



# TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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**Campus signs.** Newly installed signs around the Troy Campus inform visitors and students about the significance of 11 locations around campus. The signs, similar to the Alabama Historical Marker in front of Smith Hall, give a brief description of the location and its significance. The project was completed for less than \$15,000, said Cameron Christensen, a physical plant employee. The signs are located in front of the Thinker Statue, Pace Hall, Shackelford Hall, Bibb Graves Hall, Green Davis Tailgate Terrace, Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall, the Trojan Center, Pace-Riddle Field, Cowart Hall, McCall Hall and the Chancellor's residence.

## Time travel

Rosa Parks Library and Museum's Children's Wing to open Feb. 17

The Rosa Parks Library and Museum's Children's Wing brings the saga of the civil rights struggle to life through the Cleveland Avenue Time Machine.

"We believe the Children's Wing will allow the museum to serve a broader cross-section of visitors by telling the complex story of the civil rights movement in a manner that will be easily understood by young people," said Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr.

The Children's Wing – scheduled for its official opening at 10 a.m. on Feb. 17 at the University's Davis Theatre – combines state-of-the-art audio and video animation with history, set inside an oversized replica of the 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 11 critical events in the American civil rights struggle.

On the Children's Wing's first floor, visitors will be welcomed on board by a robotic bus driver named Mr. Rivets, who will take them back in time to the early "Jim Crow" era. During this "trip through time," visitors will come to understand

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## We want to hear from you!

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## African American Leadership Conference to begin tonight

The 2006 African-American Leadership Conference, co-hosted by the City of Troy and Troy University, will bring together a variety of speakers and topics focusing on the theme Celebrating Community Leadership: Religious, Civic, Fraternal and Social Organizations.

The conference – set to begin Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Trojan Center Theatre – will be highlighted by greetings from Troy Mayor Jimmy C. Lunsford and Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. State Sen. Jimmy Holley will also provide remarks from the State Senate.

The evening's keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Ronald V. Myers, M.D., founder, president and medical director of the Myers Foundation Christian Family Health Centers in Tchula, Belzoni and Greenville, Miss. Myers, a native of Chicago, See CONFERENCE, Page 3

# New partnership

Troy University, Wiregrass Museum of Art sign cooperative agreement

A partnership between the Wiregrass Museum of Art and Troy University was inked Thursday, solidifying a partnership to bring greater fine arts exposure to Alabama's Wiregrass region.

TROY Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. and Wiregrass Museum of Art Executive Director Susan Robertson signed a partnership agreement in the Malone Gallery on the University's Troy Campus in a 4:30 p.m. ceremony.

"Around the world, we're engaged in about 150 partnerships with various organizations and universities," Hawkins said. "But we also have to grow where we are planted. As we're bringing campuses together in One Great University, it's through partnerships that we can do so much."

Under the terms of the agreement, the institutions will offer learning and research experiences and comprehensive educational programs to students and the public through the sharing of collections, libraries, facilities and resources, said WMA Executive Director Susan Robertson.

"This agreement has the energy we need to create access to the arts by merging our resources to create incredible opportunities in the Wiregrass," she said. "The entire community benefits from this partnership."

In the past the WMA and TROY



**Wiregrass Museum of Art Executive Director Susan Robertson, left, and Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. sign a cooperative agreement formally establishing a collaboration to bring more fine art exposure to Alabama's Wiregrass region.**

have frequently collaborated providing educational and art experiences to students and the public. The WMA has displayed numerous exhibitions at TROY's Dothan Campus and has helped to prepare student interns in their careers. In return, the University's artists have exhibited their work in the Museum galleries. Most recent

is assistant professor of art and design Greg Skaggs' See-N-Say exhibit which is displayed through March 26.

The Wiregrass Museum of Art & Conference Center is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to art, art education and art experiences in the Wiregrass Region. The Museum is located in downtown Dothan.

## *University moving to mandatory direct deposit*

In an effort to improve service to employees and streamline operations, Troy University's Human Resources Department is transitioning to direct deposit for all payroll payments.

In a memorandum to all University faculty, staff and student workers dated Jan. 18, Director of Human Resources Lee Vardaman said employees not currently using direct deposit would need to complete an

Authorization Agreement for Direct Deposit of Payroll Checks (AAD-DPC) form and submit it to Human Resources no later than March 31. The form is available online at [www.troy.edu/humanresources/DirectDeposit.pdf](http://www.troy.edu/humanresources/DirectDeposit.pdf) or in the Human Resources Office.

"This change will provide all employees the benefit of receiving payroll payments as quickly as possi-

ble regardless of their location," the memo said. "This change will include all full-time faculty and staff, adjunct instructors, part-time staff, Workshop and Workstudy payments. This change will not result in a change of employee pay dates. Payment dates for monthly, bi-weekly and student payrolls will remain the same."

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## Conference

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earned his medical doctorate in 1985 at the University of Wisconsin and completed his residence at the Louisiana State University Medical Center. After completing community service requirements as part of the National Public Health Service, he moved his practice from Belzoni, MS, to Tchula, MS, one of the poorest cities in the nation with a 75 percent unemployment rate and no doctor or hospital.

Together with his wife, Sylvia Holmes-Myers, his service in Tchula has centered on indigent health care and community development through the Myerses' Christian, holistic health ministry. Myers has been the founding president of a voters league, a Southern Christian Leadership Conference chapter, a community development commission, a Bible Fellowship Church and the three health centers in the Mississippi Delta. He is founder and chairman of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation, founder and president of the American Pain Institute, founder and chairman of the University of Wisconsin African-American Alumni Foundation and is the artistic director of the Mississippi Jazz and Heritage Program – Black Arts Society.

An opening reception will follow Myers' address.

A variety of workshops will be held Saturday morning. Each plenary session is 45 minutes in length and participants can attend one of three sessions during each time period beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

The closing general session will begin at 11 a.m. in the Trojan Center ballrooms, highlighted by the keynote address delivered by the Rev. Jamal-Harrison Bryant, pastor of Empowerment

### *Saturday morning sessions to be offered*

Saturday morning workshop speakers include:

- Mr. Desmond Wilson, grant writing instructor at H. Council Trenholm Technical College, who will present "Grant Writing for Non-Profit Organizations,"
- Ms. Lottie Summerville, coordinator/instructor at Computer Works, who will present "Enhancing the Effectiveness of your Organization: Affordable Website Building and Accounting Software,"
- Mrs. Sylvia Davis, a loan manager at Region's bank, will present "Financial Planning,"
- Ms. Ramadanah Salaam, an attorney in the Montgomery law firm of Thomas, Means, Gillis and Seay, will present "Legal Issues for Organizations and Churches,"
- Ms. Eleanor Lee, director of Instructional Support Services at Troy University, will present "Time Management for Organization Leaders,"
- Mrs. Buffie Edwards, coordinator of Troy University's Student Support Services, will present "Transition from College to the Real World,"
- Mrs. Tamara Lee and Ms. Debbie Parnell, both of the Southern Development Council, will present "501C3 Incorporating,"
- Mr. Cameron Whitlow, assistant director of Student Involvement at Troy University, will present "Team Building," and
- Ms. Karita Purnell, catering manager of Sodexo's Troy University division, will present "Proper Etiquette."

Temple in Baltimore, MD. His ministry focuses on empowering people spiritually, developing them educationally, exposing them culturally, activating them politically and strengthening them economically.

A dynamic motivational speaker, Bryant held the Stop the Violence, Start the Love Crusade and organized the Youth at Risk speaking tour. His work has been highlighted in *Emerge*, *Sister To Sister*, *USA Today* and *The Source* and he has appeared on BET, CNN, C-Span and *Politically Incorrect*. He has served as a panelist on the national town hall meeting *The State of Black America* and *The State of the Black Church*, hosted by Tavis Smiley.

Bryant, who dropped out of high school in the 11th grade, obtained a GED certificate and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in political science and international studies from Morehouse College and a master of divinity degree from Duke University. He is currently pursuing a doctorate in theology at Oxford University in Great Britain.

Bryant was originally scheduled to provide the conference's opening session address, but was shifted to Saturday due to a scheduling conflict.

Also included in the closing session will be the presentation of the conference's Leadership Awards and greetings by State Sen. Wendell Mitchell and State Rep. Alan Boothe.

## Direct deposit

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Vardaman said direct deposits may be made to either checking or saving accounts. A pay advice will be made available to employees documenting the payment and other information currently included on pay stubs.

For employees who do not submit an

AADDPC form prior to the March 31 deadline, a depository account will be created with an affiliated bank. This account will come with an ATM card enabling the employee to make ATM withdrawals of funds. Creation of these accounts will begin on April 1 for employees failing to submit an AAD-

DPC form, according to the memo.

"If you have not experienced the convenience of direct deposit, you should be pleased with the convenience associated with it," the memo said.

Employees with questions concerning the process should contact Human Resources at 670-3710.

## Thank-you notes

On behalf of my entire family, please accept our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude for your thoughtful support and prayers during the recent loss of my father. We were overwhelmed by the generous display of support shown through the flowers, plants and cards that have been received. Your acts of love and kindness have been a source of

strength for us all during this difficult time.

With much appreciation,  
**Jim Bookout**  
**Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs**

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I would like to express my sincere appreciation for my colleagues, staff and administration for their concern, sympa-

thy, and prayers during the demise of my father in India. Thank you very much for the beautiful plant and cards sent from the College of Education. I appreciate all the help done for me to accommodate my responsibilities.

Thank you all very much.

**Saramma T. Mathew, & Family**  
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## Conference

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how African-Americans were treated and how this treatment ultimately led to the Civil Rights Movement.

The 18-20 minute experience is one-of-a-kind for the United States, said Peter Vogt, a Washington, D.C.-based film producer who was responsible for the audio/visual production of the Cleveland Avenue Time Machine.

"It's a multi-dimensional experience transporting young people back into moments and important figures in the African-American experience leading up to what happened on the night of Dec. 1, 1955," Vogt said. "The Time Machine prepares visitors for the formal museum experience by way of a magical and provocative time travel experience before hand."

In addition to the Cleveland Avenue Time Machine, the Children's Wing includes an interactive research area where visitors 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.

Funding for the \$5 million project came from a \$1,995,000 U.S. Department of Transportation grant, a \$404,000 Department of Interior grant, a \$250,000 City of Montgomery Community Development Block Grant, a partial gift of building and land from the Alabama Homebuilders' Association, other private donations and from Troy Univer-

sity.

Sodexo Campus Services is partnering with the University for the opening ceremonies for the wing. Sodexo presented a check for \$50,000 on Thursday to Dr. Cameron Martindale, senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations, and Mr. Ray White, interim vice chancellor of the Montgomery Campus.

About 30,000 visitors per year are expected in the Children's Wing, said White, the University's project manager. More than 140,000 people from 70 countries have visited the Rosa Parks Library and Museum since its opening in 2000.

Architects for the project were Sherlock, Smith and Adams, Inc., of Montgomery, and the museum designer/consultant was Eisterhold Associates, Inc., of Kansas City, MO – the same consultants that were used for the Rosa Parks Museum.

Consultants on African-American history used in the Children's Wing were Dr. James Oliver Horton, professor of American studies at George Washington University and director of the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution; Dr. Spencer Crew, executive director and CEO of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center; Dr. J. Mills Thornton III, a professor at the University of Michigan; and Dr. Raymond O. Arsenault, holder of the John Hope Franklin Chair at the University of South Florida.

Other designers, consultants and museum fabricators include: Vogt Productions, Inc., of Washington, D.C., Mr. Benjamin Lawless, a Smithsonian Institution retiree, Mr. Charlie Brown of California, Mr. Tom Guidas, of Florida, Dr.

Tonea Stewart, Alabama State University, Mr. Jan Bochenek of Virginia, and Hadley Exhibits of New York, the firm that built the Cleveland Avenue Time Machine.

The Children's Wing's general contractor is Thomas Mason and Construction Co., Inc., of Montgomery.

Among those slated to provide remarks in the Feb. 17 opening ceremonies are: Gov. Bob Riley, Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr., Troy University Trustee Lamar P. Higgins, Congressman Artur Davis (D-Ala. 7th), Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright, Ms. Johnnie Carr, president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, Dr. Cameron Martindale, senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations for the University, the Rev. Joseph Rembert Sr., pastor of St. Paul AME Church in Montgomery, and Dr. Belle Wheelan, executive director of the Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Montgomery County Superintendent of Education Dr. Carlinda Purcell will present a special Youth Art Exhibit. Musical performances will be provided by the Carver Elementary School Choir, Ms. Sheila Jackson, the Sidney Lanier High School Choir and the Troy University Gospel Singers. Troy University John M. Long School of Music faculty members Dr. John Jinright, Carol Franks and Ray Smith will provide the prelude entertainment.

Cutting the ceremonial ribbon will be Mrs. Georgette Norman, executive director of the Rosa Parks Library and Museum, Arnani Cason of Head Elementary School, Shelby Traff of Alabama Christian Academy and Anfernee Harris of Green Gate School.

# A joy to have around

Admissions Specialist Jeri N. Chance wins McKinley Award for January

**J**eri N. Chance, admissions specialist in the Office of Enrollment Management at Troy University's Montgomery Campus, is the winner of the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for January.

Chance, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since April 2003, received the award during a ceremony on Jan. 25 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor, presented the award to Chance, who was nominated by Judy Woodham, assistant director of Enrollment Management.

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, Woodham praised Chance for her work ethic and positive attitude.

"Jeri Chance is a prime example of what an ideal employee should be," Woodham said. "She takes courtesy to another level and has a tremendous work ethic. Her genuine concern for the welfare of the student is always at the forefront. This along with her demeanor and attitude make her a prime candidate for the Vergil Parks McKinley Award."

Chance, a Montgomery resident, said she was honored to



**Jeri N. Chance, admissions specialist in the Office of Enrollment Management at Troy University's Montgomery Campus, receives the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for January from her supervisor Judy Woodham, left, and Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.**

receive the McKinley Award.

"Receiving this award is really overwhelming," Chance said. "I don't really consider what I do work because it is something that I really enjoy doing. When I started working at Troy University, I had just moved to the Montgomery area. The people in my department are like my family."

## ***McKinley Award nominations sought***

The Office of Human Resources is seeking nominations for the Vergil Parks McKinley Award.

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"Each presentation during the year provides its own testimony of the true 'Trojan Spirit'. Without your participation through nomination the award is not possible," said Human Resources Director Lee Vardaman in a recent memo.

Nomination forms are available on the Troy University web site ([www.troy.edu/humanresources/NominationForm.doc](http://www.troy.edu/humanresources/NominationForm.doc)). All forms should be returned to the the Office of Human Resources on the Troy Campus. For more information, contact the office at 670-3710.

## ***Dr. Cochran receives Sasakawa Fellowship***

Dr. Maryjo Cochran, dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts, has been awarded a Sasakawa Fellowship by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

The fellowship will support Dr. Cochran's participation in the National Faculty Development Institute on "Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum." The institute will be held in June at San Diego State University.

The award covers institute tuition, housing and up to \$600 in transportation cost, as well as an \$800 stipend to cover other expenses.

## Activities & achievements

**Dr. Dianne Lawton**, assistant professor of education, presented the paper "Effects of Systematically Designed Computer Instruction on Older Adults' Computer Attitudes and Use" at the 30th annual meeting of the Georgia Educational Research Association (GERA) held recently in Savannah, GA.

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Assistant Professor of Art and Design **Greg Skaggs** recently exhibited his new works at the Wiregrass Museum of Art in Dothan. A reception for the artist was held Jan. 26.

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**Dr. Dianne Gossett**, associate dean of the College of Education, has been selected to serve on a six member national Testing Panel for the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB). The Testing Panel works with the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) as advisors and committee members of the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE) Committees. The NCE committees advise NBCC on exam development, criterion standards, item writing and job analysis. Members of the Testing Panel and NCE Committees are national and international counseling professionals, National Certified Counselors, state counseling licensure board members, and licensed counselors representing all counseling areas. Dr. Gossett recently attended the Testing Panel meetings at the January 2006 AASCB Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

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**Pamela Allen**, associate professor of art, is currently showing her new works in the Malone Gallery. Her show, "Season's Journey," will run through Feb. 16. A reception and lecture will be held today at 4:30 p.m.

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**Mike Whitlock**, CMA, has completed all requirements for his DBA in Finance from NOVA Southeastern University. Dr. Whitlock is currently the Director of the Ft. Benning site. He has been employed with TROY full-time for five years, and prior to that, taught Accounting as an adjunct instructor.

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**Dr. Peter O. Hefron**, associate professor of International Relations and academic advisor, attended the 12th Annual Conference of the Japan Studies Association in Honolulu, Hawaii from Jan. 5-7, where he presented a paper entitled, "The New Debate on Japanese Patriotism: The Flag, the Anthem and Schools."

The paper analyzed recent efforts by conservative Japanese politicians to reintroduce the Japanese national flag and anthem into the public school system as part of a larger program to revive Japanese nationalism and national identity.



**Top teacher.** Troy University Student Government Association President Donna Windham (left) and SGA Advisor Amy Yelverton (right) present Fred Feagin with the Teacher of the Semester Award. Feagin is the first to receive the honor from SGA. Students nominated the Dothan Campus English instructor and professional tutor. As part of the award, Feagin receives a gift certificate to Cajun Steaks & Grill in Dothan.

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**Dr. Anand Krishnamoorthy**, associate professor of graduate programs in business administration and management, and **Dr. David R. Shetterly**, assistant professor for the graduate program in public administration, have had their article "Job Characteristics of Officers and Agents: Results of a National Job Analysis" accepted for publication in the journal *Public Personnel Management*.

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**Dr. Jim Bryant**, an adjunct professor, was recently named chief information officer for the state of South Carolina.

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Head baseball coach **Bobby Pierce** and assistant coach **Mark Smartt** were recently honored by the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association as the 2005 NCAA Division I Coach of the Year and the 2005 Four-year College Assistant Coach of the Year, respectively.

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**Dr. Sam Shelton**, assistant professor of political science, presented the paper, "Classics Reader for Undergraduate Administration Students," at the 2006 Southern Political Science Association Conference in Atlanta, GA, Jan. 5-7. The paper is the second in a series designed to identify and edit a set of public administration readings for the undergraduate or graduate students with no prior knowledge or experience of public administration.

## Career fairs

### Troy University seeks to connect job seekers with employers through events

Troy University will host a series of five career fairs over three days in February as part of The Trojan Connection. Employers and job seekers are invited to attend the fairs on the Dothan, Troy and Montgomery Campuses.

Dozens of corporations, government agencies and non-profit organizations will recruit on the Dothan Campus Tuesday, February 14, from

8 a.m. to noon. A separate Teachers Fair will bring school district representatives from Alabama and a variety of other states to the Dothan Campus Thursday, February 16, from 8 a.m. until noon.

At the Troy Campus, job seekers can connect with companies Wednesday, February 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A Teachers Fair is also scheduled from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the

Troy Campus.

The Trojan Connection culminates Thursday, February 16, when the Montgomery Campus welcomes employers and job seekers from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Companies interested in registering for The Trojan Connection can contact (334) 983-6556, ext. 1-223. Information is also available at [www.troy.edu](http://www.troy.edu).



**Musical headed to Davis Theatre stage.** *Mame*, a musical comedy hit from Broadway's golden age, will be performed at Troy University's Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts for one evening only on Valentine's Day, Tuesday, February 14 beginning at 7 p.m. The production is co-sponsored by the Historic Capitol Inn and WSFA 12. Set against the backdrop of the New York society scene in 1928, *Mame* tells the story of Mame Dennis, who takes over the rearing of her orphaned nephew Patrick and turns his life into a series of fantastic and funny adventures. *Mame* is based on the Patrick Dennis novel, *Auntie Mame*. The original Broadway production opened on May 24, 1966, at the Winter Garden Theatre and ran for 1,508 performances. *Mame* is presented as a part of the 2005-2006 Subscriber Series for Troy University's Davis Theatre. Single tickets are now available for purchase and range in price from \$15 to \$40. For more information regarding ticket availability, call the theatre at (334) 241-9567. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m. – noon.

### *MATHCOUNTS competition to be held in Dothan on Saturday*

Area middle school students will compete for trophies and a chance to advance to the state level during the annual MATHCOUNTS competition at Troy University. The math contest, which is sponsored by the Alabama Society of Professional Engineers and hosted by Polyengineering of Dothan, will take place Saturday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to noon in Malone Hall on the Dothan Campus.

Students from Cottonwood High School and Abbeville, D.A. Smith, Greenville and Samson Middle Schools will test their skills. The top four teams advance to the next round of competition, along with the top three individuals.

MATHCOUNTS is a national program which promotes middle school math achievement. It challenges students' math skills and rewards their accomplishments, while helping them build self-confidence.

For more information, contact Carole Scott at (334) 793-4700.

AROUND TROY

# On-going legacy

Prominent civil rights activist Nash to speak at Rosa Parks Museum on Feb. 23

**D**iane Nash, a prominent civil rights activist who helped start the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1960, will talk about the ongoing legacy of resistance in the Civil Rights Movement in the auditorium of Troy University Rosa Parks Museum on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m.

Nash became involved in the nonviolent movement in 1959 while a student at Fisk University and coordinated the Freedom Ride from Birmingham, AL to Jackson, MS in 1961. President John F. Kennedy appointed her to a national committee that promoted passage of the Civil Rights Act in 1964. She was arrested numerous times for her civil rights activities and spent time in a Mississippi jail while

pregnant with her first child.

This event, sponsored by the Black History Committee of Troy University, is free and open to the public.

"We are excited and honored to have a woman of Ms. Nash's stature offer a perspective on the ongoing legacy of resistance, informed by her own participation in the historic struggles of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s," Dr. Fred Beatty, Chairman of the University's Black History Committee, said.

Nash's work is cited in many books, magazine and newspaper articles, as well as television and film documentaries. Nash's role in activism was included in the Public Broadcasting System's award-winning series, *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights*

Years – 1954 to 1965.

Nash was a leader in a student sit-in movement in Nashville, TN, spurring that city to desegregate its lunch counters. She also helped start the Right to Vote movement in Selma, AL, which played a major role leading to the Voting Rights Act. In 1965, King presented her with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference's highest award and the John F. Kennedy Library presented her with their "Distinguished American Award" in March 2003.

Now a resident of Chicago, Nash works in real estate in addition to lecturing at colleges and universities around the country. Ms. Nash will be introduced by Charles Cobb, a fellow Freedom Rider.

## Computer Science Colloquium set for Feb. 7-9 in Montgomery

Troy University will host the 7th annual Computer Science Colloquium on Information Technology Feb. 7-9 on its Montgomery Campus.

This year's Colloquium will focus on "Laboratory: Synthesizing Research, Outreach and Education" and "Security Aware Software," said Dr. Mehmet Sahinoglu, chair of computer science and eminent scholar on the Montgomery Campus.

"This is an excellent opportunity for interested members of the community to hear about cutting-edge advances in research and security," he said.

Both sessions will be conducted by Dr. Alec Yasinsac, a computer science professor at Florida State University who specializes in network and

wireless security, cryptography, intrusion detection and security protocols. Yasinsac joined FSU's computer science department after a 20-year career in the United States Marine Corps, where he was a data systems and communications officer.

The first session will be 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, and will focus on SAIT Laboratory academic research approach. The lab is located at FSU.

The second session, tailored to the local information technology community and the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, will be 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and focus on security aspects in software.

Both sessions will be conducted in the Rosa Parks Library and Museum Auditorium and are free and open to the public.

### *Rosa Parks Woman of Courage Award nominees sought*

The selection committee for the Rosa Parks Woman of Courage Award is seeking nominations for the 2006 award.

Each nomination submitted will be reviewed by the committee. Nominations received by Feb. 17, are guaranteed consideration for this year's award.

The award salutes those who have overcome personal or societal barriers to achieve her goals, provide inspiration and motivation to others and encourages positive changes in society through the impact of her actions.

## Thank You

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Colleagues,

The Troy University Foundation notified me that you made a contribution in memory of my brother Charles to the Troy Foundation.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and for honoring his memory in this way.

I deeply appreciate it.

**Ed Roach**