

# chapter news

## Letter Winners Club seeks to connect former athletes

Former Troy University linebacker Jim Ward wants to create a sense of community among former, current and future Trojan athletes, and he's heading up an organization designed to do just that.

The Troy University Letter Winners Club, T-Club for short, held its inaugural meeting in June with 10 former athletes representing two sports in attendance. The group approved by-laws for the club and elected officers. Ward was elected president, while Eric Mizell (football, 1990-91) and Julius Pittman (football, 1987-90) were elected as vice president and treasurer/secretary respectively. The group will be an official chapter under the Troy University Alumni Association.

The club is open to any former student who earned a varsity letter at Troy University in any one of the sports, men's and women's, recognized by the NCAA. Annual dues are \$50, and a lifetime membership is available for \$500.

"We want to help continue to foster



Former Troy University Letter Winners pose with Trojan Head Football Coach Larry Blakeney at Pete Peterson Lodge at Montgomery's Lagoon Park following a recent meeting of the Montgomery Metro Chapter of the Troy University Alumni Association. Pictured with Coach Blakeney are, first row from left: Alfred Gardner, Brian Hubbard, Julius Pittman, Jonathon Tomlin and Eric Mizell. Pictured on the back row are: Hugh Cole, Buzz Phillips, Rodney Burgess, Mike Turk and Mike Amos.

the tradition of Trojan athletics," said Ward, who lettered in football 1989-1992. "We must provide a connection between the past athletes and the future athletes. We will do this by providing yearly NCAA-sanctioned Letter Winner Awards to those who lettered during that year. We also need to be more

visible and active in and around the athletic department, giving them support in any way we can."

Interested individuals may contact the Troy University Department of Athletics at 334-670-3480 or the TROY Office of Alumni Affairs at 334-670-3318.



**Saluted for service** – Faith Ward, Troy University director of alumni affairs, presents plaques of appreciation to Montgomery Metro Chapter Co-Presidents Sam Whalum, left, and Todd Mote during the Chapter's annual kickoff event in July. TROY Head Football Coach Larry Blakeney served as the guest speaker for the event.

## Pike County Alumni Chapter has busy fall

The Pike County Chapter of the Troy University Alumni Association held a spaghetti supper on July 19 at the Trojan Arena on the Troy Campus and unveiled plans for several upcoming events.

The chapter sold hotdogs and soft drinks on Aug. 26, just prior to Trojans football Fan Day and held a drawing for a parking place at the TROY Alumni House for the football season.

The Pike Chapter also held an arts and crafts show on the grounds

of the Alumni House on Sept. 29.

The chapter continues to seek support from the community of its ongoing Trojan flag campaign. The campaign, designed to demonstrate Trojan spirit, seeks to provide flags to be displayed along U.S. 231 on game days and throughout TROY's football and basketball seasons. Many of the flags have flown throughout along U.S. 231 throughout the football season.

Jennifer Ventress serves as the chapter's president. Other chapter board members are: Julius Pittman, Arlene Davis, Jan Sullivan, Dawn Railey, Donna McLaney, Dale Taylor, Mike Amos and Lindsey Hopper.