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A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Tussle with the Tigers

Trojans to play host to Missouri, national ESPN audience on Thursday

Fresh off of a 17-15 win at Marshall, the Troy Trojans are gearing up to play host to the 18th-ranked Missouri Tigers and a national ESPN2 audience Thursday night.

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. in Movie Gallery Stadium on the Troy Campus.

The visit by the nationally ranked, Big 12 Conference opponent has caused a stir. ESPN's Game Day crew of Lee Corso, Mike Tirico and Kirk Herbstreit will be on hand for the broadcast.

Students and Trojan fans packed the Trojan Arena on Tuesday night for a big beat Missouri pep rally. Montgomery, AL television station WSFA has declared Thursday as "Troy Day," and will be doing live reports during its "Today in Alabama" show which airs from 5 to 7 a.m.

Classes will meet as scheduled until 6 p.m., according to Provost Dr. Ed Roach. All graduate and undergraduate will be dismissed at 6 p.m.

In addition to pre-game festivities, the University's new marks and athletic logos will be unveiled at a 3 p.m. press conference during the Board of Trustees meeting.



Trojans' quarterback Aaron Leak scrampers for yardage against the Marshall Thundering Herd defense during last Saturday's 17-15 TROY victory.

Making the list

Troy University featured in two national rankings

Two national services that rank the best U.S. colleges and universities — The Princeton Review and U.S. News and World Report — have recognized Troy University in reports release this week.

Troy University was named to The Princeton Review's "Best in the Southeast" ranking of universities covering 10 states. The Princeton Review rankings are based largely on opinion polling data gathered from students. Students are polled on several aspects of campus life, including academic quality, student services, affordability and extracurricular activities.

More than 700 colleges and universities across the nation participate in The Princeton Review's survey.

U.S. News and World Report's annual guide "America's Best Colleges" named Troy University as

one of 64 "Best Universities-Master's" in a Southeast region. This ranking includes colleges and universities that offer undergraduate and master's programs across 12 states.

Criteria reviewed include graduation rate, class size, SAT/ACT scores of entering freshmen, retention rate of freshmen and acceptance rate of freshmen and transfer students.

Buddy Starling, dean of enrollment management, said the rankings confirm what he already knew about the University.

"We know that Troy University is a good value for students, but it's always good to get our opinions confirmed by outside sources," he said. "This is positive feedback that we're doing the right things in the classroom and in our student services division."

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Congressional visit

Racial issues represent moral struggles, Rep. Artur Davis tells gathering

Racial divides and matters of civil rights in the United States are not legal or political issues but rather moral struggles, Congressman Artur Davis told a gathering at Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum Thursday night.

Davis, who represents Alabama's 7th Congressional District, was on hand in conjunction with the exhibit "Confederate Currency: The Color of Money," a collection of paintings by John W. Jones. The paintings depict the images of slavery commonly illustrated on Confederate and southern states currency.

"It is always interesting to me that we never fully understand our struggle," Davis said. "At the end of the day, the struggle to be one nation, one family is not a legal or political issue, but a moral issue. The struggle has always been our souls and our capacity to be one with another. We have to recognize that if we are going to change this country, the struggle is one against our own worst nature."

Davis, who grew up in Montgomery, said racial division and discrimination, while more subtle today, remains prevalent in the United States.

"Two things are always very striking to me – we, as a society, are always behind where we think we are, and the institutional changes we make are rarely as deep or far-reaching as we think," said the 37-year-old congressman. "We consistently pass statutes, implement standards and set goals, but the reality of our lives is that we, as a country, consistently fall short."

Davis offered two prescriptions for addressing these problems. First, he said, the true meaning of politics must be rediscovered.

"It used to be a noble thing, but some of the passion and nobility has gone out of it," Davis said of politics. "John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. caused our imaginations to rise. Some of the passion and nobility has gone out of it. We must capture the passion and put it on the side of what is right."

Davis' second prescription is to use history to incite us to action.



Rosa Parks Museum Director Georgette Norman, Congressman Artur Davis and Dr. Cameron Martindale, senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations, take time out from their tour of "The Color of Money" exhibit for a photo.

"We have lived a miracle in our lifetime and it inspires me to believe that we have a lot more miracles inside," the congressman said.

Following his presentation, Davis toured the exhibit, along with Rosa Parks Museum Director Georgette Norman and Dr. Cameron Martindale, Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Relations.

Two other guest presentations will be offered in the coming weeks in association with the exhibit.

Historian Dr. Richard Bailey will speak at 6 p.m. on Sept. 18, and at 11 a.m. on Sept. 23, in the Museum's Exhibition Hall, Jackie Trimble will speak on "Slave Voices."

Budget, new logos top Board of Trustees agenda

The Troy University Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday, Sept. 9, beginning at 2:30 p.m. on the Troy Campus in the second-floor ballroom of the Trojan Center.

The Board agenda includes a press conference to introduce the new logos and marks for Troy University

and Trojan athletics. That event is scheduled to begin at approximately 3 p.m.

The Board agenda also includes:

- a resolution calling for the approval of the 2004-2005 budget;
- a resolution authorizing the timeline for consolidating to one univer-

sity for SACS prospectus;

- a resolution calling for the sale of 21 acres of property adjacent to and north of Academy Street to International Services Group who is proposing to build an apartment complex designed to house college students.

Blount Foundation establishes scholarship at Troy University

Joe McInnes, chairman of the board of the Roberts and Mildred Blount Foundation, presents a \$400,000 check to Troy University officials Wednesday, Sept. 1. The funds will establish academic scholarships in the honor and memory of Roberts and Mildred Blount. The scholarships will be awarded to students from Elmore County. From left to right are Dr. Cam Martindale, senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations; McInnes; Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor; and Dr. Jean Laliberte, associate vice chancellor for development.



Alford named president of Dothan Campus

Troy University Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr. removed the "interim" designation from TROY-Dothan's top position while naming Dr. Barbara Alford, president of the Dothan Campus during the institution's annual faculty/staff convocation.

"Dr. Alford has served this University with great leadership and vision. It is only fitting that the interim word be removed from her position before her retirement in December," Dr. Hawkins said before the more than 100 faculty and staff in attendance.

Alford, a 25-year veteran of secondary, post-secondary and higher education in Alabama, has been with TROY for more than 11-years serving in various positions from vice-president of special programs to executive vice-president. In August 2002, Chancellor Hawkins named Alford interim president. She replaced Dr. Michael Malone, who left to take a job as executive director of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Alford is the fourth president since the University became separately accredited in 1985. She has announced plans to retire in December 2004.



Alumni open house. From left, Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., Alumni Affairs Coordinator Mike Amos and Athletics Director Johnny Williams enjoy the new Alumni House, located across the street from Movie Gallery Stadium on the corner of George Wallace Drive and Highland Avenue. An Open House was held for faculty and staff on Aug. 31. An official dedication is planned for October. Renovations to the house, which is home to the Office of Alumni Affairs, were completed earlier this summer with the project being supported by private donations and in-kind gifts. "This will help us serve the alumni in many different ways. We are very pleased and exciting about having a place where alumni can come when visiting campus," said Alumni Affairs Director Faith Ward.

Teresa Rodgers receives August McKinley Award

Teresa Rodgers, assistant director of student development at Troy University, is the winner of the Vergil Parks McKinley award for August.

Rodgers, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 1986, received the award during a ceremony held on Aug. 17 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor. Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor of Troy University, presented the award to Rodgers, who was nominated by Susan Pierce, director of student development at TROY.

The McKinley Award is the highest honor that Troy University gives to a non-faculty staff member. It is presented monthly to an employee who has demonstrated outstanding attitude, innovation and work ethic. The award was established by former Texaco CEO John McKinley in honor of his father, Vergil Parks McKinley, who was a Troy University professor during the early 20th century and was key to the development of the university's athletic program. Winners of this award receive an engraved clock and a \$350 stipend.

In a letter of nomination, Pierce said Rodgers' dedicated service to students made her a deserving recipient of the McKinley Award.

"As an academic advisor, Teresa takes each student's situation to heart and does her best to help them find solutions to their problems," Pierce said in the nomination letter.

Rodgers said she was honored to receive the award.



Teresa Rodgers, center, is presented with the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for August by Student Services Director Susan Pierce and Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

"There are so many deserving people that it is really an honor to receive this award," she said. "I work with so many good people in student services. Everyone goes above and beyond the call of duty in every way, even our student workers."

Rodgers lives in Troy with her husband Terry, her son Barry and daughter Tara, who entered Troy University this fall.

University welcomes 22 new employees in August

Troy University welcomed 22 new employees during the month of August. The new employees are:

- ❖ Courtney Camille Bentley, assistant professor, history, Troy Campus
- ❖ Cheryl Anne Briddell, assistant volleyball coach, women's volleyball, Troy Campus
- ❖ Diane B. Brown, departmental secretary, risk management/insurance, Troy Campus
- ❖ Hollie K. Farmer, admissions counselor, admissions, Troy Campus
- ❖ Fredrick Eugene Green, associate professor, kinesiology and health, Troy Campus
- ❖ James Eric Hazel, director of media relations, athletic director, Troy Campus
- ❖ Anita K. Heck, associate pro-

fessor, business office, Phenix City Campus

- ❖ Jean Kristen Hedgecock, instructor, English
- ❖ Tyrese Michelle Hinkins, academic counselor, intuitional support, Augusta Site
- ❖ Theresa M. Johnson, instructor, English, Troy Campus
- ❖ Bethany Lorraine Muzny, student service specialist, Ft. Benning Campus
- ❖ Diana B. Niland, soccer coach, Troy Campus
- ❖ DaOsha L. Pack, student support specialist, institutional support, Augusta Site
- ❖ Samuel A. Polek, instructor, biology, Troy Campus
- ❖ Ronnie Dewayne Portis, instructor, business, Montgomery

Campus

- ❖ Chadwick L. Reese, instructor, business, Dothan Campus
- ❖ Mel M. Shanks, associate professor, art and classics, Troy Campus
- ❖ Jennifer L. Starrett, assistant professor, nursing, Phenix City Campus
- ❖ Velma R. Thigpen, field representative, TSU Florida Region, New Orleans Campus
- ❖ Latricia Diane Weed, associate professor, nursing, Troy Campus
- ❖ Charlene White, assistant site director, intuitional support, McDill AFB FL Site
- ❖ Paula Hayes Wilson, welfare to work counselor, human services, Troy Campus
- ❖ Jun Zhang, assistant professor, mathematics, Troy Campus.

Zingaras to lead Music South Symphony Orchestra

Dr. James and Ginger Zingara, faculty members of the John M. Long School of Music, have been appointed music directors of the Music South Symphony Orchestra.

Founded in 2000, the orchestra is made up of players who perform with the Tallahassee, Northwest Florida, Pensacola and Montgomery symphonies.

As a husband and wife team, the Zingaras have collaborated on many other musical projects including leading the Dothan-based Tri-State Community Orchestra, the Troy Symphony Orchestra and the recently formed Wiregrass Youth Orchestra Project.

Dr. Zingara is assistant professor of trumpet and conducts the Trumpet Ensemble, while his wife teaches music theory and general music.



August Reward Caller Awards. Winners of the Reward Caller Program Awards for the month of August are congratulated by Dr. Bill Flinn and Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. The winners, from left to right, are: Heather Dykema, Admissions; Brenda Johns, University College; Mary Beth Welch, Physical Plant; and Kristy Franklin, Accounting Services. The Reward Caller Program was started to encourage telephone courtesy among the faculty and staff on the Troy Campus. Winners receive \$25.

Activities & achievements

Dr. Neil Billington, associate professor of biological and environmental sciences, was a co-writer of a paper published in the journal "Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution." The article, "A molecular phylogeny of the Percidae (Teleostei, Perciformes) based on mitochondrial DNA sequence," was also co-written by Dr. Brian Sloss of the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point and Dr. Brooks Burr of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

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Dr. James F. Rinehart, associate professor and chair, Department of Political Science, has been selected as a speaker for the 2005-6 Alabama Humanities Foundation (AHF) "Speaker in the House" program. The AHF speakers bureau provides communities with public presentations on a variety of topics, many of which boast a connection to Alabama.

Dr. Rinehart will be presenting

"Religion in World Politics: Can We Truly Understand the Resurgence?" He will discuss the nature of religion in 21st century international affairs and the debate that surrounds it, by addressing three important questions: Is religion an agent of conflict or an agent of potential reconciliation in international relations? How different are conceptualizations of political and legal legitimacy in the world and why are they polarized along religious lines? Does the global resurgence of religion demonstrate that different avenues exist in the pursuit of political change?

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Dr. Jonathan Harrington, assistant professor of international relations at TROY-Ft. Lewis in the Florida and Western Region, recently presented the paper, "The United States and the Fight over Global Warming Policy," during the Annual Australian and New Zealand American Studies

Association Conference held in Auckland, NZ, July 14-17.

Dr. Harrington also chaired the session, "Americans Inventing 'Us' and 'Them,'" at the same conference.

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Kenneth Roblee, associate professor in the Department of Mathematics, has had the paper, "Some Extremal Families of Edge-Regular Graphs" (with Tom Smotzer of Youngstown State University), published in the refereed mathematics journal "The European Journal of Combinatorics," Volume 25, Issue 7, pages 927-933 (October 2004).

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Lottie Summerville, Coordinator/Instructor of ComputerWorks, recently attended the Alabama Educational Technology Conference 2004, "Celebrating a Decade of Progress—Installation to Integration," in Birmingham, AL.

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Webb named director of Gospel choir

Lewis Webb has been named Gospel Choir Director for Troy University. Webb is a graduate student at Troy working on his master's degree in vocal music education.

A graduate of Thomas Edison College, Webb has been the music teacher for the last seven years at Bethany Christian Academy in Montgomery. Webb also serves as music director at Hutchison Missionary Baptist Church in Montgomery.

"I am pleased and excited to have Lewis on board with the Gospel Choir," Paul McGahie, director of choral music and associate professor of the John M. Long School of Music, said. "He has the experience and the knowledge to give our talented students excellent musical leadership."

"Lewis Webb is active in gospel music as choir director, pianist, singer, and member of a professional gospel ensemble," McGahie said. "His diverse experience will be a plus for our students."

Volleyball team honored for classroom work

The American Volleyball Coaches Association has named Troy University as a recipient of the 2003-04 AVCA Team Academic Award. To be eligible for this award a team must maintain a 3.30 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Last year the Trojans earned a 3.8 in the fall semester with six of the 10 student-athletes attaining a perfect 4.0. They improved that GPA to a 3.83 in the spring semester.

This is the first time Troy has earned this distinction. Troy is one of 46 NCAA Division I women's volleyball teams given the award for the 2003-04 academic year.

Achievements

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During the conference, Summerville received a Professional Development Certificate for completing the hands-on workshop "Online Research Tools to Facilitate Project-Based Learning."

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Dr. Vitaly Voloshin, Associate Professor of Mathematics, in collaboration with L.Milazzo (Catania University, Italy) and A.Rosa (McMaster University, Canada), had a paper "Bicolouring Steiner Systems," published in the June edition of "Discrete Mathematics," the most prestigious international journal in the field.

Additionally, Dr. Voloshin's paper, "Coloring Mixed Hypergraphs: some results and open problems," has been accepted for publication in the proceedings of the International Symposium on Graphs, Designs and Applications, Messina, Italy.

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Don Rosenhoover, DPA, associate professor for public administration, joined Dick Hand and Dan Lynch in writing the article, "Teaching Performance Measurement to MPA Students." The article was selected as the lead article in the inaugural publication of the online version of the "SPA Forum"- Volume 16, Number 2, Summer 2004.

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Paul McGahie, director of choral activities in the John M. Long School of Music, has been selected as an interest session presenter at the 2005 National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Los Angeles, Feb 2-5.

McGahie will lead a session primarily designed for community choirs but applicable to many other types of choral organizations as well. "Strategies for Success: Thrive, Don't Survive" will deal with current challenges in organization

development and various solutions that have worked for others.

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Dr. Diane D. Orlofsky, professor in the John M. Long School of Music, has written a book review that was recently published in the "Music Educators Journal" (September 2004, Vol. 91, No. 1, p. 64).

Dr. Orlofsky reviewed the book "Edvard Grieg and His Songs" by Sandra Jarret.

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Chris Rich, assistant professor in the Department of Speech and Theatre, has been elected vice president of the Alabama Conference of Theatre (ACT) and will take office in January 2005. After serving for a year as vice president, Rich will then serve as president of the conference in 2006.

ACT supports university, college, high school and community theatre in Alabama.

The Walter Trumbauer State High School Theatre Festival presented by ACT has been hosted by Troy University for the past two years and will again bring more than 1,000 high school students to the Troy Campus on Dec. 2-4.

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Dr. Steve Ramroop, assistant professor of geomatics in the Department of Mathematics and Physics, presented a paper at the 24th ESRI International User Conference in San Diego, CA, in early August.

The paper, "Bridging the GAP - Geomatics and Distance Learning," discusses the obstacles facing an on-line geomatics model, including student access to software and survey equipment, and the gap between surveying and GIS professionals. The paper was also published in the conference proceedings.

Send your achievements and activities to urelations@troyst.edu.

We stand corrected...

New Troy Campus faculty member Fred Green's position was incorrectly reported in the August 20 edition of Troy Today. Green is an associate professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion.

Conflict in writing

Conference will feature discussions of all forms of southern writing

A Conflict in Southern Writing Conference will be held on Sept. 23-25 and will commemorate the first Troy University-wide event to celebrate the cooperative potential of "One Great University." The conference will be held on the TROY-Montgomery campus beginning with registration at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23. "Many major Southern Writers will be speaking though out the numerous sessions," said Noel Kaylor, Professor of English. "Over

these three days, we will meet and discuss conflict in all forms of Southern writing."

The conference will feature speakers from a wide variety of academic disciplines including literature and journalism.

The sessions include Technological Progress in Conflict in Southern Writing, Conflict in Robert Penn Warren and Fictionalizing the Civil Rights Movement; along with other various topics.

The speakers for the sessions will include Stephen Cooper and Jefferson Spurlock both of TROY, Miranda Green-Bareet from Texas A&M University and Judy Hebb from Atlanta Christian College, as well as many others.

During the conference, the annual Troy University Hall-Waters Southern Prize will be awarded to Sena Jeter Naslund, author of *Ahab's Wife* and *Four Spirits*.

This distinguished prize is

endowed by Troy University graduate Wade Hall.

"Hall established this award as a way to give back to the University that helped him become who he is today and as a memorial to his parents," said Kaylor.

"Because it is the first event of the new unified institution, the organizers hope that many of the TROY faculty, students and community will join us to celebrate the strength the new unity provides," said Kaylor.

Academic advising workshops scheduled

Members of the Troy faculty and staff are invited to attend the following academic advising workshops:

I: Advising Policies, Procedures and Best Practices

Who should attend: All new members of the faculty. Current faculty and staff who wish to learn the latest advising information, receive advising support and explore advising opportunities and best practices.

Dates and Times: Tuesday, Oct. 12, 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 3-5 p.m.

Location: Troy Library Instruction Room, Wallace Hall 3rd Floor

Workshop Description: These workshops are held in advance of the early registration period, and the sessions are identical so you may attend the one that best fits your schedule.

Registration: E-mail your name, campus address and preferred dates to schubert@troyst.edu.

II: New tools available through Trojan Web Express

Who should attend: All new members of the faculty. Current faculty and staff who wish to use Trojan Web Express to speed and simplify advising and scheduling processes.

Dates and Times: Tuesday, Oct. 12 & Wednesday, Oct. 13: 9-10 a.m., 10-11 a.m., 11-12 a.m.

Location: Troy Library Instruction Room, Wallace Hall 3rd Floor

Workshop Description: These workshops will focus on new features available on Trojan Web Express, including online, unofficial academic evaluations (check sheets) and long term planning tools. These workshops are held in advance of the early registration period, and the sessions are identical so you may attend the one that best fits your schedule.

Registration: E-mail your name, campus address and preferred dates/times to schubert@troyst.edu.

Dothan Campus to offer OSHA seminar

Troy University's Continuing Education Center is partnering with Solutions Enterprises, Inc., to bring a 30-hour OSHA Seminar (500 Construction) to the Dothan Campus October 11-14. This (OSHA) Safety for Construction compliance training seminar includes: Introduction to OSHA, Safety and Health Programs, Concrete/Masonry Safety, Material Handling, PPE, Fall Protection, Excavation, Cranes and Derricks, Record Keeping and other topics.

The four-day seminar will be held in Sony Hall. Cost for the seminar is \$495 and includes lunch each day.

For more information or to register, please contact Mary Davis at Continuing Education at 334-983-6556, ext. 1424 or mwdavis@troyst.edu.

AROUND TROY



Artists' reception/lecture. The Malone Gallery will present an artists' reception/lecture at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 16 as the culmination to the exhibit of paintings by Karin Murray and the sculpture of Kevin Turner. Pictured above is Turner's "Tectonic Arched Form," a work in wood fired stoneware.

Invitational golf tournament scheduled for Sept. 23

The Troy University, Dothan Campus-Jackson Thornton Invitational Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 23 at the Highland Oaks Golf Course. The tournament, an event of the TROY-Dothan Alumni Association, is scheduled for a noon shotgun start.

Entry fee for the four-man scramble event is \$125 per player or \$500 per foursome. The fee covers green and cart fees, range balls, golf shirt, the 19th Hole and door prizes. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100.

The top four teams will receive gift certificates and trophies.

Checks should be made payable to TSUD Alumni Association and sent to Taylor Barbaree, TROY-Dothan/Jackson Thornton Invitational Golf Tournament, P.O. Box 8368, Dothan, AL 36304. For more information, call (334) 983-6556 ext. 1217.

Set for the season

Troy University Theatre 2004-2005 productions offer a little something for everyone

Troy University's 2004-2005 theatre season offers something for everyone: modern and classic American drama, contemporary musical comedy, classical satire and more.

And, the start of the season is rapidly approaching. The first production is a two-character play, "The Guys," written by Anne Nelson.

Nelson, a former journalist, found herself in the position of helping a fire captain write eulogies for some men in his company lost on Sept. 11, 2001. Following a chance meeting with the founder of The Flea Theatre in New York, she wrote a two-character play about a journalist's personal experiences in the aftermath of the tragedy with a fire captain paralyzed by grief, and an editor by trade who helps him put into words what he felt about his fallen colleagues.

Performances: Oct. 7, 9, 11, 7:30 p.m. – Trojan Center Theatre

Tickets on sale: Monday, Sept. 20

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In November, Troy University Theatre will perform the Thornton Wilder classic "Our Town."

First written and produced in 1938, this Pulitzer Prize-winning drama of life in small town Groves Corners has become an American classic.

Performances: Nov. 17, 18, 19, 22, 7:30 p.m. – Trojan Center Theatre

High School matinee performances: TBA, week of Nov. 14

Tickets on sale: Monday, Nov. 1, Trojan Center Box Office

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Snoopy – The Musical, based on

characters created by Charles Schulz

The "Peanuts" gang, Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Snoopy, and all their friends are back on the Troy University stage as the sequel to "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" delights audiences of all ages.

Elementary/Middle School performances: week of Feb. 20

Tentative Public Performance: Thursday, Feb. 24, 7:30 p.m. – Trojan Center Theatre

Tickets on sale: Monday, Feb. 7, Trojan Center Box Office

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Moliere's *Tartuffe*, Translation by Richard Wilbur

Moliere's classic satire is one of the greatest masterpieces of comic theatre. When originally produced in 1664, *Tartuffe* was accused of being an attack on religion and was banned for five years; it has since become the best known and most controversial of Moliere's plays.

The central character, a rich bourgeois has become a bigot and prude. The title character, a wily opportunist and swindler, affects sanctity and gains complete ascendancy by manipulating the family fortune, seducing the wife, and gaining the daughter's hand in marriage. Only through a series of hilarious and even timely acts does Orgon gain control of his house and his sanity.

Performances: April 20, 21, 22, 23, 7:30 p.m. – Trojan Center Theatre

Tickets on Sale: Monday, April 4, Trojan Center Box Office

Auditions: Tentative-Dec. 6, 5 p.m. Trojan Center Theatre.