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Troy University News



## Alabama Art

Exhibit featuring work of Alabama artists opens in New York City

Troy University officials, alumni and friends were in New York April 12-13 to celebrate the opening of the “Alabama Art” exhibit at 55 Water Street, a 15-person show featuring the work of Alabama artists. The artist Nall helped to curate the exhibit and worked with each artist to render his or her individual portrait to be included in the exhibit. In addition to Nall, the exhibit features the work of Chip Cooper, Charlie Lucas, Clifton Pearson, Yvonne Wells, Kathryn Tucker Windham, William Christenberry, Frank Fleming, Bill Nance, Betty Sue Matthews, Jimmy Lee Sudduth, Mose “T,” Bruce Larsen, the late Steve Skidmore and the late Fleming Tyler Wilson.

Troy University has been a part of “Alabama Art” from the beginning, housing the show when it is not traveling and arranging for its transport to New York. Long-time supporter of Nall’s efforts to promote Alabama artists nationally and internationally, Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor of Troy University, and his wife Janice and daughter Kelly made the trip to celebrate the opening. Others

attending the opening included Dr. David Bronner, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Weldon, Lori Seigelman, Sen. Wendell Mitchell, BaBa Hendricks, Virginia Bush, Kathy Campbell, Conley Chapman, Al and Judy Head, Jeanie Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Greenhaw, Wiley White, Penny Weaver and other TROY alumni from the New York area. Troy University staff members Sandi Gouge, Eva Green, Faith Ward and Professor Ed Noriega were also present. Even T-Roy, the University’s mascot, made the trip and posed for photographs with a large contingent of TROY alums and friends.

Dr. Bronner played a vital role in bringing the work of Alabama artists to a national stage by arranging for the showing at 55 Water Street, a Retirement Systems of Alabama building.

Nall served as artist-in-residence at Troy University for 2000-2001, maintaining a studio, working with student apprentices and serving as a guest lecturer. He was honored by Troy University with an honorary doctorate degree in May 2001.

## Professor earns Folger Shakespeare Library fellowship

One Troy University professor will be hitting the books over the summer in Washington, D.C.’s Folger Shakespeare Library.

English professor Ben Robertson’s course of study is the diaries of Elizabeth Inchbald, one of the English Romantic Period’s most important woman writers.

The project, “The Pocketbook Diaries of Elizabeth Inchbald,” is an editorial endeavor aimed at filling serious gaps in the scholarship associated with Inchbald, who lived between 1752 and 1821. Inchbald was an actor, playwright, romance writer and literary critic, performing in England, Scotland and Ireland in the 1780s. She played many roles from Shakespeare’s plays and spent much of her acting career at London’s Covent Garden Theatre. She authored more than 20 dramatic pieces and two romances.

Robertson’s project will result in a compilation of Inchbald’s pocketbook diaries.

The oldest pocketbook dates from 1776 and the newest is from 1820. Robertson said a scholarly edition of the diaries would, for the first time, make Inchbald’s personal notes available to a wide audience of scholars. Currently, the only way to view the pocketbooks is to visit the Folger Library or view a facsimile copy of just two of the diaries in London’s British Museum.

The Folger has awarded Robertson a three-month fellowship to study the pocketbooks over the summer and is providing a \$6,000 stipend to support the project.

## Top teacher

Ingalls Award for Excellence in Teaching meaningful for Dr. Bryant P. Shaw

**D**r. Bryant P. Shaw, acting chair of the History Department and director of General Studies at Troy University, is the 2004-2005 recipient of the Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, the University's most prestigious honor for faculty members.

Dr. Shaw, a resident of Montgomery, was presented the award at the 2005 Honors Convocation held in April in the Claudia Crosby Theater.

The Ingalls Award is given annually to the teacher at Troy University who has "most diligently, effectively and cheerfully conducted his or her classes during the current academic year." Students nominate faculty members for the award, and a committee of students and faculty advisers selects the recipient.

Dr. Shaw came to Troy University in 2001 after serving as academic dean of the Department of Defense's Africa Center for Strategic Studies, an organization that explores issues of defense and democracy in Africa. In addition to his current duties at TROY, which include teaching courses on African history, Western Civilization, U.S. history, historiography and disease and history, Dr. Shaw assists the Department of Defense on issues concerning the military and democracy and HIV/AIDS in Africa.



**Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost, presents Dr. Bryant P. Shaw, right, with the Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, the University's most prestigious honor for faculty members.**

Dr. Shaw served in the U.S. Air Force from 1970 to 1999 in a variety of assignments, including director of academic affairs for the National Defense University at Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. During his military career, he served tours in South Korea, Belgium and sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to that, he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Republic of Botswana.

Dr. Shaw received his doctorate in history from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he received a Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship for research on the mili-

tary history of the Belgian Congo. He is a Fellow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Seminar XXI Program on Foreign Politics and International Relations.

Dr. Shaw said he was honored to receive the award. "Because this award comes directly from the students, it is one of the most meaningful that I have ever received," he said. "The students are what Troy University is all about. It is a privilege and pleasure to teach here."

Dr. Shaw and his wife, Carol, have two grown sons, David and Tony.



### DeBerry speaks to African-American Leadership Conference

The Hon. Lois C. DeBerry, speaker pro tem of the Tennessee House of Representatives, provided the keynote address for the fourth annual African-American Leadership Conference, Feb. 4-5. The conference was co-hosted by Troy University and the City of Troy.

"Leadership: Learning From the Past" was the theme for the conference.

DeBerry, the first African-American woman elected to the Tennessee House, earned her bachelor's degree in education from Lemoyne-Owen College and is president emeritus of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

## Spinning a new web

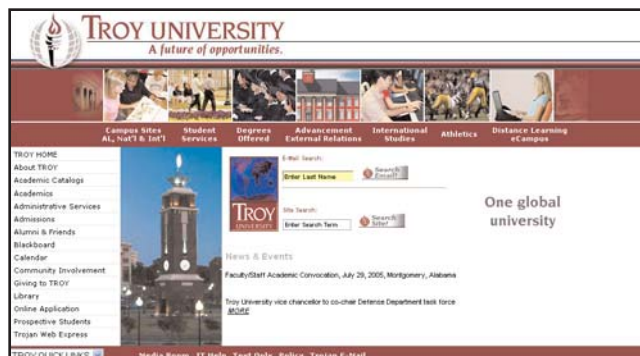
Troy University launches re-designed web site, new domain name

One Great University now has one great web site. On Feb. 28, the University launched its newly redesigned site that provides a consistent look and reflects the University's name change in its domain (www.troy.edu).

The revamping and redesigning of the web site took months of hard work and dedication by members of the University's Web Team, said Sandi Gouge, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communication.

According to Gouge, who headed the effort, the team worked in conjunction with Hambright, Calcagno and Downing (HCD), the University's advertising agency to develop a user-friendly design that will provide easy access to information.

Perhaps the most important change in the new site is the folding of campus sites into one University-wide web site. A University-wide homepage links to individual cam-



pus pages.

In May, all campus e-mail addresses were converted to reflect the new domain name, troy.edu. The former troyst.edu addresses are no longer operational.



**Recent graduates, staff member honored.** Troy University honored two recent graduates and a member of the University's staff with the 2004-2005 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards. Former students Maegan Flowers of Hoover and Andrew Reid Jones of Brundidge and staff member Sara Jo Burks of Troy were presented with the awards at a luncheon in their honor. The three honorees were also recognized during the University's annual Honors Convocation held in the Claudia Crosby Theater. The Sullivan Award, which is presented at select colleges and universities throughout the United States, recognizes recipients for their excellence of character, humanitarian service and spiritual qualities. The award has been presented annually to a male student, female student and one non-student at TROY since 1981. Students, faculty and staff nominate candidates for the award.

## BSN graduates score highest in state on nursing exam

Nursing graduates from Troy University set the mark on the NCLEX-RN exam for 2004, receiving the overall highest score among BSN programs in the state.

"We are very proud of our nursing graduates," said Dr. Bernita Hamilton, director of the School of Nursing & Baccalaureate Degree Program.

Troy University nursing students had an overall pass rate of 95.7 percent for the 2004 exam period, the highest in the state for BSN programs according to the Alabama Board of Nursing.

"These scores are reflective of the quality of education at TROY. The outstanding faculty, a well designed curriculum, and excellent clinical experiences factor into the success of our graduates," she said.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program is designed to develop expertise necessary for nurses in the rapidly changing health care field.