

## Progress through restoration

### Efforts to renovate Bibb Graves Hall under way

**B**ibb Graves Hall, home to Troy University's Sorrell College of Business, was dedicated in 1929 as the centerpiece of what was then the campus of the Troy State Teachers College.

Now, more than 75 years later, plans are under way to renovate the building to meet the needs of today's and future students.

Plans for the renovation include several tiered classrooms, the equipping of all classrooms with computer consoles, internet access and laptop plug-in capabilities, additional computer labs, classrooms with multi-media presentation equipment and the renovation of current office space.

The effort is well under way thanks to major gifts from several donors, according to Dr. Jean Laliberte, associate vice chancellor for development.

Major donors to the project to date are: Larry Hughes, Sonny and Claudine Nichols, Randall Moore, Bill Carr, Patricia "Sister Schubert" Barnes, Alabama Power Company Foundation and the Mac McClendon family.

Other donors to the project include Kyle Cox; Jimmy Gardner; Bill Hopper; Richard Dowling; Wilson, Price, Baranco and Billingsley, CPAs; and the Montgomery Metro Alumni Association.

"We invite others to partner with us to ensure that the future of all Troy University students is filled with opportunity



**Bibb Graves Hall, dedicated in 1929, will soon undergo renovation that will include several tiered classrooms, additional computer labs and modernized infrastructure to allow for the use of technology in the classrooms.**

and promise," Dr. Laliberte said.

For more information on the project and opportunities to participate, contact the Office of Development at 334-670-3608 or visit the "Give to TROY" link on the TROY Web site ([www.troy.edu](http://www.troy.edu)).



**Scholarship donors.** Troy University honored those who provide scholarships for TROY students on March 10 with the annual Scholarship Donor and Recipient Brunch. Scholarship donors were presented with a special gift of appreciation and had the opportunity to meet the students who benefit from their generosity. TROY alumna Alison Wingate (1999), vice president of the Alabama Retail Association, and Laura McDonald, Miss TROY 2007, served as guest speakers for the event, which was held in the Trojan Center Ballrooms on the Troy Campus. Special music for the event was provided by David Samuel, recipient of a Jazz Band Scholarship.



Officials from Wachovia make a \$250,000 donation to Troy University March 7 to create a special scholarship program. From left to right are Ken Harris, Jr., Wachovia Advisory Board member; Dr. Cam Martindale, Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Relations at TROY; Ronald DeVane, retired Wachovia executive and member of the Troy University Foundation Board of Directors; Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor of Troy University; Mitch Hunt, Wachovia Regional President; Charlie Breedlove, Troy Market President for Wachovia; Dr. Jean Laliberte, Associate Vice Chancellor for Development; Bill Minix, Senior Director of Development; and Beth Collier, Wachovia Relationship Specialist.

## Wachovia Foundation establishes scholarship

Students at Troy University will benefit from a new scholarship created by the Wachovia Foundation, according to University and Wachovia officials.

Wachovia Representatives visited the Troy Campus on March 7 to present a \$250,000 check to Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor, to endow the scholarship. Mitch Hunt, Wachovia Regional President, and Charlie Breedlove, Wachovia Troy Market President, made the presentation at a luncheon in the Trojan Center Board

Room.

The Wachovia Foundation Scholarships contribution will provide need-based scholarships each academic year for students enrolled at Troy University who are female and/or students of color. Wachovia Scholars will receive \$2,000 for the academic year or \$1,000 each semester. Recipients will be selected by the Troy University Scholarship Committee. Students must have a 3.0 overall grade point average to be eligible for the scholarship.



Above, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Abraham. Below, the brick that started it all is located adjacent to the Trojan fountain on the Bibb Graves Quad.

## An interesting proposal

When Troy University alumni Nick Abraham and Melissa Moore tied the knot in January, they shared their love for their former University with their wedding guests.

The couple had a TROY-themed groom's cake at their wedding reception. However, the couple's Trojan spirit didn't stop there.

When Abraham proposed, he popped the question by buying a brick near the Trojan fountain on the Bibb Graves Quad and taking Moore out to the location. When arriving at the brick, Abraham took her hand, dropped to a knee and called Moore's attention to the question on the brick.

Maybe you're not planning to pop the question, but purchasing a brick on the Bibb Graves Quad is an excellent way to commemorate your time at TROY or honor or memorialize a friend or loved one. The enscribed bricks are \$100 each and can be purchased by contacting the Office of Alumni Affairs at 334-670-3318.

## Hyundai donates \$80,000 to fund museum project

Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Alabama, LLC (HMMA) delivered an \$80,000 contribution to Troy University on Dec. 4 to fund an exciting new project at the Rosa Parks Library and Museum, including the Children's Wing.

Ten bronze plaques, measuring 36 inches in diameter, will present a visual story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a major historical event in Montgomery's history. They will be permanently located on exterior walls on the front of the Museum and Children's Wing, allowing passersby and guests the opportunity to view a thumbnail sketch of this historical Civil Rights event. The donation is a continuation of HMMA's support for community, education and diversity.



Hyundai's Richard Neal presents a check for \$80,000 to Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

