



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Astronaut autograph. Sonya Lewis shows off an autographed photo of former Astronaut Bill Shepherd. Lewis plans to share the photo with her 8th grade class at Beverly Middle School. Shepherd was one of several high profile space experts who took part in Aerospace Day 2005 on the Dothan Campus in December. The event, which was sponsored by the Wiregrass Math & Science Consortium, is in its third year and is intended to ignite the imaginations of educators and their students and create an interest in the study of space, space exploration and careers.

Kickoff

Annual Fund campaign to get under way Jan. 11

The Faculty/Staff campaign to benefit the Troy University Annual Fund will kick off on Jan. 11.

The Annual Fund helps to provide scholarships, support faculty and staff development and ensure that academic programs remain state-of-the-art.

Faculty and staff members may make a one-time gift or a monthly pledge through payroll deduction. Donations may also be designated for use in a certain department. All gifts are tax deductible.

Kickoff receptions are scheduled for the Montgomery and Troy campuses on Jan. 11. The Troy Campus reception will be held from 8:30 to 11 a.m. in the Adams Administration Building. The Montgomery Campus reception will be held from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in Whitley Hall.

Dr. David White named interim head of University College

Dr. David M. White has been named interim vice chancellor of University College and will take the helm at the end of January.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Dr. Ed Roach made the announcement Jan. 1, and also announced a nationwide search to replace Dr. Susan Aldridge, who has been named president of the University of Maryland's University College.

"I look forward to working with Dr. White during this

important transition period for University College," Roach said.

White, currently regional director of University College's Southeast Region, is a nine-year University College veteran first hired as a faculty member for the Fort Benning, GA, site. He was eventually named site director at Fort Benning before being named regional director.

"Periods of transition can be uncomfortable for organizations and I look forward to keeping

the momentum that Dr. Aldridge established on track," he said.

White will perform the vice chancellor's duties until a new vice chancellor is hired, he said.

University College oversees the University's eCampus and more than 60 sites outside Alabama. The division operates in 17 states, 14 foreign countries and across 13 time zones.

During his absence from the region, Bill Glisson will serve as acting regional director.

We want to hear from you!

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

Reaching the summit

Dr. Hawkins joins other university presidents in meetings on international education

An invitation to a national summit is recognition of Troy University's leadership in international education.

Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. will participate in the U.S. University Presidents Summit on International Education in Washington, D.C., Thursday and Friday. The summit is co-hosted by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.

"Troy University's invitation to participate in the Presidents Summit is recognition of our hard work to

advance international education in Alabama," Dr. Hawkins said.

Hawkins will be joined at the summit by other higher education leaders from all 50 states to renew a partnership to strengthen international education.

The University outpaced other American universities in bringing international students to its Troy campus by posting a 43 percent growth in its international enrollment.

In addition, the University also offers online degree programs, is the

second largest education provider in the Army's eArmyU program and is pioneering joint-degree programs in universities in China, Russia and Australia.

The summit will focus on how to attract foreign students and scholars to the United States, as well as how to encourage more American students to receive part of their education abroad. Also included will be discussions on marketing, reaching underserved populations, visa and regulatory issues and key investments to foster international education.

TROY officials visit China in effort to forge new relationships

Two Troy University administrators visited China in December in an effort to help forge new relationships and further existing partnerships with Chinese universities and attract potential students.

Dr. Cameron Martindale, senior vice chancellor of advancement and external relations, and Sandi Gouge, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communication, spent 10 days in China visiting meeting with university administrators, making presentations and talking to students, touring area factories and businesses and visiting educational facilities.

The two were hosted on the trip by Jimmy Thompson, chief executive officer of Caffco International. Mr. Thompson also arranged tours of the company's factories in China.

The two also visited to Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, Huizhou University, Suzhou University and Southern Yangtze University during the trip, as well as meeting students and educators at Huidong High School and the American Friendship School in Huidong.

Exchange opportunities, study



Sandi Gouge, Dr. Cameron Martindale and their host Mr. Jimmy Thompson, chief executive officer of Caffco International visit with administrators from Huizhou University during their trip to China.

abroad programs and internships were among the topics discussed during their visits. Dr. Martindale also made presentations to help educate administrators and students about Troy University and the educational opportunities available through the University's programs.

Dr. Martindale said the trip had a profound impact on her.

"This trip was one way to further

the vision of the internationalization of Troy University," Dr. Martindale said. "This provided an opportunity to strengthen existing partnerships and forge new relationships in areas we have not previously reached in China. Many doors were opened to us through the generosity of Mr. Jimmy Thompson, and we are extremely grateful for his kindness and hospitality."

A sense of security

Troy University unveils online test security system at SACS meeting

Troy University and Software Secure may have met a Congressional mandate to authenticate online test takers when it unveiled a product that eliminates the need for monitored examinations by students who take courses over the internet.

Dr. Susan Aldridge, vice chancellor of TROY's University College, which oversees the University's distance-learning eCampus, said the Secureexam Remote Proctor™ addresses a long-standing Department of Education issue raised last month at a conference of distance-learning educators.

"This product directly answers one of the major problems for accreditation agencies by ensuring the security of the online testing site," Aldridge said. "It meets, I believe, the congressional intent of protecting the integrity of university examinations."

Secureexam Remote Proctor™ will authenticate the identity of the student taking a test, ensure that student is unable to use the computer to cheat during an exam and provide real-time audio and video of the room where the test is taken. The SRP was developed by Software Secure in consultation with the University, which is the nation's second-largest public provider of distance-learning higher education.

The unveiling came during the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools meeting in Atlanta last month. The Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and

Schools is the regional academic accrediting body for 11 U.S. states.

In November, Assistant Secretary for Post Secondary Education Sally L. Stroup told the Western Cooperative for Educational Telecommunications that the need to authenticate online test takers could be included in the Higher Education Reauthorization Act. Stroup serves on the Commission for the Future of Higher Education, an Education initiative aimed at assessing the nation's needs in postsecondary education.

Dedicated to Troy University's mission of "quality education one student at a time" and to setting the standard in quality academic programs and courses, the Secureexam Remote Proctor will effectively eliminate TROY's current policy of requiring distance learning students to engage human proctors to ensure test integrity and to verify student identification. This new application will also mean that computers can be used for testing in situations in which human proctors are not feasible, Aldridge said.

"Secureexam Remote Proctor is an outstanding solution that enables us to make our online testing more efficient through this revolutionary technology tool," she said. "The Remote Proctor tool is a convenient and affordable solution for our highly valued students allowing them the freedom of completing their online classes and degree programs from any location worldwide."

The University has scheduled its initial use of Secureexam Remote Proctor for this spring, with the intention of a wide-scale deployment at the start of the 2006-2007 academic year.

The patent-pending Secureexam Remote Proctor integrates computer software and hardware to both prevent and monitor inappropriate student conduct during a test. Building on its existing Secureexam® software tools that "lock-down" computers so they can be used by students to take tests while prohibiting access to any unauthorized materials, Software Secure has incorporated video, audio and biometrics tools to both authenticate the identity of the test-taker and ensure exam-room conditions.

"This was the logical next step in the development of Software Secure's suite of products," said Douglas Winne, Software Secure president. "Our software tools have been used by schools and testing organizations for years to provide students the benefits of computer-based testing without the negative effects of electronic cheating; now that benefit can be applied to distance learning programs and for students any time, anywhere."

Secureexam Remote Proctor was designed to integrate with the testing tools contained in the Blackboard Course Management system the University currently uses, eliminating the need to train faculty on new processes.

Thank-you notes

To the Faculty and Staff,
Thank you so much for the generous donation you made to the Troy University Foundation in memory of my daughter, Sarah. That was so thoughtful of you.

Sincerely,
Jeff Spurlock

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Dear Faculty and Staff:
I would like to send all of you a heart-

felt thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers that was sent during my hospital stay in November and December. It brightened my time in the hospital just knowing that everyone was thinking of me. I returned to work January 2, 2006. Happy New Year to everyone!

Jo Ann Smith
Office of University Relations

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Dear Office of Advancement:

Thank you so much for the lovely plant I received while confined in the hospital. It meant so much knowing that my department missed me. Hopefully, I will be able to keep it alive; I don't have much of a green thumb. It will always remind me that I have wonderful co-workers and friends. Thanks again and Happy New Year to all of you.

Jo Ann Smith

Integrity and tenacity

Lou Ann Johnson wins Vergil Parks McKinley Award for December

Lou Ann Johnson, senior director of Student Financial Services at Troy University, is the winner of the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for December.

Johnson, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 1982, received the award during the annual Christmas luncheon for faculty and staff on Tuesday in the Trojan Center Ballrooms. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor, presented the award to Johnson, who was nominated for the award by Bryan Helms, Troy University controller.

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, Helms said Johnson truly loves Troy University.

"Her 23 years of service to our University is an example of courage, dedication, loyalty and most importantly, results," he said. "Lou Ann gets things done. Her work in implementing one Student Financial Services Department for the Alabama campuses through our One Great University initiative was seamless. Her leadership in bringing together personnel from different areas to perfect the work necessary to properly program our Datatel system and in communicating those changes to students and staff was exemplary."

Helms said Johnson's abilities have also been a huge asset to his work.

"Lou Ann works well with students and parents so that they are comfortable in their financial obligation to TROY. Her knowledge of accounting, financial aid and student financial service processes are a huge assistance to me in the installation and practice of financial controls," Helms said. "Actions are often an indication of true feelings, and Lou Ann's actions show her love for Troy University."

Jim Bookout, vice chancellor for financial affairs, praised



Lou Ann Johnson, senior director of student financial services, receives congratulations from Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. after receiving the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for December during the University's annual Christmas luncheon for faculty and staff on Dec. 13.

Johnson for her integrity and tenacity. "I am very thankful Lou Ann is a member of our team," Bookout said.

Johnson, who was joined at the ceremony by her husband Leon and her daughters Tonya and Nicole, said she was honored to receive the McKinley Award.

"Words can not express my sincere appreciation for being a part of the Troy University family," the Troy resident said.

University welcomes nine new employees in November, December

Troy University welcomed nine new employees in November and December.

New employees are:

- David Michael Kent, director, International Programs;
- Thomas Dean Queisser, site director, University College;

- Katherine Russell, executive director, Human Services;
- Brenda Lee Summers, departmental secretary, International Programs;
- Jamie Duran Walker, deaf support specialist, Human Services;
- Vanessa Adele Abazary, student support specialist, Institutional

Support;

- Jonah James Gardner, information technology specialist, Institutional Support;
- Lisa Green, departmental secretary, College of Education; and,
- Angela Hall Moorner, counselor-student support, Student Services.

Activities & achievements

Drs. Barry S. Davidson and **Fernelle L. Warren**, assistant professors in the Department of Psychology, Counseling and Foundations of Education, have had their paper *An Analysis of Student Group Assessment in a First Course in Education* published in the National Forum of Applied Educational Research Journal.

The paper discusses the use of a Group Evaluation Form in which students offer their assessment of classmates on three group projects in terms of attitude, availability, flexibility, initiative and total work contribution toward achieving group goals.

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Two articles authored by **Dr. Andrew Cox**, professor of Counseling and Psychology, have been published in *The 16th Mental Measurements Yearbook*, published Fall, 2005. Dr. Cox reviewed "The Minnesota Handwriting Assessment" and "The Progress in English 5-15." Dr. Cox has previously authored four articles in earlier editions of the *Mental Measurements Yearbook*, an internationally known reference evaluating psychometric instruments and measurements and is widely used in psychological, social work, counseling, and other human services academic and practice areas. He is reviewing two test measures, "The Level of Service Inventory" and "The Awareness of Social Inferences Test," for publication in *The 17th Mental Measurements Yearbook* to be published in 2007.

Dr. Cox is also serving as a reviewer for a future advanced undergraduate/graduate textbook in research methodology for use in psychology, counseling, and social work disciplines. The forthcoming textbook is entitled *Foundations of Research and Evaluation in the Helping Professions: Knowledge and Accountability in a Diverse Society* by Dr. Jerry Trusty of Pennsylvania State University.

In 2005, Dr. Cox made a presentation entitled "Resources for Selecting and Evaluating Vocational Evaluation and Assessment Measures: Print-Based and On-Line Based Resources" at the 12th Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals National Forum on Issues in Vocational Assessment, Evaluation and Work Adjustment held in Portsmouth, VA. The presentation was published in the Proceedings for the 14th National Forum.

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Dr. Sallie Johnson, dean of Distance Learning, was a guest speaker at the 17th Annual WCET Conference held in San Francisco held Nov. 1-5. Sharing her distance learning expertise, her presentation "Engaging Students in Large Online Classes," focused on the following four conceptual innovations to engage online learners 1) Create an environment that instills a questioning attitude, 2) Be creative and think "outside the classroom," 3) Use creative feedback to instill interactive communication, and 4) understand your own learning and teaching style preferences.

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Dr. Kathryn Ness, chair of the Department of Counseling and Psychology, and **Dr. Andrew Cox**, professor of counsel-

ing and psychology, made a presentation at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in October. Their presentation entitled "Creative Management of Practicum and Internship Experiences" provided an overview of graduate practicum and internship instructional and clinical supervision procedures and assessment of student clinical competencies used within the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) graduate program in Counseling and Psychology at the Phenix City Campus. The Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES) is a national division of the American Counseling Association.

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Chris Warden, assistant professor of journalism, has been invited to be a judge for the Media Research Center's annual Notable Quotable awards. The center is a media watchdog group in Washington, D.C., that seeks to expose poor and slanted journalism in an effort to spur the media to provide more balanced and thorough reporting. The Notable Quotable award winners represent the most egregious examples of poor and biased journalism. The awards will be announced in late March at an event in Washington.

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Dr. Catherine Smith, assistant professor in the Department of English, recently presented "Identity and Evaluation in Texts: An Analysis of Language Innovations in Advanced EFL Writing" at the Conference of Linguistic Association of the Southwest in Lubbock, Texas.

Dr. Smith's presentation will also be published in *The LASSO Journal*.

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Chris Bryant, instructional support specialist, has been named 2005 Board Member of the Year by the Wiregrass Division of the March of Dimes. The award is given annually to the board member who best exemplifies the spirit of dedication and hard work of the March of Dimes.

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Photography by **Gayle Nelson**, distance learning associate director, will appear in a London exhibit in January. Nelson's photo of a Mississippi home ravaged by Hurricane Katrina will be included in the Sublime Exhibition at the Association of Photographers Gallery. Her work was chosen from entries submitted by photographers and illustrators around the world.

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Mike Whitlock, CMA and site director at Ft. Benning,, has recently been published in the Fall 2005 edition of *The Review of Business Information Systems*. The article, co-written with **Dr. Victoria Figiel**, is entitled, *Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and One University Application*. Mr. Whitlock is currently completing his DBA in Finance at Nova Southern University. Dr. Figiel is a new adjunct business instructor with several sites in the Southeastern Region of University College.

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First to 40

Betty Chancellor becomes first 40-year employee to be honored by University

When it came time to honor the service of employees in December, Troy University encountered an interesting dilemma. For the first time ever, the University would honor an employee for 40 years of service.

Quarterly, TROY recognizes employees for five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and occasionally even 35 years of service with pins. The dilemma in December was that no such pin existed for 40 years of service and librarian Betty Chancellor had reached that plateau.

A special plaque was developed featuring a photo of the Trojan fountain and presented to Chancellor by Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. during the annual faculty and staff Christmas luncheon on the Troy Campus on Dec. 13.

"I was surprised by it all, and the standing ovation I was given thrilled me," Chancellor said.

Actually, Chancellor's service to the University spans more than 40 years. She began working in the library in 1962 as a student worker. After completing her degree and her student teaching, she became a full-time member of the TROY family on Dec. 1, 1965.

Chancellor completed her master's in library sciences from the University of Alabama in 1981.

"I have seen a lot of changes during my time here," Chancellor said, noting that she is now serving under her third chancellor after having served previously under Dr. Frank Stewart and Dr. Ralph Adams. "I was on the search committee that brought in Dr. Hawkins. He told me when he presented the plaque that he was looking forward to 40 more years, and I told him that I would stay around if he would. It has been an exciting 40 years and it truly seems like yesterday that I started. Time has really gone by quickly."

Chancellor was among the 15 employees honored for their service to the University during the luncheon.

The Radio Center had two employees honored for 25 years of service and a third honored for 10 years. John M. Brunson, engineering manager – radio/microwave, and Director James Clower received 25-year pins from Dr. Hawkins, while Robert M. Barner, production coordinator, received his 10-year pin.

Like Chancellor, Clower began his work with the University as a student. He served in the print shop and became a printer when he joined the full-time staff after graduating in 1970. During his tenure, Clower also has served as the University's chief photographer before turning his attention to television. After a time away from the University, Clower returned to work in the Television Center and became director in of Radio and Television in 1996.

Brunson began his TROY career doing an on-air radio shift two nights a week, while repairing equipment three days a week. He has witnessed many changes during his 25 years on staff with the University.

"I believe the biggest change is that the University has



Betty Chancellor is presented with a special plaque in recognition of her 40 years of service to Troy University by Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr. Chancellor was the first TROY employee to be honored for 40 years of service.

become more global in nature," Brunson said. "When I was a student here, we were a very traditional University. We have really reinvented ourselves to address the needs of the student of today."

Receiving five-year service pins were: James Albritton, associate professor of Criminal Justice and Social Sciences; Loretta Daniels, departmental secretary, Business; Derrick Pernell Brewster, student services coordinator; and, Gregory Martin Hawver, adjunct faculty, Education.

In addition to Barner, Sharon O. Billins, adjunct faculty; and, Jeffory Morgan Herring, producer/director, TV Center, received 10-year service pins during the luncheon.

Receiving 15-year pins were: Larry C. Blakeney, head football coach; Kathey W. Giles, departmental secretary, Office of the Provost; and, Anita J. Walker, administrative secretary, Articulation Program.

Receiving 20-year pins were: Michael William Mullen, coordinator, Environmental Analysis, and Cathy G. Dunn, assistant professor, BSN program.

Retirees honored

University salutes 2005 retirees during annual Christmas luncheon

The following retirees were honored during Troy University's annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 13. Listed is their position, retirement date and years of service.

- Mrs. Clara S. Culpepper
Account Clerk, Accounts Payable
Retirement date: Feb. 1, 2005
Years of Service: 27+
 - Ms. Doristine Sankey
Coordinator, Retired Senior Volunteer Program
Retirement date: April 1, 2005
Years of Service: 25+ State of AL 10+ Troy University
 - Ms. Carolyn J. Kornegay
Clerk, Phenix City
Retirement date: April 1, 2005
Years of Service: 10+ State of AL Last 10 to TROY
 - Mr. Donald R. Norsworthy
Chief Photographer, Creative Services
Retirement date: April 1, 2005
Years of Service: 26+
 - Mrs. Rebecca W. Norsworthy
Director, Health Center
Retirement date: April 1, 2005
Years of Service: 25+
 - Mr. Sergei L. Shillabeer
Associate Professor, Art & Design
Retirement date: June 1, 2005
Years of Service: 28+
 - Dr. Sandra Lee Jones
Dean of Education, Dothan
Retirement date: June 1, 2005
Years of Service: 22+ State of AL 20+ Troy University
 - Dr. William R. Denison
Professor, School of Music
Retirement date: June 1, 2005
Years of Service: 37+
 - Dr. Elizabeth Fell
Professor of Education, Dothan
- Retirement date: June 1, 2005
Years of Service: 16+
 - Mrs. Verbie Curtis
Benefits Administrator, Human Resources
Retirement date: June 1, 2005
Years of Service: 31+
 - Dr. Jesse Drew Harrington
Associate Professor, Arts & Sciences/History, Montgomery
Retirement date: June 1, 2005
Years of Service: 10+
 - Mrs. Jane C. Pinckard
Account Clerk, Accounts Receivable
Retirement date: June 1, 2005
Years of Service: 12+
 - Mrs. Saralene Hines
Departmental Secretary, Aerospace Studies
Retirement date: July 1, 2005
Years of Service: 27+
 - Dr. Thomas Ratcliffe
Eminent Scholar, Accounting & Finance; Director/Professor, School of Accountancy
Retirement date: July 1, 2005
Years of Service: 19+
 - Mrs. Marian C. Morgenstern
Coordinator, Academic Affairs, Montgomery
Retirement date: August 1, 2005
Years of Service: 10+
 - Mrs. Ann Marie H. Hussey
Library Assistant, Library Services
Retirement date: August 1, 2005
Years of Service: 25+
 - Dr. James Windle
Associate Professor of Education, Dothan
Retirement date: August 1, 2005
Years of Service: 14+
 - Dr. Charles R. McArthur
- Associate Professor of Education, Dothan
Retirement date: August 1, 2005
Years of Service: 14+
 - Dr. Priscilla G. McArthur
Professor, Arts & Sciences/History, Dothan
Retirement date: August 1, 2005
Years of Service: 14+
 - Ms. Kay L. Fowler
Associate Professor/Director of Library, School of Nursing, Montgomery
Retirement date: September 1, 2005
Years of Service: 30+
 - Mrs. Janet W. Kervin
Director, Center for Business & Economic Services/Small Business Development Center
Retirement date: September 1, 2005
Years of Service: 25
 - Ms. Karole K. Ohme
Director, Student Support Services, Montgomery
Retirement date: September 1, 2005
Years of Service: 14+
 - Mrs. Cecelia S. Dismukes
Supervisor, University Bookstore
Retirement date: September 1, 2005
Years of Service: 16+
 - Mrs. Sue Beasley
Departmental Secretary, Sorrell College of Business
Retirement date: September 1, 2005
Years of Service: 19+
 - Dr. William E. Flinn
Assistant Vice Chancellor of Technology
Retirement date: January 1, 2006
Years of Service: 11+
 - Mr. William P. Trotter
Lecturer, Education, Phenix City
Retirement date: January 1, 2006
Years of Service: 9+

Going once, going twice...sold

Troy University to conduct popular Auctioneer School Jan. 27-Feb. 5 on Dothan Campus

With real estate auctions becoming a popular method of sale, not a just a last resort, the need for real estate agents trained as auctioneers is growing. Troy University is now accepting applicants for its upcoming Auctioneer School, which will be held on the Dothan Campus Jan. 27 through Feb. 5. The program, which prepares students to sell everything

from land to antiques, is open to anyone over the age of eighteen.

Students will conduct a live auction Feb. 4 as part of the educational requirements of the course. The auction, which begins at 10 a.m. at the Convocation Center at Northview High School, is sponsored by the NHS PTSO. Proceeds will benefit student organizations at Northview.

Admission to the auction is free. Concessions will be sold by the PTSO. The organization is also accepting donated items for the auction.

For more information on the Troy University Auctioneer School, contact Mike Tew at (334) 983-0005. Contact Libby Krietemeyer at (334) 794-1738 with questions about the auction.

Broadway musical 'Mame' up next on Davis Theatre series schedule

The Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts' Subscriber Series will continue on Feb. 14 with the Broadway musical *Mame*. The performance is set for 7 p.m.

The musical tells the story of Mame Dennis and is set against the backdrop of the New York society scene in 1928. Mame takes over the rearing of her orphaned nephew, turning his life into a dizzying series of adventures.

The musical includes such songs as *We Need a Little Christmas*, *Mame*, *Best Girl* and *If He Walked into My Life* and features delightful choreography.

The presentation is sponsored by The Capitol Inn and WSFA and is a part of the 2005-06 Subscriber Series. For tickets or further information call 334-241-9567.

The series will round out the season with a special presentation of the Troy University Choral Masterworks Festival at 3 p.m. on March 12 and Gary Lewis and the Playboys and Lou Christie in Concert at 7 p.m. on March 31.

Learning to 'tickle the ivories' in short order aim of upcoming continuing education class

Learn to play the piano "instantly." The Troy University Continuing Education Center will offer lessons Jan. 12 from 6 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on the Dothan Campus. This non-credit class is for those who yearn to experience the joy of playing the piano, without years of weekly lessons.

By studying chords, instead of notes, students will learn enough to

play any pop song, any style and any key. The instructor will also share insider secrets on how to embellish songs.

If you can find middle C, you know enough to enroll in this workshop. The cost to register is forty dollars. There is also a twenty-five dollar materials fee. For more information or to sign up, contact the Continuing Education Center at 334-983-0005.

Achievements

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Dr. Mary Ann Tighe, professor in the Department of English, recently participated in a workshop on "Questioning Society's Stereotypes: Young Adult Literature and Adolescent Experiences." She spoke on the topic "Using Young Adult Literature to Transform and Empower YA Readers."

Last November, Dr. Tighe also attended the 95th annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English, held in Pittsburgh.

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Dr. William Heisler, associate

professor of Human Resources Management, made a presentation entitled "Emotional Intelligence and Managerial Success" to approximately 100 supervisors and managers of GEICO Direct's Regional Service Center in Virginia Beach, VA.

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Adena Moree, director of theatre and an associate professor in the Department of Speech and Theatre, was recently elected President of the Alabama Conference of Theatre. She began serving a one-year term on Jan. 1. She has served on the Board of Directors for ACT as secretary for four years.