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Multiple buildings await renovation

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

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News Editor

A season of renovations is dawning on the Troy campus.

According to university administrators, Stewart Hall, the former dining hall, is already undergoing remodeling. The MSCX building will be experiencing refurbishment by December, while the Adams Administration Building will also be getting a face-lift. Sartain Hall will be demolished for the construction of the new student recreation center, and the north end zone of Veterans Memorial Stadium is expecting a new football facility.

Stewart Hall

According to John Dew, senior vice chancellor of student services and administration, Stewart Hall will be used for academic purposes as well as for artistic displays.

The building will house computer labs for the graphic design department and will have space for the exhibition of student artworks.

"I think we will also have some display of art from artists who have donated their work to the university," Dew said.

Artist Fred "Nall" Hollis, who has donated several of his works to the university, will be one of the featured

artists.

Dew also said that the Chinese sculptor Hou Baozhu, who contributed "The Thinker" replica statue to Troy in 2008, will be providing around 200 reproductions of the terracotta warriors. Terracotta is clay-based ceramic and the warriors refer to the collection of sculptures from 200 B.C. found in the Xian region of China

"So it will be probably be the only large display of terracotta warrior art in the United States," Dew said. "I think it will become quite a tourist attraction."

MSCX building

According to Bill Grantham, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Sorrell wing of the MSCX building, which houses the political science, computer science, social science and mathematics departments, will be repaired at the end of this semester.

"We are looking at an upgrade on the heating and air conditioning system, new windows, new floorings, new paint, and we are renovating the electrical system and the air circulation system," Grantham said.

Some science labs in the building are also expected to be renovated.

Steven Taylor, chair of the political science department, has been located at MSCX since 1999. He said that he looks at the renovations as a positive

and much-needed change.

"We need better space, and certainly the rooms do not compare favorably to other parts of campus at this point," Taylor said.

Taylor said that the heating, venting and cooling system is terrible in the building.

"It frequently dies when it's very hot outside and makes teaching and learning in the building difficult," he said. "It is also my understanding that there is asbestos that needs to be abated from this wing of the building."

"It's a step in the right direction for the needs of the college and needs just for students' comfort."

The current offices in the Sorrell wing will be relocated to different buildings like McCarthy, Bibb Graves, Wallace and Hawkins halls.

Renovations are expected to be completed by the end of the summer.

Grantham also mentioned that the College of Arts and Sciences is waiting on approval for a new program.

"We are looking at developing a new program, electrical engineering technology, which will be a part of the physics and chemistry department that may have some new labs located in that (McCall) wing of the building," he said.

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MATH & SCIENCE

Troy student passes away



Contributed photo of Kenneth Collins

Friends remember his passion for life and art

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Troy University student Kenneth Collins Jr. died after a head-on collision that occurred the morning of Sunday, Nov. 8.

According to tuscaloosanews.com, Collins was the driver of a 2013 Ford Fusion that collided head-on with a 2005 Chrysler 300 driven by Eureka Edwards Ford, 39, of Newbern.

Collins, 21, of Faunsdale, died while being transported to the hospital, according to Alabama State Troopers. Ford was transported to Druid City Hospital Regional Medical Center for treatment of her injuries.

Collins' passenger, 20-year-old Frankelle Tuihtre Hampton of Uniontown, died at the scene.

The crash occurred at around 6:50 a.m. on Alabama 69 near mile 120, approximately 1.5 miles south of Havana.

Collins enrolled at Troy in the fall of 2012 and was a senior graphic design major.

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April Irvin left photo; Sarah Graham right photo

A parachutist from Skydive of the South jumped at an event sponsored by Troy for Troops on Saturday, Nov. 7. The parachutist landed on a 3-by-3 square foot grid. Roy Drinkard of Cullman, who purchased the square in a fundraiser, won \$1,000. Former and current military personnel were recognized during halftime of Saturday's football game.

Discover international horizons

Francesca Perez
Staff Writer

Cuisine from five different continents and performances from more than 10 countries will be presented by the International Student Cultural Organization at its annual festival on Thursday, Nov. 19.

The ISCO festival is a part of the International Education Week, which will be observed Nov. 15-20. The festival is considered to be the finale of the week's events.

International Education Week, which is celebrated at colleges and universities across the nation, is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State.

This year's theme of both International Education Week and the ISCO festival is "International Horizons: Discovering the World."

The events for the week include an international soccer tournament; various presentations covering topics such as Russia, Cuba and the Republic of Georgia; a fall harvest banquet; and finally, the ISCO festival.

For an admission fee of \$12, students can attend the festival and gain experience on various international cultures.

Madina Seytmuradova, a

sophomore English major from Dashoguz, Turkmenistan, and president of ISCO, said the purpose of the event is to share international culture and cuisine of the different countries present on campus.

"We are going to have a show with 14 acts put together by our international students and a banquet of 11 dishes that feature recipes from five continents," Seytmuradova said.

Darlene Schurr-Stewart, dean of the international program, expressed the importance of domestic students building relationships with international students.

"The chancellor (Jack Hawkins Jr.) believes that the state of Alabama will only make progress by becoming globally aware and

connected," she said. "There are a number of international corporations that are now headquartered here in Alabama, and he believes that domestic students will work for or work with international students in their career."

"This builds an opportunity at the collegiate level for students to begin that process."

There are several ways students can get involved in the international community presence here on campus.

One way is to attend ISCO meetings, which are held on Thursday nights at 7. Another is to get involved in study abroad programs.

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Contributed by ISCO

Chinese students performing at last year's ISCO festival.

Flying speedster describes Air Force experience

Madina Seytmuradova
Staff Writer

Troy alumnus Lt. Col. Ed Yeilding spoke at the Troy campus on Nov. 6 about his experience flying the supersonic SR-71 Blackbird spy aircraft and setting the national transcontinental flying speed record of 1 hour, 4 minutes, and 19.89 seconds.

Yeilding obtained his master's degree in management from Troy University.

"I was actually at the Moody Air Force Base, and professors came from here (Troy) over to the Air Force base, which is in Valdosta, Georgia," Yeilding said. "I really liked my professors. Courses were interesting."

Shortly after getting his degree from Troy, Yeilding piloted one of the 32 SR-71 Blackbird airplanes during the Cold War era.

In its 25 years of active service, the plane that was

reported to fly faster than a speeding bullet was never shot down, despite advanced radar technology.

Yeilding mentioned flying over the Arctic region during one of his winter missions and seeing three sunrises and three sunsets in less than an hour.

"It was always a great feeling of satisfaction to finish Blackbird missions because we have just flown the world's most exciting, highest flying, fastest airplane," he added.

In 1989, Congress decided to retire the Blackbird and the Smithsonian Institution requested one of the Blackbirds for display in the museum.

"J.T. Vida (Co-pilot Joseph T. Vida) and I just happened to be at the right place at the right time and asked to fly the Blackbird to the Smithsonian," he said. "They said, 'Well, since you're taking off from California and bringing it to Washington (D.C.), would you mind setting

a transcontinental speed record? That will call public's attention to what a great, great airplane it is.'"

On March 6, 1990, Yeilding and Vida flew the Blackbird for the last time, covering 2,299.67 miles between Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., in 64 minutes and 20 seconds.

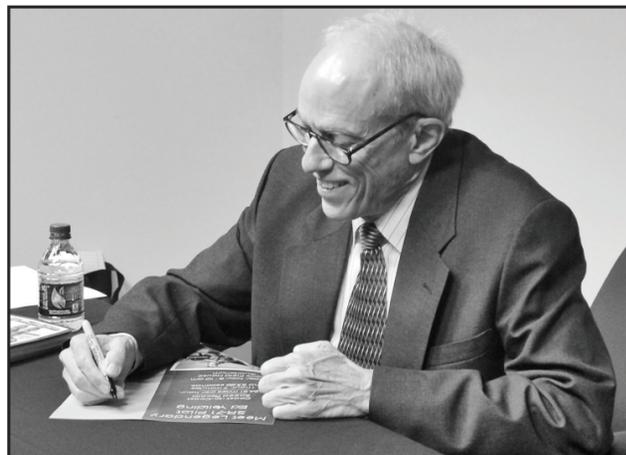
The record was set in half the time of the preceding record and remains unbroken.

Yeilding flew a total of 785 hours on the Blackbird.

"It was very inspiring just hearing how fast he flew, how knowledgeable he was with the aircraft, and just how many hours he put in," said Kyle Lemanski, a sophomore athletic training major from Knoxville, Tennessee.

Yeilding also gave some advice for all aspiring pilots who wish to apply for Air Force programs.

"Take every opportunity to fly and learn about flying, but also



Holly Ammons photo

Ed Yeilding signed posters for the audience after his lecture.

education is very important," he said. "Most pilots nowadays have a bachelor's degree.

"And it's important to do good schoolwork and get good grades because that will be seen on an application too."

William Waters, a senior biomedical sciences major from

Slocomb and a member of the Troy Air Force ROTC, said that hearing Yeilding speak was an amazing experience for him.

"I always wanted to be a pilot, and hearing him (Yeilding) speak here and hearing some words of wisdom from him, it was all very inspiring," he said.

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Adams Administration Hall

The side of the building nearest to University Avenue will also be expanded, potentially before the end of the spring 2016 semester.

"It's an extension," Dew said. "It will be kind of a 'T' at the end of the building."

Dew said that the primary purpose of this construction is to create a better venue for families who are visiting the campus and to construct an edifice that matches the exterior beauty of the neighboring Long Hall and the Trojan Dining Hall.

"So there will be improved parking for visitors," he said. "There will be a more spacious entrance way with better rooms for families to be with admission counselors and so forth."

Dew said he hopes that the construction in the area does not block off University Avenue and obstruct traffic flow.

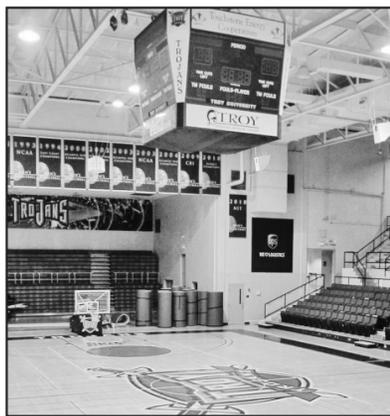
"It's possible that there may be a few days when they are putting up steel, that it may cause us to temporarily close off the area," he said. "We wouldn't

be surprised if we had to close off the sidewalk on this side (on University Avenue in front of Adams)."

While the renovations go on, the admissions office will be moved to the first floor of the Trojan Center next to the food courts.

Sartain Hall

Although the demolition of Sartain Hall was expected to start early in the spring semester, there will be a delay on the project.



Holly Ammons photo

Sartain Hall

Sylacauga, met Collins at IMPACT in the summer of 2012 and had been friends with him since their freshman year.

"As a person he was a really down to earth," Jennings said. "Pretty much laid-back."

Jennings said that despite their busy schedule, Collins always made an effort to meet and catch up with him. He said that the thing he will remember the most about Collins is his smile.

"When we got up together, we always laughed and talked. It was always a good time," he said.

Kenneth Jenkins, a senior graphic design major from Tuscaloosa, also fondly remembered his friend.

"Well, one thing that we always joked with one another about was the fact that we shared the same name and major," Jenkins said. "He was a person full of life."

"I can say that he was one of those people that if you met him, then you would understand why so many people are broken up over his death. It's just hard to grasp the fact that such a great person had to leave this world so soon."

"It's going to be hard going to the Malone building and not seeing him working on his craft."

"As of conversations of today (Nov. 3), I do not think we will start demolishing Sartain (until) late in the spring semester," Dew said. "It might even be May or June."

"It will depend on how many iterations we go through on the design, but once we start, it will go pretty quickly."

The area will be used for the construction of a new recreation center. Suggestions for features of the facility were collected from students in September.

North End Zone Project

The facility will be designed to connect the east and west sides of the football stadium with features such as new locker rooms, equipment rooms, a recruiting lounge, a Hall of Fame area and team meeting areas.

"We are still in the process of defining exactly what the content of the building will be — the size and the features and so forth," Dew said.

He said that a draft of the proposed structure has gone through first review and the administration has made a statement about what features should be included.

Dew cautioned that these processes take time and the university has yet to select an architect to begin design.

Parking

Dew also mentioned that the administration is looking into improving parking on campus.

"I would want students to all be aware that we are sensitive to the parking situation, and that we are busting at the seams," he said.

Dew said that he was pleased to see the proposals brought forward by the Student Government Association on where additional parking might be placed.

"I think students have made some very good suggestions, very practical suggestions," he said.

Dew said that the administration has met to discuss how parking will be accommodated if enrollment continues to grow in fall 2016. He also said that once various construction projects begin, the university will further look to see "just

how pinched we are on the parking front."

Other projects

Dew also wished to inform students that McKinley Drive, by the golf course, will be expanded into three lanes.

"There will be additional remote parking added (there) as well," he said.

He also said that once the student recreation center is built, more space will be freed up in the Trojan Center where currently the student gym and game room are situated.

"We really need more table space for people to be able to eat lunch over there during the peak rush hours," he said. "We probably need space for at least one more restaurant. So if we can carve more space for dining on that side of the campus, that would be a really good thing."



Holly Ammons photo

Renovations have already begun at Stewart Hall.

Although multiple projects are being undertaken, Dew said that the university has been fortunate enough to sustain a lot of simultaneous construction in the past and hopes for the same now, too, though he acknowledged that it will be hectic.

In May, a \$100 increase in general fees starting fall 2016 was announced for the funding of the new recreation center.

When asked if students should expect more rise in tuition or general fees to accommodate the budget for these other projects, Dew said, "There is no discussion of increasing general fees for students to pay for these other activities."

Kenneth Collins

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Reginald Waller Jr., a senior graphic design major from Tuscaloosa, remembers Collins as a creative person.

"I met him through a bunch of mutual friends, and we all lived in Alumni Hall," Waller said. "We both were artists, graphic designers, and we had a passion for creation and innovating."

"I remember him as a smart, well-rounded, passionate individual who also knew how to balance education and fun evenly."

Alex Lewis, a senior broadcast journalism major from Mobile, said that he took classes with Collins every semester since Lewis first began his graphic design minor and remembers Collins as a creative and mellow person with a love for music and a good style of dress.

"He had very cool clothes," Lewis said. "I think what I will remember the most is mostly his creativity."

"Moving forward in my own design career, I will just always remember him because it was something he wanted to do, something he was very passionate about."

Isaac Jennings, a senior sport and fitness management major from

ISCO

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Shelby Wood, a junior social science education and Spanish double major and secretary of ISCO, described her personal experience as a member of ISCO.

"I've found ISCO to be the best way to meet people from around the world and make new friends," Wood said. "Learning about other cultures through ISCO has been the best part of my education. More im-

portantly, I've made some of my closest friends in ISCO — something I will forever be grateful for."

Joe McCall, senior lecturer of history and ISCO adviser, described how the United States is strengthened as a result of strong international connections.

"Living in the era we do, it makes us strong because knowledge improves our position in global interactions and a more global vision helps us to see our limitations," McCall said. "When we isolate

ourselves, all we know is our own perspective."

"When we interact, we become stronger and more sensitive."

Tickets for the ISCO festival can be purchased at the international office on the ground floor of Hawkins Hall or from any ISCO officer.

Tickets are \$10 for ISCO members, \$12 for nonmembers, and \$15 for faculty members. The festival will be held at the Trojan Center ballrooms on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m.

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'Fall Shorts' to explore ideas

Lacey Alexander
Staff Writer

Troy University theater students will be showcasing their directing skills next week when the Department of Theatre and Dance presents "Fall Shorts," a collection of eight short student-directed plays.

Seven student directors will present their respective play or plays on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. These one-act plays serve as the final project in the Directing II class, and collectively have utilized over 30 different student actors.

Elisa Dewberry, a senior theater major from Elba, will be directing "String Fever" by Jacquelyn Reingold, a one-act play about a single 40-year-old woman and her attempts to conceive a child.

"Admittedly at first glance, it doesn't seem to be extremely relevant to a college audience," Dewberry said. "But I feel like a lot of the issues the characters face are issues that a college audience might also deal with."

Dewberry said that the directing class has taught her important skills that she needs in order to pursue directing as a career.

"I've learned how to write in-depth rehearsal notes and how to best communicate with the company," Dewberry said. "I've also learned how to analyze and cut a script to fit my needs as a director without damaging the intellectual and artistic value of the script."

Dewberry also said that she has enjoyed working with her all-student

cast. "They're all very laid back and make the rehearsal process pleasant," Dewberry said. "It gets really stressful at times... and they're really understanding when I have to make last-minute changes."

Miranda Walton, a junior theater education major from Alabaster who will be playing the title character in "Hello

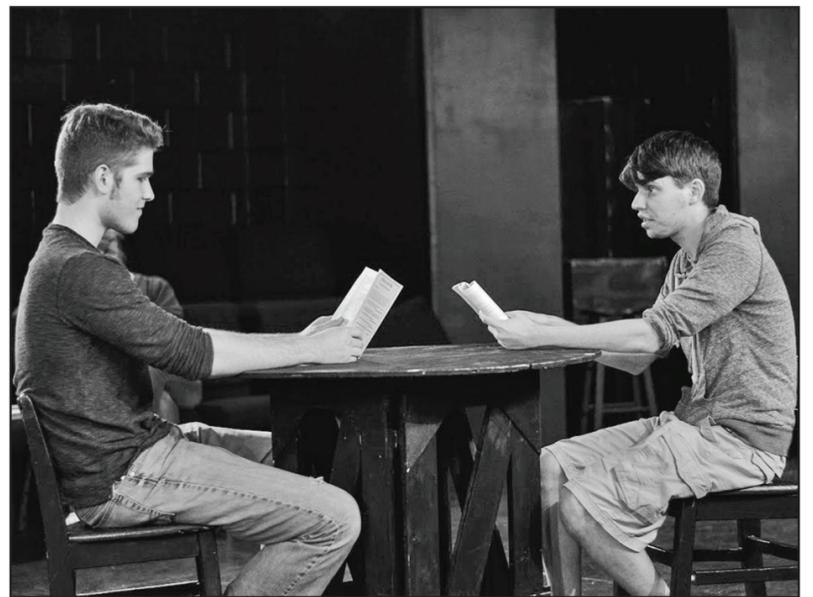
"But I feel like a lot of the issues the characters face are issues that a college audience might deal with."

— Elisa Dewberry

from Bertha" by Tennessee Williams, said that the process has been enjoyable from the acting side of things as well.

"It's a different atmosphere because you don't feel so much pressure," Walton said.

Walton's director, Justin Wooten, will be the only student directing two pieces instead of one. While the other



Abbie Pickett photo

Seth Alderman (left), a junior theater major from Crestview, Florida, and Shelby Steverson (right), a junior theater major from Altha, Florida, rehearse in anticipation for the "Fall Shorts" that start Nov. 17.

six students will be doing plays that range from 30-45 minutes, Wooten's two pieces will each be roughly 20 minutes.

"He (Wooten) has really given me the freedom to dive into my character... I really get to put my own twist on her," Walton said. "He's giving me the shot to do something I've never done before."

Walton was cast in one of these one-acts last semester, where she played a more comic role. The role she will be playing this semester is an elderly woman on her deathbed, which she said

will require more dramatic acting.

"I'm used to the comedy because that's what I'm good at," Walton said. "And now there are no funny lines to hide behind... I think it's a good opportunity for people to challenge themselves as actors."

The "Fall Shorts" will be performed in the Blackbox Theater upstairs in Malone Hall on Nov. 17, 18 and 19. The doors will open at 7:30 each night, and tickets can be obtained from the Theatre and Dance Box Office for free.

New Bond film reviewed as average feature 'Spectre' a lackluster addition to Craig's 007 legacy

Thomas Gleaton
Chief Copy Editor

At the end of "Skyfall," James Bond walks past Eve Moneypenny into his boss's office and receives a new mission.

If this scene were meant to herald a return to the Bond of old, then "Spectre" fulfills this in theme as well as style.

The film, directed by the man behind "Skyfall," Sam Mendes, opens with a beautifully shot action sequence involving a helicopter in Mexico City.

Next come the opening credits, which are as lackluster as the Sam Smith song that goes with them.

Daniel Craig's Bond is still clearly the same character we met in the 2006 Bond film "Casino Royale."

"Spectre" sees the veteran secret agent haunted by ghosts from every moment in his past.

Craig's adventures take him to Rome, where he interacts with Monica Bellucci for all of about 10 minutes of screen time; Austria, where Jesper Christensen returns as White; and Morocco, where Lea Seydoux becomes a human daddy-issues trope.

Christoph Waltz, Dave Bautista and Andrew Scott play type-cast versions of their previously well-known characters.

Bautista's character, Hinx, is never named, but he at least gets a decent car



Eon Productions photo

The latest installment of Daniel Craig's Bond films has met with average reviews across the board.

chase and train fight scene to his credit.

Ben Whishaw, Ralph Fiennes, Roy Kinnear and Naomie Harris return as Bond's supporting team — Q, M, Bill Tanner, and Moneypenny respectively — and bring the same talent they displayed

in "Skyfall."

With the exception of the opening number, the soundtrack written by Thomas Newman provides more emotion than the screenplay, which, above all, lacks depth and development.

The story was easy to follow, but the characters themselves felt two-dimensional.

Many of the best lines in the film fell flat because they were too wordy.

The film itself felt lifeless compared to its prequels, and more like a parody of itself than anything.

In fact, the scene where Bond seduces Bellucci's character feels like it came straight out of an episode of the television show "Archer."

In a later scene, James Bond punches through a wall. What appears to be a stone wall becomes a plywood cover in an instant.

With that in mind, the action sequences were excellent and the direction was on par with "Skyfall."

"Spectre" felt campy and fun, much like the Bond films with Roger Moore or Timothy Dalton, but like the '70s films, it leaves much to be desired in the way of storytelling.

I give the film seven out of 10.

It was rumored that Craig was not going to return as Bond, even though he has one more film on his contract.

"Spectre" seemed to wrap things up nicely, but I feel that Craig should not end his run on this note.

Rotten Tomatoes gives this film a 63 percent, IMDB rates it a 7.3 out of 10, and Roger Ebert's website rates the film a 2.5 out of 4 stars.

The **Tropolitan staff** meets every Thursday night in room 107 of Wallace Hall at 5:30 p.m.

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Belgians discuss the U.S.



Priyanka Sharma photo

Jeroen De Vries, a senior marketing and economics major from Ghent (far left); Tor De Baerdemaeker, a senior business management major from Ghent (middle left); Bert Roman, a senior computer science major from Oudenaarde (middle right); and Maxime Vandemaele, a senior business administration major from Ghent (far right) discuss their time in the United States so far.

International students talk about their experiences here at Troy

Priyanka Sharma
Staff Writer

Every semester, international students flood Troy University's campus. This year there are six people at Troy University who are a part of the bilateral agreement between Troy and two universities of Belgium, Ghent University and Hogeschool Gent.

The students whose majors allow them to apply turn in their grades and motivational letters to the colleges in Belgium. On the basis of these, a few students are selected to complete 15 credit hours of their majors at Troy University.

This semester, some of the Belgian students attending Troy University are Bert Roman, a senior computer science major from Oudenaarde; Tor De Baerdemaeker, a senior business management major from Ghent; Maxime Vandemaele, a senior business administration major from Ghent; and Jeroen De Vries, a senior marketing and economics major from Ghent.

They speak about their experiences in Troy.

Why did you decide to come to Troy?

Roman: My main reason to come here was because I wanted to go abroad, and America was No. 1 on my list. I did not want to be in the same place doing the same old thing. I wanted to do something new.

De Baerdemaeker: I had already traveled to the States a couple of times before with my parents. Because I really liked the States, I came to Troy.

Vandemaele: It's a good chance to practice English and evaluate myself. It's like a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, so I came here.

What is the best part of being in Troy?

Roman: Because Troy is a small place, everything is happening on campus. When people know you are a foreigner or you come from Europe, they are nice and are wanting to know you.

De Vries: Compared to Troy, we all lived in a pretty big city. It's crowded, and we have to travel longer. But here, you just walk out of your dorm and there are grass, squirrels and trees, so it's peaceful and quiet. That's definitely something we don't get back home.

What was something that was scary in the beginning?

Roman: As I came here on my own, it was scary because I could lose my way and go in any direction. Also, I was worried that if I couldn't get along with people here, I would be really sad.

Vandemaele: Classes scared us in the beginning. They differ a lot and are taught in a different way.

In Belgium, we have only one final and maybe a small test during the semester, but here you have lots of midterms, assignments, discussions and quizzes. It's in a way too much, but it's another system, and I enjoy it and I'm glad that I could experience it.

What do you miss the most from Belgium?

Roman: I miss the food from Belgium. We sometimes make some dishes on our own and enjoy those when we miss the food.

De Baerdemaeker: I miss my girlfriend the most. I miss her so much, and I really love her.

Vandemaele: I am a soccer referee, so I really miss it because I can't practice here. When I get back, I will put more effort and blow my whistle again. I also miss the food.

What is an interesting thing being an international student in Troy?

De Baerdemaeker: We all speak Dutch, and no one can understand what we are

saying except us. That's one of the best parts of knowing a different language.

Vandemaele: Skype-ing people back home is interesting. In the first few weeks, everything's new and you have lots of things to talk about. When you are in the sixth or the seventh week, you have the same stories, like we went to the same dining hall, the same gym and the same classes. So, it feels like Skype-ing is the new obligation.

De Vries: I was amazed by all the free space here. There is a lot of greenery and you can drive for a very long time without seeing anything around.

What are some major differences between living in Belgium and living here?

Roman: In Belgium, I have to walk up to 30 minutes to get to my class, but here I hardly have to walk eight minutes. It's a luxury life here. Our universities in Belgium are in cities and are spread out where we have to use public transportation to get from one class to another. So, a strange thing for me here is how Americans use a lot of cars. The weather is also weird. It's November, and it's still 20 degrees Celsius (68 F).

Vandemaele: The people here are different. They are more open than in Belgium. Everybody talks to each other and says, "Hi, how are you doing today?" but in Belgium we only say that to close people.

When we went to Montgomery or Birmingham, there was no one in the street and I felt like "Where is everybody?" So many people live here, but we don't see anyone on the street.

De Vries: Outside of school, an interesting difference was the intensity of people practicing their religion. We also have a lot of Christian people, but here they are way more open about it and are able to talk to you way sooner about their

religion.

What are the changes you've seen in yourself after you came here?

Roman: You change your insights. You are always doing the same things at home, but here you are doing something really different. You know new sides of yourself and learn new things.

De Baerdemaeker: I have gotten to rediscover myself stepping out of the comfort zone. When you don't have your parents, girlfriend or friends, it is a good way to discover yourself.

De Vries: It's breaking the cycle you are used to back at home, which are obligations like going to work, girlfriend and groceries. So, it's like a little bit of freedom or like a little bit of holiday. Also, being here in a relationship is a good test of the relationship for all of us.

What is your best memory you've had in Troy so far?

Roman: Halloween was my favorite memory. We invited people for Halloween, and about 30 people, American and international, came dressed up. It was so cool to see so many people from so many places getting together to celebrate an American holiday.

De Baerdemaeker: I have a lot of good memories here, and if I have to pick one, it will be like my birthday. Everybody made a video wishing me happy birthday. I loved the effort they put it in. It really touched me. I also loved the Halloween party.

De Vries: The homecoming game was something I really enjoyed at Troy. During homecoming, the campus was really crowded and there was a vibe on campus. Something was always going on, and I could feel the energy of all of Troy coming together to support the team. I loved it.



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A Halloween party is one of the group's favorite memories of Troy so far.

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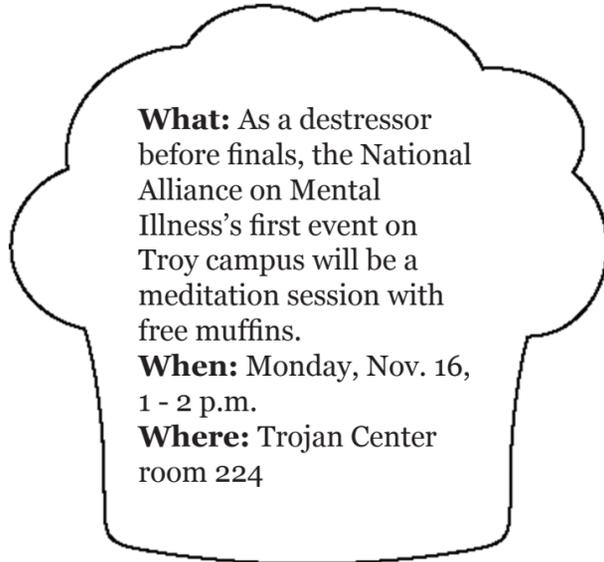
Tori Roper
Staff Writer

"As we approach Thanksgiving break, things can really start piling up and get a bit stressful or overwhelming," said Fiona Fonseca, a graduate student studying clinical mental health counseling.

Fonseca is the president of the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) at Troy, a newly recognized organization in October.

According to the National Alliance of Mental Illness mission statement, "NAMI recognizes that the key concepts of recovery, resiliency and support are essential to improving the wellness and quality of life for all persons affected by mental illness."

"NAMI will advocate at all levels to ensure that all persons affected by mental illness receive the services that they need and deserve, in a timely fashion. Mental illnesses should not be an obstacle to a full and



What: As a destressor before finals, the National Alliance on Mental Illness's first event on Troy campus will be a meditation session with free muffins.

When: Monday, Nov. 16, 1 - 2 p.m.

Where: Trojan Center room 224

meaningful life for persons who live with them."

"Mindfulness & Muffins" is the first event being held by NAMI.

It will be held this coming Monday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. in Room 224 in the Trojan Center.

"Self-care is so important,

especially when it seems like you have no time for it," Fonseca said. "This event is about taking an hour out of your busy Monday to do something good for yourself."

She was instrumental in getting this started on campus.

"I was the individual

responsible for taking the initiative as well as spearheading the first bits of work necessary to form this organization," Fonseca said. "Its existence wouldn't have been possible without the help of our faculty supervisor, Dr. Joel Willis, or without the newest, highly efficient committee members."

NAMI plans to hold weekly confidential meetings next semester, similar to a support-group setting.

"I hope for this organization to provide a safe space for students dealing with mental illness in some way, as well as, in the long run, for the Troy University campus to be more friendly, accepting, understanding and accommodating for individuals dealing with mental illness," Fonseca said. "We also hope to network and collaborate with other student organizations as well as other resources available on campus, and potentially in the community."

According to Fonseca, this club isn't a psychology- or counseling-department-related

club. "This club is open to all students from all backgrounds, studying all majors," Fonseca said. "Everybody is welcome regardless of nationality, gender, sexual orientation, race, ability, religion, class, caste and other axes of identity. Please feel welcome to attend a meeting or get in touch to find out more."

"Mental health advocacy is a cause that is very important to me, both on an intellectual as well as an emotional level," Fonseca said. "It's why I chose to undertake a master's in clinical mental health counseling, and it's also why I have been, and still am, so passionate about starting NAMI on campus at Troy University."

Fonseca said that the issue is dear to other committee members and the faculty adviser as well.

"Join us for a brief mindfulness meditation session and muffins," Fonseca said. "This isn't a closed, confidential event, and we invite everybody to attend."

Professor puts her best foot forward for cancer awareness

Bronte Pruitt
Contributor

The world gains a pink hue come the month of October. Ribbons, bracelets, even pom-poms for Friday night cheerleaders go pink to raise awareness for breast cancer. Come November, however, that color starts to fade and we no longer see the "Save the Ta-tas" slogan everywhere.

For Jacqueline Jones, a Troy University biosciences professor, cancer awareness is a yearlong pursuit. Having a Ph.D. in integrative biosciences, Jones has extensive training in cancer pathology and bone immunology.

"From Nov. 20-23, I will be participating in the Susan G Komen 60-mile, three-day walk in San Diego with a group of professors from Harvard University and University of Pittsburgh," Jones said.

"The purpose of the phenomenal event is to raise money for breast cancer research as well as increase awareness."

Thousands participate in the walk annually, in cities across the United States, according to Jones.

"We walk rain, sleet, snow or hail," she said. "The walk is never canceled."

This will be Jones' first time with the endeavor, and she is "looking forward to participating in this great cause."

A group of colleagues from various universities sparked her interest. She will be representing Troy University and said that "it is an honor to be representing

the Trojan family."

Jones said that "in the evenings, we will camp out in tents to sleep."

"I am an avid researcher who conducts research at Troy University as well as other collaborators," Jones said. "I also volunteer and talk to women in local communities and churches about breast cancer awareness."

"We walk rain, sleet, snow or hail."
—Jacqueline Jones

"In my opinion, just doing research is not enough; there is always more we can do."

According to Jones, the minimum amount of money that must be raised in order to participate is \$2,300. Currently, she is around \$300 short and has until Nov. 16 to reach her goal.

"Any support I can receive from the Trojan family would be appreciated, and no amount is too small," Jones said. "Any amount from \$1 to \$20 can make a difference, and by using the website, all funds go directly to The Susan G. Komen Foundation."

According to the Susan G. Komen 3-Day website, "75 percent of the proceeds raised goes to support the Susan G. Komen's research and Training Grant Program."

"It also aids in creating public health outreach for those who are fighting breast cancer, while the remaining 25 percent helps fund local community support and outreach programs."

If students or faculty members wish to support Jones and her fight against breast cancer, her participation page can be found at www.the3day.org. In order to find Jones, you can use her participant ID: 1935.

Sudoku

Last week's solution:

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6	1	8	9	5	7	2	3	4
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8	2	1	7	3	6	4	5	9
5	3	4	8	9	1	6	2	7
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Dear Trop,

Dear Trop,
I'm really forgetful and didn't remember that there was no class yesterday.

So I was walking across campus, wondering if some kind of apocalypse occurred while I was sleeping. None of my friends were answering their phones, so I assumed that they must not have made it.

I walked into class with some pride that I survived whatever took everyone else out.

And that's when I saw them. I had to promise secrecy but let's just say it was a secret society of sorts.

"What are you doing here?" The apparent leader asked (someone some of you might recognize on campus).

"I want to pass biology," I

replied.

"Well, it's Veterans Day," he said angrily. "Go home, and don't tell anyone about what you saw in here!"

So, I'm really not sure what to do with this. Should I be put in witness protection or what?

—Forgetful and Frightened

Dear Forgetful,
What did he just say?!

Don't tell anyone!
You need to leave the country. Now.

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You have no other option.

That is, do all this after giving the Trop an exclusive interview. Did this meeting involve all the

recent UFO sightings? Do tuition hikes fund this?

So yeah, either give us the details and run, or submit this awesome piece of fiction somewhere else. (For our own safety, this is fiction and we don't know you.)

Cheers,
Trop

Dear Trop,
With finals coming up, my studying is reaching maximum intensity.

Unfortunately, so is my poverty and I'm running out of fuel and motivation to make it through.

Any ideas?

—Riding the Struggle Shuttle

Dear Struggle,

Do we have some good news for you!

Right now Einstein Bros. Bagels is selling a reusable coffee cup for a mere 10 Flex Points. But this cup can be refilled for free as much as you want!

If you don't have any points yourself, this is the time of year that people typically start realizing how many points they have left to find a way to spend. Why not spend those on you?

Now the hardest part will just be willing yourself to venture back out into the cold and actually study.

Good Luck,
Trop

Troy University's SOS system lacking

Emergency alert needs upgrade

Whitney Cale
Staff Writer

When you hear the acronym “SOS,” what do you think of? Perhaps words like “emergency” or “urgent” come to mind.

The Troy SOS emergency system is designed to send out alerts to students via a text message as soon as there is a reported safety alert. These safety



alerts may take the form of inclement weather, crisis drills and various other emergency conditions.

This system is good in theory but not so much in practice.

The problem with the SOS emergency system is that the alerts are sent out immediately following the emergency, a tornado for example, or even days after an event such as an assault.

What benefit is it to know about an incoming tornado after the tornado has passed? How is one supposed to know to be on the lookout for an assault suspect when the suspect is already apprehended or the situation is dealt with?

“If the message isn’t getting there in time, if the students are not getting the message, then they either need to fix it or drop it altogether,” said Carson Posey, a freshman from Andalusia whose major is undeclared.

“I have an 8 a.m. class every day of the week,” Posey said. “If there was a weather emergency that morning, and I’m not hearing about it until that afternoon, I could potentially get myself into a lot of trouble by walking to that class.”

Some students think that the SOS emergency system is not even worth the effort and resources that are currently being put into it.

“There is no point in telling us after the emergency happens because you can’t prepare for something after the fact,” said Holly Ledogar, a senior biomedical sciences major from New Brockton. “It’s pointless.”



Seth Nicholson

While there is no way to solve every problem arising within the system, Ledogar said he believes that there is really only one possible improvement.

“The system would be more effective if it updated students as an event is unfolding,” she said. “They need to stay ahead of the game, so to speak.”

Troy’s SOS emergency system will never be perfect, nor will any other emergency system in the world be perfect. If it were possible for schools to relay information about an emergency before the event took place, we would see significantly fewer tragedies.

However, while the emergency system cannot necessarily prevent a tragedy, it can aid in lessening the impact of the tragedy by warning students to get to safety.

The SOS emergency system is not the only school emergency prevention method that is flawed.

For example, the mass shooting that took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, on Dec. 14, 2012, occurred only days after the school’s security protocols were upgraded.

In an article published by The New

York Times on the same day as the shooting, “Nation Reels After Gunman Massacres 20 Children at School in Connecticut,” author James Barron states that the school recently required all visitors to be individually admitted following identification confirmation by a video monitor.

Furthermore, he explained that the school’s doors were automatically locked after 9:30 a.m. each day.

It is easy to think that safety measures such as those implemented in Connecticut would be more effective than receiving a simple text message.

However, it is important to grasp the fact that a gunman found his way past a video monitor and locked doors.

No matter the upgrades made to Troy’s SOS emergency system, we will never be able to fully prevent the possibility of a tragic event. However, abandoning the system completely will only take with it our awareness of current urgent situations.

While the emergency system is not and never will be perfect, we can at least better prepare for potential tragic events by simply being aware.

Our campus is a bit of a fixer upper

Students discuss campus buildings that need renovations

Katie Miller
Staff Writer

With renovations of the MSCX building planned, students have turned their attention toward other sites that they feel need to undergo changes on Troy University’s campus.

Malone Hall, Cowart Hall, and the nursing building are a few of the areas in question.

Students have expressed concern for the current state of Troy University’s Malone Hall. The building welcomes many students who wish to have their personal creative works displayed within the hall.

“I would say that the photo department could definitely use some work,” said Cody Foran, a senior graphic design major from Troy. “Irby Pace, a teacher here, has done a really good job of renovating it by himself, basically.”

The renovations, Foran said, may keep him from getting the most from his class period.

“My class has had to help him work and break down a lot of stuff because he’s completely taking out cabinets and redoing everything,” Foran said.

Regardless of the renovation within the photo department, Foran is overall pleased with the atmosphere Malone Hall provides.

“I don’t go to every classroom here, so I’m not sure about some classrooms,” Foran said. “Malone is doing pretty well as far as I see.”

Irby Pace, an assistant professor of art, explained his experiences with assimilating Malone’s photo room in the shape it is currently.

A picture taken before the renovation showed bare walls, scattered debris, and the lack of useful materials

inside the room. Pace and his students painted the walls and ripped out old equipment that was rotted.

Pace said the mold had been present for several years.

The academic year of 2014–2015 was spent getting approval from the school to begin renovation, Pace said. From August to now, various improvements have been made to the photo room, and it has made a drastic change from its previous state.

The school’s approval and support were crucial to the renovation of the building, but primarily the work came from the students.

“The only way it was going to happen is if I took it upon myself to do it,” Pace said. “I couldn’t have done it without my students. They are the best students I’ve had.”

It was exciting to tour the halls of Malone for the first time, and I was fascinated by the various artworks up on display. However, I did notice that several hallways were cluttered and debris littered the floor. The art and theater students in this hall would benefit from a makeover of several areas. Renovating Malone would allow for more room to display work or study effectively.

Hannah Edwards, a sophomore English major from Corner, talked about her experience in Cowart Hall as a resident assistant. Cowart Hall was last renovated in 1993.

“A lot of our amenities are outdated, such as the laundry room,” Edwards said. “We only have room for two of each unit per floor, and first floor doesn’t even have one.”

Madison McPhillips, a junior nursing major from Florence, also gave input as a residential assistant in Cowart.

“I am so thankful for the people on our maintenance team because I know they do their best,” McPhillips

said. “The air conditioner in this lobby has been fixed five times, and it’s died eight times. That’s my biggest problem.”

Personally, I love living in Cowart Hall. Our elevator is quick (though it has needed repairs a few times so far this semester) and the rooms were left for the newcomers in fairly good shape — nothing that a strategically placed poster can’t fix. But I think several residents will agree that the colors adorning the walls are less than appealing.

As a nursing major, McPhillips also had several comments on needed renovations towards the nursing building.

“Nursing students are awesome, and we have nothing down there. Our building is falling apart,” she said. “We are so lucky to have that space, but with the high influx of nursing students, we don’t have classrooms that are big enough.”

According to McPhillips, aspects that are obvious contenders for renovations include a lack of space and a much-needed food store.

“We need a store of some sort down there because a lot of us have class from 8 a.m.– 4 p.m. and we have to walk somewhere to get lunch,” she said.

The inability to get lunch proves to be an issue because it prohibits a steady workflow.

“When you’re already studying, you don’t want to have to walk up the hill to go get lunch,” she said.

Final comments included a method of transportation for nursing students that would be greatly appreciated, as getting to and from class proved difficult.

“They could work on a more reliable shuttle system that goes down by the building because nothing goes by the building,” McPhillips said.

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Troy falls to the Panthers in SBC semis

Scott McLendon
Staff Writer

The Troy soccer team had its curtain call in the semifinal round of the Sun Belt Championship tournament, falling to Georgia State in a heartbreaking shootout that ended 4-2 on Friday, Nov. 6, at LakePoint Sporting Community in Emerson, Georgia.

The traveling Trojans (14-4-2, 6-2-1 Sun Belt) took the lead in the 37th minute when junior forward Annabell Simpson buried a headed pass from senior midfielder Jasmine Fahrnbauer.

The Panthers (11-5-4, 4-4-1 Sun Belt) evened the tally in the 50th minute. Sophomore goalkeeper Mikki Lewis made the initial save, but the rebound from junior midfielder Suzanne Arafa found its mark.

The equalizer eventually sent the game into overtime, with neither team able to break the tie. Despite giving up the equalizer earlier, Lewis' four saves kept the Trojans' hopes alive.

The Trojans outshot their counterparts 16 to 13, with seven Trojan shots on target to Georgia State's five. Senior



April Irvin photo

Freshman midfielder Brittany Yoder (second from left) fights for possession in Troy's game against UALR on Sunday, Oct. 25. Of Yoder's two shots in the game, one of them was on target.

midfielder Alissa Jones from Mustang, Oklahoma, fired four shots, the most of any Trojan that evening.

Following 120 minutes of play and no tie-breaking goal, the contest then went to penalty kicks.

Both teams netted their first two penalties of the shootout, but after that, Lady Luck seemed to be against the second-seeded Trojans.

The following two Trojan penalties were denied by the goal post, whereas Georgia State's next two penalties found the back of the net, sealing the Panthers' place in the conference championship final.

"That's a tough way to end the season, and it's a tough way to lose a game on penalties (shootouts)," said Jason Hamilton, second-year head coach. "But someone's got to be a winner and move on. I thought we played good, and I thought we executed our game plan very well. That's how it is with postseason: you have to leave everything on the line."

This was the first match in Trojan history to go past overtime and into a shootout.

Troy tennis wraps up its fall 2015 season

Ty Ammons
Staff Writer

The Troy men's and women's tennis teams competed at the USTA Collegiate Clay Court Invitational on Nov. 5-8 in Orlando, Florida.

The first day at the tournament went well for the Trojans, as they lost only three matches. Troy brought a total of 10 players to the tournament.

Senior Daniel Bustamante lost his match 2-6, 2-6 to sophomore Pedro Iamachkine from Pepperdine University.

Sophomore Sanae Ohta lost her match 2-6, 4-6 to Florida State University's No. 66-ranked redshirt senior Daneika Borthwick.

Freshman Tereza Melicharkova lost her match 1-6, 2-6 to sophomore Laura Patterson.

The second day of competition was not as successful, though, as seven singles were defeated. After those losses, senior Giovanni Samaha and sophomore Nancy Karaky were the only Trojans left in the tournament.

Samaha lost his quarterfinal match 3-6, 2-6 to redshirt sophomore Gabriel Friedrich from the University of South Carolina.

Karakay lost a hard-fought match, 3-6, 6-7, in her matchup against senior Tristen

Dewar from Clemson University.

All but one doubles team lost. The team of sophomores Efriliya Herlina and Jiayuan Xue won its match 8-2 against freshman Alexe Viaud and junior Brittany Hill from Stetson University.

Troy sophomore Andre Baldo and Bustamante's match was close. They lost 6-8 to freshman Christopher Morin-Kougoucheff and junior Sean Donohue of the University of Louisville.

There was one upside for the Trojans in the quarterfinal round, however. Herlina and Xue won their match 8-5 against seniors Taly Merker and Manoela Chiacchio from Louisiana Tech.

Herlina and Xue went on to the semifinals on Sunday, Nov. 8. They lost 5-8 to freshman Ally Miller-Krasilnikov and Dewar from the Clemson University.

With the conclusion of this tournament, Troy's fall season has ended. Its next matches start in January, when team scores count.

The men's first matchup is against the University of Louisville on Friday, Jan. 15, and the women's first matchup is against the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida, on Saturday, Jan. 23.

Mizzou

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This event ignited protest and strikes nationwide. Knowing this effect of racism, President Wolfe should have taken the matter of recent on-campus racism more seriously and urgently.

Wolfe issued a statement apologizing for his reaction at Missouri's homecoming parade when the Concerned Student 1950 group approached his car, which struck one of the protestors.

"My behavior seemed like I did not care," he said. "That was not my intention. I was caught off guard in the moment. I am asking us to move forward in addressing the racism that exists at our university — and it does exist."

This statement did not stop the students and players' protests, which they maintained would not end until the president resigned. The students are troubled not only by these racist

acts but by the overwhelming white population on campus, which is 77 percent white and 7 percent black.

According to a Columbia, Missouri, newspaper, Butler stated his discontent of university officials.

"In each of these scenarios, Mr. Wolfe had ample opportunity to create policies and reform that could shift the culture of Mizzou in a positive direction, but in each scenario, he failed to do so," he said.

Because of the large support for the football players at the university and in the nation, it is believed that their actions can help cause a difference for their campus. Wolfe resigned on Monday, Nov. 9, after which the Missouri football team announced it will play this weekend.

This act of courage from the players has sparked a change and could be potential for more change in the future from other teams around the country.

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point for where we are.

"Little Rock is a good team and the reigning Sun Belt champion. We have never really matched up well against them, but we put a game plan together that the girls followed really well, and I couldn't be more happy to send our seniors out with a win like that."

Troy moves on to play its final regular season game on Friday, Nov. 13, against Georgia Southern. Match time is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.

From there the Troy Trojans will travel back to Statesboro, Georgia, to compete in the Sun Belt Championship the following Friday.

Pigskin Picks

Week 11
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Leader:
T. Gleaton



Ngoc Vo
(56-44)



Sinclair Portis
(57-43)



Michael Shipma
(61-39)



Taylor Boydston
(61-39)



April Irvin
(61-39)



Thomas Gleaton
(63-37)



Chase Robinson
(57-43)



Joshua Thurston
(57-43)

The Lineup

Georgia Southern @ Troy	Troy	-	Troy	GA Southern	GA Southern	GA Southern	Troy	Troy
#11 Florida @ South Carolina	Florida	-	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida
#2 Alabama @ #17 Miss. State	Alabama	-	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Mississippi St.	Alabama	Alabama
#21 Memphis @ #24 Houston	Memphis	-	Houston	Houston	Memphis	Memphis	Memphis	Houston
Arkansas @ #11 LSU	LSU	-	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU
#12 Oklahoma @ #6 Baylor	Baylor	-	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Baylor	Oklahoma	Baylor	Baylor
Oregon @ #7 Stanford	Stanford	-	Stanford	Stanford	Stanford	Oregon	Stanford	Stanford
#3 Ohio State @ Illinois	Ohio State	-	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State	Ohio State
Georgia @ Auburn	Auburn	-	Auburn	Georgia	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn
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Mizzou should have done more about race issue

Sinclair Portis
Staff Writer

Racial discrimination has been stirring on the Missouri campus lately, causing strikes, boycotts and turmoil from the students and faculty.

It began when African-American Missouri Student Association President Payton Head said he was verbally abused when walking on campus in September. It took nearly a week for the university chancellor to address the incident, leading to a student protest.

Furthermore, in October, a student yelled a racial slur to members of the Legion of Black Collegians while they were working on a play in the campus plaza. Additionally, a student smeared a swastika on a new residence hall wall using feces.

Despite these explicit acts of hate, the university downplayed the incidents, causing more criticism toward administrators.

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, graduate student Jonathan Butler began a hunger strike, saying that because of his neglect of these racial disputes, University of Missouri President Tim Wolfe should step down. Following this act of protest, Missouri football coach Gary Pinkel and athletic director Mack Rhoades issued a statement that Missouri did not practice Sunday and indicated "it was clear" that the Tigers "do not plan to return to practice until Jonathan resumes eating."

In light of the recent racial conflicts concerning police brutality, neglecting acts of racism should not be the answer from a university president. It has been 15 months since the fatal shooting of African-American Michael Brown by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, which is just two hours west of the University of Missouri.

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Troy routs ULM

Michael Shipma
Sports Editor

The Troy football team picked up its third win of the season at home against UL-Monroe by a score of 51-14 on Saturday, Nov. 7.

The Trojans (3-6, 2-3 Sun Belt) jumped out to a quick start and never looked back, racking up 493 yards of offense to go along with two defensive touchdowns against the struggling Warhawks (1-8, 0-5 Sun Belt).

"This is the first time we've played a good football game at home, and our fans deserve that," head coach Neal Brown said after the game. "To do that and to put that together on Military Appreciation Day was special."

Senior kicker Jed Solomon got the home team on the board first with a 20-yard field goal, putting the Trojans up 3-0 at the 10:53 mark in the first quarter. Solomon made three of four field goal attempts in the game, earning him the title of Sun Belt special teams player of the week.

On the ensuing ULM drive, freshman quarterback Garrett Smith was sacked and fumbled the ball. It was scooped up by senior safety Darrin Derrick, who returned the ball 27 yards for a touchdown.

Following another field goal from Solomon, the Warhawks got on the scoreboard with a 47-yard pass from Smith to freshman wide receiver Marcus Green.

The quarterbacks from both sides swapped scores. Sophomore quarterback Brandon Silvers tossed a 43-yard touchdown pass, and Smith threw his second of the night on a 30-yard passing score.

It was the last time that the visitors scored against the Trojans.

Troy proceeded to dominate the remainder of the game, scoring 31 unanswered points to ensure the rout. Senior running back Brandon Burks took a screen pass from Silvers and raced down the sideline for a 75-yard touchdown with 33 seconds left in the first quarter.

The score capped a wild 41-point first quarter, with the line reading



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Sophomore running back Andre Flakes and the Trojan offense recorded 493 yards of total offense against ULM on Saturday, Nov. 7, including 37 yards on 10 carries from Flakes. Troy has now scored at least 41 points in each of its last three games.

27-14 in favor of the Trojans. Burks finished the game with 206 total yards of offense on 19 carries and three receptions.

In the second quarter, Silvers found sophomore wide receiver Emmanuel Thompson for a pair of scores through the air before halftime. Silvers went 22-for-33 for a career-high 326 yards and four touchdowns.

Solomon capped off the scoring in the game with a 33-yard field goal to achieve the final score.

Brown stressed the necessity of winning the turnover battle, which the Trojans did 6-0.

"We finally got turnovers defensively," he said. "That's something we stress on an everyday basis, and they usually come in bunches."

The Trojans will stay at home for next week's matchup against Georgia Southern, who is currently third in the Sun Belt. Kickoff on Larry Blakeney Field is scheduled for 2:30 p.m.



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Senior outside hitter Blair Winston (left) had eight digs in Troy's 3-0 win over UALR at home on Sunday, Nov. 8. Winston also tallied a team-high 13 kills, earning her a .370 attack percentage.

Troy rolls UALR, 3-0

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In its final home game this season, the Troy volleyball team defeated the University of Arkansas-Little Rock 3-0 in Trojan Arena on Sunday, Nov. 8.

On senior night, the Trojans (14-16, 7-8 Sun Belt) ended their five-match losing streak with just one regular-season match left. Troy's seniors — outside hitter Blair Winston, middle hitter Darby Griff, defensive specialist Ali Dowdall and defense specialist Madeline Bouillon, who was injured for the season — were all honored before the game.

Winston led the team with 13 kills and .370 hitting percentage, and just behind her was Griff with 9 kills and .389 hitting percentage. Dowdall led the team defensively with the leading digs of 19 digs.

The opening set began closely for both teams, but late in the set Troy was able to find some willpower. This, along with five straight points, helped Troy beat the visiting UALR Trojans (12-13, 8-7 Sun Belt) in the first set 26-24.

In the second set, Troy gained the lead, but Little Rock did not give up. The two sides swapped scores, but Troy won the match 25-22, putting it at a 2-0 advantage.

The third and final set did not come easily to the Troy Trojans. After a 14-14 tie, Troy went on a run that led to winning the game 25-23 and the match 3-0.

"We played well for the seniors, and they played really well, too," said Sonny Kirkpatrick, Troy's head coach. "We knew today would be a good measuring

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