

Looking back



Dr. William Denison, director of the John M. Long School of Music, works with one of the many choral groups he has directed during his 37 years as a member of the Troy University faculty. Dr. Denison is one of three long-time TROY faculty members that retired this year (see related articles beginning on page 8). Dr. Thomas Ratcliffe, director of the School of Accountancy, and Sergei Shillabeer, associate professor in the Department of Art and Design, also retired at the end of the 2004-05 academic year.

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'50s

Clinton Carter (1956) recently retired after 49 years in the Montgomery County Public Schools System. Most recently, Carter had served as the system's superintendent since 1999. He served as acting superintendent during the 1998 school term.

Carter's career began shortly after graduation when he became an English teacher at Capitol Heights Junior High School in Montgomery. Two years later, he transferred to the newly-opened Goldwyn Junior High School and a year later became principal at

Catoma Elementary.

Carter also served as assistant principal and later principal at Robert E. Lee High School before transferring to the system's central office as an assistant superintendent in 1981. He became associate superintendent in 1986, a post he held until his retirement in 1993.

Carter stayed on as a part-time consultant to the superintendent before being named acting superintendent in 1998.

Jerry G. Beasley (1956) of Ozark, AL, was recently elected chairman of the Alabama Retail Association's Board of Directors.

Beasley is president of Beasley Honda, Yamaha, Kawasaki, a business he began in 1957. He holds a bachelor's degree from TROY.

'60s

Patricia McCullers (1964) has served as a high-school history teacher at Monroe County's J.U. Blacksher School, located in Uriah for the past 43 years. She was named Secondary Teacher of the Year for the 2000-01 school term and was nominated to the Jacksonville State University Teacher Hall of Fame. An active

part of the community, McCullers has served as a member of the Monroe County Heritage Museum's Board of Directors and was a member of the Monroe County Old Courthouse Restoration Committee, which secured a \$500,000 federal grant to completely restore the building. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in music.

In January, **Bill Eddins (1968)** was sworn in as the new state attorney for Florida's 1st Judicial Circuit, which covers Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties. After receiving his degree, Eddins worked for two years as a teacher and varsity basketball coach in Holmes County before moving on to law school at Florida State University. He served as Santa Rosa County prosecutor from 1973-75 before going into private practice from 1975-78. After a stint as assistant

state attorney, Eddins returned to private practice, which he continued until he was sworn in as state attorney.

J. Ray Warren (1969) of Montgomery, AL, has been named AARP Alabama's new state president. He replaced Gloria Walker, whose six-year term ended Dec. 31. An attorney and insurance consultant, Warren previously worked as a claims manager with the Alabama Department of Finance. He also has served as chairman of the state Ethics Commission and was twice elected to a seat on the state Personnel Board. The Eclectic native holds a master's degree.

'70s

Mike Hallford (1973) has joined DSI Security, a Dothan, AL company specializing in private security services, as chief financial officer. He was previously employed

with Flowers Hospital. Hallford is a certified public accountant and a member of the Alabama Society and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He and his wife, Camille, live in Dothan and have a son.

The Rev. Greg Aman (1974, 1977) was recently named Ozark's Man of the Year for 2004-2005 by the Twentieth Century Juniorett Club of Ozark, AL. A native of Ashford, Aman has served as pastor of Ozark Baptist Church for nine years. He holds a bachelor's degree in art and art education and a master's degree in art education. Aman and his wife, Diane, have one son Chad, who is married to the former Karen Andrews of Ozark.

Rose Robertson (1974) has been named branch sales manager and assistant vice president for Colonial Bank's Gulf Shores' office. She has 20 years of banking experience and



Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., right, presents the Distinguished Leadership Award to former U.S. Congressman and TROY alum Earl Hutto.

Earl Hutto honored for leadership

Former Congressman Earl Hutto, who represented the Panhandle District of Florida for 16 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, was presented Troy University's Distinguished Leadership Award.

Hutto, a member of the University's class of 1949, received the award March 12 at a banquet that was part of Alumni, Family and Friends Reunion weekend at Troy University. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., presented Hutto with the award and U.S. Rep. Terry Everett, who represents the 2nd Congressional District of Alabama, delivered special remarks.

"Earl and I have a lot in common," said Everett,

most recently served as branch sales manager at Colonial's Lillian office.

Ben Chandler (1975) was recently named director of missions of the St. Clair Baptist Association. Chandler, who holds a bachelor's degree from TROY, was in the pastorate for 28 years, serving churches in Texas, Georgia, Florida and Ohio, as well as churches in Brundidge and Dawes. He and his wife, Patricia, have two children and one grandchild.

Susie Nelson (1978) was named associate professor of education at the University of Mobile. Prior to this, she taught school in the Mobile and Baldwin County School Systems for 12 years and then served as principal of Rosinton Elementary School for eight years. Nelson holds a bachelor of science in education from Troy University.

Cindy Dunaway (1979), a 25-year veteran of the Enterprise Police Department, was recently named

Enterprise Woman of the Year. She is a lieutenant with the police department and has been the D.A.R.E. officer and school resource officer for Enterprise City Schools for 12 years. Dunaway serves as youth director and is involved in the children's ministry at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church. She is a volunteer with Special Olympics and presents programs to local clubs and organizations on topics relating to safety. Dunaway holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice/social rehabilitation services.

Andalusia Police Chief **Wilbur Williams (1979)** was recently presented with Advanced AACOP Certification in Law Enforcement by the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police and the University Partnership for Continuing Education. Williams, who has been in law enforcement for 32 years, holds a master's degree in criminal justice administration.

'80s

Ricky Boren (1980) was recently

named police chief in Columbus, GA. Boren, who previously served as assistant police chief, first joined the Columbus Police force in 1971. He holds a degree in business management. Boren and his wife Nancy have three daughters and a son.

Kim L. Davis (1980), president of KIM&COMPANY Communications, served as a presenter at Troy University's African American Leadership Conference, Feb. 4-5. Davis, who graduated with honors with a bachelor's degree in broadcast communications, served as the presenter for the session "Succeeding." She began her broadcast career as a reporter at WSFA, Montgomery, AL's NBC affiliate, and worked her way up through the ranks to become an anchor. Davis' company is a media and public relations, public affairs and communications firm based in Montgomery. The firm organizes, writes and oversees press releases, publicity and promotional campaigns and conference planning for clients.

who, like Hutto, is a native of Dale County in southeast Alabama. "We both had backgrounds in journalism and we both had pretty conservative voting records."

Everett found out how much he and Hutto had in common during a lull in business on the floor of the House when the Alabama congressman showed a picture of his boyhood home in Midland City to Hutto.

"I asked him if he knew the house," Everett said. "He said to me 'Know it? I lived there.'"

Everett said that Hutto was true to his small-town roots during his days in Congress, preferring to get things done in a polite, businesslike manner.

"Earl Hutto had to be one of the best-liked men in Congress," Everett said.

Chancellor Hawkins said that Hutto fits his primary criteria for a model alumnus, such as being a good citizen and a regular visitor to campus.

"Earl Hutto also sends us good students through a scholarship he has endowed," Hawkins said.

In accepting the award, Hutto recalled the post-World War II days in Troy. He lived in barracks located behind Bibb Graves Hall, then the main administrative and academic building on campus before moving into newly built Pace Hall.

Hutto said he has come a long way at TROY, from "living in barracks" to accepting the Distinguished Leadership Award.

"I am pleased to have been affiliated with this great institution," Hutto said.

The Distinguished Leadership Award was created to recognize the achievements of TROY alumni and friends who have distinguished themselves through exemplary work, philanthropy, leadership and service to their profession, community and alma mater.

Hutto served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Bremerton. He attended Troy State Teacher's College from 1946-49 and went on to do graduate work in broadcasting at Northwestern University and NBC in Chicago. Returning to Alabama, he spent many years in broadcasting with radio and television stations in Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. He later owned and operated the Earl Hutto Advertising Agency.

In 1972, Hutto was elected to the first of three terms in the Florida House of Representatives. He was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1978, serving 16 years until his retirement in 1995. In 1997, Hutto released his autobiography, "Captain Supreme Goes to Washington."

Debra Dawson (1981) has been selected as the new executive director of the United Givers Fund of DeKalb County, AL. Dawson resides in Fort Payne, AL, with her husband Mark and the couple has one son, Cody, who is attending Southern Union Community College.

William Slay Stevens (1981) has joined the firm of Clements Financial Group as managing associate. He holds a degree in finance and has worked in the insurance and financial services field for eight years.

Edward Burkett (1982), a native of Georgiana, AL, is currently teaching in South Korea. His book, *A Country Boy's Dream Comes True*, is now available for purchase.

Linda Swain (1984) was recently named the Enterprise School System's Elementary Teacher of the Year. The Hartford native and long-time Enterprise resident has spent 41 years as a special education teacher. She holds a bachelor's degree from TROY.

Steve Hodges (1985) has joined Lummus Co. Inc./GMAC Real Estate of Dothan, AL. He previously served as an appraiser. Hodges and his wife, Gentry, live in Dothan.

Andrew Fuqua (1987) recently joined EN Tek as their project development manager. Fuqua holds a M.S. degree in Computer Science from the University of Alabama as well as an MBA from Duke University. He currently resides in Atlanta with his wife Laura and two children, Hannah and William.

Kenny Sawyer (1988), director of human resources for Bowater Inc., has been named the 2005 Human Resources Professional of the Year by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and the South Carolina State Council of the

Society for Human Resources Management. Sawyer also serves as an adjunct instructor in the College of Business Administration at Winthrop University and with the SHRM Learning System program. He holds a master's degree in human resources management.

Maj. Kyna McCall (1989) served as part of the Joint Task Force – Armed Forces Inaugural Committee (JTF-AFIC) for the presidential inauguration of George W. Bush's second term. Maj. McCall served as communications coordinator for the task force.

Charles J. Tipton (1989) has been named president of Encore Bank in Tampa Bay, FL. With more than 15 years of commercial lending and commercial real estate lending experience, Tipton was most recently associated with First National Bank of Florida. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and is currently enrolled in the executive master's of business administration program.

Dr. F. Erik Brooks (1989, 1992), a Montgomery native, served as a presenter for the plenary session, "Student Leadership," during Troy University 2005 African American Leadership Conference. Dr. Brooks serves as the director of the public administration and assistant professor of political science at Georgia Southern University. An accomplished author of several books, Dr. Brooks holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and art and a master's degree in counseling and human development.

'90s

Robin Moorer Causey (1991) has joined BankTrust as branch manager of the Carmichael Road branch in Montgomery. She also will serve as investment officer of the bank, working with clients in both Prattville and Montgomery. Causey, who holds a master's

degree in business administration, has more than 15 years of experience in the financial services industry.

Navy Cmdr. Randal K. LeBlanc (1993) recently reported for duty to Camp Lemonier, Djibouti as part of the Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. LeBlanc's unit oversees counter-terrorism operations for the U.S. Central Command as part of Operation Enduring Freedom

Berkley Squires (1993) has been named the parks and recreation director for the city of Eufaula, AL. Squires, who earned his degree in recreation, and his wife, Gina, have three children – Macy, Garrett and Sloan.

Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Hector M. Escajeda (1993) and his fellow shipmates recently completed a series of sea trials while assigned to the aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Kitty Hawk. The sea trials ensured the Kitty Hawk can maneuver and maintain high speeds. Carriers like the Kitty Hawk are deployed throughout the world to maintain U.S. presence and rapid response in times of crisis.

Nick Monday (1993), Dothan Police captain, served as Dothan's interim police chief in 2004. Monday graduated from Troy University with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Ty Powell (1993, 1995) was recently named vice president of the Montgomery, AL, investment banking firm of W.R. Taylor & Co. He previously served as a financial consultant and planning specialist with Smith Barney. The Montgomery native holds a bachelor's degree and master's degree in business administration.

Michelle Wilson (1994) has joined Century 21 Professional Services as a sales associate. She will

specialize in residential sales in the Montgomery area.

Terry Ethridge (1995) was recently named as a retail lender with Community Bank and Trust of Southeast Alabama. Ethridge, who has been involved in finance for more than eight years, holds a degree in finance. He and his wife, the former Amy Cole of Dothan, have a daughter, Carly Michelle.

Chuck Houston (1995) is the new assistant administrator at Henry

County Nursing Home. He comes from Manpower, Incorporated of Dothan, where he held the position of branch manager. Houston graduated from Troy University with a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Heath Kahlbau (1995), the current pastor of Faith Fellowship Church, shared his foreign missionary experiences, in a Dothan Eagle feature story. Kahlbau traveled to Papua, New Guinea, on a missionary trip.

Stacy Bryan (1996) was elected

as treasurer of the Covington County Bar Association for 2005. In 2000, she received her law degree and also was admitted to the Alabama State Bar Association. Bryan holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and management.

Cynthia Henderson (1996, 1998) of Smith Station, AL, has been named South Columbus Elementary Teacher of the Year. Henderson, who previously taught at the Little Trojan Learning Center, teaches third-grade language arts and



Top honors

Alumnus Kenny Sawyer selected as top human resources professional in South Carolina

Troy University alumnus Kenny Sawyer, director of human resources for Bowater Inc., has been named the 2005 Human Resources Professional of the Year by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce and the South Carolina State Council of the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM).

Sawyer was recognized at a banquet in Columbia, SC, for his leadership and his professionalism in continually improving the human resources profession within his company and for his positive impact on the surrounding community.

In awarding Sawyer with this statewide honor, the selection committee said, "Kenny is a bright human resources leader whose insights and practices epitomize the true meaning of this award. His leadership in the HR field has been benchmarked, and his driving desire to influence positive change in his organization is well documented. In addition, Kenny's natural ability to form solid partnerships have come in handy in dealing with situations where multiple organizations have to come together to achieve their objectives."

Bud Nash, vice president and resident manager at the Catawba site, speaks highly of Sawyer as well.

"Kenny has brought our human resources function on-line at the

mill, as well as headed up the HR department during two major capital projects and a union contract negotiation," Nash said. "His ability to think and act strategically has only improved the human resources function at our facility. His energy and foresight are well appreciated."

Sawyer holds a master's degree in human resources management from TROY. He also holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Alabama and a master's degree in education from Auburn University. He is an adjunct instructor in the College of Business Administration at Winthrop University and with the SHRM Learning System program. Sawyer is also a member of the York County Society for Human Resources Management, National Society for Human Resources Management and the Paper Industry Management Association.

"Today's human resources professional must be dedicated to maintaining the highest ethical standards and must demonstrate leadership that challenges and enables all employees," said S. Hunter Howard Jr., president and chief executive officer of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce. "That individual must also understand the importance of teamwork, communication, training and a rewards system for the company to effectively compete in today's marketplace. Sawyer best personifies those characteristics."

has been teaching at the school for nearly three years. She holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and a master's in education.

Lt. Col. Mark Lockbridge (1996), USMC, recently returned from deployment to Afghanistan where he served as the deputy director of strategic plans and policies. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his contributions to national defense.

Stephanie Brookins (1996, 1997) has been named partner at David W. Parsons & Co., CPAs, LLC, a Dothan-based certified public accounting and business consulting firm. She earned her bachelor's degree in accounting.

Angela Carter Folmar (1997) has joined Geneva Newspapers, Inc., as a staff writer. Geneva Newspapers, Inc., consists of *The Geneva County Reaper*, *The Samson Ledger* and *The Hartford News-Herald*. The Samson native holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and is pursuing a master's degree in secondary education with an emphasis in history and English.

Ashley Johnson (1997) has been named assistant vice president at Community Bank & Trust. After gaining his accounting degree, the Elba native has spent the past seven years working in investments and loans. Johnson and his wife Leigh have one child, Katelyn Grace Johnson.

Melissa C. Pierce (1997) has been promoted to partner with the Andalusia accounting firm of Rabren & Odom. Pierce, a certified public accountant, holds a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Phillip M. Burk (1998) has been appointed by the city of Saraland, Alabama, as the city's Recreation Program Supervisor. He was also elected to serve as vice president of the Chickasaw Chamber of Commerce and appointed to the Saraland Civic Forum.

Michele McGleish (1998) has qualified for the 2005 National Duathlon Team. McGleish, who holds a master's degree in public administration with an emphasis in management, has raced with the USA team since 2001. She is director of parks, recreation and culture for the city of Gaithersburg, MD, a position that she has held since 1999.

Jamie Harper (1999) is the new legislative assistant for Congresswoman Candice R. Miller, Detroit, Michigan. Jamie works in the Washington, DC, office and handles her environment, energy and health-care issues.

Eddie Sorrells (1999) has been named chief operating office/general counsel for DSI Security Services, a Dothan, AL, company specializing in private security services. Sorrells, a member of the Alabama State Bar, has been with the company since 1991 and holds a bachelor's degree from TROY. He and his wife Stacie live in Dothan with their three children.

Alturk Jones (1999) has been named branch manager with Community Bank and Trust of Southeast Alabama. A native of Troy, Jones now makes his home in Dothan. He and his wife, the former Shakita Carlisle of Troy, have one son, Jacovey.

'00s

Navy Reserve Hospitalman **Christopher Barber (2000)** recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Bill Schaefer (2000), who holds a master's degree in guidance and counseling, has announced his retirement after 37 years of public service, including 11 years with the city of Asheville, NC, as finance director. Schaefer first joined the city's staff as a capital projects coordinator in 1993. The Vietnam

veteran moved to Asheville following his retirement from the Air Force after 26 years of service.

Desmond Wingard (2000) was recently promoted to the position of executive producer at WSFA TV in Montgomery, AL.

Mike Godwin (2001), former district attorney for Escambia County, AL, has returned to private practice with the Brewton, AL, law firm of Otts, Moore, Coale and Godwin. A member of the Alabama Bar Association since 1983, Godwin served three terms as district attorney before deciding not to seek re-election. He holds a master's degree in criminal justice management.

Jennifer Mills (2001), a native of Montgomery, AL, recently joined "The President's Own" United States Marine Band as a librarian. As a librarian with "The President's Own," Staff Sgt. Mills prepares the music for performances by the Marine Band, Marine Chamber Orchestra and Marine Chamber Ensembles and assists with maintaining the music library and historic archives. She holds a bachelor's of music education degree, as well as a master's degree in music education from Auburn University. Staff Sgt. Mills currently resides in Alexandria, Va.

Lisa Sawyer (2001, 2003) joined the accounting firm of Wilson, Price, Barranco, Blakenship & Billingsley, P.C. as a staff accountant. She has worked with Jones & Associates in Andalusia, and also with McClintock, Nelson, Whitehead & Associates in Dothan. Sawyer is a Magma Cum Laude graduate of Troy University with a degree in accounting. She received her master's in accounting.

Wytaria Henley (2001) was recently featured as one of the Atlanta Business Chronicle's "Up and Comers." The 29-year-old is a rotational leadership program participant at Children's Healthcare of

Atlanta. He successfully spearheaded efforts to lobby for stricter state laws regarding the use of child car seats in Georgia. The result of his work was the passage of a new law requiring booster seats for children up to the age of 5.

La'Monica Smith (2002) recently received a promotion to revenue examiner with the State of Alabama.

Desiree Walding (2002) is in her first year as kindergarten teacher at Samson Elementary School. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Blair Coker (2002) has joined Regions Bank in Montgomery, AL, as an associate relationship manager in the commercial real estate loans department. She holds a bachelor's degree in finance.

Navy Commander Steven Ligler (2002) was recently promoted to his current rank based on his sustained superior job perform-

ance and proficiency in his specialty.

Beth Glover (2002), team leader for the Family Birth Center at Southeast Alabama Medical Center, was recently chosen to serve as chapter coordinator of the Alabama Section of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses. Glover earned her master's degree in Maternal-Infant Nursing.

Michael R. Langford (2002) has joined the First National Bank at Hartford as a loan officer and credit analyst. He comes from Regions Bank in Dothan where he was a commercial loan officer. Langford received a Master's of Business Administration degree.

Alisa Pugh (2002) has joined the firm of Wilson, Price, Barranco, Blankenship & Billingsley P.C. as director of training for career development/human resources. She holds a bachelor's degree in busi-

ness administration and a master's degree in human resources management.

Tawanna D. Cooper (2003) has recently been employed by the Alabama Department of Forensic Science and began a training program at the department's Auburn office in April. Cooper earned a degree in physical science.

Bill Bullock (2004) has been appointed assistant branch manager of Colonial Bank's Troy office. The Pearl, MS, native holds a master's degree in business administration. He and his wife, Amy Steed Bullock, have one child.

Adrienne Veal (2004) recently was named manager of Alabama Power's Jacksonville, AL, office. Veal, who holds a master's degree in business administration, previously served as supervisor of the call center in the company's Birmingham office.

weddings & engagements

Kiley Suzan Doggette to Jeffery Ladon Biggs (1997) on April 30, 2005
Stephanie Green (1998) to Christopher Bryan Lee on December 4, 2004
Jonathan Evans (1999) to Stephanie Behrens on October 16, 2004
Sara Stutzman (1999) to John Tatom on December 31, 2004
Allison Lucas (1999) to Jeff Cobb on March 26, 2005
Beverly Dykes (2000) to Greg Bethune on February 26, 2005
Cynthia Miller (2000) to Kevin Riley on December 18, 2004
Stacie Bass (2001) to Joe Lamb on February 19, 2005
Michelle Foxworth (2001) to Chris Hardin on December 31, 2004
Lucy Stinson (2001) to Ryan Higgins on December 11, 2004
Holly Bennett (2002) to Jason Sawyer (2002) on March 22, 2005
Misty Carter (2002) to Wesley Hubbard on February 5, 2005
Wendy Cooper (2002) to Kendrick D. Lewis on October 4, 2004
LeAnn Judah (2002, 2004) to Josh McLendon (2004) on December 21, 2004
Julie Hammond (2003) to Jerry Justice (2003) on June 18, 2005
Jessica Scroggins (2003) to Jason Tucker on December 18, 2004
Jessica Shepard (2003) to Michael Carty (2003) on December 4, 2004
Adona Uptain (2003) to Chad Meeks on November 13, 2004
Kristin Dillard (2004) to Kevin Slay on November 6, 2004
Sherletha Thomas (2004) to Kenneth Cotts on November 13, 2005
Hayley Sumblin (2004) to Jason Sasser on December 11, 2004
Kristi Thompson (2004) to Kevin Keve on December 18, 2004
Hayley Luker (2004) to Mark Ketchum on January 8, 2005
Amy Deese (2004) to Todd McNeill on March 19, 2005
Katie Hawkins (2002) to 1st Lt. Daniel Beall, October 15, 2005

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Obituary

Former Trojan football standout Al Lucas dies in Arena League game

The Troy University football family suffered a great loss on Sunday, April 10, when former Trojan defensive lineman Al Lucas died as a result of injuries suffered in an Arena Football League game in Los Angeles.

The 26-year-old Lucas was injured during a first-quarter kickoff return against the New York Dragons. Television replays showed Lucas bending down to make a tackle. The Dragons' ball carrier and a blocker tumbled over his head and back, with the blocker's leg appearing to hit Lucas in the head. Lucas did not move after falling to the ground.

The 6-foot-1, 300-pound line-man played two seasons (2000-01) for the Carolina Panthers, recording 49½ tackles in 20 games. He attended TROY from 1996-99 and won the Buck Buchanan Award his senior season as the top defensive player in Division I-AA.

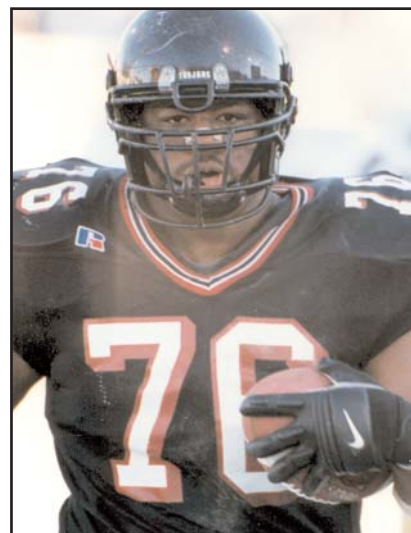
"Al was always a person who was above reproach in everything he

"Al was always a person who was above reproach in everything he did, as a student, as an athlete and as a human being."

– Coach Larry Blakeney

did, as a student, as an athlete and as a human being," TROY coach Larry Blakeney said. "He was a solid citizen and a solid player, as evidenced by the Buck Buchanan Award and his selection as an All-American.

"Al came into the TROY family, but he did not come alone. He brought his brother, Lenny, as well as his parents, David and Elaine, and they have remained close to the TROY program. We all hurt for



Lucas

them. This is a terrible tragedy."

In 43 games at TROY he had 255 tackles and 11½ sacks. He was selected to the Arena League's All-Rookie team in 2003 while playing for Tampa Bay. He was a two-time All-Southland Conference pick and was an AP and Walter Camp All-American in 1999.

Lucas, of Macon, GA, was married to De'Shonda Lucas and has a daughter, Mariah. During the Arena League offseason, Lucas worked as an assistant coach at Macon's Northeast High School, where he graduated in 1996.

in remembrance

Troy University alumni

1935- Mrs. Dan Gibson
1936- Mr. A. D. Price
1940- Ms. Martha Agnes Pate McLain
1951- Mrs. Peggy H. Freeman
1952- Ms. Mae C. Bryant
1953- Mr. Charles L. Byrd
1956- Mrs. Lanell Oswald Woodham
1957- Mr. Ray Shiver Baggett
1961- Ms. Helen C. Fisher
1968- Mr. James Brantley Rowlen
1969- Mrs. Ruthie Lee Cogman
1970- Mr. David Evan Parker
1971- Mr. Knox A. Green
1971- Mr. Edward Theodore Russell
1971, 1975- Mrs. Mary A. Crews
1973- Mr. Phillip E. Wells
1974- Mr. Jesse B. Atkins
1976- Mr. Thomas R. Minter

1977- Ms. Faye H. Dantzler
1978- Mr. Maxwell B. Carter
1980- Nelson Leonard Summerlin, Jr.
1982- Mr. John F. Calhoun Jr.
1985- Mr. Homer R. Earnest
1987- Mr. David Alan Hawkins
1987- Mr. Joseph M. Tuell
1992- Mrs. Marcia J. Holley
1993- Mr. Jeffrey T. Peek
1997- Ms. Latonja B. Jones
2000- Mr. Douglas Damon Smith
Mrs. Erin B. Nuckolls

Troy University friends

Mr. Kit Carter
Mrs. Ada M. Hagler
Mr. Johnny Ray Holder, Jr.
Dr. John Neff
Ms. Iris Washington