



from the chancellor

Like any 120-year-old institution, Troy University is rich with tradition. One of our most venerable traditions is our record of preparing educators for Alabama's schools. I believe TROY-trained teachers are the cream of the crop of Alabama's K-12 education system.

This issue of Troy University Magazine focuses on that tradition of excellence in educating educators and highlights some of the major changes taking place in our College of Education. The most noticeable sign of change is the construction taking place at the site of old Dill Hall, where our new College of Education building will open for business in 2009. I was surprised and extremely humbled at the action taken by our Board of Trustees to name this building in my honor. This building will enable us to "look as good as we are" and will prepare us for our second 120 years of teacher education. The other major change to report is the hiring of our new Dean of the College of Education, Dr. Lance Tatum. Dr. Tatum is a TROY alumnus and I believe the right person to lead our College of Education for years to come.

This edition also reports on a way that Trojans can give back to their alma mater. The new Trojan Shield Society allows our alumni and friends to support the University we love with planned gifts. Our story illustrates how planned giving can work by reporting on the gifts made by Selden and Francis Bailey and Earl and Sylvia Johnson. Please review the article to learn more about the planned giving options available and also call our Office of Planned Giving at 334-670-3608.

On the subject of institutional support, each year we include an Honor Roll of Donors in the fall issue of our magazine. This year's honor roll is one of the longest in recent memory, which is an obvious sign of growth and progress for TROY.

Alumni featured in this edition include Dr. Bill Novick, a renowned pediatric cardiologist, and Phil Robinson, a referee for the National Basketball Association for the past 13 years. Their successful careers remind us once again that Trojans are succeeding in every walk of life.

Each fall, our Alumni Association honors three Alumni of the Year and Honorary Alumnus of the Year for their contributions to our University. This year our Alumni of the Year are Stacy Faison of Phenix City, Lee 'Bubba' Pinkard of Elba, Sam Whalum of Montgomery and our honorary alumnus, Dr. Doug Patterson of Troy. Congratulations and thanks to these outstanding gentlemen for all they have done for Troy University. I invite all of our alumni to follow the example of these "Trojans" and become an active part of the Troy University family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Jack Hawkins, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jack Hawkins, Jr., Ph.D.
Chancellor