



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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A Christmas wish come true. The TROY fan received an early Christmas present on Dec. 22 as the Sun Belt Conference champion Trojans defeated the Rice Owls of Conference USA 41-17 in the R+L Carriers New Orleans Bowl. Junior quarterback Omar Haugabook earned the game's MVP honors. *See related story, Page 3.*

- Photo by Bob Markey/www.PalmsWestPhoto.com

Leadership

University, City of Troy present sixth annual conference Feb. 2-3

Dr. Belle Wheelan, the first African American and woman to fill the role of president of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, will be a keynote speaker at the sixth annual Leadership Conference Celebrating Black History Month presented by Troy University and The City of Troy. The conference is set for Feb. 2-3 and will be held in the Trojan Center Ballrooms on the Troy Campus.

The theme of this year's conference, which is designed to bring together local residents in Troy and surrounding communities, civic and community leaders, clergymen and business leaders in a collaborative and educational forum, is "Leadership by Design: Ensuring our Legacy."

The conference will feature presentations on "Designing Character," "Competency and Communication," "Designing Safe Communities" and "Designing Healthy Communities." A conference notebook, containing hand outs and other useful resources will be given to all attendees.

Dr. Wheelan's career in higher education spans 32 years. Prior to taking her present post **See CONFERENCE, Page 8**

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Five named as Chancellor's Fellows for 2007

Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. has announced the selection of five Chancellor's Fellows for 2007.

Selected were: Sohail Agboatwala, director of auxiliary services; Jerry Johnson, chairman of the Department of Art and Design, and Jeff Spurlock, assistant professor of jour-

nalism, all of the Troy Campus. Also selected were Maureen Hannay, associate professor of management/human resource management, the University's Florida Region, and Marty Olliff, director of the Archives of Wiregrass History and Culture and associate professor of history, **See FELLOWS, Page 7**



From left to right are: Dr. John A. Kline, Dr. Maureen Hannay, Marty Olliff, Jerry Johnson, Sohail Agboatwala, Dr. Jeff Spurlock and Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

Get on board

TROY transportation service seeks to expand charter offerings

Troy University's public transportation system is looking to expand its services to take on more charter excursions, according to Mary Beth Welch, transportation coordinator.

The shuttle bus service, which began last May, operates two bus routes which include all of campus and portions of the City of Troy. The regular shuttle service is free of charge to Troy University students and operates Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Welch said the campus transportation service also offers specialty charters, and she is always looking for further opportunities. She stressed that shuttle services, even charters, are available only to Troy University faculty, staff and students.

"If you have a need, we can probably fill it and at a reasonable cost," Welch

said. "For example, for a small fee we will take students, faculty or staff to the airports in Dothan or Montgomery."

The shuttle is also available for hire to take conference participants around campus and it has been used for class field trips to regional attractions, Welch said. The service is not limited to the Troy Campus, Welch added, as faculty and students from the Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City campuses have used the shuttle.

"We have drivers who have driven for larger bus lines so they are very experienced at what they do," she said. "Also, our buses are equipped with mechanical lifts for wheelchair access."

To find out more about the services offered, contact Welch at 334-670-5913. Reservations should be made in writing via e-mail to mbwelch@troy.edu.

Professor honored with Community Outreach Award

Dr. Gayle Bush, assistant professor of Kinesiology and Health Promotions at Troy University, has been awarded the Community Outreach Award from STEPS to a Healthier Alabama, Southeast Alabama Region (SAR).

Dr. Bush was nominated by the Charles Henderson Child Health Center, which is the lead agency for the SAR.

Presented annually to an individual, group, organization or agency, the Community Outreach Award is given in recognition of at least one year of outstanding service in the areas of obesity, diabetes, asthma, tobacco, nutrition and fitness to promote a healthier Alabama. Dr. Bush, along with more than 2,000 of her students, has volunteered her time and services to the cause, throughout the past four years.

Through Bush's hard work and dedication, a minimum of 5,000 children and adults have been reached through programs and activities such as Asthma Safari, The Annual Heart Walk, Open Airways for School and many more. In addition, Dr. Bush and her students teach physical education classes once a week at a local school.

Christy Hill, registered nurse and coordinator of STEPS to a Healthier Alabama, SAR, said she has worked closely with Dr. Bush during the past four years and admires her service to the community. "She is such a great asset to work with," Hill said.



Scholarship established. Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. accepts a check in the amount of \$25,000 from Tommy L. Thompson, president of Sherlock, Smith and Adams, Inc., to establish a scholarship for business students. The architectural and engineering firm has enjoyed a long relationship with TROY and established the scholarship in an effort to assist deserving students realize their dreams. From left to right are: J. Charles Singley, treasurer/secretary and chief structural engineer for the firm; Robert E. Snider, SSA vice president of professional services; Chancellor Hawkins; Thompson; David Parker, the firm's director of architecture; Dr. Cameron Martindale, senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations; and Ray White, interim vice chancellor of the Montgomery Campus.

Bowled over

University, fans bask in glow of historic win over Rice in New Orleans

It was a big time in the Big Easy for Troy University football fans, but the Trojans' 41-17 win over Rice in the R-L Carriers New Orleans Bowl Dec. 22 was about much more than football.

It was a time for TROY fans to come together to celebrate the first bowl win for a program that has competed at the NCAA's highest level for only five years. Coach Larry Blakeney acknowledged the fans of the Trojan Nation in his post-game comments accepting the New Orleans Bowl trophy.

Estimates of the number of TROY fans in attendance range from 7,000 to 12,000, depending on the source. The announced paid attendance of 24,791 was second-highest in bowl history. Trojan fans from 16 U.S. states, including Nebraska, Indiana and Kansas, bought bowl tickets through the University Ticket Office.

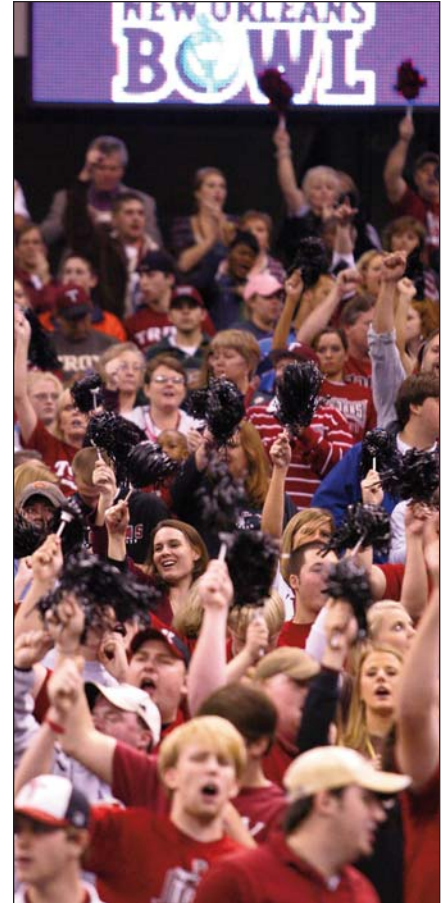
It was a time for TROY to bask in the media spotlight. The Trojan program was profiled in major media outlets such as the Houston Chronicle and the New Orleans Times-Picayune. Much of the coverage focused on the rapid rise of the TROY football program and its benefits to the University.

It was also a time for others to learn about TROY. One visitor from Texas, a



Above, Coach Larry Blakeney holds the New Orleans Bowl trophy over his head following the Trojans first ever bowl win on Dec. 22, a 41-17 thumping of the Rice Owls. At right, TROY fans show off their Trojan spirit during the game.

— Photos by Bob Markey/www.PalmsWestPhoto.com



Rice alumnus and friend of a TROY administrator, wrote: "Your football team and band both provided an explosion of creativity and energy and it was

a very entertaining time for us. Congratulations to you and TROY on a well planned and executed contest and on being such fine people to meet."

HR offers training opportunities for employees

The Department of Human Resources is teaming with the University's Continuing Education program to provide training to enhance employee effectiveness.

In addition to classroom training and seminars such as the harassment prevention program, the department also is now offering webinars touching on topics of importance in the workplace, according to Janet McQueen of the Dothan Campus office.

The department is gearing up for its second webinar offering, "The Art of the Search Committee," which is set

for Jan. 25.

"We are really interested in offering the training that our departments and employees want and need," McQueen said.

The department offered harassment prevention training in Phenix City on Thursday and has sessions scheduled for Montgomery on Feb. 15 and Troy on March 15.

To learn more about upcoming training or to register, go to troy.edu/humanresources/training.html. To suggest training topics, contact McQueen at jwmcqueen@troy.edu.



Enjoyable visit. Visiting professors from the People's Republic of China Ms. Ren Tianshu, Ms. Sun Yizen, Ms. Feng Wei and Mr. Sun Qiang pose for a picture during the College of Communications and Fine Arts Christmas Dinner.

A smiling face

Pleasant attitude, professional manner net December McKinley Award for Rhoden

Faye Rhoden, program coordinator for the Inservice Center at Troy University, has won the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for December.

Rhoden, who has been a member of the TROY staff since 1992, received the award Wednesday during the University's annual Christmas luncheon held in the Trojan Center Ballrooms. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., TROY chancellor, presented the award to Rhoden, who was nominated by Inservice Center Director Jimmy Holley.

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, Holley called Rhoden an invaluable employee.

"Ms. Rhoden's duties require her to keep up with more than 10 separate budgets under the Inservice Center umbrella," Holley said. "She goes above and beyond her job responsibilities and stays until the job is done. She is always prepared to handle whatever task comes her way with a smile and a professional manner. Faye is most deserving of this award."

Rhoden said she was honored to receive the award. "I love the people I work with and consider it an honor to work at Troy University," Rhoden said.



Faye Rhoden, program coordinator for the Inservice Center, receives the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for December from Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.



Reward Callers. Debra Williams, account specialist for University College, Tamara King, V.A. representative at the Fort Walton Beach site, and Linda Norsworthy, assistant director of student financial services, receive Reward Caller Awards for December. Also honored, but not pictured is Chris Warden, assistant professor of journalism. The monthly award honors proper telephone etiquette and courtesy. Winners receive \$25.

University welcomes 15 new employees

Troy University welcomed 15 new employees during the months of November and December.

The new employees are:

- Rachel Ann Aliaga, assistant site director, Holloman Air Force Base, NM;
- Karla Cantu, academic advisor, Ft. Benning, GA;
- Christina P. Doss, academic advisor, Davis Monthan Air Force Base, AZ;
- Thomas A. Dukes, professor, Troy Campus;
- Annita Joyce Duncan, Trio Specialist, Troy Campus;
- Kashima K. Greene, student services specialist, Augusta, GA;
- John Vandiver Grice, director of study abroad, Troy Campus;
- Jason O'Neal Griggs, English specialist, Dothan Campus;
- Julia Katherine Harrell, account clerk, Troy Campus;
- Christine Harrison, student services specialist, Augusta, GA;
- Michelle Jerney-Davis, library assistant, Dothan Campus;
- Lois Liebeknech, education departmental secretary, Dothan Campus;
- Sherry L. Lindbak, graduate school administrative secretary, Troy Campus;
- George Edward Moore, information technical specialist, eArmyU; and,
- Danielle Pankey, assistant site director, Tampa.

Activities & achievements

Dr. Kenyon Knapp, assistant professor of counseling and psychology, gave two presentations at the Alabama Counseling Association's state conference in Mobile in November. One presentation was titled "How to help Children Cope with Hurricanes," and the other was for school counseling professors. He also served in state division meetings as president-elect of ALACES and president of ALASERVIC.

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The Diaries of Elizabeth Inchbald, edited by **Dr. Ben Robertson**, has been accepted for publication by Pickering & Chatto.

Dr. Robertson, who is an assistant professor in the Department of English, also has recently completed the 2004-05 bibliographies for the Keats-Shelley Journal, the current issue of which contains his reviews of "Regency Radical: Selected Writings of William Hone," by David A. Kent and D. R. Ewen, ed., and "Writings of the Luddites" by Kevin Binfield, ed.

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Dr. Catherine Smith, assistant professor in the Department of English, has been invited to participate in the Oxford Roundtable on Bilingual Education and Teaching English as a Second Language, to be held at Oxford University in March.

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Jason Terry and **Greg Price**, of the Information Technology Department, presented at the Alabama Department of Children's Affairs Leadership conference on Nov. 29 at Auburn University. The presentation covered a variety of topics related to protecting Alabama's children in cyberspace.

Price, who was approved as a Fellow of the American College of Forensic Examiners in December, also recently presented a paper for peer review to the SANS institute. The research paper was entitled "A practical framework for removable media forensic analysis."

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Dr. Courtney C. Bentley, assistant professor in the History Department, was selected as one of three finalists for the Selma Greenberg Dissertation Award. This Award is offered by Research on Women and Education, a special interest group of the American Educational Research Association. Finalists are selected according to the ways they fit the award criteria and directly build upon and extend the work of Selma Greenberg, a staunch advocate for gender equity and diversity in education. Research on Women and Education will announce the recipient this month.

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Dr. Nathan Alexander, assistant professor of history, will have his article entitled "The Visibilité of the Hidden God" published in the Journal of Philosophy and Theology (University of Chicago), Volume 18, 2007. A second article, "How the Occult Became Secret," will appear in a forthcoming issue of the Journal of Magic, Witchcraft and Ritual (University of Pennsylvania). His review of James Willbanks' "Abandoning Vietnam" will appear in the Journal of Cold War Studies (Harvard), and his review of Dan Cohn-Sherbok's "The Paradox of



Outstanding faculty. Troy University recognizes the 2006 Dothan Campus Outstanding Faculty and Staff award winners. Pictured are (front – left) **Jean Kirkland** of Cottonwood, outstanding classified staff; **Dr. Barbara Minsky** of Dothan, outstanding Sorrell College of Business faculty member; **Reta Cordell** of Graceville, FL, outstanding professional staff; (back – left) **Dr. Betty Armstrong** of Ashford, outstanding College of Education adjunct instructor; **Dr. Cynthia Hicks** of Newville, outstanding College of Education faculty member; **Faye Eldridge** of Slocomb, outstanding College of Arts and Sciences adjunct instructor; and **Bill White** of the Springfield Community, GA, outstanding Sorrell College of Business adjunct instructor. Not pictured is **Dr. Shane Stonesifer** of Dothan, outstanding College of Arts and Sciences faculty member.

"Anti-Semitism" will appear in a forthcoming issue of Shofar: Journal of Jewish Interdisciplinary Studies (Purdue).

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Dr. Glen Robert Gill, assistant professor in the Department of English, has published a book entitled "Northrop Frye and the Phenomenology of Myth" through the University of Toronto Press. The book is being distributed in hardcover and paperback editions in the U.S., Canada and the U.K.

Dr. Gill has been invited to speak about his book at the University of Ottawa's "New Directions" Conference on Contemporary Theory, the Northrop Frye International Literary Festival in Moncton, New Brunswick and the International Symposium on Archetypal Theory at the University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain.

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Carol Franks, associate professor in the John M. Long School of Music, was recently the featured soloist with Montgomery Symphony Orchestra for their 30th anniversary season subscription concert. She performed Vivaldi's Piccolo Concerto in C Major. Franks is also currently performing on flute and piccolo in the pit orchestra for "Beauty and the Beast" at the Alabama Shakespeare Festival Theatre in Montgomery.

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Service honored

University employees receive service pins

Sixteen members of the Troy University faculty and staff were honored in December for their dedicated service to the University. The 16 represented a combined 165 years of service.

Those honored included two 25-year employees – Mary J. Griffin, director of Upward Bound/Trio, and Dr. Angela Roling, associate vice chancellor for institutional effectiveness.

Belinda C. Edwards, coordinator for inter-library loans, received her 20-year service pin, while Susan Quarles, payroll manager for human resources, was honored for 15 years of service.

Receiving 10-year pins were: Dena G. Byars, associate director/chemistry, Science in Motion

program; Kimberly A. Murphy, departmental secretary, Health and Human Services; Nadine C. Scarborough, director, AMSTI; and, Dr. Henry R. Stewart, dean of library.

Receiving five-year pins were: Sandra K. Atkins, director of compliance, athletics; Bronda L. Barron, business manager, eCampus; Dr. David A. Creamer, associate professor of psychology; Imani C. Goodwin, assistant professor of nursing; John Phil McLaney, public access services, Library; Helen H. Reeder, clerk typist, human services; Kristi P. Fuller, program coordinator of English, Phenix City; Allen R. Reeves, sergeant, University Police.



Attending lecture. Troy University Chancellor and First Lady Dr. and Mrs. Jack Hawkins, Jr. are shown with Mary Robinson, Ireland's first woman president, at the University of Maryland University College's Academic Lecture Series in November. Robinson, formerly the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, spoke on "Human Rights and Ethical Globalization." During the lecture, Robinson stressed the power and responsibility of each individual to participate in human rights advocacy.

Achievements

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Dr. Mary Ann Tighe, professor in the Department of English, recently attended the 25th Southeast Regional Conference of the International Reading Association in Mobile. She presented a session entitled "New Horizons: Teaching Grammar in the Context of Young Adult Literature."

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Several counseling and psychology faculty presented two panel discussions at the Southern Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors regional conference in Orlando, FL, in the fall. The first panel discussion was "Gatekeeping in counseling and psychology master's programs." The second panel discussion was "Supervision of master's degree seeking counseling and psychology students." Both discussion groups were chaired by **Dr. Carol Lewis**, assistant professor. Participants on the panel were **Dr. Len Kitchens**, associate dean of the College of Education, **Dr. Nancy Crumpton**, chair of the College of Education and associate professor, **Dr. Dianne Gossett**, associate dean of the

College of Education, **Dr. Andy Creamer**, assistant professor, **Dr. Greg Dawson**, assistant professor, and **Dr. Vince Philpot**, assistant professor.

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Dr. John Schmidt, senior vice chancellor for student services, will present an overview of Troy's new program for first-year students to the statewide NASPA conference on Jan. 19 at Birmingham Southern College.

Schmidt also will have a chapter entitled: "Circle Seven: Classroom-Residence Hall Continuity" published in a new book titled "Academic and Student Affairs Collaboration: The Divine Comedy. The book, available this spring, will be published by NASPA with contributors from Elon, Texas A&M, Middle Tennessee State, Cal Poly, among others.

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Dr. Stephen Cooper, Department of English, presented the paper "The Dust Bowl Revisited: William Humphrey's A Time and a Place" at the 41st Western Literature Association Conference in Boise, Idaho on Oct. 27.

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Dr. Dan J. Puckett, assistant professor of history, has had his articles on Maury Maverick, Benny Goodman, Jimmy and Tommy Dorsey, The Supreme Court, and Demobilization published in "The Home Front Encyclopedia: United States, Britain, and Canada in World Wars I and II," published by ABC-CLIO (2006).

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Dr. William Thompson, chair of the English Department, has recently published a poem in 32 Poems magazine and an article on the poet Mark Jarman in The Literary Encyclopedia (England).

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Dr. Sam Shelton, assistant professor in the Department of Political Science, presented the paper, "Validation of Employee Trust in Supervisor Measurement Instrument," at the 78th Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, LA, on Jan. 5. Dr. Shelton also attended the Editorial Board meeting of the Politics & Policy Journal as the elected editor from the Alabama Political Science Association.

Thank-you notes

Dear Troy University family,
Thank you for the lovely engraved clock given to me upon my retirement.

I'll always cherish my many years with TROY, and I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to work with such fine people.

Sincerely,

Susan Pierce

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Dear Troy University Faculty and Staff:

On behalf of my family, I would like to express our sincere thanks for the calls, prayers and flowers during the recent loss of my father, Marvin Sanders Pugh. Your kindness and thoughtfulness were deeply appreciated during this difficult time.

Betty Pugh Hunt

Strategic planning

Dr. Roach speaks to management students in Montgomery

Students in Dr. Mike Schraeder's fall semester Strategic Management class got an inside look at how the University approaches the planning process from Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost.

Dr. Roach spoke to the class in November, stressing the importance of strategic planning to the success of a business or organization and explaining the approach TROY has employed. In addition to an institutional approach to planning, Dr. Roach also emphasized the importance of having a personal mission statement, as well as an understanding of personal strengths and weaknesses.

"It was an honor to have Dr. Roach in my classroom, sharing knowledge and insight with students that directly related to the topics we've been discussing," Dr.



Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost, speaks to students in Dr. Mike Schraeder's Strategic Management class.

Schraeder said.

Dr. Schraeder's students shared his enthusiasm about Dr. Roach's visit.

"Dr. Roach showed us how the principles of strategic management could be used in our personal lives to help us realize and achieve our goals," said Christine Johnson, a senior business administration major from Birmingham.

Fellows

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of the Dothan Campus.

The Chancellor's Faculty and Staff Fellowship Program enables qualified full-time faculty and staff to develop increased knowledge and understanding of the programs and operations of Troy University. Participants, selected because of their leadership potential and past service to the University, will work under the direction of Dr. John A. Kline, director of the TROY Institute for Leadership Development. Each fellow is mentored by the chancellor or one of the University's senior vice chancellors.

The program, which spans the spring academic semester, enables participants to receive on-the-job training and education, observe first-hand how the institution solves problems and meets challenges, gain new ideas and perspectives on broad institutional concerns and

become more astute and better informed about the operations of the University as a whole.

Fellows will have the opportunity to visit other campuses, benefit from briefings and meetings with senior University officials and take part in several field trips and visits with military leaders, chief executive officers and state government officials, Kline said.

The group will also work together on a project that will benefit the University. Past fellow's projects have included a comprehensive proposal for a Troy Teaching Academy, a study related to the "One Great University" initiative, a study of the enrollment process at Troy University, Study Abroad Opportunities for faculty and students and a study of strategies to increase participation in the seeking and receiving of grants.

Meet the Chancellor's Fellows

- **Sohail Agboatwala**, director of auxiliary services and student activities, earned his B.S. in Economics in 1991 and Masters in Business Administration in 1993 from TROY.
- **Maureen Hannay**, associate professor of management/human resource management, received her B.A. from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada and her Master's Degree in Industrial Relations and Ph.D. in Industrial Relations/Human Resource Management from the University of Toronto (Canada).
- **Jerry Johnson**, chairman of the Department of Art and Design, earned his B.A. in graphic design and Master of Education in art education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and holds a M.F.A. in graphic design from Louisiana Tech University.
- **Marty Olliff**, director of the Archives of Wiregrass History and Culture and associate professor of history, earned his B.S. in Education, M.A. in European History and his doctorate in American History from Auburn University.
- **Jeff Spurlock**, assistant professor of journalism, earned his B.A. in Broadcasting from Western Kentucky University, his M.S. in Mass Communication from Middle Tennessee State University and his Ph.D. in Mass Communication from The University of Southern Mississippi.

Hand-stitched history

Social, political issues provide fabric for Wells' craft

Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum is hosting the exhibit "On the Move and Seven Deadly Sins: The Narrative Quilts of Yvonne Wells" through March 31, in the Museum's Exhibit Hall.

Wells, a teacher in the public school system of Tuscaloosa, AL, is a self-taught quilt maker and an artist. From her first efforts at quilt making in 1979, she moved rapidly in the direction of picture quilts, a move that has brought her international acclaim as a folk artist.

Wells' work has been exhibited in

Want to go?

Event: "On the Move and Seven Deadly Sins: The Narrative Quilts of Yvonne Wells"

Location: Rosa Parks Museum Exhibit Hall

Date/Time: Now through March 31; Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Admission: Free

her international acclaim as a folk artist.

Wells' work has been exhibited in

Japan and other countries of Asia and was included in a major exhibition of Alabama art in the summer of 2000 in the South of France. She was invited to present and discuss her quilts at the Museum of American Folk Art (New York), as well as at the Hallmark Card Co., where three of her quilts were issued as greeting cards.

In 1998, she received the prestigious Alabama Arts Award and Visual Arts Craftsmen Award.

Wells' hand-stitched fabric constructions use rich symbolism and vivid colors to tell stories and often to offer succinct comments on social and political issues. The two most common subjects treated in her quilts are those based on Biblical texts and social/political themes, many of which focus on the Civil Rights struggle.

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.

Storytelling Festival slated for Saturday

Nationally known storyteller Donald Davis will be among those "spinning yarns" at the Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival Jan. 13 at Troy University.

The event is sponsored by the Troy University College of Communication and Fine Arts, the Brundidge Historical Society, the Troy Arts Council and the Alabama State Council on the Arts with support from The Troy Messenger, the Alabama Farmers Cooperative, WTBF and The Printing Press. Also featured throughout the day will be storytellers Andy Offutt Irwin, B.J. Abraham, Shelia Fayson Jackson and Brent Holmes.

Known as the "Dean of Storytelling," Davis grew up in the Southern Appalachian Mountains of North Carolina and honed his tale-telling skills thanks in part to his Uncle Frank, who he says "talked in stories."

Three separate sets will be held on Saturday in the Trojan Center Theatre with each set featuring all storytellers. The morning set will run from 9:30 a.m. to noon, the afternoon set from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and the evening set from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 a set or \$25 for all three and will be available at the door. Student tickets are \$5 per set with valid student ID.

Conference

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as president of the Commission on Colleges in 2005, she served as the secretary of education for the state of Virginia. She also previously served as president of Northern Virginia Community College, the state's largest institution of higher education and the nation's second largest community college.

In 1992, Dr. Wheelan became the first African American woman to serve as president of a two- or four-year public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia when she took over the role at Central Virginia Community College.

Prior to her presidencies, Dr. Wheelan held faculty and administrative posts at the Portsmouth Campus of Tidewater Community College in Virginia, Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton, VA, and San Antonio College in Texas.

Dr. Wheelan holds a bachelor's degree with a double major in psychology and sociology from Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, a master's degree from Louisiana State University and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Texas.

Other featured speakers include Dr. Robert Jennings, president of Ala-

bama A&M in Normal; Mrs. Gwendolyn Mosley, prison warden with the Alabama Department of Corrections in Clio; Capt. Huey Thornton of the Montgomery Police Department; Shelia Deveridge, a Social Security claims representative with the Montgomery office; Dr. Yolanda Patterson, MD, of the Charles Henderson Health Care Center; and Dr. Angelique Murphy of Troy, who will provide total health and wellness information.

The conference is open to the public and the registration fee is \$30 per person. For more information, contact the Institute for Leadership Development at 670-3389.