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Chancellor Hawkins will continue at Troy

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On Tuesday, the Troy University Board of Trustees voted to renew the current contract of Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. for four more years.

Hawkins has served as chancellor since 1989 and recently entered his last year of his existing contract.

"This is an excellent move, especially given Troy University's history of long service by its presidents and chancel-

lors," said Doug Hawkins, President Pro Tem Emeritus of the Board of Trustees.

"We have benefited so much from having continuity in our leadership. This is a positive thing to continue to have Jack Hawkins as our chancellor at Troy."

Chancellor Hawkins said he was honored by the decision of the trustees.

"Troy University has been a labor of love for my wife Janice and me, and we are grateful for the opportunity to keep working on behalf of this great university," Chancellor Hawkins said.

"I believe the best is yet to be for Troy, and I look forward to being a part of it."

Hunter Beck, a senior broadcast journalism major from Brantley, shared his approval of Hawkins' renewal.

"Although I'm graduating in December, I could not be happier that Chancellor Hawkins is getting his contract renewed for four more years," he said. "He exemplifies great leadership and has a heart for the students of this great university."

Fantasy world role playing passed by SGA

Patrick Stephens
Staff Writer

A variety of business was conducted this past Tuesday at the Student Government Association's weekly meeting.

The various senators and the many Freshman Forum delegates that were in attendance heard various resolutions and motions.

One of the reports given to the SGA was an update on the discussions about whether or not the drop/add dates for university classes could be extended. The university is not able to change these because drop and add dates must be the same for all Troy campuses due to financial aid disbursement reasons. However, the university tries to be as accommodating as possible to students.

LARPing was the first item of new business that was discussed.

The organization's members provide live role playing of fantasy world action, where costumes and dialogue are utilized.

"I highly encourage you to vote to pass this," said Senator Becca Lindsey, a senior elementary education major from Opelika. "If you are thinking this is something different, go ahead because it may be different to you, but it is obviously something they care about because they went through the effort to write a constitution and form as a student organization, so take that into consideration when voting on this matter." The constitution was passed unanimously.

Other business included the introduction of two resolutions to be considered by the SGA, one putting in place the groundwork for an SGA Faculty/Staff recognition award and the other a formal resolution to place a Redbox movie rental station on campus.

Sophomore computer science major from Baker, Fla., Colton Bouchard said "It's awesome to see Redbox coming to campus, and it will be really convenient to not have to drive off campus to See SGA, continued on page 2



Caitlin Collins photo

Freshman Frenzy met behind Adams Administration building this week for their Bible study. This is the second year of the Bible study at Troy.

BCM Freshman Frenzy is back

Jacob Barber
Staff Writer

Freshman Frenzy is a seven-week Bible study hosted by the Baptist Campus Ministries.

Participants meet each Monday from Aug. 26 to Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Baptist Campus Ministries (BCM) Building by the Newman Center. This is the second year of the study.

Anna Kathryn Carter, a sophomore elementary education major from Decatur, developed the curriculum for this year's study. "The purpose behind Freshman Frenzy is to serve and equip freshman as they come in because I know for me, when I came I didn't really know how to do ministry on a college campus and it was a help for me to get plugged-in with an older college student that could teach me," Carter said.

"It gives you an opportunity to get plugged-in with an upperclassmen or just a sophomore—whatever you want to call us—that can come and help do ministry. Like some of my girls, we meet for lunch; we talk. We try to have it small group-based so they can talk about what they're going through and how to adjust to college

in a biblically-minded way."

Carter is also a small group leader.

"I think it's gone very, very well from all the girls and a couple of the guys I've talked to that were in it. They all really enjoyed it. They said they learned a lot. So I'm hoping that through this, this is going to help those of us who let it keep pouring into the people that are in our small group and help them to continue to grow while at college, while doing ministry."

"This is the first time I've actually written something for continuing weeks. I led my first Bible study where I taught each lesson this summer but I planned it each week and decided what to teach and there wasn't really a set thing. So this is really my first chance to try to plan something out and go through teaching it all, which was a huge growing experience for me and a chance for me to go on the other side from last year being in the Bible study to this year being the one that was leading it. I think it was a huge growth spiritually for me."

In addition to Freshman Frenzy, the BCM hosts a worship service called 90 Degrees each Tuesday at 8 p.m. and is open to all students.

Kappa Delta promotes child abuse awareness

Patrick Stephens
Staff Writer

This week on campus students were greeted to an overwhelming number of signs proclaiming facts such as "more than four children die every day as a result of child abuse" and "A report of child abuse is made every ten seconds."

This is no coincidence, as the ladies of the Kappa Delta sorority have been working on their annual fall philanthropy awareness week, which is aimed at raising awareness for the issue of child abuse.

"Shamrock is a favorite event that Kappa Delta looks forward to and prepares for every year. We are excited to be able to work with the community to change lives in Pike County and nationally," Kappa Delta's senior president Julie Murphy, a senior collaborative education major from Opelika, said.

According to Elizabeth Trawick, Kappa Delta's vice president for community service, this week's focus is more about awareness rather than raising money, with the money raising effort taking place in the spring.

"In the fall our Shamrock event is a week long, with the flag football tournament on Saturday being our largest event, but other things will have taken place during the week," Trawick, a junior exercise science major from Abbeville, said.

"Monday was when we posted all the facts across campus that you could see on the sidewalk and inside the buildings. Tuesday we were on the quad where we were taking donations of a dollar, after which you could pin a ribbon to the banner and place a pinwheel in our pinwheel garden as a show of support for the children who may have gone through or still be going through child abuse. Wednesday all the sisters will be walking around handing out bags with sweets and a recipe to

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Troy says goodbye to Holtz

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Staff Writer

Rolf Holtz, an associate professor of psychology, passed away late last month, leaving his memory with faculty and students of Troy.

Andrew Creamer, chair of the Department of Counseling and Psychology, said, "Dr. Holtz, when he came and started here, I interviewed him then I hired him to come in here and teach. In the beginning Dr. Holtz seemed a little different and the more I talked to him I really

appreciated that difference."

Creamer and Holtz were fast friends. "You'll bump into people at different points in life where there's just an immediate bonding and I felt that with Dr. Holtz," Creamer said.

"When he got up here I really liked him. There was no game-playing or anything like that. How he presented himself as who he was. He was pretty authentic."

They shared many conversations over the years.

"He and I are both history buffs. We both read a lot of history. So one of the

things I started doing was sharing some of my history books with him and he'd read them and then he'd come in and we'd debate them," Creamer said.

"We'd debate the history. His focus a lot was on war and what war does to people, particularly children. So a lot of our conversations evolved around how hateful we are to people sometimes and we'd look at that from historical perspectives. I do know he loved his son because half our conversations were him talking

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Cass Davis photo

Rolf Holtz, professor of psychology, passed away late last month after working for Troy for five years.

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Holtz

continued from page 1 about his son.”

“He came from a very unique background. Like lots of young people, he got out and saw the world young. So he traveled around the world. People saw Dr. Holtz and they’d see him in this stage of his life and they’d see this

old rumped guy walking around and he’d be eating candy, but he always had a smile on his face. He was quite the character. I miss our conversations,” Creamer said.

Mary Anne Templeton, an assistant professor of psychology, also spoke of Holtz’ background. She said, “He was a well-traveled man and had interest-

ing stories as a result.”

“He was an asset to the department because of the experience he brought,” Templeton said.

“His experience was social psychology, internationalization and was just fused to everything he did in the department. I think he added a lot to the program as a whole because of that.”

Templeton said that “he loved being a part of this university. He really, honestly did. He loved his students; he never complained about his students. He loved teaching them and even when he was getting sick that was his main thing, is that he wanted to be here for the students and wanted to do right by them.”

“He was a big part of this university. He’d been here for five years and in that five years he contributed a lot to the field but also a lot to the department in terms of the changes that were coming along and things like that,” Templeton said.

“So he was a good part of the team and is going to be difficult, if not im-

possible, to replace as a result. He was extremely proud to be a part of this university. The faculty recognize that and the students recognize that, I think.”

Holtz was 61-years old. He had been working at Troy since 2008 and is remembered proudly by his colleagues.



Caitlin Collins photo

Hui-Ting Yang plays on a Steinway piano that is in her office in Claudia Crosby. Yang is an assistant professor of piano at Troy.

John M. Long School of Music announces All-Steinway Initiative

Jacob Barber
Staff Writer

The John M. Long School of Music has announced the All-Steinway Initiative, a plan to replace current pianos with only those of the Steinway brand.

A fundraising concert is currently being planned, and new pianos will be purchased and phased in as the money is raised, with \$1 million being the total goal.

Director of the School of Music Larry Blocher said, “One of the next steps of academic excellence is making sure our students have the opportunity to play on the best instruments possible. Not just our pianists—folks who are piano majors—but all our faculty and students because most of our students will touch a piano in some way and many of them will go on to perform on the piano, so it’s another step for us towards academic excellence.”

“I don’t think it’s only important for the music department but for the entire university,” said Hui-Ting Yang, the piano professor in the school of music.

“We want to be an academically excellent school. So we need to have a really good facility to offer our students and also attract more and more students to come to Troy to study.”

Yang said Steinway pianos are set

apart by “the quality of the instruments, because of the sounds. The instrument itself is just like when you’re driving a car—it drives like a Mercedes. You prefer the Toyota, Honda or Mercedes; that’s the comparison. So as a musician, as a pianist myself, when I sit at the piano I can tell this is different because there’s this really subtle sensitivity.”

Blocher said that when you think of the highest quality instrument in a particular field, Steinway is the standard of excellence in the piano world.

Each instrument has its equivalent to Steinway with various instruments having different names but the Steinway brand and name has been around long enough to internationally be established as the standard in piano excellence.

Zach Smith, a freshman music education major from Wetumpka, said, “It would be nice if all our pianos were the same, high-quality brand.”

“I may play in the concert and some of my students will play in the concert to demonstrate to the audience, to the potential donors, that this is the piano and ask them to listen to the quality of the sound and see this is the reason we really need this instrument.”

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prevent child abuse in them. After this, we will focus our efforts mostly on social media by posting all sorts of facts and statistics about child abuse.”

“This Saturday is going to be a lot of fun. Everyone loves a good day of football, and it’s great to be able to participate and

help support this cause,” Logan Wagner, a junior psychology major from Baker, Fla., said.

“I just hope that everyone has fun and remembers that ultimately it’s about the children.”

Trawick went on to explain that the focus of this event is child abuse awareness. By making students aware of how prevalent child abuse is today, the sisters of Kappa Delta are hoping to put a

stop to this problem.

If anyone wants to show support to Shamrock they can talk to any sister of Kappa Delta for more information about how to get involved or would like to donate. Of the money raised, 20 percent goes to national Prevent Child Abuse America, while the other 80 percent stays in Pike County and is donated to the Pike County Regional Child Advocacy Center.

S.A.V.E. Project promotes domestic violence awareness

Tatiannah Clarke
Staff Writer

In an effort to help bring more awareness to domestic violence and mental health, the S.A.V.E. Project held numerous events earlier this month to inform students about the perils of domestic violence and mental health issues.

“S.A.V.E. stands for sexual assault and violence education,” Miranda Carlee said. “The department aims at increasing the awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence while providing support services, outreach services and counseling services to those who have become victim to sexual assault or any type of domestic related assault,”

she said.

According to Carlee October is domestic violence awareness month, and the cause is represented by the color purple. Additionally, mental health awareness week also falls within the month of October.

Carlee also said that members of S.A.V.E. handed out purple bracelets and domestic violence information pamphlets to students who also feel passionate about putting an end to domestic violence.

In support of Mental Health Week, S.A.V.E. held events such as Turn Lemons into Lemonade, where students received tips on word control, positive thinking plans and free lemonade.

Another event called

Get it Off Your Chest allowed students to anonymously submit a fear, secret or worry into a box, allowing the students to get the emotion off their chest.

Although the month is almost over Carlee said the S.A.V.E. project is currently working on new events for the spring. One in particular is a program call No More.

“No More is a national campaign aimed at galvanizing change and radically increasing the awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault in communities,” Carlee said.

To make an appointment with the S.A.V.E. Project, students can call 670-3700 or email the organization at save.troy.edu.



Hannah Crews photo

Troy University’s S.A.V.E. Project aims at increasing the awareness of sexual assault and domestic violence while providing support services.

SGA

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rent a movie.”

During executive officer reports, SGA President Cody Farrill had a lot to share with the assembled group. The Troy University board of trustees met this past Tuesday and has voted to extend Chancellor Jack Hawkins contract for another four years. Also, students should expect to see the beginnings of the new student recreation facility.

“Another big focus is on parking. The university has said that there is no problem with parking when clearly there is, especially with Sorority Hill and the

Newman Center. I’m preparing a 30-page agenda item to send to Chancellor Hawkins detailing the issues with parking students have been having. So if you have anything you want to share or see become a part of it, please submit that to us,” Farrill said.

If anyone wants to submit their stories or issues with parking, they can be sent to sgapresident@troy.edu. “Please email in or stop by the SGA office. We will be submitting a comprehensive plan to the chancellor, and it is very important that they understand that we want this to be a pro-university effort to insure every student has the ability to park,” Farrill said.

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Language lands job

Student masters language before year abroad

Brittany DeLong
Co-Business Majors

Constant practice and use of the language allowed for one student to successfully study abroad and work in Germany.

Hannah Stone, junior <DTI> major from Huntington, Md., spent the 2012-2013 school year abroad in Karlsruhe, Germany. Her main goal was to learn the language and experience a new culture.

"I had to give a lot of effort in order to overcome the language barrier," Stone said. "I realized that learning a new language is affected by momentum.

"After a few weeks of trying hard to get started, the language flows more easily."

After opening up to talk and interact with the people around her and forcing herself to speak German with her dorm mates, Stone found herself proficient in the language.

"Within the year, I was able to conduct my own business with my bank, insurance, ticket booking and doctor visits," Stone said.

She was able to communicate in German through email, in person and on the phone.

"All three types of communication are very different when learning a new language," she said. "I found out during the process how I had to treat each type of communication differently to be successful.

"The only way to truly learn a language is to dive into it and use it every day."

Stone studied at two different schools, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology and Hochschule für Gestaltung, and was able to find classes that would help build her minor in intercultural communications.

Stone said that with the assistance of her advisors she was able to find the courses and was able to transfer her credits with a lot of research, networking and time.

"Not all German universities have the same documents as Troy does," Stone said. "I had to go through several steps to create documents for Troy to get my classes to transfer, but it worked out in the end."

Outside of her studies, Stone worked as a proofreader for English submissions in

a research institute within the university and also became involved in modeling.

"I mainly worked with photographers who were seeking to expand their portfolios," Stone said. "I felt a lot less pressure in Germany to fit the usual stereotypical model proportions.

"As a model in Germany, I had to communicate with many people in German, therefore, improving my conversational skills. The work environment required the German language and understanding, which was a great way to combine studying, experiencing the culture and earning money and work experience."

Stone said that Troy offers great study abroad opportunities and through the Federation of German-American Clubs (VDAC) scholarship program, students can apply to study at numerous schools in Germany and receive full scholarships.

It is competitive for the scholarship, she said, but well worth it and a perfect opportunity.

"This experience was unbeatable, every challenge was worth it," Stone said.

"Stereotypes were broken, friendships were made, and I got to grow as an individual as I made my new life there for the year."



Hannah Stone photo

This photo was taken of Hannah Stone during a photo shoot while in Karlsruhe, Germany 2012.

Advertisement

Event offers public look into sex industry

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Staff Writer

Stella's Voice on Campus is having its big fall event, Voice of the Silenced, Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Stella's Voice on Campus is an anti-sex trafficking organization.

Sex trafficking is a crime that occurs around the world today against women and children of all ages and coming from many different backgrounds; it has even happened in some cities of Alabama.

"It hits home when it happens to girls your age and younger, especially when it happens everywhere. It puts it in perspective. I'm like, 'How could I not do something?'" said Bekah Smith, a junior social work major from Madison and president of Stella's Voice on Campus.

The parent organization, Stella's Voice, helps orphans located in Moldova that are targets for the sex trafficking industry. Setting up safe houses for the girls to grow up in a secure environment, the organization has ensured that the children and teenagers are not in danger anymore.

Stella's Voice on Campus is not only concerned with saving girls from this life but also with raising awareness of these injustices.

The event, made to both spread awareness and raise

money, will be held at 7 p.m. in Claudia Crosby Theater.

There is no cost to enter or ticket to purchase, but there will be an opportunity for attendees to donate any amount they wish to the organization. "It's perfect for poor college students," Smith said.

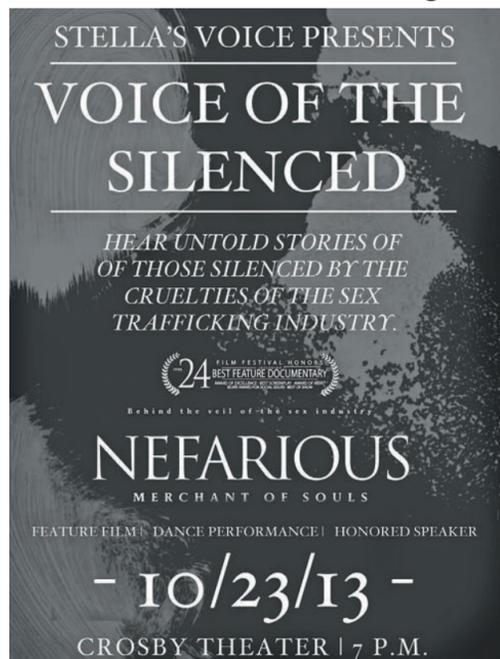
"We will have a special dance performance about the cause and then show the feature film, a documentary," Smith said of the plans for the event.

The documentary, "Nefarious: Merchant of Souls," depicts the truths and crimes of the sex-trafficking industry.

There will also be a speaker. Stella's Voice has a chapter in Montgomery at which several of the girls saved from Moldova stay. "They do speaking at events often," Smith said. "She will be there to tell her story."

Including a variety of festivities, the event has been made with the idea of attracting a large crowd. "I really liked the idea of having something for everyone. Maybe people could relate more to the arts or more to the speaker. I like that it will speak to everybody about something that really matters."

Voice of the Silenced will continue to be advertised around campus in the days leading up to the event. "We have movie posters around campus. There will be countless fliers and we have a Facebook event. There will also be classroom announcements in each department," Smith said.



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KHP club ventures into new semester of service

Taylor Foxx
Staff Writer

For students in the physical education and sport and fitness management undergraduate programs, the Kinesiology and Health Promotion (KHP) club provides opportunities to stand out among their peers through community service.

"The goal of the KHP club," said Kellen Shirley, the president of the KHP club, a physical education major from Robertsdale, "is to give students an opportunity to network with our department, get to know other students and provide them with opportunities to reach out to the community."

The KHP club is seeking to implement a new mentorship program with the Christian Love Center, a center in the city of Troy that provides after

school programs to the children of local, low income families.

The program is still in its beginning stages and is in need of volunteers who can commit to a one-on-one mentor position on a weekly basis.

The inspiration for the program came from an opportunity Shirley had to serve at the shelter during her summer semester at Troy.

"After the summer program was all done," said Shirley, "there was this girl that was really on my heart. For some reason, I connected with her on a spiritual level, and I really wanted to have an impact on her life. I brought the idea to Dr. Shaughnessy, the teacher who had taken us to the Christian Love Center. I thought it would be a fun idea if other students could mentor students at the Christian Love Center as well."



Emily Jackson photo

Cody Chancellor, a sophomore majoring in Health Education and Physical Education from Enterprise looks over information at the KHP meeting.

Along with the new mentorship program, the KHP club is beginning to restructure various elements of the group in order to promote

active participation from KHP members.

Beginning this semester, students will be required to complete a set number of service hours to maintain membership. These hours can also serve as the requirements for service hours required by their program. The new mentorship program is just one avenue in which members can gain these hours.

"The KHP Club has given me some great opportunities," said Rachel Eagerton, an junior exercise science major from Montgomery. "I have been given a chance to listen to speakers come and talk about future careers and job opportunities in my field of study.

"I also have been given the opportunity to reach out in the community and be involved in a more impactful way at the Christian Love Center," said

Eagerton.

Students majoring or interested in majoring in physical science or sports and fitness management are encouraged to attend and find their place in the group.

"It is more than just having something to put on your resume," said Eagerton.

"It gives you opportunities to really feel like you've played a part and contributed to the club. Getting involved will keep you connected with your peers, professors and the Troy community."

The KHP club meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Arboretum.

The next meeting will be on Oct. 22, this next Tuesday. Questions about the club or the mentorship program can be emailed to Kellen Shirley at kshirley102174@troy.edu.

Iconic rugby player known for integrity

Taylor Foxx
Staff Writer

James Mathews' reputation is twofold on the Troy campus. To some, he is known as gentle giant and a trusted friend, but on the rugby field, he is known as "Thor," a player whose name precedes him.

At 5 feet 11 inches and 222 pounds, Mathews is a valued player in Troy's Rugby Team.

"James has been an adamant leader on and off the field," said Jordan Nickols, a "flyhalf" on the Troy Rugby team, a biomedical science major from Holtville. "He is one of our fiercest competitors on the field, but he is also a spiritual leader on the team and a man that people look up to and respect as a captain, leader and person in the classroom as well as in the weight room."

To many in the deep South, rugby is a sport whose rules and objectives are surrounded by mystery. In simple terms, if American football was combined with soccer, this sport would be rugby.

The fierce tackles and continuous play, all without any type of protective pads, make rugby number six in Foxsports.com's "Top Ten Most Dangerous Sports in the World."

Mathews had no aspirations to play this sport in college, nor did he even know the rules himself. He played football and participated on the wrestling team in high school, but during his senior year,

he broke his leg and lost many of his opportunities to get athletics scholarships for college.

While in weight lifting at the gym in his freshman year, he connected with Anthony Clark, student rugby player who played a part in founding the Troy University's current rugby team in 2010. Clark invited him to come to one of the rugby practices and see what he thought of the sport. Rugby turned out to be exactly what he was looking for during his experience at Troy.

"When I got to Troy, I thought I would try to walk on to the football team. Then I played rugby," said Mathews, "Things clicked; I was a big guy and physical, and I enjoyed it, and so I didn't mind working for it. It is a growing sport and it is an easier avenue to find your way into."

During the first few practices, Mathew's physical build and long, blond hair naturally reminded his fellow teammates of the character "Thor," a Norse god in the recently released, self-titled blockbuster. Of the nickname options, "Thor" stuck.

Today, he is still called by this nickname though he no longer has the long hair of Hollywood's portrayal of the Norse god. Mathews recently donated 10 inches of his hair to "Pantene Beautiful Lengths," a charity that partners with the American Cancer Society to produce free real-hair wigs for cancer patients.

Both on and off the field, Mathews



Visarut Pawawongsak photo

James Mathews

proves to be a man of character. "One quality that I respect in him is that both on and off the pitch he demonstrates integrity," said Josh Harrison, a "lock" on the rugby team and a senior Spanish major from Prattville.

"If he makes a mistake during gameplay he will not hesitate to point it out. If there's one thing he will not allow

himself to do it's to become prideful," said Harrison.

In the future, Mathews hopes for an opportunity to play a sport, possibly rugby, at the professional level. Until then, Mathews can be found taking the right steps towards his goals: working out at the gym, studying for classes and breaking up "rucks" on the rugby field.



Visarut Pawawongsak photo



Anna Kathryn Carter photo

Tea For Troy: Cultural community brewing

Grishma Rimal
Staff Writer

As one of the most consumed beverages in the world, tea has grown to provide a platform for many social activities throughout centuries.

Drinking tea is not just a daily habit but also a customary ritual in many communities, particularly in the eastern side of the world. Tea for Troy is bringing this culture of social rendezvous over sips of a hot drink.

The newly found group flies under the wing of the International Students Cultural Organization (ISCO) and, in congruency with ISCO's objectives, aims to promote cross-cultural bonding within the diverse student population present at Troy.

"Tea for Troy grew out of an activity that I had already been doing in my room," said Taylor Foxx, a junior communication major from Montgomery, who started the group. Foxx says he often observes a disconnect between the American and the international students present on campus and feels that the gap often prolongs due to the lack of a common engagement between these diverse crowds.

"Tea drinking provides a natural avenue for closing this gap as it is almost universally associated with

hospitality. This group is only the intersection of great opportunity and great need," Foxx said.

The group has so far had two events in the last month with presentations on the tea culture of China and Tunisia.

"In our country, it is offensive to refuse tea. So if people are travelling, it is good to know these little things about other cultures," said Abdellatif Jouini, a senior accounting major from Tunisia. Jouini.

He was the presenter at the group's meeting last Thursday, talked about the sociocultural aspect of tea drinking in Tunisia and showed unique ways of drinking tea which included putting peanuts in the drink.

"People found it strange that we drank tea with peanuts, although it's such a natural thing for me back home," Jouini added, "But one of the members said she now wants to prepare tea for her father the way I did it. It makes me glad."

In addition to informing people on the tea culture of each nation, presenters also display how to make their native tea and provide all attendees with a cup or more each and allow them to sit down in groups, converse and play games.

"For people who don't have money and cannot travel, this is great as international students bring their country and culture straight to us," said Travis Adams, a senior

Music Education major from Elba. "It's informative to learn about other societies and the way they do this, it's fun."

The group has also started its own tea shop, which includes a selection of tea collected from around the globe, and a tea cup shop, which sells designer tea cups to promote art and culture while also providing an eco-friendly alternative to foam cups.

According to Foxx, the feedback has been very overwhelming and pleasing.

"When I was sharing the idea with teachers and Troy University staff members, not only did the idea receive their approval, many of them even desired to personally participate through attending and donating supplies," he added.

Foxx also said that the only issue they have faced has been not being able to end meetings promptly as people continue playing games, chatting and, of course, drinking tea.

The group will meet next on Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. in Trojan Center Room 119 with a tea presentation from Saudi Arabia. Membership for Tea for Troy is free for all ISCO members and \$3 for non-ISCO members.

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Seth Nicholson

Voicing one's beliefs in the face of contention an inalienable right

Kelsey Vickers
Staff Writer

Earlier in August, 23-year-old Stephanie Petelos caused an uproar with the Alabama Republican party when she voiced her approval of same-sex marriage.

Petelos, who chairs the College Republicans Federation of Alabama, made the comment that "we're governed by the constitution and not the Bible," in June after the Supreme Court overturned the Defense of Marriage.

The state's party chair, Bill Armistead, called this decision

an "affront to the Christian principles that this nation was founded on."

Petelos made the point that the marriage issue was mostly a generational one and that these religious themes could alienate younger conservatives.

Because of being open about her personal beliefs, there were numerous efforts made by the older members of the Alabama Republican Party, to remove Petelos from her position within the party.

Although the efforts of the Republicans to punish her were futile, the response she got for

her honesty was infuriating.

This controversy concerns me not only because of my personal beliefs, but because of the issue of free speech.

Regardless of what political party we affiliate with, we all have one thing in common – the right to voice our personal opinions.

It's sad that one person voicing her beliefs could have caused so much hatred and anger among her peers.

It really says a lot about her fellow Alabama Republican Party members – unfortunately, not such a good thing.

I don't think it should matter at all that her opinion conflicts with Republicans.

Just because you belong to a group of people with the same generalized beliefs doesn't mean that you have to agree on everything.

Petelos should be commended for her bravery.

Let's be honest, being a pro gay-marriage Republican is practically throwing yourself to the dogs.

I think we should all take a tip from her actions and remind ourselves that we always have the right to share our opinions,

no matter how controversial they may be.

Sharing your opinion in a group full of people who feel the opposite way is a scary thing if you've never done it.

Putting your thoughts out there for the public in general is terrifying, especially when the majority of your audience is against you.

I don't really care what you believe in as long as you're not afraid to take a stand for it in a respectable way.

Kudos to Stephanie for having the guts to say something about it.

Say WHAT?

The Tropolitan asked a random sampling of students the following question:

What do you enjoy most about your major?



"Making it up as I go along."
- The Tropolitan



"What I like most about political science is that we get to discuss issues and events that are shaping our country and our lives"

-Nelson Jancaterino, a senior political science major from Montgomery



"The feeling of accomplishment after learning a new hard concept."

-Ian Kent, a senior computer science major from Dothan



"Probably how I get to see the ways that all of us think differently when it comes to solving a particular project. It helps drive you to want to make something better each time you see someone come up with a great idea that you didn't think about."

-Aaron LaRoux, a senior <DTI> major from Auburn

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Student art on display

Kianna Collins
Staff Writer

“Mail To:” is a student submission installment in Malone Gallery, and it represents all forms of art, from drawn work to written word.

This is the inaugural showing of this particular form of installation. The submissions are printed out on 8.5-by-11 paper.

The submission process can be entirely anonymous, and work can be submitted to anyartmalone@gmail.com.

Anyone can submit artwork to the email, and it does not have to be anonymous.

Submissions can be sent in the form of digital work, scanned word, photographs, text, song lyrics and poetry. Thirty submissions were on the wall, but there were pending works

in the email to be printed. The gallery is sparse in the way it is presented, but the content is well-done. The room doesn't feel like a gallery, and, in passing, a viewer wouldn't be able to tell if it had art in it.

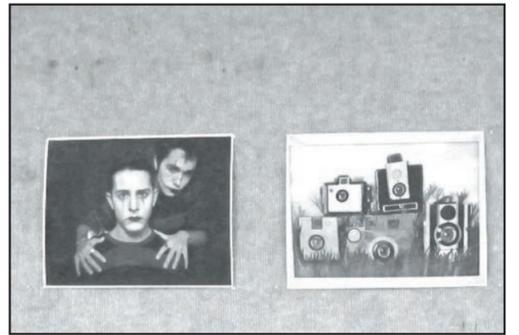
Student submissions are a welcomed way to fill the gallery.

The gallery appears to consist of mostly drawn work, even though the option to submit written work is available.

Madison Faile, a senior fine arts major from Montgomery, had a hand in the creation of this gallery, but he couldn't be contacted for comment.

Until Oct. 31, students can continue to submit work to the gallery.

There will be a reception at Studio 116 in Brundidge on Oct. 31 at 6 p.m. It will be open to the public.



Hannah Crews photos

Band flies by OcTROY-berfest



Joshua Thurston photo

The first annual OcTROY-berfest had several businesses set up tents and vendors, and there was an open-cup policy. To accompany it all, Fly By Radio performed. (Left to Right) Rigid Steele, Brent Shivers, Erica Chambers, and Jack Ash make up Fly By Radio. The band covers popular music.

Fly By Radio entertains festival goers with popular covers

Faith Karwacki
Perspectives Editor

Downtown Troy was alive with a festive atmosphere last Thursday as the first annual OcTROY-berfest was celebrated.

The festival was originally planned to help make international students more comfortable with the geography of Troy's

local businesses, but the festival gained support from local businesses, university students and the community.

Businesses on the Square extended their hours, and local vendors sold their products in tents along the center area. Among these businesses were Milky Moos, the local ice cream shop, and

My Mama's Pizza Plus. Students and locals 21 and older enjoyed a drink with the open-cup policy allowed at the festival.

What truly stole the show that night was the musical act, Fly By Radio. Students danced and sang along with the band as they covered familiar songs by artists such as Cheap Trick, Nirvana,

Guns 'N' Roses, Poison and Journey.

“They asked us to come out, said that they were doing something downtown and we were excited to come back,” Jack Ash, a guitarist in Fly By Radio, said. “We’ve always loved Troy. The first fraternity party we ever played was at the Delti Chi house here in

Troy.” Fly By Radio has been around for about 10 years. Erica, the front woman has been with the band for nearly six months.

“I would say we were a party band,” Ash said. “We play anything from Aretha Franklin to Alicia Keys to Metallica. Anything fun, really. “We’re on tour con-

stantly. We do about 150 shows a year. We would rather be out touring than being in a studio recording.”

Their next show in Troy will be Dec. 3 at the Double Branch.

You can like them under their name on Facebook and follow their tour dates by visiting their website www.fly-byradio.com.

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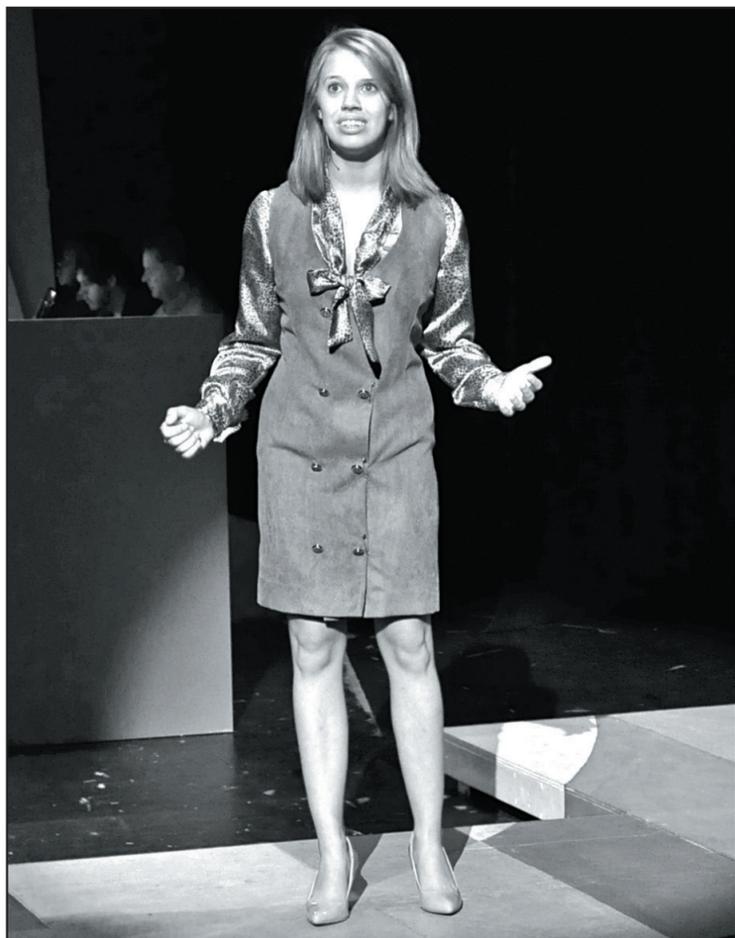
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'The Single Girls Guide'



April Irving photos

The Troy University Department of Theatre and Dance is putting on its own original adaptation of the musical "The Single Girls Guide" beginning on Friday and ending on Monday. All shows will be at 7:30 p.m. in the Trojan Center Theatre. (Left) Grace Bailey, a senior theatre major from Bonifay, Fla., is the lead actress. (Right) Taylor Morgan, a junior theatre major from Slapout, and Bailey surround Kara McDowell, a senior theatre major from Pelham.

Pokémon X and Y are super effective

Devin Smith
Cardinal Rule Editor

The future is here. With a brand-new 3-D graphics engine and improved gameplay, "Pokémon X" and "Pokémon Y" give old-school fans what they've always wanted.

The newest adventure takes place in the Kalos region, which is heavily based on France, and the result is breathtaking.

Game Freak took complete advantage of the power of the 3DS and has made one of the best looking games in the entire 3DS library.

Battling is an almost new experience and much more entertaining with animated Pokémon rather than the sprites used in games past.

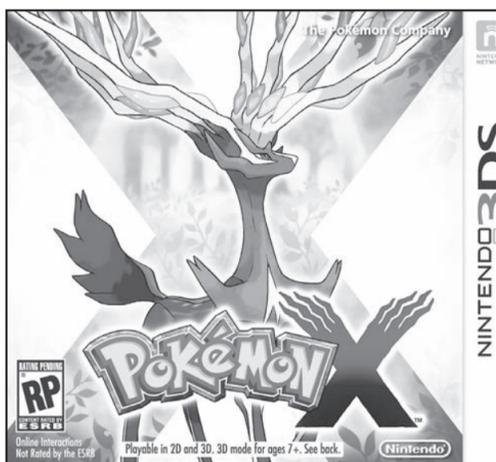
Each Pokémon has its own unique animations and all the moves are similar to what you would find in console games like "Pokémon Colosseum."

The story starts out similar to past entries; players start off in their hometown and are almost immediately given the opportunity to choose their starter.

This time you set off on your journey with a group of friends, also on their first journey, looking to solve the mysteries of newly discovered mega evolutions.

Mega evolutions allow certain Pokémon to evolve even further, either altering their type or making them significantly more powerful.

To maintain competitive balance, it can only be used by a single Pokémon once per battle. This keeps strategy involved and prevents overpowered teams full of "Megas."



polygon.com photo

Xerneas is the legendary Pokemon, which adorns the cover of "Pokémon X."

Also, for the first time since the second generation, an additional elemental type has been brought into the fray.

The new Fairy type, showcased by X mascot Xerneas, will force trainers everywhere to rethink time-tested strategies.

Twelve of the 68 new Pokémon have been given the Fairy-type, along with it being added to some from past generations.

Old fans will be pleased to find that not long after

receiving your first starter players are given the chance to pick a second from the first generation, all of which come with their respective mega stone.

The training process has also been revamped for the new game, and it is a much easier alternative to the EV training from the previous games.

There have been some early concerns as to how it will affect competition battles in the future, but that currently remains unseen.

Small tweaks in game play make this game effective on a much personal level for the gamer.

Players can now customize the look of their characters, and they are no longer restricted to being only able to have a male or female. There is now an option to choose skin tone, and players can obtain different gear for their trainers to wear as the game progresses.

With the Public Search System, players can take their customized trainer and battle or trade with people all over the world, and it has been greatly improved from the previous generation.

The ability to connect instantly with anyone in the world makes the game feel a lot bigger than its predecessors.

Game Freak has outdone themselves this time, delivering an experience unrivaled by any Pokémon game before it.

The wait since its initial announcement in early January was well worth the anticipation— "Pokémon X" and "Pokémon Y" deliver on most every front.

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Headphones preventing social interaction

Jill Odom
Variety Editor

Headphones are a great invention. They allow listeners to enjoy music, audiobooks or whatever else without disturbing others around them.

However, with the advent of the Beats headphones by Dr. Dre and similar noise-cancelling headphones, blocking out the outside world has reached a whole new level.

Now on the walk to class you are more likely to see students with earbuds or these new over-the-ear headphones on and social interaction put on hold.

For those who aren't plugged into an iPod or mp3 player, headphones simply post "do not disturb" signs above those who are listening to something.

There is also the fact that sometimes people with headphones are not listening to anything at all. They simply just don't want to acknowledge anyone around them.

For people who do this or just like playing their music wherever they are, that is their choice. Keep in mind that when you seal yourself off in a bubble of music you are preventing other people from connecting with you.

When you sit alone at a table eating, someone might come up and sit with you, but if you have earbuds in, no one is going to approach you because you look closed off to any form of conversation.

This is not to say that all people who listen to headphones are ignoring people on purpose. Everyone has those days where you really just aren't in the mood to talk and music helps you feel better.

"It's not such a bad thing," said Cassie Gibbs, a senior English major from Sweet Water. "If people want to talk to me, they can come up and talk. I'll talk, it's not stopping me."

The question you must ask yourself is whether you are separating yourself constantly with music when there are people around. Yes, it is possible to talk to someone while they have headphones in, but no one wants to carry on a conversation with a person when it seems half their attention is diverted to their music.

"It's terrible," said Buchanan Watson, a junior English major from Bermuda. "It is isolating people from the world. We come to college to communicate, but headphones prevent that."

In the past, music was a means to create social bonding; it was a thing to be shared. With the creation of headphones it allowed people to enjoy their music



Caitlin Collins photo

Riley Parker, a sophomore history education major from Hatton, tries to talk to Tyler Wooley, a sophomore undecided major from Summerdale, while walking with Cameron Cribbs, a sophomore undeclared major from Gulf Shores, and Kayla Lee, a junior exercise science major from Prattville. Headphones keep Woodley from being able to fully join the conversation.

alone, as a way to revel in your privacy while surrounded by others.

Music serves as a way to entertain and distract as you go through your day, but it also prevents you from interacting with people. Earbuds help individuals feel like they are in control of their environment and create an invisible fence of separation.

When you wear headphones it is assumed that you do not want to communicate with others and, whether this is the case or not, people will not try to reach you in your sound-cancelling safe haven.

The fact that so many people are listening to their own music becomes a silent form of peer pressure causing those who don't tend to use their earbuds in social settings to start listening to their own tunes since

everyone else is in their own little world too.

If people constantly shield themselves from conversation with the illusion of listening to music then basic skills that should be cultivated in college are gone. College is a place where you can begin to network and talk to people from extremely different backgrounds from your own, and this opportunity is lost if you refuse to take your earbuds out.

Some people use headphones to look independent and aloof from the crowd but all it really does is trap you in a tower of silence that no one will breach.

The point is it does not matter what your reason is for wearing headphones, you still come across as someone who is antisocial and doesn't want to have anything to do with people.

Trojan Treasure: Sport Management Club promotes school spirit

Jill Odom
Variety Editor

The ninth Trojan Treasure is the Troy University Sport Management Club, which meets every two weeks on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. The next meeting is Oct. 12 in Trojan Center Room 212.

The Sport Management Club's main purpose is to provide opportunities for professional growth through sport management related activities and events.

It promotes at least two events a semester that promotes Trojan athletics or a better understanding of the sport industry.

The organization was formed in fall 2012 because students in the School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management wanted an organization that fulfilled their desires for professional development opportunities. The faculty advisers are Robert Mathner and Anthony Dixon.

Any student who is interested can join but particularly those who are looking to go into the sport industry in fields such as athletic training or exercise science.

"Anyone who wants to work in the sport industry or even marketing or management should definitely consider this club," said club president Kelley Curran, a junior sport management major from

Houston, Texas. "I can without a doubt say I've gotten more hands-on leadership experience through this club alone than in any of my classes. It offers great professional development opportunities and the chance to network."

Sport Management Club is responsible for putting together Chalk Talk, which is presented by IMG. Chalk Talk is where coaches and other members of Trojan Athletics come and have an open forum style event with those who attend.

This semester the club is focused on tailgating events. The group plans to tailgate at one soccer game and one volleyball game to show those teams that it supports them and to offer a great social opportunity for its members.

The Sport Management Club is also promoting the Sun Belt Cross Country championships that are going to be held in Troy this year in order to get its members out to support our fellow Trojans.

The club's goal is to participate in one service project a semester. This semester is all about Project 19 and supporting Kailani Decock.

The Sport Management Club took a group to a career fair hosted by the Atlanta Falcons on Oct. 7, and members had a chance to establish new networking opportunities. The club is currently



Contributed photo

Sport Management Club members tailgating before Troy versus UAB on Aug. 31. The club's focus this semester is raising student support of Trojan athletics, such as football, volleyball and soccer.

planning another trip to Atlanta to see a Hawks game and get a facility tour.

To cover expenses such as advertising and social events, dues are \$20 a year. Currently there are just fewer than 30 members, but Curran expressed hopes

that the group would continue to grow.

Students who are interested in more information should contact club secretary Caitlin Drinkard at cdrinkard@troy.edu and join the Facebook page at Troy University Sport Management Club.

The Trojan Treasures section features a new or unheard of organization each week. If you want to have your group mentioned, please email Variety@tropnews.com and explain what your organization does, when you meet and where, and some of the things you plan to do during the semester.

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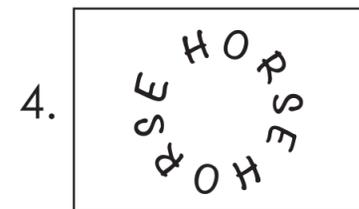
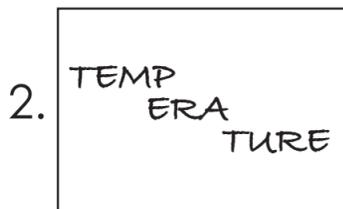
How to play:

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Solutions

1. Ace in the hole 2. Dropping temperature 3. In the public eye 4. Horse around



Volleyball wins the weekend

Lindsey Schoewe
Volleyball Beat Writer

Troy volleyball (9-12) had two home games this past weekend which resulted in beating Georgia State and University of Louisiana-Monroe.

After a weekend of success on the court two Trojans, senior setter Alexandra Alexander and junior outside hitter Marija Zelenovic, received conference player of the week awards for their contributions in the matches.

Alexander, named Sun Belt Setter of the Week, had another memorable weekend with double-doubles in both the Friday match and the Sunday matches as she totaled 83 assists and 25 digs.

"This past weekend was a big weekend for us," Alexander said. "We needed these wins to move us up in conference and, as a team, we knew that we couldn't look at these teams as teams that are last in our conference. We looked at them as a team that is in our way for us to move forward."

Zelenovic, named Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Week, was a force hitting and digging the ball for the Trojans with 31 combined kills and 13 total digs over the home weekend.

"It is nice, but it wouldn't be possible without my team," Zelenovic said. "We all played well as a team."

In the Friday match, Troy downed the Georgia State Panthers in four sets (25-17, 25-18, 23-25, 25-15).

Trojan junior outside hitter Kayla Pickart led the team with 15 kills while Zelenovic totaled 14 and Blair Winston had double digit kills with 10.

Troy senior libero Courtney Cohen finished the match Friday with 13 digs along with Alexander getting 13.



Joshua Thurston photos
Senior setter Alexandra Alexander (top) and junior outside hitter Marija Zelenovic (bottom) helped the Trojans win both matches last week.

The Trojans made a point to shut down the Panther attack posting 11 total team blocks to GSU's three.

Sunday, Troy was up to the task against the ULM, sweeping the Warhawks in three straight sets (25-17, 25-17, 25-23).

Zelenovic led the team with her 17 kills, while Winston racked up 11 and Kiah Cheatham had 10 kills. Like Friday, Cohen recorded 13 digs while Ali Dowdall had 10 digs for Troy.

Alexander finished Sunday's straight set win with 38 assists and 12 digs.

The senior setter talked about her excitement and how honored she feels about getting this the conference award.

"As my mom always told me, 'I wouldn't be where I am without God,'" Alexander said. "I thank God for giving me my talents as well as my teammates for making me look good! Without my hitters getting attacks, I wouldn't have gotten assists, and without my passers giving me passes I wouldn't have given my hitters a good set."

The Trojans will be traveling to Texas this weekend, a trip that is meaningful for junior defensive specialist Kelley Curran who is from Houston, Texas.

"Since I have been here, the closest we have gotten to Texas would have been Mississippi, because the Louisiana's and North Texas' teams have always come to us," Curran said. "I played travel club volleyball with one of the girls on Texas State and UT Arlington. It will be great getting to play against them."

The girls will play Texas State this Friday and finish the weekend with UT Arlington on Sunday.

Soccer

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"We lost in the last three minutes of the game but that is not to say that we didn't get our own chance," Bentley said. "We just hit the post right towards the end of the game that would have tied the game. We were just a little bit unlucky."

The match Sunday in Atlanta against Georgia State offered more misfortune for the Trojans who fell 2-1 to the Panthers.

Georgia State took a one goal lead in the 37th minute, but, with time running out in the second half, Troy senior Jane Latif tied the match with an unassisted goal in the 88th minute forcing overtime.

Unfortunately for the Trojans, the Panthers were able to find the net again in the 100th minute to win the match 2-1.

What stung the most about the loss for Bentley and his team was a bad call by the official that cost Troy an important goal in the second half.

"We had a goal called back in the second half due to offsides that was, after watching the video, hard to watch," Bentley said. "We really had our chances to win the game and missed out then with that one."

However, the past is the past and the Trojans have their eyes on beating South Alabama this Sunday at home.

"I think they have got good athleticism on the wings, which gives a little more speed," Bentley said. "I think they have the ability to play a quite nice, attractive style of soccer but they are also not afraid to mix it up and be aggressive so I think they are a good mix of everything."

Troy plays the Jaguars Sunday, Oct 20 at 1 p.m. at home.



Joshua Thurston photo
Senior Jane Latif scored the one goal Sunday.

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Trojans excel at Coach "O" Invitational



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Senior Enock Kirui won the individual title for Troy in the 2013 Coach "O" Invitational on Saturday while the women's team finished second.

Pigskin Picks

Week 8 Current Leader:

Lindsey Schoewe



Andrew Clay
(49-22)



Caleb Odom
(42-29)



Devin Smith
(45-26)



James Travis
(51-20)



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Pickett to the rescue

Safety Chris Pickett's interception won the game for Troy despite being overlooked at the end

Caleb Odom
Sports Editor

Troy football (4-3) was able to out duel the Georgia State Panthers Saturday, Oct. 12, for the 35-28 win because of some quality defense in the fourth quarter, and the biggest play might just have been the one Chris Pickett made.

The senior free safety, Pickett, had to endure the first half stuck in the Atlanta Falcons' locker room because of a penalty in the South Alabama game on Oct. 5, which got him kicked out of the game.

"Going into the game, Coach Blakeney knows my personality and he knows the type of guy that I am, and I can be very intense sometimes," Pickett said. "All this week, he had just been 'Don't get mad, don't get mad Chris. Don't say anything just get ready for the second half.'"

During pregame warm ups in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Pickett was telling his teammates what he planned to do when halftime was over and he was allowed back on the field.

"I just told all the guys when I was warming up 'the show is going to start in the second half,'" Pickett said. "I'm going to make something happen. I'm going to make a play. I'm going to make a play in the second half. I told all those guys, strength and conditioning coaches and everybody I'm going to make a play in the second half."

The score was 28-28 in the fourth quarter and Georgia State was threatening to take the lead with about four minutes to go in the game.

Pickett and the Trojan defense needed a stop.



Joshua Thurston photo

Senior free safety Chris Pickett's fourth quarter pick was the play of the game that everyone forgot about.

It was second-and-12 for the Panthers at Troy's 47-yard line when GSU quarterback Ronnie Bell threw the ball high into air down the field.

"I saw the quarterback. He was getting pressured a little bit so I just stayed in my pedal," Pickett said. "I saw him let the ball go and it was like he was throwing the ball to me but there was a receiver behind me."

Pickett was at the right place at the right time as the poorly thrown ball fell back towards the Georgia Dome turf at the Troy 17-yard line.

"I pretty much had to go up and get the ball at the highest point," Pickett said. "I didn't want to make a mistake, didn't want to drop it, didn't want to fall. I had to keep my balance after I caught my ball."

The senior safety ended up returning the interception 20 yards to the Troy 37, setting the stage for a Trojan offensive scoring drive.

Lost in the shuffle of Corey Robinson to Chris Williams for a 54-yard touchdown catch was Chris Pickett, the defensive back who shut the door in Georgia State's face giving the Troy offense a chance to win.



Joshua Thurston photo

Sophomore Jasmine Fahrnbauer controls the ball in a recent game.

Soccer fighting for conference leverage

Caleb Odom
Sports Editor

The Troy Soccer team (6-9) is looking to get an important conference win against South Alabama on Sunday, Oct. 20 at home to improve its position in the impending conference tournament.

The Trojans have a spot in the tournament but much is to be determined about who they will play once the matches begin on Wednesday, Nov. 6 in San Marcos, Texas.

"Right now our focus is on South Alabama and getting a result is important," Troy head coach Chris Bentley said. "Right now we are playing

for seeds. They are a good team. They are competing for a championship as well and we have to take the mentality that this is a game that prepares us to get as close as we can and as best a seed as we can in conference."

The Trojans are coming off a tough road trip that handed them two heartbreaking conference losses to Western Kentucky on Friday, Oct. 11, and Georgia State on Sunday, Oct. 13.

Western Kentucky, the top team in the Sun Belt with a 5-0 conference record, broke up a 0-0 struggle with a late goal to escape defeat at the hands of Troy.

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Vannoy siblings pace Trojan golf

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Sports Editor

Langley Vannoy and her brother Clayton Vannoy led their respective Troy golf teams this week with solid play on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 14-15.

For the Troy women, junior Langley Vannoy shot a 72 and 77 finishing tied for eighth place with teammate Becca Horner who carded a 73 and 76.

The Trojan women's golf team was competing in the Jacksonville Courtyard Classic, a tournament that Troy placed sixth in out of 12 schools despite the heavy rain that shortened the event.

Freshman Fatima Fernandez Cano shot a 78 and 77 while junior Taylor McGraw finished with scores of 81 and 74 to place the pair tied for 30th.

Junior Brooke Spinks rounded out the field of Trojans tied for 45th after carding an 81 and 78.

The Troy men's golf team was in Atlanta competing in the AutoTrader.com Collegiate Classic, a tournament

that the Trojans placed 11th in.

Langley Vannoy's younger brother, Clayton Vannoy, highlighted the event for Troy with his hole-in-one on Monday and quality play that ranked him tied for 21st for his 74 first round, 69 second round and 73 in the final round.

Junior Phillip Brennan was only one stroke behind Vannoy shooting a tournament total of 217, placing him tied for 25th.

Tolver Dozier's improvement after each round from 75 to 74 to a final round 70 put the junior tied for 36th.

Jack Tucker finished for 63rd with a total of 224 while Wil Clowdus ended up 72nd with a final round score of 74.

The next tournament for the men will take them to Kennesaw, Ga. to compete in the Pinetree Intercollegiate on Oct. 21-22.

The Troy Women's golf team travels to Murfreesboro, Tenn. next where the Blue Raider Invitational is on tap on Oct. 21-22.

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