



# TROY TODAY

*A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff*

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## Paying tribute

**Trustees name buildings in honor of Chancellor, president pro-tem of Board of Trustees**

The Troy University Board of Trustees on Friday unanimously approved the naming of two Troy Campus buildings, one to honor Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., the other to honor the board's President Pro-tem Dr. Doug Hawkins.

The University's new College of Education building will be named "Jack Hawkins, Jr. Hall" and the Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium Athletic Tower will be named the R. Douglas Hawkins Tower.

The Jack Hawkins, Jr. Hall is the next building scheduled to be built on the Troy Campus and will house academic classrooms, administrative offices and facul-

ty offices for the College of Education.

Troy University's roots are in training Alabama's teachers, being founded in 1887 as the State Normal School, and later Troy State Teachers College. The \$13 million construction project is scheduled to begin in August.

The action came on the heels of the University dedicating four new four-story residence halls – the largest construction project ever for the University at about \$25 million, and the dedication of a new Barnes & Noble bookstore on the Troy Campus.

In the board's resolution, **See TRIBUTE, Page 3**



**Dr. Doug Hawkins, president pro-tem of the Troy University Board of Trustees, right, congratulates Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr. during the trustee's summer meeting Friday.**



**TROY officials cut the ribbon on the new Barnes & Noble University Bookstore.**

## *Ribbons cut on new bookstore, dorm complex*

Troy University officially dedicated two new facilities on its Troy Campus Friday, a residence hall and a Barnes & Noble University Superstore.

Following summer commencement exercises, the University dedicated its new four-building Trojan Village, a residential four-story complex that will add 524 new beds to the campus.

Situated on six acres of land on the campus' western edge, Trojan Village offers

apartment-style living arrangements in either two- or four-bedroom suites. Each suite consists of shared bathroom facilities, a kitchenette and private bedrooms, in addition to a common living room area. Each room is equipped with high-speed internet and cable television connections and the complex includes a convenience store, a fitness center and a student lounge.

Ground was broken on the **See FACILITIES, Page 8**

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## On the rise

University's bond rating increased by Moody's Investors Services

**M**oody's Investors Services recently upgraded Troy University's long-term bond rating to A1.

The median rating for public universities is A2.

"This rating indicates Moody's continuing support of the University's financial management," said Dr. Doug Patterson, senior vice chancellor for administration.

The University's yet-to-be-issued general student-fee revenue bonds – a \$13 million issue – were also upgrad-

ed to A1.

"The proceeds from this issue will be used to finance the construction of a new College of Education building on the Troy Campus," said Jim Bookout, vice chancellor for financial affairs.

Earlier this year, Moody's had assigned an A3 rating to a \$23 million student housing complex venture. That rating was revised upward to A2.

Moody's said this week's upgrade was based on the University's

"uncommonly strong operating performance" and continued resource growth. In a press release, the firm commented on the University's enrollment growth in general, including in its distance-learning programs and on its practice of retaining surpluses as reserves.

The investment rating firm also said the bonds are expected to receive municipal bond insurance, meaning they will carry the insurer's rating of AAA.



**Space Camp** – During Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, seven Wiregrass teachers suit up for a simulated space flight and moon walk. The educators are members of the Wiregrass Math & Science Consortium, which is based at Troy University. During their trip, they participated in the Exploring Space Program offered through the University of Alabama in Huntsville Division of Continuing Education. The Alabama Commission on Higher Education funds both the Consortium and the Exploring Space Program. Pictured (front – left) are Becky Raichle, Fort Rucker Elementary; Jaime Suarez, Ozark City Schools; Jennifer Wills, Henry County Schools; Sheree Williams, Andalusia City Schools; (back – left) Mary Hudson, Houston County Schools; Sandy Everhart, Enterprise City Schools; and Monica Weeks, Ozark City Schools.

### Chancellor appointed to national advisory board

Troy University Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr. has been appointed to a national grants advisory board.

He will serve a two-year term as one of three university presidents on the American Association of State Colleges and University's Grants Resource Center Advisory Board.

AASCU membership is comprised of 400 public colleges and universities nationwide and its Grant

Resource Center affords member institutions an avenue to take advantage of funding opportunities among state and federal agencies and private foundations.

In addition to two other university presidents, Dr. Hawkins will join three university provosts and seven university sponsored programs or research officers on the advisory board.

### Gearhart named director of eCampus

Troy University officials have named Dr. Deb Gearhart director of the University's eCampus, the branch of University College that oversees all online learning at the University.

With more than 20 years of experience in online and distance education, Dr. Gearhart, was named to the post in June after serving as founding director of E-Education Services at



**Dr. Gearhart**

Dakota State University for the past 11 years. Prior to that, she was affiliated with Pennsylvania State University's Department of Distance Education for 10 years.

Dr. Gearhart earned her doctorate in Education with a certificate in distance education from Capella University after completing a master of public administration degree and a master of education in adult education at Penn State. Her undergraduate degree in sociology was completed at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

## Dew named associate vice chancellor of IRPE

Dr. John Dew will join Troy University's administrative team as Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness on Aug. 1, according to Dr. Doug Patterson, Senior Vice Chancellor for Administration.

Dr. Dew currently serves as Director for Continuous Quality Improvement and Planning at the University of Alabama, a position he has held since 1998.



Dr. Dew

"Dr. John Dew has a great deal of quality assurance experience in both the university setting and the private sector," Dr.

Patterson said. "He will also be called upon to play a major leadership role in TROY's upcoming reaffirmation of accreditation process with SACS."

Prior to entering the academic world, Dr. Dew spent 23 years with Lockheed Martin as a quality and training manager. He served as a corporate ethics trainer, managed executive development programs for the company's Oak Ridge operations and facilitated company-wide projects dealing with performance improvement.

Dr. Dew's strategic planning experience includes work in the area of leadership development with the Alabama-Tombigbee Region, serving as an evaluator for the Alabama Manufacturer of the Year Awards program and as the facilitator for Gov Bob Riley's senior staff and commissioner's retreat in February of this year.

Dr. Dew received his doctorate in education from the University of Tennessee, his master's of arts degree in American history from Murray State University and his bachelor of arts degree from Kentucky Wesleyan.

Dr. Dew is married to Lyndia Dew, a mechanical engineer, and they will live in Troy. Dr. Dew succeeds Dr. Angela Roling, who will retire in October.



**Daniel Foundation gift to support Bibb Graves renovation** – Bill Daniel, left, presents a significant gift for the Bibb Graves campaign on behalf of the Daniel Foundation to TROY Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr., during a recent luncheon. With Mr. Daniel and Dr. Hawkins is Lyndra Daniel and Maria Kennedy, executive director of the Daniel Foundation. "The Daniel Foundation is a treasure to the State of Alabama," Dr. Hawkins said. "It has been very supportive of numerous initiatives at Troy University and its unselfish generosity reflects the best of the American spirit." Mr. Daniel also commented on the family foundation's commitment to education: "This is money well invested," he said. "Education of (the TROY) level is a priority for us."

## Tribute

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trustees commended Chancellor Hawkins for his leadership since taking the helm of the University on Sept. 1, 1989.

"Chancellor Hawkins' exemplary leadership has led to the transformation of Troy University from a rural teachers' college to a worldwide university," the resolution said.

"I am surprised and humbled by this gesture," Chancellor Hawkins said.

In naming the R. Douglas Hawkins Tower, trustees said Dr. Doug Hawkins' "vision, commitment to excellence and commitment to the continued expansion of Troy University has produced remarkable results and has positioned Troy University uniquely and favorably."

The stadium's press box has carried his name for a number of years.

Dr. Doug Hawkins, a Troy veterinarian, has served on the board of trustees since 1980 and as president pro-tem since 1996.

The athletic tower houses weight

and training rooms, a sports medicine clinic, athletic training education classrooms and laboratories, athletics-related classrooms and student-athlete computer labs in addition to the press box, stadium club and sky boxes.

In presenting the resolution to name the athletic tower, Chancellor Hawkins told trustees that Dr. Doug Hawkins was a true Trojan.

"Nobody personifies and reflects the Trojan Spirit more than Dr. Doug Hawkins," he said.

In other board action, trustees received a University report by Chancellor Hawkins, a finance report by Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs Jim Bookout and took action on three other resolutions:

- Approving the University's 2007-2008 budget
- Ratifying and approving actions in the issuance of \$13 million in general student fee revenue bonds, and
- Amending the board of trustees bylaws to move the election of board officers from its October meetings to its summer meetings.



## Activities & achievements

**Dr. Vicki Figiel**, assistant professor of business at the Southeast Region's Ft. Benning/Columbus Site, and **Dr. Diane Bandow**, associate professor of business at the Atlanta Site, were invited speakers for the Anniston Army Depot Personnel Conference at Callaway Gardens in June. Dr. Figiel's presented an overview, applications and current information on Six Sigma. Dr. Bandow's presentation focused on quality management (TQM), different types of quality awards and approaches to quality.

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**Dr. Ben Robertson** is a new contributing editor to Annotated Bibliography of English Studies (ABES), an online database produced by Routledge (Taylor and Francis).

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**Dr. Catherine Smith** recently presented a paper at Oxford University's Round Table on Bilingual Education and ESL. The presentation was entitled "A Professional Development Program for ESL/EFL Teachers in 'Peripheral' Social Contexts: A New Inter-Disciplinary Approach by Troy University." This project was the result of collaboration with faculty at TROY and other universities in the US and Europe.

The paper also has been accepted for publication in the journal *Forum on Public Policy* (<http://www.forumonpublicpolicy.com/index.htm>).

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Two members of the English faculty attended the Gulf Coast Conference on the Teaching of Writing in Sandestin, FL, June 25-28. **Dr. Mary Ann Tighe** and **Theresa Johnson** conducted a workshop entitled "The Writing is on the Wall (and in the text): Analyzing Literature while Learning To Write." In conjunction with the conference, Dr. Tighe received the "2006 Advancement of Alabama Literacy Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Promotion of Literacy in the Writing Process."

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**Dr. Saramma T. Mathew**, a professor in the Department of Psychology, Counseling, & Foundations of Education, has had her book "A Lab Manual of Programmed Instruction to Dissect a Frog" published by Outskirts Press. The book is available at Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble Bookstores. For more information, visit [www.outskirtspress.com/SarammaMathew](http://www.outskirtspress.com/SarammaMathew).

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**Dr. Jo Anne Bryant**, professor of English and chair of the Department of Communication and Fine Arts, has been appointed to the International Reading Association's Subcommittee on Exemplary Reading Program Award for 2007-2008. She attended the IRA 52nd annual convention in Toronto, Canada, May 13-18, and the committee's first meeting.

Dr. Bryant also directed the Alabama Reading Association state leadership workshop June 8-9 at The Legends at Capitol Hill in Prattville and attended the International Reading Association's Southeast and Plains Regional Leadership Workshop June 22-24, in Atlanta, GA.

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**Dr. Edward Merkel**, professor of economics and director of graduate business programs, and **Dr. Lawrence Lovik**, professor of economics and Chair of Free Enterprise, have published a research note in the May 2007 issue of the "International Advances in Economic Research" (IAER) entitled "Henry George: An Overlooked Free Trader." This note reviews the amazingly contemporary-like discussion of the tenets of international trade theory contained in this 120 year old publication. The IAER is a refereed journal published by the International Atlantic Economic Society.

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**Dr. Harold Kaylor's** review of "Sources of the Boece," edited by Tim William Machan, with the assistance of A.J. Minnis, The Chaucer Library, Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 2005, was published this month in the *Journal of English and Germanic Philology*.

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Professors **Harold Kaylor** and **Scott Nokes** recently honored Professor Paul Szarmach with the *Festschrift* they edited for him. The celebration took place on May 12 in Kalamazoo, at the Medieval Institute at Western Michigan University.

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The *International Journal of Business Research* has accepted a paper for publication by Dr. Barry Barnes of Nova Southeastern University and **Dr. Vicki Figiel**, **Scott Bailey**, **George Pederson** and **Mike Whitlock** of Troy University titled "Multinationality or Stock Performance: Which is Preferred?" The paper is also accepted for presentation at the IABE-2007 Conference in Las Vegas, NV in October.

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**Dr. Eddie Clark**, assistant professor of counseling and psychology, who served as Alabama Counseling Association Chapter VII President 2006-2007, has been appointed to the position of Alabama Counseling Association State Awards Chair. He also has an article "The Alabama Counseling Association: A Legacy of Community and Professional Service" published in its Spring 2007 Journal.

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**Dr. Jim Vickrey**, professor of speech communication and a lawyer doing mediation in small claims court, is the subject and the author of an article in the July-August issue of "The Complete Lawyer," an on-line publication designed to help lawyers be more proficient in the practice of law.

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**Dr. John A. Kline's** article entitled "How to Give a Winning Briefing." appeared in the Spring 2007 edition of the *Armed Forces Comptroller* magazine which has a readership of 20,000 from within the Department of Defense financial community. Dr. Kline also spoke in June at the American Society of Military Comptroller's National Professional Development Institute in Kansas City on "How to be a Better Listener." Dr. Kline is director of the Troy University Institute for Leadership Development.



**July Reward Callers** – Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. congratulates the winners of the Reward Caller Awards for July during a recent ceremony. Winners for July are, from left: Carla Flowers of auxiliary services and student activities and Hollie Farmer of student services on the Phenix City Campus. Winners not pictured are: Dr. Paul Stewart of the Department of Biological Sciences and Arthur Folmar of the Post Office. The Reward Caller Awards are presented monthly to encourage proper phone etiquette. Winners receive \$25.

### *Thank-you note*

Thank you for the beautiful green plant you sent on the death of my husband, Mike Jordan. Your support during his illness, and the words of

comfort and your prayers at the time of his death, were deeply appreciated.

Jean Jordan  
and the family

### *Fall Study Abroad Fair set for Sept. 21*

Troy University will hold its first ever Fall Study Abroad Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sept. 21. The fair will be held in the lobby of the Trojan Student Center on the Troy Campus.

The purpose of the fair is to acquaint students with quality study abroad options, according to John Grice, director of study abroad.

All TROY students, faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the fair, which Grice plans to make an annual event. For further information, contact [studyabroad@troy.edu](mailto:studyabroad@troy.edu).

### *Fox News correspondent to speak at Odyssey Convocation on Aug. 12*

Troy University alumna and Fox News' New York Entertainment Correspondent Jill Dobson will be the keynote speaker for the University's Odyssey Convocation for new students on Aug. 12.

The convocation, which will be held in Trojan Arena beginning at 3 p.m., serves as the official welcoming and convocation for new TROY students. A parents' reception will follow in the Trojan Tower Stadium Club, while students will be treated to refreshments and entertainment in the Trojan Student Center.

Dobson previously served as Star magazine's news and style editor-at-

### *Keith Seagle elected to Dothan City Commission*

Voters in Dothan have elected a TROY employee to the City Commission. Keith Seagle, Dothan Campus director of Counseling and Career Services, will represent District 6 for the next four years.

"It is a humbling experience to think about all of the people who got out and worked and supported me," Seagle reflected, "and now to think that I will be working for all of these good people in the district."



**Seagle**

Seagle beat out incumbent Phillip Tidwell with 1,013 votes to Tidwell's 942 votes.

During his term in office, Seagle plans to encourage his constituents to become more active in city government.

Seagle threw his hat into the ring just 30 days before the election. Managing his own campaign, he had to quickly learn to write and place his own advertisements and to organize volunteers.

Seagle is a graduate of Troy University, where he earned a master's degree in counseling and psychology. The Troy University Alumni Association recognized Seagle as Dothan Campus Alumni of the Year in 2000. He also holds a bachelor's in psychology from the University of South Alabama.

large and was the publication's primary television spokesperson.

The 1998 honor graduate of TROY's Hall School of Journalism previously was a New York correspondent for E! News Live and also has served as a host for the National Lampoon Networks, reported for News 12 Long Island and co-hosted specials on Bravo and WE Networks.

A Michigan native, Dobson was named Miss Michigan USA in 2000 and was a Top Ten Finalist in the Miss USA pageant. She holds a Master of Arts degree from Michigan State University and is married to Jim Ornstein, a talent agent for the William Morris Agency.

## 'Reshaping the future'

Civil Rights Education Summit to be held at Rosa Parks Museum Aug. 1-3

**T**roy University's Rosa Parks Museum will be the site of a new summit to examine the Civil Rights Movement and its implications for the future.

The Civil Rights Education Summit, scheduled for Aug. 1 -3, will strive to educate and inform 200 participants of the history and context of civil rights in America and in the Montgomery area.

"Using the Past to Reshape the Future" is the Summit's theme, chosen to create a forum for public intellectual exchange and innovation by forming an interdisciplinary perspective on reshaping how the past is studied and presented. The Summit is co-sponsored

by the Alabama Humanities Foundation, the Alabama Department of Archives and History, the Alabama Criminal Justice Foundation, Auburn University's College of Liberal Arts Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and the Southern Poverty Law Center.

The Summit opens Aug. 1 with a pre-conference for teachers in grades 4 - 12, focusing on the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama and facilitated by the Alabama Department of Archives and History and the Alabama Department of Education. A follow-up session for teachers will take place in December.

Among the lecturers presenting at the

session is Howard Dodson, chief of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture at the New York Public Library and co-author of six books on African-America history, culture and ideology.

Other presenters include Demetrius Eudell, Deborah Menkart, Beverly LeMay, Judy Richardson, Denise Gabriel, Carole Blair, Carol Zippert, Laura Anderson, Keith Walker, Emily Vickery, Susan Williams, Pat Clark, Horace Huntley, Wayne Coleman and Susan Glisson.

The Summit is free and open to the public, but only 200 may attend.

For more information or to pre-register, call 334-241-8608.

## Carnival brings Phenix City summer camp to a close

Nearly 50 six to 12 year olds and their parents celebrated the completion of a seven-week program presented by Troy University with a summer camp carnival.

Troy University's Phenix City Campus created the summer camp program for the Phenix City Housing Authority's After School Program. Children took part in a variety of activities and field trips with an agricultural theme during the program under the tutelage of TROY education students, who gained clinical field experience credit for the instruction. The children received tutoring based on individual needs identified through standardized test scores.

Field trips included visits to a fisheries complex, a 2,000-acre tree farm, a beef cattle operation, a row crop plantation, a large-animal hospital and a dairy.

Friday's event began with a presentation of the children's work in which their activities related to mathematics, writing composition, social studies, science, and creative thinking were displayed for their families to see. In addition, each child received a Troy University bookbag containing the work they completed as part of the camp curriculum. The carnival featured a variety of games and activities for children, including a petting zoo, hay ride, agricultural demonstration and games.

"This program was a tremendous benefit for the children and they seemed to thoroughly enjoy and gain a lot from the activities and field trips," said Tessa Brown, assistant to the campus vice chancellor. "These children have had a productive summer and are now geared up and ready to start another school year."



Above, children grind corn into corn meal at the farm carnival that was the culmination of the summer camp program presented on the Phenix City Campus. At left, Russell County Extension Agent John Curtis, who assisted with many of the camp's agricultural-themed field trips, watches as participants enjoy the petting zoo.

AROUND TROY

## Facilities

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University's largest-ever building project on Aug. 4, 2006. Owned by the Troy University Foundation and leased to the University's housing office, Trojan Village was designed and developed by Ambling University Development Group of Valdosta, Ga.

Whaley Construction Company of Troy served as the general contractor on the project.

The ceremony was opened by Dr. John Schmidt, senior vice chancellor for student services. TROY student Kurt Lee led an invocation, followed by comments from Mr. Charles Nailen, a Troy University trustee and chairman of the Troy University Foundation. Mr. Charles Perry, president of Ambling University Development Group, also provided comments. TROY Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr. also brought remarks and made a number of presentations.

Following the Trojan Village ceremony was the dedication of the new Barnes and Noble University Bookstore – the company's first academic superstore in Alabama.

The 11,000 square-foot facility includes state-of-the art point-of-sale and online sales technology and serves as the central hub in a system that includes bookstores on the University's campuses in Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City. A virtual bookstore is also operated for University College, providing TROY students in 13 time zones access to a full-service bookstore.

The \$2.5 million renovation of the Troy Campus bookstore also included a new Trojan Theater ticket office and entrance on the south side of the Adams Center. Barnes and Noble College Booksellers, Inc., invested about \$800,000 in design, fixtures, equipment and technology.

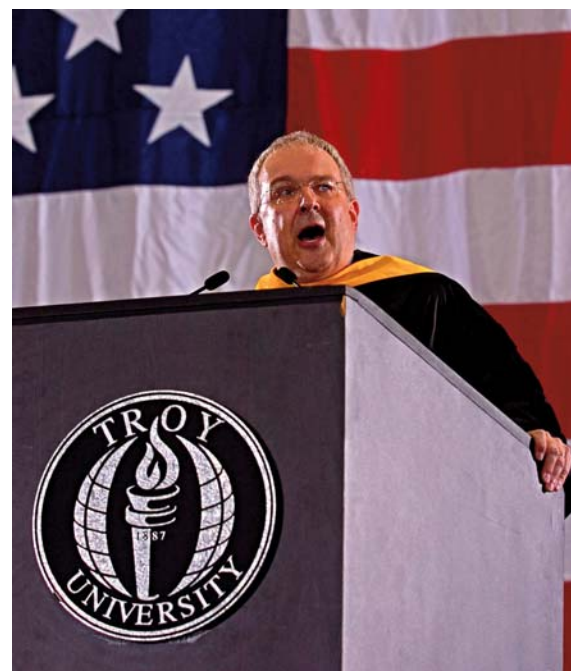
The bookstore also includes a Star-



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bucks Coffee café that provides a full selection of specialty drinks, sandwiches, soups and desserts.

Participating in the ceremony were Dr. Schmidt, who provided a welcome and introductions and TROY Student Government Association Vice President Cody Ash, who provided the invocation. Board of Trustees President pro-tem Dr. Douglas Hawkins offered comments followed by Barnes & Noble Vice President of Stores Brian Stark, a TROY graduate. Dr. Hawkins also made remarks and a number of presentations.



Max Roberts, president of Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, speaks to graduates on Friday during summer commencement on the Troy Campus.