



# TROY TODAY

*A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff*

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## Changing levels

### SACS approval clears way for Doctorate of Nursing Practice program



The new Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program will fill a vital role for both current nursing students and nursing professionals, as well as help to alleviate the nursing shortage presently gripping Alabama and much of the nation.

Troy University has received a level change approval from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), paving the way for the University to offer its first doctoral program, the Doctorate of Nursing Practice.

“This is a milestone in the history of Troy University,” Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor said. “We are excited about this major achievement for our University, but the real beneficiaries will be the people of the State of Alabama as we increase the availability of highly trained nurse practitioners .”

The Commission on Colleges approved the level change for Troy University at its annual meeting in December in San Antonio. Chancellor Hawkins shared the news with members of the Board of Trustees at

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## *Survey: Graduating students give University high marks*

Approximately 90 percent of Troy University students who have graduated over the last three years would recommend the University and its academic programs to prospective students.

That’s one of the findings from the recently compiled Graduating Student Survey Report, which surveyed more than 1,300 graduates over the past three years. The 33-question survey was compiled by the Office of Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness.

The purpose of the survey, according to the report, is to

“identify student satisfaction with their experiences at Troy University, recognize student developments as a result of TROY education and find out areas that need to be improved.”

Other findings included:

- More than 85 percent of graduating students over the past three years indicated that they would enroll in the same academic programs and attend Troy University again if they could start all over.

- More than 80 percent of the students surveyed rated their intellectual development at Troy University as either “excellent”

or “good.”

- More than 80 percent of the students surveyed rated their leadership skills development at Troy University as either “excellent” or “good.”

According to the report’s executive summary: “Overall, Troy University’s graduating students were satisfied with their college experiences over the years they studied at TROY. In particular, the students were satisfied with their educational experiences at the University— instructions, the quality of education and their academic programs, specifically.”

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## Proration

Troy University will continue good stewardship practices, maintain academic quality

Troy University will reduce spending and continue best practices of good stewardship in response to the 12.5 percent proration of the Education Trust Fund announced in December.

Jim Bookout, Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business Affairs, said the plan will minimize the impact of the cuts on academic quality at TROY. Bookout said the effects of proration, combined with mandated costs and legislative cuts in Troy University's budget, leave the University under-funded by some \$25 million over the next 21 months when compared to fiscal year 2008.

"These actions will be employed

to preserve the academic quality of the institution and, as a service to students, maintain tuition rates at an affordable level," Bookout said.

Bookout added because the State of Alabama funds only 24 percent of the University's operating budget, Troy University was committed to good stewardship long before the most recent round of proration was ordered.

"We are now realizing the benefits of the unification of Troy University, which officially took place more than three years ago," Bookout said. "In effect three independently accredited universities within the former Troy State University System—each with a separate

administration and curriculum—were unified into one university. This has resulted in significant cost savings for the University and for Alabama taxpayers."

The plan approved by Troy University includes:

- Freezing all current vacant positions—both existing and new—until April 1.
- Immediately reducing the non-salary operating budget by 10 percent.
- Monitoring the lapsed salary rate achieved through the natural cycle of vacant positions.
- Closely monitoring actual revenue compared to budgeted revenue projections.

### *Faculty, staff support of Annual Fund vital to life of University*

TROY's Annual Fund faculty/staff campaign will kick off this month with events on the University's four Alabama campuses.

Annual support from faculty and staff is a vital element in Troy University's mission of maintaining a tradition of excellence in education and public service. Faculty and staff participation not only provides a concrete expression of their belief in TROY, but is also critical in generating those funds which help support faculty, staff and student special projects.

Montgomery Campus Vice Chancellor Ray White, says the Annual Fund provides faculty and staff with an avenue to demonstrate support for the University while also supporting worthwhile projects.

"I believe the University's Annual Fund Campaign is so important to the success of the University in several ways," White said. "First, I

believe that my contribution shows that I'm committed to the success of the organization. Secondly, it sends a message to potential outside donors that the staff and faculty are committed and support their own organization before they ask someone outside the University to do so. Thirdly, by contributing to the TROY Annual Fund, I can 'ear-mark' my donations to any project that I believe is worthwhile."

For White, that "worthwhile project" is the Montgomery Campus Annual Employee Recognition Program.

"Because the University cannot use state funds to provide awards to employees, my annual fund donation can be used to help reward outstanding faculty and staff," White said. "I consider it an honor to make a small commitment to keep this program in place at Montgomery."

Annual Fund money helps fund a variety of programs of the University such as the College of Communication and Fine Arts' "Experience Asia" workshop.

"Our college sought to carry out a performance workshop for elementary school children," said Dr. Maryjo Cochran, dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts. "The project title was 'Experience Asia.' The first year we had NO money to afford an event like this. We received our kick start from the foundation office, where funds were available and the seed was planted. Because of funds being available, the number of students grew from 250 to over 1,000. The faculty and staff campaign is such a vital part of the University."

For further information, contact Bronda Barron, director of annual giving, at 334-670-5843 or by e-mail at [brondab@troy.edu](mailto:brondab@troy.edu).

## Lee Vardaman named associate provost for academic support

Dr. Lee Vardaman Jr. has been named Associate Provost for Academic Support at Troy University, according to Dr. Ed Roach, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost.

Responsibilities of this position include coordination and administration of academic technology initiatives and projects, academic legal issues, personnel issues, budget preparation and management of faculty records and contracts.

Dr. Vardaman currently serves as Senior Director of Human Resources for Troy University. He joined the

University's professional staff in 2000 as Director of Human Resources.

Prior to joining the TROY staff, Vardaman was the human resources manager and information technology manager for the Southeast Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission.



Vardaman

"Lee's role as the Senior Director of Human Resources will serve him well as he moves into his new position of Associate Provost for Academic Support," Dr. Roach said. "His expertise and experience will be a tremendous asset to the management of the academic division, which is the largest division of the University."

## Smith named associate dean of Graduate School

Troy University officials have announced the appointment of Dr. Edith Smith as the associate dean of the Graduate School following a national search.



Smith

"Dr. Smith is a proven leader. As the Graduate School grows her leadership skills will have a profound effect on its success," said Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor.

Dr. Smith has more than 25 years of higher education experience, most recently serving interim dean for the University's College of Health & Human Services (2006-2008).

"We're excited that Dr. Smith agreed to take on this new role," said Dr. Ed Roach, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor. "She has a wealth of experience in higher education and will be a valuable asset to the

Graduate School."

In the role of associate dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Smith will oversee annual publications of the Graduate School including "The Graduate Catalog," "Thesis Guidelines" and "Graduate Assistant Guidelines." She will also oversee admission, transfer credit and comprehensive exam certifications. Dr. Smith will assist the associate provost and dean of the Graduate School in various projects.

## IT team selected as finalist in national awards program

TROY's Office of Information Technology has been named a finalist in the 2009 SC Magazine Awards program for outstanding achievement in information-technology security.

TROY's Information Technology Security Team was recognized in the Professional Award category and was nominated by an IT security vendor. That nomination was judged by a panel of 18 chief information security officers from both the public and private sectors.

Winners of this year's awards will be announced at gala dinner and award ceremony to be held in San Francisco on April 21.

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the fall trustee's meeting.

Dr. John Dew, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness, said the Commission on Colleges decision means Troy University is authorized to offer up to three doctoral programs.

The action by the Commission on Colleges comes a little over a year after the Alabama Commission on Higher Education granted TROY approval to offer the Doctorate of Nursing Practice. At that time, Chancellor Hawkins said by offering the Doctorate in Nursing Practice, the University will help improve Alabama's health-care system, particularly in underserved areas of the state.

"Our proposal was based on the indisputable need for more nurses in the state at all levels, from the associate's degree though the doctoral level," Dr. Hawkins said. "These new programs will help alleviate the nursing shortage in our state."

According to Dr. Ed Roach, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Troy University is taking steps to implement the DNS program by fall semester of 2009.

## Beautiful music

### *'Sound of the South' Marching Band releases 'The Sound's in Town: Coast to Coast'*

Troy University's "Sound of the South" Marching Band has released a new compact disc, called "The Sound's in Town: Coast to Coast," according to Director of Bands Ralph Ford.

The new CD features numbers performed by the marching band in various halftime shows between 2002 and 2006, Ford said. It was produced by Ilium Records, a Troy-based recording studio. This is the second CD released by the marching band in the last two years, and "Coast to Coast" is the fourth album/CD produced in "The Sound's in Town" series.

"I was looking for a theme for the CD that would accurately reflect the nationwide focus of the marching band," Ford said. "Over the past few years we have performed, literally, from coast to coast in places such as San Jose, CA, Miami, New Orleans and a lot of points in between."

Ford said "Coast to Coast" will be a successful follow-up CD to the popular "Trojan Jams," also produced by Ilium Records. To order "The Sound's in Town: Coast to Coast," visit [www.iliumrecords.com](http://www.iliumrecords.com).

The "Sound of the South" has been featured on the ABC, CBS, NBC, ESPN, FOX Sports, MizLou, FOX SportsSouth and USA television networks. The band was one of four college bands selected for the 1986 Coca-Cola Centennial Parade. It has represented the State of Alabama in the Presidential Inaugural Parades of 1969, 1973, 1984, and 1989. In recent years, the "Sound" has performed with Grammy Award-winning artists Brian McKnight, Lee Greenwood and The Temptations.

### *TROY Symphony Band collaborates with Stephen Melillo on second 'Stormworks' CD*

The Troy University Symphony Band has recorded a new CD entitled, "Stormworks Chapter 13: Whispers on the Wind," which marks the band's second collaboration with internationally renowned composer Stephen Melillo.

Ralph Ford, Director of Bands at Troy University, said the Symphony Band began recording "Whispers on the Wind" last May and the project was completed in October. The CD will be released this month.

"The CD is reminiscent of the old Hollywood orchestras of the 1930s and 1940s," Ford said. "It's a powerful sound. We studied how they achieved that sound and then we added electronic instruments and synthesizers to our wind instruments and percussion."

The centerpiece of the CD is called "Last World Standing," which Melillo describes as a "culminating work" more than 30 years in the making. Melillo said "Last World Standing" represents what the world will be like when "all suffering is done, when war is finally and forever finished, when pain and hurt and sorrow are replaced by an instilled belief in a brotherhood of goodwill toward men."

Ford said the 33-minute "Last World Standing" incorporates pre-recorded tracks, traditional symphonic band music, vocalists, dance and graphic imaging.

"It was an outstanding experience for the members of our symphony band to perform with Stephen Melillo," Ford said.

#### **ASN food drive –**

Troy University's Jennifer Pearson (left) and Mary Battaglia pose with 228 pounds of food items donated to the Montgomery Area Food Bank in December. The food was collected by Troy University's Associate Nursing students. The food drive was organized by Alpha Psi Nu, the ASN Honor Society.



**Phenix City Campus aids local families –** Staff members at the Phenix City Campus pack up toys to be delivered to the Phenix City Housing Authority prior to Christmas. Pictured left to right are: Jack Miller, interim associate dean of student services; Sheinoura Fabers, assistant to the registrar; Carlie Brown, maintenance; Kathy Devlin, aid to student services; Tessa Brown, executive assistant to the vice chancellor; James Thompson, financial aid specialist.

# A global representative

Candace Hines wins Vergil Parks McKinley Award for December

Candace Hines, international site coordinator for Troy University's Global Campus, has received the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for December.

Hines, who has been a member of the Global Campus staff since 2005, received the award during the University's annual Christmas luncheon in the Trojan Center Ballrooms on the Troy Campus on Tuesday. Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., chancellor of Troy University, presented the award to Hines, who was nominated by Dr. Philip E. Lyon, director of international programs for Global Campus.

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. Lyon commended Hines for her efficiency, work ethic and patience.

"In her position, Ms. Hines oversees and coordinates the student records throughout the international region of the University's Global Campus relating to admissions, registration, maintenance of student records, testing, advisement for ongoing student education, as well as being sure that graduation requirements are met," Dr. Lyon said. "Ms. Hines also oversees faculty assignments to international sites and coordinates all the activities including visas, travel arrangements and textbooks. She must deal with people from many different cultures and must do so in such a manner as to avoid misunderstanding, as well as maintaining the policies and practices of TROY. It is very gratifying to me that our partners universally praise her efficiency and man-



Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. presents the Vergil Parks McKinley Award for December to Candace Hines during the University's annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 16. Hines, who serves as international site coordinator for the University's Global Campus, was nominated by Dr. Philip E. Lyon, director of international programs for Global Campus.

ner whenever I am in their company. Her work performance and demeanor represent all that is best at TROY and has been instrumental in the growth and success of our overseas programs."

Hines said she was honored to receive the award.

"I feel fortunate to work with such a great team of people," Hines said. "I am truly honored to receive this award and feel blessed to work for Troy University."



**Dothan Campus donates to Toys for Tots** – Faculty and staff at the Dothan Campus presented more than 100 new toys to the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program on Monday, Dec. 15. It was the second year Dothan faculty and staff have participated in Toys for Tots, and the amount of toys contributed exceeded last year's total, said Sandra Sauls, a TROY counselor who coordinated the toy drive. Approximately 112 new toys were presented to representatives of the local Marine Corps League. Pictured, from left to right, are: Mike Walton, Toys for Tots coordinator; TROY Counselor Sandra Sauls; Marine Corps Private Riley Elmore, from Ozark, and Dr. Don Jeffrey, Dothan Campus vice chancellor.

## Activities & achievements

**Dr. Mark Walker**, associate professor of music, has been appointed as the associate editor of the *Journal of Band Research*. The JBR is the only scholarly peer reviewed journal currently published at Troy University.

Dr. Walker also serves as the Higher Education Division Chair for the Alabama Music Educators Association.

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**Dr. Ed Kamnikar**, lecturer of accounting in the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, presented a paper titled, "Smart Governing Initiative: An Alabama Case Study" at the 20th Annual Conference of the Association of the American Society for Public Administration.

The meeting was held in Chicago, Oct. 23-25. In addition, his paper "What Factor Led to the Filing of Bankruptcy Protection for the West Jefferson Amusement and Public Park Authority in Alabama?" was presented by his co-authors at the conference.

Dr. Kamnikar also 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. Alan D. Campbell**, associate professor of accounting in the Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, presented a continuing professional education program entitled "Self-Employment Tax Update" to the Miracle Strip Chapter of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Panama City, FL, on Oct. 28.

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**Dr. Steven L. Taylor**, associate professor of political science, recently published a chapter in the book *Pathways to Power: Political Recruitment and Candidate Selection in Latin America*, edited by Peter M. Siavelis and Scott Morgenstern and published by Penn State Press. The chapter is entitled "Precandidates, Candidates, and Presidents: Paths to the Colombian Presidency" and was co-authored with Felipe Botero of the University of the Andes and Brian F. Crisp of Washington University.

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**Dr. Xutong Niu**, assistant professor of geomatics, recently published a paper: "Geometric Integration of Aerial and High-Resolution Satellite Imagery and Application in Shoreline Mapping," in the *Journal of Marine Geodesy*, Volume 31, Issue 3, July 2008, pages 143 – 159. The paper investigates the three-dimensional geopositioning accuracy achievable from integrating IKONOS and Quickbird satellite stereo image pairs with aerial images acquired over a region at Tampa Bay, FL.

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**Dr. Emrah Orhun**, professor of computer science at Montgomery Campus presented a co-authored paper entitled "The Impact of Organizational Culture on Knowledge Workers' Computer Self-Efficacy" at the 5th International Conference on Intellectual Capital, Knowledge Management & Organisational Learning, New York Institute of Technology, New York, Oct. 9-10. The paper was published in the Proceedings of the Conference.

Dr. Orhun also participated in the Project Directors' Conference of EU-US International Cooperation in the Field of Higher Education and Training Programme, in Brussels, Oct. 26-28, as the U.S. Lead of the International Cooperation in Ambient Computing Education Project funded by FIPSE.

He also authored a chapter, together with D. Orhun, entitled "Territorialization and Deterritorialization in the Globalizing City of Izmir, Turkey," published in: Gary Backhaus and John Murungi (eds.) *Dangers in the Incommensurability of Globalization: Socio-Political Volatilities*, Cambridge Scholars Publishing: Newcastle.

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**Dr. William Heisler**, associate professor of human resource management in the Atlantic Region, has had "The Challenge of Causality: A Commentary on 'Human Resource Systems in Kenya'" published in the November 2008 issue of *Cornell Hospitality Quarterly*.

In October 2008, Dr. Heisler attended the 16th Annual International Conference of the Association on Employment Practices and Principles in Chicago, IL. At the conference he presented a paper entitled "Ethical and Legal Issues in Training and Development" and participated in a journal editors' panel where he presented information about the SCOB Journal of Human Resources Education.

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**Dr. Amy Spurlock**, RN, made presentations entitled "Vulnerable Populations: Policies Influencing Disaster Nursing" and "Vulnerable Populations: Academic-Community Partnerships for Abused and Neglected Children" at the Sigma Theta Tau International Region 8 conference in Birmingham, AL in October:

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**Dr. Karuna T. Valkyrie**, assistant professor of psychology, represented Troy University as she presented three workshops at the 2008 Alabama Counseling Association's (ALGA) conference. Along with Dr. Andrew Creamer and Sue Ash, MSW, State Manager of CPS she presented a workshop to train school counselors on their role as Mandatory Reporters. Supporting undergraduate research, she was co-presenter with Virginia (Ginny) Shelton who presented her findings *Exploring Stress as a Predictor of Bulimia and Drive for Thinness in a College Student Population*. Another student, Marie Murell assisted her in the *Working with the Resistant Client* workshop. Additionally, she participated in

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## Memorial service for Chris Warden set for Jan. 16

A memorial service for Troy University professor Chris Warden will be held at 2 p.m., Jan. 16 at the Trojan Center Theatre on the Troy Campus.

Warden, an assistant professor at TROY's Hall School of Journalism and Communication, passed away on Jan. 4 from a lifelong battle against hemophilia. He had served as a member of the journalism faculty since 2002.

"To say that Chris was an integral part of the Hall School of Journalism would be an understatement," said Dr. Maryjo Cochran, dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts. "He was the very essence of the print journalism curriculum. Chris was able to shape not only the intellectual lives of hundreds of students, but he passed on an acute appreciation for ethical reasoning and behavior."

## Joysmith exhibit comes to Rosa Parks Museum

A collection of paintings by renowned artist Brenda Joysmith are now on exhibit at Troy University's Rosa Parks Library and Museum.

The collection, "Cultural Affirmations," which celebrates African-American family life, will be on display in the museum's gallery through March 31.

Joysmith will participate in a gallery talk on March 7 at 11:30 a.m.

## Achievements

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ALGA Executive Council activities as President of ALCA's Chapter IX.

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**Dr. Vikki Collins, Dr. Carolyn Russell and Dr. Isabelle Warren**, all of the Phenix City campus, presented a co-authored paper entitled "The Correlations between Alabama Reading Initiative Standardized Scores" at the Georgia Educational Research Association (GERA) annual conference held in Savannah on October 21st. GERA seeks to foster and promote the exchange of information and experiences relating to measurement, evaluation, and research throughout the southern states.

Dr. Collins also was elected in November, as secretary of the Alabama Association for Young Children (AAYC) and attended the annual board member retreat and orientation in Columbiana on Nov. 21-22. AAYC is dedicated to improving educational opportunities for children, birth through eight years, by offering professional development and training to the early childhood community. Dr. Collins will serve as state secretary through November 2010.

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**Dr. John Jinright**, assistant professor in the John M. Long School of Music, performed on pipe organ in a concert of Vaughn Williams' "The Lark Ascending," Rutter's "Requiem," and Handel's "March from the Queen of Sheeba" in Dothan recently. The concert was part of the Church of the Nativity Fine Arts

Series and featured Canadian-born violinist Jenny Gregoire and the Nativity Choir and Orchestra

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**Dr. Michael Hix**, assistant professor of voice and coordinator of vocal/choral music in the John M. Long School of Music, traveled to Trujillo, Peru, where he participated in the XII Concorso y Festival Internacional Canto Lirico. He was one of two singers to represent the United States in this international voice competition and music festival. Hix was selected as a semi-finalist in the voice competition, which featured singers from North America, South America, and Europe. He also participated in concerts singing works by Handel, Rossini, Mendelssohn, Schumann and Carlos Chavez.

Dr. Hix also reviewed Richard Miller's book *Securing Baritone, Bass-Baritone, and Bass Voices in the Choral Journal*, the official journal of the American Choral Directors' Association.

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**Larry Percy**, associate professor of art, was notified that his ceramic piece entitled "Kerygma Series: Journeys to Holy Ghost Canyon XV" has been accepted for exhibition at the Baker Arts Center's 11th National Juried Art Exhibit. This art center is in Liberal, KS, and the exhibit will run from Jan. 10 through Feb. 21.

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**Pamela Allen**, associate professor of art, and **Greg Skaggs**, assistant professor

of art, co-chaired a panel at the Southeastern College Art Conference (SECAC). Both presented scholarly papers at this session. The session was entitled "Innovations, Collaborations and Inspirations: A Fresh Approach to Teaching Drawing." SECAC was held in New Orleans and was co-sponsored by the University of New Orleans and Tulane University.

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Assistant Professor of Art **Greg Skaggs** had one of his art pieces – Tanagram – accepted into the annual juried exhibition sponsored by the Southeastern College Art Conference. The exhibit was held at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art and was juried by its chief curator, David Houston.

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Professor of Design **Jerry Johnson** and Assistant Professor of Design Sara Dismukes co-chaired a panel at the Southeastern College Art Conference. Both presented scholarly papers at this session. The session was entitled: "Charrettes and Other Immersive Experiences in Design." SECAC was held in New Orleans.

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**Dr. Scout Blum's** chapter entitled "Parting the Waters: The Ecumenical Task Force at Love Canal and Beyond" has appeared in *Natural Protest: Essays on the History of American Environmentalism*, published by Roudledge Press. Dr. Blum is an associate professor in the Department of History.



**Lending a helping hand** – Montgomery Campus staff and faculty pose with stockings filled with Christmas gifts which were donated to the Salvation Army in December. Staff and faculty members donated more than 150 stockings to the organization's annual Christmas Stocking drive. The stockings full of gifts were distributed by the Salvation Army to needy children, senior citizens and the homeless. Montgomery Campus Vice Chancellor Ray White said faculty and staff responded very enthusiastically to the opportunity to help the area's needy. Pictured left to right are: (front row) Salvation Army volunteer Jack Thompson, Helen Frost, Ronda Westry, (back row) Donna Holley, Marty Huett, Sandy Montgomery, April Roberts, Latrenda Nicholson, Meg Milligan, Jeff Simpson and Regina Ryals.

## *Tony Award winning musical 'The Drowsy Chaperone' coming to the Davis Theatre*

The most celebrated musical of the 2006 Broadway season, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, a completely original musical comedy, is coming to Troy University's Davis Theatre for one night only on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m.

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE received more Tony Awards® than any other musical of the 2006 season, including Best Book (Bob Martin and Don McKellar); Original Score (Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison), Costume Design (Gregg Barnes) and Scenic Design (David Gallo).

*The Drowsy Chaperone* is presented as a part of the 2008-2009 Subscriber Series for Troy University's Davis Theatre. Single tickets are now available for purchase and range in price from \$20 to \$45. For more information regarding ticket availability, call the theatre at (334) 241-9567. All productions for the Season Subscriber Series are presented in Troy University's Davis Theatre, which is located in downtown Montgomery at 251 Montgomery Street.

## *TROY student receives Bronze Star for service in Iraq*

The Bronze Star was recently awarded to Senior Master Sgt. David Smith during a special ceremony.

Sgt. Smith, a student at Troy University's Tyndall Site, earned the medal for his actions during an Operation Iraqi Freedom deployment December 2007 to June 2008. He is presently pursuing a master's degree in management with a concentration in human resources management from TROY.

The Bronze Star medal is a U.S. Armed Forces military decoration awarded for bravery, acts of merit or meritorious service. It's awarded to military members who distinguished themselves by heroic or meritorious achievement while engaged in an action against a U.S. enemy or engaged in operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force.

"It's fairly humbling to receive the award," said Sgt. Smith. "I'm proud, and feel great in everything I did, yet there are lots of people doing lots of great things."

Maj. Jonathan Terry, 325th CONS commander, presented Sgt. Smith the award.

"This award comes as no surprise. Senior Master Sgt.

Smith's dedication, sacrifice and actions during his deployment are a great representation of what many of our brave men and women are doing in theater," Maj. Terry said. "His efforts positively impacted over 280,000 Army, Marine, Navy and Air Force personnel."

According to the award narrative, Sergeant Smith demonstrated decisive leadership, professional skill and flawless operation support to 14 Joint Regional Contracting Centers at 12 different forward operating bases dispersed throughout Iraq. Despite significant exposure to hostile action, the sergeant regularly traveled to these locations by road convoy, fixed winged aircraft and helicopters. His mentoring and training to 146 joint service contingency contracting officers executed the highest amounts of contract action in dollar amount in the command's history.

"I am humbled, proud and honored to receive such an awesome medal," said Sgt. Smith. "It is not just a reflection of my efforts, but the efforts of my leaders, unit and family."

– By Airman 1st Class Veronica McMahon,  
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs