



# TROY TODAY

*A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff*

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## Grand opening

### University cuts ribbon on Rosa Parks Library and Museum's Children's Wing

Troy University cut the ribbon Friday on the Children's Wing of the Rosa Parks Library and Museum in a ceremony devoted to the memory of the museum's namesake and her devotion to young people.

Several speakers at the opening ceremonies for the wing, including Gov. Bob Riley, U.S. Rep. Artur Davis and Mrs. Johnnie Carr, president of the Montgomery Improvement Association and life-long friend of Mrs. Parks, invoked Mrs. Parks' lessons of tolerance and love among people of all races.

The ceremony was held in the Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts on the Montgomery Campus. The first official tours of the new Children's Wing began promptly after the ceremony ended around noon. Almost 1,000 people attended the ceremony, including 16 members of Mrs. Parks' family.

Gov. Riley said the opening of the Children's Wing is just one of many examples of the progress Alabama has made in race relations in the 50 years since Mrs.



Visitors to the Troy University Rosa Parks Library and Museum's Children's Wing on Friday take a ride on "The Cleveland Avenue Time Machine" courtesy of its robotic driver "Mr. Rivets." The new wing was opened during special ceremonies at the Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts Friday morning.

Parks defied laws mandating segregation of public transportation and sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

"Today the state of race relations in America is judged by how well we have moved ahead in Alabama," Gov. Riley said. "We are the ones the rest of the world looks to the set the example. I want Alabama to be a

leader in race relations."

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor of Troy University, said the museum is dedicated to the core mission of the university, which is education.

"The Rosa Parks Museum has an important story to tell," Dr. Hawkins said. "The Children's Wing ensures that visitors of all

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## 1-2-1 delegation visits Troy Campus

Nineteen higher education leaders from China visited the Troy Campus on Wednesday as a part of the 1-2-1 program.

The visit included a meeting with Troy Mayor Jimmy Lunsford and the city council, tours of the Troy Campus and

the city of Troy, visits with 1-2-1 students, a convocation and a reception and dinner in their honor.

During the convocation, Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., offered an

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Delegation members listen to presentations by 1-2-1 students.

# Celebration

Event marks 30th anniversary of University's Phenix City Campus

State and local officials and members of the community joined Troy University in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Phenix City Campus on Feb. 10 at the Chattahoochee River Club in Columbus, GA.

Dr. Curtis Pitts, vice chancellor of the Phenix City Campus, took attendees through a trip down memory lane, recognizing the contribution of early faculty and staff members and charting the campus' history of service to the surrounding community.

Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. offered some memories of his own.

"In 1975, Dr. Pitts gave new meaning to the term 'distance education' by carrying textbooks great distances while he registered students out of the trunk of his car," Dr. Hawkins said. "But Dr. Pitts' devotion to serving our students is one of the reasons the Phenix City Campus is vibrant and strong today. Indeed, our presence in Phenix City was born of need and fed by the commitment to service. Thirty years later the same dedication to service to students is at the heart of our success in Phenix City, as we have grown to more than 2,000 students. And, Dr. Pitts is still providing that excellent leadership."

Dr. Hawkins also shared a glimpse of the vision for continued growth of the campus.

"As we stand in this beautiful place, I encourage you to look to the West, across the river, and imagine a beautiful building rising from the banks of the Chattahoochee River. On top of that building there is a sign which reads Troy University."

Alabama Rep. Lesley Vance, who



**Dr. Curtis Pitts, vice chancellor of the Phenix City Campus, recounts memories of the campus' first 30 years.**



**Curtis Pitts, vice chancellor of the Phenix City Campus, receives a resolution in recognition of the 30th anniversary of the Phenix City Campus from Alabama Rep. Lesley Vance, who represents Lee and Russell counties.**

represents Russell and Lee counties, and Sen. Ted Little, who represents Russell, Lee and Tallapoosa counties, presented Dr. Pitts with framed resolutions recognizing the campus' 30-year anniversary.

Pitts credited the work of faculty and staff for the growth of the campus that began with only three rooms in a location near downtown Phenix City.

"We held registration under the stairs of the Utility Building," Dr. Pitts said. "Dr. Paul Stancill and John Threlkeld were there and they were trying to register students while people were walking up the stairs. Dirt was falling through the stairs on their desks. I think we enrolled 20 people and had two classes."

That first registration was only the beginning. The University soon tapped into the military community at Fort Benning and began to establish itself in the Phenix City and Columbus areas.

"Our vision was to have outstanding faculty, outstanding facilities, the best technology and to offer classes at times that fully employed individuals and teachers could go to school," Dr. Pitts said. "Nobody else was doing that. And we said our student services would be like a bank – you walk in and you get treated like a banker would treat you. We started small and we grew. The first vision we had has happened, but it's because of people in Columbus and Phenix City who were willing to sign on to that vision."

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ages may understand that story.”

Mrs. Carr praised Troy University for taking the lead in constructing the museum and the children’s wing. She said that Mrs. Parks would have been “pleased and happy” with the new wing because she recognized the importance of teaching young people the lessons of history.

Dr. Belle Wheelan, president of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, also had praise for the University. “Troy University has stepped up to the plate more than its share to ensure that the stories, events and people of the Montgomery Bus Boycott are maintained for future generations,” Dr. Wheelan said. “This museum and children’s wing go a long way in sharing that story.”

Others participating the ceremony were Mayor Bobby Bright of Montgomery, Lamar P. Higgins, Troy University trustee and member of the advisory board of the Rosa Parks Library and Museum; Dr. Carlinda Purcell, superintendent of Montgomery Public Schools; and, the Rev. Joseph Rembert, pastor of St. Paul AME Church.

The new wing combines state-of-the-art audio and video animation with history, set inside an oversized replica of the



**The “Cleveland Avenue Time Machine,” an oversized replica of a 1950s era Montgomery city bus, is the centerpiece of the new Children’s Wing. Through a series of video presentations, visitors are whisked back through time to several key events in the American civil rights movement leading up to the Montgomery Bus Boycott.**

City of Montgomery’s Cleveland Avenue bus, circa 1955. Through a series of video presentations, visitors to the Children’s Wing will be transported back in time to several critical events in the American civil rights struggle. In addition to the Cleveland Avenue Time Machine, the Children’s Wing includes an interactive research area where visi-

tors can research historical documents and hear testimonials of those who participated in or have knowledge about the Montgomery Bus Boycott. Kiosks, informational panels and computer stations assist researchers seeking information about the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the Civil Rights Movement in America. A Boycott timeline and a legal timeline show visitors how it took both to end bus segregation.



**Above left, Sodexho Senior Vice President Fred Formichella presents a check for \$50,000 to Dr. Cameron Martindale, senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations, for the sponsorship of the opening ceremonies of the Rosa Parks Library and Museum’s Children’s Wing. Above right, children and adults line up to tour the new Children’s Wing of the Rosa Parks Library and Museum on Friday. Free admission was offered on the wing’s opening day.**



# Making the grade

128 Trojan student-athletes recognized for academic excellence

The Troy University Department of Athletics recognized 128 student-athletes at halftime of the Feb. 16 men's basketball game against South Alabama for academic excellence during the fall 2005 semester.

All 128 student-athletes posted a grade-point average for the fall semester of at least 3.0. Nine of the athletes posted perfect 4.0 GPA's for the semester.

"We are very proud of all our student-athletes when they have success on the field of play," Director of Athletics Steve Dennis said. "We are equally proud when they perform well in the class room, and this group of young men and women are setting an example, not only for our other student-athletes, but for all Troy University students to follow."

The student-athletes come from all 18 varsity sports teams and hail from 13 different states and 10 foreign countries. The Trojans baseball team led the way with the most athletes recognized with 22, followed by the football team with 21.

Top performing teams among the women were track and field with 15 and soccer with 11.

## Delegation

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overview of the 1-2-1 program, which enables students from partner universities in China to start their education at their home university, attend TROY for their sophomore and junior years and return for their senior year in China. The students receive diplomas from both TROY and their home university.

Dr. Hawkins noted that the first 1-2-1 class in 2001 brought 40 students and a lot of excitement to the University and the community.

"Troy University will remain dedicated to this program," Dr. Hawkins told the delegation during the convocation in Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor. "I envision 300 1-2-1 students

in TROY by 2010. We welcome your students to this campus. We know our students by name and not by number. They will be well treated at Troy University. And, we welcome faculty from your universities as well."

Current Troy University 1-2-1 students also made presentations for the delegation on Wednesday afternoon.



Members of the 1-2-1 delegation of Chinese higher education officials take time during their visit for a photo with Troy University officials and current 1-2-1 students. The delegation toured the Troy Campus and met with city and university officials during their visit.

## Clear vision

True success measured in giving rather than receiving, minister tells gathering

**A**nationally known minister urged attendees of a leadership conference celebrating Black History Month Saturday to have a clear vision for success and practice teamwork to lift up the African-American community.

The speaker, the Rev. Jamal Harrison-Bryant, pastor of Empowerment Temple in Baltimore, MD, told the more than 300 people in attendance at Troy University's Trojan Center that modern society is too concerned with the "size of success" and not the quality of success. True progress, he said, is not working for a bigger house, nicer car or fancier clothes, but it is "giving back to the source of our strength, which is God."

The 2006 Leadership Conference celebrating Black History Month was sponsored by the City of Troy and Troy University. The two-day conference featured motivational speakers and sessions on a wide variety of leadership skills, such as



**The Rev. Jamal Harrison-Bryant, pastor of Empowerment Temple in Baltimore, MD, speaks to the more than 300 people attending the African-American Leadership Conference, presented by Troy University and the city of Troy.**

legal issues, financial planning, time management and proper etiquette.

Bryant said black Americans should unite in a "group effort" to make sure their community succeeds spiritually, socially and economically. And, the fuel for that success begins with parents who instill in

their children a love of learning.

"Before the sixth grade, the average African-American child excels in reading, math and science," he said. "But then too many make the pivotal decision to be popular rather than smart. They know the latest dances, but they won't pass the classes."

Successful African-Americans should also be prepared to acknowledge those people who have helped them along the way, such "as their grandmothers in Alabama" who united behind young persons with potential and helped show them the way. He pointed to his own grandfather, a cook at Duke University, who inspired him during his quest for a master's degree.

Others speaking at the luncheon and closing ceremony included Troy Mayor Jimmy Lunsford and State Rep. Alan Boothe. The Rev. S.D. James, Bishop, Evangelistic Pentecostal Churches Worldwide, Inc., served as the presiding officer.



**An accomplished jazz musician, Dr. Ronald Myers, a physician and community activist from the Mississippi Delta, brought a little music to the African-American Leadership Conference at Troy University prior to his keynote address on community leadership at the conference's opening session.**



## Activities & achievements

**Emrah Orhun**, professor of computer science, has had two papers, co-written with Dr. D. Orhun, accepted for presentation at two conferences.

“Difficulties in Integrating Digital Libraries into Teaching Computer Science Teaching with the MERLOT Collection” was presented at the IASTED International Conference on Web-based Education (WBE 2006), which was held Jan. 23-25 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

“Spatial and Social Sustainability in Montgomery” was accepted for presentation at the 44th International Making Cites Livable Conference on True Urbanism and Healthy Communities. The conference, organized with the University of Notre Dame School of Architecture, will be held in Santa Fe, NM, May 18-22.

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**Greg Price**, chief technology officer, recently passed a series of exams to acquire the GIAC Certified Forensic Analyst (GCFA) certification. GCFA is a certification from the Global Information Assurance Certification designed for individuals responsible for forensic investigation/analysis, advanced incident handling or formal incident investigation. Currently, there are 342 Certified Forensic Analysts in the world. The exams boast a 98 percent failure rate.

Price also has had a research proposal accepted by GIAC in an effort to move his certification to Gold status. The Gold status is achieved through a forensics research project that is reviewed by a body of computer forensic experts. There are 7 GCFA Gold analysts globally.

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**Jim Adams**, lecturer in the Department of Speech & Theatre, has had his research study “Assessing college student perceptions of instructor service via the Quality of Instructor Service to Students (QISS) Questionnaire” accepted for publication in the international Journal of Assessment and Evaluation in Education in mid-2006.

Adams also presented his paper “Applying the Quality of Instructor Service to Students (QISS) approach to Student Relationship Management (SRM)” at the International Alliance of Teachers Scholars (IATS) Lilly North Conference, in Traverse City, MI. He will present his most recent work, “Sustaining intercultural family values via ritual, narrative, and symbols” at the Southern States Communication Association annual conference in Dallas in April 2006.

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**Dr. Henry Barwood**, associate professor of science in the Math and Physics Department, published an article in the January/February volume of the *Rocks & Minerals* journal. His article, entitled *The Hogg Estate or Mineral Processing Mine, LaGrange, Troup County, Georgia*, was



**Reward Callers.** Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor, congratulates the January Reward Caller Award winners during a recent ceremony at the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor. Winners, from left to right, were: Cliff Toliver, rodeo team coach; Dr. Carol Jordan, eminent scholar of Risk Management and Insurance; and, Jim Farris, Human Resources on the Montgomery Campus. The Reward Callers program was begun in an effort to ensure courtesy and proper phone etiquette. Winners receive \$25.

co-authored with Dr. Robert B. Cook of Auburn University. The article details the history of the mine’s commercial production of beryl and rose quartz, and discusses the mine’s current status as a tourist attraction.

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**Dr. Glen Gill**, assistant professor in the Department of English, has received a grant from the DeGroote Trust, a Canadian educational foundation, to help fund the publication of his book *Northrop Frye and the Phenomenology of Myth*, and aid in the preparation of another book which he is editing, *Northrop Frye’s Writings on Twentieth-Century Literature*, both of which are forthcoming from the University of Toronto Press.

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**Dr. Meg Milligan**, adjunct professor of psychology, co-presented with Douglas A. Jackson, M.A., Spanish department, Greenville Technical College, South Carolina, and Megan Milligan, Auburn University student, “Interdisciplinary Study Abroad Collaboration — A World of Opportunities for Teaching Psychology” at the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in St. Petersburg Beach, FL in January.

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**Dr. Hal Fulmer**, associate provost, recently delivered the keynote address for the annual meeting of the Coastal Georgia Historical Society on St. Simons Island, GA. The title of the presentation was “Praising God and Passing the Ammunition: The Role of the Chaplain Generals in the United Confederate Veterans Organization.”

# Outstanding statesman

## Former Mississippi Gov. Winter to speak at inaugural Carter Lecture Series Feb. 28

Former Mississippi Gov. William F. Winter will present the inaugural Kit Carson Carter Lecture Series in Southern History and Politics at 7 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Claudia Crosby Theater at Troy University.

The University's Department of History established the lecture series in memory of Dr. Kit Carter, a former member of the TROY history faculty.

"For more than 50 years, Governor Winter has been on of the South's most outstanding statesmen," said Dr.

Allen Dennis, professor of history and the lecture series' coordinator. "He's probably the finest governor Mississippi has ever had, and single-handedly brought Mississippi at least to the edge of the 20th century."

Mr. Winter, 83, was Mississippi's governor from 1980 until 1984. Prior to his election, Winter was lieutenant governor, state treasurer, state tax collector and a member of the Mississippi Legislature. In 1986, he lost a bid for the U.S. Senate to Trent

Lott.

A partner in the Jackson, Miss. law firm of Watkins Ludlam Winter & Stennis, Mr. Winter specializes in the practice of environmental law, international law, government relations and lobbying, legislative practice, state and municipal bonds and financing and state, local and municipal law.

He earned an undergraduate and juris doctorate from the University of Mississippi in 1949.

## University's Miss Shamrock Pageant set for March 2

Troy University will be hosting the Sixth Annual Miss Shamrock Pageant on March 2 at 7 p.m. in the Trojan Center Theater.

Organizations, individuals, businesses and families are encouraged to sponsor contestants. Contestants will be judged by on-stage evening wear and modeling. All females attending a Troy University campus in Alabama are eligible to compete in the pageant.

Brenda Campbell, director of graduate admissions, said "This is the first year that the Miss Shamrock Pageant has been open to ladies who attend all of TROY's Alabama campuses and we are excited about the opportunity to meet outstanding young ladies within the Troy University family."

The winner of the Miss Shamrock Pageant will receive a \$150 book scholarship, crown and banner. She will also be featured in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11. The first alternate will receive a \$100 book scholarship and the second alternate will receive a \$50 book scholarship. The Troy University National Alumni Association is sponsoring these scholarships.

The applications are due to Brenda Campbell by Feb. 24.

## Author, historian Flynt to speak

Author and renowned Alabama historian Wayne Flynt will speak on Alabama history at 7 p.m., Wednesday in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus.

Flynt, professor emeritus at Auburn University, is editor-in-chief of the *Online Encyclopedia of Alabama*, which is the product of a

partnership between the Alabama Humanities Foundation and Auburn University. He is a leading authority on Alabama history and Baptist history in Alabama.

Flynt is the author of 11 books and has won numerous honors and recognition for his writing, including a pair of Pulitzer Prize nominations.

## Wiregrass Baseball Classic set for Feb. 24-26 in Dothan

The 2006 ScreenTech Wiregrass Baseball Classic swings into action in February. Play gets underway at Westgate Park in Dothan Friday, Feb. 24, and continues through Sunday, Feb. 26, with two games each day.

The three-day tournament, which is presented by the Dothan Eagle and hosted by Troy University, will feature the TROY Trojans, South Alabama Jaguars, UAB Blazers and Michigan Wolverines.

UAB and Michigan take the field February 24 at 2 p.m., while TROY takes on South Alabama at 6 p.m.

South Alabama plays UAB February 25 at 2 p.m., and it is Michi-

gan verses TROY at 6 p.m.

On February 26, Michigan goes up against South Alabama at 10 a.m. The final game of the tournament gets under way at 2 p.m. when TROY and UAB meet on the field.

Tournament passes are on sale at ScreenTech, the Dothan Civic Center Box Office and Westgate Recreation Center. Tickets can also be purchased from several area high school baseball teams and during Dixie Youth Baseball registration at the Dothan recreation centers.

For more information about the Wiregrass Baseball Classic, contact Shannon Collins at (334) 596-5611.

AROUND TROY

# A heaping helping of green

Troy University to celebrate sixth annual Irish Week March 10-17

A road race, a football scrimmage, a parade, musical entertainment and, of course, a heaping helping of green will highlight the sixth annual Irish Week celebration at Troy University March 10-17.

The event coincides with the annual Spring Alumni Reunion weekend, which will feature the annual reunion dinner and the awarding of the Distinguished Leadership Award.

Festivities for alumni will get under way March 10 with a reception honoring this year's Distinguished Leadership Award winner at the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor.

Saturday morning activities will kick off with the Costes Memorial 5K and 10K races, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Shackelford Quad.

A special scholarship brunch will be held for donors and recipients at 10 a.m. in the Hall of Honor.

The annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will wind its way down University Avenue beginning at noon on March 11. Line-up for the parade will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude by 11:30. For more information on reserving a spot in the parade, contact Buddy Starling at 670-3243.

Following the parade, tailgating and musical entertainment will take place at Tailgate Terrace adjacent to Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium. A spring football scrimmage will be held at 2 p.m. in the stadium. Admission is free and the public is encouraged to attend.

The alumni reunion dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Trojan Center Ballrooms to be followed by a Choral Masterworks Concert in the Claudia Crosby Theater at 7 p.m.

A special Shamrockin' 2006 dance also will begin at 7 p.m. in the Stadium Club with live musical entertainment being provided by Lisa & the Illusion. The event is sponsored by Leadership Pike and proceeds from the event will benefit the organization's scholarship



**Maggie and Alyssa English of Troy enjoy the festivities during last year's St. Patrick's Day parade. Maggie and Alyssa are the daughters of Tammy English, eCampus specialist for Troy University. This year's parade is scheduled for noon on Saturday, March 11. For more information on reserving a spot in this year's parade, contact Buddy Starling at 670-3243.**

program.

A spring preview day for prospective students is being presented by the Troy University Office of Admissions. For more information, contact the office at 670-3179.

The weekend events kick off a week-long Irish celebration, including a community brown bag lunch on the square in downtown Troy, a Pot-of-Gold search on the Troy Campus and an Irish Cooking Contest.