



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Remembering Frances Branum

General Academic Building atrium to be dedicated today in memory of alumna

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Troy University officials will dedicate the atrium of its new General Academic Building at 3 p.m. today.

The atrium is named in memory of Frances Daniel Branum, a TROY alumna and member of the Troy University Foundation Board of Directors from 1995 – 2000. A Greenville native, Branum was a graduate of Fort Dale Academy and a 1993 TROY graduate. She was an active community leader serving on the Greenville/Butler County Public Library Board, the Children’s Policy Council and was a member of the Daniel Foundation Board of Directors.

The General Academic Building is the University’s newest academic building, nestled between McCartha and Wallace halls, and increases classroom space on the campus by 22 percent, said physical plant director Mark Salmon.



Troy University Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr. will dedicate the atrium of the new General Academic Building on the Troy Campus in memory of Frances Daniel Branum today.

The 42,000 square-foot building houses four multipurpose theater-style classrooms on the first floor, seating up to 120 students. Thirteen additional 60-student classrooms are also located in the building. Office space for some faculty members is also

included in the building.

“This building supports student learning in a new and very sophisticated way,” said Dr. Dianne Barron, associate provost and dean of the University’s Graduate School.

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Trojan football fans to experience ‘Blackout’ tonight

Tonight’s match-up between the Trojans and the Florida International Panthers will be played under “blackout” conditions. No, the lights at Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium are working just fine.

Athletics officials are encouraging fans to wear black apparel to the game in an effort to “paint Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium

black.”

Special game day “Blackout” t-shirts have been on sale through Screentech and will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-serve basis at the stadium. Kickoff for the game, which will be televised on ESPNU, is set for 6:30 p.m.

In addition, the TROY football team will wear vintage black jerseys

and black helmets for one-time only for the game. Anyone wishing to donate a minimum of \$125 to the Al Lucas Fund for Student-Athlete Excellence will receive one of these game-used black jerseys. The last time TROY wore black jerseys was AL Lucas’ senior year in 1999.

Lucas played for the Trojans
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Tuning up

Jinright, local songwriter provide TROY music students with hands-on experience

Students of the John M. Long School of Music are taking a different approach to note-taking this semester.

Students of the Survey Music Industry class are getting a unique opportunity to help a local songwriter with a song about Hurricane Katrina.

A radio station referred local songwriter, Janet Partion, to Troy University professor Dr. John Jinright. Partion, a nurses' assistance from Goshen, needed help in the production and promotion side of the music industry in an effort to get the song, "Awakening of America" recorded and produced.

The song is about Hurricane Katrina and it describes the total destruction, devastation, and loss of homes and lives.

"I feel so badly for people and the devastation that they've seen, it just breaks my heart," Partion said.

According to Jinright, the Survey Music Industry class is a new offering intended to give students a glimpse into all aspects of the music industry, including contractual agreements and the retail side of the business.

The recording, protection, and promotion of the song became a class project. Jinright said "It's like we have our own label."

The students also found vocal talent here on campus. Kelly Seebeck, a



Joseph Blankenship (left) and Nathan Arnold run the mixing board and monitor recording software, while Chris Wildman (back left) and Steve Buoni record the bass and guitar tracks for "Awakening of America." The students are members of Dr. John Jinright's Survey of Music Industry class.

junior graphic design major, is a member of the band and has several friends that are in the class. Some of the students heard Seebeck sing at a symphony band concert and enjoyed her voice.

"This is something I would definitely like to pursue," Seebeck said.

Jeremy Sanders, sophomore music major, said, "I would like to do this as a career, so its great experience to have an inside look." Sanders has aspirations to start a record label.

The students plan to promote the song by going out individually to

meet with contacts. They have currently targeted four radio stations, three in Alabama and one in South Carolina. They are also mailing a copy of the song to a producer in Birmingham, who they met on a field trip. Two students are contacting area television stations to publicize the song.

Word of the students' work is spreading quickly. Jinright has already been approached by another songwriter that wants the spring semester Survey Music Industry class to produce her song.

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– Janet Partion,
local songwriter

'Fall Friendraiser'

Troy University Public Radio seeks support through campaign

Troy University Public Radio's "Fall Friendraiser" concludes Friday, Oct. 21, and there's still time to help support the programming offered by the network.

Themed "We're Here For You!" the public radio network serves listeners in the southern portion of Alabama, the Florida Panhandle and southwest Georgia from three stations: WTSU 88.9 FM – Troy/Montgomery, WRWA 88.7 FM – Dothan and WTJB 91.7 FM – Columbus/Phenix City.

"Our financial goal is \$40,000, which will be used to cover the cost of purchasing programming such as Morning Edition, All Things Considered, Car Talk and A Prairie Home Companion," said Fred Azbell, TROY Public Radio's program director. "This week is dedicated to the listeners who inspire Troy University Public Radio's celebration of community



Sisters Samantha (left) and Abigail Bullinger of Level Plains joined radio host Ann Hart to help kick-off Troy University Public Radio's "Fall Friendraiser."

and the arts in southeast Alabama, southwest Georgia and the Florida Panhandle."

Listeners can contribute to listener-supported Troy University Public Radio by calling 1-800-800-6616 or may pledge online at wtsu.troy.edu. All pledges are tax-deductible.

Online submission capabilities available through Quick Copy

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If you are not already participating in this service and are interested in learning how to use this easy process, please send an e-mail to creative@troy.edu to arrange an appointment to install a driver on your system. This service is not available for MACs.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Waddail at ext. 3239.

Branum

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Barron said the building, which is outfitted with wireless technology, has the capacity to seat about 1,300 students per hour. Each classroom has projection systems and computers to facilitate class presentations.

The program for the dedication includes a welcome and introduction from Dr. Cameron Martindale, senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations; an invocation and benediction by Dr. Allen Dennis, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; the official opening of the building by Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost; and recognition of special partners by Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr.

Special music will be provided by Xiao Ye and reflections of the Branum family will be provided by Marion Daniel Head.

A tour of the facility and reception will follow the program.

Blackout

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from 1996-99, was a two-time All-American and was winner of the 1999 Buck Buchanan Award as the top defensive player in Division I-AA. Lucas



Former Trojan Al Lucas

died on April 10 of this year while playing in an Arena Football League game for the Los Angeles Avengers. "This will be our first home game in more than a month and the 'Blackout' will make it an even bigger event," Trojans coach Larry

Blakeney said. "Al Lucas was very special to all of us here at Troy University and to honor him in this way, on national television, will be something that everyone will remember for years to come."

In addition to the "Blackout," tonight's game will also be the "Take a Kid to the Game" promotion. For every adult that pays full price for admission, one child will be admitted free of charge with the paying adult.

There will be a "Kids Zone" located within the Riddle-Pace Field outfield where there will be various activities and inflatable games for all kids. All children are encouraged to attend and enjoy this fun day of activities and entertainment. When arriving for game day activities please enter the "Kids Zone" from the outfield gate located adjacent to Tailgate Terrace.

For more information on the Blackout contact Roger Shultz or Wes Allen at (334) 670-3482.

Jumping into action

Trip to Mississippi an education for Troy University professor, students

When Dr. Candice Howard's mother learned of the efforts of an Alabama restaurateur, not only did she lend a hand but she sparked Troy University students into helping a hurricane-ravaged South Mississippi city.

"My mother was listening to the radio at work one day and heard of a man named Larry Gastin of Camden, who owns restaurants in various locations – one being in Waveland, Miss., which was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina," said Howard, an assistant professor of kinesiology and health promotion at TROY.

To make a long story short, Howard said, her mother organized a supplies-drive in her town of Brewton and delivered them to Gastin in Waveland. Each Sunday, Gastin's group – composed of volunteers from Evergreen and Camden – cook and serve a hot meal.

"I mentioned all of this to my students and immediately they began asking what to do," she said.

The concept culminated in Howard and seven students taking donated supplies to Waveland on Sunday.

"It was really, really an education. It gave you a different feeling being



Seven Troy University kinesiology and health promotion students delivered disaster supplies to Waveland, Miss., Sunday. Making the 10-hour round trip were (front, left to right) Anitra Gilford, Dr. Candice Howard, an assistant professor of kinesiology and health promotion who organized the trip, Christy Rhodes, Taylor Sullivan, (back, left to right) Kanika Blackmon, Andrea Downing, Nikki Hughes and Marabeth Turlington.

there," she said. "You think you know what it's like, but they show the better pictures on TV – things look bad on TV but they are really pictures of the best. When you get there in person you see the destruc-

tions."

When Howard's group arrived in Waveland, towing its donated trailer, it didn't take long for the students to swing into action.

"The setup was like a garage sale and we helped people find the things they needed and when we were done, we helped the Evergreen group serve meals," she said.

"There's absolutely nothing left. You just see foundations – the lumber is gone, the furniture is gone there's nothing. The 37-foot storm surge sucked everything back out into the ocean," Howard said.

It won't be the only relief trip to Waveland. Howard said the department is organizing another relief mission in the near future. Items needed by the group are cleaning supplies (from detergent and bleach to brooms and mops), baby items (diapers, food, formula), and food for pets.

To donate items to the department, contact Howard at 334-670-5732. Howard said donations could also be made to Gastin, who accepts checks made to the order of Wal-Mart or to Larry's Drive-In. Contact Gastin at 334- 431-0608.

University welcomes 10 new employees

Troy University welcomed 10 new employees in the month of September.

The new employees are:

- Teschia Blakley, student services specialists, Institutional Support;
- Travis Crayton, equipment operator;
- Angela Ferguson, student services specialists, Institutional Support;
- Ashley Friday, accountant clerk;
- Jennifer Ham, records clerk;
- Charles Helmandollar, educa-

tional evaluation

- Michael Izumi, Women's Volleyball Coach;
- Marcia Lewis, academic advisor, Institutional Support;
- Mark Ray, network specialists, Institutional Support; and,
- Wesley Roberts, Financial Aid counselor.

In addition, Buffie Edwards' name was inadvertently omitted from the list of new employees for the month of August. Edwards is program coordinator for student support services.

Thank-you note

Dear Friends at TROY,

Thank you for the beautiful clock you gave me upon my retirement. It will serve to remind me of precious times and wonderful memories spent working at TROY. I deeply appreciate the many of you who came to "send me off." I appreciate the many cards, e-mails and thoughts of well wishes over the last few weeks. You are likely to see me from time-to-time. Until then, may God bless each of you. My life is much richer for having known you all.

– Janet Kervin

Activities & achievements

Dr. Steven L. Taylor, associate professor of political science, has been named to the Board of Director of Alabama Citizens for Constitutional Reform (ACCR).

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Dr. William Heisler, associate professor, has had his paper "The Qualities of a Christian Leader" included in *The Christian on Monday Morning*, a book of readings edited by M. Zigarelli and R. Case (2005).

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Dr. Jason Lee, assistant professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion, was the Sport Feature Speaker at the 2005 Fall Conference for the Florida Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Dance, and Sport Fall Conference in Orlando, FL. At the FAHPERDS conference, Dr. Lee presented "Scholastic athletics: Where does prayer fit in the picture?" and "The cost of change: Building the brand." Dr. Lee was also a part of a panel discussion on field experiences and internships in sport management.

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Dr. Sallie Johnson, dean of distance learning, received award recognition from the International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England as one of the top 100 professionals in the field of Distance Learning.

The IBC recognized her as one of a select few who have made significant enough contribution in their field to engender influence on a local, national, or International basis. As holder of this distinction, her work has not only been noticed but recognized as outstanding. In any one year only one hundred of the world's best Educators, both famous and uncelebrated, from all disciplines are added to this exclusive list.

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Dr. Amy Spurlock, associate professor in the school of nursing, has an article appearing in the next edition of the journal *Policy, Politics, & Nursing Practice*. The article, "Policy predictors of participation in adult

tobacco cessation programs," was part of Dr. Spurlock's dissertation research from the University of Kentucky, where she received her Ph.D. in Nursing in 2003.

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Larry Percy, assistant in the Department of Art and Design, was a participating artist in *The Red Clay Survey*, an exhibition of contemporary southern art at the Huntsville (AL) Museum of Art.

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Dr. Jim Vickrey, chair of the Department of Speech and Theatre, will have his article "Symbolic Leadership: The Management of Meaning" published in "Concepts for U.S. Air Force Leadership. The book is used in classes at Air University and worldwide.

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Dr. Donna Jacobs, dean of the College of Education, has been invited to serve on the Governor's Congress on School Leadership's Implementation Committee. The Governor's Congress was convened by Alabama Gov. Bob Riley and State Superintendent of Education Dr. Joe Morton in 2004 in an effort to improve student achievement in the state. Five task forces examined school leadership issues and presented findings and recommendations to Gov. Riley in May. The implementation committee is charged with bringing the recommendations to reality.

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Dr. Hans J. Peterson, professor emeritus of international relations, presented a lecture of the topic "The Lend-Lease Law of the U.S.A. in Political and Historical Preview" to the Working Group Saxon Military History at the Museum of German Military History in Dresden, Germany.

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Wes Allen, co-director of development in athletics, has thrown his hat into the Republican race for the state of Alabama's auditor post.

Chancellor to chair AASCU committee

Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. has been named as chair of the Committee on International Education of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Board of Directors.

Hawkins' committee leadership appointment will begin this fall and last until November 2006.

Appointments are given to member presidents and chancellors.

The annual AASCU meeting will be held in Scottsdale, AZ, and will allow the new committees to set their agendas and plan their yearly activities for the year ahead.

Adjunct instructor Guy dies

Fred Guy, a longtime educator in the Montgomery (AL) Public Schools and a Troy University adjunct instructor, died on Tuesday. He was 67.

Guy, who retired from the Montgomery Public Schools in 1991 after 32 years of service, was teaching two mathematics classes this fall on the Montgomery Campus.

Funeral services are set for 11 a.m. Friday at Leak-Memory Chapel in Montgomery.

‘Gridiron Glory’

Troy University takes this year’s homecoming celebration ‘back to basics’

Trojans will be dancing to the homecoming tune Oct. 31 when 2005 Troy University Homecoming kicks off with the Trojan Stomp/Dance Competition at 7 p.m. in Claudia Crosby Theatre and a Super Fan competition.

This year’s homecoming theme is “Gridiron Glory” and “we are taking it back to the basics,” said Joe Hutto, SGA’s vice president for campus activities.

Homecoming activities will be conducted throughout the week and will include such events as a campus wide clean-up, a banner competition, a pep-rally and a parade, said Melodye Redding, homecoming director.

On Nov. 1 a grill out will be held on the Quad from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., and the Troy Gospel Singers will present a concert at 7 p.m. in Claudia Crosby Theatre.

On Nov. 2, skit night will be held at 7 p.m. in Claudia Crosby Theatre.

On Nov. 4, a pep rally will begin at



6 p.m. in Movie Gallery Veterans Memorial Stadium, followed at 7 p.m. by a concert featuring Phil Vassar.

The annual homecoming parade will begin at 10 a.m. and process through downtown Troy.

“All of this will be followed by the

homecoming football game against the Florida Atlantic Owls in Movie Gallery Veterans Memorial Stadium at 2:30 p.m.,” Hutto said.

For more information regarding the week’s activities, contact Hutto or Redding in the Student Government Association offices at 334-670-3212.

Four ‘Distinguished Alumni’ to be honored

Troy University has named four distinguished alumni of the year for 2005.

This year’s recipients include Mrs. Anne Kelly Williams, a 1950 graduate; Mr. Roy J. Crawford, a 1971 summa cum laude graduate; Hon. Patti M. Smith, a 1973 graduate and Supreme Court Justice; and Mr. Arthur D. Baylor, a 1977 and 1990 graduate.

The four will be honored during special Homecoming ceremonies on Nov. 5 when the Trojans take on Florida Atlantic at 2:30 p.m.

“We’re extremely proud of our distinguished alumni and their accomplishments. It’s a pleasure to

honor them on homecoming day,” said Faith Ward, director of alumni affairs. “Each of them is an outstanding ambassador for Troy University.”

Williams, of Troy, is a member of the Pike County, Crenshaw County, and the Greater Montgomery Area Alumni Chapter and is also involved with the Troy University Athletic boosters. She is also the mother of two children and six grandchildren.

Crawford is a member of the Trojan’s 1968 championship football team, a partner in a Birmingham law firm and a member of the American Bar Association.

He and his wife Beverly have three daughters, Caroline, O’Neal and Margaret Ellen.

Smith, who was selected as the 1973 outstanding female graduate, is a 2004 Associate Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court and a member of the Greater Birmingham Alumni Chapter. She is married to Jerry Smith and has two children, Shelley and Jarrett.

Baylor has more than 20 years experience in law enforcement and is the chief of police for the City of Montgomery. He was selected Kappa Man of the Year, and is a member of the Troy Montgomery campus alumni chapter.

Trojan Festival

Phil Vasser to headline second annual concert at Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium

After enjoying great success in its inaugural year, the Trojan Festival will return to the Troy University campus and Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium on Friday night, Nov. 4, with country music star Phil Vasser to headline the show.

"The inaugural Trojan Festival was a huge success last year and we want to build on that success with the Second Annual Trojan Fest," Director of Athletics Steve Dennis said. "This will be a great evening of entertainment for our students, faculty, staff and all of the alumni who will be returning to campus for Homecoming."

Vasser is an accomplished pianist with eight No. 1 singles as an artist and song writer. He was twice named

ASCAP Songwriter of the Year and has written hit songs for artists such as Engelbert Humperdinck, Collin Raye, Alan Jackson, Tim McGraw, Jo Dee Messina and the group BlackHawk.

His current album is titled "Shaken Not Stirred" and includes his current single "Good Old Days."

In addition to Vasser, Trojan Fest will feature Jeff Bates, who's hits include "Long Slow Kisses" and his newest single "Good People" off the album of the same title due in stores October 25.

The evening of country music will also include Montgomery native Jamey Johnson, a Nashville newcomer, who's current hit is "The Dollar." Johnson also wrote the current Trace

Atkins single "Honky Tonk Dadonkadonk."

Ticket for the Second Annual Trojan Festival are on sale now through the Troy University Athletics Ticket office. Tickets are also available at www.TroyTrojans.com, Tickets.com or by calling 877-878-9467.

Tickets are \$35 for the field and \$25 for general admission bleacher seating.

The concert will be a part of Troy University's Homecoming celebration, which will conclude with the football game on Saturday, November 5, against Florida Atlantic. Kickoff for the game is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. and tickets are available through the Athletics Ticket Office.

Festival celebrates renewal of life on Troy Campus

Troy University will celebrate the customs of India and Nepal when the Indian Student Association and the Nepal Student Association jointly hosts the "Festival of Lights" on Nov. 1.

The festival will be in the amphitheater behind the Trojan Center and begins at 6:30 p.m.

The festival, known as Diwali in India and Tihar in Nepal, includes regional Indian and Nealese dances, food and explanations of the celebration. Central to the celebration will be lights of many kinds.

"In both India and Nepal, the festival signifies the renewal of life and, accordingly, it is common to wear new clothes and exchange sweets on the day of the festival," said Debbie Davis, TROY's director of international student life.

Tickets are \$6 for students and \$10 for general admission. They may be purchased at the International Office. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Trojan Arena.

School of Nursing to host health fair in Montgomery

Troy University's School of Nursing will host its 5th Annual Health Fair from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at Eastdale Mall in Montgomery.

This year's health fair will provide health screenings, nutritional screenings, and an orthodontic screening by Dr. Foch Smart. Physical and occupational therapists will be on hand for

postural, behavioral, scoliosis and developmental screenings of children, said Mary Grace Crawford, an assistant professor of nursing who is helping organize the event.

Vision testing and glaucoma testing will also be available, and flu shots will be available at a nominal fee of \$15. All screenings are free, she said.

Terrorism topic of Oct. 24 panel discussion

The Troy University Department of Political Science will sponsor a moderated panel discussion titled "Terrorism, The United States and World Order" at 2 p.m., Monday, Oct. 24 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus.

"Americans tend to know about domestic issues, but have a very limited knowledge about foreign affairs," said Dr. James Rinehart, chair of the political science department. "This program is designed to engage the audience in the discussion."

According to Rinehart, the four panelists will speak for about 15 minutes

each and then the program will conclude with a 30 minutes question and answer session. The panel members are Dr. James Albritton, associate professor of criminal justice; Dr. Ellen Rosell, associate professor of public administration; Dr. Steven Taylor, associate professor of international relations and Dr. James Rinehart.

This event is part of the nationwide "The People Speak" program and is funded by a grant from the United Nations Foundation. The program began in 2003 to raise the level of knowledge about America's role in the world.

Senior World

Troy University hosts bi-annual conference

Michael J. Johnston plans to start his own company. Wanting to brush up on his business skills, the Dothan resident signed up for the recent Senior World Conference at Troy University. "I want to be more informed about the programs the University offers," Johnston said. "I intend to take a few continuing education courses (on the Dothan Campus) at a later date."

Irma and Charles Mizell of Pinckard attended their second Senior World Conference to learn valuable computer skills and to mingle with others their age. "It is a lot of fun," Mizell said. "We do learn a lot, and we meet a lot of people."

During the one-day conference, sponsored by Outback Steak House and Coca Cola, Wiregrass residents 50 and older learned about everything from legal issues to horticulture and do-it-yourself tips.

Senior World President Mary Bolding said the group hosts the conference twice a year. "This is our way of getting people to the Dothan Campus to find out what Senior World is about," Bolding said. "They can learn from the different classes and mingle with their peers."

Between educational sessions, T.J. Williams, an EMT with Pilcher's Ambulance Service, screened seniors for high blood pressure. "We want to help promote health awareness," Williams said. "If they have any blood pressure



During the Senior World Conference at Troy University, Mary Hardrick of Cottonwood fashions a bow. Hardrick and other area seniors took part in a seminar on flower arranging during the one-day event.

problems we want to bring it to their attention."

Area healthcare providers administered free spinal tests and ear drum checks. Tammy King Hill, owner of Deep South Home Medical Equipment, also shared information about the latest treatments for everything from sleep apnea to breathing problems. "There are a lot of items," Hill said, "that can make their lives safer and also prevent accidents."

The Senior World group plans to hold another conference in the spring. The group also offers free educational seminars on a variety of topics most Wednesdays on the Dothan Campus.

Thunder of Angels. Donnie Williams and Wayne Greenhaw held a reading and signing of their book *The Thunder of Angels: The Montgomery Bus Boycott and the People Who Broke the Back of Jim Crowe* Wednesday night before a packed auditorium at the Rosa Parks Library and Museum in Montgomery. The book chronicles the history of the Bus Boycott with particular emphasis on E.D. Nixon.



Speaker series to welcome Merrill

Maj. Gen. Thomas L. Merrill (ret) will speak at the Sorrell College of Business' annual Distinguished Speaker Series at 10 a.m. Oct. 25 in the Trojan Center Theatre.

The event is designed to provide Troy University students with a broad range of outstanding business leaders. Past speakers include Patricia Barnes, founder of Sister Schubert's Homemade Rolls; Dr. Vance Coffman, CEO of Lockheed Martin; Michael Landel, CEO of Sodexo and Steve McMillan, CEO of the Sara Lee Corp.

Maj. Gen. Merrill is a graduate of the University of Alabama. Most recently serving as a consultant to Altec, he served as the company's president, chief operating office, chief executive officer and vice chairman until his retirement in 2000. Prior to his affiliation with Altec, Merrill was chairman and president of Vantage Consulting Group and began his career in the Apparatus Sales Division of General Electric.

His military career began in 1943 when he served in campaigns of the Asiatic Pacific Theater during World War II. He was discharged from active duty as a staff sergeant in 1946 and began his commissioned service with the U.S. Army Reserve in 1949. As a brigadier general in 1977, he was appointed assistant deputy chief of staff for operations and plans for the Department of the Army, and was promoted to major general in 1978. In 1979, he became the commander of the 87th Maneuver Area Command – a position he held until his retirement in 1983.

He has served on the boards of directors of Altec, Inc., Bill's Dollar Stores, City Federal Savings and Loan, SouthTrust Vulcan Funds, Saunders Truck Leasing, the Walker Companies and Resource Management Services, Inc.