

# TROY UNIVERSITY

## Department of Kinesiology & Health Promotion Update

# Joyce Sorrell Retires



*Joyce Sorrell is a native of Ripley, TN, and is a graduate of Tennessee-Martin. She came to Troy in 1968 to teach in our department, and directed the women's intramural program. Her efforts were the cornerstone for the development of the women's athletic program. Joyce was the co-founder of the AAIAW, and was a member of the national and regional women's basketball committee. Joyce is a pedagogy specialist and talented in teaching numerous sport methodologies. She was the innovator of clogging in Troy, beginning with the Troy Clogging Company, made up of Troy University students, faculty and the Troy community. One career achievement included the championship Dixie Darlins dance team. She is known for her community involvement and her ability to motivate her students to be involved. A valued member of the Troy family for over 40 years, she has been truly student-dedicated, always striving to bring out the best in everyone. She will be sincerely missed!*



### Special points of interest:

- *Joyce Sorrell Retirement*
- *Student Awards*
- *Southern Sports Management Conference*
- *Faculty Alumni Activities*
- *Departmental Happenings*

# Student Awards

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## 2007 Departmental Student Awards Banquet

The Department of Kinesiology & Health Promotion hosted its Annual Departmental Awards banquet for its Physical Education, Health/Physical Education Comprehensive, and Sport and Fitness Management majors in April of 2007. Following Dr. Candice Howard's welcome and the subsequent dinner, awards were given to various KHP recipients. KHP Award winners are as follows:

Outstanding Major of the Year in  
Sport and Fitness Management: **Leslie Snellman**  
Outstanding Major of the Year in  
Health/Physical Education  
Comprehensive: **Taylor Sullivan**  
Outstanding Major of the Year (overall):  
**Teresa Herring**  
Sam Roe Award: **Gloria Hylton**



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## KHP Students Volunteer in the Community

KHP students have volunteered for a number of community service projects this academic year. Some of those activities included the annual Asthma Safari, fitness testing in the schools, and eye screenings at local preschools for Focus First. Service learning is a concept that means learn by doing, and KHP students are on the forefront. Also, a number of students attended the annual Alabama State Association of Health Physical Education, Recreation and Dance conference in Birmingham. Ms. Sorrell and Ms. Flynn presented a workshop on teaching strategies, and KHP students demonstrated the methods. We look forward to these activities again during the next academic year.



# Helen Keller Week Highlights Disability and Ability!

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James Robert “Radio” Kennedy and Coach Harold Jones were the highlight of a week of activities for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Helen Keller Lecture in April.

On April 17, Jones, former football coach at T.L. Hanna High School in Anderson, SC, recounted the story of his relationship with Kennedy, a developmentally challenged youth, and shared experiences about the attention the two gained first through an article in Sports Illustrated and later on the big screen in the 2003 movie “Radio.” This year’s event marked the first time the lecture was offered at both a morning and an evening session.

Entertainment for the lecture was provided by singer Daniel Ray, who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy shortly after birth. He was hospitalized 22 times during his first two years of life and endured numerous medical procedures and rounds of treatment throughout his childhood. Ray has not let his medical difficulties deter his love of music. His performance was well received at both sessions.

Leading up to the annual lecture, a special showing of the movie “Radio” was presented in Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium on April 16.

Despite a rainy morning on April 18, an art exhibit featuring the artwork of area school children went on as scheduled, moving indoors to the Trojan Center from its scheduled location of the Bibb Graves Quad. TROY students voted on their favorite works of art and awards were presented in each age division.

The week of activities wrapped up on April 19 with FocusFirst eye screening being

conducted by trained Department of Kinesiology and Health Promotion students. FocusFirst is designed to provide cost-effective direct response to vision problems of underprivileged children living in urban and rural poverty within the state. KHP students gave Radio a football jersey after the lecture. It was an inspiring occasion!



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## Radio, Coach Jones and family, Daniel Ray, Troy staff and families



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## Nick Costes Run 2007

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The KHP Department sponsored the Annual Nick Costes Road Run on March 10th. The event, which has in the last few years has become a part of the University St. Patrick's Day celebration. The run involved about 20 runners. The event is planned, organized, and administered by the undergraduate Sport Administration class and the KHP Club. The Costes Road Race provides a real world opportunity for students to utilize skills learned in class in a practical setting.

The funds from the race will help provide student funds for students to attend conferences and workshops.

Alumni are encouraged to return to campus and participate in the race and other activities

hat surround the St. Patrick's Day celebration.



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## 2007 Phi Epsilon Kappa Induction

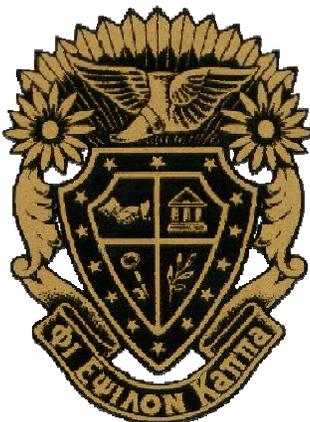
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For 2007, the Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Epsilon Kappa of Troy University inducted new members:

Amy Allen  
Gary Banks  
Amanda Barber  
Vanessa Da Costa  
Rawia Elsis  
Shaimaa Elsis  
Eric Gibbons  
Adam David Helms  
Christopher L. House  
Lacy Joanna May  
Kristina Murfin  
Juzil M. Rudolph  
Benjamin Skelton  
Ashley DeAnne Turner  
Sadaris A. Williams



## Third Annual Southern Sport Management Conference 2007

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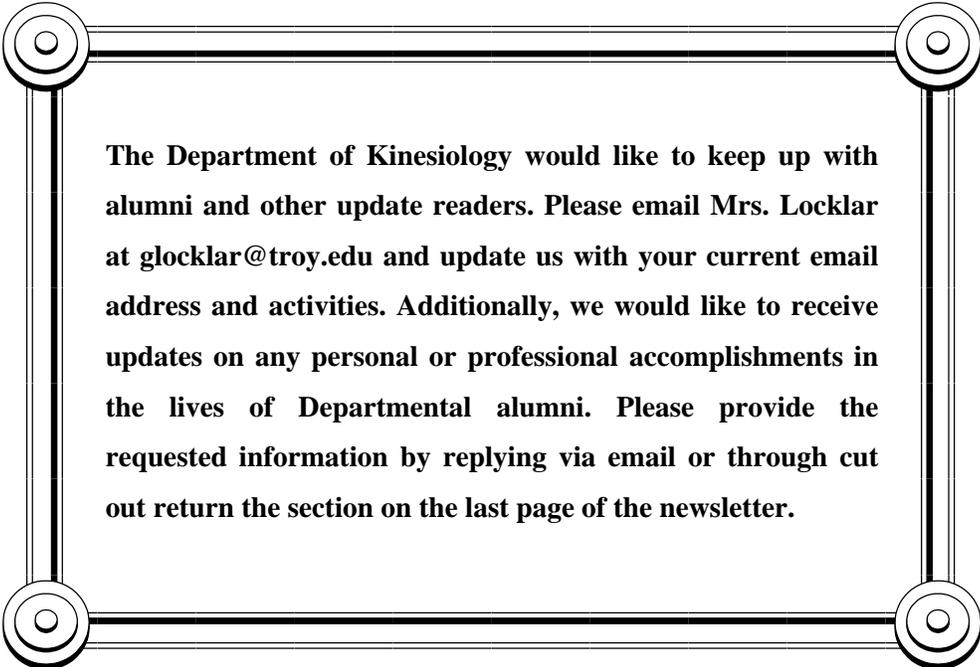
The Alabama Institute for Sports and Fitness Management sponsored the 3rd Annual Southern Sport Management Conference at Troy University, April 2007.

The participants were varied including professionals in sport management, professors, graduate students, and undergraduate students. In addition to Troy University students, there were students and professors from nine other colleges and universities teaching sport management. The graduate class in Sport Marketing organized the conference, and also raised money and secured donations for food, door prizes, and sponsorships.

### Faculty Changes in 2006-2007

It has been a year of change for KHP faculty. Chair Dr. Lance Tatum took on the responsibility of Interim Dean of the College of Education. Dr. Fred Green stepped up to take his place this year, taking care of teaching classes and chair duties, as well. Dr. Edith Smith moved into the Interim Dean position for the College of Health and Human Services. Dr. Robert Thrasher is new faculty this year, coming to Troy from a high school teaching position in Kentucky, having just completed his doctorate. We are looking forward to hiring two new faculty members for the next academic year.

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**The Department of Kinesiology would like to keep up with alumni and other update readers. Please email Mrs. Locklar at [glocklar@troy.edu](mailto:glocklar@troy.edu) and update us with your current email address and activities. Additionally, we would like to receive updates on any personal or professional accomplishments in the lives of Departmental alumni. Please provide the requested information by replying via email or through cut out return the section on the last page of the newsletter.**

# Department Activities and Updates

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## Alumni Updates:

Visit us at: <http://spectrum.troy.edu/~khp/aluminfo.htm>

Justin Bragg – teaching physical education at Banks Elementary

Emily Cobb – grad student in Troy University Athletic Dept.

Randy Bryant – CHHS / grad student in Troy University Athletic Dept.

Mandy Wills – got married and is at Greenville Elementary

Emily Insinga – teaching and coaching at Edgewood Academy

Crystal Crews – Eufaula Elementary

Nathan Perkins – married and is teaching in Foley

Laura Prior – graduate teaching assistantship at University of Alabama

Aaron Martin – Troy University staff

Laurie Tinsley – teaching and coaching in Ponce de Leon

Nathan Rainey – teaching and coaching in Slocum

Cameron Whitlow – administration, CHHS

Lana Johnson – teaching and coaching at Pike County High School

Nicole Kinney – married and teaching in Georgia

Henry Dawkins – teaching elementary school physical education in Dothan

Alan Thornton – grad student in KHP Dept.



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**TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF!**

Few items are of as much interest to us as news about our friends and acquaintances. So pass on the latest news about you-your promotions, community activities, professional achievements, offices, honors, etc.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Degree (s) from TROY and Dates \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

What is new with you? (promotion, honor, award, citation, project work) \_\_\_\_\_

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