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## Troy student dies in crash

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News Editor

A Troy University student died in a two-vehicle collision Tuesday, Oct. 14, around 11 a.m.

Lauren Brooke Strickland, 20, was driving a 2007 Mazda 6 along Highway 10, about 5 miles east of Clio, Tuesday morning when she collided with a 2014 International tractor-trailer, according to an Alabama State Troopers press release.

The driver of the tractor-trailer was Clarence Hardison, 50, from Portsmouth, Virginia.

Hardison sustained injuries and was transported to a local hospital. Strickland, who was not wearing a seat belt, was declared dead at the scene.

State troopers are still investigating the crash.

Strickland, a sophomore undeclared major from Ariton, was a leadership scholar at Troy University. She worked in the Career Services office with Anne Clark, the secretary for the department.

"I worked with Lauren Strickland for three semesters," Clark said. "She was a wonderful young lady. She always had a natural smile. I don't remember a time when she didn't come in with a smile on her face."

Clark said that Strickland always loved children and was thinking about what she would choose for her major.

"She had two younger siblings and

absolutely loved children," Clark said. "I remember that she said she may want to look at education for her major."

Strickland worked with First Baptist Church's day care center, a Mother's Day Out, run by Betty and B.J. Bateman.

According to Strickland's supervisors, she was thought of highly by all who worked at the day care. She was described as being a "very dependable worker" and "well-liked by all who worked with her."

Hannah Galloway, a senior communication major from Ariton, knew Strickland from high school.

"She was an all-around awesome girl," Galloway said. "She always had a smile on her face. I never saw her without one. She was a great person to be around, all the time."

Galloway said that in a small town, when an event like this happens, people in the community support each other.

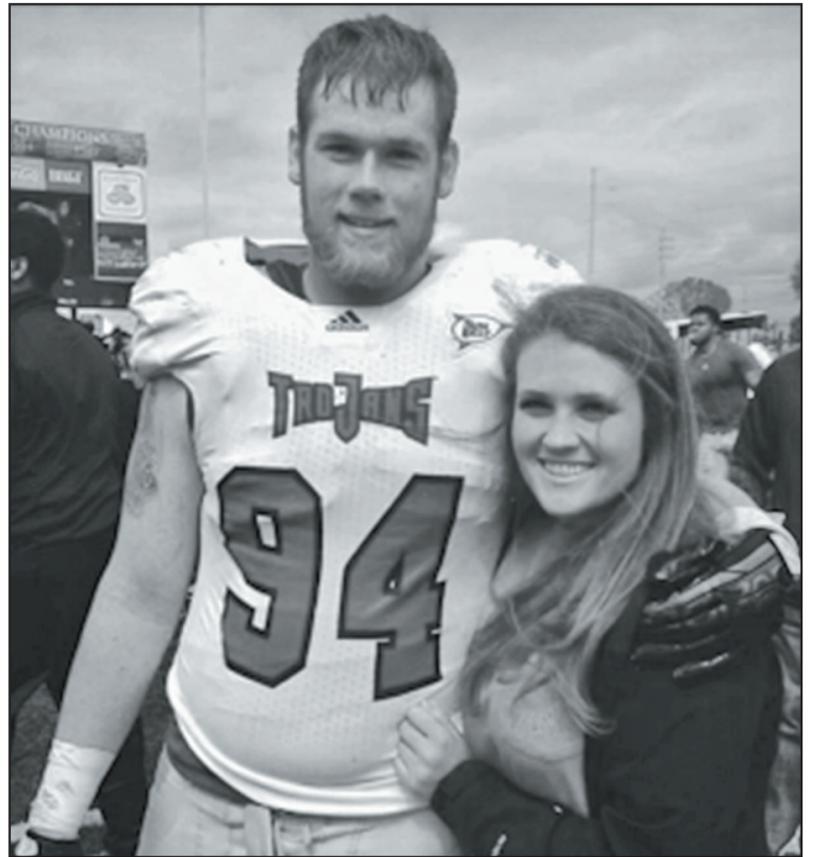
"Of course, we all come together then and really try to show what the person means to us."

Herbert Reeves, dean of student services, said that the university's thoughts are with her family during this time.

"This is a very tragic event," Reeves said. "Anytime you have the life of a person lost at such a young age, it's a loss for the Troy community and the university."



Lauren Brooke Strickland



Contributed photo

Lauren Brooke Strickland, a sophomore undeclared major from Ariton, and her boyfriend Seth Calloway, a freshman homeland security major from Ariton, take a photo after a Troy game. Strickland died Tuesday morning after a crash with a tractor-trailer about 5 miles east of Clio. She was not wearing a seat belt. State troopers are still investigating the wreck. Some co-workers and friends called her a "wonderful person." She was a leadership scholar and a preschool teacher.



Caleb Hicks photo

Slayton Scott, a junior risk management and insurance major from Panama City, Florida, stands with Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley (left) and Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. after being announced as homecoming queen. Homecoming queen and event winners were announced during halftime at the Troy vs. New Mexico State game Saturday.

## Slayton Scott named homecoming queen

Cassie Gibbs  
News Editor

Slayton Scott was named 2014 homecoming queen Saturday at the homecoming game against New Mexico State. She succeeds 2013 homecoming queen Mallory Jayjohn.

Scott is the publicity chair for the Student Government Association, a member of the University Activities

Council, a former Troy University cheerleader, and social chair and risk management chair for Phi Mu sorority.

She is also a member of Delta Mu Delta, a business honor society, and the risk management and insurance honor society, and is the director of events for Gamma Iota Sigma.

Scott is an active member of Tea for Troy, is a Trojan Ambassador and a Troy IMPACT leader.

## Troy to host Native American ceremony

Lilly Casolaro  
Staff Writer

Troy University will host a two-day event on Friday and Saturday where students and community members can witness a Native American ceremony and learn about the culture.

The Ma-Chis, an Indian Lower Creek Tribe of Alabama, are having a Pow Wow exhibiting Ma-Chis culture through ceremonies, authentic crafts and traditional dancing.

The event is open to the community, families and local schools. Those in attendance will experience singing and music, native food and Indian vendors showcasing the Ma-Chis folklore.

According to machistriebe.net, the Ma-Chis are remnants of what was known to European explorers as the "Creek Confederacy" located in present-day Southeastern United States.

At the event, the Ma-Chis will be performing their sacred Grand Entry Ceremony, which will begin the Pow Wow. This ceremony is a time for the Ma-Chis to reflect on the tribe's history and traditions. During the ceremony, the participants wear colorful regalia (the traditional uniform of the ceremony) and perform cultural songs and dances.

"It is a spectacular sight filled with beauty, excitement and pride," said Vice Chief Nancy Carnley.

The regalia exhibits the type of dance

and typically includes flashy or colorful attire with ornamentation depending on what the dance represents.

Guests can expect to view several types of Native American dances, each associated with a specific Ma-Chis tradition and meaning, according to Carnley.

The Pow Wow serves as a unique chance for students to learn from and connect with Native Americans.

"For many of our students, this opportunity may not present itself again," said Herbert Reeves, dean of student services and coordinator for the event. "This event is one that provides our students an opportunity to learn through means other than the classroom."

The Ma-Chis Pow Wow embraces the diversity of Troy University's campus and provides a cultural and learning experience for all students.

"It is also an opportunity to expose our international students to early Americans and the culture and traditions from the Native Americans," Reeves said.

Pow Wow etiquette is required at the event, according to Chief James Wright of Elba. Photos should not be taken without permission, nor should people or regalia be touched without asking first.

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## Trojan Madness New aerial systems minor first in state

**Destiny Hosmer**  
Staff Writer

Troy University director of basketball operations coach Mike Worley spoke about Troy Men's Basketball at the Student Government Association meeting Tuesday night.

Worley encouraged student involvement in the upcoming Trojan Madness event held in the Trojan Arena on Thursday, Oct. 23.

The event, sponsored and catered by Chick-fil-A, will start at 6:30 p.m. The men's and women's basketball teams will be in attendance for the event, which will include a 3-point shooting contest, a dunk contest and a fan participation contest. Three big prizes will be awarded at the end of the event.

"We felt like if we did a madness night where we got all of the students involved, it would get the word out about the basketball team. We need you guys (the students) in the stands to help us, and student participation and support kicks off at this event," Worley said.

The SGA placed two new organizations' constitutions on docket: the Troy University Trojan Thunders Cricket Club and the Troy University Russian Club.

The Trojan Thunders Cricket Club's purpose is to promote the sport of cricket at Troy University and in the United States. This involves competing in tournaments with other univer-



Jennifer Carlisle photo

**Mike Worley, director of basketball operations, talked to the SGA about the Trojan Madness event, meant to promote support for the basketball teams.**

sities and hosting cricket practices. This may also involve teaching cricket to interested individuals.

The purpose of the Troy University Russian Club is to provide opportunities to share Russian and Eastern European culture and knowledge, as well as encourage cross-cultural communication between student members, faculty and administration.

rope to enter the arena.

Friday, Oct. 17, the festivities will begin at 9 a.m. at the practice fields behind Troy University's Trojan Arena.

Friday is a designated School Day, allowing area schools to participate by "Honoring our Heritage." However, anyone is welcome to attend.

Saturday, Oct. 18, the event will continue with open admission to the public with the Grand Entry Ceremony starting at noon. The Grand Entry Ceremony is reserved for dancers and veterans, but others can come and go as they please throughout the event.

**Jojo McBride**  
Staff Writer

Troy University became the first university in Alabama to offer a program in unmanned aerial systems when the new minor launched this fall.

Col. Al Allenback, USAF (retired), said in a university press release, "This new minor is very timely, especially as Gov. (Robert) Bentley has just announced the formation of an Unmanned Aerial Systems Task Force."

The minor consists of seven courses that cover the history of unmanned aerial systems, background on how the systems operate, design of the systems, applications of the systems and the legal and ethical aspects of the machines.

Allenback said that the rules of ethics are important because people who already operate the unmanned aircraft have to be careful about where they operate in the Federal Airspace.

There are plans to include a course on piloting familiarization in the future, which will be a lab split between construction and actual UAS piloting.

The minor is 18 hours, and all of the courses are taken online.

The price for the aerial minor classes are the same as regular online classes.

Allenback said that in Term 1 the program has covered a large span of students, ranging from military to students who are simply interested in unmanned aerial systems. He said this program will be a tremendous growth industry.

"The estimates are that over 100,000 jobs will be created over 10 years and it will be an \$82 billion industry in 2025," Allenback said.

According to the press release, Allenback and a team of professors developed the minor over the last two years. This team represents physics, law enforcement and other unmanned aerial system

operations.

Allenback said this technology covers a large field from commercial to private operation. He stated that the conflict with this is between commercial interests, like Amazon, which would use "drones" to bring packages to your door, and the Federal Aviation Administration, which has to focus on the national airspace.

"The commercial guys are pulling a tighter turn that the FAA right now," Allenback said. "They have formed a small unmanned aerial system coalition. They're going to lobby for special rules and regulations to allow them to operate legally."

The program is small at the moment, but there is hope for growth in the future. "We've got eight people signed up for the first semester and looking to recruit more," Allenback said.

The new UAS minor, added to Troy's new private pilot program, has caused Troy to have aviation courses across the entire spectrum of flight.

Troy University has one UAS already being used on campus, but as of now there is no plan to have more. That plan could change in the future.

"There are other schools around the United States that have had programs in existence for a while that actually have teams and go out and compete," Allenback said, "If this becomes an in-residence course, it could be a possibility to get more for the university."

Because of the demand, the Unmanned Aerial Systems Overview, AFT 2200, is being offered for online Term 2 for Troy and is still open for students to register. Students can find more information online in the 2014-2015 undergraduate catalog under Aviation Flight Course.

### Culture

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Clothing worn by participants is called "regalia," not a "costume."

There is a specific protocol for the Grand Entry, and it is a sacred ceremony.

Guests and visitors are asked to please be respectful. Drums and instruments have special rules and should not be touched or played by anyone other than the drum group.

No one should crawl under or go through the

## Politicians will debate on campus

**Cassie Gibbs**  
News Editor

Local politicians will be on Troy University's campus Thursday to participate in an open forum debate.

The "Meet the Candidates" event, hosted by the group Students for Social Justice, will have a moderator asking politicians several questions on topics ranging from health care to tax policies.

Students for Social Justice was created to promote social equality and educate the community about social issues.

Troy Tallant, a junior liberal studies major from Troy and a member of Students for Social Justice, said the event is meant to teach students and community members about the differences between political parties and bring awareness for the importance of voter

registration.

"We intend for the event to be bipartisan, with candidates from Republican, Democratic and Libertarian parties represented," Tallant said.

"We want to encourage people to be exposed to different political beliefs and raise awareness for registering to vote."

Two politicians participating in the event are Erick Wright and Joel Williams.

Democrat Erick Wright, a Troy University alumnus, is running for the U.S. House 2nd Congressional District of Alabama.

According to his campaign website, Wright's platforms include reforming tax codes, protecting the American Dream, looking at the issue of women and pay disparity, and improving veteran aid.

Wright will face Martha Roby, the Republican

candidate, in the general election on Nov. 4.

Joel Williams, a Troy local, is a Democratic candidate running for Alabama State House Representative for District 89. Williams' platforms are related to leadership in the community, health care, education and jobs.

Williams will face Alan Boothe, the Republican candidate, in the general election.

"Meet the Candidates," will be held Thursday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Claudia Crosby Theater.

The event is also open to any local politicians, students and community members who wish to attend the event.

Tallant said that he hopes the event will help those in the community be aware of local politics.

"We want to emphasize how important it is to have a chance to voice your opinions directly to the officials that have a chance to make a difference," Tallant said.



Jennifer Carlisle photo

## A look at homecoming 2014

Homecoming week 2014 was all about going "Back to Our Roots." (Left): Zachary Harvard, a junior biomedical sciences major from Plant City, Florida, tastes the variety of food available at the Tailgate for Troops event. (Bottom): Alpha Tao Omega participates in the homecoming skit competition. (Right): The Student Government Association overlooks the tree ceremony, where leaves with students' names were placed on a tree to represent their pledge to remember Troy's history.



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# Zombies taking over

**Alyse Nelson**  
Features Editor

The virus will soon spread across Troy's campus, as well as dozens of other college campuses around the country.

It is not Ebola, but the first campaign of Humans Vs. Zombies for this semester.

All students are invited to participate in the dash to remain a human as Halloween nears.

"It's a game of survival," said head of the leadership team Andrew Goble, a senior music education major from Jay, Florida.

Beginning with an "original zombie," all other participants wear bandannas around their arms, indicating their status as humans. Once a player is tagged, which is defined as any physical contact with the zombie, the bandanna is moved to his or her forehead to show their new status.

It is up to the zombies to tag the remaining humans.

"Literally anyone on campus can play," Goble said. "Start playing of your own accord. All you need is a bandanna."

The game is played on all of campus grounds, and the buildings are safe zones, so as not to interfere with classes. Likewise, the game cannot be played off campus.

"The beauty of the game is

that you can play hardcore if you want to, but it can be played by someone who has no time," Goble said.

Goble notes that the game has no membership costs or meetings to attend. There is no email list or other responsibilities. With no real time or money commitments, it can be played as a way to liven up the walk to class.

For those wishing to take the game more seriously, there are ways to become more involved.

Humans who want to remain human can carry sock grenades with them, which are just as simple as they sound: balled-up socks.

When a zombie approaches, it can be hit with the grenade and "stunned" for five minutes, unable to strike any victim during that time frame.

"We discourage headshots," cautioned Goble, stating that it does not count if the grenade strikes a zombie in the head.

"Missions" are also done occasionally at night on the quad.

"Late at night, we have



Caitlin Collins photo

The quad will soon be the scene of a zombie invasion as students play a weeklong game of Humans Vs. Zombies.

missions and we allow Nerf guns and things like that," Goble said.

In previous years, Nerf guns have been allowed during the entire week that the campaign lasted, but the group has decided to tone the action down for this semester.

"It got too involved," Goble said.

"This last semester was the first time we didn't have the police called on us for a misunderstanding," he said, explaining that people frequently confuse screaming

women and people being chased with more nefarious offenses.

When asked about any specific mishaps in the course of the game, a memory immediately surfaced and Goble laughed as he told the story.

The rules of the game clearly state that the buildings are safe zones, but there were no specifications on cars. An eager zombie leaped onto a car and tagged one of the remaining humans through the sunroof of her car.

"He jumped on top of a moving car," Goble said. "We had a field day with the ruling on that one."

Despite the run-ins with police and extreme stunts being performed, there have been no

injuries during the course of the game at Troy.

For those interested in joining this year, Goble states that all you need is a bandanna and preferably some socks that can be spared in the making of grenades.

The first campaign begins the morning of Monday, Oct. 20, and runs through the afternoon of Friday, Oct. 24, allowing a full school week of gameplay.

There is the possibility of another campaign taking place closer to finals.

Interested students can also like the "Troy University Humans vs. Zombies" Facebook page to see updates about the group.

**"It's a game of survival."**

**"He jumped on top of a moving car."**

# Actress discusses play, performing



Brenna Patrick photo

Actors Taylor Morgan and Shelby Steverson (standing) perform in the play. Morgan, a senior communication major from Slapout, said that "it didn't feel like it was real" to be cast as one of the leads.

'Little Shop of Horrors' opened last week to an eager crowd; the final showings have sold out

**Jamie Bennett**  
Staff Writer

"Little Shop of Horrors" opened this week in the Trojan Center Theatre, and Taylor Morgan, a senior communication major from Slapout, took the stage as Audrey.

"It didn't feel like it was real," Morgan said when asked about her casting as the female lead. "It had been rumored that we were going to do 'Little Shop' for a while, and I knew I wanted to be Audrey."

"My friend called me and told me that they'd posted the cast list, and I told her to read it to me. When she told me I got Audrey, I sat down on the curb outside Trojan Village in shock."

Morgan talked about rehearsals after the cast was selected.

"We'd been in rehearsals for about five weeks before the show started," she said. "It was really fast-paced, because we didn't have a lot of time."

"It was a lot of out-of-rehearsal work. I spent a lot of time with Audrey, and worked on who she was, outside of rehearsal time."

When asked about her experiences

working with the other cast members, Morgan said, "They're all amazing. We're all good friends."

"It was really awesome bonding with the freshmen that were cast for the mainstage. There's never a dull moment with this group of people. It's just a big group of friends doing something we all love."

Morgan expressed her appreciation for the theater program and Troy itself.

"People don't normally look at Troy as a theater school," she said. "But there's some really amazing things going on, really talented people and really good professors that put their heart and souls into helping us achieve our dreams."

When asked if there was anything more that she would like to say about her experience working with the Troy theater

department, Morgan said, "It is absolutely more than I could have imagined."

Little Shop of Horrors will continue to run until Sunday, with showings on Oct. 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are sold out, but if you arrive 15 minutes before a show, you may find that a seat is available.

**"It's just a big group of friends doing something we all love."**



Brenna Patrick photo

'Little Shop of Horrors,' a play that takes place in a flower shop in a slum called Skid Row, tells the story of a man who finds a new breed of plant that will only grow if it's fed blood. The show opened last week at Troy.

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## Be sure to vote

Since the United States declared independence in 1776, there have been numerous movements to return the right to vote to citizens disenfranchised on the basis of their wealth, religion, race, gender and age. Despite the ever-ongoing efforts to restrict voting rights, those rights have become significantly more inclusive.

The increase in the youth vote and the smaller gap between black voters' turnout rate and white voters' turnout rate in the past presidential election demonstrate the growing public interest in national politics.

However, a 2013 survey from Pew Research Center for the People and the Press shows public trust in government was 19 percent, almost the record low for post-2008 America. Many people blame the government for national affairs, yet less than 60 percent of the voting-age population cast their vote in the 2012 presidential election, according to the United States Elections Project, George Mason University.

We believe Americans have to start taking the responsibility of making national decisions through their votes on issues and elected representatives.

A bigger concern is to make sure America is not the "land of the free" where people vote for matters they do not understand. A well-informed electorate, one that is able to change its opinions after receiving facts, is the most important factor in democracy.

With the development of various media platforms, the modern public is constantly bombarded with information delivered in a way designed to frame perception. Many news networks have adopted partisan agendas with biases and misinformation to steer the voting public to one extreme or another.

Moreover, people are occupied and fascinated with newsfeeds in which information is instant and bite-sized. People tend to subscribe to media communities whose values and beliefs they generally share. They seek places where they are comfortable and reassured of their assumptions.

With the polarized media and political system, it is becoming increasingly harder for voters to make well-founded, well-rounded judgment calls unless they actively look into the issues being discussed. With the right to vote, Americans have the obligation to do their own research to form their opinions.

We believe people are not entitled to their opinions; opinions should be earned through research, exploration, contemplation and challenges from opposing beliefs.

Voters identifying with one political party do not have to agree with its entire platform. Even though our party system is currently turning Americans against one another, it is important to note that Democrats do not have to oppose a free-market solution and Republicans are not bound to oppose equality and secular education.

Most national issues are not black-and-white, despite political agendas geared toward making them appear so. There is this whole gray area where decisions warrant conditions and limits as to what is right. Americans should exercise their right to vote, and, more importantly, to be able to say when someone they support is crossing the line.

Voters should also understand the inner workings of each agenda: who set it, for what purpose and how it was set, especially through lobbying efforts. Voters should make it their battle to combat political indifference and ignorance.

Another matter Americans should understand before they cast their votes is that the rights of minority groups should not be up for voting. They are rights, not privileges granted to people by the majority. Generally, no Americans are in a position to give other Americans the same civil rights that they enjoy. This is to warrant against the tyranny of the majority in power. What we are seeing is that minority groups are growing in population yet still are grossly oppressed and underrepresented.



Seth Nicholson

## Post-homescoming reflection

Non-Greek students can choose to become involved with school events

Pierce Godwin  
Contributor

While many organizations participated in the homescoming events, it seems that a large number of students were questioning whether homescoming is for everyone.

There were concerns about the facts that all of the homescoming candidates were members of the five PanHellenic sororities, and that 15 of the 28 competing organizations were Greek organizations.

There was also the question of whether the homescoming theme, "We Are One: Getting Back to Our Roots," was a statement of possibility. After some reflection, I could see why people had such doubts regarding the theme and the homescoming morale.

The majority of students on Troy's campus are independent of Greek organizations. While there are many reasons that contribute to the high level of involvement from the Greek population, there are few valid excuses for why Troy's campus is not predominantly run by non-affiliated members.

According to Chris Hager, coordinator of student involvement, of Troy's 9,000-student population, only 1,364 are Greek-affiliated, which is roughly 15 percent.

The Greek-independent students have a good opportunity to become the ruling majority and move past the excuse that Troy is run only by Greek-affiliated members. They can, and I would believe the university event organizers want them to,

step up and get involved.

One reason for the lack of involvement from non-Greek students may be that homescoming does cost a lot of money. However, the theme is about bringing all students together for a common purpose.

People like to win, but participating with other students who love Troy should be the more important goal. Many of the events cost very little if anything.

One of the characteristics of the non-Greek-affiliated student organizations is that despite their significant quantity, there is no mass or-



Noah McGuire photo

Abby Thompson (left), a sophomore elementary education major from Naples, Florida, and Holly McGuire, a freshman nursing major from Phenix City, representing the BCM in the can castle contest.

organization over all the groups. I do not believe there should be one, yet this is a difference worth considering when looking at the involvement and achievement of Greek and non-Greek organizations in various events.

Greek members are constantly informed and involved because it is required of the organization-specific councils' delegates to meet on a weekly basis.

Even though the 19 candidates for homescoming court were Greek-affiliated, anyone could be nominated. The candidates are put up by organizations that wish to participate in homescoming court.

Troy University College Republicans, a non-Greek-affiliated organization, nominated Molly Bell, a member of Phi Mu, to represent it for homescoming court. If the College Republicans club wanted to nominate a non-Greek member, it could have done so.

All students have the opportunity to make an impact while at Troy, whether they are Greek-affiliated or not. If you have always wanted to, go ahead and run for SGA, join an organization and seek homescoming court nomination. You can even start a club if Troy has not yet offered an organization to your interests. I was always told by my father: "You can't complain about a problem if you didn't try to contribute to a solution. Don't get discouraged if you lose, and don't tear down yourself for not trying."

Pierce Godwin is a junior multimedia journalism major from Montgomery.

## College and the American Dream

Porter Grubbs  
Contributor

Why are we here right now, reading the Tropolitan, at this very moment? This is less a question of philosophical existentialism and more a question of conscious decision and metacognition.

According to Pew Research Foundation's study "Millennials in Adulthood," a third of older millennials aged between 26 and 33 have at least a four-year college degree. Then, for what purpose do millennial college students enroll in institutes of higher education?

We can begin the search for answers to this question with more questions, ones that I am commonly asked and often hear aimed at my fellow students: "What is your major?," "What kind of jobs are available in that field of study?," and a favorite, "What is the starting salary for your career?"

In a nutshell, the most common answer I received when asking other Troy students what they hope to get out of a college education was a degree, especially in the context of a good job or an above-average income.

Many students, especially high school seniors and those just starting their higher education, see university as the gateway to a steady, well-paying job, which is then supposed to lead to a nice house, car and family. "The American Dream," essentially, starts with a college education, or at least that is what many of us are taught to believe by society, the education system, and friends and family who have only

the best intentions.

"I do believe most people are in college for that perfect career," said Katie Curry, a sophomore fine arts major from Georgia. "The American Dream is ingrained in a lot of people in our generation."

This idea manifests itself through students who seem to coast through school on auto-pilot, transitioning through grade school to high school and then college, doing only what is expected of them and finally surfacing with a degree and the question "What now?"

Many students often treat college as if it were a school for the cartography of life. By the completion of their senior theses, they should have the remainder of their existence mapped out in detail with a clear path marked in pen from one major milestone to the next. While this may seem ideal to some, it is impossible and overshadows the true purpose of education: to explore and discover our own hearts and minds and seek that which fulfills us not only physically, but also emotionally and intellectually.

"College is a place where you learn how to think for yourself," said Alexis Smith, a Harvard University senior social anthropology major from Dothan. "Everyone undergoes some type of personal and/or spiritual growth as a result of being in university."

This is true of any place of higher education, and although many published studies, including Pew Research Center's "The Rising Cost of Not Going to College," affirm that millennial college graduates earn more in wages annually, have a lower unemployment rate and are

less likely to live in poverty than their less-educated counterparts, it is important to pursue curiosity and introspection and refrain from being sidetracked by what has become known as "The American Dream."

If we take a look at the evolution of this ideology, even before the popular images of white picket fences and All-American families of the 1940s and '50s, we find a goal that is simple and personal rather than one that requires an excessive abundance of material goods and a lifetime of labor in the system.

James Truslow Adams' "The Epic of America" explains that "The American Dream" "is not a dream of motor cars and high wages merely, but a dream of social order in which each man and each woman shall be ... recognized by others for what they are, regardless of the fortuitous circumstances of birth or position."

Perhaps the best description of this dream, this human right, is by Thomas Wolfe: "the right to live, to work, to be himself, and to become whatever thing his vision and his manhood can combine to make him."

Maybe college isn't solely about attaining a degree, a ticket to the workforce and a piece of paper that may or may not measure our true value to society. Maybe we are here in order to learn to live, to love our work, to discover our ever-changing selves and to decide our vision for the present moment so that we can fit the mold of our own identity and take that with us to shine in the world outside.

Porter Grubbs is a sophomore dance major from Dothan.

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## Mayes teaches master class

Mary Ferrill  
Contributor

The Troy Arts Council, in cooperation with the Troy University Department of Theatre and Dance and the Alabama State Council on the Arts, sponsored a free voice master class on Monday, Oct. 13, at the Black Box Theater in Malone Hall.

The master class was open to anyone to perform a musical theater song for Broadway star Sally Mayes in return for her advice and critique.

"You are going to work because you are so weird," Mayes said to a young singer after he belted his heart out in front of the audience of 30.

This playful yet serious attitude that Mayes brought into the master class created a warm and entertaining atmosphere that was full of constructivism and emotion.

Maggie Criswell, a theater major from Oneonta, sang Scott Alan's "Behind These Walls."

"Nice pipes, but I just really do not like that song," Mayes said when Criswell was done with her performance.

"Sally had a full Broadway career, which is what we all want to do in some way or another," Criswell said. "There is a lot we can learn from her."

Mayes interacted with the audience throughout the performance. If a student was nervous about the performance, she would give him or her a hug.

"You don't have time for nerves," Mayes said. She engaged participants in

an exercise to channel nervous energy into their performances, which will be useful throughout their careers.

Mayes also connected personally with the crowd. Many theater students had concerns for their future careers and families, and Mayes talked about how she gave up Broadway for her son.

"I just wanted to play with blocks in the floor with my son," Mayes said. Mayes advised to have priorities in a theater career, but said, "A life you create is more precious than any role you can create."

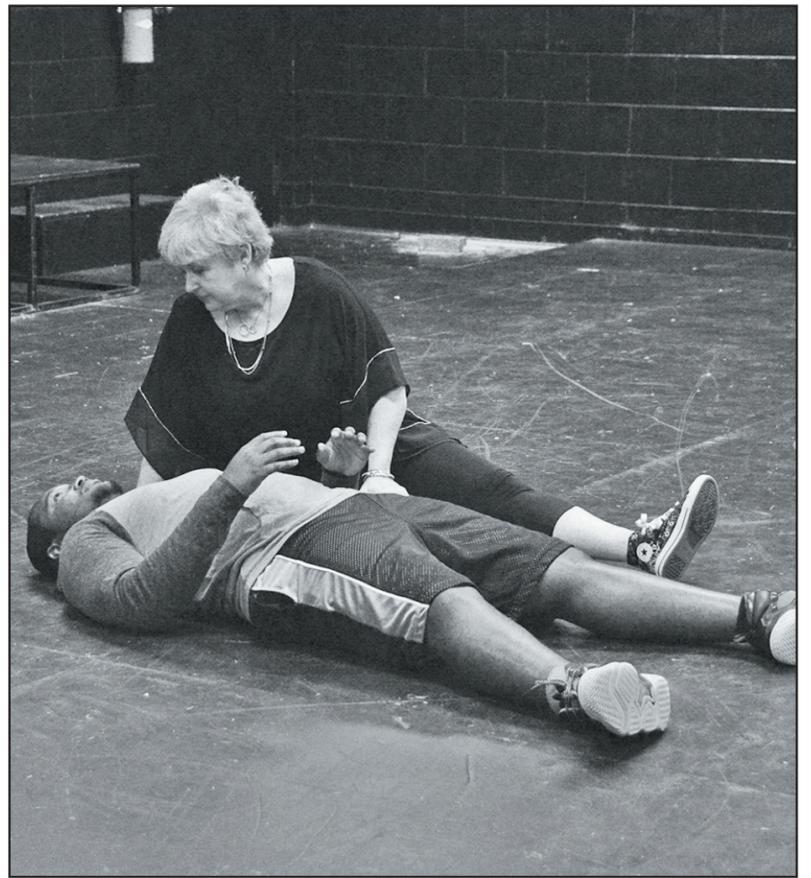
Mayes was impressed with the talent of Troy students. "The talent here is off the charts. I was pleasantly surprised by the sophistication of the material, and I cannot wait to see more," Mayes said.

Mayes teaches vocal master classes such as this one around the world, including at Yale University, Boston University, Royal Academy of Music and Eugene O'Neill Theatre Center. Mayes said she would be delighted to return to Troy to teach more extensively.

Chris Charleston, a theater major from Birmingham, said that Mayes taught him "a whole new way of thinking."

"I really learned more about what mental state I should be in while performing," Charleston said after the class.

Mayes told participants to ask themselves the following questions to create a mental state that they can communicate through their performance: "Who are you? Where have you been? Where are you going? Who are you singing to?"



April Irvin photo

Sally Mayes comforts Carlos Luckie, a sophomore theater major from Andalusia, after he sang "It Only Takes a Moment" from "Hello Dolly." This exercise helped him open his diaphragm to help him perform better.

## 'The Flash' makes its debut on The CW



The CW photo

"The Flash" is a spinoff series from another CW series titled "Arrow," as the two series exist in the same universe. Two episodes have aired so far, and the series seems to be going in a good direction.

Reid "Sawcy" Potts  
Contributor

"My name is Barry Allen. I am the fastest man alive." Hearing those words finally drove home the fact that "The Flash" is here, and, hopefully, here to stay.

The latest comic book show (until "Constantine" drops, and then the dozen or so after that) follows the life and times of DC's "Scarlet Speedster."

I won't compare it too much to the comics because that might inadvertently spoil stuff for new fans who are just watching the show, even though you should read the comics, too.

After two episodes, the show looks good.

Barry Allen is a chronically late assistant forensic investigator who, in his spare time, researches every strange crime he can find.

He does this so he can find whoever — or whatever — killed his mother when he was a child.

His father was arrested for the murder, but, in reality, she was killed by these red and yellow blurs of lightning that whirled around her.

After that, Detective Joe West — the father of Barry's close friend, and eventual love interest, Iris West, raises Barry.

Flash forward to the present day, and not only do we see Barry constantly ticking off those closest to him because he's always late and off in the world of the weird, but we also see STAR Labs' particle accelerator malfunction, which sets off the show.

Barry is struck by lightning in his lab and goes into a coma for nine months, but, when he awakes, he soon realizes the super storm gave him super speed.

I was initially skeptical of Grant Gustin as the "Grand Vizier of Velocity," but his goofy charm as Barry Allen in "Arrow" and now his desire to protect and serve the people of Central City as a hero here won me over.

As much as I like Iris in the comics, her character here, played by Candice Patton, hasn't gotten much time to shine in the first two episodes.

There's not much to say about Rick Cosnett's detective Eddie Thawne yet, either, although fans of the comic will be excited by the name.

I'm a fan of Jesse L. Martin as Joe West (is it just me, or does he always look like he's on the verge of tears?). And how cool is it that they got John Wesley Shipp (Wally West Flash from the 1990s series) to play Barry's dad, Henry Allen?

Other than Eddie Thawne, the biggest teases have to come from the STAR Labs scientists who help Barry.

Again, comic fans know that Cisco Ramon (Carlos Valdes) and Caitlin Snow (Danielle Panabaker) could potentially play much larger roles, but I'm loving Harrison Wells (Tom Cavanagh).

He's been responsible for both cliffhangers of the first two episodes, and I fanboied hard after the first one.

Speaking of awesome, the powers of the Sultan of Speed, Weather Wizard and Multiplex look good.

Barry's narration in the episodes is pretty cool, too, because that's one of the smaller yet nicer touches from the comics.

Also, keep your eyes open, fans, for there are Easter eggs aplenty — especially in the first episode.

My main complaints of the show have to do with comparisons to both "Arrow" and "Smallville."

For the most part, I do enjoy the flashbacks in "Arrow," and so far they're done well here, but I'm worried they're going to feel really forced really soon.

I also really don't want to have another monster-of-the-week show where every villain is powered by the same event that created the hero.

That got old quickly in "Smallville," and it could potentially do the same in "Flash."

I have another minor complaint about how the villains have been handled so far, too, but I won't go into spoilers with it. Just know it's a complaint about some of the villain-handling in "Arrow," as well.

All in all, "The Flash" looks great, feels fun and is setting up one heck of a world.

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## Tutors encourage seeking guidance

**Valario Johnson**  
Staff Writer

The reward felt by helping students and pushing them toward success is the motivation that the tutors at both the Natural Science Center and the Writing Center said they need to come in to work each day.

Lauren Wiggins, a junior English major from Troy and a tutor at the Writing Center, said that besides hanging out with Elaine Bassett, director of the Writing Center, she enjoys helping students with papers.

"I realize when I am helping people, I learn a lot," she said.

Wiggins said that if she finds that she has a weakness similar to that of the student who comes in for tutoring, she usually tries to home in on this because attempting to help the student understand also helps her grasp the material better. On the other hand, "I also try to help people with their strong points and help them learn how to do it well," she said.

Courtney Wood, a senior biomedical sciences major from Troy and a Natural Science Center tutor, had a similar opinion on tutoring students. "It's helped me be able to keep practicing my skills," she said.

Wood said helping with subjects, such as general chemistry, has helped her to stay fresh with the material so that she can do well on graduate school exams.

She also said that exams are usually what brings students into the Natural Science Center.



Caleb Hicks photo

**Lauren Coughlin (right), a senior political science and social science double major from Annapolis, Maryland, who is a tutor at the Writing Center, helps Mingdong Lang, a junior marketing and computer science double major from Lanzhou, China, with his paper.**

"Most freshmen won't come here until they fail a couple tests," she said. "So I'd much rather them come at the beginning of the semester when they find a problem instead of waiting until they think they are going to fail."

Tutors at the Writing Center said that they usually see students come into the center because they have trouble with analyzing literature.

"Students feel intimidated by analyzing literature," said Anna Orlofsky, a senior Spanish and English major from Troy and a Writing Center tutor. "They find it difficult to even summarize a story or to read deeper into the literature than just focusing on the surface."

Wiggins said that it's due to the absence of confidence. "It's a lack of an opinion," she said. "They have an opinion, even if

they don't realize they have one."

"We want to instill confidence in the students in the fall (as freshmen)," Bassett said. She said that confidence comes with good analytical skills.

"Good writing reflects good thinking," she said. "If a student is not confident in their skills, this is a perfect place to come."

Robert Sheppard, coordinator of the Natural Science Center, said that students need to come in the first time they don't understand something.

"I think, perhaps, students need to come in each day they have a problem with a subject," he said. "And math and science, in particular, seem to snowball, so the amount of information you don't know will only accumulate."

However, when students make the mistake of waiting too long, Wood said that she has to take them back a few steps. She said the main issue is when students bring in problems but have no idea how to start on them.

While Sheppard understands how difficult it is, as most students' schedules are erratic, he said that it's best to keep up with courses on a regular basis so you don't get behind in class. It starts with instantly seeking help when you have problems.

Hours for the Writing Center are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and hours for the Natural Science Center are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Both centers are in Eldridge Hall.

## Life on two wheels: the fun and the troubles

**Grishma Rimal**  
Variety Editor

They weave in and out of traffic, drive past lines of cars and zoom ahead faster than the four-wheelers waiting behind them. While motorcycles may not be the most popular mode of transportation among college students, these vehicles are still dear to some Troy students, who describe them as almost addicting.

Jonathan Wynn, a junior psychology major from Skipperville, has been riding motorcycles for 11 years. "My dad rode all his life, and he taught me how to ride when I was 10," he said. "I rode it every day when I got home from school, out in the fields, however far my dad would let me."

### "As close as you can get to flying"

Wynn describes riding a motorcycle as "as close as you can get to flying." According to him, driving a car shields one from the actual environment. On a motorcycle, however, you can feel the wind, every movement of your vehicle and even everything you are riding over. The adrenaline from it all, he said, makes it hard to quit. "And the ladies like it," he added.

"I had one of my best friends who had a motorcycle, and I knew he rode around and he taught me how to ride," said Tucker Carl, a senior sport and fitness management major from Cusseta, who has been riding motorcycles for a year now. "It's a lot of fun, and there is a lot of freedom involved."

According to both Carl and Wynn, motorcycles are

also cheaper than cars. Both said that they can get between 45 and 60 miles to the gallon on their bikes, insurance is only around \$30 per month, and the cost of maintenance is less than a car's. "A lot of stuff, it's easy to do it yourself," Carl said, regarding maintenance.

Despite all the fun and the freedom felt in riding two-wheelers, safety is a major concern for riders, who always need to stay cautious. According to Wynn, other drivers — who may be texting, drunk or simply not paying attention — increase the risk of motorcycle accidents.

"It's not so much that motorcycles are dangerous as much as it's other drivers who don't see you," Carl said. "If people don't see you, most of the time, it's your reaction that saves you. You have to stay alert." He describes it as defensive driving.

Although Carl and Wynn have immense passion for their bikes, the weather limits the time they spend on them. "You definitely can't just have a motorcycle," Wynn said. "You have to have a car or a truck, as the weather is crazy here." The rain and the cold, the biggest foes of motorcycle riders, make riding a seasonal activity. But when they can, they make the most out of their time.

Carl, in fact, took a road trip all the way to California on his motorcycle last spring break. "It took me four days to get to the Grand Canyon, and then two days going north through Las Vegas and then Sacramento." Carl said that the road trip may have been physically exhausting from long hours of driving alone, without any back support like you may get in a car, but the experience was still an amazing one for him.

With other students constantly fretting about parking spots for their cars, motorcycle riders find having a motorbike convenient in terms of getting to park almost anywhere with enough area. "Parking is more lenient with bikes because you don't take up so much space," Carl said. He said that he usually parks next to the Trojan Center between two lamp posts, which is not technically a parking spot, but works for him.

Wynn, however, said that he feels there needs to be more parking space allocated specifically for motorcycles, as he sometimes finds people moving his vehicle

to the front of the parking space to make room for their car to be parked in the same spot.

Despite their problems, the cost, ease, swiftness and fun of motorbikes make it an unparalleled must-have for Wynn and Carl.

"Be safe. Don't ride outside of your confidence or skill level. Don't be cocky, but it is OK to show off" is Wynn's advice to other motorcycle enthusiasts looking to hone their biker skills.

"It's a lot more fun and easier to park on campus," Carl said. "And it saves money."



Jennifer Carlisle photo

**Jonathan Wynn with his Kawasaki Ninja 650R.**



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## Soccer drops two road games

**Michael Shipma**  
Staff Writer

The Troy soccer team dropped two straight conference road matches this weekend against Appalachian State 3-2 in double overtime, and 2-0 to Texas State. After a seven-game win streak earlier this season, the Trojans (10-5, 2-3 Sun Belt) now are on a two-game losing streak.

The Trojans traveled to play Appalachian State (6-8, 3-2 Sun Belt) on Friday, Oct. 10, after coming off a pair of home conference wins. The offense got off only five shots and gave up eight shots, two of which went in.

Troy wasn't going to go down without a fight, however, and controlled the second half. The offense made adjustments at halftime and came to life, getting off 12 shots.

Troy finally scored in the 60th minute, when sophomore midfielder Abby Reynolds helped swing momentum in Troy's favor.

After that goal, it took just three minutes for Troy to score again. After being fouled in the box, junior forward Chelsey Williams scored on the penalty kick to complete the comeback. Troy looked to keep the pressure on, but did not score for the remainder of regulation. Fortunately for Troy, neither did Appalachian State.

In the 103rd minute, the stalemate ended. Appalachian State senior forward Jenna Claude scored a golden goal on a header, giving the match to the Mountaineers.

Troy's second match of the weekend was also a tough loss. The Trojans were shut out for the first time since the season opener against LSU.

Although the Trojans got off 19 shots in the match, the Bobcats' junior goalkeeper Caitlynn Rinehart saved nine of them.

Both goals for the Bobcats (9-4-1, 4-1 Sun Belt) came in the first half, and despite numerous opportunities, the Trojans were unable to score.

The Trojans came out looking to score quickly and were close to leading until freshman midfielder Rachel



Jennifer Carlisle photo

**Junior forward Chelsey Williams scored her fifth goal of the season with a penalty kick that tied the game late in the second half against Appalachian State on Friday, Oct. 10.**

Grout put the Bobcats up with a goal in the 32nd minute.

The Trojans were unable to regroup, however, and gave up another goal when the Bobcats' junior forward Lynsey Curry stole the ball from the defense. Curry broke away, scoring to give Texas State the 2-0 lead.

"We just couldn't seem to get out of our own way this weekend," said head coach Jason Hamilton. "You

have to put goals in the back of the net, and when you have as many chances as we did and can't (score), then you can't win. This is conference play, and if you get outworked you will lose. We found that out twice this weekend."

Troy will play host to Georgia State on Friday, Oct. 17, as it looks to get back on track in conference play.

## Tennis team comes up short in Tuscaloosa

**Ty Ammons**  
Staff Writer

The Troy University women's tennis team competed in the USTA/ITA Southern Regional Championship this past weekend at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

Four women competed this weekend in singles and doubles matches, but none of the players were able to move past the fourth round.

Freshman Sanae Ohta played her first round match in the Singles A Draw against Jackson State junior Rebekah Adewumi. Ohta won with a match score of 6-2, 6-0.

In Ohta's second-round match, she faced senior Stephanie N'tcha from Samford, and Ohta won the first set 6-1. Ohta's opponent retired in the second set.

Ohta progressed to the third round and faced senior Emily Zabor from the University of Alabama. Ohta won the match 6-4, 6-1.

In the fourth round, Ohta met her match against Ole Miss senior Julia Jones. Jones won 6-1, 6-4.

Junior Trang Huynh competed in the Singles A Draw and got a bye for her first round.

In her second round match, she played junior Marija Multinovic from Ole Miss. Multinovic beat Huynh in three sets: 6-7, 7-6, 7-5.

Freshman Linnea Skymberg and junior Olivia Brooke Durden played in the Singles B Draw, and both lost their first-round matches.

Huynh and Ohta played as a team in the Doubles A Draw and moved to the

second round on a bye for their first.

In their second-round match, Huynh and Ohta won against sophomore Jazmin Britos and junior Alexandra Starkova from Louisiana Tech, 8-7.

In Huynh and Ohta's third round, they lost to the Ole Miss team of junior Mai El Kamash and freshman Arianne Hartono, 8-2.

Durden and Skymberg defeated the Jacksonville State sophomores Diana Mirceta and Sadey St. Amant.

In their second-round match, Durden and Skymberg lost to junior Georgiana Patrasc and senior Naomi Tran from Mississippi State University. The final match score was 8-3.

The next women's tennis tournament is Oct. 17-19 in Birmingham. The men's next tennis tournament is Oct. 16-20 in Auburn.



Joshua Thurston photo

**Junior Trang Huynh made it to her second round before getting eliminated.**

## Pigskin Picks

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**Michael Shipma**  
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**Wally Pendergrass**  
(44-26)



**April Irvin**  
(51-19)



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## Trojan victory at last

*Troy football team snaps five-game losing streak at homecoming*

**Michael Shipma**  
Staff Writer

The Troy football team never surrendered the lead on Saturday. The Trojans (1-5, 1-1 Sun Belt) defeated New Mexico State 41-24 in Troy's homecoming game to get its first win this season.

Head coach Larry Blakeney recorded the 176th win of his career, tying former Auburn head coach Ralph "Shug" Jordan for third-most wins by a head coach in the state of Alabama. The win comes just days after Blakeney announced his retirement at the end of this season.

While Troy played well offensively, it was the defense that proved its worth, causing a season-high four turnovers and sacking Aggies sophomore quarterback Tyler Rogers four times. Before Saturday's game, the Aggies (2-5, 1-3 Sun Belt) led the nation with zero allowed sacks.

Troy started the game by scoring on its opening possession. Quarterback Brandon Silvers capped off a 12-play, 85-yard scoring drive with a 12-yard touchdown run.

That touchdown, along with a 28-yard field goal by sophomore kicker Ryan Kay, put Troy up 10-0 after the first quarter.

The Aggies responded in the second quarter. Freshman running back Larry Rose III scored on a 53-yard touchdown run to put New Mexico State on the board. It would be the Aggies' only score in the first half.

On the following kickoff, senior wide receiver Chandler Worthy caught the kick at Troy's 11-yard line and returned it



(Above) Senior wide receiver Chandler Worthy returned a kickoff for an 89-yard touchdown. Worthy also had a 35-yard touchdown catch from redshirt freshman quarterback Brandon Silvers to seal the game.

89 yards for the score. Another field goal by Kay put the Trojans up 20-7.

"As a leader on the team, I knew I had to do something to change the

momentum around," Worthy said. "I just wanted to go out there and give it my all on that play and show the team that I am giving my all. It just so happens that I

returned it for 89 yards. Going out there giving maximum effort on every play is the result of it."

The defense would kick it up a notch as well, and stopped NMSU in the red zone.

Sophomore safety JaQuadrian Lewis picked off a pass at the 6-yard line to keep the Aggies from scoring before halftime. The Trojans have not allowed fewer first-half points this season.

After an Aggie field goal early in the third quarter, it was the Trojan offense's turn to shine. Sophomore running back Jordan Chunn scored two rushing touchdowns to put Troy in control in the second half.

Chunn now has 18 career rushing touchdowns, putting him at eighth all-time for rushing touchdowns at Troy. Troy had 360 yards rushing in the game, which is only the fifth time it has rushed for more than 300 yards in a game since becoming a Division I Football Bowl Subdivision team in 2001.

Despite a couple of touchdowns from Rogers in the second half, the Trojan defense caused two turnovers to halt potential scoring drives. This left Troy's offense to dominate, and Silvers in particular, who put the Aggies away with a 35-yard touchdown pass to Worthy with 3:26 left.

"The kids really took it upon themselves to get ready to play, and I thought we played with a lot of emotion and spirit," Blakeney said. "It was a great day for Troy. It was a great day for me. It was a great day for those football players at Troy University."

## Troy golf teams earn top five finishes

**Wally Pendergrass**  
Staff Writer

The women's golf team surged up the leaderboard on the final day of the JU Classic to grab second place, while the men's golf team finished fourth in a rain-shortened AutoTrader.com Collegiate Classic on Monday, Oct. 13.

The women went into the final day, Tuesday, Oct. 14, in sixth place. The team shot a 297 on the final day to climb up the leaderboard and finish second.

The Trojans defeated 12 schools in the tournament, including Maryland and host Jacksonville University.

Sophomore Fatima Fernandez Cano picked

up another top 10 finish, after shooting two 75s and a 72 for the tournament. She finished 10th with a score of 222.

Senior Taylor McGraw finished tied for 13th after a final round score of 78.

Senior Langley Vannoy finished tied for 18th with a score of 226. Vannoy shot the best round for the Trojans, a 1-under 71 on the final day.

The men's team finished fourth at the AutoTrader.com Collegiate Classic after the final day was canceled due to the weather in Duluth, Georgia.

Senior Phillip Brennan tied for fourth on the individual leaderboard in the event and led the Trojans

with two under par rounds, a 1-under 71 in the first round and a 3-under 69 in the second round.

Senior Jake Tucker finished the tournament at 1-under-par and tied for 14th for the tournament. Sophomore Jared Bettcher also shot a 3-under in the second round and finished the event tied for 19th.

The women's and men's golf teams each have one more tournament left in the fall season. The women will play at the Old Waverly Bulldog Invitational in West Point, Mississippi, on Oct. 20-22, while the men will play at the Intercollegiate at The Grove in College Grove, Tennessee, on Oct. 26-28.



Contributed photos

(Above left) Sophomore Jared Bettcher tied for 19th in AutoTrader.com Collegiate Classic. (Above right) Sophomore Fatima Fernandez Cano finished 10th place at the JU Classic. The women's golf team finished second out of 12, and the men's golf team took fourth place.

## Volleyball fails to snap losing streak

**Wally Pendergrass**  
Staff Writer

The Trojan volleyball team went on the road this weekend and lost two five-set matches. The team has now lost nine straight matches, including six matches that went to five sets.

Troy started well at UL-Monroe on Friday, Oct. 10, taking the first set 25-21. The Warhawks would bounce back and take the second set 25-23.

The Trojans took the third set 25-18 and needed only one more set to end the losing streak. However, Troy lost the fourth set 25-15, and as a team had a .000 attack percentage during that set.

The Warhawks would also take the fifth set, 15-10, as Troy again had a low attack percentage: .056.

Senior outside hitter Marija Zelenovic and junior outside hitter Blair Winston led the team with 15 kills each. Junior setter Tineille Waggoner had 42 assists, while junior libero Ali Dowdall led the defense with 18 digs.

The Trojans didn't have long to dwell

on the loss, as they faced UL-Lafayette the next night.

Unfortunately for Troy, this match's script looked similar to the day before. The Trojans took the first set 25-21. Once again, they would drop the second set, this time 25-13.

The Trojans responded out of the half by taking the third set 25-21 and yet again were one set away from ending the losing streak. UL-Lafayette won the fourth set 25-20 to force a deciding fifth set.

The Trojans fought in the fifth set and at one point were losing only 5-4, but the Ragin' Cajuns scored the next five points to lead the Trojans 10-4.

UL-Lafayette went on to take the set 15-8 and won the match 3-2.

Zelenovic and Winston led the team with 12 kills, while Waggoner had 42 assists. Dowdall had 17 digs, but Waggoner led the team in that category with 20.

The Trojans will face UALR this Friday, Oct. 17, at Trojan Arena at 6 p.m. and host UT Arlington on Sunday, Oct. 19, at noon.



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Junior libero Ali Dowdall (foreground) had 18 digs in the game against UL-Monroe on Friday, Oct. 10, and 17 digs in the game against UL-Lafayette on Oct. 11.