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Welcome back, Trojans!



April Irvin Photo

New and returning Troy students participated in various activities over the move-in weekend. Left: Gabbi Grayber, a freshman interpreting major from Alabaster, moves into her dorm and gets ready for the school year. Top middle: from the left, Katie Gee, a senior interpreting major from Tuscaloosa, Wesley Carnley, a senior ecology and field biology major from Esfill Springs, Tennessee and Josh Hutchers, a freshman undeclared major, participated in the Baptist Campus Ministries Survival night. Bottom middle: a group of girls run across Elm Street to meet the members of the sororities on Bid Day. Right: T-Roy shows school spirit during one of the many welcome week activities held by various groups on campus.

Parking decal fees rise

JoJo McBride
Staff Writer

Students received an email on July 9, informing them about the rising costs of parking decals from the Troy University police department.

Decals, previously \$50, are now \$75 each year for students.

Some students feel that the higher price for parking decals is an inconvenience.

Ariel Douglas, a sophomore history major from Mobile says, "I think that they should have at least waited a little bit to raise the parking decals because they raised that and tuition at the same time."

Students have to dig deep into their pockets this

semester as more unavoidable fees come forward for the year. "With the housing situation, students that would be living on campus are now having to find an apartment and they can't afford everything," Douglas said.

Other students feel that the new cost is understandable and it is worth the \$75 every year.

"I do understand the business side of it and the fact that things have to get paid for. We're paying customers here at the university," said Anthony Cuchens, a sophomore biology major from Freeport, Florida. "I'm not an Alabama resident. If I wanted a Troy tag, I would have to get an Alabama license plate and change everything to Alabama."

An alternative to buying a decal every year is purchasing a Troy University license plate.

With the Troy University license plate you can receive a free parking decal as long as the university tag is issued to your vehicle.

These plates cost around \$50 and the money raised from the tags is used to help Troy University students.

According to the Troy University alumni page about \$48 of the \$50 spent on the license plate goes to the Trojan Pride Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded to a senior or graduate student with at least a 3.0 grade point

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Phishing for your information

Recent phishing attempts become more sophisticated

Cassie Gibbs
News Editor

Troy University's Information Technology Department recognized several phishing attempts meant to get users personal information through the University's email system late one Friday evening.

According to Greg Price Sr., chief technology and security officer for Troy University, the messages began as simple and clearly recognizable phishing attempts.

"Typically, the phishing attempts are clumsy; the message content is poorly written, the message is addressed to a generic recipient and the source of the message is a known location for inappropriate activity," Price said. "Those messages were not sophisticated – they exhibited all of the hallmarks of phishing attempts."

As the IT Department began to block the attempts, the messages began to become more sophisticated.

"The sender increased the level of complexity, using a compromised mail system at a U.S. university to distribute the content," Price said. "Additionally, the messages were addressed to the recipients, included a Troy University logo and false representation of Troy University IT."

The latest messages were sent to close to 1,000 Troy University users.

Phishing messages are used to retrieve personal information or "credentials," according to Price. If a phisher is able

to get a person's credentials, the results could be costly.

"They never intend to use the credentials, rather, they sell the username and passwords," Price said. "The buyers often use the credentials for financial gain."

Often, a person uses a single password or similar passwords that aren't very complex for all online activity. If this information is retrieved, the phisher can gain access to many more types of personal information such as bank accounts and social media accounts.

The IT Department sent an email to Troy University users last Thursday, August 7, urging users to change their passwords.

"The reuse of passwords also represents a significant threat that is being exploited to a higher degree this year," Price said in the email. "Recent data breaches at large companies such as Adobe serve to underscore the damage that can be caused when individuals re-use the same password with multiple services."

If you need instructions on how to change your password, you can go to the IT department's website at <http://it.troy.edu/services-support/training/guides/index.html#email>.

Price stresses the importance of using a strong password and protecting one's online privacy. "Most of our lives have a major digital aspect – if those credentials are compromised, the damage can be far-reaching and irrecoverable."



Caleb Hicks photo

Ashley Wiggins, a freshman nursing major from Slapout, registers for her parking decal for the upcoming school year. The prices of the decals rose from \$50 to \$75. Students have the option of buying a Troy University license plate to help reduce costs and help with scholarship funds.

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New leadership for Troy

Cassie Gibbs
News Editor

Troy University recently underwent some changes in leadership not only on Troy University's main campus, but also at other Troy University campuses around the state.

At Troy's main campus, the positions of Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Economic Development and Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Services were filled with new faces.

Walter Givhan recently filled the position of SVC for Advancement and Economic Development at the beginning of August, after the retirement of previous SVC John Schmidt.

According to a press release, Givhan "will be responsible for leading our efforts in development, governmental relations, economic development efforts and marketing and communication."

Givhan is a Troy alumnus and a retired major general from the US Air Force.

Mark Tillman, a professor and current Chair of De-

partment of Kinesiology and Health Promotions, was recently appointed to the position of Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Services after previous Interim Dean John Miller stepped down.

Leadership changes have also occurred at Troy campuses all over the state.

According to an email sent by Andy Ellis, Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor of Troy University, announced the following faculty changes starting on Aug. 1:

Lance Tatum was named Campus Vice Chancellor of Montgomery campus.

Ray White has been named Vice Chancellor for Human Resources of Montgomery campus.

Don Jeffrey was named Vice Chancellor of Global Campus and is the current Interim Dean for the College of Communications and Fine Arts on Dothan campus.

Skip Ames has been named Interim Vice Chancellor for Dothan Campus and is the current Assistant Dean of the Sorrell College of Business.

Hawkins was quoted in the email saying, "Troy University is fortunate to have a cohesive leadership team."

Second break-in in six months



April Irvin photo
A lock box in Wallace Hall Library was reported to be damaged Aug. 4. While there was nothing stolen from the box, this is the second break-in in the past six months for the library.

Cassie Gibbs
News Editor

There was a previous break-in in April, where a thief broke into the library's safe and stole between \$500 and \$600.

For the second time in six months, the library, located in Wallace Hall, has had a break-in to a "movable security structured safe," according to a university police report.

John McCall, Chief of university police, said that the movable safe was a lock-box that had been emptied prior to the break-in.

"There was nothing of value inside the safe and it was not being used anymore by the library," McCall said. "The library had chose to not use the lock box after the previous theft."

This is not the first break-in at the library.

In the April break-in, there was no sign of forced entry and a single check was left in the safe. It was suspected to be an inside job due to the safe being in an area only staff and faculty could access.

The most recent break-in caused damage to the lock box costing \$300.

There were plans to add cameras in the second and third floors of Wallace Hall after the April theft.

According to McCall, no security changes will be made because the lock box was no longer being used by the library.

Faculty and staff challenged to step out of comfort zone

Lilly Casolaro
Staff Writer

"Battling declining enrollments and state support for higher education" is a primary challenge facing Troy University, Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. said Friday.

Confidence in higher education as a whole, especially among rising student debt of \$1.2 trillion, and competition among universities are struggles mentioned by Hawkins during the annual Faculty and Staff Convocation in Claudia Crosby Theater.

The convocation recognized new and returning faculty, with emphasis on the impact of student-teacher relationships. In addition, the assembly addressed current and future goals and challenges of the university involving all campuses.

The Wallace D. Malone Jr. Award was presented to Diane Orlofsky, professor of music education and director of University Choirs. Demonstration of engaging and communicating with students and other co-workers effectively and positively influencing the lives of others are among several qualifications for this award.

Hawkins addressed several challenges for the 2014-2015 academic year. He encouraged faculty and staff to get out of their comfort zones. He prompted them to mentor students, build internships and constantly recruit new students.

He announced a two percent pay raise for faculty and staff, effective Jan. 1. Last year's pay raise was three percent.

Other speakers included Earl Ingram, senior vice chancellor for academic affairs; Matt Thompson, Student Government Association president; and Dionne Rosser-Mims, associate professor in the College of Education at Troy University's Covington, Ga., site and last year's Malone award recipient.

Frank Browning, associate professor of counselor education at the Augusta, Ga., site, commented on the attainability of these goals mentioned by Chancellor Hawkins.

"It is going to be a struggle, but I think we will do it, yes," Browning said.

Jeffrey Ickes, professor in the division of Counseling, Rehabilitation and Interpretive Training at the Augusta, Ga., site, said he is optimistic about the upcoming school

year. Both said Troy University is progressive because of the strong leadership.

According to Hawkins, the fund that provides students' expense paid educational travels on study abroad opportunities is expected to triple within the next three or four years.

The university has established a fund of \$120,000; half of the funding for that program comes from voluntary extra fees that people pay when they buy Troy University license tags for their vehicles.

Richard Scott Nokes, associate professor in the English Department said there are means established for faculty to be able to lead study abroad trips, but now the goal is to provide the same means for students to attend.

Nokes said two factors that have students hesitate when considering study abroad trips are finances and little experience with traveling.

Hawkins used a famous quote by Ghandi to show the change and progress that he would like to see Troy University achieve. "We must be the change we expect in others."

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average. A portion of the money raised through the plates will also go to a new study abroad fund.

As of date the university's web page does not reflect the current changes in the price of the parking decals.

Decals can be picked up in the Trojan Center in Room 119. The police will be available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to issue decals.

Marauders in Malone



April Irvin photo
A student acts out the theft of 15 Apple Macintosh computers from Malone Hall's art and design lab. Each computer was estimated to cost around \$1,400 per computer plus the cost of the software packages on each computer. The theft is classified as theft of property first degree.

Jill Odom
Sports Editor

While students were walking across the stage during summer commencement on Friday, July 25, the Art Department was realizing that 15 iMac desktops had walked out of Malone Hall's art and design lab.

On Wednesday, July 23, classes had ended and a student was in the lab until 5:30 p.m. Afterward the cleaning crew was present from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. The theft of the iMacs began to go down at 2:37 a.m.

The Art Department reported the theft during graduation.

There was no forced entry and key fobs control access to the lab. Due to classes not being in session, admittance was even

more limited. The police department has no comment on suspects at this time but is following up on leads currently.

The stolen desktops were 21.5-inch iMacs and estimated to cost \$1,400 a computer and the felony was classed as theft of property in the first degree.

There were multiple software packages on the computers such as the Adobe Creative Suite, Fontographer, which is \$500 to \$700 per computer and the Microsoft Office package.

The security plan for the lab is under review and changes are expected.

"Unfortunately, events like these change the policy and all students will be affected and lab hours will be less liberal in the future I fear," Chief of University Police John McCall said.

Dorm elevator overheats

Overuse causes elevator fire alarm to sound

Lilly Casolaro
Staff Writer

Over the move-in weekend, multiple fire alarms resounded across campus.

Overuse and overheating of a Trojan Village 400 elevator was the cause of a fire alarm on Sunday afternoon according to a Mowrey Elevator maintenance employee.

The smoke detector located in the elevator sensed the overheating causing the motor to be replaced in the elevator; a repair that took approxi-

mately 12 hours.

One resident who was awakened from a nap by the noise was startled by the sudden trigger of the alarm.

Christina Carlisle, a senior elementary education major from Springville, thinks this should have been addressed as part of routine building checks and maintenance before students began moving in to ensure safety of tenants.

"Just tell people 'don't overuse the elevator,'" Carlisle said.

The fire alarm was not the only indication that the elevator was in need of a maintenance check. According to Carlisle, approximately three hours before the fire alarm went off, visitors heard yelling coming from trapped passengers in the stuck elevator.

Earlier in the weekend, Newman Center 100's fire alarm sounded twice on Saturday night around 7:30 p.m. and 3 a.m. Two fire trucks and one police vehicle were at the scene of the first speculated fire.

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Students become archeologists amid rocket fire

Jamie Bennett
Staff Writer

Everyone knows the name Indiana Jones, but before he could become a famous adventurer, he had to become an archeologist first.

Students got that very chance this summer at a dig in Ashkelon, Israel.

"It was a student-run archeological dig," said Bill Grantham, a professor of archeology at Troy University. "It was a program called Summer Field School, where the students attended classes while they worked."

"Troy offers independent study classes to get credits that way," said Clayton Johnson, a junior anthropology major from Enterprise. "The whole class is through Harvard's summer school, so you can sign up through them."

The trip became more than just working and learning, as political tensions heightened.

"Ashkelon was 10 miles from Gaza," Johnson said. "We often saw and heard rockets shot off by Gaza so that the sirens would go off."

The ongoing situation between Gaza and Israel escalated with the kidnapping and killing of three Israeli teenagers, found in the West Bank.

Israel placed blame on Hamas, a militant group that controls the Gaza Strip.

Then, Israel arrested and raided the homes of Palestinians, killing at least ten. In response, Gaza began to send a higher volume of rockets into Israel.

All of these events took place after students arrived and began working at the dig sites.

"Things progressively got worse from there, and there were more rockets and more sirens," Johnson said. "The fourth weekend, there was a group of people planning on going to Jerusalem, and the bus driver refused to go because of the danger."

When asked how the political situation between Gaza and Israel affected their trip, Alanna Cook, junior psychology

and criminal justice major from Grove Hill said, "We still got to dig, but there were certain activities that we could and could not do."

"We got sent home early," Cook said. "Doors opened and closed because of the tensions rising."

Because of the proximity of the dig to Gaza, the students were moved from their location in Ashkelon to Tiberius, Israel, as Israel enacted Operation Pillar of Defense against Gaza and Hamas.

Tiberius is one of the northernmost cities in Israel, and it is out of range of the rockets being shot from the south.

From the new location, the students were able to see sights that they would not have been able to visit, had the trip gone as planned.

The Sea of Galilee, as well as other archeological sites, was among the sights the students got to see during their three-day tour of Northern Israel. Meanwhile, the directors waited to see if the political issues would calm enough to return to work.

In the end, it was too dangerous to return to finish the digging season and close the sites.

While some schools allowed their students to stay and work at another site in a safer location in the country, Troy University stated that their students needed to be pulled and return to the United States.

New flights were booked and Troy students returned home after spending five weeks in Israel, one week short of their initial return.

Despite the apprehensive situation, there was

still time for fun.

"We walked through King Hezekiah's Tunnel, located in the city of David in Jerusalem," Cook said. "We also climbed down the cliffs of Arbel with nothing but large metal staples to keep us from falling."

"We had every weekend off," Johnson said. "They took us to Jerusalem and took us to the museums, then dropped us off and we had to find our own way back."

When asked to speak on the cultural differences, there were mixed opinions.

"It was different, but not as different as some people would think," Johnson

said. "I had the best hamburger of my life there."

"I couldn't eat a cheeseburger because it wasn't kosher," Cook said, taking the opposite side. "The diet was obviously something we had to get used to."

Despite the cultural differences, both Cook and Johnson expressed an interest in going back.

"After the first week there, I knew I wanted to go back. As an anthropology major, it's something I'm interested in," Johnson said.

Johnson also expressed an interest in seeing more people signing up to go on next year's trip.



The group of seven Troy students attending the Summer Field School pose here with the university's flag. Contributed photo

Freshman learn the ropes of college at Impact 2014

Tori Roper
Staff Writer



After attending Impact in preparation for their first year, freshmen get settled in and participate in campus activities, such as BCM Survival pictured above. April Irvin Photo

Impact: the start of the freshman freakout and the parent withdrawals.

From the serious lectures by professors like John Kline, director of leadership development to the fun and games of Camp Butter and Egg, the sessions were a time for freshman to learn the ropes of college.

Cody Ash, admissions recruiter and Impact organizer, is very pleased with the result of this summer's Impact. "They came in with great attitudes, wanting to be involved," he said of the class of 2018.

Ash also gives a lot of credit to the Impact leaders for how fluidly the summer went.

Jorge Solis, a junior political science major from Pell City said, "The best aspect of working at Impact is having the opportunity to influence decisions and giving students the opportunity to succeed."

Solis' advice to the freshman was "Work hard and stay focused."

Katie Roe, a freshman nursing major from Pell City expressed that she was nervous about meeting her peers before coming to Impact.

"College is where lifelong friendships are made, and it was strange to think the people I met at Impact could be a part of my life forever," she said.

Luckily, though, Impact calmed many of her fears and she met many of her new sorority sisters while at Impact.

Roe and Julia Orcutt, a freshman physical education major from Helena both agree that Camp Butter and Egg was the best part of Impact.

As exciting as Impact was for the first year students, it was also a heartfelt time for the parents. With sessions like "How to Parent a College Student" to information about housing and meal plans, the parents come out much more informed about Troy aWInd the future for their students.

Overall, the Impact experience is one that most Troy University students will never forget.

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Adjuncts underpaid; students underserved Meanwhile tuition, fees increase

Ngoc Vo

Perspectives Editor

I cannot help wondering whether my education is what I am paying more for with the increases in tuition, general university fees and parking decal price.

"Students aren't getting what they pay for or, if they are, it is because adjuncts themselves are subsidizing their education," Maria Maisto, president of adjunct activist group New Faculty Majority, told The Atlantic.

The American Association of University Professors reports that adjuncts constitute 76.4 percent of U.S. faculty in 2011, and a study by the U.S. House of Representatives in January shows that the majority of these adjuncts live below the poverty line.

Adjunct position, according to the report, refers to non-tenured instructional staff. Most adjuncts in Troy University are part-time faculty members.

While the pursuit of better housing, a recreational center that matches those of bigger universities and athletic facilities that show the spirit of our so-called Trojan Warriors may be worthwhile, the first priority of a university should be the quality of higher education.

After talking to Troy Human Resources Specialist Donna Riley, I still could not obtain the university statistics on adjunct faculty. However, I was able to gather some information from various departments.

Lillis Sullivan, secretary for the Math Department, said her department will have 17 adjuncts as opposed to 11 full-time professors in the fall.

Meanwhile, the Department of Art and Design, which normally has four adjuncts, will have only one this semester, according to department chair Pamela Allen.

"Every position available for full-time professors is filled," Allen said. "There has to be a budget (for personnel)."

Allen said Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. decides the number of full-time professors for a department based on student enrollment. The rest of the faculty is hired as needed.

Although most of these adjuncts teach more than one class, they cannot have more than eight credit hours per semester. They are paid by the credits taught.

Full-time professors teach approxi-

mately 12 credits per semester, with salary varying depending on their contracts. "Full-time positions do cost more," Allen said.

Adjuncts make poverty-level wages from the university and they live below the poverty line unless they have other sources of income. "It's hard to make a living to be just an adjunct," said Robert Templin, a mathematics adjunct from Troy. "I'm not condemning the pay. It's just the reality of it."

Templin is a full-time minister at Collegedale Church of Christ. He said teaching is an additional source of income and a way to stay connected with college students.

An adjunct who wished to remain anonymous said the university is paying \$750 per credit. The source has taught almost every semester at Troy for 19 years, with \$300 per quarter hour starting pay rate.

According to the source, adjuncts do not usually get raises, unlike full-time employees who are able to qualify for, for example, cost-of-living raise at the university's discretion.

Adjuncts also do not have job security with hire-as-needed contracts.

Moreover, the U.S. House of Representatives' study reveals that 75 percent of adjuncts said either their employers did not offer benefits to part-time faculty or they were otherwise ineligible for their employers' benefits packages.

In addition to being under financial stress, adjuncts are also less available to students.

"The biggest difficulty (of teaching as an adjunct) is not having an office or office hours," Templin said. "It's a challenge sometimes to meet with students while you have a full-time job. It can be difficult to coordinate schedules."

There are perks to being taught by adjuncts, especially the insights they provide from their work in the field. However, their limited accessibility to students and their financial strain lessen the quality of education.

Higher education has become a service industry where the business maximizes its profit by underpaying employees and under-providing consumers.

Students aren't receiving the education they're paying for. The fault is not in the adjuncts, but in the system that underpays adjuncts.



Seth Nicholson

Life after college is significantly different says recent graduate

Chynna McKillion
Contributor

Before I graduated from Troy, I felt like a deer in headlights.

When everyone asked me about my plans after college, I didn't have any ideas and here I was, about to step into the big, bad real world not knowing what would come next.

Fortunately, it all fell into place about a week before graduation. I got a job at a local newspaper, and started my journey as an adult.

From what everyone had told me in college, I was expecting the world to be a cold, hard place that would chew you up and spit you out at a moment's notice. That is not true.

Professors constantly tell you that they are preparing you for the real world. However, in my reality, college is easier than the real world. In college, your professors own your free time. In the real world, it's yours.

Besides a degree, the most important thing to get out of college is networking connections. Outside of academia, it is not about your grade point average, it is about whom you know.

I was hired by my current employer because a friend recommended me. It is not fair, but, unfortunately, that is how the job market runs.

Moreover, it is crucial to get experience while you are in college. Upon graduation, having a blank resume is the



worst thing you could do. Get out there, and get a job related to your major. You might get paid peanuts, but in the real world, experience is your golden ticket.

The last thing you need to get out of college is memories. Don't just stay in your dorm room, go to campus events. Get out there and meet new people! You never know whom you will meet because college is the place where you make lifelong friends.

College will be full of happiness, sadness, triumph and defeat. When it all ends, you might be surprised how much you changed throughout it all.

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Say WHAT?

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

What did you do
this summer?



"I helped out with band at my old high school."
- Adam Wilson, a graphic design freshman from Elba.



"I worked mostly and shadowed some doctors while getting a slight tan."
- Abigail Scarbrough, a biomedical sciences senior from Clanton.



"I went to Nicaragua!"
- Jesse King, a biology freshman from Dothan.

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'Fahrenheit 451' kicks off year

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Troy University continues on its path with the Common Reading Initiative with Ray Bradbury's novel, "Fahrenheit 451."

The book, written in 1953, is the story of a fireman named Guy Montag whose job is setting books on fire instead of putting them out.

It is against the law to own and read books because they contain ideas, and the government wants to control the flow of information. It doesn't want its citizens to have an idea unless it gives them one and prefers that they remain superficial and distracted.

This works well, as most of the time the firemen aren't even necessary because people have already stopped wanting to read.

Montag realizes that books and the ideas inside of them are important to society and to the individuals that read them, and goes against the government to get people to read.

"Personally, I think that reading is the key to all kinds of new worlds and opportunities," said Elaine Bassett, a member of the Common Reading Initiative committee who is excited to be using "Fahrenheit 451" this year.

"The more we know," Bassett said, "the more we enjoy knowing, the more our minds open, the more effectively we think, and to truly live in this society of ours, we must be thinking individuals, not just reactive masses."

The Common Reading Initiative, which the university uses to inspire reading in its students and to promote the importance and entertainment of reading a book, is a part of the Quality Enhance-

ment Plan, a requirement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Troy University also received a large grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to go towards a Big Read program.

The National Endowment for the Arts picks around twenty books for a Big Read for different groups to choose. Since "Fahrenheit 451" is one of those, Troy University will be using it so it will be the same as the Common Reading Initiative.

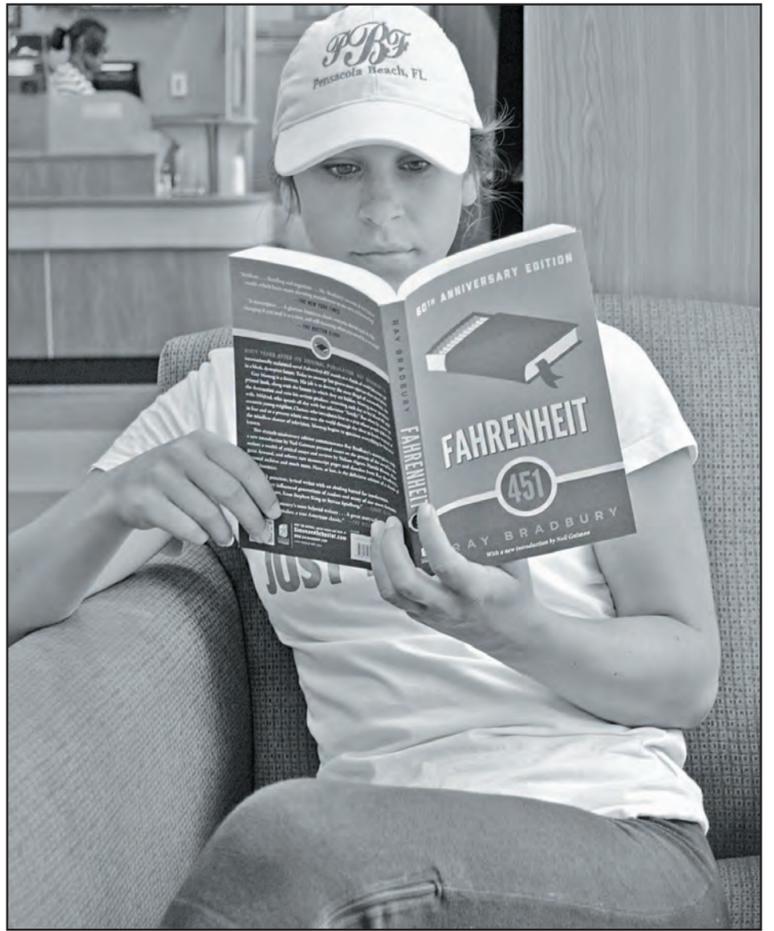
The Big Read started in 2006 with its pilot project and had its national launch in 2007. It is a program that focuses on spreading reading awareness in supporting groups and the surrounding communities. The Big Read tries to get people to see the importance of books and inspire everyone across the nation to read more through discussing great works of literature, much like the main theme of "Fahrenheit 451."

The Big Read will last for about a month and the grant will go towards the university sponsoring or co-sponsoring projects and events related to the book, such as discussion groups, a 5K run and a film festival.

The university will also be collecting children's books to distribute to groups that support children's reading.

"Books have the ability to question, challenge, defamiliarize and even alter the sense of who or what we are," said Priya Menon, a member of the Big Read committee and an English professor who will be teaching about "Fahrenheit 451."

"Books allow us to be reflective about the ways in which we relate to ourselves, to other people, and to the world at large."



Hannah Crews photo

Rachel Neal, an incoming freshman business major from Pensacola, Florida reads the required text for the Common Reading Initiative. Professors incorporate it into their curriculum to advocate reading with new students. Fahrenheit 451 tells a tale of a dystopian society that burns books at the temperature of 451 degrees Fahrenheit.

Events to look forward to in upcoming semester

Jamal Carswell
Staff Writer

As stated in years past, the Art, Theatre and Music departments have a rich tradition of producing thrilling and exciting works for the students, faculty and visitors of Troy University.

This semester is shaping up to have nothing less than the same high quality productions. All are invited and encouraged to attend, participate, and support the Art, Theatre and Music Departments at Troy University.

Students, especially, have much to gain by attending a production from any of these institutions.

Students can glean knowledge from those more experienced than themselves and by supporting work from their peers.

Mixing experience and fresh perspective is a time-tested method of the Troy University Art and Theatre Departments, allowing both its viewers and participants to have the maximum learning experience.

The Troy University Music Department will also have a strong showing this year, as in the past.

Whether it's in a practice room, in a concert hall or echoing through the city of Troy on game day, the Music Department can be both heard and appreciated.

One recurring event from the Troy University Music Department is the "Night of Swing" on October 28.

The "Night of Swing" is an event that has received high praise in the past, making it another must-see production from both the students and faculty of the Troy University Music Department.

Attending and, if able, participating in the productions of the Troy University Art, Theatre and Music Departments promises to be a gratifying experience.

The coming semester is booming with opportunities to support your fellow Trojans' endeavors in the arts, and doing so is not only encouraged, but also appreciated.

Dance/Music/Theatre/Troy Arts Council Highlights

September

16 Vivance Music Group
7 p.m.—TAC

25-27 Lab Production 1
7:30 p.m.—Theatre

October

7 Symphony Band Concert
7 p.m.—Music

10 Gospel Choir Concert
POP/USL Concert
7 p.m.—Homecoming

8-11 Fall Musical
7:30 p.m.—Theatre

12 Fall Musical
2:30 p.m.—Theatre

14 Sally Mayes
7 p.m.—TAC

15-18 Fall Musical
7:30 p.m.—Theatre

27 Percussion Ensemble Concert
7 p.m.—Music

28 Night of Swing
6 p.m.—Music

Frequency Concert
6:30 p.m.—Music

30-31 Dance Fall Concert
7:30 p.m.—Dance

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Nifty ways to save money in college



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Kirsten Henry, a senior biomedical sciences major from Huntsville, reviews her tuition charges for the semester.

Emily Beckstrom
Staff Writer

Freedom has never felt so expensive until you come to college. You finally have your own place, and you make your own rules but you do not have the money to enjoy everything you want to.

By the second half of the semester, you may find yourself searching nooks and crannies looking for quarters to do laundry and wondering where all your money went.

Learning to budget well is essential to college survival. Not only does it save money, but it also builds your character as you learn to make smart choices and become independent. College can become a lot more fun if you learn how to budget your money.

Here are six simple money-saving tips that are helpful for any college student wanting to avoid bankruptcy:

1. Seek alternative transportation

Skip the hassle of parking and paying for gas by taking advantage of the free transportation system

offered on campus.

The three-shuttle system runs from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. during the weekdays around student-based apartments in Troy. Students can find shuttle maps at the University Police Department, Barnes & Noble and the Trojan Center.

If you live close to the school, walking to class or riding a bike is healthy for your body, the environment and your wallet. Another smart and convenient option is carpooling with friends and/or classmates.

2. Buy or rent used textbooks

Do not spend all your money on textbooks from the campus bookstore. Websites like Chegg, Bookreuter and Amazon offer discounted prices on new and used textbooks.

If you do not want to wait a week for your textbooks to arrive, Amazon Prime even offers college students benefits, such as free two-day shipping, free for a six-month trial period.

Some websites also buy new and used textbooks from students which means more money in your pocket at the end of the semester. Buying books from other students in the campus is also an economic alternative.

3. Take advantage of campus resources

After paying for tuition and textbooks, you may wonder how you can afford to do anything in your leisure time. The university itself offers a solution by providing students with many free activities and resources.

Avoid monthly gym memberships by using the fully equipped fitness center on campus free of charge. If you want or need a book, check the library first before you spend any money.

A variety of cost-free activities is always on-going on campus. Most of them also include provision of free food. Events like laser tag, step shows, dodgeball and dollar movie night are nominal ways to have a great deal of fun. Intramural sports are also great for recreation.

4. Ask for student discounts

Carry your student ID everywhere you go in Troy and ask if they offer students a discount before you pay. Many businesses in the Troy area will give a student discount to Troy University students that show a valid university ID.

5. Search for scholarship opportunities

Luckily for us, finding free money can be simply a matter of doing a Google search. Many scholarships have specific criteria for applicants.

It is important to read scholarship requirements, if there are any, before applying. However, scholarships opportunities can be easy to find because there are so many of them. Different departments within the campus offer different scholarships throughout the year. Staying vigilant for such opportunities can put less strain on your bank account.

Students can find scholarship information at the financial aid office and the university website.

6. Keep track of expenses and make a budget plan

Most college students fail to note their spending and impulsive purchases can leave you broke. Assign a certain amount you will allow yourself to spend each month on food, shopping, travel and other such expenditures. Knowing your limit can help you stop from spending idly.

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School meal plans

Editor offers food for thought

Grishma Rimal
Variety Editor

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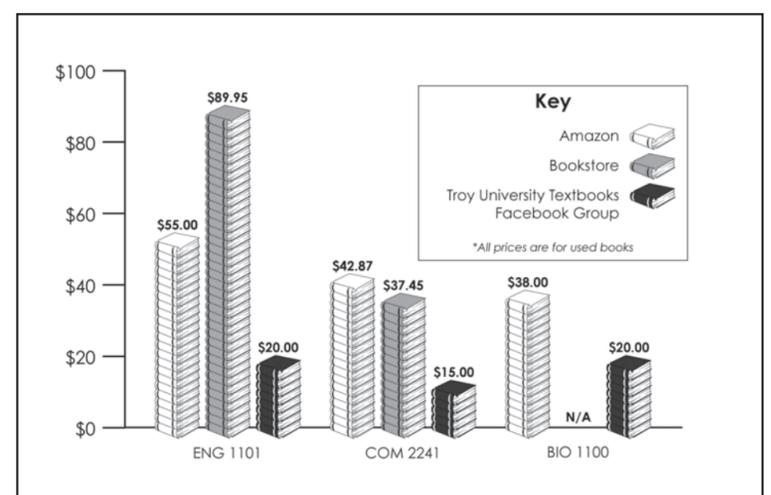
Pros

- As you do not spend time cooking, it gives you more time to study, sleep and sleep more.
- You can avoid the hassle of doing dishes.
- You can easily spend time with friends who also have meal plans.
- You can minimize frivolous spending on meals off campus.
- The central location of the Trojan Center within the campus means less driving.
- Moe's.
- When you crave a Twix bar and some Ben & Jerry's at 11 p.m., Herb's Place can be a blessing.

Cons

- The odd operating hours of the dining hall and the food court services may leave you hungry sometimes.
- You may get tired of the limited options and the repetition of food at the dining hall.
- If you are the kind who prefers cooking to pre-paid meals, a meal plan might be a costlier option.
- Constantly resorting to campus fast-food may get you that Freshman 15 you want to avoid.
- Running out of flex points before the end of the semester is a constant fear.

The better bargain



Taylor Bowser graphic

Above is a price comparison for books required for three different general studies courses. As the graph shows, buying books from students can be a cheaper alternative to buying them from retailers. For more images, go to tropnews.com

Troy hires new head softball coach

Jill Odom
Sports Editor

Head softball coach Melanie Davis resigned from her position on May 19, 2014. She finished her time with Troy with a 780-509-4 record.

Davis was originally hired in 1993. She was head coach of both volleyball and softball. It was three years later when she decided to dedicate the next 21 years of her life to Troy's softball program.

"I hold Coach Davis in the highest regard and wish her the best as she enters the next chapter in her life," Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. said. "While she will be missed on campus, she will always be a Trojan."

Davis also helped lead the Trojans to several conference titles and one NCAA Regional berth.

Although no specific reason was named for why Davis chose to step down, she did state that it was with mixed emotions that she tendered her resignation.

"I wish the best of success to the current student-athletes who are blessed to wear the uniform," Davis said. "I have no doubt that you will be successful in the classroom, on the field and in the wonderful game of life."

After a nationwide search, the dogs were called off on June 17, when Beth Mullins was announced as the new head softball coach.

As one of the top young coaches in college softball, Mullins is only the second head coach in Troy's NCAA Division I softball history.

The Fairhope native has just completed her third season as an assistant coach at Mississippi State and has also worked as an assistant coach at Western Kentucky, UAB and Georgia Southern.

Mullins' teams have advanced to five NCAA tournaments during her nine-year career, along with all three seasons at Mississippi State.

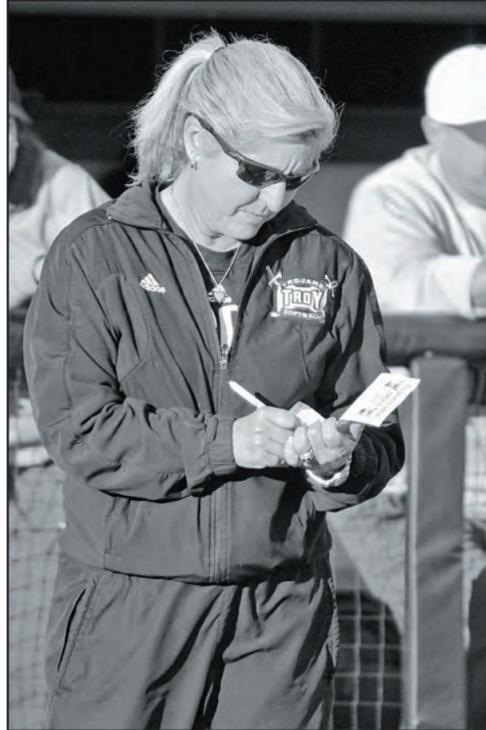
"I'm honored to be the next softball coach at Troy University," Mullins said. "I want to thank John Hartwell and Dr. Jack Hawkins for the opportunity to become part of the Troy family. I'm here to win at everything we do – on the field, in the classroom and in the community. I look forward to building a championship program at Troy."

While with the Bulldogs, Mullins worked with the outfielders and served as the hitting coach. During the 2014 season, Mississippi State won 39 games, which tied with the third most in school history.

In 2013, the team set the program record with 51 home runs, tied for two stolen bases a game, and stole the second-most bases in the university's history with 114.

Mississippi State ended the season with their highest slugging percentage in 10 years with a .422.

Last season, the Bulldogs dominated against eight ranked teams, including five wins against teams listed



Hallie Dodds photo

From left to right: Former head softball coach Melanie Davis who has worked with the softball program for 21 years. Beth Mullins was announced as the new head softball coach in mid-June.

in the top five. They are the fourth SEC program that has won a series against Alabama and Tennessee in the past 10 years.

Mullins spent her first season with Mississippi State teaching hitters an advanced two-strike approach, and a more disciplined approach at the plate. As a result, the 2012 offense finished in the top 10 in runs, home runs, slugging percentage and stolen bases.

As an athlete, Mullins played for the UAB Blazers from 2001-04. Her sophomore year she led the team in RBIs and walks, and junior year she led with home runs and walks. During Mullins' senior year, her batting average was .311.

Mullins inherits a Troy Softball Complex that underwent a \$3 million renovation prior to the 2014 season. The field was lowered to improve sight lines and the outfield was replaced with artificial grass.

The press box was also updated to include offices, a media area with press box, an expanded concessions area and new officials' locker rooms. Also in the ren-

ovation was the construction of the Dodds Center, a state-of-the-art hitting facility. The 8,000 square-foot facility houses a player locker room, player lounge, athletic training room and hitting and pitching areas.

"Beth has a strong track record of recruiting high-level student-athletes from not only Alabama, but also across the Southeast," Athletic Director John Hartwell said. "Beth's extensive experience in coaching and playing, along with her south Alabama roots, make her a great fit for the job."

Mullins announced the hiring of new assistant coach, Whitney Cloer, in July. Cloer served one season as an assistant coach from Oklahoma and is a former catcher for Arkansas.

"I am extremely excited to have a coach of Whitney's caliber joining us at Troy," Mullins said. "She is a proven winner and with her strong knowledge and passion for the game, Whitney will make an immediate impact on this program and our student-athletes."

Football field gets face lift

Megan Phillips
Staff Writer

This year, fans watching Trojan football will enjoy an entirely new and improved audio-visual experience, as Troy University unveiled its brand new Daktronics projects for the 2014 season.

Daktronics was founded in 1968 and manufactures large-format LED video displays for locations around the globe.

Among these projects is a new video board located in the southeast corner of Veterans Memorial Stadium that will measure 23 feet high by 54 feet wide.

This board will feature a 15HD pixel layout that provides viewers with a clearer image quality.

It will also have a wider angle and higher contrast, in addition to vivid graphics, vibrant animations and quickly updating statistics, scores and advertisements.

Not only will the new main display provide excellent picture, but it is also capable of withstanding the harsh

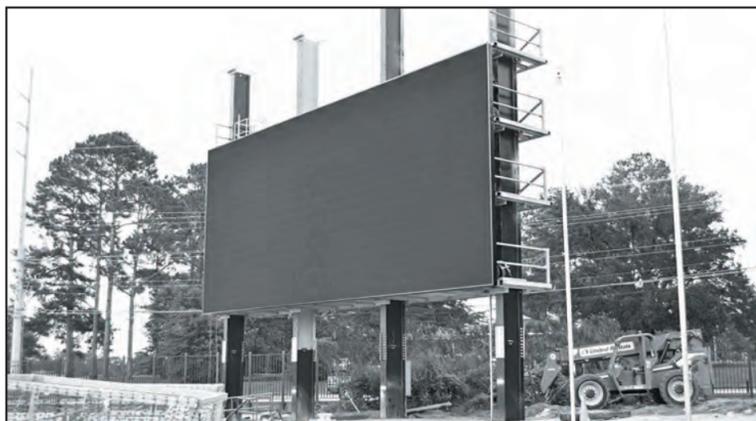
elements.

Daktronics will also be providing the stadium with two 100-yard ribbon displays that will follow both upper decks and measure 2.5 feet high and 300 feet wide and provide 20 millimeter line spacing.

In addition to these improvements in visual experience, the stadium will be seeing an audio upgrade, with a new custom-installed audio system allowing for clearer speech and full-range sound reproduction.

Improvements outside the stadium include two new marquee displays that will replace the boards currently standing on Highway 231. They will feature 16-millimeter line spacing and stand 6.5 feet tall and 16 feet wide.

"We are pleased to partner with an industry leader like Daktronics, with whom we have a long-standing positive relationship," Troy Athletic Director John Hartwell said. "Additions such as these will help us continue to build the Troy Trojan brand."



Hannah Crews photo

The new video board is located in the southeast corner of Veterans Memorial Stadium. There will also be two 100-yard ribbon displays.

Big Five

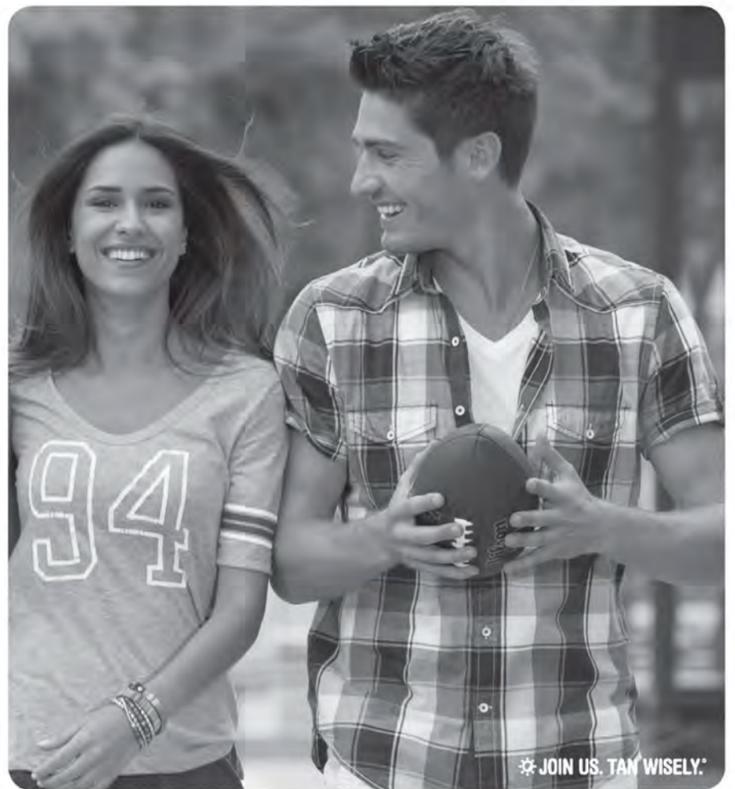
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"I think we ought to be candid about that," Rice University president David Leebron said.

If the NCAA wants to make this legislation happen, support the Power 5 and promote what will virtually be a split Division I, then go ahead. I wouldn't support it, but again, I would understand the logic behind that decision.

Don't act like this is in the best interest of all of the student-athletes, though. This isn't in the best interest of 60 percent of student-athletes in one sport, in one state, let alone the nation! As for fans of smaller division schools, such as myself, we can just attend our schools' events, support our teams and show that the smaller markets make a difference in the NCAA Division I.

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“Big Five” conferences are not fair

Wally Pendergrass
Staff Writer

I'm a very patient person. I don't have many things that bother me, but one that just drives me crazy is not accepting something for what it is. For example, the reason the convenience store cashier asked how your day was to be polite, not to start a conversation.

The waitress who gave you her number just wanted you to stop talking to her; she won't answer when you call. And you know what, I'm perfectly fine with that! That's just how things are. Don't hide behind the premise of those things, but accept them for what they are. You're probably wondering what this has to do with sports.

Last Friday, the NCAA passed autonomy for the “Power 5” Conferences, the SEC, Pac-12, Big Ten, Big XII and ACC. This means that schools in these conferences can come up with rules to govern themselves with things such as player stipends and recruiting terms. This will allow those conferences to put up legislation for a vote and it will only govern their schools. Victory for the players! Right?

Wrong. Victory is only for the 65 schools in those conferences. This was simply the biggest guy in the room throwing his weight around. What this does is allow schools such as Alabama and Auburn to offer services such as agents, tickets for family members to postseason events, and other expenses to their players as they will see fit. Three other schools in the state play Division I football and will not be allowed to use or propose similar rules.

“In the end, everyone recognized this was something very good for Division I,” NCAA president Mark Emmert said. “From my point of view, this is a wonderful development.” The problem is that this only applies for 40 percent of Division I football players in our state.

Last time I checked, the risks of playing football didn't change outside of Tuscaloosa or Auburn; neither do the problems facing student-athletes. This decision shows that the NCAA is only interested in keeping the billion-dollar industry in the pockets of its biggest moneymakers.

I'm a realist. I understand that if both Troy and Alabama sell out a football game Troy only makes roughly 33 percent what Alabama does. I do feel like some compensation should be given to those schools.

But there is a difference in giving some recognition and giving the sport over. The talent division between the Power 5 and other conferences will only widen.

“There is a risk that the gap will grow;

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Gridiron games: Who will start?

Wally Pendergrass
Staff Writer

We are just 16 days away from our Trojan war with in-state rival UAB, and to get you ready, here is a look at our team and some of the position battles currently going on.

The Trojans will no doubt be looking to have better starts to games, in terms of defense. They have historically been a team that wins the first half and at times struggles in the second half, but 2013 was the reverse.

The defense allowed 137 points in the first quarter last season, and only 81 in the fourth quarter. Defensive Coordinator Wayne Bolt will no doubt be looking to continue the fourth quarter success while getting the team off to a faster start.

The Trojan defense is anchored by Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference First Team defensive end Tyler Roberts. The junior from Hoover looks to continue the Trojans' tradition of having a great defensive line. Roberts was fourth on the team in tackles last season and led the team with 5.5 sacks.

The linebackers have two solid returning starters from last season in seniors Wayland Coleman-Dancer and Mark Wilson. They look to build on their success from last season, where they were fifth and third on the team in tackles respectively.

The Trojans have a new coach on the defensive side of the ball this year. Al Pouge joins the Trojans as the cornerbacks coach. He will

no doubt be relying on the leadership and experience of Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference Second Team selection Ethan Davis. Davis looks to make his senior season as successful as last year, when he broke up nine passes. This tied him for first on the team.

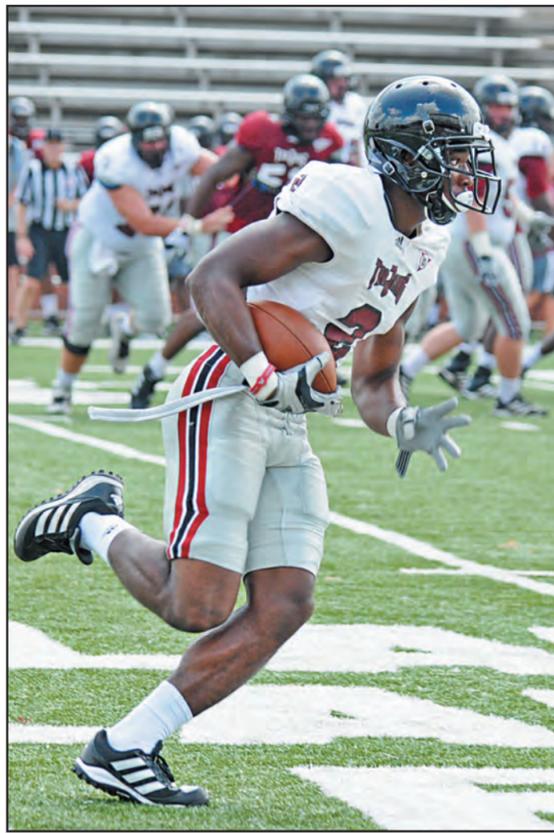
The Trojan offense had a problem similar to the defense. The team only scored 89 points in the first quarter, while scoring 118 in the fourth. Starting in the trenches, the Trojan offensive line could be one filled with seniors.

The Trojans may start four seniors on the offensive line, which remains a highly contested area of competition within the team. It is known that Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference First Team selection Terrence Jones will start at right tackle. His fellow linemen will rally behind the senior from Huntsville.

The Trojan receivers are led by senior Chandler Worthy and Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference Second Team selection, junior Bryan Holmes. They will try to fill the void left by Eric Thomas, who became the Sun Belt's all-time leader in touchdown receptions last season.

In the backfield the Trojans have many options, including junior Brandon Burks and senior Khary Franklin, who each averaged over five yards per carry last season, and sophomore Jordan Chunn, who had 14 rushing touchdowns last year.

The game of football has become about who is under center, and the Trojans are



April Irvin photo

Freshman wide receiver John Johnson practices at the scrimmage on Saturday, August 9. Johnson is from Troy and played for Charles Henderson.

having a battle to see who gets that right this season. Dontrel Pruitt, a junior from Laurel, Mississippi, and Brandon Silvers, a redshirt freshman from Gulf Shores, are currently neck and neck to see who gets the coveted quarterback position. The Trojans have shown before that they can succeed with a dual quarterback system, and

we might see that again this year.

The Trojans begin the season in Birmingham against rival UAB on Saturday, Aug. 30. The first home game for the Trojans is the following Saturday, Sept. 6 against Duke.

Track coach Jill Lancaster steps down

Thomas Gleaton
Copy editor

An era of Troy University sports ended this past June, when track and field coach Jill Lancaster resigned her position.

Athletic Director John Hartwell announced her immediate departure, citing “family medical concerns.”

“We will begin a national search immediately for the next coach to lead our track and field and cross country programs,” Hartwell said.

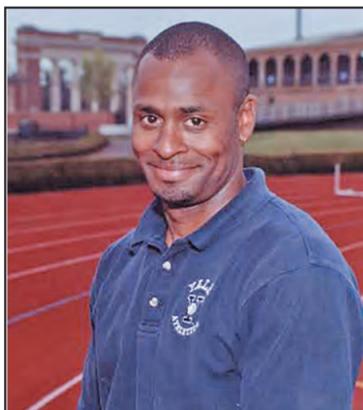
Lancaster began her career as an assistant at her alma mater, the University of Oklahoma. She then moved to Kansas, Toledo and Kansas State, before returning to Oklahoma to become the co-head coach.

Lancaster worked for nine years with Troy's program and seven as head coach. She led the Trojans to several NCAA First Round Championships.

Since Lancaster took over as head of both programs, seven Trojans have earned All-American honors. One student-athlete, Nicola Bolla, set a Sun Belt record in the hammer throw in 2013.

Lancaster's legacy is the most successful tenure since Troy's move to Division I. This leaves a high benchmark for the next coach.

Six weeks later, the search ended. Yale University coach Marc Davis was hired



Contributed photo

New track coach Marc Davis has been coaching at Yale University since 2000.

for Lancaster's position.

“We are extremely excited to welcome Marc to the Troy Family, as his results over a decade and a half at Yale speak for themselves,” Hartwell said. “His enthusiasm is contagious and his vision for the future of the Troy track & field and cross country programs is one every Trojan can be excited about.”

Davis graduated from Lafayette College in 1995, where he ran under Coach David Shoehalter, who is the

current coach at Yale. He was a two-time Patriot League champion sprinter. His coaching career began when he joined the staff at his alma mater in 1995.

Davis also worked as an assistant at Millersville University, starting in January 1997. Some of his Marauder runners went to the NCAA Division II Championships.

Davis joined Yale in 2000, and he became the head coach of the men's track program in 2011. There, he worked with his Lafayette coach and led Bulldogs to Ivy League Championships in relay and sprint events. Under the guidance of both Davis and Shoehalter, many runners set school records in multiple events.

“Marc has competed and coached at the highest level in collegiate athletics and he will be a great asset to this athletics department,” Hartwell said.

Currently, Davis serves on the Board of Directors for the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

“I'm ready to get down to Troy and start working,” Davis said. “We have an outstanding returning nucleus of student-athletes and I'm excited about the future of the Troy track & field and cross country programs. There are a lot of talented athletes in the South and I've always wanted to have the opportunity to coach in this part of the country.”

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