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A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Setting the mark

Troy University graduates receive highest scores in state on nursing exam

Nursing graduates from Troy University set the mark on the NCLEX-RN exam for 2004, receiving the overall highest score among BSN programs in the state. "We are very proud of our nursing graduates," said Dr. Bernita Hamilton, director of the School of Nursing & Baccalaureate Degree

Program. Troy University nursing students had an overall pass rate of 95.7 percent for the 2004 exam period, the highest in the state for BSN programs according to the Alabama Board of Nursing. "These scores are reflective of the quality of education at TROY.

The outstanding faculty, a well designed curriculum, and excellent clinical experiences factor into the success of our graduates," she said. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program is designed to develop expertise necessary for nurses in the rapidly changing health care field.



Dress rehearsal. Nicholas Senecal (Tartuffe), Erin Turner (Elmire) and Jason Ramsey (Orgon) perform a scene from *Tartuffe*, the 17th century comedy written by the master of the French farce Moliere and translated into English by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Richard Wilbur. The play, which is the Troy University Theatre's fourth production of the season, will run April 20 – 23 in the Troy campus' Trojan Center Theatre. Doors open each night at 7 p.m. Tickets for *Tartuffe* are \$5 and may be ordered by calling (334) 670-3293 or at the box office in the Trojan Center.

Psychology Conference set for April 22

Troy University students will get "psyched out" during a psychology conference that will include a round of "Psychology Jeopardy."

The conference, scheduled from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 22, will incorporate psychology, counseling and related majors from each of University's Alabama campuses.

The first hours of the event will give faculty and students the opportunity to present research they have been working on this year.

Following the research presentation, Dr. Chris Randall, an associate professor of psychology on the Montgomery campus, will give a presentation entitled "It's not all about us."

The last informative session of the conference will be a poster session. This will allow research to be presented in a visual format.

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Gone 'Phishing'

Internet scams seek to reel in the unsuspecting to net personal information

Going "phishing" these days doesn't include trips to a favorite pond.

For many students, faculty and staff at Troy University, it means the bait being cast is intended to reel them in.

Over the past several months, internet "phishing" scams have been slamming TROY email users, mostly posing as bank or credit card inquiries in an attempt to retrieve personal information law enforcement officials say can then be used to open fraudulent credit accounts.

"Phishing, also referred to as spoofing, is a variation on 'fishing,' the idea being that bait is thrown out with the hope that while most will ignore the bait, some will be tempted into biting," said Troy Police Chief Anthony Everage.

Much to the enthusiasm of the fraudulent anglers, a number of Troy-area residents have been hooked, netted and fried, he said.

Some of those in recent months have been students and faculty members – victims of phishing and other identity theft schemes, said Dean of Students Herbert Reeves.

"We have that activity going on, and have investigated a number of instances," he said.

In one of those instances, investigators tracked the identity theft to a medical office. Reeves said that case remained under investigation by local law enforcement.

"The important thing is to know that you shouldn't respond to something you receive in email asking for personal and financial information," he said.

University Police Chief Rod Anderson said most of the identity thefts he deals with revolved around individuals making themselves easy targets for thieves.

"We have so many students that make on-line purchases. When they go out on a website and make purchases, they may forget to log out of the screen or fail to turn off the computer. Someone will come behind them and get their personal information," he said, citing a recent case where one student's credit card information was used by another party to make unauthorized purchases.

In another instance, a student's personal information was used to obtain cable TV service. Anderson estimates his department has investigated as many as 15 cases of identity theft in recent months, but that's just a narrow view of the problem.

"If you count someone having their wallet or purse stolen and their credit

cards used to make purchases, that's identity theft as well. If a student has a dining card stolen, and it's used to make purchases, that's using someone else's identity, too," he said. "Make sure you secure your personal items, and don't give out personal information to anybody – not your student ID, driver's license number, date of birth, or anything."

That's a sentiment IT Director Greg Price has been preaching. In an all-users email in March, Price confirmed the phishing.

"Continue to be aware of all unsolicited email messages. A practice, commonly referred to as phishing, employs the use of bogus email messages and social engineering in an attempt to solicit personal information from end-users," he said. "Before responding to banking or credit card email messages, consult your financial institution's website. The website will have a security section. The security section will detail the institution's electronic communications practices. Most major, US-based facilities do not send email to customers with requests for account information."

Troy Police spokesman Sgt. Benny Scarbrough said identity theft is a real

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Rosa Parks Museum, director honored.

The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) recently honored Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum and its director, Georgette Norman. The museum received the organization's Public Service Program of the Year award. Norman was honored as the organization's Public Citizen of the Year. Norman delivered the keynote address at the organization's awards luncheon held at the First United Methodist Church in Montgomery on March 18. The awards will be on display at the Museum.



Miss Pike County Agriculture pageant set

A new Miss Pike County Agriculture will be crowned on April 30 in the Claudia Crosby Theater on Troy University's campus and the entry deadline is quickly approaching.

Single women in Pike County between the ages of 17 and 25 on Dec. 1, 2005 are eligible to participate. Contestants will compete in an evening gown and interview competition.

The winner of the competition will receive a \$500 scholarship and will progress to compete for Miss Alabama Agriculture, currently held by Miss Pike County 2004 April Hawthorne, a TROY junior from Kinston majoring in print journalism and public relations.

The state competition will be Mobile in December during the Alabama Farmers Federation's annual meeting. The winner of the state competition will receive a \$2,000 scholar-

ship and the use of a new automobile for the year of her reign.

"Miss Pike County Agriculture 2005 has so much to look forward to," said Hawthorne. "She will have great opportunities to be involved in the community and learn about the agricultural industry."

The pageant will be held in conjunction with a talent-find competition. Individuals or groups with up to five members, all between the ages of 17-25, can showcase any type of talent for a grand prize of \$100 and progression to the state talent-find competition which will also be held in Mobile this December.

Applications for both competitions can be obtained at the ALFA office on Brundidge Street. Deadline for applications and the \$10 entry fee are due Friday, April 15.

Thank-you note

Troy University Faculty and Staff,

Thanks so much for the green plant sent to me while I was in the hospital. Troy University is my family, and I feel it is an honor to work for a great football program. Coach Blakeney and the coaches make my job enjoyable every day. The Athletic Department is a family bonded together for each other.

Thanks again for remembering me. Go Trojans.

Judy Morgan

Phishing

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threat to personal bank accounts. Speaking before Troy Rotarians in April, he said that phishing emails look legitimate.

"They look like they are from legitimate sites," he said, referencing one supposedly from Regions Bank. "The truth is that if a bank needs verification, they will call you on the telephone and not send a blind email. The bottom line is that these are scams designed to take your money."

Most major, U.S.-based facilities will not send email to customers with requests for account information, Price confirmed.

"The latest phishing email messages to the Troy network are fairly sophisticated. The messages request that users verify account information. The email messages use several common, local bank names. When a link is selected, the end-user is transported to a bogus site housed in Korea; however, the address bar is very quickly masked with the name of a local banking institution, in an effort to deceive the end-user," he said.

Bogus Ebay email has also found its way to TROY users, claiming Ebay accounts had been closed to due missing contact information.

"The email messages are cleverly designed. The header information contains legitimate Ebay abuse tags, as well as properly-forged return information. Additionally, the email

message appears very authentic," Price said. "The message requests that you click a link and verify the account information. The message actually transports the end user to a website called thugz.com. The site's appearance is perfectly congruent with Ebay's account verification site, and even has links to privacy and abuse data. However, the site is not maintained, or, affiliated with Ebay. The site's sole intent is to gather end-user information in an effort to compromise user accounts."

"Personal information can be obtained in any number of ways," Reeves said. "With a name and a Social Security number, a thief has all he needs to steal money and ruin peoples' credit."

At the University, one safeguard has been the institution of a student identification number that is not a Social Security number.

"I've been pleased that students will give their student ID numbers rather than their Social Security numbers when they're asked. That's just one way of protecting them from identity theft," he said.

Anderson agreed, saying the University's transition away from Social Security numbers was a smart move.

"I think the University is ahead of the game by taking the Social Security numbers off the ID," he said.

In addition to Anderson's recommendation, the Troy Police Department recommends five

basic steps of protecting oneself against identity theft:

- Report an incident or suspected incident to police as soon as you are aware it has occurred.
- Don't give personal information to someone over the telephone or Internet.
- Regularly delete cookies and cache from your computer.
- Do not have personal checks mailed to your residence - pick them up from the bank.
- Learn what phishing and spoofing e-mails are and how they can take advantage of you.

Even with such precautions, Scarbrough said it was difficult for individuals to completely prevent identity theft.

"Nothing will stop it entirely, but knowing what to do and reacting quickly if it does happen can save you a lot of grief and heartache down the road. Check your credit reports on a regular basis to be sure that's what's listed is actually yours," he said.

Reeves said that another common way to avoid losses from identity theft was to take advantage of protection features offered by financial institutions.

"Most banks and credit card companies have a theft prevention program that notifies the card holder or account holder of inquiries and activity on an account," he said. "This is a way to quickly stop identity thieves in their tracks."



At left, Dr. Steven Taylor, associate professor of political science, discusses the growing significance of web logs during the annual meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association, held April 1-2 at Jacksonville State University. Above, members of the panel "Emerging Themes in International Relations and Public Administration, from left to right, were: Charles Harbuck, Pete Vroom, Serhat Senel, Jolonda Tabb, Dr. Ellen Rosell, Lisa Antonio, Jan Cooper.

Politically speaking

Faculty, students attend Alabama Political Science Association meeting

Troy University's Department of Political Science was well-represented at the annual meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association, April 1-2 at Jacksonville State University. With three faculty members and seven graduate students in attendance, TROY had the largest contingent of any school in the state.

Dr. Ellen Rosell, director of TROY's Master's of Public Administration program, organized and chaired a panel of graduate students entitled, "Emerging Themes in International Relations and PA," which consisted of six papers. The presenters were Lisa Antonio, Jan Cooper, Charles Harbuck, Serhat Senel, Jolonda Tabb and Pete

Vroom.

Dr. Steven Taylor, associate professor of political science, organized, chaired and participated in two roundtable discussions during the meeting. The first was on Alabama politics and the second was entitled "Blogging, Politics and the Academy," which dealt with the growth in significance of web logs. Dr. Taylor, in his capacity as immediate past president of the association also oversaw the group's business meeting.

Dr. Sam Shelton, assistant professor of political science, was re-elected to his position as one of two editorial board representatives to the journal *Politics and Policy*.

Saluting service

Thirteen employees receive service pins during March 29 ceremony

Thirteen Troy University employees were recently saluted for their years of service.

Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. presented the employees with service pins during a ceremony in Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on March 29.

Receiving five-year pins were:

- Linda Bean, records specialist, Records Office;
- Lee Vardaman, director of human resources; and,
- John Lester, web developer, Information Technology.

Receiving a 10-year pin was:

- Sgt. Collins Davis, University Police.

Receiving 15-year pins were:

- Vickie Miles, assistant to provost/University registrar, Records Office;
- Fran Smith, assistant professor, Business Programs;
- Susan Anderson, departmental secretary, History; and,
- Linda Jordan, administrative secretary, College of Education.

Receiving 20-year pins were:

- Helen Ricks, departmental secretary, Athletics;
- Janis Allen, account clerk, Accounting Services; and,
- Teresa Wares, administrative assistant to senior vice chancellor for student services.

Receiving 25-year pins were:

- Evelyn Elmore, library assistant, Library-Instructional Design & Audio Visual; and,
- Beverly Duncan, purchasing/inventory specialist, Purchasing & Accounts Payable.

Activities & achievements

Ralph Ford, director of bands and associate professor of music, and **Mark Walker**, assistant director of bands and assistant professor of music, recently served as guest conductors at the 42nd annual Festival of Winds and Percussion. The annual event was held at Tennessee Technological University on Feb. 17-19.

Ford is the conductor of the Troy Symphony Band, The Chamber Winds and the "Sound of the South." Outside the field of education, Ford has composed, recorded and produced jingles and 3-D graphic designs for radio, television and video productions.

Walker assists with the "Sound of the South," the Chamber Winds, teaches applied low brass and is director of the basketball pep band. In addition to his teaching duties, Walker serves as the executive director of the middle school Southeastern United States Band Clinic and Honor Bands and is director of the "Sound of the South" summer music camp and director's clinic.

During the festival, Walker conduct-

ed the TTU Festival Concert Band while Ford led the TTU Festival Symphonic Band.

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Dr. Ed Kamnikar, associate professor in the Sorrell College of Business, presented a paper, "Government Wide Financial Statements and the Measurement of Financial Condition," at the 2005 Southeast Decision Science Institute Conference held in Raleigh, NC, Feb. 23-25.

Dr. Kamnikar also was scheduled to give a seminar entitled, "Performance Reporting & Capital Budgeting," at the meeting of Association of

Government Accountants' Montgomery Chapter on April 14.

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Dr. Philip Siegel, a professor of accounting in the Sorrell College of Business, has had the paper, "Toward A Code of Ethics for Accounting Educators," accepted for publication in the Journal of Business Ethics.

Dr. Siegel's work has been noted many times in prestigious accounting journals, including a citing in the latest issue of Oxford University's Accounting, Organizations and Society.

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Montgomery publishes novel

Dr. Theron Montgomery, professor of English, has published a novel, *The Procession*, with UKA Press.

Dr. Montgomery, who teaches English and creative writing, currently serves as fiction editor for the international e-zine, *The Blue Moon Review*. Pub date is March 14, 2005.

The novel, published on March 14, has drawn rave reviews. Writing about *The Procession*, Rick Bragg, author of *All Over But The Shoutin'* and *Ava's Man*, said, "Montgomery just flat-out knows how to tell a rich, full, lovely story. He made me love all over again my American South."

Achievements

Dr. Steven L. Taylor, associate professor of political science, presented the paper "When Wars Collide: The War on Drugs and the War on Terror" at the 2005 Annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association on Jan. 6-8 in New Orleans.

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Dr. Terry Dixon, vice president for academics on the Montgomery Campus, and **Rodger Morrison**, an instructor in the Sorrell College of Business, will be presenting a work at the Teaching in Higher Education Forum, "Keeping in Touch in Technology."

The conference will be held on the campus of Louisiana State University and A&M College in Baton Rouge April 17-19.

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A paper, written by **Dr. Mike Schraeder**, assistant professor of management, **Dr. Karen Smola**, business program coordinator at the Fort Benning Campus, and **Dennis Self**, business instructor at the Fort Benning Campus, has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Applied Management and Entrepreneurship*.

The article, "The Pursuit of Survivor Commitment in the Context of Downsizing: An Exploration of Perceptions Related to Severance Packages," is expected to be published in the peer-reviewed journal's July issue.

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Dr. Jim Vickrey, professor of speech communication, took part on three panels at the 75th annual Southern States Communication Association Convention in Baton Rouge, La., March 30-April 2. He chaired the panel on "Community Standards and Other Constraints on Freedom of Speech" and made presentations on the panels on "Leadership Qualities of Educational Administrators" and "Workshop on Surviving Tenure and Promotion," respectively.

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Dr. Neil Billington, associate professor of biological and environmental sci-

ences, was recently awarded a grant entitled "Genetics of walleye and sauger in Lake Diefenbaker, 2004" by Saskatchewan Environment. Dr. Billington also reviewed a manuscript for the journal *Fisheries Management and Ecology*.

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Dr. Bryant Shaw, associate professor and acting chairman of the History Department, presented a five-hour seminar on democratic civil-military relations to senior military and civilian defense officials from Central and South America, Feb. 14-15.

Dr. Shaw gave two lectures and led discussions on the history and theory of civil-military relations and how militaries interact with democratic governments. He also served as a panel member discussing political-military issues. The Latin American officials were attending a two-week course at Hurlburt Field, FL, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense.

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Dr. Don McDonald, associate professor in the Sorrell College of Business, has been selected by the Human Resource Certification Institute (HRCI) to participate in a national task force for the upgrading of certification testing for Professional in Human Resources (PHR) and Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

Dr. McDonald will participate with 12 other professors and practitioners from around the United States, coming together in Alexandria, VA three times during the coming year. Currently about 70,000 professionals hold an HRCI certification.

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An article written by **Mike Schraeder**, assistant professor of management, and **Rodger Morrison**, instructor in the Sorrell College of Business, will be published in a forthcoming issue of *Development and Learning in Organizations*. The article is titled "Commander's Evaluation in the Context of Business Decision-Making: A Multi-perspective Approach."

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Professor of Design, **Jerry Johnson**, was selected to serve as a faculty mentor for an international design project called CREATIVE WAVES. Hosted by Icograda (Brussels, Belgium) and The Omnium Project (Sydney, Australia), Creative Waves is a series of international online student projects in graphic design, photomedia and visual communication. The first Creative Waves project, titled "03>04>05," will link art and design students, and their teachers, from member schools of the Icograda Education Network (IEN). Using Omnium's innovative online 'studio' interface, participants will interact in small creative teams to respond to an unfolding design brief.

Students in the Creative Waves "virtual" design studio will interact with like-minded people from around the globe in an innovative and exciting design project. Students will also have the chance to showcase their work online and receive feedback from other students, design academics and professional practitioners.

The project will take place over six weeks in March and April 2005.

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Professors of Design **Mel Shanks** and **Jerry Johnson** attended a seminar presented by Greg Ingram of Chick-fil-A, who discussed the success of the "Eat More Chicken" campaign.

Greg serves as Senior Marketing Manager for Chick-fil-A, Inc., one of the nation's largest family-owned quick-service restaurant chains. He is responsible for managing and directing all activities of the company's advertising agency, The Richards Group (Dallas, TX).

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Vitaly Voloshin, associate professor of mathematics, has participated at the 36th Southeastern International Conference on Combinatorics, Graph Theory, and Computing, March 7-11, at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL. The title of the talk was: "Planarity and Colorability, A Survey."

Celebrating the past

Heritage Week activities planned for April 18-22 on Dothan Campus

Troy University will celebrate Heritage Week April 18-22 on its Dothan Campus.

"Heritage Week" is a time set aside each year to reflect on past accomplishments of the Dothan Campus and prepare for future opportunities," said Amy Yelverton, student development coordinator.

The community is encouraged to join students, faculty and staff by participating in the various activities scheduled throughout the week. The events are free to the public.

Heritage Week Schedule

- Monday, April 18- Community Band Concert, 6 p.m., Sony Hall
- Tuesday, April 19- Health and Wellness Fair, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Malone Hall
- Tuesday, April 19-Woodham Lecture Series presents Dr. Marty Olliff, noon-1 p.m., Sony Hall
- Thursday, April 21- LifeSouth Blood Drive, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Friday, April 22-Honors Convocation, 6 p.m., Calvary Baptist Church.

Top students, faculty to be recognized at annual Honors Convocation on Troy Campus

Troy University will recognize its top students and faculty at the annual Honors Convocation on Monday, April 18, with Alabama Supreme Court Justice Patti Mungenast Smith as the keynote speaker.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. in the Claudia Crosby Theater. The public is invited to attend.

The convocation is designed to honor students in the areas of education, business, arts and sciences, the fine arts and health and human services. Highlights include the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, which recognizes recipients for spiritual qualities in addition to academic and extracurricular activities and the Ingalls Award for Excellence in Classroom Teaching, which is presented to an outstanding member of the faculty on the Troy Campus. The convocation will honor those students who have achieved outstanding academic success in the past year and those who have been initiated into various honor societies.

Smith, an alumna of TROY, became one of the youngest judges in Alabama history when she was appointed to the bench at the age of 27. She had been elected and re-elect-

ed four times as District Judge in Shelby County before being winning election to the State Supreme Court.

During her time on the bench in Shelby County, Smith dedicated herself to addressing local and state juvenile justice issues. She helped establish the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Shelby County, the nationally recognized Developing Alabama Youth Program, Family Connection and the Early Warning Program, all organizations geared toward assisting children and families in need. In 2001, Smith was named National CASA Judge of the Year. She also organized Shelby County's Children Policy Council.

In addition to her work at the local level, Smith also has served on the Governor's Commission on Crime, the Commission on the Future of the Juvenile Justice System and the Alabama Judicial System Study Commission on Sentencing. She chaired the Task Force on Dependency and also the Interagency Conference on Youth.

Smith and her husband Jerry make their home in Shelby County with their two children, Jarrett and Shelley.

Planetarium to present to Astronomy Day

Troy University will present the eighth annual Astronomy Day, Saturday, April 16 beginning at 3 p.m. at the W.A. Gayle Planetarium in Montgomery.

Astronomy Day will begin with a public viewing of the sun through solar scopes followed by a telescope clinic given by members of the Auburn Astronomical Society.

The night will be highlighted by guest speaker Dr. David King. King is currently employed by Auburn University and will be giving a presentation on the Wetumpka Meteor Crater.

Beginning at 7 p.m., the auditorium will be set to display the stars as seen from Montgomery. A brief tour of the night sky will be conducted to point out the constellations visible. Also included in the events of the day will be a tribute to Challenger and Columbia space shuttles.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the W.A. Gayle Planetarium at (334) 241-4799.

AROUND TROY

International flavor

Annual ISCO Festival to offer food, fun and entertainment

International students at Troy University are offering area residents the opportunity to take a trip “Around the World in an Evening.”

The University’s International Students Cultural Organization will hold its 23rd annual international festival on Saturday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in the Trojan Center Ballrooms on the Troy Campus.

Participants will have the opportunity to sample native cuisine prepared by TROY students and will be treated to a evening of entertainment, including a martial arts exhibition and a performance of a traditional Indian dance. Another highlight of the event is the annual “Parade of Nations,” showcasing traditional clothing from various countries, including Germany, Spain, China, India, Kenya and Nepal. Students from as many as 20 different countries are expected to participate.

Tickets are \$8 for students and \$13 for adults and are available through the University’s Center for International Programs at 334-670-3335.



The traditional “Parade of Nations,” which showcases traditional clothing from various countries, is one of the highlights of the annual International Student Cultural Organization Festival.

Montgomery Campus alumni to hold annual golf tournament April 29

The Troy University Montgomery Alumni Association will sponsor its 12th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, April 29, at the Emerald Mountain Golf Course in Wetumpka, Alabama. The Alumni Association will award 12 new scholarships to deserving students from the Montgomery Campus at the tournament. Entry is open to the public.

The tournament will be a four-person scramble with averaged handicaps. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast and a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$75 per player and \$300 per team. This includes green fees, golf cart, range balls and lunch.

An awards ceremony will be held when the last team finishes play. There will be gifts for each player, an assortment of door prizes, skill prizes on several holes and opportunities to win one of four Hole-In-One prizes as well as a chance to swing for a \$10,000 cash prize. Mulligan and Shoot-Out Super Tickets will be sold.

For more information, please contact Julia Wilson, Campus Director of Advancement and Golf Tournament Coordinator, by telephone (334) 241-9502 or by e-mail (jhwilson@troy.edu), or Winn Perdue by telephone (334) 241-9523 or by e-mail (wlp@troy.edu) or visit our website (www.troy.edu).

TROY Music Department to host concert

Troy University’s Music Department invites the public to a bring an old-fashioned picnic supper to the Sound of the South concert at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 21 in the amphitheatre.

The Sound of the South Concert Band is formed primarily from the numerous playing members of the Sound of the South Marching Band and is aimed at providing the wind and percussion students with the finest in literature and performance standards for this medium.

The concert will feature guest conductor Dr. William Denison.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information contact the TROY Music Department at (334) 670-3281.