

What's Inside:

Editor encourages readers to take a deeper look into domestic violence. **Perspectives, pg. 4**

Troy football faces the Hilltoppers. **Sports, pg. 8**



Troy University's Official Student Newspaper



PROPOLITAN

Vol. 87, Issue 11

www.TropNews.com

October 24, 2013

Basketball season is here

Devin Smith
Cardinal Rule Editor

November is just around the corner, meaning that we are nearing another year of college basketball.

First year head coach Phil Cunningham has been extremely busy changing the culture at a program that has spent the past 30 years behind Troy basketball legend Don Maestri.

In Maestri's final season, the Trojans stumbled to a 12-21 (6-14) record, finishing near the bottom of the Sun Belt in several key categories, particularly field goal percentage and team defense.

Cunningham has had the advantage of an NCAA rule change that altered the men's basketball calendar, allowing him to begin preparing the team earlier than in years past.

He also took advantage of the opportunity to take his team on a trip to Spain, allowed by the NCAA once every four years, where the team was able to get 10 extra days of practice while finishing 5-0 against the competition.

"It was really a great opportunity for us to get to know each other," Cunningham said. "But also to get a jump start to put in our offense and defense the way we would like to play. It made it so that when practice started three weeks ago we were ready to go."

Troy is bringing back seven players from last season, three of which were starters.

One of the biggest challenges for this year's squad will be finding a way to replace the production of the two departures from the starting lineup.

Emil Jones and Ray Chambers accounted for 19.6 of the teams 62 points scored per game, and were also the leading rebounders on the team.

Cunningham believes that his team can make up for the tangible production and is more concerned with another aspect lacking with their departure.

"I wasn't around much for last year's team," Cunningham said. "But after getting to meet them and talk



Joshua Thurston photo

Freshman guard Jordan Howard drives with the ball at Saturday's scrimmage in Trojan Arena.

See **Hoops**, page 2

Fraternity's philanthropy week returns



Hannah Crews photo

Hayley Hinote, a senior business major from Pace, Fla. was crowned Miss OcTauberfest at the fraternity's pageant held in the Trojan Center Ballrooms. All proceeds go to ATΩ's philanthropy.

Patrick Stephens
Staff Writer

Alpha Tau Omega Kappa Beta chapter crowned its first ever Miss OcTauberfest, during its philanthropy event, OcTauberfest, which benefits the Wounded Warrior Project.

This year is the first time that the event has consisted of multiple days and events.

"We were really encouraged by the turnout for the event last year so we wanted to expand what the event consisted of," said Alpha Tau Omega Philanthropy Chair Parker Reiss, a junior elementary education major from Brewton.

"We are going to have our band party like always, but we extended this year's event to include a Miss OcTauberfest Pageant and wild game supper held at the ATΩ House," Reiss said.

"The pageant and wild

game supper was a huge success and we are expecting a large turnout for the band party based on ticket sales so far."

The pageant concluded this past Tuesday with Haley Hinote being crowned as the first ever Miss OcTauberfest.

The band party is being held this Thursday beginning at 8 p.m. Union Road and Trotline will both be performing throughout the course of the night.

Tickets can be purchased from any brother for \$5 preceding the event, and tickets will be sold for \$8 at the door.

All money raised throughout the week will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project, an organization that strives to help out soldiers that have been wounded in action.

"We are really proud to be able to give back to those soldiers that have sacrificed

so much and their families," said Alpha Tau Omega's President Joey Carter, junior biomedical sciences major from Decatur, "I know this cause really resonates with us here at ATΩ."

"Besides raising money for a good cause, one of our hopes for these events is to also raise awareness for our signature event that we host in the spring, Walk Hard," Parker Reiss said.

"This will also be benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project. It's our annual event where brothers give up their spring break to walk from Troy to Panama City Beach, Fla., a journey that is 150 miles over six days, with the walkers averaging close to twenty five miles a day for the entire way."

Anyone looking to donate can speak to any brother for more information about the events or the Wounded Warrior Project in general.

Exchange, teaching program offers opportunity to teach English in Japan

Brittany Delong
Business Manager

Melissa Takeuchi, Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) program coordinator from the consulate general of Japan in Atlanta, visited Troy on Thursday in the hopes of recruiting students to apply to teach English in Japan after graduation.

"This program sends college graduates to Japan to teach English in the public school systems," Takeuchi said. "We are one of the largest exchange programs in the world and

we're going into our 28th year so we have support all over the country and an alumni network all over the world."

The JET program was established in 1987 as a way to enhance internationalization in Japan by promoting mutual understanding between the people of Japan and those of other countries.

The U.S. contributes over half of all JET participants currently in Japan.

"We are a very competitive program and right now

See **JET**, page 2



Brittany Delong photo

Melissa Takeuchi, JET coordinator came to the Trojan Center Thursday, Oct. 17 in hopes of recruiting students to teach English as a second language in Japan.

Resolution for faculty, staff recognition passed

Patrick Stephens
Staff Writer

A resolution, which aims to recognize faculty and staff on the Troy campus, was passed during the most recent meeting of the SGA officers and senators.

Old business being concluded from the previous week's meeting included voting on the two resolutions that were placed on docket. The first resolution reintroduced for a vote was on the system for a faculty/staff recognition system from the SGA.

"For some time we've wanted to put a system into place to

recognize faculty and staff," said Senator Becca Lindsey, a senior elementary education major from Opelika. "Many of the people here in Troy do a lot in education and leadership and that should be recognized."

Applications to nominate faculty and staff that are believed to be deserving should be out in the near future and will be available in the SGA office.

The second resolution that was finally put to vote and passed unanimously was to

See **SGA**, page 2

THURSDAY 73°F 46°F high low	FRIDAY 66°F 36°F high low	SATURDAY 69°F 42°F high low	SUNDAY 77°F 49°F high low	MONDAY 78°F 50°F high low	TUESDAY 79°F 53°F high low	WEDNESDAY 78°F 56°F high low
--	--	--	--	--	---	---

International Justice Mission to prevent sex slavery



April Ivin photo

Pictured above is Angie Lewis, a freshman social work major from Troy. Lewis serves as the publicity coordinator for the International Justice Mission. The organization serves as the human rights agency that advocates for the rescue of victims of sexual slavery.

Jacob Barber
Staff Writer

Troy International Justice Mission is a recent addition to organizations on campus that focus on aiding victims of human trafficking by advocating awareness and raising funds for their benefit.

It is a chapter of the International Justice Mission, which describes itself as “a human rights agency that brings rescue to victims of slavery, sexual exploitation and other forms of violent oppression.”

Members are conducting a fundraiser called “Loose Change to Loosen Chains” this week in the Trojan Center.

“It’s a fundraiser where all of the funds go towards funding rescue operations around the world. The average cost of a rescue operation in any given country is \$4200,” Chapter President Mac Delorme, a freshman human services major and psychology minor from Atlanta, said. That’s a little bit expensive, so chapters like us can raise

about \$1000 throughout a year and that’s a fourth of that cost down. That’s only our chapter at our very small school, so it’s very important to have small chapters around the country doing things like that because every little penny or dollar counts.”

Delorme believes that the significance of IJM is because 29.8 million people around the world are being oppressed and their voices have been taken away for them.

“Troy’s chapter of IJM is important because we pray for the IJM staff around the world, and our job is to fundraise for the places around the world and for the headquarters in Washington D.C. to rescue victims from trafficking and oppression,” Angie Lewis, the organization’s publicity coordinator, said. Both Delorme and Lewis first became aware of the issue of human trafficking and the work of International Justice Mission while each was attending Passion Conference in Atlanta.

“I went to Passion Conference this past year in Atlanta and I learned about human trafficking and how there are 27 million people right now, more than any time, in slavery,” Lewis said. “Half of them are children and it’s a \$32 billion industry, which is \$20 billion more than Nike makes. That got me, that they make more than Nike.”

“I went to Passion Conference almost three years ago. One of their focuses that year was human trafficking and IJM was one of the main organizations they talked about and they had come and talk,” Delorme said. “That’s how I heard about IJM. I did research on it, and I learned about and increasingly got more involved with the organization. As I got more and more involved, I fell in love with it more and more and with what they do.”

Students interested in getting involved can attend the group’s meeting this Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Trojan Center room 224 or join the organization’s group on Facebook.

SGA

continued from page 1

put a Redbox movie rental station on campus. The SGA has been working closely with the university to see this resolution through and ensure that it will become a reality.

The last item of old business that was covered was taking the constitution for the Anime and Manga Enthusiasts off the table and voting to recognize it as an official student organization.

The Constitutionality and Rules committee tabled the constitution last week for further review, in order to allow the committee to check the formatting and make sure the constitution was written correctly.

Upon further review nothing was found amiss within the organization’s proposed constitution, therefore it was presented to the SGA for

voting.

After a brief explanation of the reason for tabling, the constitution was put to a vote and was passed unanimously, allowing the Anime and Manga Enthusiasts to become an official student organization.

The executive officers had lots of praise to share with the SGA regarding the work that they have accomplished so far.

“I just wanted to compliment everyone on their good work with these resolutions. We’ve gotten lots of good publicity, and it’s great to see us working closely with the university,” said Senator Elizabeth Finley, a senior accounting major from Millbrook and chair of the Constitutionality and Rules committee.

SGA meetings are held every Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m., and students are always welcome to attend.

JET

continued from page 1

we’re accepting applications from graduating seniors,” Takeuchi said.

The students will have to graduate before July 1, 2013, and are required to commit a full year to the program to be accepted.

“It is a one-year commitment at least and then you can recontract every year for up to five years total,” Takeuchi said. “We require that you be open-minded, flexible and willing and able to try new things.”

“Japan is one of the safest

countries in the world.”

Those participating in the program will receive a salary, round trip airfare, benefits and assisted housing during the duration of their stay.

The opportunity to teach English as a second language in Japan, acquire invaluable international exposure and experience and to increase savings are all reasons why students should entertain the idea of the JET program according to Orlando Pacheco, director of Troy University Abroad.

“It is a win-win situation in which American students and the people of Japan have

enormous mutual benefits,” Pacheco said.

Craig Anderson, a senior Spanish major from Shalimar, Fla. participated in the Troy study abroad program and traveled to Zaragoza, Spain for a semester.

During that time Anderson was an English tutor and he understands how teaching English can benefit a student for the future.

“This is a great opportunity for students who want to build resumes, gain a global perspective, enjoy the benefits of networking worldwide,” said Anderson. “Or to just have fun.”

Crime Log

Unlawful Breaking and Entering a Vehicle

A tan Yeti cooler was stolen from a vehicle outside of Trojan Village Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7:58 p.m.

Theft of Property Second Degree

A silver nano iPod and a Sunset Orange master credit card was stolen from the Newman Center on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 12:48 p.m.

Lost Property

A pink wallet with a keychain, student ID and several credit cards were lost on the first floor of the Math and Science building Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 4:31 p.m.

Criminal Mischief Third Degree

An orange wheel lock was stolen outside of Trojan Village Monday, Oct. 21 at 3:25 p.m.

Daybook

Thursday, Oct. 24

Alpha Delta Pi’s Most Wanted Man, Claudia Crosby, 7 p.m. Come and support the ladies of ADPi and their philanthropy, the Ronald McDonald House.

Thursday, Oct. 24

Alpha Tau Omega is hosting their OcTauberfest band party at the ATΩ house at 8 p.m. They will be raising money for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Sunday, Oct. 27

The Residence Hall Association will hold their annual Zip in the Dark event at Camp Butter and Egg at 7:45 p.m. You must register with your resident assistant.

Hoops

continued from page 1

a little last year I know that those guys are very vocal. The one thing that stands out about our team right now is that there are not a whole bunch of vocal leaders. It isn’t their style.”

However, that doesn’t mean that his team doesn’t work.

“They lead by example with a great work ethic and they love the gym, but as coaches we would like to see them a little more verbal. When we start playing games we have to step up and do that,” Cunningham said.

Senior guard Hunter Williams, the second leading scorer on last year’s squad, has an assist-to-turnover ratio third best in the Sun Belt last year.

Williams’s ability to orchestrate the offense as it adapts to Cunningham’s system will be key as the year progresses, and one that may determine how dangerous this team can be.

Senior Antoine Myers will be assisting Williams in the backcourt, together making one of the more reliable areas of the team.

Jeff Mullahey and Tevin Calhoun are expected to get a lot of work at the forward position, with Westley Hinton anchoring at center.

Hinton led the team in scoring during its trip to Spain and is expected to be a key offensive contributor. He returned to practice on Wednesday after missing time with a broken hand.

Cunningham doesn’t plan on running much motion offense, which relies heavily on ball movement and floor spacing to obtain looks at the basket rather than set plays.

“We want to run any chance we get on a missed shot,” Cunningham said. “It’s easier

to score on a defense in transition when they aren’t set. When they get set we want to move the ball to an area that we as a coaching staff want to get it. If we can find a mismatch or a guy who does some things better than others we want it in his hands.”

Troy is a team that will have the talent to score on most teams, especially within the Sun Belt.

The greater challenge will be to retool an undersized defense near the bottom of most statistical categories last year, including last in points allowed per possession with 1.06.

“We’ve tried to instill a defensive mentality,” Cunningham said. “It’s tough with this team. Physically we aren’t a big team, and that’s really where we’re behind.”

The team has some length, which will help, but will mostly have to rely on its quickness and trapping to make up for the lack of physicality.

Cunningham also mentioned that recent rule changes by the NCAA intended to reduce some of the physical play will be advantageous to his team.

“We want to be competitive night-in and night-out,” Cunningham said. “We want to set a tone on how hard we play, how competitive we will be on every possession. I think if some things happen and we can stay healthy we have a chance to be right in the middle of things in conference.”

With just over two weeks remaining before the Trojans open the season against the Ole Miss Rebels on Nov. 8 the halls of Trojan Arena are buzzing with anticipation for a new year and a new team.

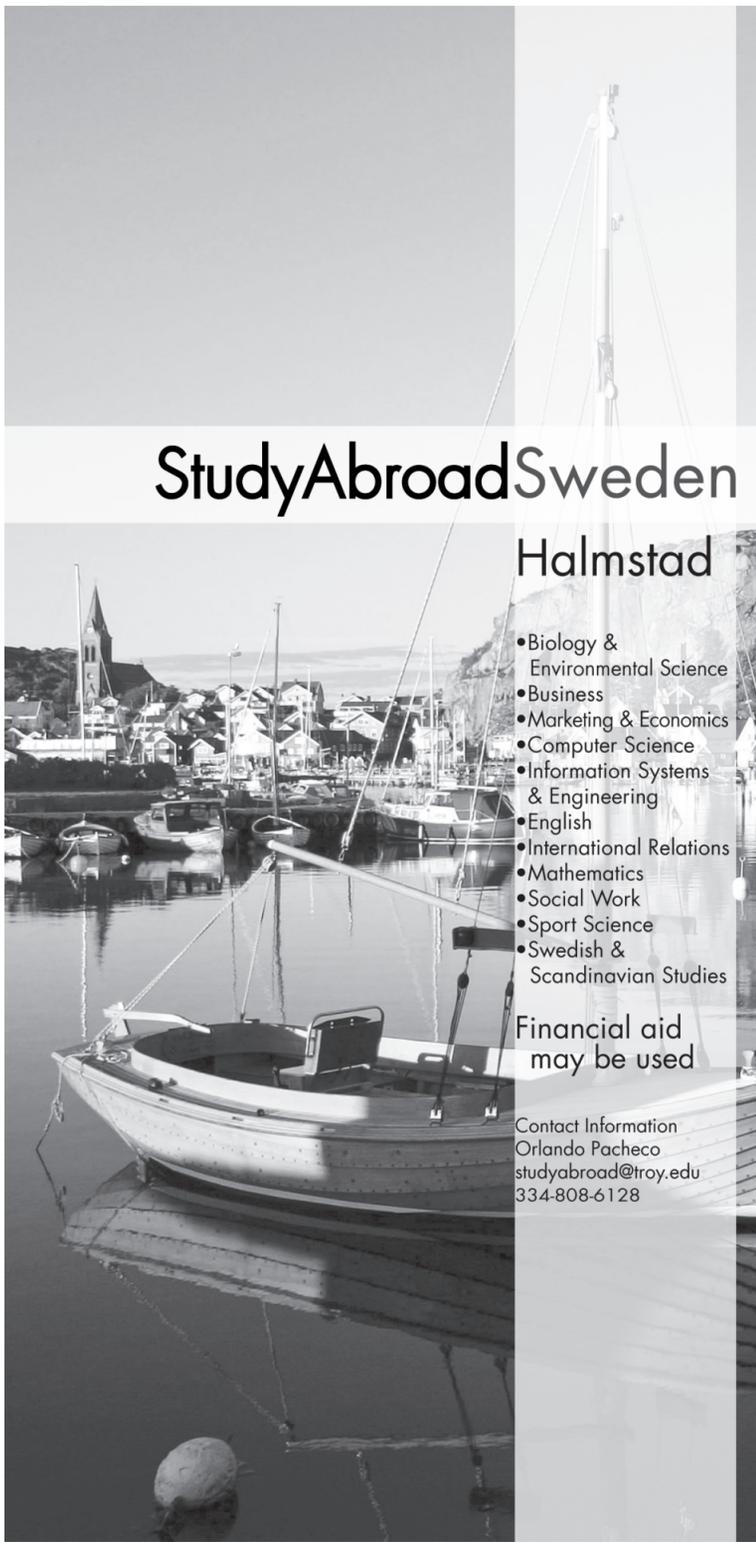
“It’s exciting,” Cunningham said. “All the work we did in the off season, the recruiting and getting the team ready, it’s all about to come to fruition when they toss that ball up that first time.”

Down Home, Down The Street!

Check us out on Facebook!

1225 Highway 231 S
Troy, AL 36081
(334) 770-7444

710 North 3 Notch Street
Troy
(334) 566-0127



Study Abroad Sweden

Halmstad

- Biology & Environmental Science
- Business
- Marketing & Economics
- Computer Science
- Information Systems & Engineering
- English
- International Relations
- Mathematics
- Social Work
- Sport Science
- Swedish & Scandinavian Studies

Financial aid may be used

Contact Information
Orlando Pacheco
studyabroad@troy.edu
334-808-6128

Student led projects aim to make community bullyproof

Staff Report

Each year 19,000 children commit suicide as a direct result of being bullied. October is "Bullying Awareness Month." Troy University's Counseling & Psychology Department and Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement have joined with Troy City Schools, Pike County Schools and East Central Child Health Collaborative to hold several events to promote the impact of bullying in our local community.

Students from the Counseling and Psychology undergraduate and graduate programs have given presentations to middle and high school students

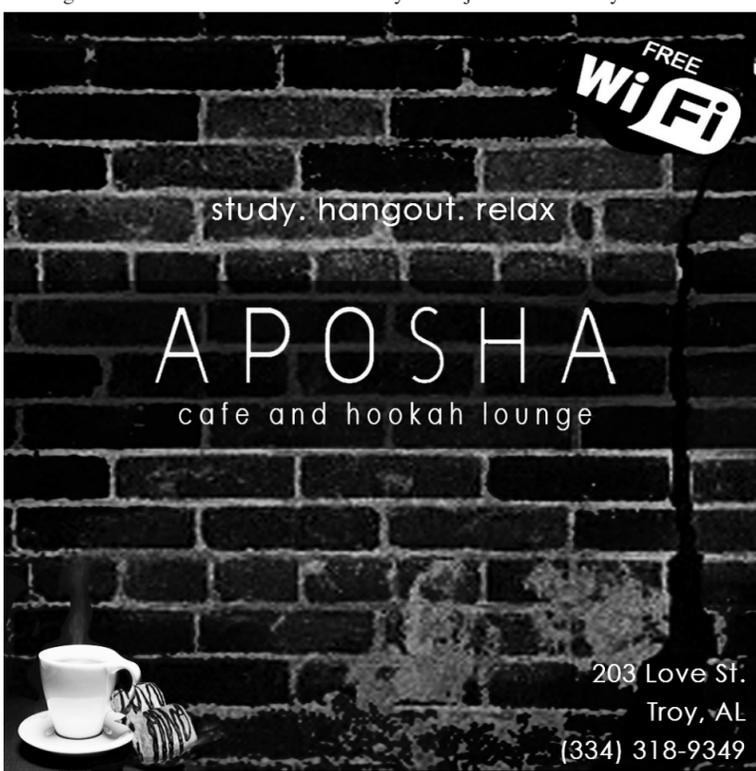
in Troy City and Pike County School Districts. Presentations centered on students' perception of bullying and strategies for prevention.

Thursday at 6 p.m. a town hall meeting will be held with community leaders, mental health experts and schools' officials to receive input and feedback to begin developing solutions of bullying for the community. Greg Price from the university's IT Department will be speaking on cyber-bullying and Brent Cosby from the Jason Foundation will speak on suicide prevention. The forum will be held in Hawkins Hall 122.

On Saturday, Oct. 26, the community will join

forces for a 5K run to support local bully prevention efforts. The race begins at 8 a.m. at the Square in Downtown Troy. Interested participants can register at bullyproof5k.eventbrite.com and in person the day of the event. Participants will receive a race t-shirt, and all funds raised will go to fund bullying curriculum in the Troy City and Pike County School Districts.

For more information, please contact Jonathan Cellon at jcellon@troy.edu or Jason Orrock at jorrock@troy.edu.



study. hangout. relax

APOSHA

cafe and hookah lounge

203 Love St.
Troy, AL
(334) 318-9349

Visit to Cuba challenges negative US perception

Brittany DeLong
Co-Business Manager

Negative feelings for Cuba were erased for some students who visited during the summer.

Phillip Henry, a junior Spanish major from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., ventured into Cuba on a study abroad trip and found that the country did not deserve a negative reputation.

"It's a place that people mostly associate negative things to, but the country does not deserve it at all," Henry said. "The people are extremely kind and fun."

"I really wanted to visit a country that was almost forbidden for Americans to go to."

David "Doc" Kirby, lecturer of journalism and communication, was given the opportunity to co-lead the group last semester because of his connections within Cuba.

He described how great the opportunity was for students to study there because Americans have been embargoed from Cuba since 1962.

"Cuba is a place unlike any place else we can send students," Kirby said. "There are only very select Americans that get to legally go to Cuba and one of those groups are students who study abroad."

The amount of American citizens visiting Cuba has begun to slowly increase, according to the Cuban National Statistics Office, and the chance for Troy University students to visit this country was significant.

When provided with the opportunity to visit Cuba, Henry began preparing for immersion into the culture.

"Something sparked in me," Henry said. "I started to read about Cuba and listen to Cuban music."

Henry said there was no set classroom; the students learned where they could and wherever they happened to be.

"It was a more hands-on learning style trip," Henry said. "The classroom was riding on the bus across the country, the lobby of the hotel, the table at the restaurant, the museums and castles."

"The classroom was every second of the day, which was really cool."

Cuba's government is different from American democracy, and witnessing the effect on its culture and its people was profound for Henry.

"I feel like everywhere I go something from the culture rubs off on me, and I carry it with me," Henry said. "The Cubans have to search for a good life because they live in a dictatorship."

"If you meet anyone who is happy, it's a deep, deep joy that a lot of people here do not have."

The culture was not the only thing Henry had to transition into; the climate difference was a huge difference for him.

"It was so hot in Cuba," Henry said. "Before going, I was working on the beach for 10 hours a day and the sun in Cuba could still burn me."



Hannah Crews photo
Stella's Voice members hand out stickers for "Voice of the Silenced" event. President Rebekah Smith puts a sticker on Dr. Johanna Alberich.

New interim director receives promotion

Emily Jackson
Features Editor

With years of study in his field, one Troy faculty member goes from consultant to interim director of a new school only to continue a legacy of excellence.

Anthony W. Dixon is the interim director & assistant professor at the School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management (HSTM) and has a passion for doing his job well, which for him translates to getting students prepared for employment.

Dixon uses his 13 years of experience in finance, parks and recreation and tourism to help students merge into a growing job market by teaching classes, advising, managing several marketing avenues for the school and working to guide other Troy global campuses through the program.

"One of the statistics that we have been using is that by year 2022 one out of every 10 jobs will be in tourism," Dixon said.

Dixon took the time to explain exactly what sport, hospitality and tourism is. He gave a brief example of tourism based on trips that he takes to Costa Rica every so often. He went on to say that people prefer different levels of tourism, but that there is something for everyone.

Dixon described sport tourism as a trip someone takes either to participate in a sporting event, such as a triathlon, to be a spectator at a sporting event like a pro football game.

His day-to-day work simply looks like "taking care of the school, faculty and students." Completing its first year of infancy, the HSTM school instated in August of 2013, is a new school at Troy offering students the option of a major or

minor in the field, as well as a graduate degree in sport and fitness management.

Dixon earned his Ph.D in parks, recreation and tourism management from Clemson University, where he completed more than 20 field studies that focused on sport, tourism, and economic development. These studies were done using surveys at a Professional Golf Association event, intercollegiate events and youth/amateur events.

Although he did not specifically work in a traditional parks and recreation field, he has spent many years as a consultant for parks and recreation companies. He also worked as a consultant at the Sorrell College of Business at Troy University.

"If my students walk away with anything, I want it to be: whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well," Dixon said.

Dan Smith, the director of Troy Parks and Recreation, has worked with Dixon and calls him a "tremendous help and resource" to the Troy Parks and Recreation.

"Dixon has assisted our department as a member of the Troy Miracle League Playground committee. He and his students conducted a very valuable study on the economic impact of softball tournaments that we have hosted, and Dixon has also served as a youth coach in our soccer and baseball leagues," Smith said.

"We have a great working relationship with the faculty of Troy University's School of Hospitality, Sport and Tourism Management, and they always are very supportive and helpful to Troy Parks and Recreation," Smith said.

Lyrics written to inspire audience to understand, accept those who differ

Tabitha Mixon
Editor-In-Chief

It's Sunday, and I am going out to lunch with family. Undertones of the radio are playing behind conversations. I listen and hear the intro piano melody from "Same Love" by Macklemore come through the speakers.

From the front passenger seat, I turn the volume knob up a few notches and mention that I like the song.

"You like that song?" floats from the backseat.

"Yes, I do." I reply.
"Why? It's about gay people..."

I feel my blood pressure rising rapidly—but I keep my voice down.

"No," I answer. "It's about people like you; people who are accepted for who they are and how they look without question. Listen to the words."

"When I was in 3rd grade I thought that I was gay, cause I could draw, my uncle was, and I kept my room straight. I told my mom, tears rushing down my face, she's like, "Ben, you've loved girls since before pre-k." Trippin, yeah, I guess she had a point, didn't she? A bunch of stereotypes all in my head, I remember doing the math like "Yeah, I'm good at little league." A preconceived idea of what it all meant, for those who like the same sex had the characteristics."

"Just because a guy can play the flute or a girl likes baseball instead of ballet doesn't make him/her gay. They are a person, and each one of us is different."

How on earth is everyone supposed to like the same things just based on what sex we are? And what difference does it make if we aren't attracted to the opposite sex?

These are human lives and, as Americans, we've fought for our rights just to make this country.

Who are we to deny someone of love when our country is founded on this principle, "among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Honestly, it seems that some people are jealous of others' happiness.

Our culture has become desensitized to the things we say, our 'slang' or definitions of specific words that can destroy those around us without our realization.

We are too inconsiderate to have any empathy towards another person.

"Man, that's gay" gets dropped on the daily... call each other faggots..."

Our generation has hidden in the shadows for too long.

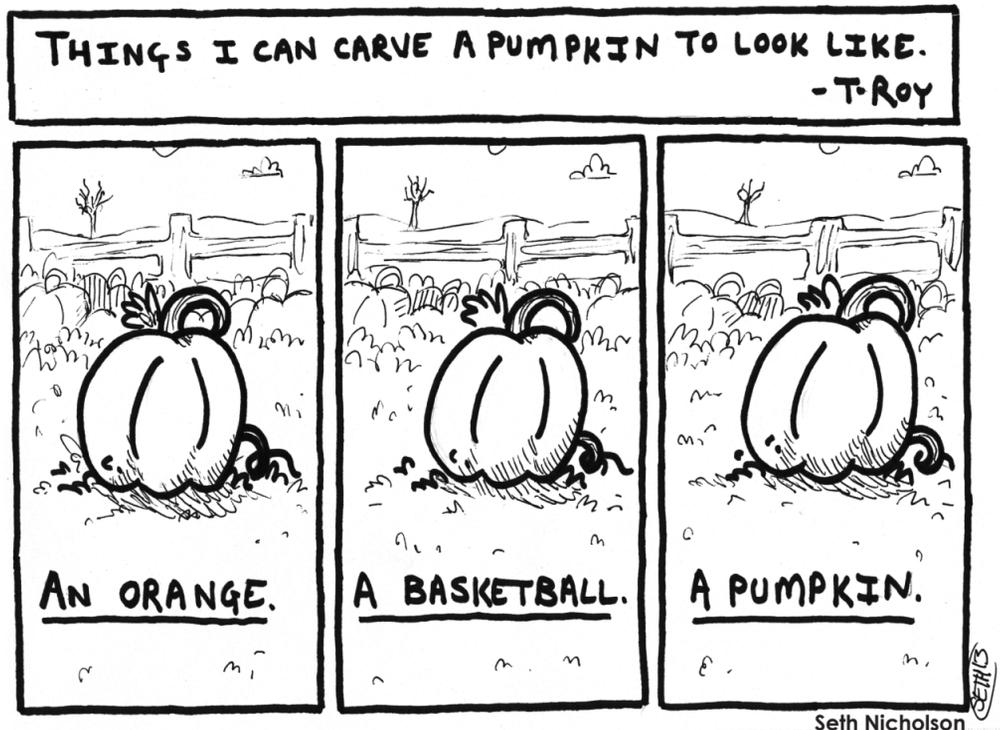
I challenge you to get to know someone who is different, befriend them, and understand their point of view instead of judging and fearing the things you can't immediately appreciate.

America has been an alienation because people often feel like they need to fix those who are different instead of accepting who they are.

Consider how difficult it would be to accept yourself, much less being accepted by others, how alone and scared that young man or woman felt at the homecoming dance in high school, or prom... "Kids are walking around the hallway, plagued by pain in their heart. A world so hateful someone would rather die than be who they are."

No, this song isn't about gay people.

This song is telling this nation that no matter what color your skin is, what sex you are or whom you love, we are all the equal and love all the same.



Seth Nicholson

Domestic violence victims target of misinformed, hurtful accusations

Why lack of sympathy is equivalent to a lack of knowledge

Faith Karwacki
Perspectives Editor

"I have no sympathy for someone who is in an abusive relationship. They should have known better."

This is one of the most common statements I have heard people say in regards to someone who has survived abuse or is a victim of domestic violence.

Statements like that are as violent as the act itself because it shifts the focus from the abuser to the victim, blaming them for the situation.

Those who are ignorant of how abusive relationships work are quick to assume that someone in a violent relationship is perfectly aware of what is

going on, yet chooses to remain silent.

Abuse is not so black and white.

It is a strongly vague and manipulative power structure set by the abuser who continually whittles down the sanity of their victim through insecurity and loneliness, causing the victim to question the validity of their own thought process.

An abuser does not always begin an abusive relationship with physical violence.

It usually starts with slightly degrading comments.

Comments that can easily be shrugged off as "harmless".

These comments gradually become more violent to the mind of

the victim, but the victim continues to shrug them off because that change has been so imperceptible.

The physical violence begins much in the same way.

An overly aggressive grasp of someone's hand works its way up the arm, to the shoulders, and around the neck.

The abuser's power lies in control.

There are people in every education and socioeconomic status that have endured the horrors of domestic violence.

A doctor is as susceptible as an entry-level worker.

An adult who was raised by loving parents is as subject as an adult who had inattentive parents.

Intelligence and

education have nothing to do with it.

So instead of asking why the victim stayed in the relationship, begin asking why the abuser behaved that way.

Ask why being a victim of domestic violence is considered by some insurance companies to be a pre-existing condition when one in four women are a victim of domestic violence and two out of five victims of domestic violence are men.

Ask yourself if you can choose to remain without sympathy for a staggering amount of victims, some of whom you share common interests with.

We do it all.		Classifieds	
 Mailboxes	 Packing & Shipping	<p>Whitewater Properties LLC Residential rental connection Faculty, staff and family rentals our specialty.</p> <p>(334)372-7252 cootk@mindspring.com</p>	
 Printing			
<p>The UPS Store #2803</p> <p> </p>		<p>Classifieds Available To place an ad, please contact the Tropolitan business managers Katsiree L Suwaratana and/or Brittany DeLong at tropolitanadvertising@gmail.com or 334.670.3604</p>	

HOWIE HALLOWEEN

3 Medium 1-Topping Pizzas, 3 Cheezer Howie Bread with Dipping Sauce Plus a 2-Liter

\$20

ORDER ONLINE **TROY • 1111B US 231 S.** **WE DELIVER!** **Hungry Howie's**
HUNGRYHOWIES.COM **NEXT TO SHERWIN WILLIAMS • 807-9998** **FLAVORED CRUST PIZZA**

EDITORIAL POLICIES

As Troy University's official student newspaper, the Tropolitan strives to serve student interests. The Perspectives page is an outlet for Tropolitan editors to question university policies that do not benefit Troy's students, praise those that do and call attention to national and state issues that relate to students.

Editorials stand as the official, corporate opinion of the Tropolitan. Our opinions are not influenced by campus organiza-

tions or societies, university administration or political parties. The first copy of the Tropolitan is free to any student or employee of Troy University. Each additional copy costs \$1.

Guest Columns

The Tropolitan encourages students, faculty and staff at Troy University to express opinions in a guest column of 500-700 words. Dissenting opinions are

welcomed, but not all expressions are the sole opinion of their author and do not reflect the beliefs of the Tropolitan.

Letters to the Editor

The Tropolitan welcomes letters from students, faculty, staff and non-Troy affiliated persons. Dissenting opinions and corrections are welcomed.

The Tropolitan does not exclusively print letters favorable to the newspaper.

Letters to the editor must be signed by the author, and a phone number must be included.

All submissions must be word-processed and emailed to the Tropolitan by 5 p.m. on Monday. All submissions may not be published.

Submissions bashing groups or individuals on the basis of race, gender, age, ethnic group, orientation or religious belief will not be printed.

THE TROY UNIVERSITY TROPOLITAN

Troy University's Student Newspaper

103 Wallace Hall
Troy, Alabama 36082

tropolitan@gmail.com

www.TropNews.com

Editor-in-Chief
Tabitha Mixon

Business Managers
Brittany DeLong,
Katsiree LaSuwaratana

News Editor
Valario Johnson

Assistant News Editor
Karli Mauldin

Sports Editor
Caleb Odom

Perspectives Editor
Faith Karwacki

A&E Editor
Zach Winslett

Features Editor
Emily Jackson

Variety Editor
Jill Odom

Photo Editor
Joshua Thurston

Assistant Photo Editor
April Irvin

Cartoons
Seth Nicholson

Copy Editors
Chrissy Brown, Laura Hutto, Jane Morrell, Chase Robinson

Staff Writers
Sage Gregson, Jamal Carswell, Kianna Collins, Kelsey Vickers, Josh Williams, Lindsey Schoewe, Alyse Nelson, Megan Phillips, Patrick Stephens, Tobi Oluغبemi, Jacob Barber, Tatiannah Clarke, Aigerim Toleukhanova

Photographers
Stacie Williams, Jennifer Carlisle, Brittany Driver,

Caitlin Collins, Hannah Crews, Brittany Jennings, Visarut Pawawongsak, Hunter Anderson

Graphic Designer
Carson Brown

Web Master/Social Media
James Travis

Adviser
Steve Stewart

Fall recital showcases variety

Ngoc Vo
Staff Writer

The Troy University Fall Dance Recital is set to amaze audiences with an impressive demonstrations of variety and skill from student dancers.

The recital is made up of routines choreographed by student dancers.

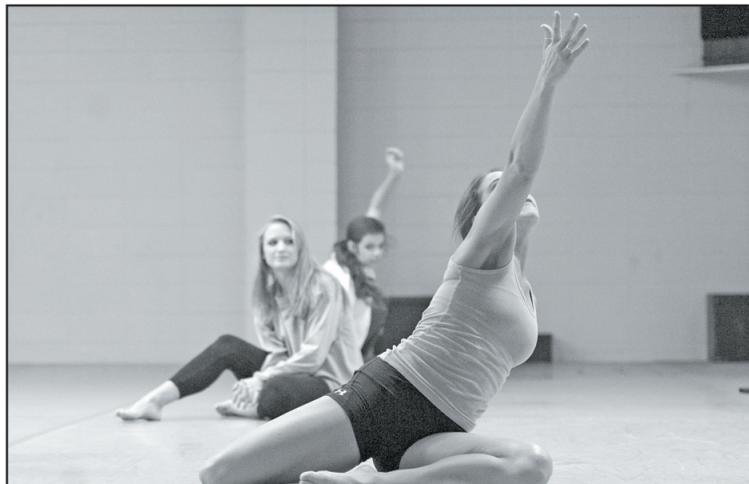
Students came up with their routines and auditioned for a spot in the concert, according to Erika Hand, the artistic director of the Fall Dance Recital.

"What is really special about this concert is its variety," Hand said.

Dancers in the recital are students from all over the United States, such as Ohio and New York. Their training backgrounds are also diverse and include classical ballet and commercial jazz. They are mostly dance majors and minors; however, there is one participant majoring in criminal justice who just loves to dance.

All the pieces' choreography comes from students' imaginations. They picked their own concept and music, and they presented the idea to the faculty. Students were allowed some time to come up with a practice plan and to audition. During the rehearsal period, faculty members gave students feedback and evaluated if they were ready.

"It can take a year to make a dance," Hand said.



Joshua Thurston photo

Student dancers practice for the Troy Fall Dance Recital at the gym on Elm Street. Each of the unique performances requires separate practices.

According to Hand, the artistic choreographing process starts with an artistic dialogue. Students came to their instructor with an idea. Then, by working together, the concept grew until it was fully developed with details like costume, lighting and title.

Hand said, in this recital, the instructors wanted to encourage experimentation and playfulness, no matter which style. They allowed the students to discover a path to self-expression.

"We don't want them to look all the same," Hand said.

The chosen pieces are not necessarily classical ballet. There are routines in contemporary style.

Classic works usually tell a story while contemporary ones are more abstract, leaving room for interpretation, according to Hand. Contemporary dance does not require a plot; it can solely be a feeling or an emotion. There are pieces like this in the recital, such as a routine

simply about the idea of coming home or one depicting the conflicting tension between man and nature.

"We received an overwhelming response from student dancers who want to perform," Hand said. "I feel drawn to their ability to dance and their passion for dancing. It makes the students so easy to work with."

Practice for the dance recital started at the beginning of this semester. Each individual piece has its own rehearsal time at Elm Street Dance Studio. According to Hand, there is rehearsal sometimes seven days a week.

"This is a learning experience for students as both choreographer and dancer," Hand said. "Through his concert, they receive hand-on instruction and mentoring advice from our faculty. I think those students who have grown as thinker and artist will likely to go on to have a voice in some way in the dance world."

The Fall Dance Recital is scheduled to be on Nov. 16 and Nov. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Claudia Crosby Theater. However, this information is subject to change.

"I hope that students will come and enjoy the performance," Hand said. "They can relate to the materials as students and as young people because these are their peers' original ideas with a wide range of interests. It'll be fun. It'll be cool. And there will be great performances."

Troy Rap Battle

Zachary Winslett
Arts and Entertainment Editor

A never-before-done, rhythmic showdown has Troy University as its stage.

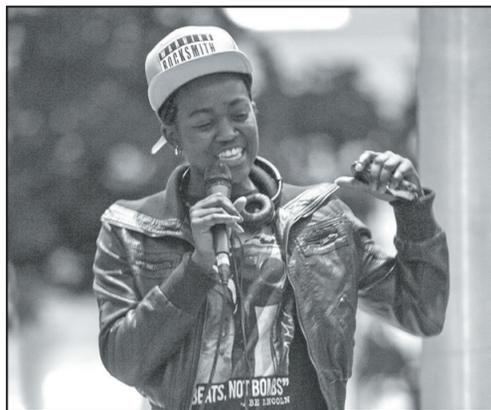
The Troy University Documentary Club is playing host to the first-ever Troy Rap Battle, which is sponsored by My Mama's Pizza Plus, The Double Branch and Aposha Café & Hookah Lounge.

Chad Downs, a junior marketing major from Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., and the president of the Troy University Documentary Club, orchestrated the event in response to Troy University's "lack of fun, interactive on-campus events."

"Students should expect a good time and good entertainment," Downs said. "If they're interested in music, it will be a worthwhile experience."

The winner of the contest will receive a prize of \$100 and two booked performances at the Double Branch and Aposha Café & Hookah Bar.

The first round of the contest was last night at 6 p.m. on the Shackelford Quad. Those interested in registering may still do so



April Irvin photo

Morgan Rose, a physical therapy major from Tallahassee, was the sole performer in round one.

during the second round, which is Friday at 6 p.m. on the Shackelford Quad.

Contestants must pay an entry fee of \$20 to enter. Each contestant must freestyle alone and to pre-lectured music, and they are not allowed to use profanity at any of the on-campus events.

Rounds three and four will take place off-campus. The semi-finals will take place at The Double Branch, while the finals will be held at Aposha Café & Hookah Lounge. The profanity embargo will be lifted during these performances.

Times for the final rounds are yet to be

determined.

Performers will be allotted one minute and thirty seconds to freestyle for the on-campus events and one minute at the off-campus events.

There are incentives for contestants to convince their friends to register.

"If contestants register a friend, they receive a \$5 discount on their registration fee," Downs said.

The proceeds of the event will fund The Documentary Club's budget. Downs founded the club last spring, and this semester its members are filming a documentary that investigates Troy University's disability friendliness.

Acclaimed quintet visits campus, critiques students

Kianna Collins
Staff Writer

The American Brass Quintet came to Troy University to show students what they could do with brass instruments.

The quintet had a concert before coming to Troy University, and Larry Blocher made it possible for the group to come to Troy.

The American Brass Quintet consists of Raymond Mase, Kevin Cobb, David Wakefield and John Rojak. They all also have residence, which is a non-tenure employment, at Juilliard and at the Aspen Music Festival.

Mase and Cobb play trumpet, Wakefield plays horn, Powell plays trombone and Rojak plays bass trombone.

The group has mini-residencies all over the country due to their acclaim. The mini-residencies are designed to offer younger ages a chamber music experience.

The quintet was awarded the Richard J. Bohomolny National Service Award in 2013 for their contribution to the chamber music community. It has toured all over the world and the U.S.

Its discography comprises 55 recordings, and it has premiered 150 contemporary brass works. The group also hosts an Emerging Composer Commissioning program, which allows for new composers to be able create new brass quintet pieces.

The group has been together for 53 years, and, for their commemorative 50-year anniversary, named "State of the Art--the ABQ at 50." It brings together all of their commissions from the past 50 years onto a double CD.

The founder of the American Brass Quintet was Arnold Fromme, a trom-

bonist. The quintet had its origins in the American Brass Ensemble.

The quintet's official debut concert was at the Carnegie Recital Hall on Nov. 20, 1962.

During their performance for the university, they played pieces from the Renaissance, and then went to modern pieces. One was dissonant and peculiar sounding.

After the performance, students were inquisitive about the lives of the quintet members. The questions were primarily about prioritizing their work and how often the group rehearsed together.

"I want to teach at the collegiate level and perform as a professional musician," said Rad Bolt, a junior music education major from Panama City, Fla. "It was a great opportunity to be able to hear about their lives from the perspective of someone who has lived it."

Two Troy University quintets performed their pieces, but not without some assistance from the members of the American Brass Quintet.

They provided constructive criticism to the quintets in a unique way. They used metaphors to help the musicians visualize how the air should move through their instruments.

Every member of the quintet had different things to say about each of the university's quintets.

Students were impressed by the American Brass Quintet's performance.

"The tonality and musicality that they put out with what seemed to be little to no effort was just breathtaking," said Michael Brinson, a sophomore music education major from Troy. "This gives a representation of the possible career path I can choose."

THE WALL OF BEERS

PETE'S PACKAGE TOO

Troy, AL

Troy's LARGEST selection of gourmet and imported beers

Troy's LARGEST selection of imported and domestic wines

WALK-IN BEER CAVE • WALK-IN HUMIDOR
We offer free chilling service!

Weddings • Receptions • Parties
Refreshment Advice Available

1402 S. Brundidge St. Located next to Mr. Ho's
Troy, AL 36081 • 334.808.8040

10/25 - 31

Continental Cinemas

Student Discount with ID
Tickets Available @ kiosk
In The Trojan Center

GRAVITY

1:00 2D
4:00
7:00
9:35 2D

HOLD ON IN **realD 3D**

Visit www.RealD.com

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF "THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM"

CAPTAIN PHILLIPS

12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:40

Next Movie Night Wed. Nov. 6th

THE COUNSELOR

12:55, 3:55, 6:55, 9:35

johnny Knoxville

R

1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:30

jackass presents

THE GRANDPA

A FILM BY OCTAVIO GONZALEZ

STALLONE SCHWARZENEGGER

ESCAPE

1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

R

A CHILD RAISED IN FEAR.
A WOMAN BORN IN BLOOD.

CARRIE

1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30

BASED ON THE NOVEL BY STEPHEN KING

Tips for exchange students to adjust to a new country

Aigerim Toleukhanova
Staff Writer

Imagine you are an exchange student. It is a great feeling when all your documents and clothes are packed, and you are almost ready for one of the greatest trips in your life.

You are ready to explore a new country, a new culture, a new language and a different education system. You are ready to broaden your horizons, to make new friends all over the world and find yourself in this continuous round of events.

Finally, you will be free of your parent's attention and live on your own. You will learn how to be independent and responsible for your decisions and choices.

There is a great time ahead of you. However, you need to be prepared and ready for problems that are waiting for you and may prevent you from enjoying your time abroad.

4. Make new friends

A lot of exchange students are faced with the misunderstandings and difficulties involved in adapting to a new society. They have trouble communicating with students who speak different languages and this is a common reason for homesickness and depression while abroad.

"I think that the social piece of the college experience is very much a high priority for a student to be accepted," said Ivan Merritt, Associate Dean of First-Year Studies. "College is a great time to explore something new and meet new friends. You need to learn from other people who did not walk the same way that you did. Be willing to step out of your comfort zone."

Many exchange students are nervous about fitting in. They are in a whole new culture but a good thing about Troy University is that there are many other international students going through the same thing.

"Before I came here I was afraid that I wouldn't fit in, I wouldn't have any friends here," said Ikràm Mnàffédh, a sophomore business administration major from Tunisia. "I was afraid that people here would not accept me. But when I came here it was totally different, people are very welcoming, and I met a lot of international students like me so we were experiencing this thing together."

3. Observe the other culture

So, you already took the first step by going to a new country. The next step is to act. Imagine you are already at a university and you don't know anybody. You have to make new friends.

One thing you should learn while making friends is that you have to be easygoing and free of any prejudices. You should not base your attitude toward a person on his or her religion, race or beliefs. If you do so, your chances of making a lot of friends reduce rapidly.

"You don't have to judge people based on the way they think or how they look," said Mnàffédh. "You have to be open-minded, social and ready to expect everything that can happen, everything that you are not used to."

It is also important to pay attention to cultural differences between countries. You should not make any racist, religious or other potentially controversial jokes.

"Whenever you are abroad, at the beginning you are tiptoeing and you don't know what the norms are, so



Aigerim Toleukhanova photo

Exchange students can lessen homesickness by making friends from different countries. Troy has a host of diverse cultures on campus that students can learn about and create relationships.

you are very careful about everything just not to offend people," said Jana Weissichnicht, a senior broadcast journalism major from Germany. "It took me some time to get comfortable around some people so I would not be afraid to offend them."

The first time is the hardest time. One of the most efficient things to do at first is to just observe people. By doing this you can be ready and prepared to react, what to do, what to say in certain situations.

"I watched people, looked what vocabulary they used, how they behaved, how they moved, how they communicated with each other," Weissichnicht said. "I observed them, and then I tried to adapt their behavior."

2. Prioritize

"The biggest challenge is how well you can balance and still be successful," Merritt said. "You have to learn what the priorities are and learn how to balance these priorities."

Time starts to go by quickly when you are enjoying time with your friends. It can be parties, going to the cinema, malls, beaches, whatever, but do not forget that you have other priorities.

As you are here for a very limited period of time, whether it is one semester or four years, you need to use effective time management. You should decide what is more important for you at this moment. This does not mean that you should spend all your time studying in the library. You came here for academic excellence, but you also came to make unforgettable memories.

"There are very few students who have problems with adaptation in new place," said Maria Frigge, an international student advisor. "It is more like a honeymoon period when they first come and everything is new and they are excited. Homesickness and depression doesn't usually come until midterm. After midterms when they see their grades, they realized that they didn't study."

Besides studying and spending time with your friends you should find time for yourself. It's a time of change in your life as you become more responsible, mature and independent. It's time to open your eyes about other

people's cultures, countries, their ways of thinking and their behavior. You have a great chance to get to know people, citizens of a new country, their daily life, their beliefs, political system and many other things.

1. Stay busy

Nevertheless, when the honeymoon period ends, homesickness and depression may come. You may start to hate the language people are speaking. You may hate their food or their climate or many other things.

One tip to overcome this is to keep busy. It is crucial to keep active all the time. If you are preoccupied you will not have time to think about how bad your day was. Instead, you might have an interesting meeting with new people in half an hour or a beach trip or an event to volunteer at.

"When homesickness comes, they need some people just to talk to," Merritt said. "They need to feel more at home and kind of take away that distance that they are dealing with. Attend places and events that do not make you feel isolated. I think it is important when people go and spend time with other people in just a very casual and relaxed manner."

Be grateful. Keep a positive mindset. Remember why you are here.

"Whenever I wake up I always think like 'I am here now, I have a chance when the others do not have this chance,'" Weissichnicht said. "Positive thinking gets me out of bed and makes me feel better."

Try to solve problems. Do not give up. Try to understand why you are getting bad grades or why you are in a bad mood.

"When I have some problems I usually talk to my friends or just sit alone and start thinking about it and how can I improve it," Mnàffédh said.

"I always say that I'm here for experiencing something new, and I don't want to have problems that keep me from this amazing experience. I try hard to overcome them and just enjoy my life here."

Word Games

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

Solutions

1. Heads up
2. Fingers crossed
3. Ducks in a row
4. On the wrong foot

1.

D	D	D
E	E	E
A	A	A
H	H	H

2.

F
I
N
G
E
R

3.

--	--	--

4.

	FOOT
--	------

TACO DEL MAR

Now Serving Breakfast
BAJA STYLE

BREAKFAST BURRITOS
BREAKFAST TACOS
BREAKFAST QUESADITA
BREAKFAST BAJA BOWL

*All breakfast items come with Enchilada Potatoes, Eggs. **Topped with choice of Cheese.
Chorizo Sausage or Jalapeño Bacon. Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream, Jalapeños, Guacamole, Fresh Cilantro, and Salsa.

513 S BRUNDIDGE ST
SUITE A

TROY, AL 36081
(334) 566-0907

©2013 TDM IP Holder, LLC, TACO DEL MAR® is a registered trademark of TDM IP Holder, LLC.



STORE HOURS:
SUN-THURS - 11 AM-MIDNIGHT
FRI & SAT - 11AM-1AM

JUST GIVE US THE COUPON CODE

DOMINO'S TROY UNIVERSITY DISCOUNT

2 Medium pizzas with
2 Toppings

ONLY \$5.99 EACH PLUS TAX

CODE: 9151

Minimum purchase required. Delivery charge may apply. Limited delivery area. Valid with coupon only at participating stores. Cash value 1/20c. Price may vary.

(Across from Regions and Sonic)

808 S. GEORGE WALLACE DRIVE
334-566-1234

Beating the Blue Jays

Troy baseball makes offseason progress in friendly exhibition

Megan Phillips
Staff Writer

The Troy baseball team concluded its fall offseason with an exhibition against the Ontario Blue Jays, a high-level summer baseball program on Sunday at Riddle-Pace Field.

The scrimmage is an instrumental part of the team's development as the fall work comes to a close.

"Today was about getting our first look from the fall at many new players and many returning players and their progress against an opponent with another uniform on," said Troy head coach Bobby Pierce after the exhibition on Sunday.

Pierce and Trojan fans alike were not disappointed with what the team had to show.

Throughout the exhibition, key returning players continued to show fans that practice has paid off as balls were flying off the bats.

David Hall, a returning junior, hit three home runs in eight total at bats giving Troy five RBIs.

Also hot at bat were players like junior newcomer Trevin Hall, who hit a two run shot to center field in first at-bat his,

while Garrett Pitts clubbed a two run homer during the exhibition.

"We want to focus on each player individually," Pierce said. "On improving them and seeing what roles that they can fill. That goes with our position players as well as our pitching staff."

The Troy pitching staff got some opportunity to face real opponents in the exhibition with Tanner Hicks, Ryan Sorce, Robert Price and Austin Sullivan all taking the mound against the Blue Jays to name a few.

Position players also showed their stuff throughout the exhibition resulting in some slick defense for the Troy fans.

With the exhibition over, baseball still has a long way to go before the season begins, but after this matchup, the Trojans have reason to look forward to the first pitch.

"We have a nice combination of experienced leadership and talented youth," Pierce said. "They have been a hardworking and dedicated group, so we will continue to move together as we have."



Joshua Thurston photo

Troy shortstop Tyler Vaughn applies a tag on a Blue Jay player in the Saturday exhibition.

Basketball

continued from page 8

do even better so she is definitely a go-to scorer for us."

Another game changer with the ball in her hands is sophomore Ashley Beverly-Kelley, who was second on the team with 376 total points while leading the Trojans with 60 steals as a freshman.

"Ashley Beverly-Kelley was a freshman for us last year and is a sophomore," Rigby said. "A world of difference in I think how she has grown up in experience and how much time she has put in the gym in the offseason. She kind of has some ownership in this team now."

Troy's 2013-14 schedule is a tough one for any women's basketball program in the country with games against Florida at home on Dec. 4, Alabama on the road

Dec. 20 and the Trojans' game of the year on Dec. 14, against the Tennessee Lady Vols.

"We travel to the University of Tennessee, of course we know that is one of the top programs in the nation and has been for years and years," Rigby said. "December really takes it to a completely different level for us."

The Troy coach has this hard schedule all planned out.

"The way I planned it was to battle and gain some confidence in November and December you are going to have to adjust your game to another level and, hopefully, if you'd made those adjustments and stayed healthy throughout December you are going to be able to win Sun Belt conference games after Christmas."

Road woes continue for Trojan volleyball

Caleb Odom
Sports Editor

Troy volleyball (9-14) is looking to get its season back on track with a win on the road against Sun Belt rival UALR on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.

The Trojans had some momentum as they traveled to Texas last weekend to play Texas State and UT Arlington, but back to back losses sucked the life out of a team struggling to find its identity this season.

"We just have to be able to get over the hump," Troy head coach Sonny Kirkpatrick said. "We had the opportunity to go to five with Texas State. We were up 24-20 in the first game, and we lost 26-24 so we gave up six straight points. We can't do that if we want to be successful."

Troy fell in four sets to the Bobcats on Friday (24-26, 25-22, 21-25, 16-25).

Junior outside hitter Marija Zelenovic picked up a double-double in the match with her 12 kills and 14 digs in the loss while Blair Winston finished with 10 kills.

Trojan senior setter Alexandra Alexander had a double-double of her own with a 32 assist and 16 dig effort.

Troy's defensive players racked up the digs on Friday with senior Courtney Cohen recording 27 digs while Ali Dowdall had 19 and Kelley Curran had 16.

"On Sunday against UT Arlington up

13-9 in the fifth game and lost 19-17 it just comes down to being aggressive and holding a lead and doing the things we have done the entire game or match to that point and just carrying it over to finish it," Kirkpatrick said.

In the match against UT Arlington, the Trojans lost a five set heartbreaker (16-25, 19-25, 25-22, 25-21, 17-19), which has been a common trend for the team this year.

This season, Troy has played in seven matches that have gone the distance of five sets, and the Trojans have lost all but one of them.

"I think right now we are just more focused on like the little things and getting the job actually done," Winston said. "We have been close many times but like we just can't finish which seems to be a problem for us."

The team is focused on taking down the UALR Trojans this Friday because the victory is much needed and there is a score to settle.

"This is a huge game because we have a little personal rivalry going on with them because last match was super ugly," Winston said. "Hopefully we go out there and stick it to them."

After the Friday match, Troy returns home to face Texas State again on Sunday, Oct 27, at noon.

Football

continued from page 8

we travel," said head coach Larry Blakeney. "Our road schedule has been pretty tough, and it will continue to be."

No matter the difficulties that the team will be faced with in the coming weeks, the current focus is completely on WKU.

"My mind set is that we are going in and taking it one game at a time, starting with Western Kentucky," Wilson said.

In concurrence with Wilson, Robinson has his head in this game, acknowledging that it will be both a physical and mental challenge for the players, bringing an end to their restful bye week.

"Let's go out there and play hard," Robinson said. "These guys, they like to talk, but we can't let that get in our heads."

"Sometimes we don't play all that good, but we always play hard," Blakeney said, and that is exactly what the team plans to do.



Seth Nicholson cartoon

Construction Special

\$3.99 Whopper Combo

334-566-6450
832 U.S. 231
Troy, AL 36081



Football back against WKU



Megan Phillips
Staff Writer

After a long bye week, the wait is finally over for Trojan football fans as the team prepares for its next Sun Belt conference game against the Hilltoppers of

Western Kentucky on Saturday at 3 p.m. in Bowling Green, Ky.

The rivalry between Troy and WKU has been a long-standing one as on more than one occasion the two teams have battled head to head for the opportunity to get ahead in the conference, and no one knows that more than senior Trojan quarterback Corey Robinson who is returning to his home state for the matchup.

"They are good. They're athletic," Robinson said. "They have been the best in the conference for the last couple years."

Despite recognizing the merits of his opponent, Robinson has not given up hope.

"They are beatable," Robinson said. "We have to go out there and execute, and play just like we do in practice."

Robinson isn't the only Trojan who believes that the key could be in the practice. Linebacker Mark Wilson also places his focus on the fundamentals as well as improvement.

"I have a lot to improve on," Wilson said. "I haven't been satisfied with my season, thinking about just the things that Mark Wilson needs to get better at, and this game is my chance to improve."

Despite their previous problems with road games, Troy hits the road this week with a win behind them at Georgia State, which also gives them a win in the conference, bringing their conference record to an encouraging 2-1.

"They are all tough, whether you are playing on the road or at home, but it does complicate things when See **Football**, page 7

Home sweet home



April Irvin photo

Senior forward Cecila Thorngren fights for the ball in the South Alabama game on Sunday.

Trojan soccer to face ULM today at 3 p.m.

Caleb Odom
Sports Editor

The Troy soccer team (7-9) plays its last home match of the season against ULM today, Oct. 24, at 3 p.m.

The Trojans are hot off a 1-0 victory Sunday, Oct. 20, at home against in-state and conference rival South Alabama.

It was a game that Troy dominated with control of the ball despite the low score.

"I thought it was a championship quality match that we saw, and I think there was elements of girls having to battle," Troy head coach Chris Bentley said. "You see lots of ebbs and flows in games like that, and we had that in this game. I think that was something that the girls really needed."

The Trojans took the lead in the

67th minute when freshman Niece Jennings scored her seventh goal of the season that was assisted by Annabell Simpson.

South Alabama attacked more in the second half and Troy senior goalkeeper Maddie Winter was flawless in goalkeeping, making seven saves despite a hard collision in the 88th minute.

South Alabama's Nini Rabstatt-Smith was given a yellow card for pushing Troy midfielder Paige McMillian into Winter.

McMillian and Winter lay crumpled on the field after the hit and both players missed practice on Tuesday, Oct. 22, because of the impact.

The win Sunday leads the Trojans into a big game today against the Warhawks of ULM.

"Certainly going into Thursday playing against a Louisiana Monroe

team that is coming off a big win against Texas State," Bentley said. "They have a chance of getting in the tournament, so they are going to be fighting for their lives."

Bentley said that ULM has the ability to control the ball, a key that Troy will look to disrupt in order to win.

The Trojans' final regular season match of the season will be on Sunday, Oct. 27, at 1 p.m. when Troy plays Louisiana-Lafayette on the road.

"There is a very real chance that we could be playing them in a situation where they could win the league," Bentley said.

Troy will have a chance to play spoiler for the Ragin' Cajuns' possible Sun Belt crown aspirations, but once the tournament begins the only thing that is certain is that anything can happen.



Joshua Thurston photo

Sophomore Ashley Beverly-Kelley takes the ball down the court during practice Monday.

Women's hoops season tips off Monday night

Caleb Odom
Sports Editor

As the air begins to chill in late October, it is time for the Troy women's basketball team to begin its season with a warm up game at home.

The Trojans will play West Florida in an exhibition game on Monday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. in Trojan Arena.

Troy head coach Chanda Rigby is entering her second season with the Trojans, and she is looking to improve past last season's dismal 7-24 record.

For Rigby, it is a process on the road to conference relevancy.

"We have higher expectations this year," Rigby said. "We did a lot of great things last year but didn't win as many games as we wanted to but I still think we got the train stopped going the wrong direction."

The name of the game is still speed under Rigby, but the second year coach has added some dead ball plays to help balance out her squad that is coached to run the other team ragged with its fast pace.

"Think that we are just more conditioned," Rigby said. "And our mindset is in those little moments of the game that people are used to slow down and catch their breath, we are pushing it down people's throats."

One of the Trojans to watch out for this year is senior Joanna Harden, who was an offensive force for Troy last season with a team leading 475 points and 995 total minutes.

"She was fantastic last year and this is her senior year," Rigby said of Harden. "She is on a mission to See **Basketball**, page 7

**Don't Fall Behind,
Reserve Your Spot Now!**



**LIVE LIFE
AT THE
EDGE**

We've got the best location, the best floor plans, and the best amenities to give you the most bang for your buck. Stop by today to see it all.

And remember: "to get any closer... you'd have to sleep in class!"

Reserve your new home today! **edge@Troy**

601 Elm St., Troy, AL 36081
334-403-4007 • leasing@edgeapt.com

Text
edgeattroy
to 47464
for more info

www.edgeApt.com

Troy golf in action

Caleb Odom
Sports Editor

The Troy men and women's golf teams were taking aim at their respective tournaments this Monday and Tuesday.

The Trojan women took part in the Blue Raider Invitational on Oct. 21-22 and placed 7th as a team while the Troy men played in the Pinetree Intercollegiate where they finished 6th.

Freshman Fatima Fernandez Cano paced the Troy women with her fourth place finish shooting as 73, 72, and 73 at the tournament while Langley Vannoy shot a

third round 77 to place her tied for 14th.

The magic number was 77 for Taylor McGraw who shot a 77 in all three rounds of play leaving her tied for 36th while Becca Horner finished tied for 49th with a final round card of 79.

Junior Sydney Conrad ended up with a combined score of 244 to be ranked tied for 67th while Brooke Spinks finished tied for 76th.

Tolver Dozier led the men's team with his quality round scores of 72, 71 and 74 to put him tied for sixth while Phillip Brennan's round one score of 73 propelled him

to finish tied for 20th.

Junior Jake Tucker carded a 78 in his final round to place 34th while Jared Bettcher shot a stroke behind Tucker to finish tied for 35th.

Clayton Vannoy closed his two days of play with a solid 73 for his third round to finish tied for 37 while Luke Moser finished tied for 44th after shooting a second round of 74.

The women's golf team next plays in the Steelwood Preview on Nov. 4-5 in Loxley while the men's team next competes in the Eagle/Osprey Intercollegiate on Nov. 4-5 in Jacksonville, Fla.