



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Best seat in the house. The Trojan warrior on the Bibb Graves quad appears to have had a good view of the Fourth of July fireworks display at Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium. The display was a part of the city of Troy's Fourth of July celebration.

A big day

Convocations, picnic set for Aug. 14

Troy University faculty and staff will come together on the Troy Campus for a special celebration on Aug. 14.

Universitywide convocations will be held for faculty and for staff to be followed by a celebration picnic and a "TROY's Got Talent" variety show featuring members of the faculty and staff.

Buses will provide transportation from the University's Alabama campuses.

The faculty convocation will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Claudia Crosby Theater. Networking activities and campus tours will be offered for

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Twenty-two graduate in University's third 1-2-1 commencement ceremony

Twenty-two Troy University students from the Peoples Republic of China can now count themselves among TROY's alumni.

The University held its third commencement in the PRC at Hu Bei University in Wuhan, China on June 21.

The University's 1-2-1 Program requires students to study their first year in China, spend their sophomore and junior years at Troy University and

then return to China to complete their studies. The program, officially called the Sino-American 1-2-1 Dual Degree Program, began in the United States in 2001, with 40 students traveling to Troy. To date, 194 students from 24 universities in China have participated in the program.

When students complete their degree requirements, they are awarded a TROY diploma and **See GRADUATES, Page 4**



Zhuang Jincao, a computer science major from Soochow University, speaks on behalf of the graduates during 1-2-1 commencement ceremonies.

We want to hear from you!

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New leadership

Four interim deans named as University embarks on national search

Troy University has appointed interim deans for four academic colleges while a nationwide search for permanent deans is conducted.

Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost, announced the appointments in June, and they became effective July 1.

Dr. Don Jeffrey, dean of the College of Health and Human Services, was named interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, replacing Dr. Robert Pullen who is returning to the full-time faculty of the college.

Dr. Donald C. Hines was named interim dean of the Sorrell College of Business, replacing Dr. Earl Ingram, who named as vice chancellor of University College.

Dr. Lance Tatum, chair of the

Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion will become interim dean of the College of Education, replacing Dr. Donna Jacobs who has been appointed dean of the College of Education at the University of North Alabama.

Dr. Edith Smith, professor of Kinesiology and Health Promotion, was named interim dean of the College of Health and Human Services during the period that Dr. Jeffrey is serving as interim dean.

The appointments become effective July 1, said Dr. Roach.

“These individuals are all highly regarded educators and leaders in their colleges, and I am confident that they can continue to steer our University forward during this time

of transition,” Dr. Roach said.

Jeffrey has been a member of the TROY faculty since 1994 and has held various administrative roles at the University. He earned a doctorate from Florida State University.

Hines, who earned his doctorate at Kansas State University, is a past dean of the Sorrell College of Business and a former president of the University of West Alabama.

Tatum earned a doctorate degree from Florida State University and has been at TROY since 1998. In 2005, he served as a Chancellor's Fellow.

Smith is a recipient of the Wallace D. Malone Jr. Distinguished Faculty Award and has served as a Chancellor's Fellow. She earned her doctorate at Auburn University.

Program promotes healthy life choices among youth

Troy University's Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Phase II program is targeting school-aged children in Pike and Bullock counties to foster healthier habits.

The program, which came under the University's authority in May, is funded by a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and a cooperative funding effort of the University, Troy Housing Authority, Troy City Board of Education, East Central Mental Health, Alabama Cooperative Extension, Pike County School System, Troy Regional Medical Center, Charles Henderson Child Health Center, American Lung Association, Troy Charity League and the City of Troy.

The project focuses on the prevention of school-age obesity by increasing physical activity, and providing education of students and parents on high-risk behaviors as well as health screening and monitoring activities,

said Project Director Terry Watkins.

“Healthy Schools Healthy Kids One was a rural health model that was used to identify health and risk behaviors and target interventions to school children and parents,” she said. “This is the second phase of the project that continues to focus on the promotion of healthy life choices in youth ages five to 19 who have unmet healthcare needs.”

Under HSHK II, Bullock County was added to the scope, and the program will be instrumental in assisting both counties in reducing the incidence of school-age obesity with the aim of decreasing the prevalence of diabetes, asthma and high blood pressure.

Originally associated with the Charles Henderson Child Health Center, HSHK II was administered by ECMH, which in turn asked the University to become the project's parent organization.

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The Healthy Schools Healthy Kids II program is coordinated by (front left to right) Lauren Kilcrease, health nurse, Debbie Loyd, outreach coordinator, (back left to right) Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Don Jeffrey, Dr. Bernita Hamilton, executive director and director TROY's bachelor of science in nursing program, and Terry Watkins, project director.

Noteworthy

University's Symphony Band featured on newly released 'STORMWORKS' CD

The Troy University Symphony Band is the focus of a new music CD called "STORMWORKS Chapter 1 Prime: A Wish to the World," which was released earlier this month.

Director of Bands Ralph Ford, the 54-member Troy University Symphony Band and composer Stephen Melillo collaborated on the production of the CD May 8 – 11 in Troy.

"It's really in keeping with the vision Chancellor Hawkins has laid out and the momentum of our University's direction," Ford said. "It's going to make a strong statement around the world of what the symphony band is capable of producing. Steve refers to this as 'The Band of the Third Millennium' – basically incorporating the use of electronic instruments with the traditional wind and percussion ensemble to enhance the sound of a symphony band. It's the next generation of sym-



Troy University Symphony Band members perform selections during May recording session.

phony band, we're doing it ahead of everyone else.

"People are going to be amazed at what Troy University students are capable of producing," he added.

In all, the band performed 14 numbers in the suite – all with an underlying patriotic theme. A Wish to the World is a series of pieces written to inspire the next generation of heroes.

Stormworks, the musical framework Melillo created in 1992, revolutionized the music publishing industry through providing commissioned scores via a CD or the internet rather than by the more traditional paper sets. Because all of the compositions within Stormworks have a similar theme and because Melillo was able to move music technology into areas traditional music publishing companies rejected, Ford said Melillo stands apart from that pack. The concept has enabled Melillo to establish a distribution chain in 28 countries.

Interested in ordering a CD?

Orders will be taken for the CD beginning mid-July. For more information about the project, or to place an order, visit www.soundofthesouth.org or call the band office at 334-670-3281. The cost is \$20.

Thank-you notes

I recently received a notice from the Troy University Foundations Office that a book, *Fishing for Gold*, had been placed in the Troy Campus Library in memory of my father, Elvin Wright, who passed away on 3/25/05. This book, released in March of this year, is an account of the development of the catfish industry here in Alabama and in the Southeast, an endeavor in which my father played a significant role.

On behalf of my mother, Sara Wright, my brother and sister-in-law, James and Kristy Wright, my sister and brother-in-law, Betsy and Ted Melton, and my nephews, I would like to say thank you to all who were involved in this moving and very fitting tribute to Dad. Special thanks go to Dr. Dianne Gossett who came up with the idea and Linda Jordan and Maurice Tillery who ably assisted in the actual purchase and placement of the book.

We appreciate your compassion during this difficult first year without Dad.

Jeanne Wright

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Dear Faculty & Staff,

I wish to thank you for the beautiful plant you sent

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Program

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"There are so many benefits for TROY students through this program," said Judy Brighton-Enfinger, director of sponsored programs. "It's a good fit within our College of Health and Human Services."

Among the benefits to the University is the program's ability to provide a clinical experience for both faculty and students on the undergraduate and graduate levels, she said. The University's nursing students will aid the delivery of HSHK II services and faculty members will serve on an advisory network.

Watkins said a number of intervention projects will be delivered in the schools, among them Open Airways for Schools, an asthma education program for elementary schools, Asthma Safari, a city-wide asthma education program, Not on Tobacco, a tobacco prevention program and CATCH, a nationally recognized school nutrition model implemented in grades three through five that incorporates cafeteria menu design, classroom curriculum, physical education and family support programs.

Working with Watkins is Debbie Loyd, a registered nurse and outreach coordinator, and Lauren Kilcrease, a registered nurse who is the program's health nurse. Dr. Bernita Hamilton, director of TROY's bachelor of science in nursing program, serves as executive director.

University welcomes 13 new employees

Thirteen new employees joined the Troy University family during the months of May and June.

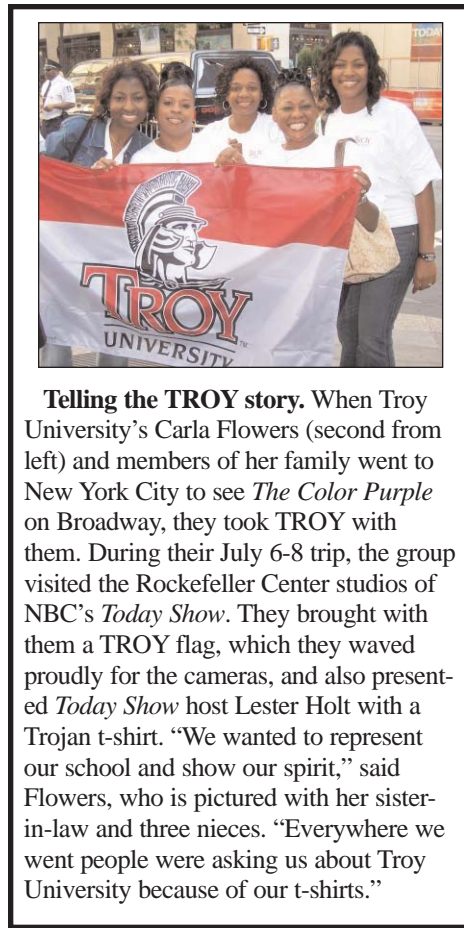
The new employees are:

- Bradley Alvdj, student services coordinator for eCampus;
- Tina Marie Higdon, assistant Site Director, Davis Monthan Air Force Base;
- Omega Metivier, patrolman, University Police;
- Charlotte Minnick, associate professor, College of Education;
- Amy Elizabeth Mishoe, circulation supervisor, ASN Program;
- James Phillips, patrolman, University Police;
- Ashley Watson, academic evaluator, Albany, GA;
- Marybeth Welch, transportation coordinator, Student Services;
- Paul Freo, corporate recruiter, Arlington;
- Kristopher Kimbler, assistant professor, Counseling, Education and Psychology, Montgomery;
- Elaine King, academic affairs specialist, Dothan;
- Thomas Miller, associate director of biology, Science in Motion program;
- Jeff Crane, assistant baseball coach.

Graduates

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a diploma from their home institution.

In this year's commencement, 10 Chinese universities were represented: East China Jiaotong University, Shihezi University, Soochow University, Sichuan Normal University, Xihua University, Shenyang University, Harbin University of Science and Technology, Inner Mongolia Polytechnic University, Xi'an Shiyou University and Hu Bei University.



Telling the TROY story. When Troy University's Carla Flowers (second from left) and members of her family went to New York City to see *The Color Purple* on Broadway, they took TROY with them. During their July 6-8 trip, the group visited the Rockefeller Center studios of NBC's *Today Show*. They brought with them a TROY flag, which they waved proudly for the cameras, and also presented *Today Show* host Lester Holt with a Trojan t-shirt. "We wanted to represent our school and show our spirit," said Flowers, who is pictured with her sister-in-law and three nieces. "Everywhere we went people were asking us about Troy University because of our t-shirts."

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when my sister passed away.

It was a great comfort to know we were in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Your kind expression of sympathy will be long remembered.

Betty Hunt

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To the Faculty and Staff,
Thank you so much for the beautiful Anthurium plant sent during my mother's death. Your thoughtfulness and kind words have been very helpful during this difficult time.

Michael Woods

cum laude.

One additional student completed his degree requirements in computer science, but had not yet completed requirements for his home institution's degree and did not participate in commencement.

TROY Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr., and Dr. Curtis Porter, dean of international programs, represented the University at the commencement ceremony.

Events

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staff members during this time.

The staff convocation will begin at 11 a.m., also in Claudia Crosby Theater. Meetings and networking opportunities will be available for faculty during this time.

The two convocations will be video-taped and will be available for those on outlying campuses and sites.

Shuttles will operate between the Trojan Center and Trojan Arena for those wishing to take campus tours or visit the bookstore.

The celebration picnic and variety show will begin at 12:30 p.m. and conclude at 2 p.m. All those attending the picnic will receive a special gift.

Campuses will be allowed to work skeleton crews to enable as many personnel as possible to participate.

Sodexo is one of the sponsors of the day's events.

'A true inspiration'

Tillery's attitude of service earns her the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for June

Maurice Tillery, secretary to the dean of the Troy University Library, has won the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for June.

Tillery, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 1972, received the award during a ceremony on June 13 in the General Academic Building on the Troy Campus. Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost, presented the award to Tillery, who was nominated by Dr. Henry R. Stewart, dean of University libraries.

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, Dr. Stewart called Tillery a "true inspiration."

"Maurice always has the students at the heart of her service attitude," the nomination said. "I have seen students from 20 or more years ago come to the Library looking for 'Miss Maurice.' She has been a mother, a confidant, a shoulder to cry on, an encourager and a strict disciplinarian, but they still return to see 'Miss Maurice.' I have been very impressed by her ability to remember them all with fondness and humor."

According to Dr. Stewart, it was Tillery who was his guide when he first took over the dean's position.

"She has always taken on new tasks cheerfully and has assisted library and University personnel in numerous ways," the nomination said. "Maurice's diligence and loyalty has



Maurice Tillery, secretary to the dean of libraries at Troy University, was presented with the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for June by Dr. Ed Roach (left), executive vice chancellor and provost, and Dr. Henry Stewart, dean of libraries.

been demonstrated by her ability to accomplish the task, whether it required working during holidays, vacations, evenings or arriving at work early. She has always been extremely dependable regardless of the situation. She is a true Trojan."

Tillery, a resident of Troy, said she was surprised to receive the award. "This is a tremendous honor," she said. "I am extremely proud to have been selected."

Johnson named 'Great Woman of the 21st Century'

A Troy University eCampus administrator has been named a "Great Woman of the 21st Century" for her work in distance learning.

Dr. Sallie Johnson, director of instructional design and educational technologies, at the University's eCampus and former dean of distance learning on the Troy Campus, was nominated for the award for her work in pioneering the Securexam Remote

Proctor.

Only those who received recognition as a 2005 Woman of the Year were eligible for the award from the Governing Board of Editors of the American Biographical Institute, which conducted a telephone interview and reviewed her published article "Striving for Excellence – Ensuring Online Testing Integrity" that detailed her development of the

Securexam Remote Proctor. She received her award in the area of Educational Technologies.

Securexam Remote Proctor will authenticate the identity of the student taking a test, ensure that student is unable to use the computer to cheat during an exam and provide real-time audio and video of the room where the test is taken. The device was co-developed by Software Secure, Inc.

Activities & achievements

Dr. Ben Robertson of the Department of English has had his article *Rituals of Passivity in Naipaul's Mimetic Book on the South* published in the *South Asian Review*.

Dr. Robertson also has two entries forthcoming in *The Facts On File Companion to the British Short Story and Short Fiction*.

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Dr. Jim Vickrey, professor of speech communication who is transferring to the Montgomery campus in August, has offered an article for the July issue of *The Alabama Lawyer*, the State Bar journal, "Is The Alabama Supreme Court Obligated to Follow Precedential Case Law of the United States Supreme Court?"

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Elaine Bassett, coordinator of the Writing Center, and **Catherine Hutcheson**, ESL director for the Center of International Programs, were selected to participate in the annual Reading and scoring of the College Board's AP Examinations in English Language, June 12-18. Each year, approximately 2.3 million examinations in 20 disciplines were evaluated by over 8,000 Readers from universities and high schools.

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Melvin G. Cooper, an adjunct instructor in ethics, was inducted as a Fellow of the National Endowment For The Public Trust on June 12. The Induction Ceremony was held in the Museum of American Presidents in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia.

He was also a speaker at the Board of Trustees meeting on the subject of "The Role of Ethics Legislation In National and International Governments."

Cooper received his medallion of office from Lt. Gen. Hal Moore, U. S. Army Retired, who is the author of the best selling book, *We Were Soldiers Once...And Young* detailing his heroism in the Vietnam War.

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June Reward Callers. Donna Hogan of the controller office and Dr. James Sherry of the Classical and Modern Languages Department are congratulated by Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost, on receiving the Reward Caller Awards for June. Also receiving an award but not pictured are Sonya Shirley of the office of development and John McQueen of student and community services in Dothan. 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 BellSouth. Winners receive \$25.

Dr. James Albritton of the Department of Criminal Justice and Social Sciences recently participated in the International Festival of Flamenco sponsored by the University of New Mexico and the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, NM. The festival was held June 9-17, and involved numerous workshops and performances of flamenco music by international artists.

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Dr. Kenyon Knapp, assistant professor of counseling and psychology, recently became president of the Alabama Association for Spiritual, Ethical, and Religious Values in Counseling, and was elected president-elect of the Alabama Association for Counselor Education and Supervision. He also completed a three-week deployment over spring

break doing disaster counseling in New Orleans.

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Dr. William Heisler, associate professor of human resources management, has had his article, "Toward More Rational Executive Compensation," published in the May 2006 issue of *Directors Monthly*, a publication of the National Association of Corporate Directors devoted exclusively to improving corporate board performance.

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Dr. Edward Kamnikar, assistant professor of accounting in the Sorrell College of Business, has had the article "Assessing a State's Financial Condition," accepted for publication in the fall issue of *The Journal of Government Financial Management*.

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Service saluted

Fourteen employees honored for years of service to TROY

Fourteen Troy University employees representing a combined 220 years of service were honored during a ceremony in June.

Service pins were presented to three 25-year employees, including two from Creative Services.

Bonnie Money and Mildred Finlay, both of Creative Services, were honored along with University Police Radio Dispatcher Dot Helms for their 25 years of service.

Three other employees were honored for 20 years of service. Those employees were Sandra Gouge, associate vice chancellor for marketing and communications, Dr. Cameron Martindale, senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations, and Jo Williamson-Adcock, administrative assistant in the music department.



Service pin recipients were honored for their years of employment with Troy University during a ceremony in June.

Receiving 15-year service pins were: Dr. Jean Laliberte, associate vice chancellor for development; Donna Oliver, administrative secretary to the provost; and Dr. Alicia Whatley, assistant professor of biology.

Receiving 10-year pins were: Ursu-

la Bryant, director of purchasing; Steve Waddail, Quick Copy technician; and, Kenny Marcum, chief business officer on the Phenix City Campus.

Bryan Helms, controller, and Stephen Adcock, English Department secretary, received five-year pins.

Meine attends public administration conference in Russia

Dr. Manfred F. Meine, regional director of University College's Florida Region, recently returned from Russia where he was a member of a delegation for the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

After receiving a personal invitation from the dean of the Moscow State University's School of Public Administration, Meine encouraged ASPA's immediate past president Dr. Don Menzel to organize the delegation.

The seven delegation members participated in the International Conference on Public Administration hosted at Lomonosov Moscow State University.

The theme of this year's conference was "Public Administration in the 21st Century: Traditions and Innovations." As part of the working session on administrative reform, Meine presented a paper "Administrative Reform: Building Trust in Government from the Ground Up." The presentation was well received and resulted in numerous questions from a dominantly Russian audience.

"This was another wonderful opportunity to bring the TROY name into an international setting," Dr. Meine said of his first visit to Russia. "Participation in these kinds of events shows our commitment to internationalization. Listening to the frustrations and challenges faced by our Russian colleagues in seeking administrative reform is truly an enlightening experience."



Dr. Manfred Meine (right), director of the Florida Region, visits with Dean Alexey Surin of Moscow State University's School of Public Administration and Mrs. Don Menzel, wife of American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Immediate Past President Don Menzel. Dr. Meine was part of a ASPA delegation that attended the International Conference on Public Administration at Lomonosov Moscow State University.

Let the music play

Drum Corps International competition set for July 25 at Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium

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, percus-

sion 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.

WSFA-TV to feature University, city during visit

WSFA-TV, Montgomery, AL's NBC affiliate, will air a special live broadcast of its "Today in Alabama" morning news program from the Troy Campus on Friday, July 21.

The broadcast is one of three scheduled stops on the station's "WSFA News on Tour" summer series. The visit to the Troy Campus is a part of the station's spotlight on the city of Troy. The University will be highlighted during the "Today in Alabama" broadcast, which runs from 5 to 7 a.m.

TROY alumna Tonya Terry, co-anchor of "Today in Alabama," has asked students, faculty and staff to wear Troy University gear and gather on the Bibb Graves Quad around 5 a.m. Friday for the live production of "Today in Alabama."

The 5 and 6 p.m. newscasts will take place on the square in downtown Troy.

"We want to show our strong support of our local communities because without them we would not be successful," WSFA News Director Denise Vickers said. "We want to show our viewers that we live up to our slogan every day in every newscast, Coverage, Community, Commitment."

Achievements

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Dr. James F. Rinehart, associate professor and chair of the Department of Political Science, will appear on Alabama Public Television's *For the Record* on July 19. Dr. Rinehart, who recently returned from a trip to Japan and Korea, will discuss the current situation in North Korea and take calls from viewers.

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Dr. Richard Scott Nokes, professor of English, presented at the "Weblogs and the Academy: Internet Presence and Professional Discourse among Medievalists" roundtable at the 41st International Congress on Medieval Studies on May 6. Dr. Nokes was joined by other prominent medieval bloggers.

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Dr. Robert B. Kane, a full-time Air Force historian at Eglin AFB, FL, and an adjunct professor of history, served as the chair and commentator for a panel "War and Memory" at the annual conference of the Society for Military History held May 19-21 at Kansas State University.

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Dr. Emrah Orhun, professor of computer science, recently presented papers at three conferences, including two in Turkey. Dr. Orhun presented the paper "Spatial Aspects of Contradictory Processes of Globalization," co-authored with Deniz Orhun, at the second annual conference of The International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place on Globalization: Reconfigurings of World Space. The conference was held at Towson University, Towson, Maryland, on April 28-30. He also presented the paper "Knowledge Sharing in a Community of Practice," co-authored with James Hopple, at the International Conference on Human and Economic Resources, held in Turkey on May 24-25. Dr. Orhun also had a paper accepted for presentation at the second International Conference on Business, Management and Economics, June 15-18, in Turkey.