



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Baseball complex dedicated – The ribbon was cut Wednesday afternoon on the newly constructed Lott Baseball Complex at Riddle-Pace Field. The complex, which features indoor batting cages, new locker rooms for the players and umpires, a player lounge and meeting areas, was named in honor of the Lott family. The late Mr. Jerry Lott was inducted into the Troy University Baseball Hall of Fame in 2007, while his wife, Betty, remains an active part of life at TROY, serving as a member of the University’s Planned Giving Council and as a founding member of the TROY Shield Society. The Lott family, longtime supporters of the TROY baseball program, was instrumental in helping the vision for the new complex become a reality. From left to right, are Chancellor Jack Hakwins, Jr., Director of Athletics Steve Dennis, Mrs. Lott, Mike Lott, Coach Bobby Pierce, Janet Lott Maddox and her son, Jake.

University hopes forums will spur voter interest

Troy University hopes to spur voters to the polls in the Second Congressional District through a series of three debates among the candidates vying for the post.

Special elections have been set to fill the seat in Congress left vacant by long-time Congressman Terry Everett’s retirement in December.

By teaming with the American Association of Retired Persons, WSFA and the Federation of Small and Independent Businesses, Dr. James Rinehart, **See FORUMS, Page 3**

eCampus Colloquium held in Dothan

More than 200 Troy University faculty and staff members from the University’s eCampus division met in Dothan this week to discuss the latest in distance learning technology and best practices in online learning. During the four-day conference, faculty members also trained on the Secureexam Remote Proctor System, which TROY developed with Software Secure, Inc.

The remote proctor, which is the first of its kind, electronically verifies the identity of online test takers by recording student

fingerprints and photographs, according to Dr. Deb Gearhart, director of eCampus. In addition, it electronically monitors students as they take exams.

“Troy University really is on the cutting edge,” Dr. Gearhart said. “Universities that offer distance learning must find ways to verify that students are the ones who are doing the work.”

Already in use in several of online MBA classes, the University is working to incorporate the Remote Proctor system in other online programs this fall.

Let us hear from you!

Send your comments, suggestions or submissions for TROY Today to aellis@troy.edu.

Honors Convocation set for April 21

Al Head, executive director of the Alabama State Council on the Arts and a 1971 TROY graduate, will deliver the keynote address at the University’s Honors Convocation on April 21.

The convocation is set for 7 p.m., Monday at the Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus.

Head, recently honored by **See HONORS, Page 5**

TroyFest set for April 26-27

The fifth annual TroyFest, an arts event held on the square in downtown Troy, is set for Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27.

The festival, an event presented by the City of Troy, Pike County Chamber of Commerce and Troy Arts Council, is held in honor of Troy native and celebrated artist Jean Lake.

The festival will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. There is no admission charge.

The festival will include more than 120 booths, featuring a variety of art work, children's activities and concessions. Featured entertainment for the event will include performances by the Troy University Jazz Ensemble.

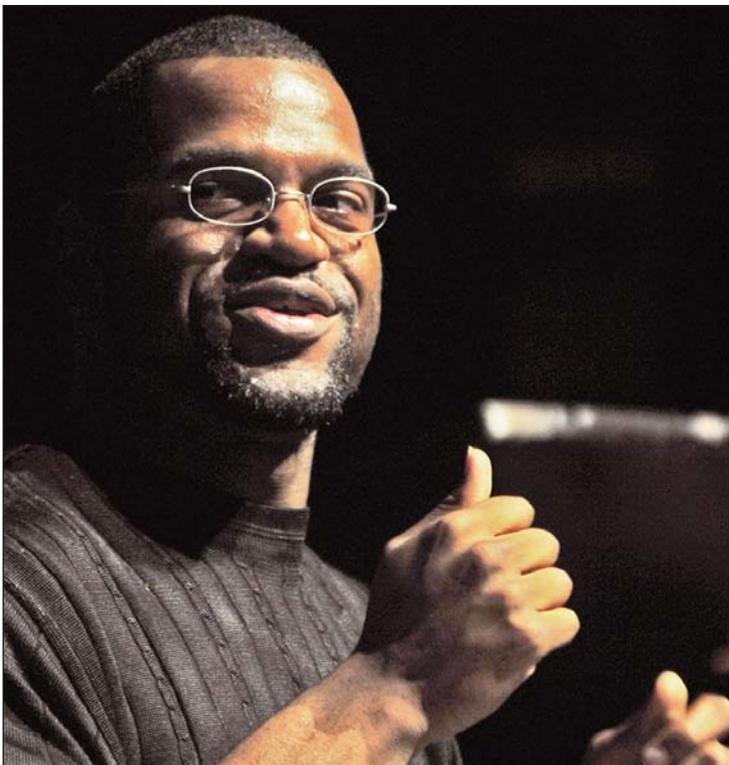
In addition, educational and inspirational opportunities known as Art Talks and Art Walks will be available. Sessions will include Pressing Party, in which participants will learn how to create keepsakes from their own flower gardens; Exploring the Interanal Art of Tai Chi; and, Whittling Away where participants will learn the art of whittling wood.

Troy University shuttle buses will be available for transportation at the top of every hour from the main terminal located adjacent to the track.



Preserving a Congressional legacy – During a recent visit to Troy University, U.S. Congressman Terry Everett (right) and his wife, Barbara, discuss the preservation of his congressional records with TROY Archivist Dr. Marty Olliff. TROY's Archives of Wiregrass History and Culture, which is located on the Dothan Campus, is home to the eight-term congressman's records. Now at 170 boxes, the Everett collection is the largest housed at the Archives. Everett retires in January of 2009.

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Helen Keller Lecture – At left, Martel Van Zant, guest presenter for the 13th annual Helen Keller Lecture, signs to his interpreter Allie Lee during the April 8 event. Van Zant, a former football player at Oklahoma State University who was born deaf, told the audience that a positive attitude was key in overcoming adversity. Above, Josh McInnish, a student at Ashford High School, performs a musical selection during the event.

Safe Campus

Phenix City installs emergency call boxes, plans 'Night Walk' for April 24

The Phenix City Campus has taken one more step in creating a safer, more secure campus by installing emergency call boxes in each building on campus.

The custom-built call boxes allow individuals to not only contact the campus' 24-hour security guards but also Phenix City First Responders, according to Mary A. Ragland, the Phenix City Campus Dean of Student Services.

"After the tragedy at Virginia Tech, Troy University reassessed its security protocols to ensure campus safety," Dean Ragland said. "The new call

boxes are one of several enhancements we have undertaken in the past year in an effort to provide a safer environment for our students."

The Phenix City Campus has solicited the help of the city's 911 response center to monitor the emergency transmissions from the call box. The box allows two-way transmissions between the caller and responder.

Another measure to help ensure a safer campus will take place April 24 with the first Phenix City Campus Night Walk, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. A presentation from the Crisis

Center will kick off the night, followed by a campus expedition where campus staff and student volunteers will work together to identify other ways to improve campus security.

"Because our campus tailors to the working adults in our community that are attending class in the evening, it is imperative that we focus on the unique challenges of securing our grounds for night classes," said Tessa Brown, assistant to Dr. Curtis Pitts, the Campus Vice Chancellor. "The Night Walk will capitalize on the first hand perspective of our students."



Walk in History – Troy University faculty members Dr. Mark Gaddis (left), associate professor of accounting; Dr. Joe Fielding, assistant professor of marketing; Dr. Adair Gilbert, associate dean; and Dan Teed, associate professor of accounting, show off their costumes for the annual "Walk in History," which was held recently in the historic Houston County community of Columbia. The Troy University Sorrell College of Business professors joined members of the Columbia Historical Society to reenact the lives of several colorful characters buried at the old Columbia Cemetery. Dr. Marty Olliff (not pictured), TROY archivist and assistant professor of history, also volunteered for the event. Columbia, which was settled in 1820, is southeast Alabama's oldest existing town and is known as the "Port City of the Wiregrass." The community originally served as the county seat of Henry County, which at the time included sections of present-day Covington, Dale, Barbour, Coffee, Crenshaw, Bullock, Geneva and Houston counties.

Forums

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chair of the Department of Political Science at Troy University, said he hoped the people of the Second District would see the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate.

"If we can provide a forum whereby voters can make an informed decision about who we want representing us in Washington, then we have filled a great need in the Second Congressional District," Rinehart, who is coordinating the debates, said.

The first debate, which will be televised live from the WSFA studios, is scheduled for 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. April 18. That debate is closed to the public since it originates in studio.

The first debate with open attendance is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. April 21 on the Troy Campus in Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor. The final debate of the series is scheduled for April 29 in the Dothan Campus' Sony Hall from 10 a.m. – noon.

The debates are also a part of AARP's "Divided We Fail" program, which aims to amplify the voices of Americans who believe that health care and lifetime financial security are the most pressing domestic issues facing the nation. For more information on the "Divided We Fail" program, visit www.dividedwefail.org on the world wide web.

Retrospective

Concert Chorale teams up with Enterprise High School choirs for successful performance

The Troy University Concert Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Diane Orlofsky and Graduate Assistant Tori Lee, and the Enterprise High School Women's Choir and Concert Choir, under the direction of Mr. John Baker, were featured in a concert together April 1 in Claudia Crosby Theater.

"I am thrilled that members of the Enterprise High School choral department were able to be our featured guest artists at the spring 'Retrospective' concert this year," Dr. Orlofsky said. "The director, John Baker, has been my friend and colleague for many years and I've always thought he has one of the finest choral programs in the entire state."



The performance featured traditional choral anthems to upbeat, energized African American spirituals to folk song arrangements to lush contemporary

choral settings.

TROY soloists for this event included Tommye Cargill, Haley Odom, Adrian Smith, and guest faculty soloist, Dr. Tim Phillips.

Orlofsky also shared that the cover of the concert program was designed by Charles Henderson High School art student, Blake Bassett.

Support vital to Public Radio programming, Vickrey says

Dr. Jim Vickrey, professor of speech communications on the Montgomery Campus, has been a longtime supporter of TROY's Public Radio.

"Since 1991, I have been a part of the WTSU-FM Public Radio family," Dr. Vickrey said. "Weekly I have written and recorded for broadcast commentaries on the movies, politics, and religion, now totaling more than 1,100; and my wife Lenore and I have taken the radio into our lives daily. We listen to it on the go in our cars and on radios at home. We cannot imagine NOT having access to its unique combination of music, news, and in depth interviews -- all without commercial interruption."

It is Dr. Vickrey's belief in the programming provided through Public Radio that leads him to lend financial support.

"That is why," Dr. Vickrey notes, "we have supported Troy University Public Radio, which includes WTSU-FM,

WRWA-FM and WTJB-FM, in the past and have made our contribution to it again this year. How else can we ensure access to 'Morning Edition,' 'All Things Considered,' the readings of Dick Estelle and the latest happenings from Lake Wobegon -- not to mention all of the locally produced programming? How else can we show our pride in this additional aspect of Troy University, thereby, we hope, encouraging others to follow our example?"

Dr. Vickrey observes that Troy University faculty and staff may contribute to the radio station via payroll deduction; and that HD radios will be offered to the first 50 listeners interested in pledging for that premium.

"The Troy University Public Radio signal is now also transmitted in HD, which adds two new channels, as well as in its usual forms," he says, "making it an even greater bargain than it's been the past 30-plus years."

Thank-you note

Dear friends at TROY,
I wanted to take time to thank you for the beautiful flowers that were sent since Daddy's recent death. He knew that I worked with a great group of folks at TROY. I really appreciate the thoughtfulness, calls, cards and visits.

Kim McNab
Financial Affairs and Administration, Dothan

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I would like to thank the Troy University faculty and staff for the beautiful baby gift that was given to me by the University. My son is doing well, and I appreciate the support, thoughts and prayers received during my absence. I am happy to be back. Thank You!

Michelle Tolbert
Student Financial Services

Jim Bookout named senior vice chancellor for financial affairs

Jim Bookout has been appointed as Senior Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs, according to Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor.

Mr. Bookout joined Troy University's administrative team in October 2003 as Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs. In his new role, Bookout also takes on new business responsibilities including Auxiliary Services, Facilities and Capital Planning, Dining Services and the Athletics Business Office. He will report directly to the Chancellor.

"Jim Bookout is an outstanding leader and I have no doubt he will excel in his new role," Chancellor Hawkins said. "Troy University prides itself on efficiency and good stewardship. Mr. Bookout understands how to return the maximum service for every dollar we invest. He is the right man at the right time."

Bookout, a native of Chipley, FL, is a CPA and holds bachelor's degrees in business management from the University of West Florida and accounting from Florida State University, as well as a master's degree from Boston University. He is an experienced higher education administrator, holding positions at four universities prior to coming to Troy University.

Honors

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the University with its Distinguished Leadership Award, will help his alma mater recognize students for outstanding academic, character and leadership achievements during the academic year.

The Dothan Campus will honor the achievements of its students at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 18 at Calvary Baptist Church in Dothan.



March Reward Callers – Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., congratulates the winners of the Reward Caller Awards for March during a recent ceremony in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Winners, from left to right, are: Fran Scheel of the SAVE Project; Aretha Foster of Auxiliary Services; and Cheryl Purvis of International Programs. Not pictured is Maya Saryyeva of the University's Atlantic Region. The Reward Caller Awards honor the use of proper telephone etiquette and courtesy. Winners of the monthly award receive \$25.

Supri named associate vice chancellor for financial aid

Troy University has named veteran financial aid officer Carol Precise Supri to the post of Associate Vice Chancellor for Financial Aid.

Supri, who has been filling the office on an interim basis, is currently the University's Director of Financial Aid and Veterans Affairs – a post she's held since 1995.

"The majority of students rely upon scholarships, grants and loans to underwrite their education. Our financial aid office processed \$194 million last year," said Troy University Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr. "It's big business which deserves a servant-oriented leader. Carol Supri is an outstanding leader who will place our students first in all she does."

Supri, who holds both undergradu-

ate and master's degrees from Troy State University Montgomery, first joined the TROY staff in June 1991 as associate director of financial aid, a post she held until 1994, when she became associate director of financial aid at Auburn University.

"Her commitment to Troy University and its students is well proven," said Senior Vice Chancellor Richard J. Federinko, who announced the appointment. "She is respected by the faculty, staff and students and we are most fortunate to have someone with her experience and skills."

For Supri, however, the appointment holds greater significance. Her father, the late Carl Precise, led the University's financial aid office for many years. Her son is also a collegiate financial aid officer.

"I want to continue to support our students who rely so heavily on financial assistance so that they have the opportunity to earn an education," she said.

Activities & achievements

Dr. Vikki K. Collins, associate professor of elementary education at the Phenix City Campus, has been invited to serve as a member of the International Reading Association's (IRA) 2008-2009 Studies & Research: Teacher as Researcher Subcommittee. The subcommittee will work to implement a plan for locating, creating and disseminating information that encourages and supports teachers in conducting research. The subcommittee will also work to administer and disseminate information about the "Teacher Researcher Grants" Program offered by IRA. Collins will serve with 11 other international researchers during her appointment to the subcommittee.

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Dr. Steven L. Taylor, associate professor of political science, published a book review of *Peace, Democracy and Human Rights in Colombia* in the April 2008 edition of the journal *The Americas*.

Dr. Taylor also presented a paper entitled "Ballot Tales: Colombian Parties, Electoral Lists and Ballot Format" at the 2008 meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association at the University of South Alabama in Mobile.

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Steps to Professional Reading and Writing (SPRW): Sparrow, a book by **Dr. Catherine Smith**, assistant professor of English, will appear from Athelstan Publications in July.

Dr. Smith also was recently named as the new Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL) editor for the *Second Language Writing Newsletter*, published at the University of California, Berkeley.

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Dr. Xutong Niu's paper, "A WebGIS for Spatial Data Processing, Analysis and Distribution for the MER 2003 Mission," has won the 2008 ESRI Award for Best Scientific Paper in Geographic Information Systems presented by the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

Dr. Niu, an assistant professor of geomatics, will receive the award during a luncheon on April 30 at the organization's annual meeting in Portland, OR.

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Dr. Elizabeth Blum's book, *Love Canal Revisited: Race, Class and Gender in Environmental Activism*, was published in March by the University Press of Kansas. Dr. Blum is an associate professor of history on the Troy Campus.

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Dr. Timothy Buckner's article, "The Slave Trade's Apex in the Eighteenth Century," has appeared in *The Atlantic World, 1450-2000*, a book published in 2008 by Indiana University Press. Dr. Buckner is an assistant professor of history on the Troy Campus.

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Dr. Saramma T. Mathew, professor of psychology, presented a paper titled "Programmed Instruction as an Approach to Teaching" in the 85th annual meeting of the Alabama Academy of Science conducted at Samford University, March 19-22. Dr. Mathew also served on the panel judging poster session competition of students in Behavioral Science.

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Michael Orlofsky, professor of English, presented a creative reading of his short story "My Flesh, Your Flesh" on March 19 in Smith Hall on the Troy Campus. The reading was followed by a discussion of the story and of creative writing techniques.

Orlofsky's presentation was the second installment of the English Department's Forum on Language and Literature, a series of informal talks intended to highlight English faculty accomplishments on the Troy Campus and to provide opportunities for professional development.

The next forum took place on April 16 in Smith Hall, with Professor **Catherine Smith** will present "Using Corpus Linguistics to Improve Student Writing Quality."

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James L. Grandfield, an adjunct faculty member in the Atlantic Region since 1999 and assistant public defender for 14 years, will become the public defender in Suffolk, VA, later this month.

Grandfield is a supervising attorney in Portsmouth after working as an assistant in public defender offices in Suffolk and Chesapeake.

As the public defender in Suffolk, he will supervise a staff of six attorneys.

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Two members of the English faculty attended the 39th annual conference of the College English Association in St. Louis, MO, March 27-29. **Dr. Jean Jones**, lecturer, participated in a panel entitled "Identifying the Self through Borderland Pedagogy" and presented a paper discussing "From Description to Argument." **Dr. Mary Ann Tighe**, professor, made a presentation on "Exploring Young Adult Literature: A Journey for the Protagonist and for the Reader."

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Dr. Meg Milligan, assistant professor in the Psychology Department on the Montgomery Campus, recently presented an invited talk entitled "Standardization of Online and On-ground Courses" at the 20th annual Southeastern Teaching of Psychology Conference.

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Dr. Hae S. Kim, associate professor of international relations in the University's Southeast Region, presented the **See ACHIEVEMENTS, Page 7**

University salutes faculty, staff for years of service

Troy University paid tribute to 34 employees with a combined 440 years of service to the University during a recent ceremony in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus.

Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. presented service pins to employees during the ceremony.

Receiving 25-year pins were: Richard Martin, associate professor of arts and sciences on the Dothan Campus; Berniece Beatrice Pierce, administrative secretary, vice president of academic affairs, Montgomery; and James Stuckey, Lecturer, College of Business, Dothan.

Receiving 20-year pins were: Laura Bausch-Melendez, Datatel/IT user supervisor, Florida Region; Neil Billington, professor of biology, Troy; Claude John Clausen, learning system management coordinator, Ft. Benning; Alvin Diamond, assistant professor of biology, Troy; Helen Frost, administrative assistant, vice chancellor's office, Montgomery; Charles Hora, computer system analyst, Montgomery; and, Beverly Jean Strachan, lecturer, College of Business, Montgomery.

Receiving 15-year pins were: Geraldine Allen, associate professor, MSN program, Montgomery; Dianne Gossett, associate dean, College of Education, Troy; Todd Grubb, professor, Orlando; Cynthia Hicks, assistant professor, College of Education, Dothan; Mary McCruter, library assistant, Dothan; and Richard Millard, associate professor, human services, Troy.

Receiving 10-year pins were: Angela Wilson Barrow, departmental secretary, eCampus, Montgomery; Robert Carlson, assistant professor, human services, Phenix City; Marilyn Jean Cook, associate registrar, Montgomery; Ann D. Lester, program assistant/announcer, radio center, Troy; Maureen Hannay, associate professor, Tyndall Air Force Base; Evelyn Callie Howard, associate regional director, Ft. Myer; Stacy Parker, accounts receivable accountant, University College; Peggy Stewart, staff accountant, auxiliary services, Troy; and Annie Tolson, statistical clerk, admissions, Troy.

Receiving five-year pins were: Melissa Baker, math specialist, student services, Montgomery; Robin Bynum, associate dean, College of Education, Dothan; Kim Davidson, event coordinator, chancellor's office, Troy; Sunae Euell, evaluator/analyst, Phenix City; Kathy Farley, clerk-typist, special programs, Dothan; Cynthia Hickman, account clerk, business office, Phenix City; Richard Scott Nokes, assistant professor of English, Troy; Philip Daniel Reynolds, assistant professor of biology, Troy; and, Louis Tomasi, assistant professor, Ft. Benning.



Nursing Honor Society aids Adullam House – Troy University's Associate of Nursing honor society, Alpha Psi Nu, recently raised more than \$400 for the Adullam House, a home and school located in Wetumpka for children whose parents are incarcerated. More than \$200 was raised by member Sheri DelRivero. In addition to collecting money to benefit the home, the students also collected and donated baby products. Pictured from left to right are: Jennifer Pearson, Angie Spackman, Adullam House director, Adam Cowdrey and Mary Battaglia.

Achievements

Continued from Page 6 paper, "Economic Globalization, External Debt, and Quality of Life in Developing Countries," at the annual conference of Alabama Political Science Association, March 21-22 in Mobile.

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Dr. Jim Vickrey, professor of speech communication, Montgomery, presented a paper on April 5 in Savannah at the Southern States Communication Association Convention on "The First Amendment, Agency Shop Fees, and a Public Employee Teachers Union."

Dr. Vickrey also recently served as an invited judge at two regional forensic competitions: a law school, multi-state moot court

tournament and a high school, multi-state debate contest in Montgomery.

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Sharon Begly, senior editor and science writer for Newsweek, recently interviewed **Dr.**

Jonathan Harrington, associate professor of international relations at the Fort Lewis Site in the University's Western Region, about the issue of 'food miles.' The article, entitled "Sounds Good But...We can't afford to make any more mistakes in how to save the planet," addresses a number of prevailing misconceptions about how we can reduce our carbon footprint. The article appeared in the April 14 print edition of the magazine.

‘Urinetown’

TROY Theatre, School of Music bring Tony Award-winning musical to the stage

Troy University Department of Speech and Theatre and the John M. Long School of Music present “URINETOWN, the musical” today through Sunday in the Trojan Center Theatre.

Shows today – Saturday begin at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

In today’s society, people don’t think twice about using a public restroom. If you’ve got to go, you’ve got to go! What if there was a price to pay? Introducing URINETOWN, a place where the privileged use the bathroom whenever need be and the poor have to pay for the privilege. The public restrooms are taken over by Caldwell B. Cladwell and his Urine Good Company who are exploiting the poor and taking their money during a major drought. Thank goodness there is Bobby Strong, a dashing, noble young everyman who begins a revolution to overthrow Clad-



well and the UGC.

URINETOWN was nominated for an impressive 10 Tony Awards, winning for Best Book, Score, and direction. It also won the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle Awards for Best Musical.

Tickets are available at the Trojan Center Box Office. Tickets are \$10 for reserved seating and \$5 for TROY students with ID. The box office number is (334) 670-3293. Visit www.troytheatre.org for more information.

Arts and Sciences Research

Symposium slated for April 24

The College of Arts and Sciences will hold the 2008 Chancellor’s Research Symposium on April 24 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus.

Recipients of the 2007-2008 Chancellor’s Fellowship and Trojan Pride Scholarship will offer presentations beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Amy Wotawa, a biological and environmental sciences major who has been mentored by Dr. Neil Billington, will present on “Development of PCR-RFLP mtDNA markers to discriminate between the northern and southern strains of walleye in Alabama.”

Jeremy Turner, a biological and environmental sciences major who has been mentored by Dr. Michael Stewart will present on “The Effects of Drought and Unpaved Road Crossings on Fish Assemblages in Small streams of Southeast Alabama.”

Following the presentations, the 2008-2009 winners of the Chancellor’s Fellowships will be announced.



Distinguished Leadership Award – Al Head, an Andalusia native and executive director of the Alabama Council on the Arts, is presented Troy University’s Distinguished Leadership Award by Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. The award, presented annually during the Spring Alumni Reunion Dinner, is the most prestigious the University bestows on its graduates.