



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Incredible season. The Troy University baseball team celebrates winning the Sun Belt Conference regular season championship on May 20. The Trojans also wrapped up the Sun Belt Conference Tournament title and moved on to the championship game of NCAA regional play in Tuscaloosa before falling to Alabama. Under the direction of Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year Bobby Pierce, the Trojans finished the season with a 47-16 record. In addition, three Trojans – Mike Felix, Tom King and Jared Keel – were selected in the 2006 Major League Baseball Amateur Draft.

Leadership

Ingram selected for top University College post

Dr. Earl Ingram has been tapped to lead Troy University’s University College, the university’s arm that operates more than 60 sites outside Alabama.

“Dr. Ingram has a record of success during his tenure with the Sorrell College of Business,” said Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. “I have full confidence that he will take University College to the next level in this highly competitive field of higher education.”

Ingram, dean of the Sorrell College of Business since 2004, is a professor of management. He joined the TROY faculty in 1987, and in 1991,

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White-Hammond to receive Parks Woman of Courage Award

Troy University will honor the Rev. Gloria E. White-Hammond, chairwoman of the Save Darfur Coalition’s Million Voices for Darfur Campaign, with the Rosa Parks Woman of Courage Award on June 15.

The fifth annual program will begin at 6 p.m. in the Gold Room in Whitley Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. White-Hammond is co-pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston and a pediatrician at the South End Community Health Center.

Dr. White-Hammond has a long history of community



White-Hammond

involvement. She is the founder of and consultant for “Do the Write Thing,” a church-based creative writing

and mentoring ministry for high-risk black adolescent females. The project, which began in 1994 with four girls, now serves more than 550 young women through small groups in two

Boston public schools, two juvenile detention facilities in Boston and on site at Bethel AME Church. In 2003, she became the co-convenor of The Red Tent Group, which brings together Christian and Jewish women for small group Torah/Bible study.

White-Hammond’s work as a humanitarian has achieved global impact. She has worked as a medical missionary in several African countries including Botswana, Cote D’Ivoire and South Africa. Since 2001, White-Hammond has made eight trips into war-torn southern Sudan

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On a mission

Chancellor Hawkins completes second consecutive AASCU Mission to Africa

Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. recently returned from an 11-day trip to South Africa as a part of a delegation of administrators from U.S. universities.

The purpose of the trip, sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, was to allow college presidents to explore opportunities for partnerships between campuses in the two nations.

“We hope that this mission will ultimately provide additional study-abroad opportunities for our students from the United States, as well as offer our University the opportunity to expand our programs overseas,”

Dr. Hawkins said.

The TROY chancellor added that the number of U.S. students choosing to study in South Africa rose 26 percent from 2002 to 2004, indicating that there is growing interest in that nation as a study-abroad destination for students from the United States.

The itinerary for the trip included visits to the U.S. Embassy in Johannesburg, tours of college campuses at the University of Zululand, the University of KwazuluNatal, the University of Durban, the University of Cape Town and Stellenbosch University. The schedule also included a visit with South Africa’s Minister of Education, Natedi Pandor.

Dr. Hawkins, who serves as chair of the Committee on International Education of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, also presented an overview of U.S. higher education to members of the ministry of education and to leaders of South African universities.

One stop on the trip that was particularly interesting to Dr. Hawkins was a visit the Rosa Parks Library at Soweto.

The South Africa trip marked the second consecutive year for Dr. Hawkins to participate in an AASCU mission to Africa. In January 2005 the AASCU delegation visited Morocco.

University to grant scholarships to Girls State delegates

Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. announced that a \$1,000 scholarship will be granted to each Girls State graduate who attends Troy University.

The announcement came June 4 during the opening session of the Girls State, a mission of the American Legion Auxiliary that provides opportunities for Alabama’s students to participate in a hands-on citizenship training program that spans more than 50 years in the state, and 60 years nationally.

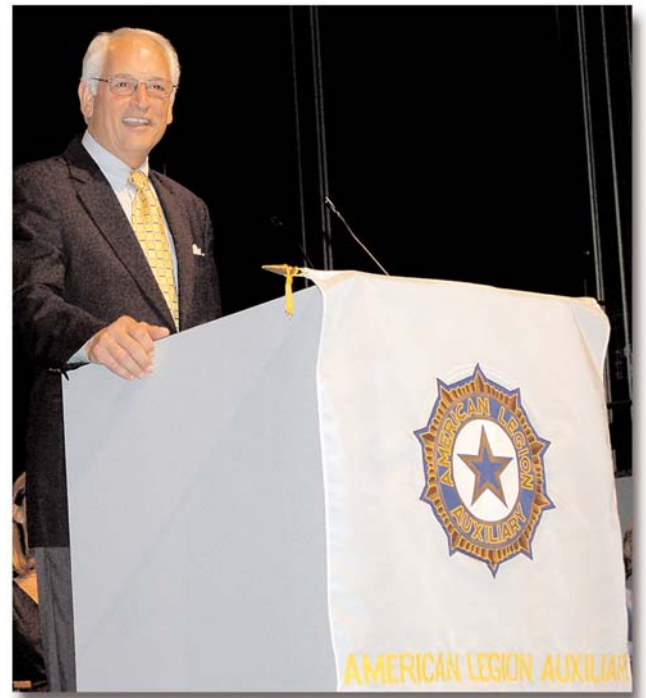
“The mission of Girls State and the American Legion Auxiliary is to ensure that America remains a ‘good’ nation as well as a great nation,” Hawkins said, referring to Alexis d’Touqueville’s identification of the secret to America’s greatness. “Troy University is proud to support the Auxiliary in this mission.”

Hawkins called the scholarship a demonstration of the University’s commitment to the ideals of Girl State.

Some 350 girls, all high school juniors, were in assembly at the University through June 4-9.

“It’s appropriate that this great adventure called Girls State begins on June 4, for it was on this date in 1919 that the U.S. Congress passed the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote, and sent the Amendment to the states for ratification,” Hawkins said. “Today, women are an integral part of the American political process and Girls State gives you the opportunity to continue that legacy of public service that began 87 years ago.”

Also addressing delegates on Sunday was State Treasurer Kay Ivey.



Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. announced at the June 4 opening session of Girls State that the University would award a \$1,000 scholarship to any Girls State graduate who attends Troy University. Girls State, which ran from June 4 to June 9, was held on the Troy Campus for its seventh year.



Telling the TROY story

Do you know...

...the two approved tag lines for Troy University?

“A Future of Opportunities” and “Tomorrow’s University Today” are Troy University’s two approved tag lines.

...how to e-mail to others Chancellor Hawkins’ message that appears on the Troy University web site (as well as other available University videos)?

There are several videos that help to tell the Troy University story now located on the University’s web site. A link for the Chancellor’s message appears on the home page, www.troy.edu.

To e-mail this video to others, click on the Chancellor’s message link. Click on the “Send to E-mail” button at the bottom right hand corner of the page and a screen to complete your e-mail message will appear.

Thirteen videos are available for e-

mailing at:

www.troy.edu/marketing/videos.html. This is another way for all of us to tell the TROY story around the world.

If you are interested in use of this marketing strategy, contact Sandi Gouge at sgouge@troy.edu. Your feedback on the videos and the use of this technology is encouraged.

...that TROY faculty and staff on the Alabama campuses can help deserving students, show their Trojan pride and park for free?

A new TROY license plate is available for purchase at local Departments of Motor Vehicles in Alabama with the proceeds going to fund scholarships for deserving students through the Trojan Pride scholarship fund. Those who have purchased the tag will their parking decal for free. Efforts are under way by TROY’s Virginia campuses to make the TROY car tag available in that state.

Ingram

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was assigned director for TSU-Europe, overseeing the delivery of graduate programs to as many as 25 teaching sites with 800 students in seven countries. Ingram said that experience “crystallized” his interest in international management.

Dr. Ed Roach, the University’s provost, said that Ingram’s international and business experience will help him span both academic and business leadership roles needed of the vice chancellor’s office.

“Dr. Ingram’s past leadership in University College, coupled with his deanship of the Sorrell College of Business, gives him a unique combination of experience and ability to provide outstanding leadership for University College,” he said.

Ingram will replace Dr. Susan Aldridge, who left earlier in the year to become president of the University of Maryland University College.

“Our international presence and eCampus differentiate TROY from any other university our size,” Ingram said. “Through world-class faculty and staff, we’ll fulfill TROY’s brand promise that a student can start anywhere and finish anywhere – University College is the means that makes it possible for our students to achieve throughout the United States and around the world.”

Born in St. John’s, Newfoundland, Ingram was reared in a military family, living in several states, Japan and Germany. After attending the University of New Mexico, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving six years of active duty that included a tour of duty as a pilot and officer in an attack helicopter battalion in Vietnam. After leaving active duty, he completed a bachelor of science degree in management, a master of science in psychology and a doctorate in industrial and organizational psychology, all at Auburn University.

He was employed by West Point Pepperell, then a Fortune-200 company, for 12 years, six of which included the post of director for human resources planning, research and development.

From 1972 until 1991, Dr. Ingram served in the Alabama National Guard, serving in aviation units and commanding a transportation battalion, retiring at the rank of colonel from the U.S. Army Reserve.

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where she has been involved in obtaining the freedom of 10,000 women and children who were enslaved during the two-decades long civil war.

In 2002, White-Hammond co-founded “My Sister’s Keeper,” a humanitarian women’s group that partners with women of Sudan in their efforts toward reconciliation and reconstruction of their communities.

White-Hammond holds a bachelor’s degree in biology from Boston University, a Doctorate of Medicine from Tufts Medical School and a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School.

She and her husband, the Rev. Ray A. Hammond, have two adult daughters and one granddaughter.

Past Woman of Courage Award winners are: Nikki Giovanni, Gloria Steinem, Johnnie Carr and Jo Ann Gibson Robinson (posthumously).

National recognition

Assistant Professor Sheila Bennett chosen as MarcoPolo Field Trainer of the Year

Troy University Assistant Professor Sheila Bennett has been selected as a MarcoPolo Field Trainer of the Year. Bennett, who teaches in the College of Education on the Dothan Campus, is one of three recipients nationwide.

The award, which is presented annually by the MCI Foundation, recognizes Bennett's efforts to bring the MarcoPolo Program to other educators. Through the Troy University College of Education, Bennett trains area K-12 teachers on MarcoPolo: Internet Content for the Classroom. She provides three-hour sessions at no charge.

The program, which is presented by a consortium of premier national education organizations and state education agencies, provides high

quality standards-based Internet content and professional development to teachers and students across the country.



Bennett

Bennett has served as an instructor on the Dothan Campus for 14 years. She teaches undergraduate psychology and educational technology classes.

Interim Dothan Campus Vice Chancellor Bob Willis said Bennett works tirelessly to help other educators and future

educators become the best they can be in the classroom.

"We are proud that Ms. Bennett's dedication to education is receiving national attention," Willis said. "The contributions she makes both at Troy University and within the community are immeasurable."

Bennett is a licensed mental health professional with over 20 years of community mental health counseling experience. She received a bachelor's degree in psychology from Auburn University and a master's in psychology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Bennett also completed additional graduate work in the area of educational technology.

For more information about free MarcoPolo training, contact Bennett at sbennett@troy.edu.

Edna Railey wins May McKinley Award at TROY

Edna Railey, departmental secretary for Troy University's Information Technology Department, has won the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for May.

Railey, who has been a member of the University staff since 1993, received the award during a ceremony on May 17 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor, presented the award to Railey, who was nominated by Greg Price, the University's chief technology officer.

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



Edna Railey, departmental secretary for the Information Technology Department, receives the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for May from Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

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, Price called Railey an "irreplaceable component of the information technology system."

"For the 10 years that I have worked with Edna, I have enjoyed her upbeat charisma and seemingly inexhaustible love of the University and her co-workers," Price said in his letter of nomination. "A mass of communications are routed superbly by Edna through a dense network of unique IT personalities. A weak soul would never survive the wide range of duties that are routinely managed by Edna. And yet, I have never heard a single complaint. Very simply, Edna is diligent, efficient and dependable — a true asset to information technology and Troy University."

Railey, who will retire in July, was shocked when her name was announced as the winner. "This is really a big surprise," she said. "Thank you for this honor."

Activities & achievements

Dr. Olethia Davis, Department of History and Social Sciences, participated in the annual meeting of the Alabama Political Science Association. The meeting was held at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, March 28-29. Dr. Davis was selected to serve as a moderator/discussant on a "Gender and Public Administration" panel.

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Dr. Ben Robertson, assistant professor in the Department of English, has been named bibliographer for the Keats-Shelley Journal.

Dr. Robertson has also authored six entries to be published in *The Facts On File Companion to Twentieth-Century British Poetry*.

Dr. Robertson has also been selected for a one-month fellowship in the 2006-2007 academic year by the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. Robertson, who will receive a \$2,000 stipend as a part of the fellowship, will continue his work on "The Pocketbook Diaries of Elizabeth Inchbald." In 2005, Robertson was awarded a three-month fellowship for the project aimed at filling in the gaps in scholarship associated with Inchbald, one of the English Romantic Period's most important woman writers.

Robertson's project will result in a compilation of Inchbald's pocketbook diaries.

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Dr. William Thompson, chair of the Department of English, has been invited to participate in a scholarly panel on contemporary British poetry at the West Chester University Poetry Conference, to be held this June.

Dr. Thompson also has been appointed as poetry editor of the Alabama Literary Review. The



State coordinator. Keith Seagle, Troy University director of counseling & career services at the Dothan Campus, has been elected state coordinator for the Alabama Connection. Each year, the consortium of 21 Alabama colleges and universities conducts a statewide graduate and professional school traveling fair. This October, Seagle will lead a group of 24 professionals, coordinating 80 graduate schools, as they meet with students around the state.

Review is edited by **Dr. Ed Hicks**, associate professor in the Department of English.

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Dr. Jeff Spurlock, assistant professor in the Hall School of Journalism, has had his paper, *The Effects of Religious Outdoor Advertising: An Experimental Study*, accepted for presentation at the national convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), to be held Aug. 2-5, in San Francisco, CA.

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Dr. Glen Robert Gill, assistant professor in the Department of Eng-

lish, has been asked to contribute a paper to a volume entitled *Tolkien and Religion* (Ed. Paul Kerry. Zurich: Walking Tree Press, forthcoming 2007).

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New Directions in Boethian Studies, edited by **Dr. Harold Kaylor**, professor in the Department of English, and Philip Phillips, will be published this fall by Western Michigan University Press.

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Michael Mullen, research coordinator in the Department of Biological Services' Center for Environmental Research, has completed the Certificate in Watershed Management program through the University of British Columbia. He completed DL courses in Integrated Watershed Management, Urban Watershed Management, Agricultural Watershed Management and Water in International Development and a course in Aquatic Entomology at Troy University's Dothan campus as the fifth course in the graduate level certificate program.

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Three Troy University professors from the Department of English presented a panel on J.R.R. Tolkien at the April 2006 Joint Conference of the National Popular Culture and American Culture Associations.

Assistant Professor **Jim Davis** presented *Peter Jackson's Visions of Industrialization*, **Dr. Glen R. Gill** presented *Metaphor and Cosmology in The Lord of the Rings* and **Dr. Richard Scott Nokes** presented *Old English and Samwise Gamgee's Genealogy: Eden and the Unfallen Hobbit*. Attendees at the session remarked that Troy University seems to be becoming a center of Tolkien studies.

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Thank-you notes

Dear TROY Family,

Thank you for the beautiful Domino Peace Lily you sent to David's funeral. David earned his graduate degree from TROY and was a proud alumnus of the University. I will always remember the love and support so many of you us gave during the past few months.

Susie Stokes

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The family of Francis Rayford wishes to acknowledge with gratitude your kind expression of sympathy.

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Dr. Mary Ann Tighe, professor in the Department of English, has had her book *Sharon Creech: The Words We Choose to Say* published by Scarecrow Press.

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Dr. Stephen Cooper, Department of English, presented a paper entitled *Assimilation and Labor: The Cherokee Experience in William Humphrey's No Resting Place* at the Society for the Study of Southern Literature Conference in Birmingham, AL on March 31.

Dr. Cooper also has three entries in the forthcoming (June 2006) *Southern Writers: A New Biographical Dictionary* edited by Joseph M. Flora and Amber Vogel and published by LSU Press. His entries are on William Humphrey, James Alan McPherson and C. Eric Lincoln.

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Dr. Carol Jordan, eminent scholar in Risk Management and Insurance, and the Troy University Risk Management and Insurance program were highlighted in the article *The Industry Goes to School: Universities that Offer Insurance Degrees* in the Insurance Journal.



May Reward Callers. Cecilia Dismukes of the University Bookstore, Kenneth Sunberg of the Chemistry Department and Constance Flowers of Student Involvement/Leadership, are congratulated by Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., left, on receiving the Reward Caller Awards for May during a ceremony on May 17. Also receiving an award but not pictured is Faye Dixon, disability services on the Montgomery Campus. The Reward Caller Awards were established to encourage the use of proper phone etiquette and courtesy by Troy University employees. The monthly awards are made possible through a grant from Bell-South. Winners receive \$25.

Troy University welcomes 16 new employees in April

Troy University welcomed 16 new employees in the month of April.

The new employees are:

- Christa Marie Anglin, site coordinator, eArmyU;
- Patricia Bush-McManus, site director, Ft. Bragg, NC;
- Tiffany Vaneice Davis, customized employment specialist, Human Services;
- Robert Jonathan Drinkard, admissions counselor, Admissions;
- Robert James Ellis, site director, eCampus, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base;
- Ashleigh H. Johnson, counselor, Upward Bound;
- Fredrick Kennedy, assistant coach, Women's Basketball;
- Lauren Kilcrease, health nurse,

Human Services;

- Deborah Anne Loyd, outreach coordinator, Human Services;
- Marilyn Joyce Lucas, custodian, Auxiliary Services;
- Linda T. Metzler, site coordinator, Philadelphia;
- Katherine S. Rowinsky, departmental secretary, Risk Management and Insurance;
- Suzanne Stearns, academic advisor, eCampus, Florida Region;
- Keana Juliet Varner, records assistant, Records Office;
- Karla J. Wagner, Trio specialist, Student Services; and,
- Carole Dawn Wilkerson, student services specialists, Ft. Benning, Phenix City.



Chancellor's Fellows. The 2006 class of Chancellor's Fellows recently were presented with plaques of recognition for their completion of the program. The Chancellor's Faculty and Staff Fellowship Program enables interested full-time faculty and staff to develop increased knowledge and understanding of the programs and operations of Troy University. From left to right are Dr. John

Kline, director of the TROY Institute for Leadership Development; Bryan Helms, controller; Scott Farmer, associate director of athletics; Iris M. Saltiel, associate professor of educational administration; Priscilla B. Washington, associate director of student support services; Dr. Dabney McKenzie, assistant professor of education; and, Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

Summer Music Games

Drum and bugle corps competition set for July 25

Troy University's Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium will rock with the sounds of champion drum and bugle corps at 7 p.m. July 25 as the Drum Corps International competition gets underway at the Trojan Summer Music Games.

"It's a great honor to bring such high quality showmanship to our area," said Dr. Ginger Zingara, director of the event. "With the World Championship shortly following our show, these corps will be at their top shape of the season."

The corps use only brass, percussion and auxiliaries to create an exciting blend of music and choreography. Each corps is composed of students ages 14 to 22 who are chosen through auditions. Scoring is Olympic style with gold, silver and bronze medals presented. Show themes will vary

from The Godfather to jazz, rock, gospel, show tunes and classical music.

In addition, the public can attend a free clinic with the World Champion Blue Devils from Concord, CA from 3 – 5 p.m. at the Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium. The other corps in attendance are: Crossmen from Allentown, PA; Santa Clara Vanguard from Santa Clara, CA; Seattle Cascades from Shoreline, WA; Spirit from JSU from Jacksonville, AL; Teal Sound from Jacksonville, FL and The Magic from Kissimmee, FL.

Tickets may be purchased by calling toll-free at 1-877-878-9487. All seats are general admission for \$20 and \$15 for groups of 25 or more. Additional information on the event can be found at <http://music.troy.edu/> or call 334-670-3281.

Forum focuses on leadership potential

Troy University will become home to about 25 high school students with disabilities through June 15 when it hosts the Alabama Governor's Youth Leadership Forum.

The Forum is co-sponsored by the University's Institute for Leadership Development, the Alabama Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, and will include large- and small-group discussions of topics ranging from self-support to the challenges of leadership.

"YLF brings young people from all over the state to the Troy Campus -- young people who are blind, deaf or wheelchair-bound attend this week of

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Kickoff

Times set for Trojans' 2006 home football games; season tickets still available

The start of the 2006 Troy University football season is less than three months away, and game times have been set for the Trojans five home games this fall.

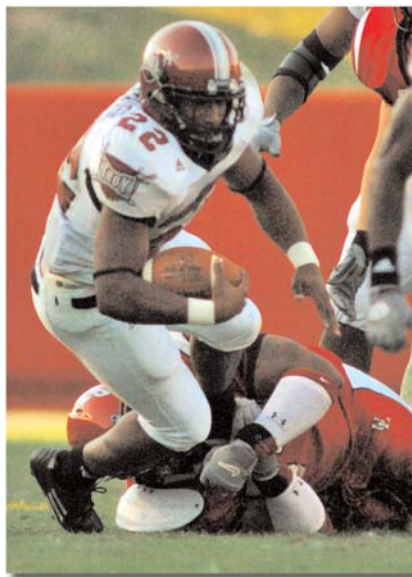
Troy will open the season at Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium on Saturday, September 2, against intra-state rival Alabama State. The game time for the season-opener has been set for 6 p.m.

The Trojans will not play their next home game until Saturday, October 14, against Sun Belt Conference foe Louisiana-Monroe. The WarHawks will visit for Band Day and the game time is set for 3 p.m.

After an open week, the Mean Green of North Texas will come to Troy for a 6 p.m. game on Oct. 28. Homecoming on the Troy campus is set for Saturday, November 4, with a 2 p.m. game time.

The final home game of the season is set for November 18 against Arkansas State. The University will hold its annual "Salute to Veterans" on that day and the game time is set for 2 p.m.

Three of Troy's six road games also have had game times set. The Trojans' game on September 16 at Georgia



Tech will kickoff at 1:30 p.m. Troy's game at UAB on September 30 is set for a 6 p.m. start and the season finale on December 2 at Florida International is scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

None of the Trojans' 2006 games has of yet been scheduled for television, and all game dates and times are subject to change for television.

Tickets Available

The Troy University Athletics Ticket Office is still accepting orders for 2006 Troy season tickets and also has tickets for all of the Trojans' road games.

Troy fans are encouraged to get their orders in for road tickets, especially the games at Florida State, Georgia Tech and Nebraska, as soon as possible. Ticket supplies for those three games will be limited and will run out quickly.

Tickets for the game at Florida State are \$30 each, Georgia Tech tickets are \$28 each and tickets for the Nebraska game are \$55 each. Troy fans are also encouraged to purchase all of their tickets to Troy's road games from the Troy Athletic Ticket office. Proceeds from the sale of tickets to some away games, especially Georgia Tech, are kept by the Troy Athletics Department.

To place an order for tickets for Troy football, call the Troy Athletic Ticket Office at 877-878-9467 or 334-670-3681.

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leadership training," said Dr. John Kline, the

Institute for Leadership Development's director. "We focus on teambuilding, relationship skills, and teaching them how to be advocates for themselves and others with disabilities."

The Forum is funded through a cooperative effort of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, the Alabama Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, the Department of Rehabilitation Services, the Jefferson County Commission and the University.

"Troy University is again pleased to cooperate with the Alabama Department

of Rehabilitation Services in sponsoring this very worthwhile youth leadership forum," said TROY Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. "It's truly a beneficial conference because it helps these students better cope with the world around them and it exposes them to our family at TROY."

Dr. Kline said that former YLF delegates routinely serve as staff members and that several are now TROY graduates.

"One of our goals is to show kids that they can achieve things even with a disability," he said. "Some of these students have never been away from home before; this is a great opportunity for them to have new experiences."

New Staff Handbook now available online

Troy University's new Staff Handbook, approved by the Board of Trustees on March 10, is now available online.

The new handbook is applicable to all Troy University staff members in every location and supersedes all previous staff handbooks. It may be accessed at www.troy.edu/humanresources/policiesandprocedures.htm.

If you have questions regarding the policies contained in the handbook, contact Human Resources.