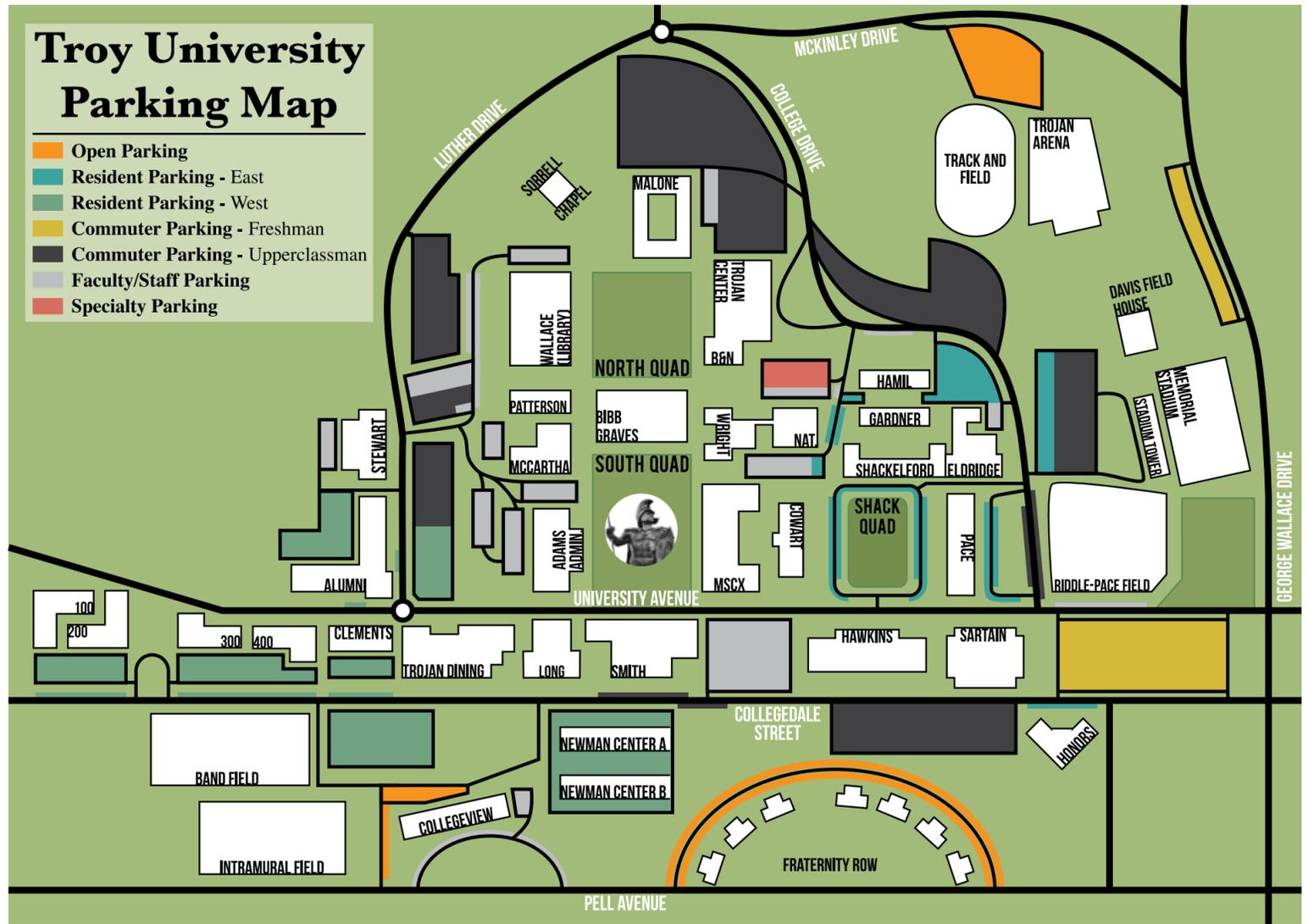


## Parking options for all students



Carson Brown graphic

While on-campus parking is considered scarce by Troy students, this map reveals areas that are available for all students who have current decals, regardless of the color. The orange areas including Fraternity Row, parking behind the nursing building and the parking lot between the Trojan Arena and the track off McKinley Drive are considered open parking for students, faculty and staff of Troy University. While the open parking is not a short distance from the academic buildings, these are areas that often have open spots so students will not have to fight for parking before class.



Jennifer Carlisle photo

ROTC building located on Sorority Hill is where military courses and extracurriculars are often held. Troy was one of the first universities to embrace the Yellow Ribbon Program.

### Troy University is military-friendly

**Kelsey Vickers**  
Staff Writer

Troy University has been declared to be in the top 15 percent of the most military-friendly universities in the United States.

The veteran-owned company Victory Media, which provides a number of services to members of the military, rates private and publically-owned colleges on the basis of how well they embrace military students.

"Troy University has a commitment to our fighting men and women – whether active duty, National Guard, Reserves or veterans," said Jack Hawkins Jr., chancellor and Marine Corps officer who served in Vietnam. "To be recognized by those groups that impartially analyze those traits is a great recognition of our efforts on behalf of our Armed Forces."

This list was compiled through polling more than 12,000 schools nationwide and the selections were finalized by an Academic Advisory Board. This board consists of educators from numerous universities, as well as the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Troy was one of the first universities in the nation to embrace the military's Yellow Ribbon Program, a program that pledges to pay 50 percent of the established tuition and fee charges not already covered.

The university has teaching sites near 30 military installations in the U.S. and two outside of the States. Additionally, the University partners with the Army for learning through the GoArmyEd program, as well as with the U.S. Navy through the Navy College Program Distance Learning Partnership.

Troy began a Troy for Troops program in 2006, in which the university showed support for military members who were deployed in combat zones. This center offers support services for military affiliated students.

Troy partnered with the Air Force in 1965 and is also a member of the Servicemembers Opportunity College network, which was created in 1972 to provide educational opportunities to military members who must relocate often.

To see the complete list of military friendly universities, visit [www.victorymediainc.com](http://www.victorymediainc.com).



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Andrew Mandis, a senior history education major from South Sudan, plans to move back home and open an official school. He continues to fundraise for this project.

### Troy international student plans a school in S. Sudan

**Patrick Stephens**  
Staff Writer

SGA's Senate meeting began with the recognition of an international student who plans to open a school once he returns to his home country.

Andrew Mandis, a senior history education major, has come to study at Troy University from South Sudan.

He began his talk to the assembled Senate by discussing the difficulties of growing up in a country plagued by war.

Eventually he was able to befriend a Christian missionary who allowed him to begin attending school. Andrew said that unlike most of the schools here in America, there was no school building in which he and his classmates met in. Instead, they met wherever they could.

After completing his basic education, he was given the opportunity to go to high school in Uganda and further his

education. He welcomed this opportunity to be able to complete his high school education and do it in a country that allowed Christianity.

Once finished with his high school education, he was offered the opportunity to be able to continue his education in college.

After completing an associate's degree here in Alabama at Southern Union State Community College and Jefferson State, he enrolled in Troy University. His eventual plan upon finishing his degree is to be able to move back home and start an official school there.

His work right now is to continue to fundraise for this project.

"Dollar by dollar, and brick by brick," he said, "Is how this school will be built."

For more information on Andrew's project, you can go to [educatesouthsudan.com](http://educatesouthsudan.com).

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## Malawi president advocates equality

**Grishma Rimal**  
Contributing Writer

In what Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. described as “a historical event at a historical place,” the president of the African nation of Malawi, Joyce Banda, visited Montgomery on Friday to speak to a delegation of Troy University students, faculty, guests, and members of the NAACP, ISCO and M.I.S.S Elite Society.

The first female President of Malawi and a prominent advocate of women’s rights and gender equality talked about her past and ongoing efforts to uplift the status of women in Malawi, an agenda that her political career has primarily been built on.

“It is an absolute pleasure to talk about women here at the Rosa Parks Museum,” she said.

“Mrs. Rosa Parks epitomized the strength of women, and her commitment is admirable, and she is a source of inspiration,” Banda said about the civil rights activist whom the university-owned exhibit is named after and dedicated to.

Banda spoke about her various initiatives in Malawi that focus on promoting safe motherhood, reducing gender discrimination, endorsing literacy and employment opportunities through the Joyce Banda Foundation and safeguarding the health of children born to HIV positive women through the UNICEF sponsored Option B+ program.

“In past years, up to 1,250 women died during child birth. The number is down to 460 and our goal is to eliminate deaths,” Banda said.

She also described the drive behind her social projects as coming from her own personal life. Her involvement in reducing maternal mortality rate is the result of her own postnatal complications that she overcame, and her drive to provide equal footing to men and women is to inspire women to break traditional boundaries in a patriarchal society in order to empower themselves, much as she did herself.

“Promoting women in leadership positions is the smart and right way to go,” she said.

Furthermore, Banda shared the three political strategies that she has adopted in her term as a head of state.

“Firstly, I’ve reached out to the opposition,” she said.



Visarut Pawawongsak photo

**Joyce Banda, president of Malawi, is pictured in the center. Banda is Malawi’s first female president and a prominent advocate of women’s rights and gender equality. The women surrounding her, from left to right, Vitumbiko Veetoo Munthali, Martha Njolomole and Sandra Lubale, are international students from Malawi who were awarded scholarships to study at Troy University.**

Banda’s first policy has been to make decisions on critical issues on common ground. Her second approach has been to make crucial decisions without regards to how it may affect her elections next term.

“If it is critical in saving the collapsing economy, I will undertake it,” she said.

Banda’s final approach has been to reduce her own salary by 30 percent and selling the presidential jet in order to donate the saved money for the rehabilitation of the disabled.

Banda’s visit was initiated in collaboration between Troy University and the 100x Development Foundation. The latter is a nonprofit organization working in eight developing nations, including Malawi, to eradicate poverty and its subsequent effects.

In March, the foundation awarded three Malawian students scholarships to study at Troy at an event held in Washington, D.C.

LaKerri R. Mack, assistant professor in the political science department at Troy, represented the university at the event and met Banda.

Because Banda is revisiting the U.S. for the 68th

United Nations General Assembly, Troy took the opportunity to invite her to speak.

“Resources get in the way of timing, not vision,” she said as she thanked Troy University and the 100x Foundation for the scholarships provided to the Malawian students.

“She is amazing,” Mack said. “She has such spirit and personality. She is so welcoming and personable, and she is the smartest woman I know.”

Mack added that “Banda is a superb role model because she demonstrates that you can be what you want to be; there are enough opportunities out there for us.”

“I think she is a remarkable woman. She fights for justice and women’s rights. This is absolutely a memorable experience for me,” said Mei He, a junior hospitality and tourism management major from China who attended the program.

Also at the event, Todd Strange, the mayor of Montgomery, presented Banda with a ceremonial key to the city and M.I.S.S Elite Society, which was the official host of the event, recognized her as an honorary member.

## Photo shoot promotes alliance campaign

**Faith Karwacki**  
Perspectives Editor

The Troy University Spectrum Alliance held a photo shoot Tuesday night to promote the NOH8 Campaign.

Students wore white T-shirts and wrote “NOH8” in red and black ink on each other’s cheeks.

The NOH8 Campaign is a national campaign designed to promote marriage, gender and human equality through visual protest, educating the public and celebrity advocacy.

“We wanted to do something that was activist based,” said Tyler Ray, the president of Troy University Spectrum Alliance and senior choral music education major from Georgiana. “The NOH8 Campaign is something that everyone can get behind. We’re still trying to figure out what this organization is going to be. Some Spectrum Alliances are activist based, others are more social based, so we’re trying to figure out which direction we want to go in.”

The Spectrum Alliance has grown exponentially within the past year, boasting a diverse membership.

“I’m married and was born and raised Southern Baptist,” said Meg Zaboski, a sophomore nursing major from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., “I’m in the Alliance because it’s more than a group for the LGBT. There is a safe zone here in Troy and it’s in this club. There is no judgment. There are lifelong friends here.”

“This past year, we had 10 to 12 people attend our meetings,” Ray said, “This year, we have had an average of 40 people attend, so we wanted to engage the people who were coming regularly with this campaign. The purpose of the Spectrum Alliance is for all people to feel welcome and to be themselves and to feel accepted on the Troy University campus.”

Amber Richards, a graduate student from Troy studying post-secondary education said, “I think that it is important for us to join in the campaign to raise awareness about how detrimental bullying is. It’s not as harmless as many people think.”

Other activities the Spectrum Alliance plans on holding this semester include an audience participation viewing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show.

“It will be \$5 at the door and another dollar if you want a prop packet. It’s not to raise a lot of money, but to get our name out there,” Ray said.

The viewing will also have a costume contest.

“We will also have our annual ‘Thanksgiving’. We had over 100 attend last year and hope to have more attend this year,” Ray said.

The Troy University Spectrum Alliance meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Trojan Center room 224 and can be contacted via email at GSA@troy.edu or on their Facebook page under the name Troy University Spectrum Alliance.

## Fraternity ordered to reevaluate their policies and rules

**Valario Johnson**  
News Editor

Pi Kappa Phi fraternity was recently placed on probation for the remainder of the academic year, after a hazing incident involving six members and one pledging member.

Clif Lusk, director of university relations, said that over the next few weeks the fraternity has to reevaluate their policies and rules.

“In general terms, there are steps the fraternity has to take, which include reviewing policies and rules, such as what is right and what is wrong,” he said.

Of the six Pi Kappa Phi members that were involved in the hazing, three were expelled from the fraternity and three were placed on suspension from the fraternity.

By mid-October, the fraternity must undergo a corrective action plan.

“I think in this particular case probation is a chance for them to com-

plete their corrective action plan,” Lusk said.

Probation means that no other infractions of the standards of conduct, policies or rules will be tolerated. An organization placed on probation would face further sanctions by the university, up to and including indefinite suspension.

If there are any more infractions, other sanctions can be levied by the university.

“In the extreme case that a fraternity messes up, it is possible that the fraternity will be suspended,” Lusk said.

“But this is dependent on the severity of the incident.”

The six students involved in the incident will face a student conduct board hearing individually at a later date.

The disciplinary actions taken against the six members cannot be disclosed due to the Federal Education Right to Privacy Act.

## Daybook

**Thursday, Sept. 26**

*101 Elite Tie Drive, 10 a.m.*

The Men of 101 E.L.I.T.E. Men will host a Tie Drive and a Lemonade Stand outside of the Trojan Center in the Social Quad from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All donations and ties will be collected by the Boys and Girls Club.

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## Student's year in Korea fulfills childhood dreams

**Brittany DeLong**  
Co-Business Editor

South Korea is more than just Gangnam Style one student says. It boasts the culture in history and innovation.

For a full academic year, July 2012 – June 2013, one student studied abroad in a country known recently by its popular breakout song 'Gangnam Style' by the artist known as Psy.

"It's a catchy song," Courtney Boyett, senior marketing major from Huntsville said. "Psy is a really famous rapper in Korea, and I think he's good for breaking the ice here."



Contributed photo  
**Boyett (far right) and friends from the INHA University eat together.**

Boyett said Korean music has tried to make a breakout in the U.S. market but it has failed.

She would like to see it more prevalent here but wants people to know that South Korea has more to offer the world than just K-Pop, the South Korean musical genre.

"Samsung, Hyundai, LG and Kia are all South Korean products and they are all top products here in America too," Boyett said. "There is a lot of potential inside the country."

She describes the country as the 'red headed stepchild' of the Asian countries and many people do not know anything about South Korea or its culture.

She hopes to help break the stereotype and bring more awareness about South Korea and its accomplishments.

Boyett spent the last year studying at INHA University in Incheon, Korea in order to better herself for the future and learn the culture and its people.

"I have always wanted to go and explore South Korea since I was young," she said. "Also, I want to work in the Korean Entertainment business, so I thought it would be best to actually go to the country and see if it was worth it and fit my dreams."

She said the process to transfer to INHA was a simple one. She met with Orlando Pacheco, the director of the Troy study abroad program, and discussed her interest in studying abroad.

"All I had to do was search for the classes I wanted to study there and make sure that they were able to transfer back to Troy," Boyett said.

Boyett described the curriculum as pretty simple with only a midterm and a final without other tests and homework assignments. She also noticed that the students study very hard.

"Korean students study extremely hard compared to American students," she said. "The libraries and other college buildings are accessible 24/7. They are even accessible during school and national holidays."

The experience is one Boyett said she would never forget. It expanded her academic knowledge and she was able to learn more about the culture and the people in general.

"Everyone is different and have different ways of handling things," Boyett said. "Everyone doesn't have an American or Korean mindset. It depends on the environment you are brought up in."

The exchange to INHA University gave Boyett insight into the lifestyle of a different culture and recommends the experience to her peers.

"They have many historical landmarks, beautiful cities and tourists sites, a highly advanced transportation system and technology," Boyett said. "Going abroad doesn't only let one learn about oneself, but also the world you live in and are surrounded by."

"So much can be taught and expectations are blown out of proportion when going abroad to South Korea, even it is only for three weeks."

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## Student's great-grandfather baseball legend

**Caleb Odom**  
Sports Editor

Everyone has a great-grandfather, but not everybody has one like Troy junior communications major Taylor Foxx has.

If the last name hasn't given it away, the reader must not be much of a baseball fan.

The name Foxx and baseball go hand-in-hand with greatness, and that is simply what Taylor Foxx's great-grandfather Jimmie Foxx was – great.

"Some people will have superheroes like Superman or Batman," Foxx said.

"I didn't really grow up with as much of an interest in that because as soon as I grew up, I had this sports star in my family that would automatically draw your eyes to the replacement to a superhero."

Jimmie Foxx was a feared power hitter who played from 1925 to 1945 with the Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston

Red Sox.

He had a legendary career.

Foxx was only the second player in history to hit more than 500 homeruns (534).

Nicknamed the "Beast" and "Double X," Foxx's offensive production was staggering as he hit 30 or more homeruns in 12 straight seasons while, for 13 consecutive years, he recorded at least 100 RBI's.

In his prime, Foxx won back-to-back MVP awards in 1932 and 1933 as he hit for the unprecedented Triple Crown, which is best batting average, most homeruns and most RBI's in the league in '33.

The Triple Crown is a feat that has only been achieved by 13 other men.

When Foxx's career was all said and done, he was enshrined with a plaque in Cooperstown as a baseball hall of famer.

For Taylor Foxx, cherishing what a member of his family has done is

important.

"My dad wasn't a baseball person necessarily, but certainly he would do his homework on my great-grandfather, and he would tell us this is what he did and different things," Foxx said.

Taylor said he always enjoys looking back at his great-grandfather's accomplishments.

Jimmie Foxx's great-grandson said that his grandmother even has one of the baseball great's bats in her home along with some of his cards.

Through the years, Jimmie Foxx's children and their children have drifted away from playing baseball, but that didn't stop Taylor from giving it a try as a kid.

"I played, you could say, little league. I was awful," Foxx said.

"I remember the two times that I hit the ball, and the two times I got on base were walks."

Taylor said that he tried it because of

what it would have meant to Jimmie Foxx and the history of the sport in his family.

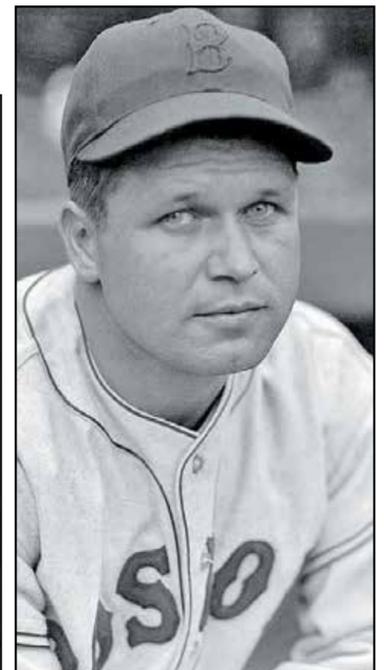
Some people feel they are stuck in the shadow of a legend that they cannot live up to, but Taylor Foxx sees his great-grandfather as a hero that made his family better through his career in baseball.

"I want to pass on the history because Jimmie Foxx is not just a storybook you share, he is a person," Foxx said.

Taylor Foxx said that if he should ever have a son who wants to play baseball, he will go outside and play catch with him because, after all, he might just be the second coming of Double X.



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Today, Jimmie Foxx's great-grandson, Taylor Foxx, said that he does not play baseball. However, he does respect the sport and his great-grandfather's place in it.

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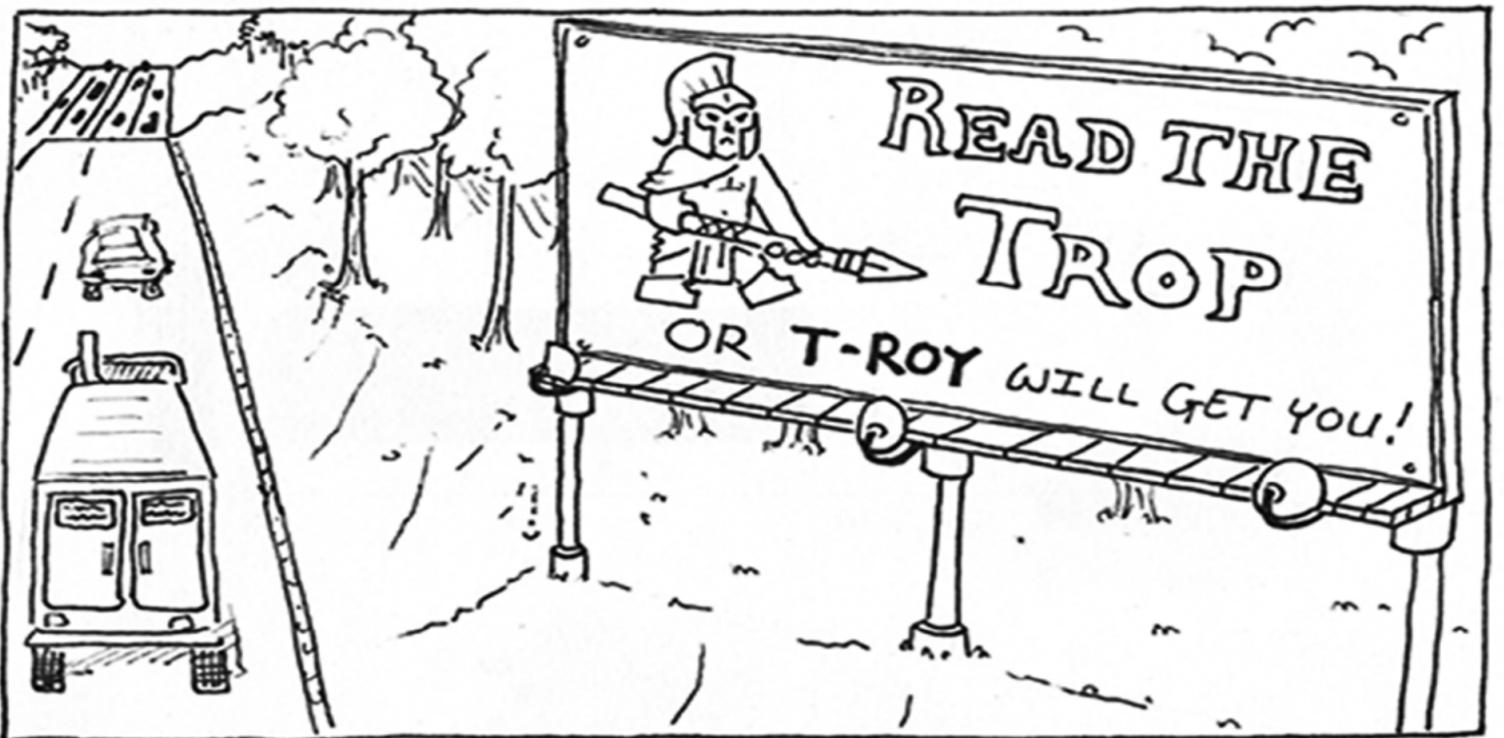
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## Hazing violates pledge's personal rights, well-being of nonmembers

**Faith Karwacki**  
Perspectives Editor

The recent hazing scandal is a story that is not perceived by most to be a unique occurrence among members of the Greek community.

Greeks and non-Greeks alike have their own ideas of actions stereotypical of hazing rituals.

We have all heard the horror stories of the hapless newcomer, eager to please and impress peers, only to wind up a victim of "good fun" gone too far.

Last week, a young man was found barely clothed, miles from campus and covered in a disturbing cocktail of coconut milk, chewing tobacco spit, eggs and dirt.

Whether or not this was an isolated incident has yet to be determined.

Because he was a

member of a student-run organization, few found his condition to be odd.

Many found actions like this to be necessary evils of age-old tradition.

I find this mindset worrisome.

Prevalence of law-breaking does not make the act any less destructive.

Actions that disregard a person's right to safety, such as hazing, do not occur in an insular space in which other people are not affected.

When a veteran member devalues the bodily rights of a new member, they are establishing an arbitrary hierarchy of power in which degrading action towards the person who is perceived to be "less than" or otherwise different is somehow justified on the grounds that an experienced member has the right to determine another person's value.

By harboring an envi-

ronment in which degradation and disrespect towards others is commonplace, habits to behave in such a manner are being established.

These destructive habits are then perpetuated outside the groups in which they are born and, in turn, affect non-members often by violent and careless violation of their bodily rights as well.

We are not strangers to the fact that sexual assault is a problem on most college campuses.

Our organizations boast the ability to mold leaders from young members, yet there are so few who choose to lead by example by calling for an end to the violent and destructive power scale whose origins are prevalent within these groups.

Violent habits could be easily circumvented if veteran members were to instead focus on instill-

ing new members with a sense of accountability towards themselves as individuals and those who represent the organization as a whole.

Change outside the groups must also take place.

We, as individuals, have the right and ability to start a revolution by saying "no" and letting others know that disrespecting another's body is detrimental to personal well-being.

Six (I hesitate to call them) men left campus last week with the intention of tying another man to a tree, abusing him and abandoning him with the purpose of creating a bond between them.

Is this bond based on dominance and submission under the guise of brotherhood, or is there a more sinister motive behind these actions?

## Editorial:

*Parking not an availability issue, but an inconvenience*

**Tabitha Mixon**  
Editor-In-Cheif

Parking at Troy University's campus has constantly been a concern for students; this past year, however, a new lot was installed along with the Trojan Arena.

Unfortunately, only seven vehicles were counted in the new McKinley lot between 12 and 1 p.m. last week, and a total of 225 spaces are available to students.

The space seems relatively unused, and its placement is considered a hassle.

The issue being debated is whether parking problems come from inconvenience or a lack of space.

Many people complain but don't seem realistic about the available solutions.

On-campus parking can be a difficult task on any day, especially when searching for spaces close to preferred buildings.

The truth is there are currently fewer spaces on campus than there are decals issued. However, the university only needs a percentage of the spaces for each decal issued to account for parking.

If the university approved the building of a new parking lot, where would it go?

Would anyone use it if that lot were a half-mile from campus?

Building another lot would be simpler than adjusting class schedules or expanding staff for improving the bus system; but before creating more

parking space, students should utilize the bus system that is already provided and funded by our tuition.

Why wouldn't students want to call 15 minutes before class to be picked up at any apartment complex in the city?

Is there a reason to waste money on another lot that students probably won't use because its location is inconvenient?

Accumulating more tickets by parking illegally and then filing for an appeal is not the correct course of action if students want more parking to be facilitated.

Instead, students should fill the open lots that are available farther away. According to Dean of Student Services Herb Reeves, "We don't have a parking problem until these lots have been filled."

Instead of wasting time following people around for the 10 to 15 minutes between classes, students should try the new McKinley lot by Trojan Arena or the north lot behind the field house and walk at any time of the day.

Troy has several buildings within close proximity of each other, and there is parking near them.

Being fined for parking will not show the university a need for more spaces.

Students should utilize the available spaces in farther lots before demanding for more, instead of creating illegal ones close by.

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## Mature stage play set on Southern campus

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Staff Writer

A play that details a college relationship is coming to Troy University, and it might be something students relate to.

The Troy University Department of Theatre and Dance is producing "The Shape of Things" this year, a play with strong language and adult situations that are not suitable for children.

"Trying to take the language out of one of these plays is like taking tackling out of football," said Quinton Cockrell, the director of the play, and a professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance.

This decision to keep the language in the play upheld the modern values of the production. It's a comment on society according to Cockrell.

When searching for a play, Cockrell wanted one that served students. The characters in the play are the age of the actors portraying them.

Only four students are participating in this play, and they are Psacoya Guinn, Noah Williams, Halley Tiefert and Baine Ellis.

The play follows the story of Adam, an out of shape, insecure English major who meets an aspiring artist, Evelyn, and his relationship with her in college.

The college in the play is not unlike a small, Southern college such as Troy University.

"Every character is a college student. So it's just as relatable as it can be on the surface," said Baine Ellis, the male lead, a sophomore theatre major from Harris County, Ga.

Psacoya Guinn is the female lead, Evelyn.

"This character is completely different from myself; she is a lot more open with her opinions, and her views on life are completely different from mine," said Guinn, a senior theatre major from McCalla.

"The last thing I want to do is make a fellow actor uncomfortable on stage with me. Not only am I the female lead, but I am also the oldest out of the cast. Setting an example as a senior is definitely a responsibility in itself."

"The Shape of Things" will be performed in Malone Hall 204, Oct. 1-4 at 7:30 p.m. It is \$5 for students and \$10 for general admission. Seating is limited to 60



Caitlyn Collins photo

Psacoya Guinn (left) and Baine Ellis (right) are the lead actors in "The Shape of Things."

people per night, which only allows for 240 audience members to see the production. Students are encouraged to secure their tickets early and attend and support the Troy Department of Theatre and Dance

## Tattoo artists break stereotypes, create 'badges of honor'

Faith Karwacki  
Perspective Editor

Upon entering Screamer's Tattoo and Body Piercing in Ozark, I was pleasantly surprised to be met by an extremely welcoming staff and a clean, comfortable atmosphere.

The walls were decorated with the staff's illustrations and couches were scattered throughout the waiting areas.

Typical of tattoo shops, each artist's station had decorations that were representative of themselves as individuals.

I had a very crude drawing of the image I wanted immortalized on my right shoulder and when I showed it to tattoo artist Travis White, he went straight to work on a design that would work for me.

Three hours later, I happily left the shop with a beautiful piece of artwork inked into my skin at a price that fit my budget.

Two of the tattoo artists, Travis White and Aaron Mann, are hoping to establish themselves as local artists by hosting a gallery that displays their artwork.

"I started my career in Atlanta," White said. "I've been tattooing for 18 years. We're hoping to get some of our artwork that isn't going to be permanently etched into someone's skin out there."

Their illustrations are inspired by tattoos but intended to decorate walls rather than bodies.

"I'm new to this," Mann said. "A year ago my drawings were just doodles."

Mann is now a licensed piercing and tattoo artist. His art also adorns

the walls of Screamer's Tattoo.

Mann and White also hope to break barriers that are common in the tattoo industry.

"You walk in to most local shops, and they talk trash about other shops," White said.

"I made a point to visit other artists and hang out with them. There are some really talented guys around here. You can learn a lot from other artists."

"The lifestyle is not for the faint of heart, but it's a beautiful thing. Many people get tattoos to symbolize a life experience. Sort of like badges of honor and we're the people that get to pin that badge on them. I take that very seriously."

"What I love about the tattoo industry is that the whole company is like family," Mann said.

"There's a lifelong camaraderie in being a tattooer. Even though I'm new to this, I've learned to stop taking things personally and to make this your life."

White is a musician and, along with Mann, wishes to establish a more permanent local music scene.

"When I get tired of drawing, I write songs. When I get tired of writing songs, I draw," said White, "I've made a lifelong commitment to tattooing, so no matter how ugly it gets, I'm sticking to it."

Screamer's Tattoo and Body Piercing is located in Ozark and can be contacted by calling 334-445-0737 or walking into the shop.

## 'Siren's Song' ends with inspirational reception

Ngoc Vo  
Staff Writer

Michael Arrigo gave an inspiring talk to Troy art students about his evolution as an artist at his reception at the Malone Hall Gallery on Sept. 19.

Arrigo is an art professor at Bowling Green State University. The reception was the closing act for the exhibition of his artwork, the "Sirens' Song," which was installed at Malone, on Aug. 12.

The "Sirens' Song" is Arrigo's second video installation. Although Arrigo makes use of modern video technology, he is more interested in how technology impacts the ways we think and perceive than in the medium itself.

At the reception, Arrigo displayed his previous paintings and talked about life as an artist after school. He told his story of coming to the arts.

Originally a physics major, Arrigo took an introductory art class as a general study course.

"I was shocked at how I cared," he said.

Arrigo is impressed by how everything, especially science, connects to the arts. In his time as an artist, he has developed a commitment to applying physics to creative works. He said he loves to use the technical skills of his hands to emotionally feel the artist's way and rationally make it happen.

However, after he started a family, Arrigo fundamentally changed his perspective, and in turn his art, due to his children's attraction to images. He said he made a point of observing the children's exploration in their daily life. He carries a camera around to keep records of those small but significant details. Arrigo attributed his venture from plaiting to other types of material to his children's influence.

Arrigo also talked about the "500 mili-second delay." He explained how consciousness, which functions through language, is a "low-bandwidth" channel compared to the immediate, unconscious experience.

"That's why children learn more through playing," he said.

Arrigo came to the video medium because of an interest in how people think about images.

Arrigo spoke about his experiments with two "opposite, extreme paradigms" of video. He said people want to be immersed, to become one with the experience.

"Everything we see is just patterns of lights and everything else is made up [in our head]," Arrigo said. "In a certain way, everything we do is a self-portrait... Everything is first person narrative... We are the cameras. The way we reconstruct memories inflates our importance in relation with the world."

### Daybook

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## The Brick: new sports bar on the block

**Zach Winslett**  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

The “sports-bar experience” is a staple of college towns. Sports bars far and wide make their strongholds in America’s college towns, where droves of college students seek refuge from their collegiate responsibilities (they’re also seeking beer, too).

Troy, however, has had a tumultuous past with sports bars.

The revolving door of bars and grills that have graced the plot where Trojan Zone now sits have been less than fulfilling, and, until recently, the Brick was a sort of well-kept secret, hiding above the Pines.

The Brick has now moved to U.S. Highway 231 near Wal-Mart, but is it filling the gaping hole that Troy has in place of a satisfying den for sports fans? Yes it is.

The Brick’s interior provides the atmosphere a sports bar should provide. It feels clean, and its walls are adorned with Trojan decorations.

It’s also well lit. It’s not too dark, but it is just dim enough to create the ambiance sports bars work to achieve.

The restaurant is divided into two separate sections. This duality provides an alternate atmosphere one that is better suited for dates.

“If a college male wants to bring a girl out on a date, we provide a more elegant atmosphere,” said George Bateman, the owner. “We also serve fresh seafood and steaks.”

The Brick’s menu is serviceable, and it has enough options to be versatile.

The appetizers are particularly standard for a sports bar. The menu offers everything from fried pickles to mozzarella sticks.

The fried pickles, mozzarella sticks and potatoes were all fairly ordinary for a restaurant of this type, but they were tasty. The highlights, however, are the chicken fingers and wings.

“We probably have the best chicken fingers in

town,” Bateman said.

The chicken fingers were delicious, and their most admirable quality was their moistness. They weren’t too dry, and they didn’t need to be drowned in sauce to be enjoyed.

They’re also offered covered in buffalo sauce for those who would prefer to drown them.

The wings are quality meat with a flavorful sauce that bests any other wings offered in town.

The sauce has an interesting origin story. Bateman, at a previous job, was making wings regularly, but he wasn’t selling enough to make his own sauce.

One day, however, Bateman ran out of sauce, and he was forced create his own.

“The root of all invention is necessity,” Bateman said.

The french fries were thinly cut with a dash of seasoning salt. They weren’t an impactful part of the meal or extremely flavorful, but they served their purpose as a side dish. They also weren’t oversalted.

The service was accommodating, and Bateman employs mostly college-age students. According to Bateman, coming out to support fellow college students is part of the restaurant’s appeal.

The alcoholic drink selection is robust, and Bateman insisted that, in a time when other restaurants may be limiting their selection, this selection is growing.

The Brick has happy hour everyday between 5 p.m.



Joshua Thurston photo

**George Bateman, the owner of The Brick, stands in his restaurant. The sports grill moved and is now located off U.S. Highway 231 near Wal-Mart.**

and 7 p.m. and \$1 wells on Wednesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The restaurant is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. It offers lunch specials. The Brick is closed on Sundays.

Live entertainment during the football season is typically on Thursdays or Fridays, and Bateman has plans to extend to Saturdays after the season ends.

The Brick is a solid sports bar, which fills a niche vacuum in Troy. It dominates the sports bar competition in Troy, especially in atmosphere, and the price point is competitive.

## Trojan Treasure: Women’s Initiative, exploring feminism

**Lauren Coughlin**  
Staff Writer

The sixth Trojan Treasure is the Women’s Initiative, an organization on campus committed to education, open discussion and innovation in approaching the concept of feminism.

Their stated mission, which can be found on their Facebook page, is “to promote human rights and equality, not just the rights of women,” and this is reflected by their diverse membership of men and women and the active role every member plays in discussions.

The Women’s Initiative meets every Thursday at 6 p.m. in Smith Hall room 160.

Meg Shackelford, a senior English major from Troy, revived the organization on campus. Its advisor is Dr. Priya Menon.

The focus of weekly meetings varies based on the interests of the group’s

members. Often, members are given reading suggestions before the visit of a guest speaker to promote some informed discussions.

To its members, Women’s Initiative is a worthy investment of their time.

“Women’s Initiative is important because it brings to light issues regarding not just feminism, but equality,” member Chrissy Brown, a senior vocational rehabilitation major from Auburn, said. “We discuss ideas and concepts that are important and prominent in every aspect of life. While we may be known as ‘the feminist organization,’ every person could benefit from discussing gender issues and hearing other people’s views on this topic in today’s society.”

Women’s Initiative is more than just a weekly forum; the group is also active on campus. Last semester, members put on the “Measure of a Woman” campaign that tested and challenged campus perceptions of what makes a good

woman.

The group hopes to complete more of such projects in the near future.

The Women’s Initiative also started a book scholarship at Troy for women experiencing unfortunate economic situations and adversity. Funding for this initiative is currently underway.

The meeting on Sept. 26 will feature a presentation on Islamic feminism, and all are invited to attend.

Those wanting to find more information and join in a lively online discussion should find the Facebook Group ‘Women’s Initiative at Troy.’

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



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**Women’s Initiative is a group of male and female students that promote the idea of gender equality through discussion and activism**

## Word Games

### How to play:

Each of these word games represents a saying or pop culture/entertainment reference. Think literally to solve.

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## Cohen breaks dig record

**Lindsey Schoewe**  
Volleyball Beat Writer

Troy volleyball had a tough tournament this past weekend when it traveled to Clemson, S.C. for the Clemson Classic.

The Trojans lost all three games in the tournament falling on Friday to Delaware 2-3 and losing twice on Saturday to Clemson 3-1 and Alabama 3-1.

The top hitter for Troy over the weekend was junior Marija Zelenovic, who received the All-Tournament Team for the Clemson Classic with her 41 kills and 28 digs.

Despite the losses, this was a historic weekend for senior libero Courtney Cohen, who tied the school career dig record on Friday when she recorded 21 digs against Delaware.

It was during the first match of Saturday against Clemson when Cohen broke Vickie Paciski's mighty total of 1,728 digs with nine digs against the Tigers.

"Individual accolades in a team sport are honestly more of a testament to the team as a whole rather than that person alone," Cohen said. "I am so thankful to have had my wonderful teammates because without them this accomplishment would not have been possible."

After the Clemson Classic was over, Cohen had increased her career total

to 1,745 digs after recording eight digs against the Crimson Tide in the second Saturday match.

Head Coach Sonny Kirkpatrick expressed his excitement for Cohen now that she has broken the Troy career dig record.

"I am really proud of Courtney; she is an outstanding player and has had a great volleyball career so far," Kirkpatrick said. "I can't wait to see what the rest of the season has in store for her."

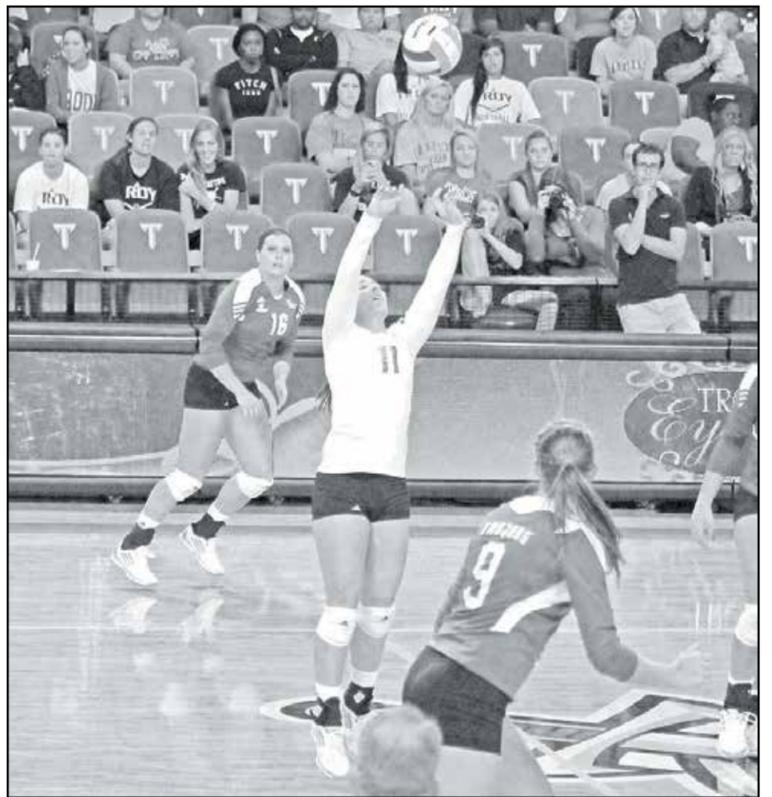
The Trojans are now finished with their nonconference slate of games and will start off Sun Belt action at home against conference heavyweight Western Kentucky this Friday at 7 p.m.

Western Kentucky is 10-4 this year with losses to USC, Ohio State, Florida State and Ohio and is the defending Sun Belt champion.

Last season the Lady Toppers faced Troy twice and twice they defeated the Trojans in straight sets.

Troy went on to finish second behind Western Kentucky in Sun Belt Conference Championship with a record of 21-12 making this matchup yet again a class of two conference powers.

"We want to open up conference play with the best team," Kirkpatrick said. "We will get to see where we are in terms of our competition level. I look forward to playing with them on Friday."



Visarut Pawawongsak photo

Senior Courtney Cohen is rewriting the record book one dig at a time.

## Soccer opens Sun Belt play at home

**Caleb Odom**  
Sports Editor

With the final weekend of nonconference matches in the past, the Troy soccer team (4-6-0) is preparing for Sun Belt foe Texas State (3-5-1) Sunday, Sept. 29, at home.

This is after Troy took down Gardner-Webb 3-1 on Friday, Sept. 20, at home but fell on the road to Kennesaw State 2-0 in a game that Trojan coach Chris Bentley was still pleased with.

"We had the same amount of final third entries as they did," Bentley said. "In a game like that, when you put yourself in a place to be successful and to win games. We just didn't really finish at times when we needed to and they did, and that's soccer sometimes."

The Troy coach said that the Kennesaw State game was a midfield battle back and forth and to him that kind of competi-



Caitlin Collins photo

Senior Samantha Morgan passes the ball in Troy's 3-1 win over Gardner-Webb Friday.

tion is what soccer is all about.

"When we got done with the game we felt that our girls had done enough to compete and potentially win the game, but we didn't finish our chances,"

Bentley said.

With the Texas State match coming on Sunday instead of Friday, the team is able to rest up for the conference opener in Troy.

"I think it's massive to have the extra day of rest that we were able to give the girls. The other thing was I think at this time of the year it is nice to be able to relax and get away from

soccer a little bit in a sense."

Along with the extra rest, Bentley said his team has more opportunity to prepare for the challenge of the Bobcats.

"I think in the conference they are going to be a team that is competing for a conference championship so I think they are a good team," Bentley said. "I think they are very athletic. Their front runners are going to bring some challenges to us that other teams have."

This game for the Trojans is viewed as a measuring stick game as Sun Belt play progresses in the coming weeks.

Troy plays host to Texas State Sunday, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m.

For more Trojan soccer coverage including a postgame story and live tweets, follow Trop Sports on Twitter and check out tropnews.com.

### Tide, continued from page 8

the Colorado State Rams' head coach Jim McElwain, who worked with Nick Saban and the Crimson Tide from 2008-2011, playing instrumental roles in more than one of the Tide's BCS National Championships?

McElwain chose to leave the Tide when he was offered a head coaching position with the Rams, and to his credit, he made a statement by taking the team to a monumental 22-17 victory over Colorado last season, the university's in-state rival, making him the first first-year coach to take down the Buffaloes since 1970.

However, Colorado State is still a Mountain West

Conference team. It has limited recruiting opportunities as well as resources, and could one man in two seasons revolutionize a program so much that it is capable of holding its ground so well against a Southeastern Conference recruiting dynasty like Alabama? I find that to be highly unlikely.

Instead, along with countless others, I suspect foul play on the part of Nick Saban, giving his old friend a fighting chance, knowing what it could mean for McElwain's career, at the expense of the success of his own team.

It was as if the Alabama offense forgot how to play, and then in the third quarter the defense that had been playing like a true number one team all of the sudden forgot as well, allowing the rams to enter Alabama territory, a feat they hadn't accomplished all night, in only two drives.

If this game is indicative of what the Crimson Tide is really capable of, then the team has a lot of work to do this week. If it is not, then where is the ethical responsibility of both coaches and players to show fans what the team is really capable of?

## Pigskin Picks

**Week 5**  
Current  
Leader:

Lindsey Schoewe



**Andrew Clay**  
(29-11)



**Caleb Odom**  
(23-17)



**Devin Smith**  
(25-15)



**James Travis**  
(30-10)



**Jill Odom**  
(22-18)



**Lindsey Schoewe**  
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SMU @ TCU	Horned Frogs	Horned Frogs	Horned Frogs	Horned Frogs	Horned Frogs	Horned Frogs	Horned Frogs	Horned Frogs
Virginia @ Pittsburgh	Panthers	Panthers	Panthers	Cavaliers	Panthers	Panthers	Panthers	Panthers
#6LSU @ #9Georgia	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Tigers	Bulldogs	Tigers	Tigers
#14Oklahoma @ #22ND	Sooners	Sooners	Fighting Irish	Sooners	Fighting Irish	Sooners	Sooners	Sooners
#21Miss @ #1Alabama	Crimson Tide	Crimson Tide	Crimson Tide	Crimson Tide	Rebels	Crimson Tide	Crimson Tide	Crimson Tide
#23Wisconsin @ #4Ohio St	Badgers	Buckeyes	Buckeyes	Buckeyes	Buckeyes	Buckeyes	Buckeyes	Buckeyes
USC @ Arizona State	Sun Devils	Kiffins	Sun Devils	Sun Devils	Kiffins	Sun Devils	Sun Devils	Sun Devils

## Trojan golf tees off in new season

**Caleb Odom**  
Sports Editor

Both Troy men and women's golf began its respective 2013-2014 seasons with tournaments this week.

The Trojan men traveled to Daufuskie Island, S.C. to take part in the Rees Jones Intercollegiate that ran from Sunday to Tuesday while the women's team headed to Monroe, La. to play in the Fred Marx Invitational on Monday and Tuesday.

For the Trojan women, playing some

golf down in the bayou was a good combination as the team combined to shoot a 1-under-par 287 on Tuesday that propelled Troy to finish in third place.

Trojan junior Langley Vannoy had a day to remember as she shot 3-under-par 69 to tie for fourth place.

There were even a couple of freshmen for Troy who started the season out strong in Fátima Fernández Cano who was 1-over-par and Becca Horner who concluded Tuesday's action even par.

Taylor McGraw shot a 73 in her final

round to finish tied for 21st while Brooke Spinks came in at 37th.

The Troy women bust out the clubs again on Oct. 14-15, when they take part Jacksonville Courtyard Classic.

The women's golf team was able to finish ninth in the Rees Jones Intercollegiate thanks partly to Phillip Brennan taking 14th place after shooting 6-over-par 222 during the three day tournament.

The Trojan men had a chance to finish better than ninth overall, as they stood at sixth place midway through the final

round but combining to shoot 20-over-par on the back nine dashed those hopes.

When it was all said and done, Jack Tucker, who shot a 76 on Tuesday, would finish tied for 16th while Tolver Dozier dropped back to a tie for 42nd after shooting an 84 on Tuesday.

Kyle Thommesen would finish tied for 50th and Wil Clowdus tied for 65th.

The Troy men get back on the course when they make the trip to Duluth, Ga. to compete in the Auto Trader Collegiate Classic.

## Date with the Devils



Senior quarterback Corey Robinson was 15 of 25 passing the ball in the Mississippi State road loss on Saturday night.



Joshua Thurston photo and Seth Nicholson cartoon



### Alabama didn't roll the Rams?

**Megan Phillips**  
Staff Writer

The reigning superpower in college football for the last few years has been without a doubt the Crimson Tide, a team that inspires dedication in both those that love and hate it.

Saturday, thousands of fans poured into Tuscaloosa, none of them expecting to see a real game, but rather a blood bath between their University of Alabama and a nobody team, Colorado State.

However, last Saturday, fans and foes alike were both more than disappointed in the 3-0 Alabama's performance, or lack thereof against 1-3 Colorado State.

The Tide went into halftime with a 17-0 lead. Then in the third quarter, they scored no points, allowing Colorado State to score and taking their lead down to 17-6. It wasn't until the fourth quarter that No. 1 Alabama decided to actually show up to the game, scoring 14 points and bringing the final score to 31-6.

On the bright side, nobody can accuse Alabama of running up the score, but on the down side, how can a team that is currently ranked number one by the AP top 25, USA Today and ESPN come so close to losing to a team that isn't even ranked in the top 50?

Could this close call have anything to do with See **Tide**, page 7

## Football looks to down Duke in Durham



### Troy vs Duke Game 5

**Caleb Odom**  
Sports Editor

After an ugly 62-7 massacre by Mississippi State last Saturday, Sept. 21, the Troy football team (2-2) looks to find a way to win on the road against Duke (2-2) this weekend.

The Bulldogs racked up 551 total yards of offense, while Troy only had 186 and a game that Mississippi State scored 35 points in the second quarter alone.

"Credit where credit is due," Troy head

coach Larry Blakeney said at the Monday press conference. "We couldn't get the ball from them, and we didn't execute very well ourselves."

The Trojans have lost their last five road games with Troy's last win not at Veterans Memorial Stadium coming on Sept. 29, 2012, against South Alabama, a 31-10 victory.

Even though Duke is known for its play on the hardwood compared to the gridiron, this Blue Devil football team is not to be underestimated.

"They are unique on offense," Blakeney said. "But everybody is doing the same thing. Lots of cross motion, fake and read, quarterback read, power and zone."

Blakeney went on to say that the Blue Devils have the capability to move the ball and score, which is the same thing the Trojans have to do if they want to win.

The game in Durham, N.C. is set to kick at Sept. 29, at 2 p.m. and is televised on ESPN3.

Duke made Troy its homecoming game, so there is all the more reason a crash the Blue Devils' party on Saturday.

home and a road victory over Memphis 28-14.

But in week three, the Ramblin' Wreck of Georgia Tech came calling and the Yellow Jackets shut the Blue Devils with a 38-14 loss at home.

The second game of Duke's four straight home games last Saturday was against new ACC member, Pittsburgh, who defeated the Blue Devils in a high scoring affair 58-55.

For Troy, the challenge is shutting down the Duke offense.

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