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## New president sympathizes with Davis

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In the wake of Jonathan Davis's sudden resignation as SGA president, Vice President William Filmore has assumed his duties effective immediately.

For those who do not know, Davis resigned due to personal reasons, citing loss of focus on his responsibilities as a major factor.

With that, Filmore will serve as SGA president for at least the remainder of the spring semester, barring any unforeseen incidents.

Filmore says that he's ready, despite still being in what he called "vice president mode."

"I feel like I can handle all the challenges that come with being SGA president...I believe we're going to have a very good semester...we're going to be able to

get a lot of things done," Filmore said.

Having seen what happened first-hand with Davis, Filmore believes he can avoid that same fate.

"Just in the short time that I've taken over for Jonathan, I can see where he's coming from (on his decision to resign)," Filmore said.

"There are a lot of things that get thrown on you...but at the same time we've got to remember that we're students first," Filmore added.

Filmore believes that Davis tried to do so many good things for Troy that Davis eventually stretched himself too thin.

One of those things that Davis did accomplish is getting the Troy SGA to be a member of the city Chamber of Commerce, and Filmore wants to continue having the voice of the students heard. The city has been going



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**Officers of the Student Government Association are, from left to right, Mimi Williams, vice president of legislative affairs; William Filmore, president; Morgan Hooper, vice president of campus activities; Kayla Clemons, secretary; Liz Dowe, clerk.**

over plans to renovate the downtown area, and Filmore hopes to hear from students about what Troy needs, if only for something to do on the weekend in a little known area.

"Most students have never even been to downtown Troy...a lot of students don't even know

that it exists," Filmore said.

"I hope that we can kind of get some feedback from the students and find out what exactly they would want downtown," Filmore added.

Filmore is well aware of the concerns of the students as it relates to parking, and in addition

to the parking proposal made a few months ago during Davis's tenure. Filmore thinks that students should take advantage of the shuttle, which they are working with to improve reliability.

One way to possibly do that is for off-campus

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Bible study in Trojan  
ne is welcome.

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event is open to all  
and please bring an

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**Third Degree**  
property in the first degree was  
on campus.

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g government operations was  
a the Trojan Center parking

us up they made sure  
everybody was OK," said  
Smith.

"The fire department is  
very fast," she added.

"Around Troy we have  
a lot of cooking fires,"  
said Outlaw, "... you're  
cooking with grease that's  
highly flammable and  
that's normally what we  
see on some of our runs  
... students cooking for  
the first time."

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portfolio?

ua we generate ceramic  
forms because we are the  
makers of objects.

"During this  
conference, we want

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students to park in the  
university-owned Park  
Avenue shopping center  
lot on South Brundidge  
Street.

Students would park  
there and use the shuttles  
to get to campus.

But Filmore stressed  
that despite the negative  
feelings of parking  
on campus, he says  
that it is much better  
when compared to  
bigger universities and  
encouraged students not  
to be discouraged by  
parking.

"We need to appreciate  
what we do have because  
it's not always bad...it's  
just the few times during  
the day when everybody's  
got class during the  
normal class times of 10  
to 2," Filmore said.

Tackling the parking  
issue and keeping Troy as  
a voice in the Chamber of  
Commerce are only two  
endeavors that will be  
pursued by Filmore during  
his tenure.

Filmore wants to get  
the newest senators, to be  
named after the results  
of the vacancy election,  
acclimated in the SGA.

The SGA has also lent  
support to the Help for  
Haiti concert that is going  
on this Friday afternoon  
at 3 p.m.

Two students (Josh

since 1996.

She has also appeared  
on the Discovery Channel  
twice.

Marko Fields is an

Johnson and Micah  
Grimes) made it known  
that they wanted to do  
something to benefit  
the earthquake-stricken  
nation, and Filmore was  
quick to offer help on  
behalf of the SGA.

"We help to put posters  
up across campus to  
get the word out...we  
talked to the different  
organizational presidents  
to let them know that's  
the kind of thing the  
SGA is here for, to help  
students," Filmore said.

Filmore feels that this  
concert will not only  
bring students together, it  
will disprove a belief that  
the SGA is more helpful  
to Greek organizations  
than non-Greek students  
by bringing them  
together.

"Hopefully the  
concert this weekend is  
something that's going  
to focus on the entire  
student body...what's  
going to make that  
happen is getting the  
word out," Filmore said.

Troy will also be a part  
of Higher Education Day  
in Montgomery on March  
4, in which 300 students  
are expected to attend and  
meet representatives from  
state-wide schools.

"It's for all the students  
from all the public  
universities and the state  
to get together and have  
a march, a little rally and  
point out to the legislators

for anyone interested in  
the world of clay to miss  
this celebration of mud,  
fire, and passion," he said.

that we are here, don't  
forget about us," Filmore  
said.

Filmore feels that this  
will benefit Troy in one  
particular area.

"The biggest thing  
is for funding for  
our schools, because  
they always cut a lot  
of funding from our  
education when they do  
the budget...that's really  
what it's for. We've got  
to keep our funding from  
getting cut so that our  
tuition doesn't go up  
again," Filmore said.

Filmore emphasized  
that despite what students  
may feel, the SGA is  
here to serve and help the  
students any way they  
can.

Filmore said that  
students can feel free to  
make suggestions, write  
resolutions or proposals.

Anything they want  
to run by the SGA will  
be heard according to  
Filmore, even if it's as  
simple as a suggestion to  
decrease the space that  
the Trojan Today takes  
up in a student's e-mail  
inbox or air vents to  
replace paper towels in  
the dormitory restrooms.

"That's the kind of  
things we're here for... to  
hear the concerns of the  
student body and make  
the experience of being at  
Troy University the best  
that it can be."