



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Launch date

New Troy University web site to come on line Feb. 28

Feb. 28 has been set as the launch date for the new Troy University web site.

The date, which was approved by the Chancellor's Cabinet during its Jan. 18 meeting, will bring to fruition a key element in the University's move to One Great University.

"Our web team has been working with different constituencies to develop a site that fits with our one brand and one voice as a University," said Sandra Gouge, associate vice chancellor for mar-

keting and communication. "We consider the web site the largest publication we have, and it is important that it provides easily-accessible information that furthers the mission and goals of our University."

The new site (www.troy.edu) will maintain links to areas such as academics, admissions, student life and other areas that provide vital information to current and potential students. It also will include a link for members of the media wishing to learn more about the University.

Visitors to the site also will be able to link to individual campus sites that will maintain a look that is consistent to the main homepage.

Members of the web team are: Chip Dillard, Susan Gilmore, Sandi Gouge, John Lester, Mike Moore and Greg Price from the Troy Campus, Gayle Nelson of the Dothan Campus, Charles Weaver of the Montgomery Campus, Keith Frakes of the Phenix City Campus and Sherri Davis of the Florida and Western Region, representing University College.

Sen. Mitchell makes donation to Sound of the South

"The Sound of the South" may be words of thanks following a \$5,000 donation to Troy University's marching band to help cover expenses of a bowl appearance.

State Sen. Wendell Mitchell (D-Luverne) donated the money to help defray the costs of transporting the band to last month's Fifth Annual Silicon Valley Football Classic in San Jose, CA.

Mitchell was also the first to donate money to the university for its first bowl appearance last month, helping the university garner additional financial support for the trip.

Troy Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. accepted the check with university band director Ralph Ford.

"We're indebted to Sen. Mitchell for all his support of this university," Hawkins said. "His initial commitment to the bowl game influenced others to come out and support our program."



State Sen. Wendell Mitchell (D-Luverne) presents a \$5,000 donation to the Sound of the South marching band to help defray the costs of the band's appearance at the Fifth Annual Silicon Valley Football Classic. At the presentation are, left to right, Ralph Ford, director of bands, Mitchell, TROY Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., Dr. Cam Martindale, senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations, and Marcus Paramore, director of governmental relations for the university.

Mitchell, calling the band an "integral part of the university," said he's supportive both the academic and non-academic activities of the university.

"All of us who represent Troy

are proud of their entire program," he said. Mitchell represents District 30, comprised of Autauga, Butler, Crenshaw, Elmore, Lowndes and Pike counties, in the State Senate.

We want to hear from you!

Tell us what you would like to read about in the TROY Today newsletter. Send your ideas or submit your articles and photos by e-mail at urelations@troy.edu, by fax at 334-670-3274 or by phone at 334-670-3196.

Chancellor honored

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr. received the Mortar Board Alumni Achievement Award

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor of Troy University, has been honored by Mortar Board National Honor Society with the 2004 Alumni Achievement Award.

Dr. Hawkins, an honorary member of the Troy University chapter, was nominated by his fellow Mortar Board alumni.

Dr. Hawkins was honored along with the Hon. Barbara Hackman Franklin, who served as the Secretary of Commerce under President George H.W. Bush, and Nancy Gwinn, director of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries.

The Alumni Achievement Award is presented to alumni who exemplify Mortar Board ideals and a desire for excellence in scholarship, leadership, and service.



From left to right are: TROY Chapter members Shanna Lunsford and Nathan Cosker, Mortar Board Section Leader Cheryl Plaster and her daughter, Chancellor Hawkins, TROY Chapter member Lonnie Kelley, and TROY Mortar Board Advisor Brenda Campbell.

Student Council for Exceptional Children honored by HEP

Troy University's Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) recently received recognition from the Higher Education Partnership.

SCEC received this recognition at the second annual Future Leaders of Higher Education banquet.

At the banquet, the STARS committee recognized student organizations that are going "above and beyond the call of duty to make a difference in their local community," according to Gordon Stone, Executive Director of the Partnership.

"Our organization is the primary professional organi-

zation in special education and has more than 50,000 members in the U.S. and Canada," said Pat Harden, faculty advisor for TROY's Student Council for Exceptional Children. "Our student group functions primarily to raise awareness of the needs of students with disabilities and to provide services to these students."

"The recognition we received was for our service to the children of Troy," said D'Andra Taylor, president of SCEC. "We were very excited to be recognized because this means that we are achieving our goal of getting out and making a difference."

Phi Kappa Phi seeks graduate fellowship applications

Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 129 is seeking applications for the annual Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship competition.

The national competition offers 60 Fellowship awards of \$5,000 and 40 Awards of Excellence of \$2000.

Applicants must be members of (or eligible for membership in) Phi Kappa Phi and must plan to apply for full-time graduate study for the 2005-06 academic year.

The deadline for application is Friday, February 4. Fellowship applications can be obtained from Leann Sanders in MSCX 232 or downloaded from www.phikappaphi.org. Call ext. 3406 for more information.

Convocation deadline draws near

For any faculty anticipating proposing a new award for the Honors Convocation, which is scheduled for April 18, please be aware that the deadline for such proposals is Friday, Jan. 28.

Proposals should be given to Mary Griffin (griffin@troyst.edu), vice chair of Council of Honor Societies.

2004 TROY-Dothan Outstanding Faculty, Staff



Troy University, Dothan Campus honored eight outstanding faculty and staff, as well as recognized four veteran educators with more than 25-years of service during a recent ceremony.

Outstanding TROY-Dothan faculty

and staff (pictured above) recognized were Ronnie Childree, supervisor, Grounds Department; Dr. Cynthia Lumpkin, professor, College of Education; Dr. Barbara Minsky, associate professor, College of Business Administration; Dr. Debbie

Moore, associate professor, College of Arts and Sciences; Martha Norman, adjunct professor, College of Arts and Sciences; Debora Pettway, director, Student Support Services; Jean Solomon, adjunct professor, College of Education; James R. Stuckey, adjunct professor, College of Business Administration.

Educators with more than 25-years of service and recognized during the program were: Dr. Lawrence Brown (34 years), College of Arts and Science; Dr. Sarah Patrick (25 years), College of Arts and Science; H. Gaye Peacock (35 years), Student and Community Services; Forrest H. Wood (28 years), College of Arts and Sciences.

(Photo/Caption by Taylor Barbaree/University Relations).



TROY graduate filling passport thanks to *Survivor*

From the halls of Troy University to the streets of Los Angeles to the jungles of a South Pacific island paradise, Troy native Bobby Jon Drinkard's passport is getting crowded.

Drinkard, who earned a degree in print journalism and public relations from TROY in 2003, has added the islands of Palau to his collection of passport stamps that include Italy and France. The reason for his latest journey: as a contestant on CBS's

Survivor, set to begin Feb. 17.

Named *Cosmopolitan* magazine's most eligible bachelor for Alabama in 2003, Drinkard has traveled to cities such as Milan, Paris and Los Angeles to pursue a modeling career, but now plans to shift his focus back to the southeastern United States and finding a job more suited to his college degree.

"Traveling to cities like these was a great learning experience," Drinkard said. "But now, I'm getting ready to

use my degree from Troy University and get a job somewhere in the Southeast."

Bound by a strict contract with CBS, Drinkard will be unable to comment about his experiences on *Survivor* until the show ends.

He is a 1995 Charles Henderson High School graduate, and while a student at the University was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and worked in a lawn care business.

TROY PEOPLE

Retirees honored

University salutes 2004 retirees during annual holiday luncheon

The following retirees were honored during Troy University's annual holiday luncheon last month. Listed is their position, retirement date and years of service.

- Mr. William G. Schofield
Lieutenant, University Police
Nov. 1 - Retirement Date
30+ Years
- Mr. Johnny F. Huffman
Director, Telecommunications
Jan. 1 - Retirement Date
15+ Years
- Dr. Earl Smith
Associate Professor
Department of History
Aug. 1 - Retirement Date
20+ Years
- Mrs. Mary G. Taylor
Statistical Clerk
Articulation Program
Aug. 1 - Retirement Date
10 Years
- Mrs. Lucia S. Grantham
Associate Professor
Social Work
Aug. 1 - Retirement Date
30 Years
- Mr. Danny Wall
Lecturer
IS/College of Business
June 1 - Retirement Date
11+ Years
- Mr. Charles Robert Whitson
Associate Professor & Chair
Department of Human Services
Aug. 1 - Retirement Date
29+ Years
- Ms. Erma J. Jones
Custodial Worker
Physical Plant
- July 1 - Retirement Date
30+ Years
- Mr. John B. Copeland
Custodial Worker
Physical Plant
July 1 - Retirement Date
21+ Years
- Dr. Thomas D. Moffett
Associate Professor
School of Music
May 1 - Retirement Date
10+ Years
- Ms. Alma Jean Thompson
Custodial Worker
Physical Plant
May 01, 2004 - Retirement Date
19+ years
- Ms. Dasie Mae Williamson
Custodial Worker
Physical Plant
April 1 - Retirement Date
25+ Years
- Ms. Elizabeth Ann Starks
Custodial Worker
Physical Plant
April 1 - Retirement Date
25 Years
- Ms. Myrtle L. Wingard
Custodial Worker
Physical Plant
May 1 - Retirement Date
25 Years
- Mrs. Teresa S. Galloway
Departmental Secretary
School of Nursing Montgomery
April 1 - Retirement Date
25 Years
- Ms. Laura Ann Hart
Director, Admissions & Records
ASN Program
- Feb. 1 - Retirement Date
25 Years
- Mr. Steve Sanders
Building Maintenance Worker
Physical Plant
Feb. 1 - Retirement Date
25 Years
- Mrs. Linda S. DeRamus
Foundation Business Manager
Institutional Development/Foundation
Jan. 1 - Retirement Date
24+ Years
- Dr. William Evans
Professor
School of Business, Dothan Campus
June 1 - Retirement Date
11+ Years
- Dr. Barbara G. Alford
President, Troy University Dothan
Jan. 1 - Retirement Date
11+ Years
- Dr. Tejinder S. Sara
Lecturer, Ft. Benning Campus
Aug. 1 - Retirement Date
21+ Years
- Dr. Daniel A. Lynch
Associate Professor, University
College, Florida Region
Aug. 1 - Retirement Date
14+ Years
- Dr. Jerone P. Johnson
Professor, University College, Florida
Region
Aug. 1 - Retirement Date
30 Years
- Dr. Pariz Parsa
Professor, College of Business
Administration, Dothan Campus
Aug. 1 - Retirement Date
21+ Years

Activities & achievements

Dr. Sigurdur Greipsson, assistant professor of biological and environmental sciences, and **Anna Hovsepyan**, a 2003 graduate of Troy University's Environmental Analysis and Management master's degree program have had a paper accepted for publication in the Journal of Plant Nutrition. The paper is titled "EDTA-enhanced phytoremediation by corn of lead-contaminated soil." The paper reports on the development of novel soil restoration techniques.

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Dr. Mary Ann Tighe, professor of English, attended two state conferences held in the Birmingham area during October 2004. She conducted a workshop on "Young Adult Literature: Models for Sentence Structure, Mechanics, and Style" at the Alabama Reading Association's Fall Conference. At the Annual Conference of the Alabama Council of Teachers of English, she conducted a workshop on "Young Adult Literature: Authentic Discussion and Authentic Issues."

Dr. Tighe's article on "Competition

or Collaboration in the English Language Arts Classroom" was published in the Winter 2003 issue of Alabama English. Her manuscript, "Reviving Ophelia with Young Adult Literature," has been accepted for publication in the ALAN Review, a publication of the National Council of Teachers of English.

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Dr. Susan Aldridge, vice chancellor, University College presented a paper on "Meeting Students' 24/7 Needs through Selective Outsourcing" at the national WCET conference in

San Antonio, Texas on Nov. 11.

At the SACS Annual Meeting on Dec. 7, she co-chaired a roundtable discussion on "The Key to Enhancing Online Student Learning: Effective Faculty Training and Development Programs" with **Dr. Sallie Johnson**, Dean of Distance Learning.

On Dec. 8, Dr. Aldridge was the speaker at Samford University in Birmingham for the final EMBA strategy course. Her speech was "Global Strategies: The Transformation of American Universities."

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Troy University Instructor named to Who's Who

Troy University instructor Willie Freeman, who teaches in the College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, has been named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Every two years, members of the academic community are recognized for educational excellence and Freeman was honored by the inclusion of his biography in the 8th Edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers for his distinction as one of the nation's best teachers.

Freeman is an Assistant Professor in the College of Business and has been with the University since 1984. He is the author of two published inspirational books titled *Between Raindrops* and *No Labor, No Reward*.

Clif Lusk named to University Relations staff

Clif Lusk, a Mississippi native with 20 years of journalism experience, has been named university relations coordinator at Troy University.

Lusk comes to TROY from Demopolis where he was editor of the five-day daily *The Demopolis Times*. His original draw to Troy was as managing editor of the daily newspaper, *The Messenger*, a sister newspaper to *The Times*. He formerly published the *South Mississippi SportsJournal*, served as an assistant metro editor of *The Clarion-Ledger* in Jackson, Miss., and was assistant publisher for *The Magee Courier*, *Simpson County News*

and *Southwest Ranking Times*, based in Magee, Miss. He began his newspaper career at the *Columbian-Progress* in Columbia, Miss.



Lusk

Although Lusk has spent much of his professional career in the community newspaper business, his affiliation with TROY will not

be his first foray into public-sector

employment. His work experience also includes serving as public relations director for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and director of information for the Mississippi Association of Supervisors, the state's non-profit county government organization.

He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi in journalism and political science. His wife, Buffy, is a counselor at Goshen High School. The Lusks have four children, Clifton, 12, Caitie, 7, Mary Lacy, 5 and May Morgan, nine months, and attend First Baptist Church in Troy.



Burge honored. Dr. Chris Burge, director of the Atlantic Region, was honored last month as a Hampton Roads Women In Business Achievement Award recipient during a luncheon in Virginia Beach, VA. From left to right, Natalie Lemoine, Hambricht, Calcagno and Downing (HCD) media director; Liz Woodall, HCD public relations associate; Dr. Burge; Andria D'Alba, HCD account supervisor and Stephanie Hammack, HCD account coordinator pose for a photo opportunity following the luncheon. HCD is the University's advertising agency and is headquartered in Virginia Beach.

Achievements

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Dr. Susan C. Aldridge, vice chancellor, University College, was elected to the International Academy of Business Disciplines Board of Directors for a three year term.

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Dr. Glen Robert Gill, assistant professor of English, delivered a paper at the annual convention of the Modern Language Association in Philadelphia, PA, on Dec. 28.

The paper was an examination of the phenomenological and mythological basis of culture entitled "Deus est Nobis: Northrop Frye's Secular Scripture."

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Dr. Stephen Landers, professor of biological and environmental sciences, has discovered and named a new species of ciliated protozoan. The new species is a symbiont found attached to the broken back eelgrass shrimp, from

St. Andrew Bay, Florida, and has been deposited in the Smithsonian Institution. This organism is the 5th species that Dr. Landers has named and deposited in the Smithsonian Institution. The paper describing the new species "Exuviotrophic apostome ciliates from crustaceans of St. Andrew Bay, Florida, and a description of *Gymnodinioides kozloffii* n. sp." appears in the current issue of The Journal of Eukaryotic Microbiology.

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Dr. Frederick A. Viohl, academic dean, University College, presented a concurrent session topic entitled "Academic Benchmarking With ePortfolios" at the SACS Annual Meeting in Atlanta on Dec. 5. ePortfolios are becoming an excellent means of documenting student learning outcomes. Faculty are using ePortfolios to document progress for tenure and promotion.

University welcomes nine new employees

Nine new employees were welcomed into the Troy University family during the month of December. They are:

- Michael Louis Bell, instructional design specialist, Troy Campus
- Debra D. Brant, student services specialist, Florida Distance Learning Site
- Kern William Craig, assistant professor, Ft. Walton Site
- Matthew Walter Hammon, University Police Patrolman, Troy Campus
- Vernessa Seals Holcomb, transcript evaluator, Norfolk, VA Site
- Kimberly Y. Minniefield, financial aid counselor, Montgomery Campus
- Elisa P. Paramore, project coordinator, Dothan Campus
- Craig E. Rogers, adaptive driving specialist, Troy Campus
- Renee A. Stewart, assistant to institutional support director, eArmyU.

Thank-you notes

Thank you so much to all the people who have sent cards or emails on the death of my father. It is gratifying to know so many people care.

My father, Joseph Allard, was buried with full military honors in an extremely moving ceremony at Bay Pines National Cemetery in Florida. My family and I appreciate your generous support.

Sincerely,
Catherine Allard

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Dear TROY Faculty and Staff,
Thank you for the beautiful plants and other acts of sympathy during the loss of my sister in September 2004 and my mother in November 2004. I am grateful for your support and blessed to be a part of TROY University's caring family. I wish each of you a Blessed New Year.

Sincerely,
Lottie Summerville



COTTON PATCH GOSPEL

Troy Arts Council to present
bluegrass musical on Feb. 8 at
Troy University

Bible stories with a southern drawl. That's what audiences will see when the Troy Arts Council presents Cotton Patch Gospel at Troy University's Claudia Crosby Theater Feb. 8.

Called by its creators, "the greatest story ever re-told," Cotton Patch Gospel is a moving, exuberant bluegrass musical that tells the story of the life of Jesus – but set in modern-day rural Georgia. It's produced by

Springer Opera House, the official State Theatre of Georgia.

The musical was adapted by Atlanta actor Tom Key from the Rev. Clarence Jordan's book *The Cotton Patch Version of Matthew*. A farmer, civil rights leader, Bible scholar and seminary professor, Jordan founded Koinonia Farm in the 1950s, an interfaith farming community near Americus, Ga., which spawned numerous other ministries including Habitat for Humanity. With songs by the late Harry Chapin (who wrote *Cats in the Cradle*), the musical ran off-Broadway in 1983 before setting off on a four-year U.S. tour and was the longest-running show in the history of Dallas, Texas.

Tickets for the Feb. 8 performance are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and may be purchased from the University's School of Music, WTBF Radio, Regions Bank and Troy Bank and Trust. For more information, contact the school of music at 334-670-3322 or the Troy Arts Council at 334-670-2288.

Around TROY

'Rage'

Storyteller Awele Makeba to bring her one-woman show to Montgomery

Troy University will hold various events during Black History Month, including the Feb. 4 performance by storyteller Awele Makeba on the Montgomery Campus.

Awele Makeba will be performing her one-woman show, *Rage is Not a 1-Day Thing: The Untaught History of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* at the Rosa Parks Museum Auditorium at 6 p.m. on Feb. 4.

The stage play, written and performed by Makeba, is set in 1950s Montgomery. It tells the story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, through the heroism of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s rhetoric, as well as through the words of the common person.

"Rage!" is told primarily through the voice of 15-year-old Claudette Colvin, who refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery bus only

Upcoming events...

Feb. 4-5: Fourth Annual African-American Leadership Conference, Trojan Center, Troy Campus, featuring the Hon. Lois C. DeBerry, speaker pro tem of the Tennessee House of Representatives

Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m.: Frye Gaillard presentation on his latest book, *Cradle of Freedom*, Rosa Parks Museum Auditorium, Montgomery Campus

nine months before Rosa Parks was arrested for the same act. The play follows eight other history

makers including 18-year-old Mary Louise Smith; JoAnne Robinson, president of the Women's Political Council; and Rosa Parks, NAACP secretary and youth director.

Meticulous research went into the crafting of this piece, including the integration of primary sources such as newspaper articles, court transcripts, memoirs, as well as interviews with historical figures and interpretive histories of the events.

Makeba is an internationally known storyteller, actor, playwright, educator and recording artist who researches, writes and performs hidden African-American history.

This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, please contact Georgette Norman at gmnorman@troy.edu or (334) 241-8608.

TROY-Dothan Continuing Education to hold Emergency Response Planning seminar

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, the Troy University, Dothan Campus will be hosting a seminar, "Emergency Response Planning for Your Business."

This seminar is a series developed on the Dothan Campus titled "Management Tools Series".

The first seminar will be on the latest and best skills for responding quickly, decisively and correctly when emergency situations occur. The seminar will teach many techniques and approaches that every organization will want to know and implement.

There will also be sessions on learning to protect your vital data and communications systems from virus attacks, hackers and other

threats. Attendees will learn what it takes to insure your organization's survival in the event of a disaster.

The seminar is especially important in the world of security today. The seminar is beneficial for small to very large businesses.

The seminar will begin promptly at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. with lunch provided.

For more information or to have brochure sent, contact the Troy University, Dothan Campus at 334-983-0005 or on the web at www.tsud.edu/continuing_ed. There will also be a seminar entitled "Managing Conflict in the Workplace" held on Thursday, February 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TROY theatre to present 'Snoopy! The Musical'

In what's been called "quite the sunniest and most uplifting hour and a half of theatre..." by London's Evening Standard, *Snoopy! The Musical*, will appear on the Troy University stage in the Trojan Center Theatre on Feb. 24 and 26 at 7:30 p.m.

The production will also include six performances for local and regional elementary schools provided through a grant from the Alabama Council on the Arts.

Reserved seat tickets are available for \$5 (free for TROY students with their I.D.) by calling 334-670-3293 or by visiting the Trojan Center Box Office. More details are available by calling the Department of Speech and Theatre 334-670-3714 or by visiting www.tsutheatre.org.