



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Visiting delegation

Chinese representatives, TROY officials discuss expansion of 1-2-1 program

A delegation of higher education officials from China visited Troy University today, pledging to expand an academic exchange program that has operated in Troy since 2001.

Some 22 members of a delegation of Chinese university officials met with Troy University officials to iron out an expansion of the 1-2-1 Sino-American Joint Degree Program between the university and Chinese universities, including the addition of Shandong University at Weihai, China, to the program.

“We have made the commitment to enroll as many as 200 [Chinese] students,” said Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. “We are excited about the future and have also committed to building the international mission of this university and I thank administrators, the staff and faculty here at



Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. meets with Chinese university officials on Wednesday to iron out an expansion of the 1-2-1 Sino-American Joint Degree Program. Some 22 members of the delegation visited the Troy Campus.

Troy for their work in promoting the 1-2-1 Program. Because of their commitment to the program and to internationalization, we

will continue to grow in international scope.”

Currently, there are 86 students
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New Troy University web site to launch Feb. 28

The countdown has begun in earnest, as Troy University will launch its new web site on Monday, Feb. 28. The new web address is www.troy.edu.

The revamping and redesigning of the web site took months of hard work and dedication by members of the University’s Web Team. The team worked in conjunction with Hambright, Calcagno and Downing (HCD),

the University’s advertising agency to develop a user-friendly design that will provide easy access to information.

The team worked with a variety of constituencies to ensure that the web site adequately serves the informational needs of all visitors to the site.

The new design also will offer a consistent look as visitors

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Higher Education Day event set for March 3

Troy University faculty, staff and students will join representatives from Alabama colleges and universities on the steps of the Alabama State House on March 3 for Higher Education Day.

Higher Education Day is an annual event that gives every university student, employee, alum and other supporter a chance to take a stand on the

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Far and wide

MPA conference draws participation from throughout the world

Presenters from universities across the United States and from around the world participated at the 2005 Teaching Public Administration Conference sponsored by Troy University's Master of Public Administration (MPA) program.

The conference was held Feb. 10-12, 2005 at the Sheraton Four Points in Fort Walton Beach, FL. Its theme, "Teaching Public Administration in The Real World," was dedicated to improving public administration teaching. The event began on Friday, Feb. 11 with an opening welcome from Dr. Ed Roach, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Troy

University. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor, and Dr. Susan Aldridge, Vice Chancellor, Troy University, were the speakers for the luncheon that day.

Throughout the two-day conference, faculty and students discussed a variety of topics including Interactive Teaching, Methodologies, Community Engagement, On-Line Delivery, Theory and Reality, Diversity, Leadership and Ethics. Faculty from Kuwait University; University of Rajasthan, India; Perm State Technical University, Russia; and Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium presented international perspectives of teaching future public

administrators in their own countries. These presentations offered opportunities for practitioners, students and faculty to share their research, experiences and success stories through informal discussions, presentations and workshops.

Dr. Ellen Rosell served as Chair of the Conference, Dr. Robert Abbey as Program Chair, Dr. John Dunning as Webmaster, and Dr. Sam Shelton as Treasurer. Students from Troy University Department of Political Science, Lesslee Cornelius, Justin Filipowski, and Nikki Winston, assisted with Registration. Papers presented at the Conference are available at www.teachingpa.org.

Troy University welcomes military science professor

Major Karl Krievins has been named associate professor of military science with the university's Army Reserve Officers Training Corps.

Krievins is a distinguished military graduate from the University of Wisconsin, where he was commissioned as an aviation second lieutenant in May of 1994. A veteran of Afghanistan and Iraq, his assignments have included an initial tour with the 3rd Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry, 25th Infantry Division (Light) where he served as a scout platoon leader and troop executive officer. Krievins then served with B Company, 214th Aviation, 45th Corps Support Group as the flight operations officer and headquarters platoon leader. Maj. Krievins was then assigned to the XVIII Aviation



Krievins

Brigade at Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia and assumed command of B Company, 2-159th Aviation.

He also served as the company executive officer and CH-47 flight platoon leader in B Company, 159th Aviation Regiment.

In 2002, he served as the B

Company detachment commander assigned to Task Force Talon, 7th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and then as the commander of D Company, 1-58th Aviation, in Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 3rd Infantry Division.

In September of 2003, Krievins was assigned as an assistant professor of military science at Auburn University-Montgomery's Army ROTC program.

His military schooling includes the Aviation Officer Basic Course, Aviation Captain's Career Course, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Air Assault school and Initial Entry Rotary Wing training.

Krievins' awards include the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with "V" device, Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal.

He currently lives in Pike Road, Alabama with his wife Sheryl.



Sponsoring a tree. The Troy Rotary Club sponsored a tree in the Bibb-Graves Quad Tuesday, Feb.22 at Troy University in honor of Rotary International's 100th Anniversary.

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enrolled in the 1-2-1 Program at Troy University. Since the program's inception at TROY, 15 other universities in the United States have adopted the university's model, said Arlene Jackson, director of international education for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

"I call Troy University the 'poster child' of this program because of its success in implementing the program and that would not have been possible without the vision of a chancellor like Jack Hawkins," said Jackson, in Troy Wednesday with the delegation. "The example of TROY encouraged 15 other universities to partner in the 1-2-1 Program."

Students in the 1-2-1 Program spend their first year studying in their home university, come to Troy for their next two years and return to China for their final year. Students receive baccalaureate degrees from both TROY and their Chinese university, returning to China with the an understanding of the United States and quality education.

The program's underlying goal is to promote internationalization in higher education – a move Chinese officials said benefited both American and Chinese universities. Through the 1-2-1 program, students study their first year

"The 1-2-1 Program is a good example of communication and exchange," said Wang Baogen, deputy leader of the delegation and vice president of Nanjing Normal University. "It will push forward the internationalization of higher education and enlarge and push forward the civilization of mankind."

Baogen said through the program, Chinese students had benefit from good living and learning conditions at TROY and would help foster a brighter future for both Americans and Chinese.

"[Through the program] we have tried to get to know each other better and to enhance our friendship. This will produce better conditions for the program and a better future for higher education and our students," he said, speaking through an interpreter.

In addition to the 86 students currently on campus through the program, two Chinese professors are also involved in the exchange program. Li Dongwei and Chen Ying are partnering with TROY from East China Jiaotong University.

The experience has left Chinese students with a renewed sense of purpose.

"This is a totally new concept [for Chinese students]. We no longer study for the final, we study for the future," said Han Wei Duo, president of the University's Chinese Student Association.

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important issues facing the state of Alabama, according to Gordon Stone, executive director of the Higher Education Partnership.

"By attending Higher Education Day, university advocates put faces to the message," Stone said. "When we advocate for higher education, our ultimate goal is to provide a brighter future for this state. We want to make sure legislators have a chance to see the faces of those whose futures they are deciding."

The gathering, which will be held at 11 a.m. on March 3 on the front steps of the Alabama State House, will be immediately followed by barbecue lunch on the lawn of the state capitol. The lunch is free to participants.

At 1 p.m. that afternoon, Alabama Jobs 2005, a job fair for Alabama students, will be held at the RSA Activities Center.

"The shortfall of previous years has created many challenges for the universities," Stone said. "Given the double-digit tuition increases facing the students, the poor ranking in salaries impacting the faculty/staff, and the low per capita income statistics facing the state, Alabama must make a positive change."

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travel throughout the site, an important factor in the University branding campaign.

The team was led by Sandi Gouge, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communication.

Other members of the web team are: Chip Dillard, Susan Gilmore, 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.

'An encourager'

Barbara Patterson wins February McKinley Award

Barbara Patterson, director of student involvement on the Troy Campus, is the winner of the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for February at Troy University.

Patterson, who has been a member of the TROY staff since 1986, received the award during a ceremony on Tuesday in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., chancellor of Troy University, presented the award to Patterson, who was nominated by Dr. John Schmidt, senior vice chancellor for student affairs.

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, Schmidt described Patterson as a "leader" and an "encourager."

"Each student organization on campus seeks her counsel, as do faculty members, regarding student leadership development," Schmidt said. "Truly, she earns trust and respect at all levels."

Schmidt said Patterson leads by example. "Her exemplary standards go beyond the campus," he said. "She is active in her church activities and maintains strong spiritual values. On any given Saturday, one might find her swinging a hammer in constructing a Habitat for Humanity home in Pike County.



Dr. John Schmidt, senior vice chancellor for student affairs, and Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., right, present Barbara Patterson with the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for February. Patterson, who serves has been a member of the TROY staff since 1986 and currently serves as director of student involvement on the Troy Campus, received the award during a ceremony on Tuesday.

Barbara Patterson reflects the best of Troy University by her quiet example of performance that exceeds expectations."

Members of football coaching staff assume additional, new duties

Troy University head football coach Larry Blakeney recently announced that several members of his coaching staff will assume additional, or new, duties for the 2005 season.

Blakeney has named defensive tackles coach Ricky Logo and defensive backs coach Jeremy Rowell as co-defensive coordinators to replace Vic Koenning, who departed following the 2004 season to become defensive coordinator at Clemson.

Rowell, a Crestview, FL, native, has served on the Trojans coaching staff since 1997, moving up from a graduate assistant position, to coaching receivers and, most recently, the secondary. Rowell has also served as the

recruiting coordinator for the last two years. He will continue to coach the Trojans' defensive backs.

Logo, a native of Santa Ana, CA, has served on the Troy coaching staff as defensive tackles coach for the last three years. He played collegiately at North Carolina State where he was an All-ACC selection. Prior to coming to TROY, he coached at Tennessee-Chattanooga and Western Carolina. He held the defensive coordinator position at UTC in 1999 and was assistant head coach at WCU.

To fill the vacancy as the Trojans' linebackers coach, Blakeney is promoting Ben Waldrop from his graduate assistant position. A Pensacola, FL,

native, Waldrop worked very closely with Koenning over the past two seasons.

Waldrop played at Florida State for three seasons before playing his final year for the Trojans in 2001.

With the additional duties Rowell will now have as co-defensive coordinator, Blakeney said he plans to transition the recruiting coordinator duties to tight ends coach Brian Turner. A native of Fort Meade, FL, Turner played for the Trojans in the mid-1990s and has been on the coaching staff since 1999.

The Trojans will open spring football practice on Saturday, March 5, and the annual T-Day Game is scheduled for the following March 12, at 2 p.m.

Activities & achievements

Dr. Robin Bynum, department chair of curriculum and teaching, and **Donna D. Kelly**, director of teacher education at the Troy Campus, recently made a presentation at the 12th Annual Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching at Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA, on Feb. 11.

The presentation was entitled "Addressing the NCATE Standard for Assessment and Unit Evaluation."

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Dr. Sigurdur Greipsson, assistant professor of biological and environmental sciences on the Troy Campus, and **Andrew Roberts**, a 2004 graduate of Troy University's Environmental Analysis and Management master's degree program, have had a paper accepted for publication in the June issue of the journal *Ecological Restoration*. The paper is titled "Effects of Severe Coastal Erosion on Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi in Coastal Dune Plants on Dauphin Island (Alabama)." The paper reports on the development of key restoration strategy for rapidly eroding coastal sites.

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Dr. Sam Shelton, assistant professor of political science, presented the paper, "Employee Trust in Supervisor Measurement Instrument Development," at the 2005 Southern Political Science Association Conference in New Orleans, LA, Jan. 5-9. Dr. Shelton also attended a meeting of the *Politics & Policy* journal's editorial board as one of the editors representing the Alabama Political Science Association.

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Mike Whitlock, CMA, site director for University College at the Ft. Benning/Columbus, GA, Campus, has had a paper accepted for publication in *Review of Business Information*

Systems. It is entitled, "Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) and One University Application." Whitlock is currently completing his Doctorate of Business Administration in Finance at Nova Southeastern University.

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Dr. Michael Stewart, professor of biological and environmental sciences and ALFA eminent scholar on the Troy Campus, recently published a paper titled "Implications of chinook salmon presence on water quality standards in a Great Lakes Area of Concern." The paper was published in the 2004 *Proceedings of the Indiana Academy of Science* 113(2): 133-139. The paper was co-written with personnel from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Dr. Stewart also recently completed a report to the Alabama Electric Cooperative titled "Continued Biological Investigations (Fish and Mussel) of the Conecuh River near and below the Point A and Gantt Reservoirs, and two sites each on the Upper Conecuh, Patsaliga Creek, and Sepulga River in Southern Alabama." The report was co-written with graduate students **Megan Pilarczyk** and **Will Heath**, undergraduate student **Jonathan Miller** and Doug Shelton of the Alabama Malacological Research Center.

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Dr. Edward Merkel, professor of economics, and **Dr. Lawrence Lovik**, chair of free enterprise and professor of economics, both of the Troy Campus, have co-written two papers presented at the Academy of Economics and Finance (AEF) meetings in Myrtle Beach, SC. Both of these papers are scheduled to be published in the 2005 AEF *Proceedings*:

The paper, "The Impact of NAFTA on the Economy of Alabama: A Ten

Year Roller Coaster Ride," evaluates the impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on the Alabama industries that export goods to Mexico and Canada and employment within these firms from 1994 to 2003. The growth of exports to NAFTA nations has exceeded that of exports to other nations and now comprises approximately 2 percent of the Gross State Product. Despite the loss of jobs in industries competing with rising imports, such as apparel manufacturing, the state has enjoyed a net increase in employment of about 9100 jobs pursuant to free trade under NAFTA.

The paper, "Challenges to Social Security: A Comparative Global Analysis," evaluates the various proposals being made by the Bush administration to reform social security, and compares these proposed changes to those made in other nations, such as Chile. The paper concludes that private accounts replacing part of the present social security would generate a larger retirement annuity, especially for younger workers, as evidence from Chile shows.

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Iris M. Saltiel, assistant professor of education on the Phenix City Campus, recently presented the paper, "Initial Findings of a Collaborative Evaluation of a Middle School International Baccalaureate Curriculum and Teacher Development Project," at the American Association of School Administrators conference in San Antonio, TX. The paper was co-written by Mike Johnson and Kathy Hesler of Richards Middle School, Tom Hackett of Columbus State University and James E. Witte and Maria Martinez Witte of Auburn University.

The group has also had a paper accepted at the Louisiana Educational

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Research conference in March, as well as the Columbus State University educational journal.

Faculty members from the Troy University College of Education presented at the Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching at Kennesaw State University on Feb. 10-11.

Dr. Robin Bynum and **Donna Kelly** presented "Addressing the NCATE Standard for Assessment and Unit Evaluation."

Dr. Rhonda Bowron and **Dr. Jan Oliver** presented "From Shoebox to Computer: The Journey of the Diorama."

Dr. Marian Parker presented "One Good Novel Enfolds and Unfolds Many Disciplines: Interdisciplinary Uses of Literature."

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Dr. Sallie Johnson, dean of distance learning, was a guest speaker at the Distance Learning Conference "Perfecting the New Paradigm" hosted by Auburn University on Feb. 16.

Dr. Johnson discussed administrative issues in higher education regarding the quality oversight of delivering distance learning programs and courses. More than 150 distance learning administrators and faculty members were in attendance representing community colleges and universities in Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, and Mississippi.

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Dr. Robin Bynum was recently appointed to serve as state leader for the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines (PRESLM).

PRESLM is an NCTE-sponsored competition open to senior high, junior high, and middle schools in the



February Reward Callers. Winners of the Reward Caller Program Awards for the month of February are congratulated by Dr. Bill Flinn and Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. The winners, from left to right, are: Melissa Hardy of eArmyU and Holly Anderson of the Department of Mathematics and Physics on the Troy Campus. Not pictured is Cheri Murphy of the Department of Speech and Theatre on the Troy Campus. The Reward Caller Program was started to encourage telephone courtesy among the faculty and staff on the Troy Campus. In December, the program, which is made possible through a grant from BellSouth, was expanded to include all TROY campuses. Winners receive \$25.

United States and Canada, and to American schools abroad. The state leader receives entries and directs the work of the state judges. The student magazines are rated on the basis of literary quality, types of writing involved, quality of editing and graphic design, and student involvement in production.

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Bo Sawyer, a graduate student in environmental analysis and management, recently made a presentation titled "Mapping of nesting/resting areas for Gulf sturgeon in the Conecuh River," at the Southeastern Gulf Sturgeon Symposium in Mississippi. Collaborators were **Dr. Michael Stewart**, professor of biological and environmental sciences, and Frank Parauku of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Thank-you note

"Beggar that I am, I am even poor in thanks; but I thank you..." says Hamlet in Act II, scene 2 of the play named for him. Yet, I thank you, faculty and staff members, and students for your calls, cards, flowers and plants, and for your presences and prayers on the occasion of the departing of my Mother's sweet, sweet spirit on February 15 and the celebration of her life on February 18. They provided comfort in an uncomfortable time.

Jim Vickrey
Speech and Theatre

Irish eyes are smiling

Troy University to kick off Spring Reunion/Irish Week activities March 11

The fifth annual Troy University Alumni, Parents and Friends St. Patrick's Day celebration will begin Friday, March 11.

"We're encouraging our alumni and friends, as well as the general public, to take part in the celebration," said Faith Ward, director of alumni affairs. "The events we have scheduled this year offer something for everyone, and we believe it will be a great opportunity for our alumni to return to campus to take part in our reunion activities."

Activities on March 11 will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor, followed by the Choral Masterworks Festival at 8 p.m. in the Claudia Crosby Theater. The festival, presented by the Troy Arts Council, will feature the Troy University Collegiate Singers and the Chamber Choir, as well as the Shelton State Singers, Wallace State Concert Choir Singers and the Banbridge College Singers. Guest soloists for the event include Michelle Lott and Chris O'Rear. Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults, \$5 students or \$2 per student for a student group of 10 or more and may be ordered from the Troy University Box Office at 670-3773 or purchased at the door.

On Saturday, March 12, the Nick Costes Memorial 5K/10K Race beginning at the Shackelford Quad will kick off a day full of activities.

The Baptist Campus Ministries of Troy University will present a Carnival of Care from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on March 12, with proceeds going to aid tsunami victims. The carnival will feature various games and activities for children, in addition to a bake sale and silent auction. Booth space is available for \$15, and items for use in the bake sale and silent auction also are being sought. For more information, contact Karen Butler at 807-0751 or Adam Keel at 670-4556 or by e-mail at bcm@troyst.edu with the subject header of "Tsunami Relief Carnival."

The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held at noon on March 12, stretching through campus on University Avenue and ending at the Sartain Hall parking lot. Tailgating activities will follow at 12:30 p.m. on the Shackelford Quad, leading up to the kickoff of the annual T-Day intra-squad football game at 2 p.m. in Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium.

A special performance of Handel's Messiah will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Claudia Crosby Theater. The performance is being held in honor of longtime TROY music professor Dr. William Denison, who is retiring. A reception honoring Dr.

Denison and this year's Distinguished Leadership Award winner Earl Hutto will follow at 5 p.m. in the Trojan Center Ballrooms. All alumni and friends are welcome.

The day's events will also include the annual alumni reunion dinner and the presentation of the Distinguished Leadership Award, scheduled for the Trojan Center Ballrooms beginning at 6 p.m. A dance will follow the dinner and awards presentation featuring the band, The Fabulous Shades. Cost for the reunion dinner is \$20. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 670-3318.

The Reunion Weekend begins a week of St. Patrick's Day-related events on the Troy Campus, including a performance by 3 Irish Sopranos presented by the Troy Arts Council, a Pot-of-Gold Search and an Irish Cooking Contest.

Alumni Reunion/Irish Week Schedule of Events

Friday, March 11

4 p.m.-Check In: Alumni, Parents and Friends Weekend, Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor

6 p.m.-Leadership Awards Reception, Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor

8 p.m.-Choral Masterworks Festival, Claudia Crosby Theater

Saturday, March 12

8 a.m.-Nick Costes Memorial 5K/10K Race, Shackelford Quad

8:30 a.m.-Check In: Alumni, Parents and Friends Weekend, Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor

9 a.m.-Alumni Breakfast, Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor

10 a.m.-1 p.m.-Baptist Campus Ministries Carnival to benefit Tsunami victims

Noon-St. Paddy's Day Parade, University Avenue

12:30 p.m.-Tailgating and Special Events featuring the band Northbound, Shackelford Quad

2 p.m.-T-Day Intra-Squad Football Game, Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium

3:30 p.m.-Handel's Messiah Performance in Honor of TROY Professor Dr. William Denison, Claudia Crosby Theater

5 p.m.-Reception honoring Dr. William Denison and Earl Hutto, Trojan Center Ballrooms

6 p.m.-Reunion Dinner/Dance, Awards Presentations, Trojan Center Ballrooms

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Around TROY

Silent March

Third annual march, concert will wrap up Black History Month activities on the Troy Campus

The Troy University chapters of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority and the NAACP will sponsor the third annual silent march on Monday, Feb. 28 at 6 p.m., commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Niagara Movement and closing out Black History Month on the Troy Campus.

The Niagara Movement, begun by W.E.B. DuBois early in the 20th century, was a civil rights movement seeking the abolition of all caste distinctions based simply on race and color. The movement led to the formation of the

NAACP.

"We chose a silent march as a way to show our appreciation and gratitude to those who fought for our civil rights," said Luis Escalante, Phi Beta Sigma public relations representative.

Beginning at the Amphitheater, the march will wind across the Troy Campus and end at Claudia Crosby Theatre where the Troy University Gospel Choir will present a concert, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker for the march will be Will Larkin.

For more information, contact Luis Escalante at lescalante@troy.edu.

Gospel Singers to present concert

The Troy University Gospel Singers and the Freshmen Forum will present a Black History Month celebration at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in TROY's Claudia Crosby Theater.

"Let Freedom Ring: Turning a Dream Into a Reality" features the premiere performing group of the nationally accredited J.M. Long School of Music, and kicks off a spring fundraising drive by the Singers. Mr. Lewis Webb directs the Gospel Singers.

The Gospel Singers have been invited to participate in the prestigious William

Dawson Festival at Tuskegee University and the Moses Hogan Festival at Auburn University later during the spring semester. In addition, the group's spring tour will include venues in Texas and California March 17-25.

Advanced tickets for the Feb. 28 performance are \$5 and general admission tickets are \$7. Students bringing a canned-good donation are eligible for a \$1 ticket. Children age 12 and under are free. Tickets may be purchased at the Troy University Box Office in the Adams Center.

Free brass concert set for Saturday

The John M. Long School of Music at Troy University and the Troy Council on the Arts will present the fourth annual Festival of Brass Concert on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Claudia Crosby Theater.

The program will feature performances by Dr. Michael Tunnell, of the University of Louisville, on the trumpet, Joseph Hughes, of the Greenville Symphony, on trombone and Dr. James Zingara, on trumpet and Mark Walker on euphonium, both of Troy University.

The Brass Symposium is the biggest brass recruitment effort by the Troy University John M. Long School of Music, and students from throughout Alabama, Florida and Georgia are expected to attend.

"It is important for students to know brass playing on all levels and to see us involved," Dr. James Zingara said.

In addition, the Troy University Chamber Winds, the TROY Trumpet Ensemble and several honors ensembles made up of area high school students will perform.

"We try to give students as many musical experiences as possible on campus," Zingara said. "It gives them the opportunity to see and experience Troy University."

The concert will conclude with a mass finale comprised of more than 100 performers.

Admission to the concert is free and the performance is open to the public. For more information contact Dr. James Zingara at 334-670-3323.

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Monday, March 14

9 a.m.-Pot-of-Gold Search, Adams Administration

7 p.m.-3 Irish Sopranos performance, Claudia Crosby Theater

Tuesday, March 15

Noon-Community Brown Bag Event (Doors of Troy winners announced), Downtown Troy Square

6 p.m.-Baseball game, Auburn vs. TROY, (SGA Spirit Day), Riddle-Pace Field

Thursday, March 17

All Day-Jeans and Greens Day on the Troy Campus

11 a.m.-Irish Cooking Contest, Trojan Center Food Court

4 p.m.-Softball game, Iowa State vs. TROY, (SGA Spirit Day), Softball Complex