July 1, 2006 marked the beginning of some exciting changes for the Troy University Sorrell College of Business and the Center for Business and Economic Services. The first change occurred with the announcement that Dr. Earl Ingram the Dean of the Sorrell College of Business had been named the new vice chancellor of University College. The next announcement was that Dr. Donald C. Hines was named interim dean of the Sorrell College of Business.

In addition to Dr. Ingram and Dr. Hines other leadership changes were announced as well, Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost, said “These individuals are all highly regarded educators and leaders in their colleges, and I am confident that they can continue to steer our University forward during this time of transition.”

Dr. Hines is no stranger to the Sorrell College of Business. In fact, early on in his career Dr. Hines taught Principles of Economics, Managerial Economics, Basic Statistics, Operations Management and other courses here at Troy. In addition he served as the Assistant Dean of the Sorrell College Business.

In following Dr. Hines’ career line, he left Troy while serving as assistant dean to become the Dean of Business and Commerce University of West Alabama in Livingston. He went from being dean at West Alabama to Montgomery where he was appointed Chief of Planning and Economic Development and Assistant Director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs for Alabama. After serving in the state Dr. Hines returned to Troy to accept the Dean of the Sorrell College of Business position. Then back to Livingston to serve as the President of West Alabama.

Dr. Hines earned his doctorate at Kansas State University. His career in education, administration and public service has had an emphasis on economics, regional economics and development. His knowledge and experience will be a valuable asset and tool for the Sorrell College of Business in addressing future opportunities.

As we in the Sorrell College of Business say good bye and good luck to one familiar face—Dr. Earl Ingram, we greet yet another familiar face—Dr. Don Hines with welcome back and look forward to working with you again.

There will be some future announcements that will provide for additional changes not only for Troy University but for the Sorrell College of Business especially the Center for Business and Economic Services. The future promises to hold many exciting opportunities due to these changes. To say more would be premature, so just keep your eye on the mail for the next edition of the Review where all the details will be revealed.