



# TROY TODAY

*A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff*

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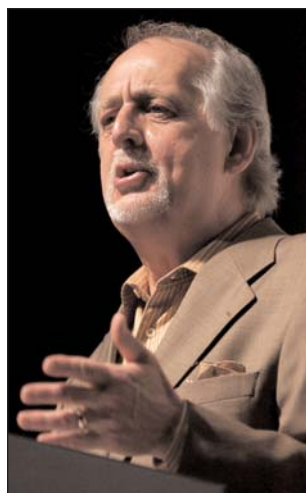
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### **An evening with the Reids.**

Don Reid, lead singer of country music's Statler Brothers, and his son Langdon perform during "Stories, Songs and Songwriting," a workshop held Tuesday evening at Troy University. This week marked the second visit by the elder Reid to conduct songwriting workshops on the Troy Campus. Reid gained renown in popular country music for writing and performing some of the biggest hits of the 1970s and 1980s.



## **A first**

### TROY to play host to U.S.-China Forum on Distance Learning

Troy University will host the first-ever U.S.-China Forum on Distance Learning on its Troy Campus April 9 – 11.

It is the first jointly-sponsored forum of its kind in the United States, and marks a continuation of a collaboration between distance learning educators in the U.S. and the Republic of China, said Dr. Susan Aldridge, the U.S. co-chair for the event.

The first forum was held in Beijing, China in June 2005 and, as a result of the pioneering efforts in distance education and its commitment to international partnerships, the China Youth Center for International Personnel Exchanges asked TROY to host the first U.S.-based Forum.

"Troy University was honored by the request to serve as the first American host of the Forum," Aldridge said. "Our American co-sponsors, Boston University, bring a private university perspective to developing

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***FACULTY: Do you have a study abroad program scheduled for this summer?***

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## ***Panel to discuss challenges at Helen Keller Lecture***

Two Troy University students and a former coach will provide first-hand accounts of disabilities at the University's 11th annual Helen Keller Lecture April 13.

The lecture, themed "Overcoming Life's Challenges" is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. in the Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus. There is no charge for admission and the public is

invited to attend. This year's lecture is the first where University students are primary speakers.

The Helen Keller lecture is designed to promote awareness of people who excel in their chosen fields despite physical limitations. The lecture is sponsored by Troy University, the Alabama Department of Education, the Alabama Institute for the Deaf

and Blind, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services and the Helen Keller Foundation for Research and Education. Others who have presented the lecture include Erik Weihenmayer, the first person who is blind to climb Mt. Everest; Heather Whitestone, the first Miss America with a disability; and former

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# Blogging on

While approaches differ, TROY professors agree technology a useful tool

*By Torie Hardee*

Several Troy University professors make regular visits to the “blogosphere,” a term used to describe the galaxy of more than 20 million web logs, “blogs” for short, available through the World Wide Web.

“Blogging,” as described by Dr. Stephen Taylor, assistant professor of political science, is “nothing more than an easy way to personally publish writing on the internet” or post “an online journal for the public.”

Taylor, who can be considered the “blogging pioneer” on the Troy Campus, developed “PoliBlog” in February of 2003. His inspiration was derived from a friend he constantly exchanged political news story with through e-mail.

Although his students are made aware of the blog, Taylor does not require it as part of the teaching process. Instead, he considers “PoliBlog” to be more of an intellectual hobby for himself.

“I am writing about my profession, while talking about politics to a broader audience,” said Taylor.

Taylor’s “PoliBlog” has made quite a reputation for itself. It has been mentioned once on CNN and twice on MSNBC within the last year.

While Taylor’s blog primarily covers the issues of the day, other professors have found blogging useful for other academic disciplines that may not involve current events.

Drs. Glen Gill and Scott Nokes, both assistant professors of English, began their blogs around the same time in the spring of 2005.

Gill was encouraged to begin his blog, “Logoi Kai Erga: Words and Deeds,” by students who were interested in his views.

Nokes said his interest in blogs began after reading Taylor’s “PoliBlog.”

“I had been interested in and reading Dr. Taylor’s blog for many months before even knowing he was a professor at TROY,” said Nokes.

Although the English professors’ blogs share a similar genre, they are very different.

“His (Gill) is updated less regularly than mine is, but the posts are far more developed,” explained Nokes.

Gill said he finds it difficult to update his blog on a regular basis with shorter entries even though he knows readers are usually more willing to jump into a short blog than an extensive explanation.

“There are those who snack all day, and then those who prefer full meals,” Gill said in explaining the different types of “blogger philosophy.”

Nokes expressed the concern of using his blog, “Unlocked Wordboard,” to provide the public with a source of intellectual information that could be easily understood.



**Greg Skaggs, assistant professor of art, creates a new entry for his TROY Art and Design Blog.**

“Every university asks that to some degree you (academics) have service to the community, and I began to think, ‘why don’t we stress more intellectual service to the community?’” said Nokes.

Nokes said that through his blogs, he has discovered large numbers of people who are hungry for some kind of intellectual life but don’t have immediate access to sources, or else sources provide the information in a condescending manner.

Greg Skaggs, assistant professor of art, takes a different approach with his blog, “TROY Art and Design Blog.” While the others don’t tie their blogs directly to the University, Skaggs uses his blog, which he developed last October, to inform readers on announcements mainly within TROY’s art department and other various topics of interest.

While taking different approaches, the professors agree that their blogs provide the opportunity to share information and exchange ideas in a efficient and timely manner.

*Are you a blogger? Share your experiences, ideas or sites you have found useful in your work with us at [aellis@troy.edu](mailto:aellis@troy.edu).*

# Reliability and security

TROY's Computer Sciences Department earns one of 15 international Microsoft grants

**T**roy University has been awarded one of 15 internationally competitive grants through a special program at the Microsoft Corporation.

The University's Computer Sciences Department submitted a proposal aimed at strengthening and validating an already existing University course on reliability and security, said Mehmet Sahinoglu, TROY eminent scholar and professor of computer science on the Montgomery Campus.

The project, funded by a \$50,000 grant from the Microsoft Research Trustworthy Computing Curriculum 2005 Awards, will benefit the University's computer users on the four Alabama campuses, its 62 out-of-state sites and the University's eCampus.

TROY's proposal competed with 114 other proposals that focused on the "four pillars" of Trustworthy Computing and Secure Software Engineering. Three proposals were funded in each of the areas of security, reliability, pri-

vacuity, business integrity and secure software engineering.

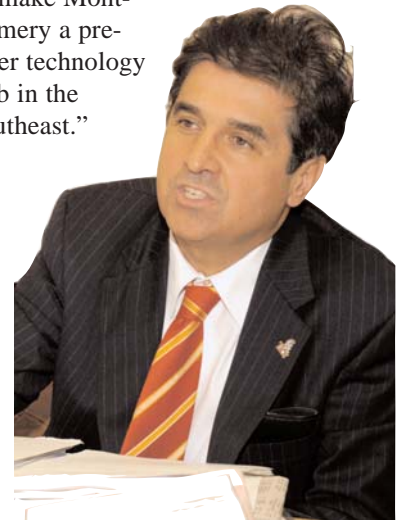
Through the project, a cyber-security laboratory will be developed in collaboration with the Montgomery-based Integrated Computer Solutions, who is partnering with the University to create a working example of how to create a problem-solving team between the information technology industry and academia.

"We aim to provide our students with collaborative guidance by a local IT firm for hands-on-training through the creation of a cyber-security lab," Sahinoglu said. "This brave endeavor will eventually take Troy University to the establishment of a center of advanced research in computer security and reliability."

ICS is a two-time Small Business Administration award winner in computer security in the State of Alabama.

"We see this research funded by the Microsoft Trustworthy Computing

grant as a great step in strengthening the bond between industry and academia," said Steve Goldsby, ICS' president. "It is our hope that it will provide the foundation upon which we can leverage the exceptional information technology capabilities in our area to make Montgomery a premier technology hub in the southeast."



Sahinoglu

## Forum

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online courses and TROY brings a perspective as the second-largest state university providing distance education in the United States."

The Forum brings together 20 Chinese universities serving nearly 3 million students across China, TROY, Boston University and American universities from Washington, California, New York, Maryland, Florida and the Mid West.

More than 20 representatives from government agencies and universities in China will be represented at TROY to share ideas about developing quality online programs, incorporating innovative practices, future trends in both American and Chinese distance learning education, medical and engineering education at a distance in China, and quality standards for course designs.

In addition, unique demonstrations will occur, including the international unveiling of Alabama's ACCESS project that serves high school students through videoconferencing and internet courses. Gov. Bob Riley is also scheduled to address the forum.

## Lecture

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U.S. Sen. Howell Heflin, a friend of the Keller family.

This year's lecture, moderated by WSFA anchor Tonya Terry, features former Lady Trojan Softball player Tara Blackwell, paralyzed by a fall last year, Donovan Beitel, a legally blind adult University student, and former Alabama School for the Deaf basketball coach Don Hackney, who has a spinal cord injury.

Also planned during the Helen Keller Lecture Series week is "Children with Disabilities Artwork Exhibit," located on the second floor of the Trojan Center. TROY students will vote on favorite pieces of art-

work submitted by Troy-area middle- and high-school special education classes. That exhibit is open Monday, April 10 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

On April 11, "What You Don't See May be Blinding," a brown-bag luncheon, will be presented by Rose Marie Pilarczyk from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. in the Colledgeview Room 29. Information regarding diabetes and how it causes blindness when left untreated and undiagnosed will be presented.

On April 12, the Trojan Center lobby will house the "Disability Awareness Display" from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Information will be presented on disability-related topics.

# Going the extra mile

School of Accountancy's Patsy Brown earns March McKinley Award

**P**atsy Brown, departmental secretary for the School of Accountancy at Troy University, has won the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for March.

Brown received the award during a ceremony on Wednesday in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor, presented the award to Brown, who was nominated by Dr. Steve Grice, interim director of the School of Accountancy.

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, Grice praised Brown for her "significant contributions" to the Sorrell College of Business and the School of Accountancy.

"Patsy exhibits the highest level of moral character and work ethic in all aspects of her job," Grice said. "She exemplifies the qualities of dependability, patience, commitment and positive attitude in her job responsibilities and her relationships with others. Patsy is always willing to accept challenges and work above and beyond expectations to benefit the School of Accountancy. The Troy University School of Accountancy is very fortunate to be associated with Patsy."



**Patsy Brown, departmental secretary for Troy University's School of Accountancy, receives the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for March on Wednesday from her supervisor Dr. Steve Grice, interim director of the School of Accountancy, and Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., left.**

Brown was surprised to receive the award.

"I am truly honored," she said. "I work with some really great people. Dr. Grice is the best."

Brown and her husband Danny make their home in Troy.

## Wynn Joins Troy University development team

Doug Wynn has joined Troy University as the new Dothan Campus director of advancement and alumni affairs. In this newly created position, Wynn will engage in University fund raising, while also acting as a liaison to University graduates.

As an alumnus of Troy University, Wynn considers it an honor to work for his alma mater. The Geneva resident holds a Bachelor of Science in Economics and Business, along with a Master of Business Administration.

"TROY afforded me so much," Wynn said. "This is one way I can really give back and further the institution, which in turn will help many

students better their lives."

Dr. Jean Laliberte, Troy University associate vice chancellor for development, said Wynn will be a wonderful addition to the University's development team.



**Wynn**

because he has remained engaged through alumni activities."

"He is a graduate with a great love for the University," Laliberte said, "and he brings a great deal of knowledge about the University

Most recently, Wynn's experience includes a stint as director of sales at WKMX in Dothan. In the past, Wynn also served as station manager, corporate trainer, sales manager and sales representative at WKMX. In addition, he is a former corporate trainer and account executive with Scenic Cable in Dothan.

Wynn's involvement with the University includes presiding over the Troy University Alumni Association's Dothan Chapter from 2004 to 2005. He also served as chair of the Troy University Alumni Association Jackson Thornton Invitational Golf Tournament in 2003 and 2004.

## Activities & achievements

**Dr. Ben Robertson**, assistant professor in the Department of English, recently presented two papers at the Modern Language Association convention in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Robertson presented "Strange Liberties—Reading between Inchbald, Byron, and Ferrier" and "Rituals of Passivity in Naipaul's *Mimetic Book on the South*."

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**Carolyn Hutcheson**, producer and host for WTSU, has been named to the editorial board for the next edition of *Real Writing*, published by Bedford-St. Martins Press.

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**Dr. Tish Matuszek**, associate professor of business programs, has been selected by ACBSP for a presentation at the 2006 Annual ACBSP Conference, to be held in June, Chicago, IL. The title of her presentation is, "SPARKS – Six Points to Assess Range of Knowledge & Skills (An Assessment Plan for Business Schools and Programs)." Her workshop will provide hands-on support to business schools that are concerned with assessment issues.

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**Dr. Elizabeth Blum's** paper, "Women, Environmental Rationale, and Activism During the Progressive Era," has been published in "To Love the Wind and the Rain: Essays in African American Environmental History," published by the University of Pittsburgh Press, 2006.

In January, Dr. Blum presented a paper entitled "Redefining the Origins of Environmental Justice: The Role and Influence of African-American Women's Activism Across the Twentieth Century" at the American Historical Association meeting in Philadelphia.

Dr. Blum is an assistant professor of history.

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**Dr. Timothy R. Buckner**, assistant professor in the Department of History, presented a paper entitled "Abd Ar-Rahman Ibrahima and the Usage of Multiple Identities in the Natchez Dis-



**Reward Callers.** Winners of Troy University's Reward Caller Awards for the month of March are congratulated by Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. during a ceremony on Wednesday. With Dr. Hawkins, from left to right, are: Audrey Milton of the Department of Criminal Justice and Social Sciences, Mary Taylor of AGSC/STARS and Stephen Adcock of the English Department. Not pictured is Mike Tew of the Continuing Education Center in Dothan. The Reward Caller program was begun to ensure the use of proper phone etiquette and courtesy by University employees. Winners of the monthly award receive \$25.

trict of West Florida" at the Allen Morris Conference held at Florida State University Feb. 24-25.

He also has published "Vicksburg's War on Vice: Drinking, Gambling, and Race in the Antebellum South," in the Winter 2005 issue of *The Journal of Mississippi History*.

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**Dr. Lan Lipscomb**, professor of English, attended a Teaching Medieval Literature Conference, March 2-4, in Lawrenceville, Georgia, and presented the paper, "Teaching a 600-Word Medieval Latin Geography and Middle English World History."

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A paper by **Drs. Mike Schraeder** and **Jim Simpson** entitled, "Affective Similarity, Demographic Similarity, and Reciprocal Liking Between Raters and Ratees," has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of the *Journal for Quality and Participation*.

Dr. Schraeder is an assistant profes-

sor of management, and Dr. Simpson is interim dean and an associate professor of human resources management.

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**Dr. John Jinright**, assistant professor in the John M. Long School of Music, recently completed a master mixing course with Nashville recording engineer Ed Seay.

Seay got his start in the 1970s by engineering and producing hits for Paul Davis, Peabo Bryson and Melissa Manchester. Since moving to Nashville in the mid 1980s, he has made hit records for a host of clients such as Pam Tillis, Highway 101, Collin Raye, Martina McBride, Ricky Skaggs, and a host of others.

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An article by **Dr. Mary Ann Tighe**, professor of English, entitled "Reviving Ophelia with Young Adult Literature," has been published in the Fall 2005 issue of the *ALAN Review*.

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## A look back at Irish Week 2006



**Shrimp on the Barbie.** Dr. Maryjo Cochran's "Best of Show" winning dish (pictured above) in the annual Irish Cooking Contest was enough to make Barbie green with envy. Her entry, "Shrimp on the Barbie...and Patrick," also took first place in the "Salads/Appetizers" category. Second place in "Salads/Appetizers" went to Donna Hicks for her entry "St. Patrick's Day Fruit Salad." Other winners were: Side Dishes/Vegetables – first place, Lillian Wells, Colcannon, and second place, Gary Chinberg, Irish Potato Salad; Main Entrees – first place, Gary Chinberg, Broiled Bay Salmon, and second place, Lillian Wells, Corned Beef with Roasted Root Vegetables; Desserts – first place, Maryjo Cochran, Leprechaun Lime Poke Cake, and second place, Chelsea Kelly, Caramel Apple Cake; Breads – first place, Gary Chinberg, Brown Bread Scones, and second place, Aresia Spear, Baked Irish Corn Bread.



**Pot of Gold winners.** As a part of the Irish Week activities campuses held Pot of Gold searches in which faculty and staff received clues via email to the location of the "hidden treasure." Above left, Buddy Starling and Faith Ward present the Troy Campus winner, Chip Dillard with a basket of prizes. Above right, Mindy Craymer, Tim Ryals and Berniece Pierce found the prize on the Montgomery Campus. On the Phenix City Campus, Adam Trant (not pictured) of the Information Technology Department found the hidden treasure.



**Mr. and Ms. Shamrock.** In addition to other Irish Week activities, the Phenix City Campus crowned a Mr. and Ms. Shamrock. Winning the honors were Debbie Waldrup, accounting specialist, and Dr. John Irwin, academic dean.

## Achievements

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Dr. Tighe's new book, *Sharon Creech: the Words We Choose to Say*, is scheduled for publication by Scarecrow Press in May/June of 2006.

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**Lee Vardaman**, senior director of human resources, and **Shellye A. Vardaman**, assistant professor, School of Nursing, presented a paper they co-authored titled "Salary v. Overtime: What administrators should know about the Department of Labor's new tests." The paper was presented at the

13th annual meeting of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences in Las Vegas, NE, on Feb. 24. The paper was also published in the 13th Annual Conference Proceedings.

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**Mike Tew**, Continuing Education Center coordinator of business and industry training, has been chosen to emcee the Little Miss Dothan contest April 1 at the Dothan Civic Center. Tew has announced the prestigious pageant for three years. This year, 34

girls will compete for the crown and a chance to advance to the Little Miss Peanut competition.

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In February, **Dr. Meg Milligan**, adjunct psychology instructor, co-presented with Douglas A. Jackson, Greenville Technical College, "Student-centered, Faculty Guided Service Learning in Psychology and Spanish: More than just Think Globally and Act Locally," at the Southeastern Conference on the Teaching of Psychology, in Atlanta, GA.

# 'Lest We Forget'

## Rosa Parks Museum exhibit features work of two Central Alabama artists

**T**roy University Rosa Parks Museum will present representative works by two former Alabama State College (currently Alabama State University) students, William Anderson of Selma and Paul Gary of Montgomery, April 3 – June 30, in the Museum's Exhibit Hall. The artists will also present a Gallery Talk on Saturday, April 22 in the Exhibit Hall at 11 a.m.

Both Anderson and Gary studied under renowned wire sculptor, Hayward L. Oubre, who chaired the Art Department at Alabama State College from 1940 until 1965. Oubre is best known in the art world for revising the 19th century color wheel developed by German philosopher Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Oubre's color wheel is a mathematical correction of

Goethe's, and Oubre received a copyright of his work in 1975.

Anderson, through his photographs, has worked diligently to bring to the forefront of the viewing public, faces of the overlooked, the forgotten and the poor. Though partial to his native southern region, Anderson has managed to bring forth photographs of people from different cultures and locations in America, giving sensitive care to the nature of his presentations without denying the reality of their surroundings or their circumstances.

Gary has also been a powerful presenter of the human form. But while Anderson's portrayals are consistently distinct and clear references to particular individuals or types, Gary's are often blurred, elusive pre-

sentations that make allusions to people, places and events in such a manner that his images appear to refer to no one and everyone simultaneously.

Pamela Rambo is curator of this exhibit. The exhibit is sponsored by Paul Adams, Bessie N. Butts, Virginita S. Cannon, Carl Cooley, Pauline B. Colston, Robert Gamble, Eva S. Goodwin, Anita S. Harris, Mattie C. Jackson, Tarasita Kemp, Odel Graham, Louise Moore, Lettie Ross, Gloria F. Simpson, Lucius Smith, Jr., Mabel Smith, Eloise K. Sykes, Mamie J. Thompson and David & Anna Winston.

The Exhibition Hall is open from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday and 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Saturday. This event is free and open to the public.

### *Troy University Public Radio to hold Spring Friendraiser*

The Troy University Public Radio will be holding a Spring Friendraiser March 31 - April 7.

This year's theme is "Public Radio-What's It All About?"

The goal is \$40,000 and the proceeds from the Spring Friendraiser help disperse the cost of purchasing public radio programs.

The Troy University Public Radio network serves listeners in central and east Alabama on WTSU 89.9 FM Troy and Montgomery, southeast Alabama and the north Florida Panhandle on WRWA 88.7 FM Dothan, and southwest Georgia on WTJB 91.7 FM Columbus and Phenix City.

For more information, call 1-800-800-6616.

### *TROY teams with Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce to offer grant-writing workshop*

In light of the need for funding for specialized programs and activities in our schools, charities and community, the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Troy University Continuing Education Center are teaming up to offer a Certified Grant Writing Workshop June 6 through 8 in Dothan.

The intense three-day seminar is designed to initiate the novice grant writer and enhance the skills of the experienced writer. The detailed training reviews the process of developing a grant proposal from beginning to end, according to Mike Tew, coordinator of Business and Industry Training for the Troy University Continuing Education Center.

"Every year millions of potential grants are not distributed," Tew said, "because many educators, administrators, directors and other leaders of educational entities, charities and communities are unaware of where to or how to submit applications."

The Continuing Education Center and the Chamber have contracted with

Research Associates, a leading grant writing and instructional company, to provide the high quality training needed to be more successful in receiving grant distributions.

Seminar topics will include: Beginning the Process, Understanding the Application, Defining the Need, Developing Program Strategies, Telling Your Story, Strengthening Your Proposal, Building the Budget, Finishing the Proposal, Aiming for Perfection and What Happens Now.

On the final day of the workshop, participants have the option of seeking certification by completing the Certified Grant Specialist test.

Due to limited space, only 200 workshop slots are available. Pre-registration is required. If registered by May 1, the cost of the course is \$359. After May 1, the cost is \$459. Applications are available at the Dothan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Continuing Education Center on the Dothan Campus. For more information, call (334) 983-0005.

AROUND TROY

# 'The Verdict'

Gospel Singers to present concerts in Dothan, Troy

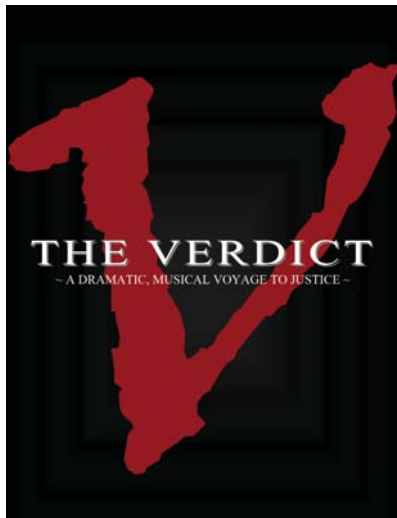
Follow a musical voyage to justice Sunday, April 2, as the Troy University Gospel Singers present "The Verdict." The historical production, which is loosely based on the Emmett Till story, will come to life at 3 p.m. in Sony Hall on the Dothan Campus.

The Gospel Singers will perform at the Sorrell Chapel on the Troy Campus at 7:30 p.m. on April 10.

The musical opens with a chilling look back at the slave trade, according to Lewis Webb, Gospel Singers director. In Act II, Till, an African American man from Chicago, visits family in Money, Mississippi, where he is beaten to death for allegedly "flirting" with a white woman. The jury finds the confessed killers not guilty, sparking the Civil Rights Movement.

"The production is important because it shows the racial divide where we started," Webb said, "and the racial harmony or unity we have achieved today. It is filled with dance and rousing musical numbers. It is a show everyone will enjoy."

More than 40 singers will stage the production, which is sponsored by the Troy University John M. Long School of Music and Student



Support Services. The show will feature haunting spirituals by noted composers including William Dawson, Thomas Dorsey, Moses Hogan and Raymond Wise. Gospel numbers by New Breed and Kirk Franklin will also be presented.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Children 6 and under get in free. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the March of Dimes. To purchase tickets or for more information, e-mail [tugospelsingers@yahoo.com](mailto:tugospelsingers@yahoo.com) or contact Student Support Services at (334) 983-6556, ext. 1-215.

## Montgomery Metro Alumni Chapter to hold annual golf tournament April 10

The Montgomery Metro Alumni Chapter will sponsor its annual golf tournament on Monday, April 10, at Arrowhead Country Club in Montgomery, AL.

With "Golf for Scholarships" as the theme, the tournament will be a four-person scramble with averaged handicaps. Registration and lunch will begin at noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The entry fee is \$85 per player, \$340 per team, and is open to the public. The entry fee includes green fees, golf cart, range balls as well as lunch.

An awards ceremony will be held when the last team finishes play. There will be gifts for each player, an assortment of door prizes, a closest to the hole and longest drive contests, as well as opportunities to win one of four hole-in-one prizes which includes a chance to win a \$10,000 cash prize.

For registration or additional information, please contact Julia Wilson, Director of Advancement and Golf Tournament Coordinator, by telephone (334) 241-9502 or by E-mail at [jhwilson@troy.edu](mailto:jhwilson@troy.edu), or Barry Ponstein by telephone (334) 241-9523 or by E-mail at [bponstein@troy.edu](mailto:bponstein@troy.edu).

Please note that Arrowhead Country Club is a soft-spike course and the entry deadline is April 1. An entry form is available online at [www.troy.edu/alumni/2006%20Player%20Entry%20Form.pdf](http://www.troy.edu/alumni/2006%20Player%20Entry%20Form.pdf).

## Native American artist exhibits work at Troy University

Troy University's Department of Art and Design is hosting an exhibit of the paintings of Gerald Cournoyer in the Malone Gallery in Malone Hall, March 13 thru April 5.

Cournoyer is an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota. He received degrees from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 1995, a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 1998 from the University of South Dakota, a Master of Art from the University of South

Dakota in 1999 and completed his master of Fine Arts in Painting from the University of Oklahoma in Norman in 2004.

"My paintings are a reflection of my culture in the use of the geometric beadwork and quillwork designs. These designs were assigned with meaning when the person saw them in a dream or vision. The designs for me represent life on earth and the after life," said Cournoyer.

On April 5, Cournoyer will give a lec-

ture and a demo of his unique painting style and technique.

"Gerald brings a different vision and way of looking at life. He grew up on the Indian Reservations in South Dakota with a very different culture to what our students at TROY are familiar with," said Greg Skaggs, assistant professor of art and coordinator of the exhibit.

For more information on Cournoyer's art exhibit and lecture, contact Skaggs at 334-670-3396 or [jgskaggs@troy.edu](mailto:jgskaggs@troy.edu).