



# TROY TODAY

*A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff*

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**Hawkins Hall to be dedicated** – The official dedication of Troy University’s new College of Education building, named in honor of Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday. The ceremony will be held inside the building’s first-floor atrium. Gov. Bob Riley will deliver the dedicatory address and tributes will be offered by Dr. Doug Patterson; Dr. John Schmidt, senior vice chancellor for advancement and external relations; and Dr. Doug Hawkins, president pro-tem of the TROY Board of Trustees. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will also take place during the program.

## **Sorrell College of Business receives ACBSP accreditation**

**T**roy University’s Sorrell College of Business has been accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), bringing all of the University’s business programs under a single accreditation.

Founded in 1988, ACBSP is the leading specialized accreditation association for business education and seeks to develop, promote and recognize best practices that contribute to continuous improvement in business education.

The accreditation represents the first time that all of the University’s business program have come under a **See BUSINESS, Page 2**

## ***Judge Mathis, Andrew Young headline conference Feb. 6-7***

Speeches from a television judge and a former U.S. ambassador will highlight the Eighth Annual Leadership Conference Celebrating Black History Month at Troy University’s Troy Campus Feb. 6-7.

Co-sponsored by the University and the City of Troy, the Leadership Conference annually brings together civic and community leaders, clergymen and business leaders in a collaborative and educational forum to designed discuss a central theme – this year’s being “Responsible Citizenship.”

“The conference planning committee is committed to the

continued growth of individuals and community development, said Dr. Robin Bynum, associate dean of the University’s College of Education, who is chairing the planning committee. “Please plan to join us February 6 and 7.”

Judge Greg Mathis, whose syndicated television reality-based court show appears on five television stations in Alabama, is a former Detroit, Mich., district court judge whose on-air decisions are legally binding. He was the youngest judge in Michigan’s history and later served as a Superior Court Judge for Michigan’s 36th Dis-

trict. Mathis will speak at the conference’s opening session at 6:30 p.m. in Sartain Hall.

Mathis is known for his street-wise counseling sessions during his on-air court cases and describes his life as a gang-to-gavel story. His show received the 2004 NAACP Image Award and was again nominated for the honor in 2005. As a young man, Mathis was involved with gangs, dropped out of school and spent time in jail. As a promise to his dying mother, Mathis turned his life around, attended Eastern Michigan University, and earned a law degree.

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# Unveiling

## New Trojan warrior statue dedicated on Montgomery Campus

City and county officials joined Troy University on Wednesday, Jan. 21, in a ceremony dedicating the new bronze Trojan warrior statue on the Montgomery Campus.

The statue was donated by Chinese artist Hou Bau Zhu and is a replica of the statue on the Troy Campus that was designed and created by Troy University alumnus and artist Larry Strickland.

Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. said the statue is a symbol of the Trojan spirit that unites TROY students and alumni worldwide.

"We join you in saying the Trojan sprit is alive here in downtown Montgomery and it is our pleasure to see this symbol unveiled," Hawkins said.

Todd Strange, chairman of the Montgomery County Commission, and interim Montgomery Mayor Charles Jinright praised TROY for taking a lead role in the revitalization of downtown Montgomery.

"All along TROY has been a very vital issue in downtown Montgomery," Jinright said. "TROY was the basis for all our downtown redevelopment."

The statue is "another important step in demonstrating the oneness of all TROY locations," said Ray White, vice chancellor of the Montgomery Campus.

Similar replicas of the Trojan statue have been placed on the Dothan Campus and in Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium. A final replica will be placed on the Phenix City Campus.



Troy University staff members unveil the bronze Trojan warrior statue on the Montgomery Campus during the dedication ceremony on Wednesday.

## Business

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single accreditation. Previously, TROY's business programs on the Troy, Montgomery and Dothan campuses were separately accredited by the organization. The College currently serves over 12,000 students and offers programs in 15 states and 7 foreign countries.

"Accreditation of our business programs is recognition of Troy University and the Sorrell College of Business' commitment to providing a quality education for our students," said Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., chancellor. "This also marks a milestone as it is the first such accreditation on a worldwide basis since the University's unification in 2004. This achievement is a credit to the leadership of Dr. Don Hines, dean of our Sorrell College of Business, and our dedicated faculty."

Dr. Don Hines, dean of the Sorrell College of Business, said seeking accreditation as one unit was the natural progression.

"Troy, Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City campuses were due for reaffirmation of accreditation, so we went forward this time as the University as one unit," Dr. Hines said. "All business programs at all sites are now fully ACBSP accredited. This is beneficial to our students because it says that our programs have been determined to meet the high standards of ACBSP, which is widely recognized and highly respected agency within the realm of business education."

ACBSP commended the College of Business on the "strong leadership skills" demonstrated by deans, chairs and faculty and also praised the involvement of faculty in the strategic

planning process.

The executive summary statement also commended the University for its support of distance education.

"The e-Campus has a strong support network to facilitate the online learning experience," the report said. "The support unit has significant human resources allocated to its operation. Furthermore, the unit staff's 24-hour access to a library specialist for students."

Dr. Hines commended the work of Sorrell College of Business faculty for their work in the process.

"I want to express my appreciation to the group of faculty who worked on our self-study for the accreditation process and to Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. and Provost Ed Roach for their support throughout this process," Dr. Hines said.

## *Civil Rights lawyer to kick off Black History Month at Rosa Parks Museum*

Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum will begin its observance of Black History Month on Feb. 1 with a book signing and talk by civil rights lawyer Solomon S. Seay, Jr.

Seay and co-author Delores R. Boyd will be discussing and signing copies of Seay's new memoir "Jim Crow and Me: Stories From My Life as a Civil Rights Lawyer," published by New South Books.

The free event will begin at 3 p.m. in the museum auditorium. The book signing is a joint program of the museum and the Montgomery Campus Black History Month committee.

"It is significant that (Seay) has added his voice to the canon of those who worked so tirelessly for the rights so

many of us now take for granted," said Georgette Norman, museum director.

Seay's memoir recounts episodes from his first-hand struggle to achieve the actualization of civil rights.

"Told in vignettes, the book shares with us a man, his culture and the crucial role he played in changing the tide of history," Norman said.

Seay is an Alabama native and civil rights lawyer who received degrees from Livingstone College and Howard University School of Law.

Boyd practiced law for 25 years in Montgomery before serving as a municipal court judge and a U.S. magistrate judge. She currently works as a mediator.

## *Performance to commemorate Mrs. Park's birthday*

A special performance featuring students from several Black Belt area public schools will commemorate the 96th birthday of Rosa Parks on Feb. 4 at Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum.

Students from Wilcox Central High School, Lowndes County Middle School and Paramount Elementary School in

Greene County will present a program inspired by the play "A Rose Among Thorns: A Tribute to Rosa Parks" by Ella Joyce.

The performance begins at noon in the museum auditorium and is presented by TROY and the Alabama State Council on the Arts Black Belt Initiative.

## **Kimbrough to speak at UAC event**

One of the nation's youngest college presidents will help the Troy University Activities Council kick off Black History Month observances on the Troy Campus.

Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, AK, will serve as the keynote speaker for the UAC's Black History Month Kickoff at 7 p.m. on Jan. 29 in the Claudia Crosby Theater.

Prior to becoming a college president, Dr. Kimbrough served in administrative capacities at Albany State, Old Dominion, Georgia State and Emory universities. He earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Georgia in 1989, a master's degree in student personnel services from Miami University in Ohio in 1991 and a doctorate in higher education from Georgia State University in 1996.

## **Leadership**

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In 2004, he was received the honorary Doctor of Laws from Florida A&M University. Mathis is chairman of the Rainbow/PUSH-Excel Board, a lifetime member of the NAACP and is a national board member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (S.C.L.C.). Mathis is married and a father of four children.

On Saturday, the nation's first black Ambassador to the United Nations, a former Atlanta mayor and U.S. Congressman Andrew Young will provide the keynote address to the conference's closing session and luncheon at 11:45 a.m. in the Trojan Center Ballroom.

Young, who was Georgia's 5th District congressman from 1973-1977, was

appointed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations by President Jimmy Carter in 1977, serving until 1979. He was elected Atlanta's 55th mayor in 1982, serving until 1990. He co-chaired the committee to bring the 1996 Summer Olympics to Atlanta and ran an unsuccessful campaign for governor simultaneously.

A long-identified principal in the Civil Rights Movement, Young was appointed executive director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1964 and was with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn. in 1968. He was a principal negotiator during the Civil Rights Campaigns in Birmingham and Selma that resulted in the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. He earned a bachelor of science

degree from Howard University in Washington, D.C. and bachelor of divinity degree from Hartford Seminary. He was awarded the honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 2008 by Bridgewater College. Georgia State University named its Andrew Young School for Policy Studies in his honor, as is the Andrew Young Center for International Affairs at Morehouse College.

Prior to Ambassador Young's address, educational workshops will be offered from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Registration is \$30 and the deadline to register is January 22. Registration may be accomplished online at <http://spec-trum.troy.edu/~aal>, or by contacting the University's Institute for Leadership Development at 334-670-3389.

# A gala event

## Inaugural induction ceremony for TROY Shield Society to be held

The inaugural TROY Shield Society gala and induction ceremonies will take place on Jan. 30 and 31.

The TROY Shield Society represents a group of members who have chosen to support the work of the Troy University Foundation through bequests, trusts or other deferred gifts.

The Office of Planned Giving exceeded its goal and will induct 214 founding members into the Society on Jan. 31.

Events will kick off on Jan. 30 at 6 p.m. with a reception, dinner and pinning ceremony. On Jan. 31, activities will begin with a coffee reception hosted by the TROY Alumni Association and be followed by the formal induction ceremony at 1 p.m. in the Claudia Crosby Theater. A reception will follow the ceremony at the Stadium Club at Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium.

“After nearly two years, the TROY Shield Society Founding Member effort will culminate in a grand celebration for those individuals who have made a strong commitment to the University’s long-range success,” said Ward Sullivan, the University’s director of planned giving. “There is certainly a sense of pride in experiencing the evolution of the planned giving program from a ground-floor concept to a viable fundraising mechanism for this institution.”

Sullivan said that the generosity of the founding members helps set a positive tone for the University.



**TROY**  
*Shield Society*

“Each of the founding members of the TROY Shield Society has established a positive tone that has helped the University take its development to a much higher level,” Sullivan said. “We are forever grateful to our alumni, faculty, staff, administration, and friends who have come on board by making planned gifts during this period. This will assist in ensuring that the planned giving program succeeds well into the future.”



**Annual Fund faculty/staff kickoff** – TROY’s Annual Fund faculty/staff campaign kicked off this week with special events at the University’s Alabama campuses. At left, Helen Frost signs her pledge card during a kickoff event on the Montgomery Campus. Above, staff members from the Troy Campus make their annual fund commitments during the event held in the new Jack Hawkins, Jr. Hall. For more information on supporting the faculty/staff campaign, contact Bronda Barron at 334-670-5843 or [brondab@troy.edu](mailto:brondab@troy.edu).

# Going above and beyond

Jean Jordan wins Vergil Parks McKinley Award for January

Jean Jordan, records clerk for Troy University's Global Campus transcripts department, has received the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for January.

Jordan, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 1997, received the award during a ceremony on Thursday in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., chancellor of Troy University, presented the award to Jordan, who was nominated by Global Campus Transcripts Supervisor Sue McLendon.

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, McLendon commended Jordan for her dedication and service to the University.

"Jean is always here to fulfill all students request with her excellent knowledge of transcripts and her positive attitude," McLendon said. "She is always willing to help her coworkers, 100 percent, no matter what their problem may be. She goes above and beyond to make sure that our transcript department is successful. It is a pleasure to work side by side with such a wonderful person."



Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. (right) and Lee Vardaman, senior director of human resources (left) present the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for January to Jean Jordan (second from left) during a ceremony in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on Thursday. Jordan, who serves as a records clerk for the University's Global Campus, was nominated by Sue McLendon, Global Campus transcript supervisor.

Jordan said she was surprised to receive the award.

"I am very appreciative of this honor," said Jordan, a Goshen resident. "I enjoy working with Sue (McLendon) and all of my co-workers. We are like a family and we all work to support and encourage each other."



**January Reward Callers** – Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. (left) congratulates the winners of the Reward Caller Awards for January. Pictured from left to right are: Dr. Hawkins, Tessa Roberson of Foreign Languages and Classics; Mike Murphy, women's basketball head coach; and Debbie Sellers, director of adaptive needs. Also winning but not pictured is Courtney Staples of government relations. Winners receive \$25.

## Thank-you note

Dear Troy University family:

Thanks for the thoughts, prayers and expressions of concern over my recent hospitalization.

Noted in this section many previous times, the Troy University family does look after one another. Of itself, this attitude is its own reward.

Thanks again and thanks for the nice plant.

**Dr. John W. Schmidt**  
Senior Vice Chancellor  
Advancement and  
External Relations

## Activities & achievements

**Dr. Hae S. Kim**, associate professor of international relations, has had his article "The Complexities of Internal Conflict in the Third World: Beyond Ethnic and Religious Conflict" accepted for publication in the April 2009 issue of *Politics and Policy* (37:2), which is a peer reviewed journal.

Dr. Kim's article, "A Multidimensionality of Economic Globalization and Its Controversial Effect" has also been accepted for publication *The National Social Science Journal*. It is to be published in one of the quarterly publications for the year 2009.

Dr. Kim has also served as a visiting professor to Kansai Gaidai University in Japan.

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**Dr. Mike Schraeder**, associate professor, Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, has been appointed to serve on the Editorial Review Board of *Leadership & Organization Development Journal*. The editorial objective of the journal is as follows: "The *Leadership & Organization Development Journal* explores behavioral and managerial issues relating to all aspects of leadership, and of individual and organization development, from a global perspective."

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**Dr. Dennis Self** and **Dr. Mike Schraeder**, both with the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, have had their manuscript accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of *Leadership and Organization Development Journal*. The title of the article is "Enhancing the Success of Organizational Change: Matching Readiness Strategies with Sources of Resistance."

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**Dr. Iris Saltiel**, associate professor of educational administration and leadership on the Phenix City campus, has been invited to serve on the Research Evaluation Team for Muscogee County School District, GA.

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As official bibliographer for the *Keats-Shelley Journal*, **Dr. Ben P. Robertson**, assistant professor of English, recently published the "Annual Bibliography for 2007," appearing in volume 57 (2008). The bibliography, containing over 700 entries, covers all scholarship related to the younger generation (Keats, the Shelleys, Byron, Hunt, and Hazlitt) of British Romantic Period writers.

Dr. Robertson also recently published a review of Sherry Turkle's "Evocative Objects" in the *South Central Review*.

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**Dr. Theron Montgomery**, professor of English, presented a reading from his project entitled "Driving Truman: A Memoir." Dr. Montgomery's account of his experiences with Truman Capote attracted a large crowd of students and faculty. His presentation was the fifth installment of the

English Department Forum on Language and Literature, organized by Katona D. Hargrave and Ben P. Robertson.

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Chuck Ash, head athletic trainer, recently presented to instructors at the Alabama State Troopers Academy on the topic "Prevention, Recognition and Treatment of Heat Illness."

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**Dr. William Heisler**, associate professor of human resource management in the Atlantic Region, has been appointed Track Chair, Management and Organizational Studies, for the 17th Annual International Conference of the Association on Employment Practices and Principles to be held in Montreal, Canada, Sept. 23-25.

He has also been selected as a peer reviewer for the 2009 Annual Conference of the ACBSP to be held in San Antonio on June 26-29.

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**Dr. John Jinright**, assistant professor in the John M. Long School of Music, recently gained full membership in the American Guild of Organists as a voting member of the Montgomery Chapter.

The American Guild of Organists is national association serving the organ and choral music fields. Founded in 1896 as both an educational and service organization, the AGO sets and maintains high musical standards and promotes understanding and appreciation of all aspects of organ and choral music. A comprehensive series of examinations for professional certification provides respected credentials for members and standards of excellence recognized by churches, synagogues, schools and other employers.

In celebration of the Guild's International Year of the Pipe Organ, Dr. Jinright joined with local guild members Lyra Crapps and **Dr. William Denison** in a public concert hosted by the Troy Music Study Club last fall. He currently serves as organist for St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Troy.

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**Dr. Vitaly Voloshin**, professor of mathematics, has recently been invited to be the Lewis-Parker Lecturer of the Alabama Association of College Teachers of Mathematics (AACTM) for year 2009.

The lecture will take place at the annual meeting on Feb. 28, at Jacksonville State University.

Also, Dr. Voloshin has accepted an invitation to give an invited colloquium at the Department of Computer Science of Kent State University, Ohio, which will take place on Feb. 20.

In December, Dr. Voloshin served as an official reviewer of the PhD Thesis defended in Moldova State University,

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## Human Resources offers Management Certification Program

Troy University's Human Resources Department has launched a program for employees interested in improving management skills and increasing their potential for advancement.

The new professional development program will provide workshops featuring training on critical skills for effectively managing the performance, development and retention of employees.

Participants will have the opportunity

to develop and enhance skills essential for managers and leaders.

A Management Certificate may be earned by completing the capstone plus any of the five additional workshops.

The workshops include:

- Servant Leader/Manager Training: "Listening to Understand;"
- Management Training: "Supervisory Skills Training;"
- Three Dimensional Interview;

- Creative Thinking;
- Facilitating Process Improvement;
- Consensus-Based Decision Making;
- Time Management Training; and
- Servant Leader/Manager (Capstone Course).

For further information on these and other training opportunities available through Human Resources, contact Janet McQueen at 334-983-6556, ext. 208 or by email at [jwmcqueen@troy.edu](mailto:jwmcqueen@troy.edu).

## Achievements

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Republic of Moldova (ex-USSR).

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**Dr. Ed Kamnikar**, lecturer of accounting on the Montgomery Campus, presented a paper entitled, "The Public Accountability Of State And Local Government Will Be Enhanced With An Improved Financial Statement Classification System," at the Annual Conference and Meeting of the Decision Sciences Institute in Baltimore, MD., during the week of Thanksgiving. The paper was co-authored with Judith Anne Kamnikar (Auburn University Montgomery) and Karen H. Deal (Auburn University Montgomery).

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**Dr. Larry Hudak**, professor in the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, presented his paper entitled: "Benchmarking Resource Allotments at State Institutions of Higher Education," accepted for presentation at The Academy of Accounting, Finance and Economics in New Orleans in December.

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**Dr. John Roufagalas**, a professor in the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, has had his paper entitled, "Creative Destruction, Cyclical Depreciation and Growth," accepted for presentation at the 67th International Atlantic Economic Conference. The Conference will be held in Rome, March 11-14.

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**Dr. Robert B. Kane**, an adjunct professor of history for eCampus, submitted 15 short articles to ABC-CIIO, who publishes print and on-line reference works for use by students, teachers, and scholars, for an encyclopedia on Middle Eastern wars to be published sometime this spring.

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**Dr. Jeff Spurlock**, associate professor in the Hall School of Journalism, has had an article on T.S. Stribling published by the Encyclopedia of Alabama. The article can be viewed by going to: [www.encyclopediaofalabama.org](http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org) and typing "stribling" in the search box.

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**Dr. Eddie Clark**, counselor educator on the Montgomery Campus, has been appointed by Gov. Bob Riley to the Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling. This board regulates state licensure for counselors (LPC & ALC), as well as makes important decisions that directly affect the citizens of Alabama. Dr. Clark's appointment takes place immediately and will expire Jan. 1, 2013.

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**Dr. Rodger Morrison**, instructor of MIS at the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, has successfully defended his doctoral dissertation titled, "An Examination of the Relationship Between Culturally Recognized Symbols as Avatars and Trust

in Computer-Mediated Communication Environments."

Following an extensive multi-disciplinary literature review in the areas of Psychology, Religion, Literature, the Arts, and MIS, Dr. Morrison used a quasi-experiment to demonstrate that using certain symbols as avatars in online communication can influence the perceived trustworthiness of the communicator.

Dr. Morrison graduated on Dec. 19, from Auburn University, with a Ph.D. in Management and a concentration in the "Management of Information, Technology, and Innovation." In addition, he graduated as a member of both the Delta Epsilon Iota and the Golden Key honor societies.

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**Dr. Michael Woods** and **Dr. Alvin Diamond**, professors in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences and Herbarium Curators, authored a paper in The Journal of the Alabama Academy of Science 79(3-4): 200-237. 2008. The title of the paper is: "Pteridophytes of southeastern Alabama: Dichotomous Keys, Illustrations and Distribution Maps."

The paper provides dichotomous keys, descriptions, illustrations and county-level distribution maps for the 17 families, 29 genera, 59 species, 2 varieties and 4 hybrid taxa known to occur in the study area.

## ***Discount offered to TROY employees for upcoming Montgomery Ballet performances***

The Montgomery Ballet is offering Troy University students, faculty and staff a discount on tickets to upcoming performances of "Gloria," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and the children's classic "Snow White."

All performances will take place at the historic Davis Theatre in downtown Montgomery. Performance times for "Gloria" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream" are Friday, Feb. 6 and Saturday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. "Snow White" will be performed Sunday, Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m.

TROY students and employees can buy special discounted seats for \$5 in the balcony and \$10 on the floor. Please call 334-409-0522 to purchase tickets. This offer is not available on the web.

Gloria, an original work choreographed especially for the Montgomery Ballet's professional company of dancers by artistic director Elie Lazar, aims to glorify the time we are blessed to have on earth, and demonstrate that art is a constant reminder of the beauty and value of life.

The second act of Premiere Performances will be the Montgomery premiere of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" featuring original choreography by Elie Lazar and an enchanting score by Felix Mendelssohn.



**The Montgomery Ballet is offering discount admission to TROY students and employees for upcoming performances of "Gloria," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and "Snow White."**

The Montgomery Ballet offers a special performance for children with Snow White on Feb. 8 at 2:30 p.m. The classic tale of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves will be performed by the Professional Company and members of the Montgomery Youth Ballet. Children of all ages are welcome to enjoy this family-friendly performance.

## ***Relay for Life meeting set for Jan. 30***

A meeting will be held on Jan. 30 for faculty and staff members interested in participating in the 2009 Troy University Relay for Life.

The come-and-go meeting will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the atrium of the Jack Hawkins, Jr. Hall.

Light refreshments will be served. For further information, contact, Kay Franklin at (334) 566-2140 or by email at [relayforlife@troy.edu](mailto:relayforlife@troy.edu)

## ***Free tennis clinic to be offered for children***

The Troy men's tennis team will have a free tennis clinic for children on Saturday, Jan. 31 at 3 p.m.

Troy will play USC-Upstate at 10 a.m., and the clinic will follow. The clinic is open to all ages.

If interested, please contact Eric Hayes at [ehayes@troy.edu](mailto:ehayes@troy.edu) or 670-3649.

## ***Chinese New Year celebration set for Saturday***

Troy University will celebrate the Chinese New Year with its Chinese Student Association and the community Jan. 24.

The eighth-annual event is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. with the entertainment portion held in the Trojan Center Theater, followed by a dinner in the Trojan Center Ballroom.

"Our New Year celebration is a time for families to come together," said Jiachen Duan, a freshman Chinese student at Troy. "This is China's biggest celebration."

This year's entertainment will

include a variety of traditional and contemporary performances including vocal musical interludes and performances on traditional Chinese instruments (erhu, hulusi, and a guzheng). Traditional Chinese dance as well as "hip-hop" dancing will also be performed followed by a fashion show displaying reproductions from the Qing Dynasty, which ruled China from 1644 until 1917. Among the entertainment will be an appearance by the dragon and lion, which will ring in the "Year of the Ox."

"We are proud to have so many tal-

ented Chinese students," said Debbie Davis, advisor to the association. "This festival allows the students to showcase their all of their wonderful gifts."

The menu will include various meat and vegetable dishes including the Chinese traditional dishes of dumplings and rice cakes.

General admission is \$15 and \$10 for students. Advanced ticket orders are encouraged. For tickets, contact Debbie Davis at 334-670-5965 or visit Pace Hall room 126. For more information, contact the association via email at [csa@troy.edu](mailto:csa@troy.edu).