

chapter news

Hall School of Journalism honors outstanding alumni

Troy University's Hall School of Journalism and the Journalism Alumni Association recognized four outstanding alumni at the annual journalism banquet held on April 7.

The awards were given in the categories of print journalism, broadcast journalism, public relations and the journalism outstanding service award.

Tommy Hicks was recognized in the print journalism category. Hicks is

currently a sports writer and columnist for the *Mobile Register*. He has been employed by *The Montgomery Advertiser*, the *Anniston Star* and his hometown newspaper *The Phenix Citizen*.

The outstanding alumni award in broadcast journalism was given to Chris Cato. Cato currently anchors the five, six and ten p.m. newscasts for WMBB in Panama City, FL. Cato has been awarded Associated Press awards for Best Long Serious Feature (1992) and Best Spot News (1993).

Danielle Frye was awarded the outstanding alumni award for public

relations. Frye currently broadcasts the NASCAR Nextel Cup races on the Motor Racing Network. She has held such titles as promotions director for a company that produced a racing kids magazine, as well as *Winston Cup Scene* and senior manager of communications for NASCAR.

The journalism outstanding service award was given to Terry Wilhite. He is the director of marketing, communications and public relations for Pioneer Electric in Greenville, AL. Wilhite also hosts *Alabama Living News You Can Use*, which airs on Montgomery television stations WAKA and WNCF.

Alumni Chapters honored at Spring Reunion

Five alumni chapters were honored during the Troy University Alumni Association's Spring Reunion Banquet in March.

The banquet was a part of the Spring Reunion/Irish Week festivities. Distinguished Leadership Award recipient **Earl Hutto** (1949) also was honored during the event.

For the third straight year, the **Crenshaw County Alumni Chapter** received the Chancellor's Award as the most outstanding chapter. **Dr. Eddie Billings** accepted the award on the chapter's behalf.

The Emerald Coast Chapter was honored with Outstanding Chapter and Trojan Spirit awards. **Bernie Ballard** accepted on behalf of the chapter.

The **Greater Birmingham, Montgomery and Dothan** chapters also were honored with Outstanding Chapter awards. **Paul Perry** accepted on behalf of the Greater Birmingham Chapter, while **Julia Wilson** and **Doug Wynn** accepted awards on behalf of the Montgomery and Dothan chapters respectively.

Ten alums were inducted as Golden Trojans and hon-



Photo by Ed Dunbar

Mike Amos presents **Dr. Eddie Billings**, right, of the **Crenshaw County Chapter** accepts the Chancellor's Award as the most outstanding chapter for the third straight year.

ored during the banquet. Inducted were: **Sammy Carr**, **Ann Gilchrist**, **Janice Hudson**, **Earl Hutto**, **Barbara Jacobs**, **Charles Norris**, **Virginia Norris**, **Mahlon Paulk**, **Carolyn Saunders** and **Merle Houston**.

Golden Trojans is an honor bestowed upon alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago.