



# TROY TODAY

*A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff*

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## ‘TROY’s Got Game’

University gears up for Homecoming week activities

**T**roy University will celebrate its 2006 Homecoming on Saturday, Nov. 4, under the theme “TROY’s Got Game.”

Activities will get under way on Nov. 4 with the annual Homecoming parade, which will begin at 10 a.m. and process through downtown Troy. Following the parade, various tailgating activities will take place throughout campus. The Homecoming court will be introduced during pre-game festivities at 2:30 p.m. in Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium. The Trojans will take on the University of Louisiana-Lafayette beginning at 3 p.m.

Halftime activities will include the crowning of the

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**Troy University’s Sound of the South marching band, shown above performing during last year’s Homecoming parade, will be one of the focal points of the 2006 parade, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Nov. 4.**

## *TROY begins new program of support for armed services*

Troy University, which enjoys a rich tradition of service to the U.S. military, is reaching out to individual Trojans in the Armed Forces to show the University’s appreciation for their service.

Through a program led by Janice Hawkins, the University’s first lady, TROY is seeking to identify and thank current students, alumni, faculty or staff members—or members of their immediate families—who are on active military duty. A special link to the University’s website [www.troy.edu/](http://www.troy.edu/) includes a message to the troops from Chancel-

lor Jack Hawkins, Jr., accompanied by a form that Trojans in military service can complete to update their contact information. Trojans serving in combat zones as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom will be sent a special gift from the University.

“Because Troy University and the Department of Defense have enjoyed a special relationship for more than 50 years, it is appropriate for the University to show our fighting men and women their alma mater does not take their service for grant-

ed,” Mrs. Hawkins said. “This issue is important to me personally because of Dr. Hawkins’ service in the Marines and because of the military service of our older daughter and son-in-law. I hope we are beginning a tradition that will continue for as long as our nation has military personnel in combat.”

Troy University operates teaching sites on approximately 25 military bases outside of Alabama as part of its University College division. In addition, Troy University serves active-

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# Lending a hand

TROY nursing students join effort to collect blankets for area homeless

Nursing students at Troy University's Montgomery Campus are joining hands with the Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless to encourage donations to provide blankets for the homeless.

Jean Battaglia, an associate professor of nursing in TROY's associate of science nursing program, said

the Montgomery Campus will serve as a drop-off site for blanket donations.

"Anyone can donate a blanket by mailing it us or dropping it by the lobby of Whitley Hall," Battaglia said.

Sponsored by the Troy University School of Nursing's Associate of

Science in Nursing Program Honor Society, the blanket drive will begin on Nov. 20 and run through Dec. 1. Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright has proclaimed November as Blankets for the Homeless Month.

The mailing address for the Montgomery Campus is 340 Montgomery Street, Montgomery, AL, 36104.

## *TROY to honor outstanding alums, honorary alumnus*

Troy University will honor three alumni and one honorary alumnus with Alumni of the Year awards at halftime of its Nov. 4 Homecoming game against Louisiana-Lafayette.

Cassie Sanford, Sammy Carr and the Hon. William Thigpen will be honored as Alumni of the Year, while Dr. James Whiteside will be recognized as the Honorary Alumnus of the Year.

The awards are presented annually by the University as a part of its Homecoming celebration. Nominations are solicited, and winners are selected by the TROY Alumni Association Board of Directors based on outstanding professional accomplishments, civic achievements and loyalty and service to Troy University.

Sanford graduated in 1993 with her bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations. She is currently employed with Habitat for Humanity Greater Birmingham as the vice president for marketing and development. Sanford is a director for the Gardendale Chamber of Commerce and was a recipient of the Birmingham Business Journal's "Top 40 Under 40."

Carr obtained a bachelor's degree in education from TROY in 1959. He served as superintendent of education in Crenshaw County from 1988-1995 before retiring. Carr is the president

for the Troy University Alumni Association. He and his wife, Pearl, have two daughters and three grandchildren.

A 1964 graduate, Thigpen attended TROY on a basketball scholarship where he was awarded the "Most Hustle Award" for his effort and work ethic. He was elected to the Alabama House of Representatives in 1998 and will begin his third term representing the 16th District of Fayette, Lamar and Tuscaloosa counties, in 2007. Thigpen is the founder of West Alabama Economic Development Board for Fayette, Lamar and Pickens counties. He is a retired insurance agent and owner of Thigpen Ford-Mercury. Thigpen and his wife, Betty, have three children and five grandchildren.

Whiteside, the Honorary Alumnus of the Year, recently retired as the full-time team doctor for TROY's medical staff. After spending 13 years as the senior medical team physician at Penn State, he took the role as director of medical aspects of sports at the Alabama Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Center in Birmingham, AL. There he established a primary care sports medicine fellowship curriculum and educates primary care and orthopedic sports medicine fellows. A native of Lowes, Ky., Whiteside and his wife, the former Edith Brown, have three sons and two daughters.

## *TROY PAC providing results for University*

The University's political action committee provides solid results for the TROY family.

Director of Governmental Affairs Marcus Paramore, who manages the TROY PAC and the lobbying efforts of the University, said strong finances provide the linchpin for a successful program.

"We've had tremendous success in the Legislature," he said, "but if we're going to build on those successes, it's critical we have the financial support of our faculty, staff, alumni and friends."

TROY PAC was created to support individuals seeking office, who support Troy University, and is a bi-partisan organization.

Paramore said TROY's ability to take care of faculty and staff issues in the Legislature is directly tied to the support TROY PAC receives from its members.

To learn more about contributing, contact Paramore at 334-241-8622.

# Homecoming

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Homecoming king and queen, presentation of the Alumni and Honorary Alumnus of the Year awards and performances by the Alumni Band and Troy University's Sound of the South marching band.

TROY's Homecoming celebration marks a special time in the life of the University, according to Alumni Affairs Director Faith Ward.

"Homecoming is a great opportunity for our alumni to return to campus to reunite with former classmates, see the great things that are happening here at TROY and enjoy some great Trojan football action," Ward said. "We look forward to having our alumni join us for this wonderful celebration of Trojan spirit."

During the week leading up to Homecoming, campus organizations will compete in different events to earn points toward winning Homecoming honors. "This year's Homecoming theme, "Troy's Got Game," will show students that Troy University's football team is performing at new levels and is more competitive than ever," said Lamar Martin, 2006 Homecoming director.

## Homecoming parade scheduled for Nov. 4

Troy University's annual Homecoming parade will take to the streets of downtown Troy on Nov. 4 beginning at 10 a.m.

The parade will begin at the corner of Montgomery and North Three Notch streets, continue to downtown through the Square to Elm Street and finish in front of the Old Recreational Department, according to Jennifer Barner of the Pike County Chamber of Commerce.

All parade entries should be in good taste and reflect the Homecoming theme "Troy's Got Game," according to the rules of the parade.

For more information, contact Barner at 566-2294.

## Homecoming Week Activities

### Saturday, Oct. 28

- 3-6 p.m. -- Kappa Delta Pi's Fall Festival, Harrison Room, Dothan Campus

### Monday, Oct. 30

- Spirit Day Decoration Contest, Montgomery Campus
- Gamma Beta Phi promotes Domestic Violence Awareness by handing out purple ribbons, Dothan Campus
- 7 p.m. -- The Trojan Stomp Dance competition and Super Fan Competition, Claudia Crosby Theater, Troy Campus

### Tuesday, Oct. 31

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. -- Trojan Ambassadors hand out candy on the quad, Dothan Campus
- 4:30 p.m. -- Pep Rally featuring Director of Athletics Steve Dennis and the Trojan cheerleaders, around the clock tower (weather permitting), Montgomery Campus
- 7:30 p.m. -- The Troy Gospel Singers concert, Claudia Crosby Theater, Troy Campus

### Wednesday, Nov. 1

- Trojan Hunt, search for an autographed football, Montgomery Campus
- 7 p.m. -- Skit competition, Claudia Crosby Theater, Troy Campus

### Thursday, Nov. 2

- Spirit Day Decoration contest, Troy Campus
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. -- SGA Tailgate Party, Dothan Campus
- 6:30 p.m. -- Pep rally, Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium, Troy Campus

### Friday, Nov. 3

- 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. -- Cookout presented by the SGA and the Troy University Alumni Association, Amphitheater, Troy Campus

### Saturday, Nov. 4

- 10 a.m. -- Homecoming Parade, Downtown Troy
- 2:30 p.m. -- Homecoming pre-game festivities including introduction of the Homecoming Court
- 3 p.m. -- Homecoming football game vs. Louisiana-Lafayette
- Halftime -- Crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen; recognition of Alumni and Honorary Alumnus of the Year; Performances by the Alumni Band and the Sound of the South marching band
- 7 p.m. -- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Step Show, Claudia Crosby Theater



As part of 2005 Homecoming Week on the Dothan Campus, criminal justice major Cheryl Burgoon tosses a pie at TROY Programmer Analyst Henry Hernandez. Dothan Campus students, faculty and staff enjoyed a Homecoming Tailgate Party sponsored by the Student Government Association.

## ‘Indispensible’

eArmyU’s Stacey Warren wins Vergil Parks McKinley Award for October

**S**tacey Warren, eArmyU Distance Learning Coordinator of TROY’s Southeast region, has won the University’s Vergil Parks McKinley Award for October.

Warren, who has been a part of the Troy University staff since 2001, received the award during an Oct. 17 ceremony in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., TROY chancellor, presented the award to Warren, who was nominated by Donna Darling, eArmyU site director of TROY’s Southeast Region.

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, Darling



**Dr. Dave White, left, and Troy University Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr. present Stacey Warren with the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for October during a ceremony on Oct. 17. The McKinley Award is the highest honor that Troy University gives to non-faculty staff members.**

said Warren shows tremendous initiative on a daily basis and is vital to the University’s work with the military. Troy University is the second largest education provider in the eArmyU program, which is the Army’s laptop program serving active duty military members around the world.

“She has taken the initiative to

learn every aspect of the eArmyU process,” Darling said. “She has learned each and every job and is therefore able to help everyone in times of overload. The creation of the new GoArmyEd portal has presented new challenges for the eArmyU office. Ms. Warren has taken it upon herself to assist in the implementation of new processes, in coordination with numerous Troy University sites and personnel.”

Darling said Warren, a Columbus, Ga. resident, has made “communication between GoArmyEd and Troy University more productive.”

“Ms. Warren is very deserving of recognition for her tireless work in making the eArmyU office successful for Troy University.”

Warren, who attended the ceremony with her husband Dusty, said she was honored to receive the award.

“I am extremely grateful to receive this award and also for the support that we receive from the administration,” Warren said. “We could not do our job without the tremendous support and vision the administration has for providing educational opportunities for our military personnel. This is truly one great university.”

## *Twelve new employees join University in September*

Troy University welcomed 12 new employees during the month of September.

The new employees are:

- Samuel L. Braddock, lecturer, University College
- Jeffrey Couch, site coordinator, eArmyU
- Carol Covington, coordinator, student services
- Ronald Craig, assistant professor, Ft. Benning
- Melissa Foran, clerk stenographer, financial aid
- Xiaoli Shoulee Huan, assistant professor, Florida Region

- Loyd Frank Lawing, cohort developer, eCampus
- Wendy Phillips, assistant site director, Davis Monthan AFB
- Ashley Nicole Pinkney, assistant site director, Tampa
- Katherine Sewell, enrollment coordinator, eCampus
- Patrick Aaron Sims, facilities supervisor, Hurlburt Field and
- Marilyn Zimmerman, account clerk, accounts receivable.

## ***Professors exhibit work at Watkinsville, GA gallery***

The paintings and ceramic sculptures of Troy University's Department of Art and Design professors Pamela Allen and Larry Percy currently featured in a two-person exhibit in the Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation Art Center in Watkinsville, GA.

The exhibit, "Journeys," will run in the center's main gallery through Nov. 19.

Another TROY professor is also currently being featured in the center's Members Gallery. Gregg Skaggs' TANGRAMlandscapes is on exhibit through Nov. 19.

All three artists will present gallery talks during the closing reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 19.

Allen also recently presented the



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paper "The Impact of Collaborative Studio on the Photography Student" at the SECAC/MACCA Conference in Nashville, TN.

## ***Employees honored for years of service***

Troy University honored 39 employees for their years of dedicated work with the presentation of service pins.

The employees honored accounted for a combined total of 695 years of service to the University. Included in that group was one employee with 40 years of service, two with 35 years and four with 30.

Nicholas Cervera was honored with a framed photo of the Trojan fountain for his 40 years of employment with TROY. Drs. Curt Porter and Stephen C. Garrett were honored for 35 years, while Diane Barker, Dr. James Sherry, Patricia Tatom and John "Doc" Anderson were each honored for 30 years.

Those receiving 25-year service pins were: Charles Thompson, Dr. Magdalena Wojciechowska, Mary Kathryn Devlin, Linda Grice, Susan Haug, Becky Davis and William Walker.

Receiving 20-year pins were: Teresa Rodgers, Dr. Cherie Fretwell, Dr. Diane Orlofsky, Ralph Ford, Barbara Patterson and Valerie Brown.

Receiving 15-year pins were: Harriett Pullen, Dr. Carol Moore, Dr. Judith Dye, Dr. Steven Padgett and Dr. James F. Vickrey.

Receiving 10-year pins were: Dr. Victoria Roark, Dr. Sergey Belyi, Dr. Govind Menon, Kyle Bozeman and Brenda Marcum.

Receiving 5-year pins were: Sheri Lynn Macomber, Shellye Vardaman, Ludmila Nicolaevna Belaia, Leisa Lynn Frankum, Larry Percy, Dr. Jeff Spurlock, Roger Shultz, Angela Arthur and Darlene Schmurr-Stewart.



### **Reward Caller**

**Awards.** Troy University recently honored employees for their courtesy and use of proper phone etiquette with the presentation of the Reward Caller Awards for September and October. Top left, Lee Vardaman presents Dr. Edith Smith with a Reward Caller Award for September. Other September winners not pictured are: Bobby Jon Drinkard of admissions, Dr. John Jinright of the School of Music and Andrea Harris of the Phenix City Campus. Bottom left, October Reward Caller winners were: Lillis Sullivan of the Math and Physics department, Brenda Summers of International Programs and Chief Rod Anderson of the University Police Department. The Reward Caller Awards are given monthly. Winners receive \$25.



## Activities & achievements

**Dr. Jonathan Harrington**, associate professor of international relations, recently presented "China's Digital Divide: Problems and Prospects" at the Annual Meeting of the Western Association of Asian Studies at Weber State University in Ogden, UT. The paper chronicles the explosive growth of information and communication technology use and production in China and examines how these technologies can be harnessed to reduce socio-economic inequality in the country.

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**Larry Percy**, assistant professor in the Department of Art and Design, recently served as a facilitator for two roundtable discussion sessions at the International NETWORK of Schools for the Advancement of Arts Education conference in Miami, FL. The 24th annual conference was held Oct. 11-15.

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**Dr. Robert Kane**, an adjunct history professor at the Montgomery campus and eCampus, presented a well received paper "More than Warfighters: Eglin Air Force Base and Hurricanes Ivan, Dennis, and Katrina" at the Oct 5-7 Gulf South History and Humanities Association annual conference at Pensacola Beach, Florida. Additionally, he served as the commentator for the panel "The Civil War along the Gulf of Mexico."

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**Dr. John Jinright**, assistant professor of music in the John M. Long School of Music, performed a public lecture-recital on the Zimmer pipe organ at Pensacola's Myrtle Grove United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, Oct. 15th. His performance included works by Hanff, Scheidemann, Pachelbel, J.S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Liszt, Sibelius and featured an improvisation on two well-known hymntunes selected to showcase the tonal range of the instrument. The organ at Myrtle Grove is the Zimmer Company's 208th opus.

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**Dr. Sigurdur Greipsson**, associate professor in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences has recently reviewed four papers for the following journals: Journal of Coastal Research, Mycologia, Revista Scientia Agricola and Acta Oecologia.

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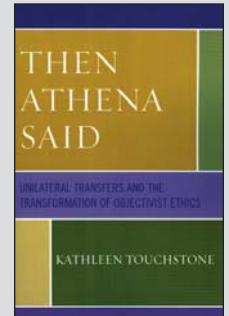
Troy University Master of Public Administration faculty and students participated at the 2006 Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECoPA) Athens, GA, Sept. 27-30. **Dr. Ellen Rosell** convened the panel: Shaping the Delivery of Public Administration Education, with **Dr. Terry Anderson** presenting

### TROY professor has book published

Dr. Kathleen Touchstone, assistant professor in Troy University's Atlantic Region, recently had her book "Then Athena Said: Unilateral Transfers and the Transformation of Objective Ethics," published by University Press of America.

The book examines Objectivism, a philosophy founded by Ayn Rand, and ultimately concludes, in opposition to essential claims of Objectivism, that other people are a fundamental part of reality.

Dr. Touchstone, who holds both master's and doctoral degrees from in economics from Florida State University, has published numerous articles in scholarly journals.



"Teaching Public Administration to International Students: Creating a New Learning Environment & Building a Conceptual Framework among Students in Emerging Democracies," **Dr. Kern Craig** presenting "Making the Most of Minimalism," **Dr. Samuel Shelton** presenting "Teaching the Same Foundations of Public Administration: Traditional and Nontraditional Delivery Mechanisms" and **Dr. Leora Waldner** and **Dr. Debra Hunter** presenting "The Role of Service Learning in Non-Traditional Course Formats."

**Dr. Charles Mitchell** presented "Employment: Circumventing Statutory Authority?" **Dr. David Nowlin** presented "Redistributive Policy: The Socialization of America?" **Dr. Terry Anderson** and **Steven Knight** presented "An Examination of the Socioeconomic and Demographic Factors and the Frequency of Use of the EMS System." **David Bonucchi** presented "Lobbyists: Should They Be Allowed."

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**Greg Skaggs**, assistant professor in the Department of Art and Design, was recently elected to the Board of Trustees for the Wiregrass Museum of Art in Dothan.

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**Dr. Meg Milligan**, assistant professor of psychology, recently presented "Teaching towards Education for Sustainable Development in U.S. College Classrooms: An Interdisciplinary Approach," based on work in conjunction with Douglas A. Jackson, M.A., University of South Carolina Upstate, at the National Psychology Synergy Conference in Dallas, Texas.

# Miss TROY

Thirteen contestants to compete for crown in University's pageant

Troy University will host the annual Miss Troy University Pageant Sunday, Oct. 29, at 2 p.m. in the Claudia Crosby Theater.

The winner of the pageant will receive numerous prizes including a one-year tuition scholarship and will represent Troy University in the Miss Alabama Pageant in Birmingham next June.

"This is an official Miss Alabama/Miss America Preliminary in which the contestant will compete in six categories: private interview, casual wear, swimsuit, talent, evening wear and on-stage question," said Brenda Campbell, who helps to coordinate the annual pageant.

The emcee for this year's pageant will be Aaron Taylor of TrojanVision news. Mary King, the reigning Miss Troy University, will provide entertainment during the event.

The contestants competing in this year's pageant and their talents are:

- Morgan Rhodes, a freshman biology major from Troy, will be singing "I Enjoy Being a Girl"
- Anna Hasenbein, a junior broadcast journalism major from Cullman, AL, will be dancing to "Just Kiss Me"
- Stephanie Hill, a junior criminal justice/English major from Calera,



**Miss Troy University contestants pose for photo along with TROY First Lady Mrs. Janice Hawkins, front left, and reigning Miss TROY Mary King, front right. Mrs. Hawkins hosted a tea honoring the contestants on Oct. 15.**

AL, will be singing "Saved the Best for Last"

- Julie Chapman, a freshman marketing major from Hoover, AL, will be singing "I Am What I Am"
- Kendra Willis, a freshman biology major from Bessemer, AL, will be dancing to "Oowee Man"
- Aderonke Olaleye, a sophomore business major from Randallstown,

MD, will be singing "At Last"

- Laura McDonald, a senior accounting major from Prattville, AL, will be dancing to "Joyful, Joyful"
- Amber Dodson, a senior nursing major from Cullman, AL, will be doing a twirling routine to "Last Dance"
- Elaina Lee, a junior biology major from Arab, AL, will be dancing to "Someone Like You"
- Allison Farrington, a sophomore general science education major from Andalusia, AL, will be singing "Summertime"

• Kathryn Hobgood, a sophomore elementary education major from Semmes, AL, will be dancing to "Sugar, We're Goin' Down"

• Ashlee Maddox, a sophomore nursing major from Thorsby, AL, will be singing "Inside Your Heaven" and

• Jackie Crane, a sophomore political science/history/Spanish major from Geneva, AL, will be singing "Why."

The event is open to the public. For further information, contact Brenda Campbell at 1-800-551-9716 ext. 3178 or by e-mail at [bcamp@troy.edu](mailto:bcamp@troy.edu) or Sara Jo Burks at 334-670-3451 or by e-mail at [sburks@troy.edu](mailto:sburks@troy.edu).

## Gospel Choir concert set for Oct. 31

Troy University's Gospel Choir will hold a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 31 in conjunction with the University's Homecoming Week activities. The concert will be held at Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus.

The concert, "The Final Game," will include a combination of familiar spirituals and contemporary gospel songs. The choir is directed by Lewis

Webb.

"The Pentecostal Campus Ministries praise team will open the program with a devotional followed by singing and praising during intermission," said Adrian Taylor, Gospel Choir president. "We would like everyone to come out and support our concert."

Admission is \$3 to the general public and \$2 for students.

## Troy University helps bring Asthma Safari to Troy

Troy University's Healthy Schools Healthy Kids program is co-sponsoring the Asthma Safari Nov. 4 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Joel Witherington Family Center in Troy.

HKHS and Steps to a Healthier Alabama host the event with Charles Henderson Child Health Center, Troy University, Troy Regional Medical Center and the American Lung Association for children kindergarten through second grade who are diagnosed with asthma.

AROUND TROY

# Aerospace Day

Former astronaut, space historian to speak at Dothan Campus event

Former NASA Astronaut Jim Voss and best-selling author Jim Hanson will serve as keynote speakers during Aerospace Day 2006 at Troy University. The free event, which is sponsored by the Wiregrass Math and Science Consortium, gets under way at 8:30 a.m. November 17 on the Dothan Campus.

Aerospace Day is designed to inspire teachers to ignite the imaginations of their students, according to Sandy Armstrong, co-director of the Wiregrass Math and Science Consortium. Area educators, members of the public and space enthusiasts are invited to attend.

"They can expect to get new information about Neil Armstrong from our author, Jim Hanson," Armstrong said. "They can also expect to get first-hand experiences about being in space from Jim Voss."

Hanson is the author of "First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong," an international best seller published in 2005 by Simon & Schuster. The noted historian spent 52 hours interviewing



Jim Voss

Armstrong for the biography. Hanson's research also included gathering accounts from more than 100 others in the Space program.

During Voss' career with NASA, he successfully completed five space flights and four space walks. He also lived aboard the International Space Station, spending a total of 201 days in

Space.

"I look forward to speaking to the teachers," Voss said. "I hope we will be able to provide them with information that can help them inspire the next generation of Space explorers."

The Opelika native attributes his success, in part, to several teachers who encouraged him to learn and dream big.

"People can do just about anything they set their mind to," Voss reflected. "There is nothing out of reach to the children of Alabama."

According to Armstrong, the next generation will not have to leave the Wiregrass to make contributions in Space. The burgeoning aerospace industry contributes an estimated 920 million dollars a year to Southeast Alabama's economy.

The Wiregrass Math and Science Consortium is funded by the Alabama Commission on Higher Education through Troy University.

The deadline to register for Aerospace Day is Nov. 13. For more information, contact the Consortium at (334) 983-6556, ext. 1-371.

## *Troy University to play host to GIS Symposium Oct. 31-Nov. 1*

Troy University will host the 3rd Annual Geographic Information Systems Symposium Oct. 31 – Nov. 1.

The University's geomatics program, which teaches students the latest land surveying sciences, will team with Auburn University to co-host the event that presents a common forum for presentations and discussions in the use of GIS in Alabama and its neighboring states, said Dr. Steve Ramroop, who directs the geomatics pro-

gram.

"The intention of the symposium is in promoting and encouraging the presentation of quality research papers in the field of spatial information science," he said.

This year's symposium will consist of workshops, presentations, poster presentations and also give GIS students and professionals the opportunity to network.

GIS marries field surveying, mapping and computer analysis to create accurate surveys of land.

## Military

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duty enlisted soldiers through eArmyU, the U.S. Army's distance-education program. Of the more than 20 institutions participating in eArmyU, TROY has the second largest number of enrollments.

A special committee has been established to administer the support program, including Mrs. Hawkins, Faith Ward, director of alumni affairs; Herbert Reeves, dean of students; Barbara Patterson, director of student involvement; Lt. Col. Ivan Merritt, Air Force ROTC; Capt. James Holder, Army ROTC; Dr. Tom Dunn, interim academic dean of University College; Alicia Bookout, director of development/annual giving for athletics; and Eric Williamson, director of athletics marketing and promotion.