



# TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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**Homecoming hijinks.** As part of Homecoming Week at Troy University, criminal justice major Cheryl Burgoon tosses a pie at TROY Programmer Analyst Henry Hernandez. Dothan Campus students, faculty and staff enjoyed barbecue and music by KMX during the Homecoming Tailgate Party sponsored by the Student Government Association. *See a listing of this weekend's Homecoming activities, Page 7.*

## Survey says...

University begins process of gathering data on economic impact

Troy University's Center for Business and Economic Services (CBES) has begun gathering the data for a survey that will show how the University contributes to the economy of southeast Alabama.

The center is gathering data from students, faculty and staff from Troy University's four Alabama campuses in Troy, Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City. The survey will be conducted via the internet, according to Sandra Lucas, CBES interim director.

The University will use the data gathered from the survey to show how TROY contributes to the economic well-being of the region, Lucas said. This information will assist the University in a variety of ways, from dealing with the State Legislature and potential donors to

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## TROY mourns the death of civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks

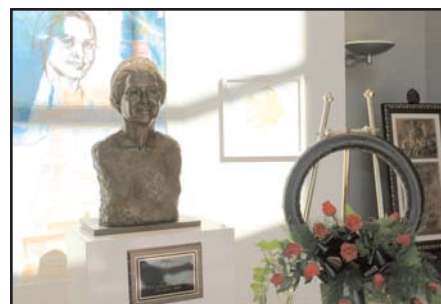
The passing of Rosa Parks in Detroit Monday was deeply felt by the Troy University family, as the University is home to the Rosa Parks Library and Museum, the only museum dedicated to the civil rights leader.

"We are saddened by the loss of our dear friend," said Dr. Jack Hawkins, Chancellor of Troy University. "Mrs. Parks was a major figure in our nation's history but she

was also a member of our Troy University family. We will always treasure the memories of her visits to our campus and the opportunities we shared in working to preserve her many contributions to our society."

Troy University dedicated the three-story, 55,000 square-foot library and museum Dec. 1, 2000. The interpretive museum occupies the first

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A wreath and roses were displayed beside the bust of Rosa Parks in the lobby of the University's Rosa Parks Library and Museum following the civil rights leader's death last week.

# International Gateway

Dr. and Mrs. Nolan Hatcher honored with dedication of new entranceway

Troy University honored a retired faculty member and Troy Rotarian by naming an entryway in his honor.

Dr. Nolan Hatcher and his wife Willetta were honored with Hatcher International Gateway at the University's Rotary International Center at Pace Hall on Oct. 25, and unveiled the centerpiece of the gateway, a 16,000-plus pound granite globe that adorns a central fountain leading into the Rotary International Center.

"The Hatchers have been very generous in helping the University renovate Pace Hall," said Dr. Doug Hawkins, president pro-tem of the University's Board of Trustees.

Hawkins said that through the combined efforts of the Hatchers, the Troy Rotary Club, the state of Alabama, other private donors and the University, support for the international program has flourished.

A bulk of that support has come directly from the Troy Rotary Club, which presented a \$12,500 check to the University during the noon-time dedication ceremonies. The dedication was the eighth installment of a 10-year, \$125,000 commitment by the club to support the University's international program, said Carol Franks, a Rotary club and district officer.

Hatcher, the long-time international student advisor, was credited with helping build TROY's international student population – now at just more



**A 16,000-plus pound granite globe was unveiled as the centerpiece of the Hatcher International Gateway to Troy University's Rotary International Center in Pace Hall. The globe, signifying the University's global mission, was dedicated as part of the gateway in honor of Dr. Nolan Hatcher and his wife Willetta for their contributions to the University's international program. Hatcher (inset), a long-time member of the Troy Rotary Club, is a former director of international programs at Troy University.**

than 620 students from 50 nations, said Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr.

"The Rotary Club has gone beyond the call of duty and, to a large extent, made this renovation possible," Chancellor Hawkins said. "We're proud this gateway is named in honor of Willetta and Nolan Hatcher and I say 'thank you' for all you have done."

Providing the ceremony's keynote

address was Dr. Seth Hammett, speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, who holds an honorary doctorate from the University.

"TROY is indeed one great university," he said. "Our world is getting smaller ... and we can learn much from each other. We need to keep the vision of sharing ideas and information to make the world a better place. That's our challenge and goal."

## *eCampus ranked 'best buy' in online education*

GetEducated.com, LLC has named Troy University among its Top 25 most affordable online master's degree providers.

A "Best Buy" designation indicates that the program has been found to offer a high-quality, accredited, distance degree at a cost well below the

national average.

"TROY's eCampus is a national leader in distance learning and this ranking validates our mission to provide quality education at a reasonable price to an ever-changing, non-traditional market," said Dr. Susan Aldridge, vice chancellor of University

College and eCampus.

"In an age when college costs are skyrocketing, you should be proud of your program's success at making higher education more accessible to working adults through the double merits of distance learning

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# 'Living memorial'

Troy University names atrium in memory of Frances Daniel Branum

**T**roy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. today said a Greenville native's legacy will live on through an atrium dedicated in her memory on the Troy Campus.

Hawkins formally dedicated the Frances Daniel Branum Atrium in the University's new General Academic Building in an afternoon ceremony where about 100 family members, dignitaries, students, faculty and gathered to pay tribute to Branum's memory.

"... Fran epitomized the 'leader as servant.' She was unpretentious. She had the ability, as the poet said, 'to walk with kings without losing the common touch'," Hawkins said. "In short, Fran Daniel Branum was a remarkable Trojan who left this world much too soon. We are proud that her name will live on at this campus through the Frances Daniel Branum Atrium."

A 1993 TROY graduate, Branum, who died in 2003, became a member of the Troy University Foundation Board of Directors from 1995 – 2000. She was a graduate of Fort Dale Academy and was an active community leader serving on the Greenville/Butler County Public Library Board and the Children's Policy Council. She was also a member of the Daniel Foundation Board of Directors.

During the ceremony, Hawkins and family members led by Fran's husband



**Members of Frances Daniel Branum's family were on hand for the dedication of the Frances Daniel Branum Atrium of the General Academic Building. Family members included, from left, sister Susan Bricken, step-daughters Katie Branum and Lee Branum, son Daniel Branum, mother Marion S. Norman, husband Richard Norman, step-daughter Annie Branum, sister Missy Head and Troy Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. At right, Missy Head provides remarks during the dedication.**



Richard Branum, unveiled an oil portrait of Fran Branum which will hang in the atrium. Hawkins also presented Richard Branum with a replica of bronze plaque commemorating the atrium.

Missy Head, Fran Branum's sister, offered remarks on behalf of the family.

The atrium is the centerpiece of the campus' newest building, a 42,000 square-foot academic building that

increases the classroom space on the campus by about 22 percent.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Ed Roach officially opened the building. Classes began being held there in September.

A replica terracotta warrior also adorns the atrium. Hawkins said the statue was given as an anonymous gift to the University.

## Best Buy

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and affordable pricing," said Vicky Phillips, founder and CEO of GetEducated.com, LLC.

TROY's ranking is the result of a Fall 2005 GetEducated.com, LLC survey of publicly-posted tuition rates at 101 education and allied degree programs offered through regionally accredited universities in the USA. Tuition rates given are the minimum for the entire master's or graduate degree and reflect the least expensive option available at each institution.

## Survey

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promoting the University through various media.

"We are encouraging everyone—students, faculty and staff—to complete the survey by going to [www.troy.edu](http://www.troy.edu) and clicking on the link provided," Lucas said. "The survey only takes a few minutes to complete."

The goal is to gather at least 2,000 survey responses before Nov. 22.

Those who complete the survey

will be entered into a drawing for prizes sponsored by the following businesses: AmSouth Lending, Blimpie's, Chase Education Finance, Citibank, Collegiate Funding Services, Colonial Bank, Compass Bank, Edamerica, Inc., First National Bank, Jab's Sporting Goods, Oliver's, Radio Shack, Regions Bank, Sisters' Restaurant, Sonshine Tanning Resort, Troy Bank & Trust, Village Coffee and Wachovia Bank.

# Superb motivator

Susan Pierce wins Vergil Parks McKinley Award for October

**S**usan Pierce, director of student development and counseling at Troy University, is the winner of the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for October.

Pierce, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 1982, received the award during a ceremony in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on Wednesday. Dr. John W. Schmidt, senior vice chancellor for student services, presented the award to Pierce. Schmidt also nominated Pierce for the award.

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, Dr. Schmidt said Pierce possesses a "superb attitude that motivates faculty, staff and students to excellence."

"For more than 20 years, Susan Pierce has assisted students in literal-



**Susan Pierce, director of student development and counseling at Troy University, receives the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for October from Dr. John W. Schmidt, senior vice chancellor for student services. Pierce, a member of the Troy University staff since 1982, makes her home in Troy with her husband Ron (right).**

ly every aspect of student life," Schmidt said in his nomination letter. "...In all of her student support roles at TROY, one thing has remained constant: Susan assists students with a positive, supportive attitude and professional guidance as they enter our institution, as they continue on their academic journey, and even, in some cases, as they leave us."

Dr. Schmidt said Pierce's expertise

is valued and sought after by students and faculty alike.

"When one thinks of TROY, certain people automatically come to mind," Dr. Schmidt said. "To many students, faculty and staff of the past and the present, Susan Pierce is one of those individuals. She is not only the face of Student Development, but she is the heart and soul of this University."



**Reward Callers.** The Reward Caller Award recipients for October, from left to right, are: Olympia Williams, psychology; Wilie Dunn, chemistry; and Karen McGahee, office of the vice chancellor, Dothan Campus. Not pictured is soccer coach Diana Niland. The Reward Caller program was begun to encourage courtesy and the use of proper phone etiquette. Winners receive \$25.

## Activities & achievements

**Tammy Laughlin** of the Center for Business & Community Partnering on the Montgomery Campus, wrote a grant for the Green Acres Neighborhood of Montgomery. As a result, a grant was awarded from the Neighborhood BONDS Program. Laughlin was recognized by the Green Acres Association at a meeting last week for her efforts and accomplishments.

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**Dr. Ken Roblee**, associate professor in the Department of Mathematics and Physics, received a grant from the National Science Foundation via the Mathematical Association of America to host an undergraduate mathematics conference. The conference will take place on March 4 on the Troy Campus. The conference will feature students from colleges and universities in this area and beyond giving presentations on their mathematical research projects, the fourth annual calculus competition, a graduate school information and career information area and a one-hour invited lecture from a prominent mathematician.

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**Dr. Robert B. Kane**, adjunct professor of history, accepted a position as assistant historian for the Air Armament Center, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, in July 2005.

Also, he served as the commentator for the panel "The New Orleans Naval Station in the early 1800s" at the Gulf South History and Humanities Conference, Oct 6-8.

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The paper entitled, "The Measurement and Recognition of Intangible Assets," co-written by **Dr. Philip Siegel**, assistant professor of accounting, **Dr. Ed Kamnikar**, associate professor of accounting, and **Dr. James DeLoach**, assistant professor of finance, has been accepted for presentation at the 2006 American Accounting Association Southwest Region meeting to be held in Oklahoma City, OK, March 1-4. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Federation of Business Disciplines (FBD) annual conference.

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**Dr. Sallie Johnson**, dean of Distance Learning, has recently been recognized by the American Biographical Institute to receive the distinct honor of being among the 1,000 individuals chosen this year as one of the Great Minds of the 21st Century.

Nominated by a former colleague, Dr. Johnson's name along with her advancements and achievements in Distance Learning and Educational Technology will be listed in a biographical reference book focusing on leaders, thinkers, intellectuals, and inventors whose achievements have advanced their area of expertise on a global scale.

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**Dr. Jason Lee**, assistant professor of kinesiology and health promotion, made two academic presentations last

week at the 2005 Florida State University Sport Management Conference in Tallahassee, FL. Dr. Lee presented: 1) "SMART publication ideas. The SMART journal: How it started, where it has been, and where it is going?" and 2) "Who's next? Drug-related deaths in professional wrestling," which was co-authored by Dr. Jeffrey Lee of the criminal justice program.

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**Dr. Ellen Rosell**, director of the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program, presented a paper, "Immigration in the Southeast," and convened the panel, "Immigrants and Access to Services" at the Southeast Conference on Public Administration in Little Rock, AR Oct. 5-8.

Dr. Rosell also joined Dr. Terry Anderson, Dr. John Dunning and Dr. Manfred Meine of the MPA program in attending the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) Conference in Washington, D.C., Oct. 13-15.

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**Dr. Rodney Davis**, chair of the Department of Educational Administration and Leadership and Post-Secondary Education, has had a paper accepted at the Hawaii International Conference on Education scheduled for Jan. 6-9, in Honolulu, HI. The paper is entitled "Highly Qualified and Culturally Competent: Is It Too Much To Expect of Public School Teachers" and will be published in the conference proceedings.

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**Dr. John W. Schmidt**, senior vice chancellor for student services, will be the keynote speaker for the Alabama Association for Developmental Education annual meeting on Nov. 3 in Huntsville, AL. His topic is "Creating Collaborative Partnerships in Higher Education."

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**Dr. Martin Olliff**, associate professor of history, has been elected to a second three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Humanities Foundation. The AHF is the local affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and conducts a variety of humanities-related programs. Dr. Olliff also oversees the Archives of Wiregrass History and Culture on the Dothan Campus.

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**Dr. V. Voloshin**, associate professor of mathematics, has had a paper accepted for publication in the major international journal "Discrete Applied Mathematics." The paper is titled "Circular Mixed Hypergraphs II" (with H.J. Voss, Dresden, Germany) and is a continuation of the research supported in the past by Science Foundations of USA, Canada, Germany, Italy and some other countries; currently it was supported by the Summer Research Grant from Troy University.

# Fall shorts

Student-directed One-Act plays to be presented Nov. 15-17

Troy University Theatre will offer its One Act Play series Nov. 15 -17 with performances beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly in the Trojan Center Theatre.

The student-directed performances of Fall Shorts: One Act Play Series offer eight one-act plays as directed by Directing II students. The class is instructed by Director of Theatre Adena Moree.

"The Directing II class includes students who have either excelled in Directing I or have a strong interest in directing," says Moree. "The students have chosen eight very different plays that are highly complex. These students have many talents and skills that should make for a really good evening of theatre."

Tori Lee, a senior theatre major from Brundidge, will be directing "Lone Star" starring Robert Yawn, Tim Vawter and Chad Sanders. "Lone Star" is set in Texas, and takes place during the wee hours of the drunken morning in the rough yard behind a local bar. Two brothers, Roy and Ray, look back over their lives and discuss the importance of youth, revelry, and hanging onto the past, all the while testing the true bonds of brotherly love in a rip-roaring, redneck comedy." says Lee.

Michael Lang, a senior theatre major from Brundidge, will be directing "The Colored Museum" starring Nichelle Payton, Reneca Harris, Grace Collins, Sade Anderson, Terry Turner, Devin Jackson, and Jeremy Thomas. "'The Colored Museum' is a world of color connecting everybody and everything that has ever been. It is a combination of serious issues and topics that is delivered in a comedic way but has the impact of the message that is being said." says Lang.

Allison Leger, a senior theatre



**Troy University student directors (front, left to right) Tori Lee, Tara Golson, (back, left to right) Shannon Thompson, Michael Lang and Allison Leger will open one-act plays Nov. 15 – 17 at 7:30 p.m. nightly in the Trojan Center Theatre.**

major from Midland City, will be directing "The Blue Room" starring Michael Smith and Jessica Hyatt. "The Blue Room" is a chain of 10 separate encounters, all of which deal with the theme of sexual desire and motivation. It is an intriguing study of humanity and the effects of our actions.

Shannon Thompson, is a graduate student from Troy, will be directing "Haiku" starring Sarah Shepherd, Roni White and Megan Murphy. "Haiku" features a severely retarded woman (Louise) who speaks in beautiful haiku poetry. Her mother has published the poems under her own name. And an older daughter visits, refusing to believe that her sister Louise composed the extraordinary poems.

Michael Smith, a junior theatre major from Birmingham, will be directing "Zoo Story" starring Jarrett Johnston and Jake Askey. "Zoo Story" is one of Edward Albee's

(three-time Pulitzer prize-winning playwright) first one-acts. It is an insightful two character drama that is all about communication and confrontation.

Tara Golson, a senior theatre major from Montgomery, will be directing "Vanities" starring Jessie Mann, Caroline Bradford, and Jennifer Jones. "'Vanities' is a story of three women and their struggles to maintain their friendship over a span of 15 years," states Golson.

Jason Ramsey, a senior theatre major from Chancellor, will be directing "The Transfiguration of Benno Blimpie" starring Darius Stubbs, Harry Fries, Jane Cornelius, Alissa Cannon, and Jarrett Johnston. This play is about love, obesity, rejection from society and family. About life, death, and one morbidly obese young man's views on beauty and his memories of his family

Zandra Hall, a senior theatre major from Montgomery, will be directing "What Use Are Flowers?" starring Arthur Chapata, Tommye Cargill, Adrian Smith and Maurice McCoo. "The play is set in Africa and is about an elderly man who has left the city and has lived out in the woods for twenty years. During that time, he meets a few children and teaches them how to live in the city. It's kind of like a fable." states Hall.

The Nov. 15 performance includes "The Colored Museum," "Haiku" and "Zoo Story."

The Nov. 16 performance includes "Vanities" and "What Use Are Flowers?"

The Nov. 17 performance includes "The Blue Room," "The Transfiguration of Benno Blimpie" and "Lone Star," each including strong language and adult situations.

Admission is free. For more information please call 334.670.3714 or visit [www.troytheatre.org](http://www.troytheatre.org).

# Gridiron Glory

TROY prepares for busy weekend of Homecoming activities

**T**roy University is gearing up for a big Homecoming weekend, culminating with the football game against Florida Atlantic University and the crowning of the Homecoming queen. Kickoff for the game is set for 2:30 p.m. The Homecoming court will be recognized during pre-game festivities set for 2 p.m., while the queen will be crowned during halftime.

Saturday's activities will wrap up a week of activities on the Troy and

Dothan campuses.

A bonfire and pep rally is set for 6 p.m. today on Sorority Hill.

Friday's festivities will include a reunion of World War II era alumni in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor at 6 p.m. and the second ever Trojan Festival concert in Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium beginning at 7 p.m. The concert features country music singer and songwriter Phil Vasser.

On Saturday, the annual Homecoming parade will wind through the streets of downtown Troy beginning at 10 a.m., followed by tailgating and pre-game festivities.

Also during the halftime celebration, the University will recognize four distinguished alumni of the year and feature performances by the Alumni Band and the Sound of the South. This year marks the Sound of the South's 40th anniversary.

## Concert slated for Nov. 7

Troy University Opera Ensemble, Women's Madrigal Singers and Chamber Choir will join voices for an evening of arias, duets, trios and much more on Nov. 7.

The Opera Ensemble, directed by Dr. Catherine Allard and accompanied by Dr. John Jinright, will perform excerpts from *Porgy and Bess*, *The Mikado* and *Patience*, along with arias from *The Medium*, *Faust*, *I Pagliacci*, *The Elixir of Love*, *Dido and Aeneas*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, *Die Fledermaus*, *Tartuffe* and *The Magic Flute*.

The concert, which is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Featured singers for the night will be Laura Aaron of Bay Minette, Tommy Cargill of Montgomery, Terrance Cobb of Troy, Hilary Eisman of Hackensack, N.J., Joan Hazel of Troy, April Jacobs of Phenix City, Adrian Smith of Montgomery, Jessica Smith of Tallassee, Darius Stubbs of Enterprise and Yao Wu of Troy.

"There's something for everyone at this concert. Don't miss it," said Dr. Allard.

## Troy University to Observe Veterans Day

The Troy University Student Government Association invites the public to take part in a Veterans Day tribute on the Dothan Campus Thursday, November 10.

The celebration gets underway at 11 a.m. with a reception for area veterans in the Michelin Room of the Library Technology Building. The guest speaker will be World War II veteran Wendell Stepp.

Following the reception, partici-

pants will gather around the flagpole for a brief tribute. The public is invited to help personalize the celebration by bringing photos of themselves or loved ones who have served in the military. The "Faces of Honor" will be displayed on tables in the Library/Technology Building from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the day of the observance.

For more information, contact Keith Seagle at (334) 983-6556, ext. 221.

## Troy University to Host Alabama Law Update 2005

The Troy University Continuing Education Center will host Alabama Law Update 2005, an educational two-part program examining changes in the law. Legal professionals are encouraged to attend the seminars, which will be held November 4 and December 9 on the Dothan Campus.

Alabama Law Update 2005 will provide the latest information on topics including the death tax, ethics, Vioxx litigation and criminal law. Health care law, corporations and limited liability companies will also be discussed.

Montgomery Attorney Jere L. Beasley, senior member of the firm

Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C., is the featured speaker for the first session. Beasley has practiced law as an advocate for victims of wrongdoing since 1962. He has successfully tried hundreds of cases and has been profiled in both *Time Magazine* and *Business Week*.

Guest speakers will also include Judge Eugene Raymond Verin and attorneys Clayton Davis, Alva M. Lambert, Jean Marie Leslie, J. Anthony McLain, Allen Mitchell, Nick Shimoda and Tom Sorrells.

For more information, contact the Continuing Education Center at (334) 983-0005.

# Education Week

Troy University to celebrate at Fort Rucker

Troy University will celebrate American Education Week with Sub Sandwich Night Thursday, November 17, at the Fort Rucker Site. Students, faculty and staff of Troy University and the other colleges and universities on Post are invited to attend the free event, which will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in building 4502.

Troy University has been offering classes at Fort Rucker since the 1950s. Students can earn bachelor's degrees in

criminal justice, psychology, sociology, general business and management at the Fort Rucker Site. A master's degree in human resource management is also available. TROY also offers a number of other courses and associate degree programs at the Site.

For more information about American Education Week events or TROY programs offered at the Fort Rucker Site, contact Sandy Henry at (334) 598-2443.

## Medicare seminars to be held on Dothan Campus

Beginning in January 2006, Medicare will offer optional prescription drug coverage to beneficiaries. Area seniors are invited to attend a free seminar at Troy University to find out whether they qualify for extra financial help paying the monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. The Medicare seminars will be held on the Dothan Campus Nov. 16, with sessions beginning at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in room 208 of Adams

Hall.

Under the new program, nearly 19 million Americans may be eligible for extra assistance based on their income and resources. According to the Social Security Administration, those who qualify could save an average of \$2,100 per year.

For more information about the Medicare seminars, contact the Troy University Continuing Education Center at (334) 983-0005.

### Learn about Small Business Help Available through TROY and ABWA

Companies owned by women are the fastest growing segment of the small business population. To find out about help starting a business, women are invited to attend the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) meeting Monday, November 14. The meeting, which will be held at Crystal River Seafood Restaurant on Ross Clark Circle in Dothan, begins with networking at 11:30 a.m., followed by a luncheon at noon.

Sandra Lucas, interim director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Troy University, will be the guest speaker. A TROY graduate, Lucas holds a bachelor's degree in marketing and an MBA.

The mission of the SBDC is to enhance economic growth by making Alabama's small businesses more competitive through entrepreneurial education and assistance. The Center offers one-to-one consulting, training, information and government bidding opportunities to small businesses in a ten-county area of southeast Alabama.

## Parks

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floor of the building and includes space for permanent and special exhibits as well as a 103-seat multimedia auditorium. Six exhibit areas inside the museum are devoted to telling the story of the early civil rights movement in Alabama. The building also serves as the library for the University's Montgomery Campus.

The museum is located on the site of the old Empire Theatre, the location where Mrs. Parks was arrested after defying a Montgomery bus driver's orders to give up her seat to a white passenger as was both custom and law in the racially segregated South of the 1950s. Her actions set off the famous Montgomery Bus Boycott that

brought about changes in the law that called for racial segregation of public transportation.

Dr. Cam Martindale, Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and External Relations, served as President of the Montgomery campus when the museum was dedicated. She said Mrs. Parks was a remarkable woman who made an impact on thousands of lives.

"I had read extensively of the good works of Mrs. Parks, but until I came to know her personally I did not fully appreciate the woman behind those good works," Dr. Martindale said. "Her legacy of fairness and decency will live forever in our hearts. We are proud that the library and museum that bears her name will always be a part of Troy University."



**Rosa Parks speaks during a visit to the site of the museum honoring her role in Civil Rights Movement located on the Montgomery Campus.**