



Taylor Hall Times

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DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES & COMMUNICATION

IN THIS ISSUE

English Education Returns to Trine

The Department of Humanities and Communication is excited to announce that an undergraduate degree in English Education is now available at Trine University.

In a collaborative effort, the Department of Humanities and Communication and the Franks School of Education have received approval from the Board of Trustees to begin offering English Education as a program of study beginning in Fall 2017, following approval from the Indiana Board of Education at its November 2016 meeting.

The reactivated program is a response to the increasing need for qualified English teachers in northeast Indiana and the surrounding areas.

In March 2015, the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education's *Teacher Shortage Areas 1990-1991 through 2015-2016* indicated that Indiana reported English/Language Arts as a shortage area in 2011-12. In February 2016, a

survey of the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) job listings showed 7% of available positions mid-school-year are in English Language Arts (36 of 491 openings).

The states of Michigan and Ohio show similar need. Ohio has reported a shortage of English/Language Arts teachers for grades 7-12 consistently since 2004-2005. The number of English/Language Arts jobs listed on the state department of education's website mid-year was similar to that of Indiana's.

Jordan Blank (2018), a transfer student from Defiance College, will be first English Education graduate from the new program. We look forward to seeing the growth of this program over the next few years and to welcoming English Education students on to campus.

Anyone interested in majoring in English Education can contact Professor Amy Nicholls at nichollsa@trine.edu or by phone at (260) 665-4657.



Nicholls Promoted to Dean

Trine alumna and HAC Department Chair Amy Saylor-Nicholls is promoted to Dean of the Jannen School of Arts and Sciences.



HAC Happenings

Find out what's happening this spring with the Drama Club, Overlooked Film Festival, and more.

Writing Center Gets Major Revision

Papers aren't the only thing getting some major work in the Writing Center this year.

The Writing Center received a major makeover that included a bright new paint color, new writing-themed wall art, and updated furniture.

The most exciting feature of the new space is a mural painted by members of the Trine Art Club under the direction of new Writing Center Coordinator, Naomi Bush.

Naomi is working side-by-side with Writing Center Director Dr. Cassandra Bausman to expand the current services offered by the Center.

During the spring, the Writing Center is beginning its "Wield the Red" campaign which provides students with red pencils to encourage them to take



control of revising and editing their own writing.

The Writing Center also continues to host a Creative Writing Group, the **Nite Writers** and a Book Club called **The Page Piranhas**. Both groups meet weekly on Monday evenings and give Trine students from all majors opportunities to explore their creative talents and to read and write for fun.

VISIT TRINEWRITE.COM

Visit: TrineWrite.com for information and updates on the Writing Center.

Nicholls Promoted to Dean

Amy Nicholls was recently appointed Dean for the Jannen School of Arts and Sciences to replace previous dean, Craig Laker. Laker will now head up the College of Graduate and Professional Studies as its new dean. Nicholls' new position will have her overseeing five separate departments—Mathematics, Informatics, and Physics; Criminal Justice, Psychology, and Social Studies; Music; English as a Second Language (ESL); and, of course, Humanities and Communication (HAC).

Department faculty were excited for both Nicholls and the department. "As soon as it was announced that Professor Laker was moving to another position, I think we all thought of Amy as a perfect choice for his replacement," said HAC professor Justin Young. "I

think she'll serve as a strong advocate for both the department and the School of Arts and Sciences, as a whole."

Nicholls will remain within the Department of Humanities and Communication and continue to teach and serve as Chair for the 2016-17 school year. She has been with Trine University for five years and is the 2016 recipient of the Jannen Renaissance Scholar Teaching Award.

Professor Justin Young will assume the responsibilities as Chair at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 academic year.



Playing for Pets Looks to Set a New High Score

Playing for Pets, a 24-hour video game marathon to raise money for the Community Humane Shelter of Steuben County, returns this year on April 21-22.



The event began in 2015 and is put on by Professor Justin Young's honors seminar in Video Games: Art, Culture and History of a Medium. The event is designed to both raise awareness of the diversity of video games as a medium, while also showcasing the good that can be done using them.

This year you can watch live as HAC and other Trine faculty take on or team up with students to play everything from Mario Kart to League of Legends though a live stream on TrineHAC.com.

Last year's event raised \$1,570 for the shelter. This year's class is looking to set a new record for donations with a goal of \$2,000.

To make a donation, visit TrineHAC.com/pets.

Samuelson Award Enters its Third Year

The Jeanine B. Samuelson Student Distinction Award honors a student who demonstrates not only academic excellence, but also passion for activities beyond the classroom and for fostering excitement and engagement among peers.

The Samuelson Award is unique in that students nominate their peers for the award by composing a short recommendation that is submitted to the HAC faculty.

Past winners include Alison Falls (2015) and Sloan Davis (2016). This year's winner will be announced at the HAC End of Year Reception.



MEET OUR HAC-TASTIC STUDENTS & ALUMNI

Amanda Higbee COM, 2016

Amanda, who is from Quincy, Michigan, has really exemplified what it means to be a communication student at Trine. She has pursued a number of diverse experiences including tutoring in the Writing Center, volunteering for HAC Cup, HAC's high school Humanities competition, and working with international students.



Her favorite educational experiences, which include classes in Shakespeare, Event Planning and Principles of PR, also show her diverse interests.

Amanda graduated in December and is currently serving with the Peace Corps in Armenia.

Ben Vigliarolo COM, 2018

Although only a sophomore, Ben has already had a chance to put what he is learning to work. Last spring, he called some of the games when Trine hosted the NCAA Division III Regional Softball Tournament. He is currently helping to call the men's and women's basketball games.



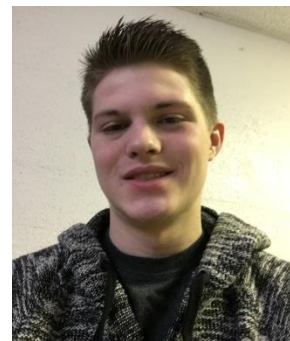
When he's not calling games, Ben enjoys honing his skills in his Argumentation and Debate class and helping his classmates organize several department and campus events in Event Planning.

Outside of the classroom, Ben, who is from West Bloomfield, MI, plays on the Trine Baseball team and works at WEAX 88.3.

Grant Tingley COM, 2019

Grant, who enjoys classes in media history, film and digital media creation, has been able to parlay the skills he's gained in his classes and his interest in sports into some exciting opportunities.

He is one of the co-hosts of the weekly podcast **HAC 3 Strikes** and covers some of the local football games for *The Herald Republican*. As his time allows, he also helps call Trine softball and basketball games.



He is also active on campus as a member of the Track team. Grant is from Angola, IN.

HAVE ALUMNI UPDATES?

Alumni updates can be emailed to Alison Witte at wittea@trine.edu.

HAC Happenings

Overlooked Film Festival

The Overlooked Film Festival kicks off this season February 23. This semester's theme is "Mythmaking".

This season's films are:

Southside with You (Feb. 23)

Hell or High Water (March 2)

Hunt for the Wilderpeople (March 9)

A Street Cat Named Bob (March 23)

Fences (March 30)

Don't Think Twice (April 6)

Check out film summaries and trailers at TrineHAC.com

All films are free and open to the public. Screenings are Thursday evenings at 7:00pm in Fabiani Theater in the University Center.

SPEAK

SPEAK (Students Promoting Environmental Awareness & Knowledge) for the Earth, our student environmental organization, supervised by HAC Professor Brandy DePriest is happy to announce the formation of the Art Eberhardt Center for Environmental and Community Outreach.



Earth Fest!—a day full of music, food, and instruction celebrating and helping the earth—will take place on Saturday April 22 from noon-11:00pm. Join us for a fun, family-friendly event. See TrineHAC.com for additional details.

HAC Book Night @ the LINK

HAC's annual Book Night at the LINK will take place **April 27**.

Book Night encourages reading by providing free copies of popular books and by providing a venue for book exchange. It is open to all alumni, community members, students, faculty and staff.

If you would like to donate books to the exchange. Contact Dr. Sarah Young at youngs@trine.edu or (260) 665-4849.



February

- 23: Overlooked Film Festival**
7:00 in Fabiani Theater
- 28: Humanities Symposia**
3:30 in Wells Theater

March

- 2: Overlooked Film Festival**
7:00 in Fabiani Theater
- 8: Humanities Symposia**
3:30 in Wells Theater
- 9: Overlooked Film Festival**
7:00 in Fabiani Theater
- 21: Humanities Symposia--**
3:30 in Wells Theater
- 23: Overlooked Film Festival**
7:00 in Fabiani Theater
- 28: Humanities Symposia**
3:30 in Wells Theater
- 30: Overlooked Film Festival**
7:00 in Fabiani Theater

April

- 4: Humanities Symposia**
3:30 in Wells Theater
- 6: Overlooked Film Festival**
7:00 in Fabiani Theater
- 6: *Who's On First?* presented by the Drama Club**
7:00 in Wells Theater—Taylor Hall
- 7: *Who's On First?* presented by the Drama Club**
7:00 in Wells Theater—Taylor Hall
- 8: *Who's On First?* presented by the Drama Club**
7:00 in Wells Theater—Taylor Hall
- 11: Humanities Symposia**
3:30 in Wells Theater
- 21-22: *Playing for Pets***
8:00am-8:00am in Wells Theater
- 22: *Earth Fest!* sponsored by SPEAK**
12:00pm-11:00pm at Briali Vineyards & Winery
- 27: HAC Book Night @ the Link**
The LINK in the University Center

May

- 4: HAC End of Year Reception**
2:30-4:00 in Wells Theater

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Information about all our events, including titles and speaker bios, can be found at www.TrineHAC.com.

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