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## GOP chief: Politics vital to future

*Bill Armistead urges students to become more involved in public affairs, government*

**Valario Johnson**  
News Editor

Bill Armistead, Alabama's Republican Party chairman, addressed the College Republicans at Troy University.

He said the bridge between the older and younger generation is growing shorter each day as the country's elders are retiring from political offices.

Armistead started an organization of College Republicans at his alma mater, Samford University, where he served as the chairman of the club.

He knows what it takes for a young person to get started in the political world

and how to be successful in changing the lives of Americans for the better.

"This is about your future," Armistead said.

"This is how you are going to get a job after college."

One of Armistead's main points was the importance of getting involved.

He said that getting people more interested in who is getting elected is vital, especially to the current college generation.

College tuition is dependent on many things, but Armistead said that with an unhealthy economy it will only get worse; however, he offered the students

in attendance a future possibility.

He said that as the economy improves in Alabama, more money will be stocked for education. According to Armistead that money would be divided up between K-12 and two- and four-year colleges, and there is no telling what percentage of that money would go to post-secondary education.

Armistead said that improvement is only possible with better organization and leadership.

"The Obama administration has done no good for America," Armistead said.

"He is the worst thing that has happened economically to our country, at least in

my lifetime. Obama is more about regulation, and we need an environment where businesses have more freedom from the executive administration."

He described Obama's management as being anti-business.

He continued by saying that the more people that get involved in the support of the Republican Party at all levels, the better.

"We all need to work together as a team," he said.

Armistead firmly believes that his party can be more effective in finding jobs

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Tobi Olugbemi photo

Elizabeth Chizholm, sophomore human resource major from Panama City, Fla., picks up gluten-free meal from Bella Trattoria in Trojan Dining from employee. The new My Fitness Pal app helps students to make a healthy meal choice which is also helpful with their food allergies. Gluten-free choices are served daily.

## University is working on campus issues of accessibility

**Jacob Barber**  
Staff Writer

A past article published in the Tropolitan encouraged university officials to improve the campus quality for students who have issues with accessibility, especially for those students who are wheelchair-bound.

A list of issues—including the need for more curb cuts, repaired sidewalks, added elevators and improved stairways—were compiled by dean of students, Herbert Reeves, on a tour around campus with several students.

In the intervening months, the university has made progress toward addressing these problems and ensuring the campus can provide all students with adequate access and convenience.

"The only thing that has been done at this point, as there was an exhaustive list made of things, is that there have been some curb cuts that have been done," Reeves said.

Reeves also said various sidewalks have been redone in order to provide both walking and wheelchair-bound students with a safer path as they travel throughout the campus.

SCADA (Students Concerned About Disability Awareness) president, Elizabeth Chisholm, was quick to praise these developments.

"The first thing that we had a problem with was the sidewalks, that they were so cracked and if you're riding a wheelchair over those things you're going to fall out constantly," Chisholm said.

"So this year, like Dean Reeves said he would do, he got those fixed and then if you look around on the heavy-travel sidewalks you'll see they're shaved down to where they're even. That's a huge thing right there. Something so little but so important."

Chisholm also said that the handicap buttons used to open doors are in much better condition.

"I've only found one or two that haven't worked this year, which is a huge improvement from last year," she said.

Chisholm specifically commended Dean Reeves' efforts, saying, "He's really done a lot. I mean, he had a long list of things to do but he's already beginning to do stuff, so we're very thankful for that."

However, there is still work to be done.

"It'll be an ongoing project," Reeves said.

He cited the plans to add additional curb cuts and electronic doors, as well as to add colored strips to steps to assist visually-impaired students who may have trouble with depth perception.

Chisholm also stressed the importance of curb cut additions. She said it was the main thing she could think of concerning further improvements.

Students who wish to get involved in the process of ensuring that the campus is disability-friendly have several options.

SCADA is planning several wheelchair days and a fundraiser is in the near future.

The group's next meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 19 at 4 p.m. in room 119 of the Trojan Center.

## Trojan Dining goes digital

**Tobi Olugbemi**  
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Trojan Dining has made eating healthy easier with the assistance of a downloadable app, "My Fitness Pal."

This new idea presents the student with a bar code near the food of choice they are selecting. With a scan of the bar code, through the "My Fitness Pal" app, the student would know the amount of calories present in each meal.

Fortunately, this app can be downloaded onto any smartphone.

Trojan Dining Services is taking measures to put bar codes on the products that are served in the dining hall to allow students to eat healthier and know how much of any particular food they are eating.

When trying to keep track of fitness and nutrition, students would need to download the app "My Fitness Pal"

from their respective app store or simply go onto myfitnesspal.com.

Then they would use the search features to find items or use the scanning features to get nutrition information about the food from bar codes.

Finally, the student can build and save his or her meals and track against his or her personal nutrition objectives.

"The Troy University Dining Services is concerned about the welfare and health of Troy students," said Sheetal Nangia, unit marketing specialist of Trojan Dining.

"Therefore the dining services and 'My Fitness Pal' have teamed up to help make tracking nutrition easier than ever."

"My Fitness Pal" can be used to track your nutrition at your favorite restaurants and at home. Just set and track your fitness goals over time and even share with your friends.

"Also a new service called simple servings has been introduced to Troy Dining Hall," Nangia said, going more in depth about what the dining hall has to offer in terms of nutrition.

"Simple servings" is at the Bella Trattoria in Trojan Dining and serves foods that do not contain milk, eggs, wheat, soy, shellfish, peanuts, tree nuts or gluten."

This was recently put in place because there are those who are allergic to certain types of foods.

According to Nangia, purple plates are used to serve so as to avoid cross-contamination with other foods.

Holly Ammons, a sophomore nursing major from Geneva appreciates what the dining hall is trying to do for students.

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## Beauty pageant to battle leukemia

**Tatiannah Clarke**  
Staff Writer

Troy University's Kappa Kappa Si fraternity and Tau Beta Sigma sorority will be hosting the inaugural Miss Sound of the South Beauty Pageant to support victims of leukemia and lymphoma.

Admission to the pageant is \$10, and all students are welcome.

A total of 16 girls from each section of the Sound of

The South band will be competing against each other, but only one will be crowned victorious.

All proceeds earned from the pageant will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help fund research to finding the cure for both cancerous diseases.

"Not only will this event be fun and exciting, but it will be used to help raise money for a very important cause," said Sam Sizemore, a sophomore elementary ed-

ucation major from Geneva. "We hope that this event raises awareness for leukemia and lymphoma."

Leukemia is a form of cancer that affects the blood or bone marrow.

Lymphoma is a type of blood cancer that affects the lymph nodes, spleen or bone marrow.

Steven Debarzynski, a former trombonist for Sound of The South, passed away in 2002 after battling leukemia for seven months.

"After the passing of Steven in 2002, the fraternity felt compelled to do something that would honor him forever," said Darius Davis, a senior criminal justice major from Panama City, Fla. and member of the sousaphone section.

"We created the Step For Life step show in 2002 and ever since then shows have been held every spring in Crosby."

The event will be held Saturday, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.

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Joshua Thurston photo

**Top: Bill Armistead, Alabama Republican Party chairman, addressed College Republicans on Monday. He encouraged the involvement of the college generation in the political realm. Bottom: Armistead told students in attendance that of all the College Republicans he has lectured to, College Republicans at Troy University has been his largest audience. Armistead's lecture was followed by the College Republicans at Troy University's first meeting of the semester**

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for college graduates because "Americans are more ready for jobs than ever."

With the healthcare act lingering, Armistead said that jobs are being lost everywhere.

"There are just too many stipulations that are associated with this," Armistead said.

"And with the various budget cuts in the healthcare system, the job opportunities for college students in this field are slimming each day."

This is why Armistead encourages helping the younger generation. He said that "there are Paul Ryans in this room who are ready to lead this country in the next direction."

He offered advice: "Get involved in SGA. This gives you experience so that you are ready for the future."

By doing this, Armistead said that you begin to build your reputation.

In addition to hoping to work with the SGA, Hunter Mills, a freshman political science major from Montgomery, hopes that joining the College Republicans at Troy University will offer him experience for his future career as a politician.

"I think College Republicans in general gives us opportunities to be involved on political campaigns," he said.

"It gives you a name and a platform that can only be built upon throughout the future. Most of all, it gives you contacts."

In the near future, Mills will be running for the state Republican executive committee, which governs the Republi-

can party of Alabama.

He appreciated Armistead for visiting with the College Republicans and admires him for sympathizing with the people, especially college students and graduates who are experiencing financial struggles.

He also understands the part he must play in improving the quality of life for Americans, as he plans to one day run for the U.S. Senate.

"There are students who are running for offices and being elected all over Alabama," Armistead said.

"You are not too young for this."

"Armistead gave students the process to get involved," said Jonathon Steinman, a junior music education major from New Hope.

"He let us know that we are not just students at Troy University but students of the state. We are represented too."

Of all the College Republicans Armistead has recently lectured to, he said that College Republicans at Troy University has been his largest audience.

In closing Armistead said, "In a few years, you are going to take over this country."

With the new academic year, the College Republicans also hosted their first meeting where new business was discussed.

"We are going to try to work closer with Greek Life this year," said Cole Lawson, chairman of College Republicans at Troy University and a senior political science major from Smiths Station.

One liaison will represent each fraternity and sorority in the organization, if they choose to do so.

College Republicans meet on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

## Fraternity raises money for Push America benefit

**Greg Gilbert**  
Staff Writer

Push America will host a fundraising night at Zaxby's of Troy to benefit disabled Americans.

Of the profits earned that night, 10 percent will be donated to the Push America benefit.

During the event, Push America will also be having a 50-50 raffle that anyone attending can participate in.

Push America, Pi Kappa Phi's national organization, is dedicated to removing barriers set

by society that prevent people with disabilities from fully integrating into society. Pi Kappa Phi will have a special night Tuesday at Zaxby's to raise funds to help make the world a more accessible place for individuals with disabilities.

The organization hopes that the funds earned during this event will help them with their goals over the coming year. The organization also hopes that this event could help raise awareness for future events Push America plans to organize over the

coming months.

Push America, which was founded in 1977, states that its mission is "building leaders of tomorrow by serving people with disabilities today."

The organization has done outstanding work for Americans with disabilities by raising over \$15 million and volunteering over 600,000 hours of community service to help Americans with disabilities.

The event is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 5-9 p.m.

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"I like the new technology, but it can be difficult to use if you don't know the exact brand of food that is served or how much exercise you have done," she said.

Caitlin Mock, a sophomore English education major from Samson, agrees with Ammons.

"It's helpful but difficult to commit to because foods that you don't know about can be much harder to scan into the app," she said.

"My Fitness Pal' is free, and it is very

accurate," Nangia said when asked how accurate the app was. She also explained that the students who have used it say it has a lot of benefits.

"We have started a program called 'Mindful' which educates the students on what they eat," Nangia said.

For instance half of the food could be fruits and vegetables, while one quarter could be dairy and the other quarter could be starches.

"That is healthy eating, and also the food is spicy and very delicious so as to encourage the students to eat it and have a balanced diet," Nangia said.

## Daybook

### Thursday, Sept. 12

*Troy Dance Club Jazz Class, 4 p.m.*

They welcome all levels and beginners. The goal of the club is to teach dance to those that don't know it so that the entire campus can enjoy dancing.

*Be Ready Day, 9 a.m.*

Volunteers and professionals will be available to showcase response and rescue equipment, as well as interacting with citizens through interactive demonstrations

### Monday, Sept. 16

*Meet and Greet, 6:30 p.m.*

The Beta Iota Chapter of Phi Gamma Nu Business Fraternity will be hosting a Meet & Greet on Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Bibb Graves room 243. This event is open to all business majors and minors.

## Crime Log

### Theft Of Property First Degree

A Samsung Galaxy S3 was stolen on Troy main campus, Saturday, at 7:30 p.m.

### Theft of Property Third Degree

A diamondback bicycle, teal in color, and a bicycle combination lock were stolen on Saturday at 2 p.m.

### Alias Writ of Arrest

A 21-year-old white male was arrested in Ingram's Curb Market in the meat department on Friday at 4:53 p.m.



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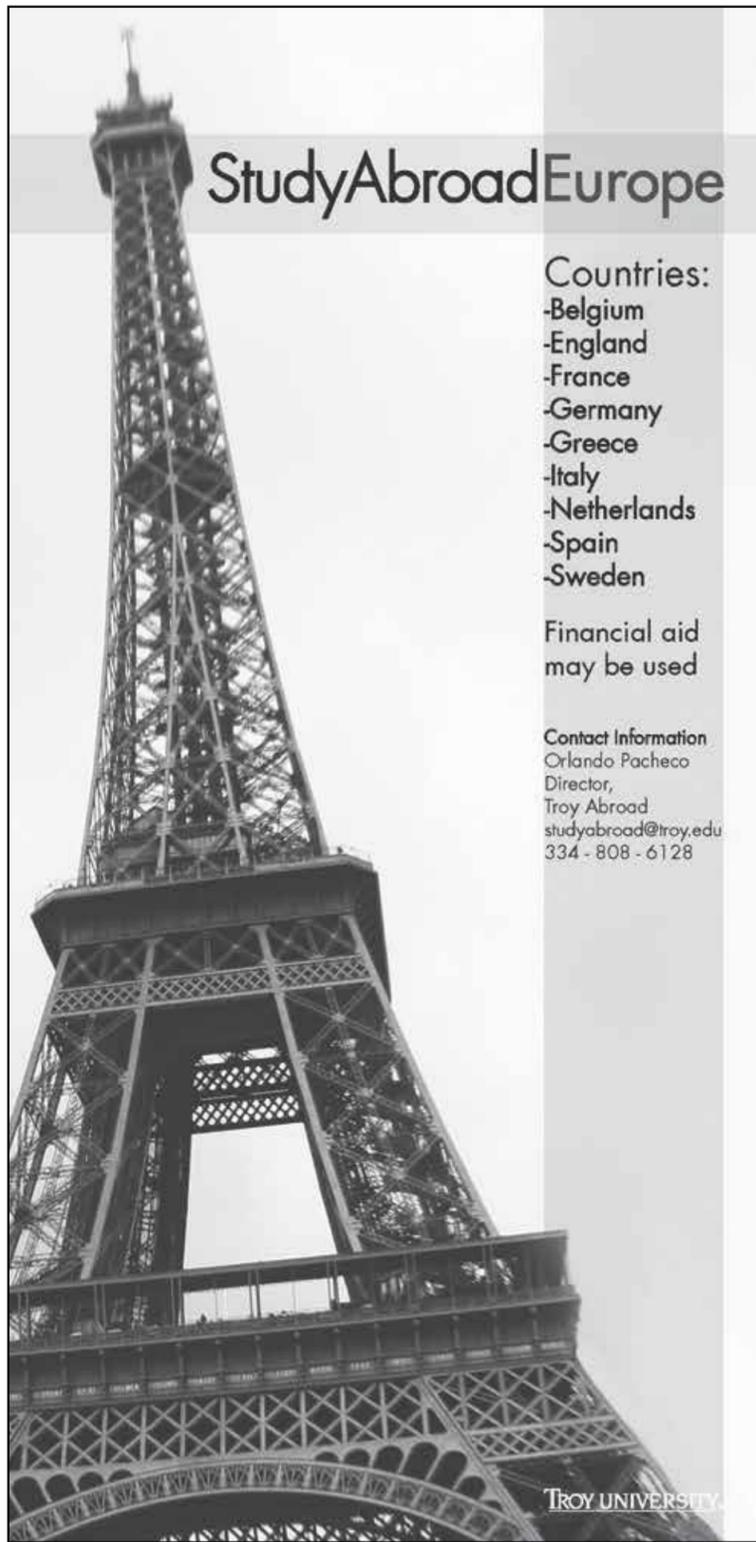
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Troy University offers a wide array of programs for students to build an understanding of the world at large. The Troy Study Abroad Program is one of those platforms.

Director of Troy Abroad, Orlando Pacheco, came to Troy in the summer of 2010 and reengineered the office, its faculty led initiatives and the exchange

the health care system to benefit the students' futures in the medical field in the U.S.

"We went to compare the health care there to what we have here," said Jana Allen, senior biomedical sciences major from Luverne. "We were able to get experience working under a doctor and attained some valuable job shadowing hours."

Allen explained how she had learned about how different the health care



Jana Allen photo

**Professor Gaston's Special Topics in Biology class took a medical study abroad trip to Costa Rica. Here, students received white coats as a memento of their time at the Costa Rican hospitals and clinics.**

programs for the benefit of both student and faculty members.

"Studying abroad provides both faculty and students quality learning experiences that increase students' knowledge on an array of issues, advances their critical thinking, tolerance and understanding of cultural diversity," Pacheco said. "Studying abroad helps students to gain international awareness, global competency and to better compete in the worldwide job market."

Since coming to Troy, Pacheco has implemented an eleven-point action plan to include developing a mission, vision, objectives statement and a meaningful website for the program.

He has also established at least 10 bilateral partnerships for studies abroad in countries including China, Costa Rica, Cuba, England and Ireland, France, Germany, Italy, Morocco, Turkey, Singapore, Spain and Uruguay.

During the spring 2013 semester, many students took the course Special Topics in Biology in preparation for a trip to Costa Rica through the study abroad program.

The students involved with the trip spent two weeks in Costa Rica studying

system works in Costa Rica versus the U.S.

She said that Costa Rican health care is socialist and that every citizen is completely covered by the government. The down side being that nonemergency patients are put onto a waiting list.

The cost of the trip was a little more expensive than Allen liked or anticipated, but she said the experience was worth the cost.

"We hope to have approved this fall a scholarship program for studies abroad," Pacheco said. "It may provide students in need at least \$750 to apply toward a study abroad initiative of their choice."

The benefit to studying abroad, Pacheco said, is that you are a better-rounded student. Troy Study Abroad provides an opportunity for students to build self-confidence and critical thinking, important for future work opportunities.

"Students return home with lasting memories, a more cosmopolitan understanding of their surroundings, their own belief systems and an improved capacity to function in multicultural settings," Pacheco said.

## Professor dreams of teaching on trail

**Taylor Fox**  
Staff Writer

The Appalachian Trail extends 2,200 miles down the Eastern coast of the United States, and Joe McCall, a Troy history professor, has hiked 1,700 miles of them.

"My dream summer would be to take American and International students to spend a month hiking a portion of the Appalachian earning the students credit while building deeper relationships on the trail."

McCall hiked the Appalachian Trail from north to south with his son Chris over a period of four and half months in 1996.

"I was 45 when I hiked the Appalachian Trail, and so physically it was challenging," McCall said. "The reward of hiking the AP trail was I got to know myself better. I was hiking with my son. He was 17, and the reward was getting to spend four and half months together."

Currently, McCall is writing his dissertation on the environmental history of the Appalachian Trail as the final



**Joe McCall**

part of earning his doctorate at Auburn University while working full-time in Troy's history department.

McCall's first passion is teaching at Troy and, in particular, teaching history.

"History is the least popular subjects for students in

America," says McCall. "I know it is an uphill battle. I try to make it a class that will help them to understand not only the history of the world but to understand the people of the world."

To accomplish this goal, McCall supplements his lessons

with various historical resources to give more depth.

"The thing about McCall is: When you are in his class, you feel like he is pulling information from a lot of primary sources that he has actually met and talked to," said Benjamin Keenan, a senior history major from Robertsedale.

In addition to class material, McCall also sets up trips to key locations in Alabama history. It was on one of these trips that Keenan visited Horseshoe Bend, a Native American battlefield on the Tallapoosa River in central Alabama where a battle took place in 1814.

McCall also invites students who are not in his class to attend these trips when there are available seats. He gives preference to members of International Student Cultural Organization (ISCO) or National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), two of the student campus organizations that he helps advise.

"Mr. McCall has not just been an ISCO adviser but more of a general guardian," said

Grishma Rimal, a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Kathmandu, Nepal. "The amount of encouragement he provides us inspires us to strive for perfection."

McCall's dream for ISCO is to see traditional American students develop genuine relationships with international students and foster a sense of appreciation for cultural differences through mutual understanding. McCall said that he firmly believes these relationships, over time, can change the world.

McCall is married to Xiaojuan "Silvia" Li, a Chinese visiting scholar he married in 2011. Silvia currently works at Troy University's International Studies Program in Pace Hall.

With so much of his life built around his time at Troy, McCall said that he loves teaching at Troy, and he is "probably one of the happiest people, occupationally, on the planet."

## Civic Scholar Program: Mini-grants for student service

**University Press Release**

The David Mathews Center for Civic Life provides financial and personnel support for organizations and individuals wishing to create conversations within their communities concerning issues meaningful to each community's citizens.

These issue forums provide an environment for

community members to discuss issues, such as bullying, hunger and literacy, in a respectful and meaningful way.

Troy University's Office for Service Learning and Civic Engagement has established a partnership with the Mathews Center to provide Troy faculty members and student organizations with funds to lead their own issue forums called "Civic Conversations."

Two \$500 mini-grants (one to a faculty member and

one to a student organization) will be available for those desiring to create a meaningful and impactful way to discuss pertinent issues both at Troy and within the state of Alabama.

The deadline to apply for funding for this project is Sept. 16, 2013. Any further questions can be directed to Jonathan Cellon or Ryan Cole in 115 Eldridge Hall.

## Student Spotlight: Tyler Logan

**Alyse Nelson**  
Staff Writer

Tyler Logan, a senior music education major from Mobile, is a drum major for Sound of the South whose life seems to revolve around music.

Logan began his interview with an apology for eating while we talk, explaining that he hasn't eaten all day. A full schedule of activities and classes accounts for this.

"As a drum major, I make sure the band runs smoothly, I keep morale high and I try to be a good leader," Logan said.

In addition to a course load of sixteen hours this semester, Logan spends more than that number during any given week with his responsibilities as drum major, including practices and performances.

"Not only is it conducting, I am a visual icon for South of the South," he said.

He admits it can be demanding at times. "On games days I am working from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m."

The time commitment is even greater for away games, but Logan isn't complaining.



Jennifer Carlisle photo

### Tyler Logan

"It's pretty fun," Logan said. "We go to a lot of new places and meet a lot of new people. You get to broaden your spectrums."

Logan became involved in marching band in sixth grade, but it was Logan's

freshman year of high school when he saw Troy University's marching band perform. He decided then that this was the college he wanted to attend.

"In high school, it was more of an escape from reality," Logan said in reference to his music career. "I could play how I wanted and how I felt without being told what to do. It brought a sense of peace. I have broadened my horizons since coming here and have definitely taken a liking to it."

Logan's talents are certainly not limited to one thing within the music field.

He belongs to Phi Mu Alpha, a fraternity dedicated to those with musical talents or interests.

Logan sings opera and is involved in several ensembles on campus including Concert Chorale, a mixed choir, and Frequency, a select ensemble focusing on vocal jazz.

He also mentioned that he is a talented pianist, having played for years and also taken classes here.

Dr. Yang, his piano instructor, is one of Logan's favorite professors at Troy.

"She is such a big inspiration and has

pushed me to my limitations," Logan said. "I am thankful to have stumbled upon her in my path."

Logan's dream is to conduct for a symphony.

John Tyre, a senior music industry major from Niceville, Fla. and a fellow member of the Sound of the South, sees this as a wise choice.

"He's really dedicated and really focused," Tyre said. "He has everything in order. I think conducting is his calling."

With a love for music in all mediums and roles, Logan said he appreciates the opportunities he has been given as drum major.

"I've heard that this has been one of the best years," Logan said, speaking of the Sound of the South. "We're incorporating new things."

Logan also appreciates the attention given to his efforts.

"It's a good feeling when everyone is happy with what you do," he said. "It's a feeling you can't trade."

## Trojans speak out about personal style

**Jeremy Ackles**  
Staff Writer

This campus is jam-packed with different personalities and lifestyles. You have the punk rock girl, the outdoors guy, the busy student and the shoehead (shoe collector). Don't forget the hipster. All of these personalities bring different styles to our campus and make Troy a melting pot of fashion.

"You never know when you will meet your husband," explains Christina Cook, a senior broadcast journalism student from Mobile.

Because of her major, she is rocking heels and dressed business casual if she's not rushed in the morning. Cook is prepared for a great day, and her outfit tells it all.

Here at Troy students don't normally come to the quad to walk the runway, but there are standards because of the "Trojan Way."

"I believe in the Trojan Way," said Cook. "If you dress nice, you feel nice."

That does not mean you have to go spend your whole refund check on a new wardrobe. Many students said that labels are not important, but others argued that brand names make a difference.

Cook said that anyone can be fashionable without being a "label whore," which she explained as a person who loves brands and will not wear it unless it's an \$80 Ralph Lauren top.

Students like Yu Jiang, a broadcast journalism student from China, said that brands have their own personality.

"Most brands have specific styles," he said. "The most important thing to me is quality."

Sporting a pair of retro Air Jordan 4s, his style is classic with not too many colors. "If I get them, I wear them heavy because some brands are rare and unique," Jiang said.

Many Trojans use brands to express their lifestyle.

"I wear Polo Ralph Lauren the most. It makes me feel original and classic," said Houston Daniel, a freshman from Thorsby. He finds a few brands like Polo Ralph Lauren, Patagonia, Columbia, Southern Tide and PFG to be both fashionable and comfortable.

Troy students also have the challenge of incorporating the "Trojan Way" into their style. Many students said that being stylish is crucial, but they placed comfort above style in most cases. The Trojan Way states to dress properly for the occasion, but Daniel said, "If it's winter, and I'm rushed, I want to be comfortable so it's hard not wear sweats to class."

Monica Wright, a junior nursing major from Montgomery, is president of fashion organization MODA Elite. Wright called thrift stores "a girl's best



Hannah Crews photo

### Rebekah Smith wears a mix of stripes and floral print with a colorful knit headband and boots.

friend."

"You can express yourself with the cutest clothes that come from a thrift store," she said. "I can name the brands I have on one hand."

When I met with her it was easy to tell she knew fashion because of her seasonal grey dress, nice shoes that matched and accessories that brought everything to life.

She also has experience styling guys. "I like to see guys being clean cut, urban wear is nice, and I don't like sagging," said Wright.

She said sometimes girls style guys better than other guys can because they have an eye for what they like to see.

For example, she said a full suit is not always



Hannah Crews photo

### Christina Cook wears a classic, fitted dress with embellished pockets and statement pumps.

fashionable. "Some men get it confused. Nice slacks, button downs and loafers look good if you can mix it up and piece it together," Wright said.

The expensive route is not always the way to go with fashion said Rebekah Smith, a junior social work major from Madison.

"Some of the best things I have are cheap. Just as long as you're confident, you look great," Smith said.



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## Be there when IT happens

Staff writer encourages fellow Trojans to attend games in their entirety

Patrick Stephens  
Staff Writer

It's that time of the year again. Grills are smoking and TV's are blaring out the scores of every game being played under the sun.

The line of students waiting to get in the arena stretches from the gate all the way across Tailgate Terrace to University Avenue. If you are looking for a great, front row seat, you should have shown up an hour ago.

Students pack in shoulder to shoulder with barely any room to stand, all waiting for kickoff. As the game goes on, however, a curious sensation begins. Room begins to present itself after the first quarter.

Once halftime rolls around, half the stands have opened as students trickle out of the game, on to other things. By the time the third quarter shows up, you almost have your own personal pick of seats in the stadium.

Why is this? At one point, we as students were always encouraged to "Be there when IT happens." Anyone who stayed through to the end of this year's season opener was rewarded by seeing a close win against UAB in overtime.

Students walk in and out as they please, leaving with every turn for the worst and flocking back when things seem like they may be turning around. We enjoy free access to all sporting events, needing only to present our student IDs to get in.

This is a huge thing that is not offered at many schools.

According to the Auburn University Athletic Department's website, student tickets average twenty dollars a game, with away games ranging anywhere from \$55 up to \$85 per seat.

The same holds true with the University of Alabama, averaging \$10 a game and, again, anywhere from \$45 to \$80 for an away game.

Even with these fees, Auburn and Alabama have their stadiums packed until the ball is snapped on the last play.

So why can we not show our Trojan Pride and stay for a whole game?

The Athletic Department is working to provide students incentives to come to athletic events.

The Trojan Affinity Program provides incentives in the form of hats and t-shirts, autographed memorabilia and even the possibility of free tuition for a semester.

Certain groups are given block assigned seating to accommodate their large number of members. Even the entry is free. The student activity fee we pay for every semester covers the cost of the game, which doesn't require us to pay an additional 10 to 20 dollars per game to be able to get in. So why do we take advantage of all this, only to leave after 15 minutes of playtime?

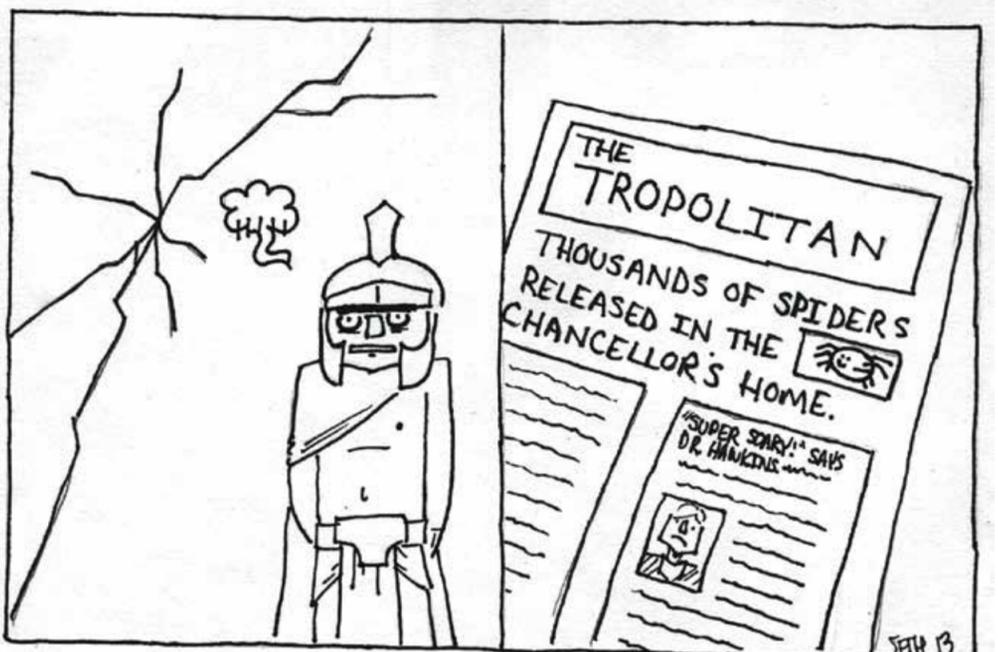
You would not leave a concert early. If you were to walk out of a theatrical showing and asked to get back in, you would likely be refused re-entry. Society recognizes this to be rude.

So why should football games be any different? The players down on the field need our support. We all have a common bond in that we are all Troy Trojans.

We sit next to them in class, eat lunch at Saga at the same times and see them in the library studying like everyone else.

So next time, get your money's worth out of the activity fee and support your fellow Trojans. They can always use the support, and you may just be there when it happens.

According to the Auburn University Athletic Department's website, student tickets average twenty dollars a game, with away games ranging anywhere from \$55 up to \$85 per seat.



Seth Nicholson

## On-campus living proves an enriching experience

Megan Phillips  
Staff Writer

Living in a dorm can come with its share of troubles.

Community bathrooms are disgusting, it can take weeks for maintenance problems to be fixed, you never get to be alone, and you are constantly walking up never-ending flights of stairs.

However, does the good that comes with dorm life outweigh the bad?

For Abbie Barber, a junior elementary education major from Morris, it most certainly does.

"I absolutely recommend living in a dorm as a freshman," Barber said. "Without living in a dorm, I wouldn't know any of my best friends, and when

you have an amazing Resident Assistant like I did, it's hard not to get involved with something on campus."

When freshmen live in a dorm, they get access to things like the Resident Hall Association (RHA) or Campus Outreach, and bulletin boards that are constantly advertising everything going on around the University.

"Without living in a dorm, you become isolated, especially if you don't rush," said Megan Hunt, a junior elementary education major who grew up in Khan Kaen, Thailand. "It gave me a sense of community."

"I loved it," Justin Lewandowski, a junior business major from Slapout, said. "I could walk to class every day, and I always knew what

was going on."

"If I didn't think it were worth it to live on campus, I wouldn't be living on campus my fifth year of college," said Daryl Powell, a senior computer science major from Kinston.

I think that living in the dorm was a unique experience.

The good will always outweigh the bad for me, and I have so many fond memories from dorm life, and it taught me how to live on my own.

Troy University has a proud history of attracting students from all over, and more often than not those students come in only knowing a few people, if any.

"I came to Troy only knowing one person," said Grace Bailey, a senior elementary education major

from Birmingham, "but soon, my roommate and I were walking to class together and introducing one another to friends we had met on campus."

There are positives and negatives no matter where you live, be it noisy neighbors or an obnoxious landlord, but you have to live somewhere.

During your first year in a new place, it helps to live somewhere that surrounds you with people who are in the same situation that you are and places you in the center of everything.

"I will always recommend dorms, just not Alumni," Earnest Caesar, a junior international business major from Daleville, said, summing up the way most upperclassmen feel about their experiences.

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## Making a musical

One writer of the original Troy University musical talks to the Tropolitan

**Ngoc Vo**  
Staff Writer

Troy University's Department of Theatre and Dance is putting on an exciting, original musical. Written by our own faculty, "The Single Girl's Guide," with its setting in the 1960s, is bound to bring a refreshing theatrical experience to the audience. In an interview with the Tropolitan, Mr. Newman, one of the writers, reveals more detail about his upcoming play.

**Q:** What gave you the inspiration to write "The Single Girl's Guide?"

**A:** My collaborator, Gordon Greenberg, and I were inspired by the life story of Helen Gurley Brown, a woman who believed that marriage need not be a single girl's life goal, and combining it with the structure of the novel "Emma" by Jane Austen in which the main character believes that there is no greater satisfaction than for a woman to find a suitable husband. It would deal with societal expectations of gender roles as well as spark conversations and questions about marriage and the traditional path to find love.

**Q:** Can you explain the similarities and differences between your play and "Emma?"

**A:** The major differences are associated with the setting. Jane Austen's novel is set in early 19th century England, but our musical is set in the stylish world of 1964 Manhattan. Also, we turn the forward thrust of the protagonist's journey on its head by making our Emma a woman who celebrates the unpredictable lifestyle of a single girl. The majority of the main characters from the novel and their relationship to our Emma are the same, but we give them a contemporary makeover. Emma is a secretary at a daily journal in Manhattan; Knightley is the editor at the daily journal. But the message remains the same as the original novel— that love is something you can't force. It happens naturally. It's impossible to manage. It's impossible to control. And, when it's right, it's never perfect.

**Q:** How do you feel about the cast?

**A:** We have a very strong cast. They are quirky, smart and fun, and I can't wait to see what they do with the material. Troy theater majors are some of the hardest working students on this campus, and they have such great talent. I'm always blown away by the energy that they bring to their work, and I believe they

will go so very far in the professional world.

**Q:** How have the rehearsals been going? Are there any difficulties?

**A:** Rehearsals have been going very well. The students are learning the music at the moment and familiarizing themselves with the story. The only challenging thing about this process is that the musical is actually being written and rewritten as the students are learning it. It is a very unique opportunity for collegiate musical theatre students to be involved in the process of developing a new musical. A previous draft of the musical has had one professional production at the Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany, N.Y., and a new draft is currently being developed with the Dallas Theatre Center in Dallas. The show was awarded an Anna Sosenko Assist fund grant and will be produced in the National Alliance of Musical Theatre's Festival of New Musicals in October. But our students will do it first. Also, a graduate student in the school of music, Bradley Kerr Green, is creating the orchestrations for the production, and they are going to be fantastic. We have received a great deal of support from the school of music, and we are very excited to hear Brad's orchestrations, conducted by Ray Smith, an associate professor of music. There is also a student design from the graphic design department that we will use to promote the show that looks stunning. It's always incredible to see how the College of Communication and Fine Arts comes together for these productions.

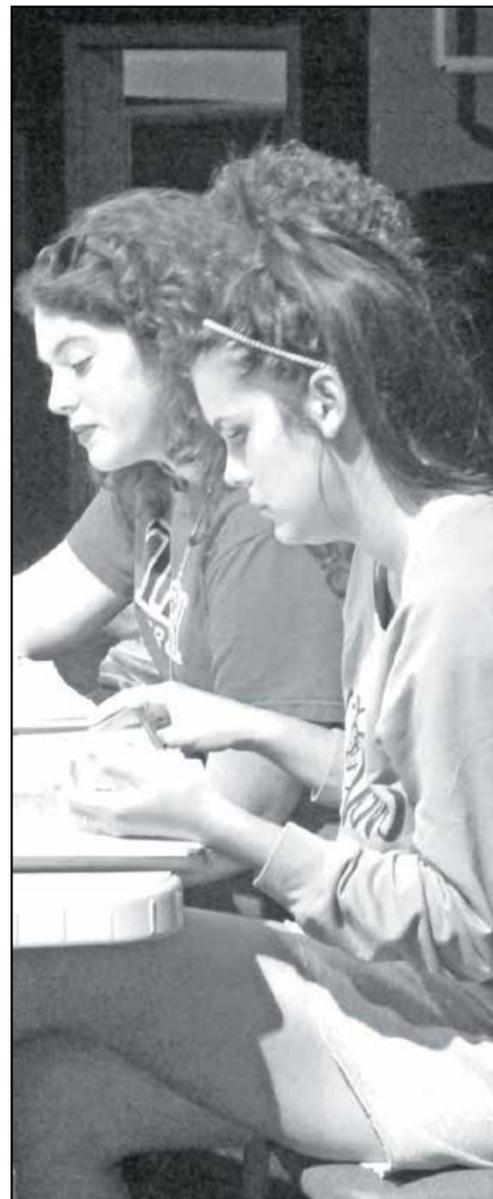
**Q:** How has the department faculty supported setting up this play?

**A:** The faculty in the Department of Theatre and Dance has been very supportive. We have worked together on a number of original productions in the past. I have a long history of successful collaborations at Troy University with the directors. I believe very deeply in their work and would stand it up next to any production team from here to Broadway.

**Q:** Do you have any special expectation about this play?

**A:** I expect that it will be a fun, fizzy performance, filled with great talent from the band and the actors to the design and the direction. And I am so excited about the production.

The musical will be at the Trojan Center Theatre on Oct. 18 through the 21. Afterward it will be at the Virginia Samford Theatre in Birmingham on Oct. 25 and 26.



Hannah Crews photo

**Anna Marie Mallica, a junior theater major from Alabaster, and Amand Louis, a senior theater major from West Virginia, rehearse with the rest of the ensemble of "Single Girls Guide."**

## Troy theater participates in nationwide civil rights event

**Josh Williams**  
Staff Writer

On Sept. 15, 1963, four members of the Ku Klux Klan planted and detonated a bomb in the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, killing four young girls and injuring over 20 others.

This event would come to be seen as a turning point in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, and it has subsequently inspired generations of American activists, authors and artists attempting to understand a horrific crime and use it to stir something in others.

One such piece of inspiration is a play by Christina M. Ham entitled "Four Little Girls: Birmingham 1963," which is an examination not only of the events surrounding the bombing, but with a particular focus on the lives and ambitions of four real and not necessarily perfect young women.

The Troy University Department of Theatre and Dance is sponsoring a staged reading of Ham's play in conjunction with numerous other university and

community theaters around the country as a part of ProjectVoice, an organization dedicated to raising awareness about these issues both past and present as well as revitalizing African-American theaters all over the nation.

Sept. 15 will mark the 50th anniversary of the 16th Street Bombing and provides the perfect occasion for a tribute to the victims of the crime, with the show taking place at 5 p.m. in the Trojan Center Arts Theatre.

On the same day, at the same time, the same play will be performed by nearly 40 other theaters, forcing a country to remember and reexamine an event it may have tried to forget.

The director of the piece being performed here, Troy University acting professor Quinton Cockrell, considers the play's overall purpose is to show "insight into the day-to-day lives of these girls, their time at school, their friends, but also their future hopes, ambitions."

"We don't need to see them martyred, lifeless, cast in stony black and white photographs."

Cockrell feels that the cultural memory surround-

ing the bombing has lost its detail, becoming a "foggy remembrance."

Through this play he believes that this country's cultural memory can be jogged, "forcing people to reexamine and acknowledge the inherent prejudice and bigotry permeating this society, on all sides."

Troy University students Amber Ball, Psacoya Guinn, Keiontra Brooks and Kimberly Watson will be portraying the titular four little girls: Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, Cynthia Wesley and Addie Mae Collins, respectively.

The rest of the cast is composed of other performers from the Department of Theatre and Dance, who will portray various aspects of Birmingham society from the time, providing other insights into attitudes and behaviors of 1963 as well as into the girls' personal lives.

The house will open with free admission for the performance at 4:15 p.m. on Sept. 15, with the show beginning at 5 p.m.

### Cultural Arts September

**14** **Band Pageant**  
Sept. 14 at 5 p.m.  
Claudia Crosby Theater

**15** **Four Little Girls**  
Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m.  
Trojan Center Theatre

### October

**1** **Percussion Ensemble Concert**  
Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m.  
Claudia Crosby Theater

**10** **Riders In the Sky**  
**Cowboy Theatre**  
Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.  
Claudia Crosby Theater

**18** **Single Girls Guide**  
Oct. 18 - 21 at 7:30 p.m.  
Trojan Center Theatre

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## Editor-in-chief sets plans in motion

*'I wanted to be editor-in-chief because I felt I had good ideas and the motivation to pursue them. I wanted everyone to find a purpose in the membership as staff editors.'*

**Zachary Winslett**

Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Rubicon, Troy University's student-run literary journal, has plans to grow in size and reorganize its infrastructure this year with a new editor-in-chief at the helm.

Samantha Loff, a senior English major from Dothan, is hoping to use her position as a student leader to raise the standards of the Rubicon.

"I hope to increase the size and quality of the Rubicon by more efficient advertising and publicizing," Loff said.

The editor-in-chief of the Rubicon must have served the publication for a year and a half before they can apply, as well as maintain a 3.2 GPA.

Loff was formerly an editor on the staff, and she has been enrolled in several creative writing classes, which left her feeling "prepared to fairly assess poetry and prose."

"I wanted to be editor-in-chief because I felt I had good ideas and the motivation to pursue them. I wanted everyone to find a purpose in the membership as staff editors."

Loff's goal to bring purpose and specificity to the Rubicon's staff has already been set in motion. Staff interviews were held last week, and Loff has emphasized reorganizing the staff into goal-oriented units.

The Rubicon's staff being reorganized is something Loff believes will aid in meeting deadlines.

"I would really like to have all our staff members-- 28 in total-- to align in committees and collaborate as teams."

"It could benefit us greatly."



Contributed photo

**Samantha Loff, a senior English major from Dothan, has big plans for the Rubicon this year, of which include a size increase and changes in staff procedures.**

The Rubicon added 20 new members this semester after interviewing 40 students, questioning them about their goals for literature and the Rubicon.

The new and already existing members were then sorted into five committees. Each committee is dedicated to either poetry, prose, marketing, fundraising or

design.

In combination with her plans to increase the size of the staff and the quality of the content, Loff also plans to increase the literal size of the publication.

However, increasing the size and quality of the Rubicon isn't free, and Loff's goals will face challenges in the

ways of funding.

"One of our largest challenges will definitely be funding. It's expensive to print [the Rubicon], but I am hoping, with adequate fundraising, we can accomplish this."

The Rubicon's editor-in-chief also recognizes fundraising as a tool for recruiting and advertising, and she hopes the Rubicon's efforts to raise money will equally serve as networking.

In order to retain its independence as an organization and to ensure Loff's plans will reach fruition, the Rubicon's staff recently drafted bylaws and a constitution.

"The benefit of getting a constitution is so that we are a stand-alone organization. That is, no other organization can absorb us."

The new bylaws and constitution implement an attendance policy and membership fees, both of which Loff believes will raise the quality of the publication.

Submissions for the Rubicon are due by Oct. 1, and Loff encourages students to submit regardless of any hesitations.

"Students interested in submitting should go for it. Don't let fear limit you. It's a process worth the risk."

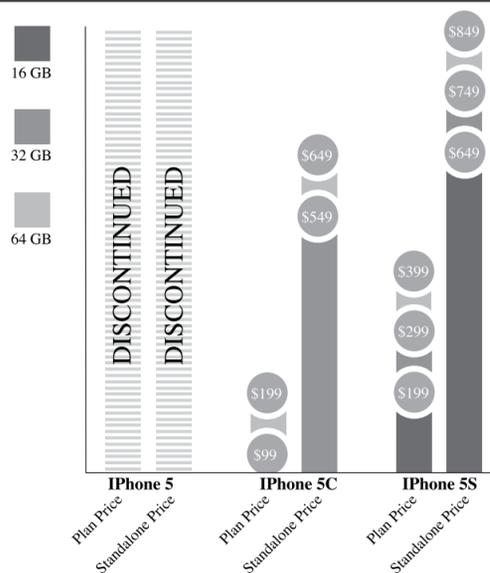
The Rubicon is also accepting submissions from all of Troy's sister campuses--Dothan, Montgomery and Phenix City--in order to increase the size of the publication.

Next semester the Rubicon will be accepting submissions from Troy alumni.

On Dec. 4, or dead day, the Rubicon will host a launch party to show off all the work that went into this semester's issue.

## Apple announces the iPhone 5S and 5C

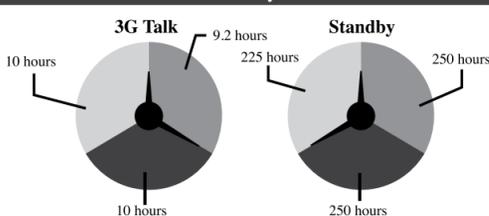
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### Other

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- Camera (Front)**
- iPhone 5: 1.2 mp
  - iPhone 5C: FaceTime HD
  - iPhone 5S: FaceTime HD
- Fingerprint Scanner**
- iPhone 5: No
  - iPhone 5C: No
  - iPhone 5S: Yes
- Processor**
- iPhone 5: A6
  - iPhone 5C: A6
  - iPhone 5S: 64-bit Processor

**Kianna Collins**  
Staff Writer

New features and software for Apple products were presented at its most recent conference.

The iOS 7 was detailed by Craig Federighi. It features a new lock screen, new animations and a new layered design. The new operating system also improved upon multitasking.

This was the first major design change since 2007. The iOS 7 will be available for iPhone 4 users and later iPad 2 users and later and the iPad mini.

Siri is updated with a new female voice and a new male voice. Siri's search options have been increased to websites such as Wikipedia.

The camera features live effects and a new photo gallery design. It groups images together by place or time, and can create a photo wall of all

of the user's images

Federighi introduced iTunes radio, which features the ability to create stations based on artists or listen to pre-made stations.

Cook again took the stage to introduce iWork, which features productivity apps. The apps are Keynote, a presentation app, Pages, an app for creating flyers and brochures, and Numbers, which is primarily used for spreadsheets.

iPhoto and iMovie are new apps for editing photos and movies and will be iOS 7 exclusives.

These new apps are all available for free on new iOS 7 devices, Cook announced.

Cook handed over the presentation to Phil Schiller, who showed a video on the new iPhone 5C and 5S.

Schiller emphasized the iPhone 5C's color choices in cooperation with the new cases that were equally as colorful.

These cases are available for \$29, and they have a circle pattern on them which allows the color of the iPhone shine through.

The iPhone 5C, although made out of plastic, had a steel frame inside for protection of the phone. The cost is cheaper because of the plastic, but the steel frame provides the same amount of protection.

The iPhone 5S, the more expensive option, is the only smartphone that ran on a 64-bit processor. All of the apps have been upgraded to be able to accommodate this upgrade.

CPU performance has increased by 40 times, and the graphics performance has increased 56 times since the beginning of the iPhone product from Apple.

The chart goes into detail about the specifications of the new iPhone products in comparison to the iPhone 5

## Top five places to study on campus

**Jason Fowler**  
Staff Writer

Studying is hard enough as it is with only the subject matter to worry about. Add in noise, distractions and general boredom, and it can become a grueling task. These five places on campus have an atmosphere beneficial to studying and offer a getaway from the dorm room.

### 5. Trojan Center

The Trojan Center can be a great place to get some reading done. It provides a relatively calm atmosphere with plenty of comfortable spots to sit and read, particularly in the upstairs lobby.

It is also the only spot on this list to offer a bookstore where students can purchase anything else that would assist in studying.

It also has a wide variety of snacking options if you get hungry. There is a food court on the ground floor of the building and a Starbucks coffee shop in the bookstore.

### 4. Bibb Graves Hall

The main lobby of Bibb Graves is a perfect place to study between classes if you are a commuter and don't want to waste valuable time. There are plenty of comfy couches and chairs along with tables to study at.

The atrium is a good place to go when you have been staring at your dorm room walls for too long. Bibb Graves serves as an excellent getaway because most people there are studying.

### 3. The Quad

Sometimes it's great to get outside, breathe fresh air and get a nice change of scenery. That is precisely what you will get on the quad.

This large, open space is perfect for relaxing on the grass with a good book. The quad also has the advantage of a largely social atmosphere. Students can gather some study buddies and layout in the sun rather than stay cooped up indoors all the time.

### 2. Library

What could be more beneficial to reading than a building filled with books? Naturally, the library is a fantastic place to research all sorts of different subjects.

The library is fully stocked with books that cover a wide range of subjects from 19<sup>th</sup> century fiction to psychology.

In addition to the large amount of traditional paper

resources, there are multiple computer consoles connected to the Internet and ready to bring any information in the world to your fingertips.

### 1. Eldridge Hall

Eldridge Hall is an impressive learning center. Here you can find a computer lab to assist in any research you could possibly need. In addition, the Writing Center offers a free tutoring service for all your writing needs.

One of the main strengths of Eldridge is that it is not only a quiet place to focus but also offers tutoring in subjects such as science, math and English. The tutors offer invaluable instruction in many different fields of academia.



Alex Williams photo

**Laura Hinson, a freshman art major from Vernon, catches up on some studying while laying out on the quad in front of Bibb Graves. The quad is just one of the many places students can go to study without having to stay in their room for hours on end.**

## Trojan Treasure: Chi Alpha, fellowship group

**Jill Odom**  
Variety Editor

For readers just now joining in, the Trojan Treasures articles feature a new or unheard of organization each week. If you want to have your organization mentioned, please email TropVariety@gmail.com.

The fourth Trojan Treasure is Chi Alpha, a Christian fellowship organization that meets every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Trojan Center ballrooms. Chi Alpha is open to all students.

Chi Alpha was originally formed in 1968, but Justin Felch, who is also the campus pastor, founded the current group in 2005. They average just under 100 students per service.

The name Chi Alpha is short for "christou apostoloi," meaning "Christ's sent ones" in Greek.

This name represents the organization itself as they see themselves as Christ's ambassadors. The Greek letters chi, X, and alpha, A, make up their logo, XA.

The group is here to give the community a safe place for people from any background to come commune with God and others.

The group's main focus is to deepen relationships with each other and with God. Students can meet to worship, learn and fellowship with one another.

"My favorite thing about Chi Alpha is the sense of family and the diversity that is there," Andy Adamson, a junior history major from Lineville, said.

"As a group of believers there are so many denominations represented, all there because they love God and love each other and want to help each other out and be there for each other."

Adamson explained that he heard about Chi Alpha from his youth pastor at home and immediately felt at home with the group.

They also have to opportunity to relax at The Loft during the week, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They are located at the square at 75 Elm St. above Joel Williams Law Office.

Chi Alpha has had prayer meetings on the quad. They have also helped freshmen move in and help on move out as well.

Those wanting more information about Chi Alpha can check out their website at troychialpha.com.



## Sudoku

**Directions:** A sudoku puzzle is a grid of 9x9 squares or cells, that has been subdivided into nine subgrids of 3x3 cells. The objective is to enter a digit from one to nine in each cell so that each row and column contain each digit exactly once and each subgrid contains each digit exactly once. Check next week's issue of the Tropolitian for the solution to this week's puzzle.

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## Word Games

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### How to play:

Each of these word games represents a saying or pop culture/entertainment reference. Think literally to solve. Answer are in the lower right corner

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## Trojan Thursday night football



**Megan Phillips**  
Staff Writer

After the landslide 66-3 victory over Savannah State at home last Saturday, the Troy football team has turned its head to a road test tonight at 6:30 p.m. in its first conference game against Arkansas State.

"We are looking forward to see how good we are and how we stack up," said Troy head coach Larry Blakeney. "Let's see if we are any better."

Last year, the Trojans came up short to the Red Wolves in Troy 41-34, a game that left a bad taste to many associated with the program.

However, in two games this season Troy has accumulated an average of 50 points per game compared to Arkansas State's 35.5, and, on defense, the Trojans have already achieved seven sacks in part to Jadarius Garner who was named the Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the week.

Against the Tigers Saturday, the junior defensive end punished Savannah State's anemic offense to the tune of two sacks, three tackles-for-loss and two forced fumbles while leading the Trojans with a team-high seven total tackles.

"All in all, I thought it was good performance for us that we can build on," Blakeney said. "I thought it built confidence for us, and it is good to be a confident team when going into a game like this."

Troy will need confidence when they face a 1-1 Arkansas State team, who will prove a tougher match than the Trojans' last opponent.



Joshua Thurston photo

**Senior wide receiver Eric Thomas had three touchdown catches in the Savannah State 66-3 beatdown.**

"We've got our work cut out for us," Blakeney said.

In the Red Wolves' opening game of the season against Arkansas Pine-Bluff, Arkansas State took its home opener 62-11, but the lopsided opening win was dampened by a 38-9 loss on the road to Auburn.

In this game, Coach Blakeney has the attitude of all hands on deck to ensure victory.

"A guy that can help us win, we are going to find him a spot on the roster and on the bus," Blakeney said.

One of the key players to keep an eye on in the third game of the season is senior quarterback Corey Robinson, who is quietly having a statistically scary season.

Named the AT&T All-American Player of the Week after the UAB win, Robinson has completed 47 of 51 passes for 499 yards and five touchdowns with no interceptions in the first two games of the season.

Another impact player on the offensive side of the ball for the Trojans is Robinson's favorite target Eric Thomas who

has eight catches for 135 yards and four touchdowns.

In the Savannah State game last weekend, Thomas had three catches, all of which resulted in touchdowns.

Tonight's third game of the year against the Red Wolves, which is televised on ESPNU, could be viewed as an important game that can dictate Troy's season moving forward from a momentum standpoint with Mississippi State waiting for the Trojans the following week.

## Troy looks to snap road losing skid against Jack State

**Caleb Odom**  
Sports Editor

A stretch of road games continue for the Troy soccer team (2-4) with a match against Jacksonville State on Friday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m.

Coming off losses to UAB and Auburn, the Trojans look to right the ship on Friday.

"I'm not really into moral victories but I am into progress, and I saw our team learn how to compete," Troy head coach Chris Bentley said. "To me, the weekend while we weren't on the right end of the scoreboard, there was improvement. There was development in play."

This development is what Bentley and his coaching staff is hoping will lead to wins this weekend.

In the UAB match last Friday, Trojans Cecilia Thorngren and Maddie Tieken scored goals late in the 5-2 loss and in Sunday's match against Auburn falling 3-0 to the Tigers.

"I don't think the scores were really indicative of what was happening in the game," Bentley said.

The coach praised his team for attacking Auburn on Sunday instead of just defending, like his teams had



Joshua Thurston photo

**Sophomore Payton Donley controls the ball.**

done in the past against teams like Auburn.

"I feel like we are moving in the right direction," Bentley said.

Transitioning to the task at hand, beating Jacksonville State, Bentley said he feels like the Gamecocks are sim-

ilar to Louisiana Tech.

"I think the most important part is we know how to raise our standard. Now it's imposing our standard on our opponents," Bentley said. "Jacksonville State, that should be a game that we can impose our standard of play on them."

After the match Friday, Troy returns home to play host to Murray State, a team the Trojans faced in 2011 on the road falling 1-0.

To Bentley, the games against Jacksonville State and Murray State will stack up closely to the type of play that the Trojans will face once conference play begins on Sept. 29 when Troy faces Texas State at home.

The Sunday match against Murray State also offers the Trojans the comfort of home to play soccer.

"I've always said this but I think our team enjoys being at home," Bentley said. "We have got a great atmosphere with the fans. I do think there is a difference when we are able to play at home in terms of just management of our legs and having control of some things, but we are not afraid to play on the road either."

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of that would be facilities."

For two decades head coach Melanie Davis has been the driving force behind the elevation of the softball program, and she cannot help but be pleased with the level of commitment being shown.

"The fact that the chancellor is committing the university resources along with our donor dollars to elevate our facility to the highest and the best in the Sun Belt Conference and better than utmost any facility in the region," Davis said. "It speaks volumes as to his commitment to our program."

Davis expects the sleek look of the program's new home will motivate her players

even more than they were before.

"I think they're going to work extra hard to do their very best to represent Troy University and bring home the Sun Belt Conference Championship," Davis said, "Which is what we all strive for from day one to day 365."

Coaching at Troy is her passion, but her joy is about more than simply having a nice field and office. It resides on a much more personal level.

"Troy University is a big part of my family," Davis said. "Ninety percent of the friends I have I've made in my 20 years here at Troy. It's more than just a university; it's more than just a job. We are family."

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scandal that involved the program's hostess organization members having sex with recruits.

Sports Illustrated is releasing segments of the reports daily so all that is available at the moment, considering I am writing this Tuesday evening, is the allegations related to money.

What I think will happen following the release of all of the allegations is that the NCAA will investigate the situation at

Oklahoma State and deem that the football program deserves the death penalty for at least a year.

Along the way, I feel that Mike Gundy will either be fired or step down as head coach of Oklahoma State as part of the aftermath of these damning reports.

Yes, it is sad that the current players might be punished for something others long gone did, but when pay for play and

messing with academics is involved someone has to take the fall.

What I'm wondering is if college football will ever clean up.

As a kid growing up in Alabama, I was born into the lifestyle of college football dictating what you wear, what you think about a person based on who they pull for, the decals on your car and even the jokes the preacher tells at church.

It was the perfect dream come true watching college kids get out there and play for bragging rights and the love of the game.

But that isn't the case. It wasn't the case, and maybe it never was.

Now players get out there for the money they get handed after the game by a booster or coach and forget studying because they have got someone to write that paper for them.

I'm not saying that every program in the country does bad things, but there are probably more schools doing this than we all think.

So while Oklahoma State is getting accused, there is some other school out there breaking the rules and loving life.

I wish I was a kid again so college football could just be a game to me once more instead of the best cheater wins.



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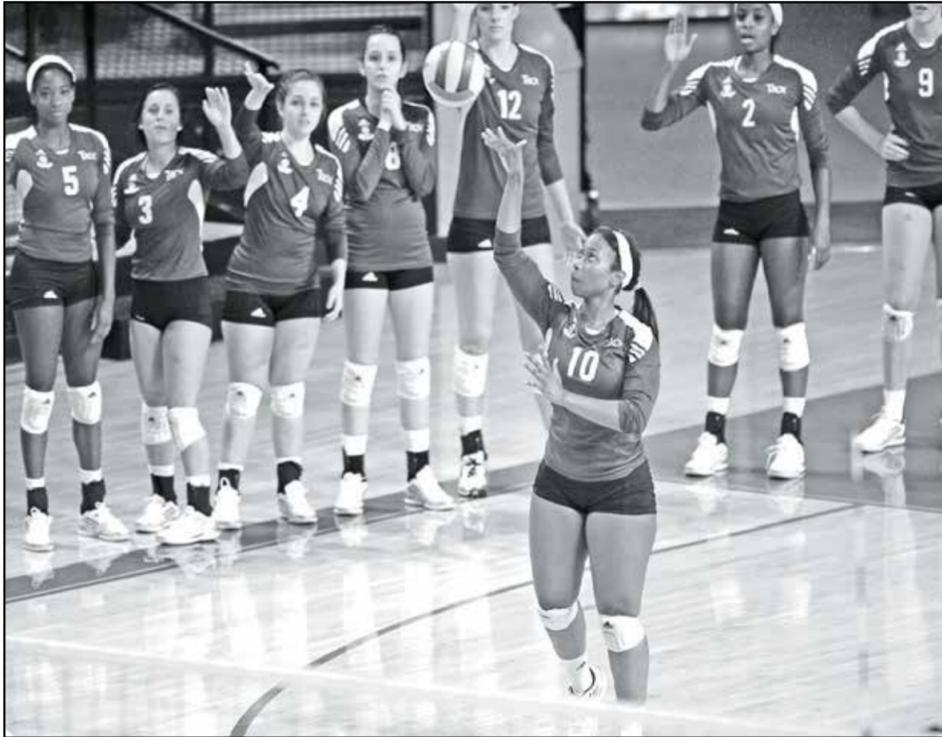
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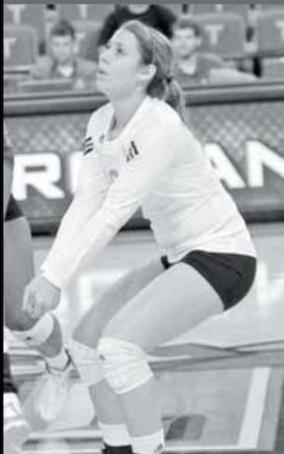
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## Headed to Atlanta



Courtney Cohen  
Dig Watch



**82 To Go**  
Until she breaks the Troy career dig record



*Move over SMU, OSU is the new best cheat in football*

Caleb Odom  
Sports Editor

Back in 2011 I wrote a column about all that was wrong with the Miami football program and how the NCAA should level the "Death Penalty" on Thug U.

The NCAA, clearly not reading my column, gave Miami a slap on the wrist with some minor suspensions to some current players that did not address anything.

But that was Miami. If you haven't heard about Sports Illustrated's five-part investigative piece that details an alleged laundry list of filth that Oklahoma State was a part of from 2001-2007, you might need to check it out.

The interviews from former players who accepted or witnessed money being given by coaches and boosters in plain sight made my jaw drop.

These allegations, if proven to be accurate, transcend the corruption that took place at Southern Methodist University leading the program's eventual termination for one season by the NCAA and another year by the school itself.

The allegations against the Cowboys don't end with players being compensated; there is academic misconduct, drug abuse that was ignored by school officials and even a sex

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Senior setter Alexandra Alexander prepares to serve the ball in Troy's lone home game against Georgia Southern.

Joshua Thurston photos

### Trojan volleyball set to play in Georgia Tech Courtyard Classic

Lindsey Schoewe  
Volleyball Beat Writer

Fresh off a straight set home opener win over Georgia Southern, Troy volleyball (3-4) traveled to Auburn last week for the Active Ankle Challenge Tournament.

The Trojans beat Mercer, the second match of the tournament, but fell to Green Bay and Auburn.

Troy played Green Bay on Thursday losing 3-1 (25-20, 29-31, 23-25, 19-25) but defeated Mercer in a five set shootout 3-2 (18-25, 25-18, 25-17, 22-25, 15-8).

Junior outside hitter Kayla

Pickart led the team with 13 kills against Mercer while three other Trojans recorded double digit kills.

Senior setter Alexandra Alexander finished the match with 28 assists and 20 digs, while senior libero Courtney Cohen recorded 22 digs.

After the Friday match against Auburn that Troy lost 3-1 (25-21, 15-25, 13-25, 22-25), Cohen is only 82 digs shy of breaking the career dig school record.

"I thought that the competition we faced was really good," Troy head coach Sonny Kirkpatrick said. "I also think that we need to do a better job with our focus and intensity level. When

we do the things that we work on in practice, we win games and matches."

Kirkpatrick stressed that when his team fails to focus it is only an average team, and they are not here to be an average team.

When asked who the top performers were for the tournament, Kirkpatrick couldn't come up with any names.

"Every player, at some point, performed at a high level. We are only concerned about how the team does."

The Trojans next travel to Georgia to play in the Georgia Tech Courtyard Classic this weekend.

The first test of this week will

be when Troy faces Connecticut on Friday at 3:30 p.m. while Georgia Tech and St. John's University will be set to take on the Trojans on Saturday.

There were many lessons learned from the tournament in Auburn that the Trojans can work on as they prepare for this weekend road trip to Atlanta.

"The main thing that we will be concentrating on is our focus level," Kirkpatrick said. "When we are focused, I think that we're a tough team to beat. Going into this weekend, we really need to have to make sure that we are aware of our game plans and executing them."

### Softball breaks ground on renovation project

Devin Smith  
Cardinal Rule Editor

Saturday Troy University invested itself in future success with a groundbreaking ceremony.

Players, parents, fans and various members of the university and softball program gathered at the softball complex, now under construction, to witness the beginning of the next chapter for Troy softball.

Speakers, including Chancellor Jack

Hawkins Jr. and Athletic Director John Hartwell, hinted at the expectations for the complex, placing it among the country's elite.

"When this facility is completed this spring our softball facility is going to be on par with any complex in the country," Hartwell said. "Not just seating wise, but certainly with the day-to-day home of our softball program."

The ceremony for the \$3 million dollar complex showed that renovations will include an 8,000-square foot training facility, artificial grass outfield and the field and dug-

outs being lowered for improved fan sight.

These and other upgrades included are meant to bring Troy back to its prior glory once achieved in Division II.

"We, by any measure, had the best Division II program in the country," Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. said. "Then, more than 20 years ago, we made a commitment to step up to Division I. Division I athletics requires that we be the best that we can be. A big part

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### Pigskin Picks

Week 3  
Current  
Leader:

Lindsey Schoewe



Andrew Clay  
(17-3)



Caleb Odom  
(13-7)



Devin Smith  
(16-4)



James Travis  
(16-4)



Jill Odom  
(11-9)



Lindsey Schoewe  
(19-1)



Joshua Thurston  
(15-5)



Zach Winslett  
(14-6)

#### The Lineup

Troy @ Arkansas State

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Cornhuskers

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Crimson Tide

Aggies

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Miss State @ Auburn

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