gun Range and provide financial support for a home building program in support of the building trades program at the College. It was during that time Jack and his family established the Bearden Family Faculty Award, an endowed fund which provides money for faculty professional development.

In 2008 Jack received the prestigious J. Edgar Chenoweth Award from the Trinidad/Las Animas County Chamber of Commerce.

His daughter, Julie Dixon, said he always upheld "the best interest of the college to proceed with its agenda to offer an unparalleled education to students; traditional and non-traditional alike."

Jack was known to never draw attention to himself. He was known to have a difficult time accepting praise and accolades. Former College President Dr. Harold Deselms said, "Jack Bearden is the epitome of a community leader who goes quietly about the business of support with no fanfare."

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One of the major goals of the TSJC Educational Foundation is to increase its "endowment" or permanently invested capital. Once in place, an endowment can provide permanent support for student scholarships, faculty chairs, professional development, and program advancement.

A named gift sends a strong message to our students and our communities that an individual, business or organization has partnered with the College in order to help shape the future of TSJC. The Foundation is grateful for the individuals who have offered life-changing resources to future generations at TSJC. The following endowments were established between September 1, 2014 and August 31, 2015:

- Spanish Peaks Purgatoire River Conservation District Scholarship Fund
- Master Sergeant Gerald "Ol' Hook" Boutin Scholarship Fund
- Dorothy DeMiller Endowment Fund
- American Custom Gunmakers Guild Scholarship Fund
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We invite you to consider helping the College address current needs and prepare for future challenges. You are also encouraged to work with the Foundation and the College to create naming opportunities that fit with your special areas of interest.

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Trinidad State becomes home of annual robotics competition

Take plywood and a box filled with items such as PVC pipe, screws and other hardware, piano wire, Velcro, a bicycle inner tube, a micro-computer, and lots of other parts and try, within six weeks, to design and build a functioning robot that can perform certain, specific tasks in three minutes. This is the BEST challenge.



BEST (Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology) is a middle and high school robotics competition whose mission is to engage and excite

students about engineering, science, and technology as well as inspire them to pursue careers in those fields.

Through a partnership with BEST Robotics Inc., Trinidad State is now a competition hub, and will host a gathering of middle school and high school students from the southern half of Colorado and northern New Mexico in the fall. In September participating schools brought their team to a course unveiling. The students and their sponsors were shown the 24-foot-square obstacle course and the tasks their robot will be asked to complete. Five weeks later they return for a run-through to see how their design works. After another week to tweak problems, the competition happens.



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