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A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

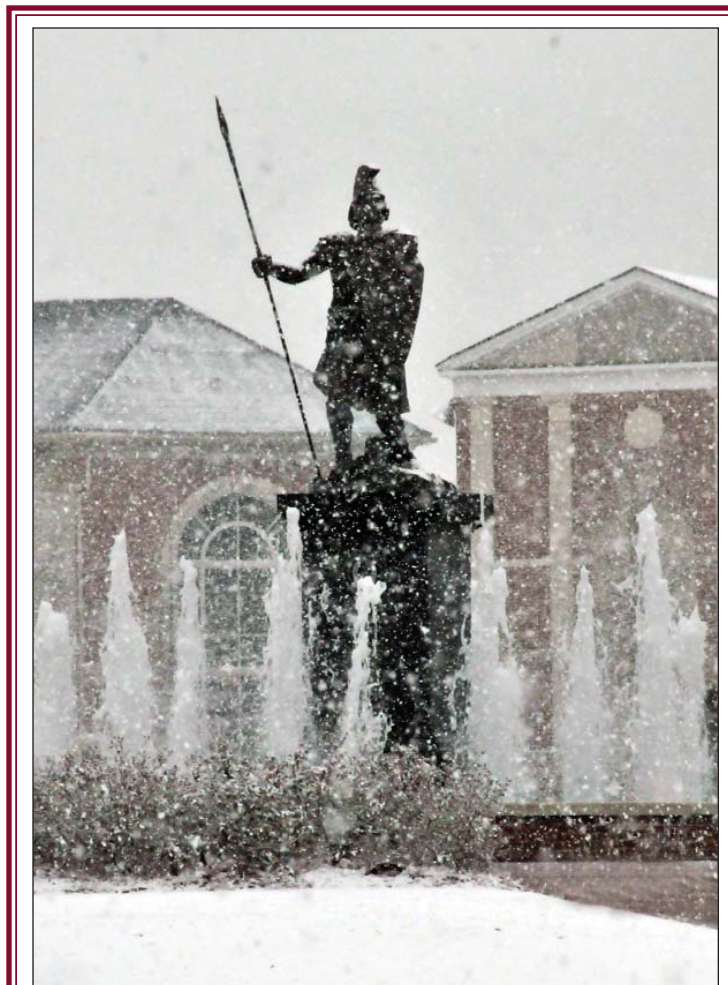
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Snow Day – The Trojan warrior statue on the Troy Campus’ Bibb Graves Quad was covered in snow on Feb. 12 as a winter storm swept through central and south Alabama. The winter storm forced the closure of all four Alabama campuses. At left, students take advantage of the wintry weather to engage in a snowball fight. Nearly seven inches of snow was reported in Troy.

TROY to break ground on new arena March 3

Troy University will break ground on a new multi-purpose arena on the Troy Campus on March 3. The ceremony is set for 2 p.m. on the ninth fairway of the Trojan Oaks Golf Course.

In December, the University’s Board of Trustees gave architects the go-ahead to draft plans for a new convocation center and arena. During that meeting, architects presented conceptual designs that incorporate a 5,000- to 5,600-seat basketball arena and multipurpose spaces, and anticipate the building to be in use by fall 2011.

The Trustees ratified a \$62.7 million bond issue that paves the way for the construction of the center that will provide both a basketball venue and a state-of-the-art multi-use meeting facility.

Redesigned Website goes live, garners favorable feedback

Feedback to Troy University’s newly redesigned Website, which went live on Feb. 15, has been positive, according to Chief Technology Officer Greg Price.

The redesign, which was nearly two years in the making and involved input from more than 35 members of the University’s administration and staff, features a cleaner

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Service learning

March 31 workshop targets combination of academics, volunteer experience

Stephen Black will be the keynote speaker for the 2010 Academic Service Learning Workshop, which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31.

The event, sponsored by the First-Year Studies Program's Office of Student Learning Initiatives, will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Trojan Center Ballrooms A & B.

Academic service learning links course content with purposeful volunteer experience. These experience help to enrich the learning experience by allowing students to apply skills and knowledge gained in the classroom in a way that helps meet a need in the community.

Black is founder and president of Impact Alabama, a student service initiative that "collaborates with colleges, universities, and communities throughout the state to develop and implement substantive service-learning projects designed to engage students in addressing human and community needs and enhance students' senses of social and civic responsibility."

Black also serves as director of the University of Alabama's Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility and is a senior lecturer of communicative ethics.

Those interested in attending should contact Jonathan Cellon, coordinator of student learning initiatives, at jcellon@troy.edu or 334-670-6349 by Monday, March 15.



Shaping the clay – Juan Quezada demonstrates pottery methods of the Paquime Indians during the 25th annual Alabama Clay Conference hosted by Troy University Feb. 19-21. Quezada discovered ancient painted pots in a cave near his home in Mata Ortiz, a rural village in the Mexican state of Chihuahua. Throughout his life, he recreated the pottery methods of the Paquime Indians and has trained others in his village to use the methods to spark an economic rebirth of the village. The conference, co-hosted by the Alabama Craft Council, the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the Potters Council, brings together clay artists, art educators and clay art enthusiasts to promote fine craft in Alabama and the Southeast.

Web

Continued from page 1 look and offers easy navigation.

"Those responding through our 'comments and suggestions' form on the site have been very positive about the changes," Price said. "We have received indications from these comments that the design is cleaner and easier to navigate. Viewers seem to think the enhancements are really clever and they appreciate the

move to an updated, more modern design."

Price said the statistics for site visits are well above what is normally expected for this time of year.

"Hopefully that means that visitors are spending more time exploring the site to see the new features and what all is available through this redesign," he said.

Sandi Gouge, associate vice chan-

cellor of marketing and communication, was also pleased by the feedback received to date.

"The feedback received so far has been very positive," Gouge said. "We have also received some suggestions that we are taking into consideration. We appreciate the feedback as we seek to provide the best possible Website to serve all of our constituencies."

‘To Be Free’

Troy University professor publishes book on understanding and eliminating racism

A Troy University associate professor has published a new book on racism.

“To Be Free: Understanding and Eliminating Racism” by Dr. Thomas D. Peacock, a Native American and coordinator of TROY’s Master of Science in Educational Administration and Leadership in Tampa, explores the freedom from racism’s physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual toll on both racists and those subjected to racism.

“Often, just the mention of the word ‘racism’ makes people nervous – like if the subject doesn’t come up, maybe it will go away,” Dr. Peacock said. “Many people of color, however, deal with the reality of racism in all its forms on a daily basis -- in stores, in schools, at work, on the bus, while watching television, listening to music, browsing the Internet, or reading magazines and newspapers. What if we decided to acknowledge racism and

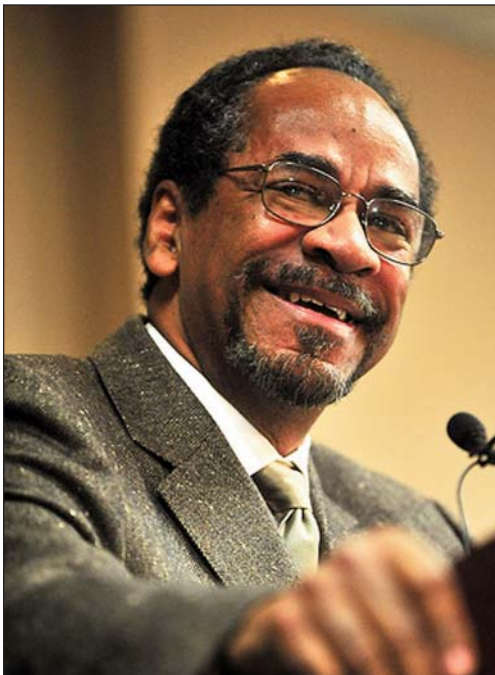
talk about ways of preventing, reducing, and alleviating it? And what if we began the discussion among young people, before they solidify their beliefs about people of other races? ‘To Be Free’ is written to help facilitate that discussion.”

Dr. Peacock, formerly associate dean of the College of Education and Human Professions at the University of Minnesota, where he also held the Ruth Myers Chair of Education and was a full professor, earned his master’s degree in education administration from the University of Minnesota – Duluth, and completed both a master’s and doctorate in administration, planning and social policy from Harvard University. His administrative experiences includes serving as a secondary school principal and a superintendent of education, in addition to nine years as co-director of the University of Minnesota – Duluth’s doctoral program in educational leadership.

Several of his previous books have won awards, including: “Ojibwe Waasa Inaabida” (Minnesota Book Award), “The Good Path” (Minnesota Book Award) and “The Seventh Generation” (Children’s Multicultural Book Award). He has co-authored several other books, including: “Collected Wisdom” (with Linda Miller Cleary), “The Seventh Generation” (with Amy Bergstrom and Linda Miller Cleary), and edited another, “A Forever Story: The People and History of the Fond du Lac Reservation.”

In his role at TROY, he leads Saturday workshops at the Tampa Bay location which are free to teachers. His topics have included “How to Write a Book for Young People,” “Teaching a Story,” “To Be Free,” “Circle of Courage,” and “The Role of Teachers in Promoting Hope in Young People.”

“To Be Free: Understanding and Eliminating Racism” is available from Amazon.com.



Leadership Conference –Nearly 400 people attended the ninth annual Leadership Conference Celebrating Black History Month on the Troy Campus Feb. 5-6. At left, actor and producer Tim Reid, known for his roles on television series such as WKRP in Cincinnati, Sister Sister and Frank’s Place, delivered the conference’s closing address. Above, former CNN Headline News Anchor Lyn Vaughn opened the conference on Feb. 5. Participants also had the opportunity to hear from Grammy Award-winning songwriter and star of “Real Housewives of Atlanta” Kandi Burruss. The annual event is sponsored by the University and the City of Troy.

Distance learning

eCampus Director Deb Gearhart's presentation leads to publishing of book

It all started with a presentation to a professional development group, but ended in the publication of a new book on global distance learning for Troy University eCampus Director Deb Gearhart.

"Cases on Distance Delivery and Learning Outcomes," by publisher IGI Global, examines the best practices in the field of distance education and features cases on distance education programs.

Dr. Gearhart served as editor of the compilation of case studies submitted for publication, which was prompted by her presentation, "Let's Write a Book."

"I was happy to be asked to edit this publication. It was a great opportunity to network with other practitioners in my field," she said.

"The case book is a compilation of best practices in distance education at both the course and program level."



Dr. Deb Gearhart

Following the presentation and prompted by the publisher, Gearhart said she sent out a "call for chapters" to distance educators around the globe.

"Cases On Distance Delivery and Learning Outcomes' promises to assist all of us in understanding the power, influence, challenges and potential of this new frontier upon which we stand," said Dr. Jack

Hawkins Jr., Chancellor of Troy University.

With more than 20 years of experience in online and distance education, Dr. Gearhart, was named eCampus director in June 2007, after serving as founding director of E-Education Services at Dakota State University for the 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.



Teacher of the Year Award presented – Dr. David Arrington, a professor in the College of Arts and Sciences at Troy University's Dothan Campus, is presented the Student Government Association Teacher of the Year award by SGA member Faye Kelly, left, and Shirley Cobbs, campus event coordinator. The annual award recognizes excellence in the classroom and winners are selected based on nominations made by Dothan Campus students. Arrington is a native of Laurel, Miss., and has taught at TROY for five years.

Thank-you notes

To the Troy University faculty and staff,

Thank you very much for the thoughtful wedding gift. My husband, Joseph, and I greatly appreciate it. Best wishes to all,

Mrs. Rebecca Money-Rembert

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Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

The family of Ralph Wayne Welch

Honorary president

Long's service, accomplishments recognized by National Band Association

It was the first time in anyone's memory when a sitting president of the National Band Association attended a Hall of Fame of Distinguished Conductor's induction ceremony.

"Ralph, our president Culverhouse wants to talk to the group a minute. I think it's the first time a president has even been to this ceremony," Dr. John M. Long interrupted master of ceremonies and Troy University's director of bands.

"What's he want," Ford queried.

A shrug of the shoulders and a "I have no idea" from Long brought Dr. John Culverhouse, president of the world's largest band organization to the podium in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor, home to the NBA's Hall of Fame of Distinguished Conductors, the state's only national hall of fame. Executive Secretary and associate director of bands at Louisiana State University, Dr. Linda Moorhouse, attending the induction ceremonies as a presenter, followed in close tow.

It soon became evident that the NBA had an honor to bestow besides the three Hall of Fame inductions: the installation of an honorary president of the organization.

"This is just a huge honor," Dr. Long said. "I'm completely surprised by it and it's the greatest honor of my life. I had no idea they were going to do that."

"To be made the honorary president of the largest band director organization in the United States is a very high honor and I appreciate that," he added, saying the association represents "everybody from junior high band directors to military bands."



Dr. John Culverhouse, left, president of the National Band Association, reads a resolution installing Troy University director of bands emeritus Dr. John M. Long, right, as the association's honorary president. Association Executive Secretary Linda Moorhouse and Mary Lynn Long, Dr. Long's wife, assist in the honors during the association's Hall of Fame of Distinguished Conductors induction ceremonies at Troy University.

Long, who began his career at TROY in 1965, is a distinguished professor emeritus and director of bands emeritus at the University and serves as chairman of the board of directors of the National Band Association. He is a past president of the American Bandmasters Association, and, in 1994, was inducted in the NBA's Hall of Fame. He is a Gunterville native.

During his 31-year career at TROY, the University's "Sound of the South" marching band represented the state in four presidential inaugural parades and served as the official band for two presidential visits to Alabama.

He is a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honor society, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Kappa Psi honorary

band fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha, Delta Chi fraternity and Phi Eta Sigma. He is an active guest conductor, speaker, clinician and adjudicator through the United States, Europe, Canada and Mexico. In 2005, he was honored by the Alabama Music Educators Association with its Barbara Odom Award for lifetime achievements in music education, and holds the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award from the National Eagle Scout Association.

Before coming to TROY, Dr. Long directed several high school bands in the state, including a stint as band director at Marshall County High School before even receiving his high school diploma.

Activities & achievements

Dr. John Mankelwicz and **Dr. Robert Kitahara** of the Sorrell College of Business published two papers in the Proceedings of the Applied Business Research Conference, Orlando, FL, Jan. 3-6. The conference was sponsored by the Clute Institute for Academic Research.

The works, "Quantification, Rationality, and Management Decisions" and "A Stakeholder-centric Evidence-guided Model for Management Decisions" continue their ongoing research into the impacts of quantification in the management decision process.

In the same proceedings, Dr. Mankelwicz published a third paper, "Understanding Ethics – Quality Linkages in the Private and Public Sectors" that investigates the ethical aspects of quality changes, based on his previous work on a 'decomposition model' of the classical sum of product quality attributes equation from microeconomics.

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Dr. Paul M. Stewart, professor of environmental sciences and ALFA Eminent Scholar, colleagues, and graduate students just published three articles in a special issue of the journal, *Southeastern Naturalist* that was devoted to the Conservation, Biology, and Natural History of Crayfishes from the Southern United States.

This information will be used to help preserve and maintain this poorly studied group. The articles are:

- "Distributional survey of crayfish (CRUSTACEA: DECAPODA) in wadeable streams in the coastal plains of southeastern Alabama" by W.H. Heath, P.M. Stewart, T.P. Simon, and J.M. Miller
- "Macrohabitat partitioning of crayfish assemblages in wadeable streams in the coastal plains of southeastern Alabama" by P.M. Stewart, J.M. Miller, W.H. Heath, and T.P. Simon.
- "Agonistic interactions among size-matched form I and form II male *Procambarus suttkusi* (Choctawhatchee Crayfish)" by Stewart, A.D. McKenzie, T.P. Simon, and A.F. Baker.

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Dr. Vikki K. Collins, an associate professor of early childhood and elementary education at the Phenix City Campus, was featured at the Southern Early Childhood Association's annual conference held in Little Rock, Jan. 21-23.

Her presentation, "You are what you eat and play: Healthy practice for young children," was based on the article published in the spring, 2009, edition of the journal, *Perspectives in Learning*.

Dr. Collins also co-authored the article, "Math Island at Brewer Elementary School: A learner-centered model for education," with Dr. H. Marguerite Yates of LaGrange

College. The article is published in the current issue of the *Georgia Educational Researcher*.

Together with **Dr. Carolyn Russell**, **Dr. Isabelle Warren** and **Dr. Charlotte Minnick** of Troy University, Dr. Collins is co-author of the article, "An examination of second grade reading comprehension scores," which is scheduled for 2010 publication in the journal, *State of Reading*.

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Brian Endfinger, director of user support and training for the Phenix City Campus, successfully defended his dissertation titled "Meeting the Standards: A Look at One University's Efforts to Prepare Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology," in November 2009. Dr. Endfinger will receive his Ph.D. in Instructional Leadership from the University of Alabama at the May 8 commencement.

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Dr. Jim Vickrey, professor of speech communication on the Montgomery Campus, continues to do small claims court mediation in Montgomery County. He was recently selected for membership on the Board of Editors of the Alabama Bar's Alabama Lawyer.

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Dr. Bill Cavitt, coordinator of graduate counseling and psychology program at the Jacksonville, FL Site, delivered a three hour (3 CEU) presentation on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) to a capacity group of professional counselors at the Jacksonville, FL Site. This is the fifth such presentation on mental health he has offered this past year. He is being transferred to Pensacola, FL, in May and hopes to establish a similar relationship with the North West Florida Mental Health Community.

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Dr. Maureen Hannay, **Dr. Robert Kitahara** and **Dr. Cherie Fretwell** of the Sorrell College of Business delivered a paper "Student-Focused Strategies for the Modern Classroom" at the 10th annual Meeting of the Academy of Business Disciplines (ABD)/Academic Conference, Ft. Myers, FL.

The editorial staff for the Academic and Business Research Institute (AABRI) reviewed that work and extended an invitation to the authors to publish their paper in their Cabell-listed *Journal of Instructional Pedagogies*. A revision of the paper was peer-reviewed and accepted for publication, appearing in the March 2010 edition of the online version of the journal.

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Dr. William Heisler, Global Campus chair for human resource management, was a guest columnist in the **See ACHIEVEMENTS, Page 7**

Spring Concert

John M. Long School of Music, Choral Department to perform on March 28

The Troy University John M. Long School of Music and Choral Department will present its annual Spring Concert "The Music of John Rutter" on March 28 at 2:30 p.m. at Bush Memorial Baptist Church on George Wallace Drive in Troy.

The concert, which is free and open to the public, will feature three of Troy University's choral ensembles: Collegiate Singers, Concert Chorale, and "frequency," under the direction of Dr. Diane Orlofsky.

This concert features choral music of British composer and conductor, John Rutter, and represents the vast range of the composer's body of work.

In addition to the choral ensembles, the concert will feature student conductors and soloists, as well as accompanists from the University and the community.

Student conductors include choral graduate assistant Laura Aaron and graduate student Dale Lawrence. Soloists include: John Baumer, baritone; Noel Davis, soprano; and, flutists Allison Conlan, Christopher Petre and Sonya Babbitt. Student accompanists include Mr. Bryant Kimbrough, Ms. Laura Waters, Mr. Eric Scott, Ms. Maggie Averett, and Ms. Wendy Cho. Jean Eakes will accompany the choir on organ for the masterwork of the concert, "The Mass of the Children."

The more than 90-member Collegiate Singers will perform, "The Gift of Music," "Look to the Day," "O Clap Your Hands" and "I Will Sing With the Spirit."

The Concert Chorale, the auditioned choir of Troy University, will perform "To Everything There is a Season" and "The Mass of the Children," featuring Charles Henderson High School sophomore Anna Orlofsky, Greenville High School senior Connor Murphy-White and TROY freshman



The John M. Long School of Music's Choral Department performs during its fall concert. The department's spring concert is set for March 28 at Bush Memorial Baptist Church.

Hannah Stone. Baumer and Davis, both vocal/choral majors, will serve as soloists for this piece.

Troy University's vocal jazz ensemble, "frequency," will be performing a touching piece "Musica Dei Donum," featuring flute soloist Allison Conlan, and "Monday's Child," from Rutter's set of songs for choir entitled "Five Childhood Lyrics."

The concert's finale will combine the singers of Collegiate Singers, Concert Chorale, and "frequency" in "A Clare Benediction," a grand "farewell" dedicated to the Clare choir in Britain. A Clare Benediction will be conducted by Troy University's Coordinator of Vocal/Choral Activities, Dr. Michael Hix.

Continuing Education Center to offer course on social media

The Continuing Education Center at Troy University's Dothan Campus will offer a course on using social media to promote businesses or organizations on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

"What the Tweet? Social Media and Your Business" will look at how popular websites like Facebook and Twitter can affect small businesses and organizations. Participants will learn how to set up a social media account and use it to promote their organizations.

The class will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The registration fee is \$55, which includes handout materials.

Participants can earn 4 continuing education units toward a non-profit administration certificate.

The course will be held again on April 7 at the same time.

For more information, or to register, call (334) 983-0005. The Continuing Education Center is located inside Adams Hall, room 200.

Achievements

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January 2010 issue of *The Oyster Pointer*, a monthly business publication in Newport News, VA. His column, "Why Do I Have to Let Fred Go?" presented essentials of interviewing and hiring to avoid making poor hiring decisions.

Dr. Heisler has also been appointed track chair for Human Resources Management for the 18th Annual International Conference of the Association on Employment Practices and Principles to be held at the University of San Francisco, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1.

Rescheduled

After postponement, Chinese New Year celebration set for Friday, Feb. 26

Troy University's Chinese New Year Celebration, postponed due to winter weather on Feb. 12, will take place Friday, Feb. 26 in the Trojan Center Ballrooms on the Troy Campus.

The University's Department of International Programs, along with the Chinese Student and Scholar Association and the Confucius Institute at Troy University collaborate with Chinese students to bring Chinese cuisine and entertainment to the community.

The event begins at 6:30 p.m. General admission is \$10 for students and \$15 for general admission. Advanced ticket orders are encouraged. For tickets, contact Ms. Xiaofeng Chen at 334-808-6348 or Maria Frigge at 334-808-6146. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Chinese Student and Scholar Association at cssa@troy.edu.



The Chinese New Year celebration, rescheduled to Friday, Feb. 26, will feature the traditional Dragon Dance. The annual event, sponsored by the University's Department of International Programs, the Chinese Student and Scholar Association and the Confucius Institute of Troy University, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Trojan Center Ballrooms.

Capitol Sounds Concert Band to perform at Davis Theatre Feb. 26

The Capitol Sounds Concert Band will perform music from the Big Band era on Friday, Feb. 26, at Troy University's Davis Theatre for the Performing Arts.

"Down Memory Lane with the Capitol Sounds" will feature the music of the Greatest Generation, including songs from Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and Harry James.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Single tickets are on sale now at the Davis Theatre office. All tickets are \$10.

For more information regarding ticket availability, call the theatre at (334) 241-9567. Office hours are Monday

through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon.

The Capitol Sounds Concert Band is an all volunteer, non-profit organization supported by the City of Montgomery Parks and Recreation Department. As the official band for the City of Montgomery, the Capitol Sounds frequently perform at events in and around central Alabama.

"Down Memory Lane with the Capitol Sounds" is presented as part of the Davis Theatre's University and Community Series. The series will conclude on March 30 with a performance by the Troy University Jazz Ensemble.

Higher Education Day Rally planned

The Higher Education Partnership of Alabama's annual Higher Education Day Rally is set for 11 a.m., March 4 on the front steps of the Alabama Statehouse.

A parade will line up beginning at 10 a.m. at the Higher Education Partnership Offices and march to the Alabama Statehouse beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The theme of this year's event is "Leave Your Mark."

A free barbecue lunch will follow the rally on the south lawn of the State Capitol building.

For more information, contact the Higher Education Partnership office at 334-832-9911.