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## Student tased at fraternity party

**Valario Johnson**  
News Editor

Kaiyan Radell Dixon, a freshman business administration major from Troy and non-fraternity affiliate, was tased by campus police after not showing proper identification when requested.

Dixon was charged with resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and obstructing government operations at Alpha Tau Omega's OcTauberfest last Thursday. He was suspected of smoking marijuana at the fraternity's annual Halloween party, according to John McCall, chief of university police. "We had a subject who was

suspected of smoking marijuana at the ATΩ party this past weekend," McCall said.

McCall said some of the brothers smelled marijuana being burned inside of the ATΩ house and went outside to notify the officer who was covering the party.

The officer then walked through the house, and Dixon was identified by one of the brothers as the one smoking marijuana. The tasing incident started when Dixon refused to comply, according to McCall.

The officer asked for Dixon's identification, but he refused to render his identification according to McCall and Dixon.

"The party was ending, and I

was walking out," Dixon said. "The officer put his hands on me before even asking to see my identification."

Dixon said he asked the officer why he had to show his ID, and he said the officer replied by saying that Dixon was on private property and that he must present his license when it is requested.

Dixon said he did not see what that had to do with showing his ID, so he continued to refuse, which is when the officer called for backup.

According to the police report, the officer took out a Taser (stun gun) because

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Contributed photo

**Kaiyan Dixon was tased and arrested after resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and obstructing government operations after allegedly smoking marijuana in the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity house during their philanthropy party.**

## IT Department initiative



Hannah Crews photo

From left to right: Brittany Clarke, a sophomore information systems major from New Brockton, Savannah Cassidy, a junior psychology major from Florida, and Becca Lindsey, a senior elementary education major from Opelika. All three were in attendance at the IT department's first student committee meeting.

### IT committee aimed at hearing student's feedback

**Patrick Stephens**  
Staff Writer

A committee is being formed to allow students to give feedback to the Troy University Information Technology Department.

"Mr. Greg Price, who is in charge of the IT Department, thought that it would be a good idea if we worked with the students to get more of the students involved in what the IT Department is doing," said Brittany Clarke, a soph-

omore information systems major from Broughton, who is heading this new initiative. "So what we are really looking for is for the students to come to us and tell us things that they might like to see done by the IT department."

It is hoped that students involved in the committee will give feedback about issues they face with technology but also get to try out campus technology updates before they are implemented, she said.

"This may be students giving feedback on the app or what may need fixing," she said. "It is mainly a review group, talking about what we can do to enhance the IT Department here at Troy, and what some of the IT people are wanting to do is beta test new products and allow students to provide what their thoughts are on the products."

The first meeting was held Monday at 100 University Park, at the Troy University Annex shared by CGI

"The main thing they wanted to stress was that students read the welcome-back email that the IT Department sends out every year," said Becca Lindsey, a senior elementary education major from Opelika who attended the meeting. "It basically talks about all the things IT has to offer."

They also spoke about an update to Trojan Web Express, which is a eight-

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## Nightwalk set for Nov. 12 after SGA meeting

**Patrick Stephens**  
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association welcomed guest speaker Brittany Clarke, leadership scholar in charge of the Student IT Committee, and discussed the upcoming Nightwalk at this Tuesday's meeting.

"What I am doing is working with the IT department to form a focus group that involves all students, not just ones in specific groups," said Clarke, a sophomore information systems major from Broughton, "so that students could test products that might potentially be a part of campus, in order to give feedback before they are fully implemented."

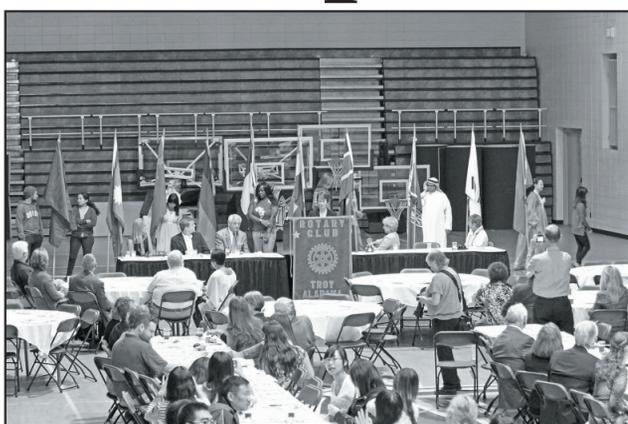
During committee reports, several announcements were made. One concerned the upcoming Nightwalk, an event that occurs every semester and allows students the opportunity to identify safety and security concerns on campus that they wish to be made known to the university.

"Nightwalk will be held this semester on Nov. 12, immediately following that night's SGA Meeting," said Senator Taylor Yates, representing the Student Welfare Committee. "Everyone should try to attend as it is a great opportunity to voice any concerns you may have."

Business conducted concerning docket included the passing of three different organizational constitutions. These were for the Alabama Rural Health Association, Troy University Chapter, the Troy University Dolletes Dance Team and the Student Veteran's Association.

The rest of the meeting consisted of discussion of the annual bonfire pep rally, held on Sorority Hill, to prepare for tonight's game against the University of Louisiana Monroe. The SGA encourages students to come out for the Trojan Walk before the game at 3:30 p.m. and support our Troy Trojans.

## ISCO plans November festival



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ISCO prepares for their festival which is set for November. Troy's international students will display their heritage's talents.

**Aigerim Toleukhanova**  
Staff Writer

Food and entertainment from cultures around the world will be offered during Troy University's annual ISCO Festival just before the Thanksgiving break.

The sponsor is the International Student Cultural Organization, created in 1975 by faculty members Nolan Hatcher, James Sherry and Edward Merkel, according to Sherry, who is co-adviser of ISCO.

Troy University's main campus has 707 international students from 69 countries according to Ashley King, international student adviser.

The 10 countries that give

the university the most students, in descending order, are China, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, India, Bangladesh, Nigeria, Nepal, Germany and Kenya.

In the ISCO Festival, students from all over the world show their talents by singing, dancing and playing traditional instruments.

ISCO holds this event to show how important international students are for Troy University.

Nyari Chanakira, a junior hospitality and tourism major from Harare, Zimbabwe and president of ISCO, said the 2013 festival will be on Nov. 21 in the Trojan Center Ball-

room. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and the festival will start at 6 p.m.

"At this festival we will have various performances from different international students as well as from domestic American students," Chanakira said. "We also have a great menu with main meal, dessert and there will also be an exhibit of different international foods, little souvenirs that international students have brought."

"The main highlight of ISCO Festival is to show the international and diverse body that we have in Troy. Even though we

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## Soccer seeded fifth against Texas State in SBC tournament

Caleb Odom  
Sports Editor

The Trojan soccer team (8-9-1) wrapped up regular season play with a 0-0 draw on the road against Louisiana-Lafayette on Sunday, Oct. 27.

Troy is the No. 5 seed in the Sun Belt Conference Championship hosted in San Marcos, Texas and is set to face the No. 4 seed and tournament host Texas State on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m.

"I think we have lined ourselves up probably in a very good scenario to move forward," Troy Head Coach Chris Bentley said. "Everyone is excited about what is next."

The challenge is taking down a Texas State team that already got the best of the Trojans with a 2-1 victory in Troy on Sept. 29.

"I think the key to it is we have to go in with the mindset that the season is on the line," Bentley said. "We are at their place under the lights and you know that there is a lot of drama that's associated with that."

If Troy can take down the Bobcats it will face the winner of the UALR Western Kentucky match played earlier in the day.

The Trojan's nil-to-nil draw on Sunday capped a regular season full of accomplishments leading into a postseason full of possibility.

"It was disappointing to leave with that, but on the same side of things, finishing in a tie for fourth is a new program record which we're proud of," Bentley said.

Part of the reason that Troy shut out the Ragin' Cajuns on the road was some solid goalkeeping by Maddie Winter, who made nine saves in the match.

"I think she had an all-conference performance," Bentley said. "She positioned herself well. They weren't dramatic saves, but they were position saves. She kept us in the game."

For Bentley and his team, the Texas State game is the only focus because it is win or go home.

"The good news is we have the chance to right our wrongs," Bentley said. "We get Texas State first round, which is a team that we felt that we didn't play well against."



Joshua Thurston photo

Junior Georgia Wallis controlling the ball on Thursday.

## Double trouble



Joshua Thurston photo

Senior guard Tevin Calhoun recorded a double-double in the win over Victory Tuesday.

### Calhoun's solid rebounding helps Troy in exhibition game

Caleb Odom  
Sports Editor

The Troy men's basketball team began the Phil Cunningham era with a lopsided 105-68 exhibition win over Victory University Tuesday night, Oct. 29, at home.

Senior guard and preseason All-Sun Belt player Hunter Williams led the Trojans with 23 points while senior forward Tevin Calhoun finished with a double-double (16 points and 11 rebounds) in the win.

Calhoun's 11 rebounds, seven of which were offensive boards, helped kick-start a Troy offense that came out flat in the first 10 minutes.

"Tevin changed the game," Trojan head coach Phil Cunningham said. "It was a tight game, in fact, they led a little bit and we took a little lead, but Tevin changed the game with about two or three offensive rebounds."

Williams found this shot at about the same time and the point guard drained four 3-pointers in the game along with recording a team-high six assists.

"Got off to a little rocky start and then a couple of shots fell, but really, I'm not focused on scoring necessarily," Williams said. "I'm a point guard. I'm looking to get teammates involved and everything."

For Cunningham, Calhoun and Williams' success on the court is simply the byproduct of what the two seniors do during the week.

"They are both so consistent," Cunningham said. "Every day they are the guys that work hard. They never take a drill off. They never take a day off. They are in the gym extra. They go all out all the time and their play is an example of when you work hard like that, good things are going to happen and these guys have been doing it."

But it wasn't just Williams and Calhoun who played well in the 105-68 pounding of Victory.

Senior guard Antoine "Smooth" Myers finished with 19 points and was 8 for 11 shooting field goals while the 6-foot-8 senior Wes Hinton had double digit rebounds with 10.

While Calhoun was racking up the offensive rebounds, Hinton grabbed nine defensive rebounds for the Trojans.

Troy dominated Victory in the paint, scoring 64 points inside to the Eagles' 28.

Another thing that Cunningham was pleased with was that his team stayed out of foul trouble in the game.

Both teams made mistakes early on with errant passes and lots of turnovers so Victory was right there with Troy 23-23 at 10:42 in the first half, but the Trojans were about to take control for good.

Williams made a 3-pointer to make it a 10-point lead with 5:48 remaining in the first, and Troy didn't look back.

"Once we settled down and figured out what they were doing offensively and got in a little better groove defensively," Cunningham said. "I thought we were better offensively at that point."

It got ugly in the second half for Victory as Troy dominated the paint and pulled away to a commanding 20-point lead at times.

With the exhibition over, the Trojans are now focused on the tall task of playing Ole Miss in Oxford on Friday, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. to begin the regular season.

Before that, fans will have the opportunity to meet the Troy players and coaches on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 1 p.m. at basketball fan day in Trojan Arena.

Players will be signing schedule posters while popcorn and soft drinks will be free to all who attend.

## Trojans crush West Florida 110-71

Hayden Warren  
Staff Writer

The Troy women's basketball team handled West Florida in an exhibition game Monday, winning 110-71.

Sophomore guard Ashley Beverly-Kelley led the team with 24 points while senior Joanna Harden scored 20.

"To come out with the first game jitters and shoot well at home in front of a crowd," Troy head coach Chanda Rigby said. "We're happy."

Fueled by a speedy, ball-hawking defense, the Trojans forced 26 total turnovers while only committing 18 themselves.

"We were able to score quickly off of those turnovers," Rigby said. "Scoring feeds scoring, and that is what happened."

Troy also dominated inside, outscoring the Argonauts 58 to 46 points in the paint.

With fast players like Beverly-Kelley, the Trojans also had the advantage in second chance and fast break points, 17-13 and 12-0, respectively.

"It feels wonderful," Beverly-Kelley said. "I've been waiting for the season to start, and it feels good."

Senior guard Brooke Bowie contributed with 13 points on Monday while junior Aissata Maiga from



Joshua Thurston photo

Senior Brookie Bowie looks to help the team.

Bamako, Mali led the team with five assists.

"I'm a senior this year, and I feel like this year I'm going to actually play like a senior," Bowie said. "It's my last year so I need to step up and play like the senior I am."

Junior Ronita Garrett and freshman Chant Lewis led the team with seven rebounds each.

West Florida made the first bucket to take an early lead before Troy went on a tear and scored 13 unanswered to take a 13-2 lead.

The Argonauts were unable to recover, falling behind a fast-paced Troy attack.

At half, Troy had a 32-point lead, 62-30, and the Trojans reached 80 points with 11:45 left in the second half.

With the seconds bleeding out to 23, Troy stretched its lead to 41 points, the largest of the game.

The Troy women's regular season begins with a short drive to Montgomery against Alabama State on Friday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m.

Troy fans will get the opportunity to meet the team on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 1 p.m. in Trojan Arena.

Basketball fan day will offer fans the chance to get free schedule posters signed by the players and coaches while free popcorn and soft drinks will be provided.

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## Harvard graduate discusses free speech

**Faith Karwacki**  
Perspectives Editor

Harvard graduate and former Vice President of Programs at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), Adam Kissel will be addressing free speech Wednesday, Nov. 6.

This discussion will take place at 4 p.m. in Bibb Graves 129 and is hosted by Students for Liberty and the Manuel H. Johnson Center for Political Economy.

His speech, titled "Free Speech and Double Standards in Education," will touch on the regulations placed on students in the college environment.

This isn't the first time Troy University has come under FIRE's scrutiny.

In 2005, a federal law-

suit was filed against the university for censoring a student's artwork and maintaining "scandalous and unconstitutional speech codes on college campuses" (visit thefire.org for more information).

By FIRE standards, Troy University is considered to have a speech code reading of red, meaning that the university has at least one policy that seriously restricts student and faculty rights to freedom of speech.

"I think it's incredibly important that students know about the restrictions placed on free speech in the college setting," said Ana-Shea Fann, a senior economics major and Students for Liberty campus coordinator for the state of Alabama.

"The time a student

spends in college should be a time in which they are free to exercise this right particularly, as it's so important to the development of values and intellect."

"The university has a 'free speech zone,'" Fann said, "Why is the entire campus not a free speech zone? Why are we allowed free speech only in certain areas and certain situations? It is a right that students should be able to exercise fully without fear of reprisal. All too often, though, this is not the case nationwide."

Students for Liberty meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Johnson Center Library and can be contacted through their Facebook group.

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12-month process that is currently underway."

Not only is the IT Department looking for feedback on new items, but it is also looking to provide students with an avenue for providing feedback on issues they might be facing on campus.

"The IT Department isn't made up of students, so they may not know what students want, so that is why we are trying to get students who really know what they want in contact with the IT Department so they can tell them what the students want, not just what the IT Department thinks the students want," Clarke said.

IT issues raised by students so far involve the Wi-Fi networks on campus and the computers in the library. Although the library is a separate department, IT is working to help the library address issues that have been presented by students. Other things the committee is working on are updates to the Troy University app, Troy Blackboard and spreading awareness of tech programs such as Trojan TXT, a program that sends out text reminders about important academic dates.

Students who want to be involved should look for announcements of future meetings, which will most likely be conducted on Mondays at 6 p.m., according to Clarke, with the location yet to be determined.

## Daybook

### Oct. 31

The National Pan-Hellenic Council will be hosting a Halloween party at Elm Street gym at 10 p.m. You may purchase a \$7 pre-sale ticket in the Student Involvement office in Trojan Center 215. The best costume will receive a surprise.

## Crime Log

### Oct. 25

#### Criminal Mischief Third Degree

In black marker, someone wrote an inappropriate message on the wall of Patterson, Rooms 101 and 105 at 3:30 p.m.

### Oct. 28

#### Lost Property

A blue Vera Bradley coin purse with an Alabama drivers license, SSN card and Wells Fargo debit card was reported lost from the Wallace Hall lower parking lot at 12:54 p.m.

### Oct. 30

#### Public Intoxication

A white male was arrested outside of Alumni Hall for public intoxication at 2:51 a.m.

## Alpha Epsilon Delta gives back to children in need

**Kelsey Vickers**  
Staff Writer

The Alpha Epsilon Delta honor society on campus will be participating in its first ever Operation Christmas Child Drive this semester.

Alpha Epsilon Delta is a national honor society for students interested in pursuing a job within the field of health. The purpose is to recognize outstanding students who are interested in being involved with causes in their field and to help inform them on how to prepare for professional school.

The honor society includes students involved with pre-medicine, pre-veterinarian, pre-dentistry, pre-optometry and other pre-health professional students.

Members must have at least a 3.2 GPA to be eligible, and the honor society offers its members several opportunities to demonstrate their commitment to the community and well-being of others

through service projects.

Megan Gibson, a senior biomedical sciences major from Opp and the president of Alpha Epsilon Delta, said this is where Operation Christmas Child comes into play.

"Operation Christmas Child is a project that allows children in needy parts of the world to receive a shoebox-sized box full of small toys, school supplies and hygiene items," she said.

"These boxes are sent all over the world wherever they may be needed, with common areas including parts of Africa and Central America."

Gibson said the honor society is excited about participating in this particular cause.

"If other Troy students would like to be involved, they will find our donation boxes set up outside of the SGA office in the Trojan Center," she said.

For more information, contact Gibson at [mjones65167@troy.edu](mailto:mjones65167@troy.edu).

## ISCO

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are internationals, we are still part of Troy, and we are still Trojans."

ISCO currently has about 95 members. About 67 to 69 countries will be represented in ISCO Festival. The price for the tickets hasn't been set yet, but it will be about \$10 for ISCO members and \$15 for faculty, staff and non-ISCO members, as it was last year. The capacity of the ballroom is 350 people.

"For me, ISCO has been a way to explore new cultures and not even have to leave the state of

Alabama," said Clinton Davis, a senior math major from Walnut Hill, Fla. "Granted, it would be nice to go, but since I can't go, I am grateful that international students come here and give presentations about their countries at ISCO meetings, and I am also grateful for the existence of ISCO club that allows the international students the opportunity to educate us silly Americans."

Sooran Choi, a graduate student in post-secondary education in English from Busan, South Korea, said ISCO allows her to interact with people from different countries.

"I can learn a lot of things from them, like beautiful cultures, traditional food and languages, which is great," Choi said. "Also, ISCO gives us a bond because we are here as foreigners and we get lonely sometimes, and ISCO gives us friends who feel the same way."

Caroline Samp, a senior exchange student in business and economics from Germany, said ISCO "gives me the opportunity to get to know about other countries and nations and their cultures. I can talk to people from all over the world and exchange ideas, opinions and cultures."

## Tase

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Dixon had taken a combative stance. He continued to ask Dixon for his ID.

When other units did arrive, the first officer told Dixon he was under arrest.

"As soon as the backup arrived, they automatically grabbed me and forced me to the ground," Dixon said. "I was tased, even after I was already on the ground."

The university's police report stated that Dixon was tased twice, with one Taser.

Dixon's account differed.

"When I was being tased, I felt three shocks: two on my side and one in my back," Dixon said. "I felt like I was about to blackout."

McCall said there is a policy as to when an officer can use a Taser or equal force.

"It has to be a situation where the officer is trying to keep anyone from getting injured," McCall said.

McCall also said that

any type of force could be used when a subject is being unruly and could pose danger to the officer or observing subjects.

"We use an X26 Taser that has a voltage of 50,000 volts," McCall said. "It locks up the muscles, and you go into a complete shock."

McCall said that when the voltage is taken away, you are back to normal after four to five seconds, but the experience is still painful.

Because of the circumstances of the situation, McCall said the officer with the Taser removed the cartridge of the Taser, preparing to apply a 'dry stun.' The cartridge is the piece of the weapon that holds probes, which are electrified and actually stick to the subject being tased.

"It's a safety issue," McCall said.

Whichever force the officer decides to use is completely up to the officer, and McCall said the courts back the decision.

Le'Metrius Rowe, a senior biomedical sciences major from Alexander

City said, "When anyone is seen as being harmful to others in a situation like this, including themselves, I think it is important that the police use some type of force."

"You never know how far the situation may climax if something isn't done, especially when something unpredictable, like this, is happening. Yes, the Taser hurts, but isn't that the point of any type of defensive force?"

Dixon said after he was tased, he was arrested and was not read his rights.

Whether this was done or not is not apparent. The written police report did not mention it.

Dixon said he did not know about the marijuana claims.

On Wednesday, Dixon said he still has marks on his body from the Taser. "I felt like I was being racially-profiled. All I did was ask a question."

Dixon, a 22-year old black male, was released from jail the morning of Oct. 25 with a bond of \$250. He faces possible fines up to \$1500.



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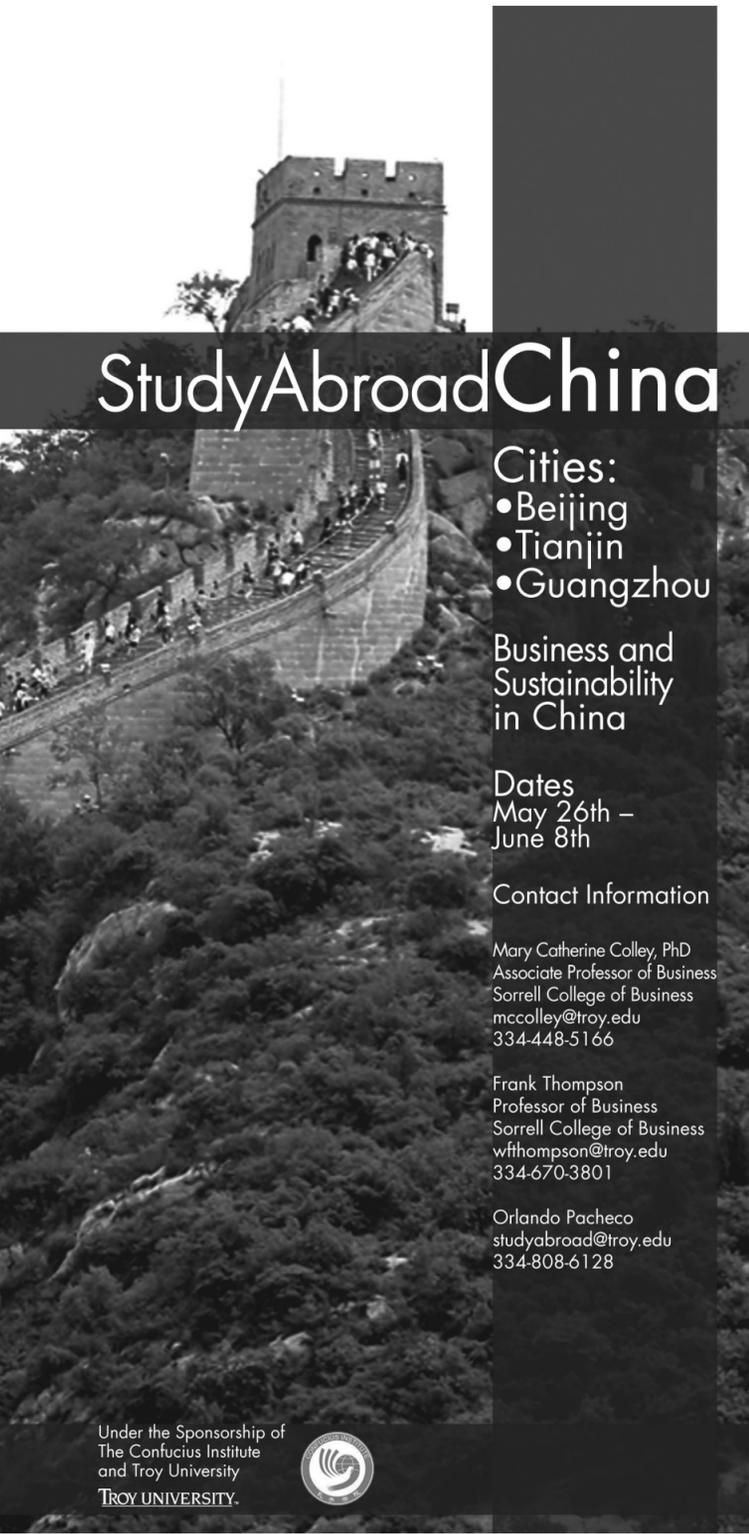
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## Beating the odds



Aubrey Toole, currently studying in Heidelberg, Germany, stands in front of a cityscape.

### Student makes deadline, lives abroad

**Brittany DeLong**  
Co-Business Editor

The fascination with experiencing another country and culture drove Aubrey Toole, a senior biomedical sciences major from Pace, Fla., to rush to apply for a study abroad opportunity in Germany this semester.

Toole had less than two weeks to apply to study at the University of Heidelberg and was accepted into the school.

"I had to decide if this opportunity was correct for me, get recommendations from teachers, transcripts from both college and high school, and I had to write a letter in German," Toole said. "There was one major problem, I knew only two words of German.

"I was able to find a German student studying at Troy who translated for me."

Once Toole was accepted into the school, she still had to search for courses with credits that would transfer back to Troy before she could leave.

Toole explained how

different the school system and curriculum in Germany are when compared with Troy University.

"First of all, students don't pay much for their classes," Toole said. "Most classes are not connected with tuition.

"Students pay a fee to an organization that helps support the university and for living expenses, but for the most part, their education is free."

For this reason, Toole said that the classroom structure is much different and that the professors are not as connected with the students as they are at Troy.

"There are some classes that only meet once or twice for the whole semester, but you are required to do your own work outside of class," she said.

"Students usually schedule their own exams. Exams and final papers can even be completed after the completion of the semester. The student just doesn't receive their Scheine (grade) until later."

The language barrier

was a problem to begin with for Toole, but she found that most Germans speak a little English and find it helpful to practice their English with a native speaker.

"The younger generation and some students love to speak English," Toole said. "It is still a challenge when I'm shopping at a grocery store or trying to find my way to a specific place.

"I want to speak their language and don't want to rely on the comforts of English."

Toole is taking a course in German as a foreign language to improve her ability to communicate.

Despite the difficulties with communicating, Toole said the experience has been incredible so far.

"It's been tough," she said. "There are days that I wish I were still in the U.S., but the experience of extending yourself, knowing more of who you are and broadening your horizons is well worth it.

"I feel as though I've grown quite a bit and gained a greater knowledge of who I am while I've been here."

## Police chief speaks up about alcohol on campus

**Emily Jackson**  
Features Editor  
**Patrick Stephens**  
Staff Writer

\*\*\*This is the first part of a two-part article on alcohol on campus.

Let's talk alcohol. Underage drinking is the most prevalent alcohol violation that students face on the Troy campus, according to the University Police Department, but there are some other significant alcohol abuses that students should be aware of.

Troy University Police Department Chief John McCall spoke with the Tropolitan on misconceptions, regulations and penalties regarding alcohol abuse on campus.

Overall, McCall identified violations concerning DUI, open containers in vehicles, persons under the age consuming, sale and distribution to minors, and matters of public intoxication as the common violations.

He said that the university police want to help students but will not back off on certain violations.

### Driving under the influence

"Students need to realize that while university police tend to try and help students, these normal alcohol incidents are one thing, but a DUI is quite another," McCall said. "If we catch you operating a motor vehicle under the influence, you will go to jail, and that doesn't matter who catches you, that is zero tolerance."

In fact, a person does not necessarily have to be driving for a DUI to be issued. Any person in a vehicle with an open container of alcohol, able to take physical control of the car, is eligible for a DUI.

### Open container

McCall also cleared up the definition of what is considered to be an "open container" inside a vehicle.

Any alcoholic beverage container that is not completely sealed inside the vehicle can be considered an open container. For example, a half-empty bottle of liquor with its lid screwed on in the car is considered an open container. Solo cups with alcohol in them: open containers.

"People need to understand that it isn't worth it," McCall said.

"Students are here spending thousands of dollars to get a degree, and having a DUI can prevent you getting a job later down the line. So one night of

**"If we catch you operating a motor vehicle under the influence, you will go to jail.."**

drinking isn't worth it."

A common misconception is that if the driver cannot reach it, he or she cannot be cited with having an open container in a vehicle, but this is not the case. Do not chance it.

Anything that is in the front seat or the passenger's compartment is considered an open container, even if the container is empty. So if you are driving, make sure that you secure anything in a place that is not within the main passenger area of the vehicle.

### Public intoxication

Another thing to be careful of is having an open container in



Chief McCall

public and publicly consuming alcohol. The key with consumption in public is that an officer has to be able to witness it, according to McCall.

"It's very hard for us to say, 'Hey, they are drinking alcohol' when it's in a solo cup, and you are walking down the street, and most officers are not going to stop you walking down the street because you have a cup in your hand and ask to see what is inside of it."

So even in a different container, it is still consumption in public. If you are being obvious about what you are doing and an officer witnesses it, it is very possible that the officer will stop and say something.

"It is possible that university police officers are a little more accommodating to students, as we are more understanding of the goings on of a college campus," McCall said. "We don't condone it by any means, but we try to help students who are in that situation, whereas the local police might not be so accommodating."

McCall said that there is a big difference between being intoxicated right outside your dorm and being intoxicated three miles away from your dorm. He said his officers all follow the same culture of caring on campus that Chancellor Jack



Joshua Thurston photo

Anonymous Trojan Village resident reaches into the fridge to grab an alcoholic beverage. In dorms such as this one students that share a refrigerator with students under the legal drinking age can be fined for providing alcohol to minors according to the University Housing Department.

Hawkins talks about.

"Can we help you get to

**"We want you to leave the university with a degree and not a criminal record."**

your dorm and get to bed? Yeah, we can, but will the local police do it? No, they will not," McCall said. "We are all university employees here at the University Police Department, and so we care a little bit more about the students than the local police or other state police, such as the state troopers or the ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Control) agents might. With that in mind,

we try to help you out. We want you to leave the university with a degree and not a criminal record."

Students who desire to look at the University's alcohol policies can look at the student handbook, "The Oracle." Free copies of the handbook are located in boxes in the lobby of Eldridge Hall on campus. The alcohol policies are located on page 8 of the student handbook.

As well, pamphlets on alcohol safety are available for students in the University Health Center. For more information on alcohol use in on campus residence halls students can visit the Troy Housing website at: <http://trojan.troy.edu/housing/>.

From there, information is available under the "Policies for Residence Hall Living" section.

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## Local highschoolers create viral sensation

**Alyse Nelson**  
Staff Writer

With millions of Vine followers, talent contracts and screaming teenage girls following them across the country for ‘supervines,’ the trio from Troy behind Dem White Boyz is currently enjoying plenty of attention.

Vine is a smartphone app dedicated to users creating and uploading seven second videos on a variety of subjects.

Over the past three months, the “Dem\_White\_Boyz” Vine profile run by Cole LaBrant, Baylor Barnes and John Stephen Grice, all highschoolers in the Troy area, has accumulated an astounding 2.4 million followers.

“We try to do a video daily,” said Cole

LaBrant, a junior and a member of Dem White Boyz. They have posted over eighty videos as the circle of fans and professional contacts has grown.

While playing video games one night in mid-July, the boys saw a contest on another Vine channel. “We thought it would be funny if everyone in Troy saw our video,” LaBrant said of their first video, which was posted to another account before the one currently used was created. “We thought it was a silly app.”

Co., black tanks are currently being produced with “Dem White Boyz” emblazoned across the front. These can be purchased online. “All the money has gone toward flights to California,” Cole said.

“We went out there and did a music video and sang a song,” he said of California. The three signed contracts with both BMI Records and LA Models while there, proving it to be no modest achievement.

None of this attention has gone to their heads, though. “We’re not famous,” Cole said. “I still have a normal life.”

Nor is he dreaming of Hollywood just yet. “I’ve always been interested in the weather,” he said. Becoming a meteorologist is his current career goal.

Earning this level of popularity has not been easy; a seven second video is harder to plan, coordinate and record than it would seem. “That’s the part that people don’t understand,” Cole said. “It has taken four hours to do one Vine before. It’s usually the dances that take so long, though. The comedy ones can take less than an hour.”

The Vine channel has not turned into a job, though. The boys have fun with every video that they make. Cole said “the ones that involve pain”



Caleb Hicks photo

**John Stephen Grice, Baylor Barnes and Cole LaBrant visits the South Montgomery County Academy’s Haunted Hayride in the Forest on Oct. 19 to raise money for kids’ playground set.**

Little did they know just how much attention the ‘silly little app’ would gain them.

“At first I was like ‘whatever,’” Professor LaBrant, a Spanish professor at Troy and Cole LaBrant’s father, said of the boys’ quickly acquired fame. “When it hit a hundred thousand I couldn’t believe that it had taken off like that. I didn’t believe it until Atlanta.”

In Atlanta, a ‘supervine’ had been organized. These events involve a popular Vine star telling fans to meet at a certain location and time to be featured in a Vine.

With the event organized in Centennial Park, dozens of fans showed up with homemade shirts and posters, screaming and chasing the cars. “We had no security,” said Cole. Not fazed by a much larger crowd than expected, the boys still enjoyed the day. “It was a fun experience.”

Signing a contract with Water Bluff Clothing

are the most fun videos to shoot.

“I’m normally not the one getting hurt. It’s always entertaining to see your friends hurt,” he said.

One of their most popular Vines to date is similar in nature. “It was really late at night. We came up with this idea of falling off a treadmill. We realized that pain is what people love,” Cole said with a laugh. “It has over 600,000 revines.”

Recent videos include their own adaptation of “Grind on Me,” as well as comedic videos featuring antics like setting off air horns in Subway and running into each other while holding exercise balls.

Gaining about 100,000 new followers a week and teaming up with Hollywood giant Tim Miner, who has worked with artists Justin Bieber and the Backstreet Boys, the future is bright for Cole, Baylor and John.

## Student fights heart disease for family, future

**Megan Green**  
Contributor

A Troy University student battled open-heart surgery and still found the strength and courage to return to school. At age 36, a then freshman and native of Montgomery, Shanetta Mahone decided to begin school and earn her degree in homeland security.

According to Mahone, she was enrolled in four classes and just walking across campus to each class was difficult. She always found herself out of breath.

“After walking just a few flights of stairs, I felt like I was going to pass out,” she said. “It was as if I had just run a marathon, and by the second flight, I would have to lay against the wall.”

Due to her constant exhaustion and short breaths she decided to schedule a visit with her doctor. During her visit after explaining symptoms, chest x-rays and ECG testing, a test that is done to examine any issues with the electrical activity of your heart, the doctor informed Mahone that she might have a heart disease.

Mahone, a mother of three, says she did not want to tell her children about her doctor visit because she did not want them worried.

“My doctor told me that I was at high risk for a heart attack and strongly suggested that I have the surgery the next day,” she said. “And if I were to have a heart attack, the only way they could save me is if I were already on the table opened.”

Mahone said she was in a panic and could not believe this devastating news.

“After a few days of thinking it over I decided to have the surgery, but I still decided not to tell my kids,” Mahone said.

Mahone’s surgery, a coronary artery bypass, took place Aug. 29, 2011, at Baptist South Hospital in Montgomery. This was also the day of her oldest son’s 16th birthday.

Mahone says after her surgery she went through a stage of depression but was grateful to have her children, then ages 16, nine and seven, take care of her.

“My daughter, Destiny, would cook macaroni and cheese every night,” she said. “I was so proud of her. She really helped out so much with me and her two brothers.”

She said she reflects back on a time at the on-campus gym when the treadmill would not allow her to increase her speed. “Little did I know the machine was trying to let me know something was wrong,” Mahone said. “I was a walking time bomb and didn’t even know it.”

Mahone said the best description of her chest pain felt like having an elephant in her chest.

Although, it has been a two-year journey, Mahone still suffers with chest pains and has to apply a silicone strip that includes a medicine solution called ScarAway that removes keloids on her chest.

Mahone said, “People often ask me if I am trying to hide my scar, but I let them know that it is medicine.”

Mahone tried to return to on-campus classes when she was released under the doctor’s care in June 2012. However, carrying schoolbooks became extremely difficult considering she cannot lift anything weighing more than five pounds.

Therefore, Mahone takes classes online, but with the opportunity of having a work-study job in the Financial Aid office, she still gets the feel of on-campus interaction.

Despite the health obstacles Mahone has overcome she says being in school and her kids are what inspire her and keep her motivated.

“I just wanted to live and see my kids grow up and watch my future grandchildren grow up too,” Mahone said.

Due to her surgery Mahone’s graduation date has been postponed to 2016. Now at age 38, she said she is looking forward to the future and earning her degree.

“I love my major and in my spare time I enjoy watching investigative criminal research shows like ‘20/20’ and ‘On the Case with Paula Zahn,’” Mahone said.

She says there was no way her surgery could have been prevented. “I was born with heart disease and never knew it until it was almost too late,” Mahone said.

Mahone said she encourages people to get annual check-ups, regardless of their age.



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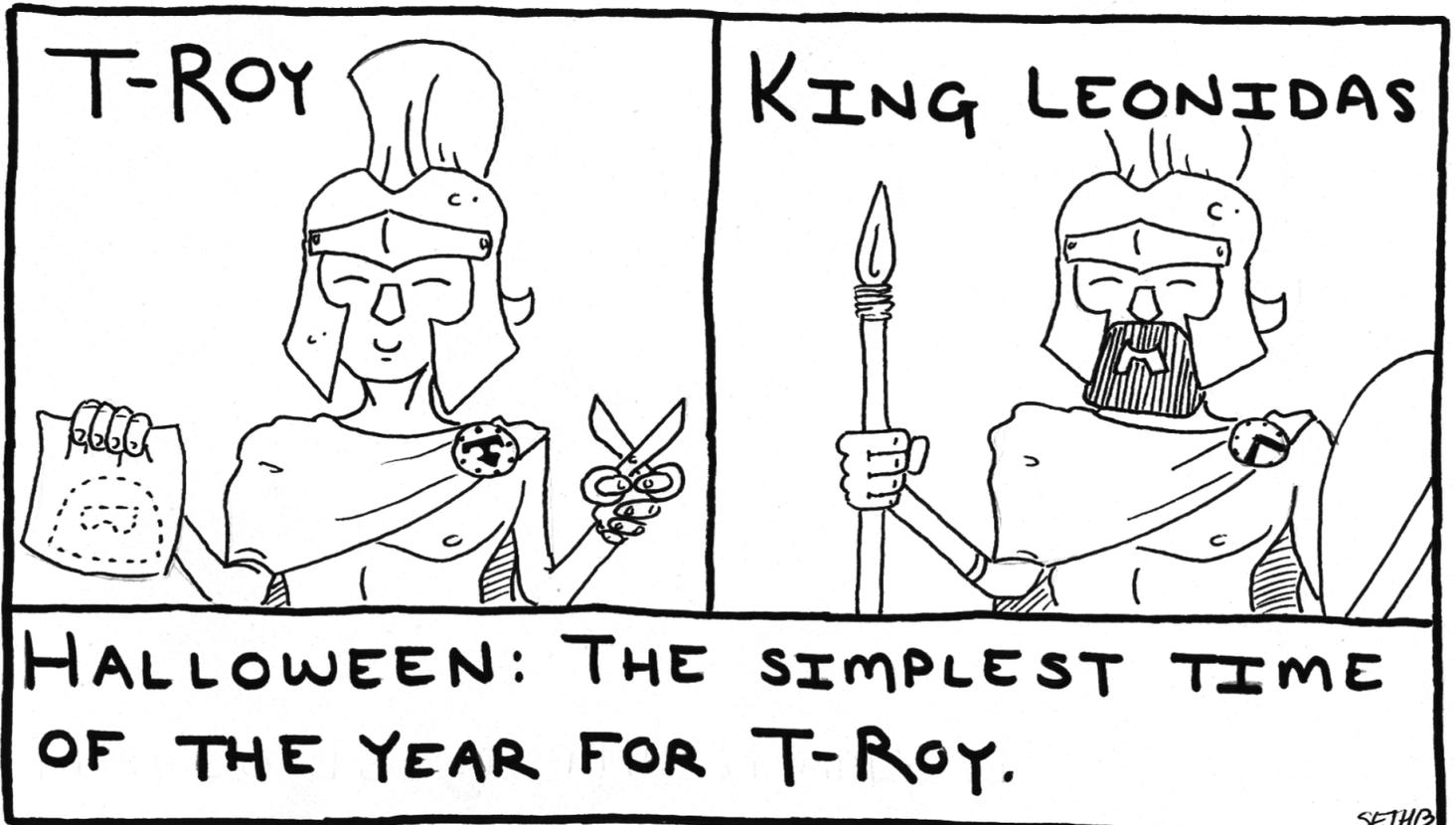
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## Student encourages fellow Trojans to practice modesty this Halloween

**Courtney Patterson**  
Student Submission

Google "Halloween costumes for women." I dare you.

Warning: this Google search is not for the eyes of children... or the innocent, for that matter.

The images you will find are softly pornographic. Better yet, go to Party City and look at its wall of costumes!

The wall focuses mostly on adult costumes. Even though the holiday is mostly marketed toward trick-or-treaters, Party City's merchandise was mostly targeted toward adults.

Some of the costumes even take childish interests and make them more "adult." For example, there are Disney Princess costumes that are extremely revealing.

It's like seeing your favorite Disney character in a bikini. Any kind of costume you could imagine, and it offers two versions of a few of them. Believe it or not, there are two types of nuns: the "sister" and the "blessed nun." The "blessed nun" wasn't looking very holy if you ask me.

As perfectly said in the hit movie "Mean Girls," "Halloween is the one night a year when a girl can dress like a total slut, and no other girl can say anything about it."

When I asked Corey Hayes, a Party City employee, if girls can have fun on Halloween without showing all of their "treats," he threw his head back and

belted out a deep belly laugh.

"You can't," he laughed, still shocked at my question. He told me a lot of girls will come in and literally ask for the "sluttiest outfit" Party City has in the store.

Okay? So, is there this inner desire in all girls to dress trashy, and they just quench that thirst on Halloween? Quite frankly, I don't understand it, but I'm here to tell you that there are actually perks to dressing modestly on Halloween!

Save your money!

In America, \$1.21 billion is spent on Halloween costumes. That's a lot of money for a majority of your body to not be covered by the costume you put out big bucks for.

Most people wanting to dress modestly on Halloween make their costumes, which is a great idea. Doing this will make your costume more original and clever. Most important, it can cost you nothing if you design something from things you already have in your house.

If you aren't the creative one, buying a costume that covers you up is still possible but more of a challenge. Like I mentioned with the nun costumes, several different costumes come in two different versions: the modest version and the not-so-modest version.

Believe it or not, the modest one is cheaper. For business purposes, I understand that skimpy costumes are more expensive because they are in higher demand. On the other hand, the discreet costume usually is made with more

fabric, but is still cheaper.

Oh well! That's good for me, anyway! Stay warm!

That's right folks! The next step to having fun on Halloween is not freezing to death.

It's hard to enjoy a bonfire when you are using it to maintain a body temperature compatible with life. Sure, zombies are all the rage these days, but actually becoming one isn't exactly ideal.

That really doesn't sound like a fun time to me. Just because the boots go halfway up your thigh, does not mean that you are covered up and will stay warm. Try a clever costume that covers up, but still generates a good reaction from your friends.

Maybe you could be a mummy. That's spooky and literally covers every inch of you.

You won't have to constantly explain your costume!

If you barely have any clothes on, how is anyone supposed to know who you are dressed up to be?

Remember in "Mean Girls" when Gretchen asked Karen, "What are you supposed to be?" Karen pointed to her headband and scoffed, "I'm a mouse, DUH!"

Karen was basically wearing lingerie with mouse ears. Don't make anyone guess! Wear a costume that is easy to identify. This will allow your conversations to be about other things instead of explaining yourself over and over and over again. Having the same dull conver-

sation is not the best party activity.

The hay ride won't be as itchy for you!

Think about it: you're wearing a super short, skin-tight "Finding Nemo" costume and you hop up on that haunted hay ride with all of your friends. You take a seat next to your date and try to get settled in for the terror-filled trip.

You wiggle and you squirm trying to find a way to sit without hay scratching you in places where you don't even scratch yourself. The excessive movement makes the hay become itchy and now you want to scratch, but ew, no.

Did I mention the wedgie you now have, and this isn't a pumpkin patch, so there will be absolutely no picking! You look over and the girl wearing the floor-length renaissance gown is giving you that what-is-your-problem look, and you secretly wish you were she in that moment.

Do you want your Halloween to be that uncomfortable? I'd rather be the girl in the renaissance gown enjoying the ride.

Corey Hayes was wrong, you can have fun on Halloween while wearing a modest costume. Those are the kinds of goodies you need to keep in the package. Maybe Google and Party City can't help with your demure costume ideas, but just know that you can cover up and still have a good time.

You don't want to be that girl who couldn't escape those killer zombies because you couldn't run in your hooker boots. Just stick to the tricks of hiding all your treats!

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## Anime, manga club revived by students

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After 16 years of inactivity, Troy's Anime Manga Enthusiasts club, the predecessor of what was the Science Fiction club, made a spirited comeback with its first meeting on Monday.

Established in 1991, the Science Fiction club attracted a membership of more than 100 students, according to the club adviser, Professor James Davis, a faculty member of the English Department who has taught Science Fiction Literature at Troy since 1989. The club appealed to students of diverse interests ranging from science fiction to video games, collectible card games, the Society for Creative Anachronism and anime. The club disbanded in 1997 as membership dropped after the club leader graduated.

"I think it's about time," Davis said about the establishment of the Anime Manga Enthusiasts club. "I'm surprised it hasn't happened sooner. I know some of the students involved, and I know they are very eager and enthusiastic."

According to Davis, anime incorporates both pop and intellectual interest, which is a desirable thing to have on a college campus.

"I would love to see [the club] grow beyond being a fan club and perhaps become a somewhat scholarly organization, fostering actual scholarship and shared knowledge," Davis said. "Scholarly conferences such as the Pop Culture Association have long been centers for such intellectual pursuit of anime and other pop phenomena. Fostering interest and study of a common subject among people of varying backgrounds is, in a way, one of the primary functions of a university."

The Anime Manga Enthusiasts club's president, Jessica Long, a sophomore American Sign Language major from Ozark, said she and other club officers had started the preparation for the orga-



Jill Odom photo

Jessica Long, a sophomore ASL major from Ozark, leads the Anime Manga Enthusiasts Club's first meeting on Tuesday.

nization since the beginning of the semester.

The club's constitution was approved by the SGA last Tuesday.

The club's main purpose is to provide the setting for students in the anime and manga community to discuss popular and classic anime regarding themes, motifs and to keep members updated in the community, according to its constitution.

Long said the club has many exciting plans in store for the year including a Japanese film festival and cosplay event. However, these ideas are work in progress and will most likely be implemented in the spring semester. Members of the group are also going to attend conventions such as Fanaticon in Dothan in November and Kamicon in Birmingham in February.

At the club meetings every Monday at 6 p.m. in Patterson Hall,

there will be a viewing of the first episode of some anime or a feature-length anime. The members can submit their suggestions as to what to watch and the list will be voted on the club's Facebook page.

"I don't want the board to make all the decisions," Long said. "We have members with various personalities who are into different genres of anime. We want everyone to have a say"

The club's first meeting was on Monday, and more than 20 people attended. The board went over the constitution, club fees (which are \$10) and what they planned on doing as a club.

"It may not have been many people, but the spirit of those who attended was amazing," Long said. "I can tell we're going to have a great time."

## Top 5 anime of this season

Kianna Collins  
Staff Writer

### 1. Kill La Kill:

This anime was one of the most-anticipated series for the fall 2013, and so far it hasn't disappointed. The same people who created "Gurren Lagann" created it, and there are many similarities in the art as well as the writing. It follows a girl named Ryuuko Matoi who's trying to find the other half of her scissor blade, and in turn, find her father's murderer. Things take a turn of events, and she ends up in a living school uniform that uses her blood to make her more powerful. Viewers have made positive comparisons between "Kill la Kill" and "Gurren Lagann," and it's definitely one to look out for. There's a good balance between action and comedy complete with fan service.

### 2. Beyond the Boundary:

This features a young girl who has the power to control her blood and make it into a weapon. The enemies are demons called "youmu," and a boy she meets is half-youmu. In the first episode she repeatedly tries to kill him, but he's immortal. This anime follows their relationship after she stops trying to kill him. The female character, Mirai Kuriyama, is extremely adorable, and

she makes the anime fun. Her character isn't expected to be the way she is because of her appearance.

### 3. Kuroko's Basketball:

The second season is returning this fall, and it's popular on Crunchyroll.

### 4. Nagi No Asukara:

This is a truly stunning anime. The animations are absolutely amazing. It's set in an underwater community that's being slowly pushed to the surface. The people that live underwater still appear human, but they have this skin called Ena. This series follows four characters that go to school on land. It's a slice of life anime so far, but it's only four episodes in to the series.

### 5. Log Horizon:

It is similar to "Sword Art Online," which is always a popular direction. Thirty thousand players get trapped in a game called Elder Tale, and they find themselves having to survive or else they'll be killed in real life. This series is rated high on Crunchyroll, and it has a lot of potential.

## More modern 'Carrie' does justice

Madison Griggs  
Staff Writer

America's favorite misunderstood teen is back in a new and improved remake of Stephen King's "Carrie," just in time for Halloween.

With the help of new technology and a fresh cast, director Kimberly Peirce brings this classic horror around for its third film adaptation since the novel was published in 1974.

Though some may walk into the theater knowing the story—having seen the previous films and read the book—be well-aware that this 2013 edition is not your run of the mill carbon copy remake, out to shame and disgrace the original and all of its fans.

Chloe Moretz, known for her roles in "Dark Shadows," Kick Ass 1 and 2 among other things, brings the troubled and telekinetic Carrie White to life as Sissy Spacek so successfully did in the original film shown in 1976. The Moretz version of this bullied teen seems

more relatable, less of a freak and more of a quiet girl targeted by Chris Hargensen and her muscle-head boyfriend.

As expected the one major difference between new and old is the modern twist and the integration of modern technology. When Carrie discovers her unique power she sits down at a computer and types "youtube.com" into the browser instead of shuffling through fact cards behind a bookshelf. That, along with an updated wardrobe (for the popular kids anyway) and an up-to-date sound track, makes this story relevant today.

No character makes the skin crawl quite like Margaret White and her outdated and distorted religious views. Adding some abuse and self-harm makes the 2013 Mrs. White even more chilling. Julianne Moore bravely took on this challenging role.

The movie poster for the original Carrie states, "If you've got a taste for terror, take Carrie to the prom," but in this modern adaptation, Carrie White has a little more fire in her, and "you will know her name."



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'Carrie' retains the charm of the original.

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## A-list movie falls short

Jill Odom  
Variety Editor

If you watched the trailer for Ridley Scott's new drama thriller "The Counselor," you were probably confused about what it was about, and, when you go see the movie, you still won't know.

Despite the star-studded cast and the well-known names behind the camera, this film is an absolute disappointment due to the convoluted dialogue, lack of action and depressing story.

The plot is about how Michael Fassbender's character, the Counselor, who has no other name, gets involved in a drug cartel and must face the consequences of his poor choices.

The foreshadowing makes it extremely obvious that everything is going to go wrong. Several of the people working with the Counselor on the drug deal warn him not to get into the business at all; therefore, it comes as no surprise when things go south and all the people involved are suddenly wanted dead.

There are good and bad things about "The Counselor," but one good thing is the cast. Javier Bardem plays Reiner, the Counselor's flamboyant but reckless business partner. He is known for his part as the villain in "Skyfall" and brings some of his strange attributes to this film as well.

Cameron Diaz plays his girlfriend, the hyper-erotic femme fatale, Malkina. She is an intriguing character who is always two steps ahead of the rest. Brad Pitt is Westray, a shady middleman who has no qualms leaving the Counselor out to dry. Penelope Cruz has a lesser part as the Counselor's naïve fiancée who doesn't realize the dangerous waters her lover is in.

Some gaping plot holes are an example of a bad thing about the film. Fassbender is court-appointed to represent a prison convict who also happens to be the mother of a high-ranking member of the drug cartel. It is his death, not the Counselor's plans of involvement, that set off the chain reaction of destruction and seems almost too coincidental.

Also, for reasons unknown, the lawyer sees drug traf-



"The Counselor" stars Michael Fassbender, Penelope Cruz, Cameron Diaz, Javier Bardem and Brad Pitt

ficking as his only option to make some quick money, but throughout the movie the Counselor never seems exactly strapped for cash, seeing as he buys his girlfriend a 3-carat diamond ring and drives a Mercedes the whole time.

It is painfully obvious that the script would be

better off in a book than on screen. While screenwriter Cormac McCarthy tries to delve into some deep philosophical points about greed, the consequences of our choices, and death, the way he conveys them sounds wrong when delivered by the actors. McCarthy is first and foremost a novelist and it shows.

The dialogue doesn't sound like a real conversation. It sounds like prose, and it is frustrating for the viewer who is simply trying to figure out what exactly is going on and the filmmakers keep throwing scene after scene of long conversations that reference things never explained.

The main problem with the film is the fact that the Counselor never does anything. The audience watches and waits for him to take action and try to remedy his situation, but he never does. The Counselor is a tragic figure because he does not try to fix his flaws.

Irony is prevalent in the fact that Fassbender's character goes and seeks almost everyone's guidance from a man in Amsterdam about what is the best diamond to unknown associates from the past for advice on what to do and how to live his life when he is the one with the title of someone who gives guidance.

The action from the trailers is the only action to be found in the movie and is brief and brutal.

There are some odd but humorous scenes like when Reiner is trying to explain to the Counselor about the time Malkin had sex with his car and when Malkin goes to a confessional booth, despite not being Catholic, just to see if her sins bother the priest.

The film switches between scenes of unrealistic and sickening extravagance to clips of what looks like a "Dirty Jobs" episode of how the drug trafficking works as the truck carrying the new shipment makes its way through America.

Those who preach to the Counselor of the mistakes he has made and how he is powerless to change them are detached from the situation, far away in their extravagant palaces. As the unfortunate lawyer's associates are picked off one by one, he has to suffer the greatest punishment by knowing his choices affected the one he loved most and live with that fact.

## Film delves into plight of whales

'Blackfish' investigates killer whale incidents at Sea World and British Columbia

Faith Karwacki  
Perspectives Editor

While reported cases of orca attacks in captivity continues to grow, attacks on humans in the wild have remained at zero.

Blackfish, a documentary highlighting the sometimes deadly consequences of keeping large, self-aware marine mammals in captivity, debuted last week on CNN with a record audience.

Blackfish opens with a look into the most recent tragedy involving Sea World trainer Dawn Brancheau's death that occurred at an Orlando show in 2010 by the whale named Tilikum.

Tilikum's 30 years in captivity have been traumatic, to say the least.

Torn from his family at two years of age, Tilikum was forced into captivity at a small marine park in British Columbia. He was housed with two highly aggressive females that were often violent to the point of

bloodshed.

Wild orcas have been observed to live in tight-knit matriarchal societies in which the family unit lives a lifetime of inseparability.

Evidence also proves that killer whales have languages and regional dialects- just like humans do.

So when young Tilikum was placed in a small tank with two adult females from different pods that spoke languages he didn't understand, it's easy to see why he was treated with aggression.

After Tilikum was blamed for the death of a trainer at the park in British Columbia (it was later proven that the two females who were pregnant at the time were responsible), SeaWorld Orlando bought him to be displayed.

While the tanks at SeaWorld were notably larger, when compared to the hundreds of miles orcas swim in a matter of days, the environment is miniscule.

Blackfish argues that the

self-awareness orcas display, in addition to the small tanks, feeding restrictions and repetitive performances they are subjected to, is the ultimate cause for their aggression in captivity.

The documentary also brings to light the secretive and exploitative nature of SeaWorld executives.

SeaWorld often told the public that the lives of marine mammals were extended in captivity due to the availability of veterinary aid.

This has since been proven to not only be false, but to be a bold-faced lie.

In captivity the average lifespan of killer whales is around 40 years, while in the wild whales have aged from 80 to even 100 years.

SeaWorld also lied to media outlets about Brancheau's death.

Stating at first that she fell in the tank and drowned, then stating that her ponytail tantalized Tilikum into grabbing it and pulling her under. All

of their statements pointed the fault to be with the trainer, rather than accept and admit the faults in disregarding human and animal safety.

The trainers that were interviewed in Blackfish all stated that they were not hired based on their knowledge of killer whale behavior and that SeaWorld also failed to notify them of Tilikum's aggressive behavior.

As the trainers discuss their working lives with the whales, it becomes evident that, as they got to know the animals they worked with, they began to see the psychological trauma that was being inflicted on these intelligent beings.

John Hargrove, former SeaWorld trainer, stated in his Blackfish interview, "I stayed because, ultimately, I felt sorry for them...Those are not your whales. You love them, and you think I'm the one that touches them, feeds them, keeps them alive, gives them the care that they need. They're not your

whales. They own them!"

SeaWorld execs also argue that the shows serve as educational and informative to the public.

Activists refute this point by stating that showcasing the animals desensitizes children to see captivity and rigorous showcasing as normal and acceptable for wild animals.

The fact that SeaWorld executives failed to allow Blackfish producers to interview them speaks immensely about their moral position in the matter.

After several lawsuits with OSHA concerning the dangers of trainers working with these animals in captivity, SeaWorld failed to act until Brancheau's avoidable yet highly publicized death. Even so, Tilikum was still performing with trainers and his offspring until, after enough backlash, he was retired.

Blackfish proves to be an informative and heart-wrenching documentary that opens the eyes of the public to the traumas captive orcas endure.

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## Five of the creepiest locations in Troy

**Karli Maudlin**  
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Variety Editor

While Troy doesn't have a particularly haunted history, there are still some notable locations that have an eerie feeling.

In the spirit of Halloween, we have compiled some of the spooky spots around the city and campus.

A word of warning, some of these places are private property and should be treated with caution and respect.

Sometimes the suggestion of a place being scary or creepy causes the mind to see things that aren't there, so please take these allegedly haunted or paranormal places with a grain of salt.

### 1. Hell's Gates

The real name is Carroll Street Cemetery, but it is also called Hell's Gates due to its creepy setting.

When you drive down Vine Street, which leads to the cemetery, the over-arching tree branches blot out the sky, and moss grows on the broken pavement. With no streetlights and only one house facing the road, there is very little light.

If you visit this spot at night, your headlights reflecting on the closed gates at the end of an empty, pitch-black street make for an unnerving site.

In the daylight it isn't as bad, but the sound of faraway cars on the highway creates an eerie, lonesome sound and there is an odd shed set on the edge of the trees.

### 2. Sorority Hill

Now home to Troy University's sororities, Sorority Hill was initially an orphanage.

The Alabama Baptist Children's Home occupied the space on Elm Street for several decades, and the original structures are in use as sorority houses.

Rumors occasionally surface that a few children died in the houses, including a child that was murdered in a bathroom at the Phi Mu house.

Several sorority sisters from the different houses will claim they've seen the spirits of these children running down the hallways, standing on the staircases and

they've even heard laughter coming from the bedrooms.

### 3. McCartha Hall

McCartha Hall is like a trip into the Twilight Zone. It is home to the Air Force ROTC branch and not much else. When you step inside, the building seems frozen in time, and it is only recent poster dates that indicate otherwise.

The majority of the building is deserted, and the second floor is composed of empty classrooms and offices. Downstairs is the fallout shelter that harkens back to Cold War times and the threat of nuclear warfare.

It is a peculiar feeling when walking through McCartha, and it seems almost like you have been transported back in time.

### 4. Scarecrow House

This is a house that you would come upon if you headed down Highway 231 towards Dothan and took a right on a country road and drove for a few miles.

As this is a person's home, more specific directions have been withheld.

The Scarecrow House is a home where numerous scarecrows are scattered in the front yard. They are all set in different positions, some sitting, some standing.

One particular scarecrow is closer to the road than others, and the human-like silhouette standing by the road can be quite a shock when driving down the road at night.

There were more once, but the collection has been dwindling over the past few years.

### 5. Mossy Grove Schoolhouse

Mossy Grove is an old schoolhouse-turned-restaurant that is hidden away under trees laden with Spanish moss, adding to the mystery of the spot. The restaurant is right next to a cemetery and the location is allegedly haunted. Psychics and mediums from across the country have paid the schoolhouse a visit, professing to be able to speak to the ghosts.

One of the cooks claims he hears children playing in the front room while he is prepping the kitchen. This timeless and historical landmark is on Elba Highway.



April Irvin photo

Scarecrow House is where several different scarecrows scatter the front yard of the house.



April Irvin photo

Jasmine Scruggs, a junior English major from Huntsville, examines the allegedly haunted shed near the woods located at Hell's Gates.

## Why we dress up for Halloween

**Jill Odom**  
Variety Editor

As a kid, Halloween was that special time when you got to dress up, wander around after dark and rack up your year's supply of candy.

For some people, Halloween candy is the most important part, for others it is getting to carve pumpkins. There is one factor that is always a must, and that is the costumes.

You can be as cheap or as corny as you want, but no self-respecting adult is going to give you candy if you aren't dressed up.

As you grow older you may see Halloween as a holiday you can no longer participate in, while others look at it as an opportunity to stretch their creativity with a limited budget.

There are tons of do-it-yourself tutorials out there, and thrift stores have a veritable bounty of costume fodder. But why do we do it? Where did the tradition of dressing up and putting on masks for Halloween come from?

According to Encyclopedia Britannica, Halloween is derived from the Celtic holiday, Samhain. It was celebrated Nov. 1 and was considered the end of the summer season. It was also believed that the dead would return to visit their homes during this time.

To avoid being recognized by these spirits, people would wear masks when they left their homes at night so the ghosts would mistake them for fellow souls.

Pope Boniface IV established All Martyrs Day for May 13, and, later on, Pope Gregory III had saints included in the festival and moved it to take place on Nov. 1. The evening of All Saints' Day became holy or hallowed eve, which morphed into Halloween.

The holiday did not become popular in America until the mid-19th century due to the large number of immigrants during that time, especially the Irish. By the 20th century, Halloween was a popular holiday, particularly with children.

One reason why we continue to dress up for Halloween, even though we are no longer hiding from ghosts, is the fact that costumes give us a chance to become someone or something that is totally unlike ourselves.

"I think people enjoying dressing up for Halloween because it's a way for us to explore life as someone other than ourselves in a silly, noncommittal way," said Lauren Wiggins, a sophomore English major from Troy. "I think people will always find an occasion to dress up because we desire opportunities to let our inner child

run free."

Masks serve as something for us to hide behind and try to let our friends guess who is underneath. Even though the holiday has evolved greatly over time from its original beliefs, costumes have always remained a part of the festival.

"It is a tradition that has been around for quite some time, and I don't see it going anywhere," said Sterling Wingard, a junior information systems major from Cape Coral, Fla.



Jill Odom photo

Cassie Gibbs, a senior English major from Sweet Water, and Buchanan Watson, junior English major from Bermuda, pose in masks as they shop for Halloween costumes.

## Costumes are allowed at ULM football game

**Jill Odom**  
Variety Editor

Despite rumors, students will be allowed to wear costumes today, Oct. 31, at Troy's football game against ULM.

Troy has no official policy on wearing costumes because games do not often fall on Halloween.

According to Herbert Reeves, Dean of Student Services, students who choose to wear masks will have to remove them to enter the stadium but are allowed to put them back on once inside.

The only thing that is not permitted is any item that has the appearance of a weapon. This goes includes everything from fake swords to toy guns, and students will not be admitted into the game if they have weapon-like objects or the items will be confiscated upon entry.

"The big concern is 'don't bring anything that resembles a weapon,'" said Andy Ellis, director of University Relations.

The university has decided to allow students to dress up because it is Halloween, and it is the first time a football game has taken place on Halloween.

The band will be in costume following their pregame performance. Before the game, Trojan Athletics will be hosting trick-or-treating at Tailgate Terrace from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Children under the age of 12 who are in costume will be able to check in at a Halloween-themed tent at Tailgate Terrace to get a free ticket prior to the football game.

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1. WALLKCAB

2. COME TABLE TABLE TABLE



### Solutions

1. Back against the wall
2. Comfortable
3. Catching some Z's
4. Scream at the top of your lungs



## Warhawks versus Trojans in Halloween showdown



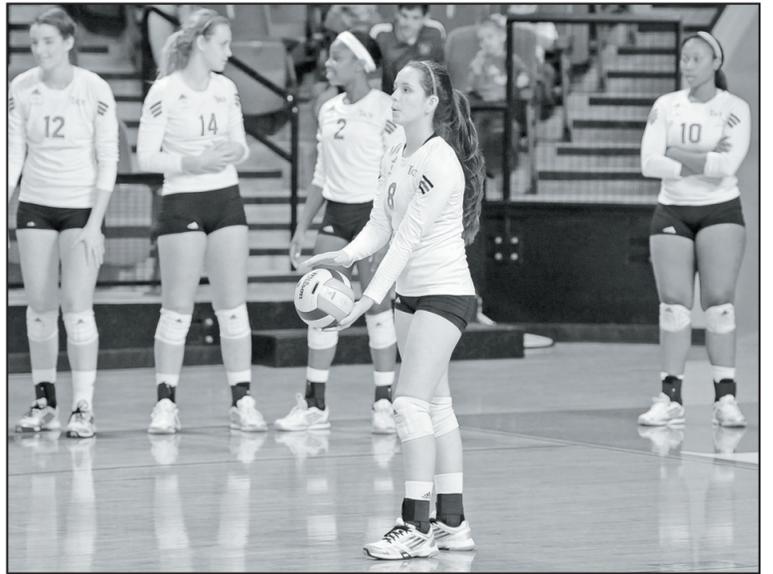
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Troy senior strong safety Cam Hudson (pictured above) made the play of the game on Saturday when he stuffed Western Kentucky running back Antonio Andrews on a critical fourth and short to hold the Trojan lead at 32-26. Tonight Troy faces a challenge in conference foe ULM at home on ESPNU at 6:30 p.m. The Trojans have the opportunity to become bowl eligible with a Thursday victory setting up a chance to tie with a week later in a game against Louisiana-Lafayette.



Seth Nicholson cartoon

## Troy volleyball drops fourth straight match



Joshua Thurston photo

Freshman setter Bruna Souza contributed in the Sunday match for Troy.

**Lindsey Schoewe**  
Volleyball Beat Writer

Troy volleyball's struggles continue as the losing streak grows to four straight due to losses last weekend with a road trip to Louisiana looming.

The Trojan volleyball team (9-16, 4-7) traveled to Little Rock, Ark. this past Friday where the team lost to UALR in three straight sets (31-29, 25-20, 25-14).

The lead hitter for Troy was freshman middle hitter Kiah Cheatham who posted a career high 16 kills in the Friday loss.

On Sunday, the Trojans were back at home playing Texas State, a team that Troy had already fallen to on the road 3-1 on Oct. 18.

This was the Trojan's second loss against the Bobcats, losing in four sets (25-15, 19-25, 25-23, 25-19).

"You have to give Texas State credit, they executed better than we did," Head Coach Sonny Kirkpatrick said. "We need to figure out a way to clean that up and make it better on our side."

Freshman setter Bruna Souza made a good appearance on the court with 18 digs and 23 assists, and sophomore Ali Dowdall had 18 digs.

Junior outside hitter Marija Zelenovic led the team with 17 kills, while sophomore Blair Winston followed with 14 kills.

"Maria and Blair did a good job at attacking, but we need to spread it out and give our other hitters opportunities," Kirkpatrick said.

The Trojans will be on the road again this weekend, traveling to Louisiana-Lafayette on Friday at 7 p.m. and ULM on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Troy beat the Ragin' Cajuns at home on Oct. 4 in straight sets and on Oct. 13 the Trojans turned the same trick sweeping away the Warhawks at home so this road trip could prove prosperous.

The next home game for Troy volleyball is set for Wednesday, Nov. 6 when the Trojans play host to in-state rival South Alabama in Trojan Arena at 7 p.m.

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**James Travis**  
(65-27)



**Jill Odom**  
(53-39)



**Lindsey Schoewe**  
(73-19)



**Joshua Thurston**  
(60-32)



**Zach Winslett**  
(60-32)

### The Lineup

ULM @ Troy	Trojans	Trojans	Trojans	Trojans	Trojans	Trojans	Trojans	Trojans
Arizona St. @ Wash St	Sun Devils	Sun Devils	Sun Devils	Sun Devils	Sun Devils	Sun Devils	Sun Devils	Sun Devils
USC @ Oregon State	Fojans	Beavers	Beavers	Beavers	Beavers	Beavers	Fojans	Beavers
#24Wisconsin @ Iowa	Badgers	Badgers	Badgers	Badgers	Badgers	Badgers	Badgers	Badgers
Miss St @ #14S Carolina	Gamecocks	Gamecocks	Gamecocks	Gamecocks	Bulldogs	Gamecocks	Bulldogs	Gamecocks
Georgia v. Florida	Bulldogs	Gators	Bulldogs	Gators	Gators	Bulldogs	Gators	Bulldogs
#21Mich @ #22Mich St	Wolverines	Spartans	Wolverines	Wolverines	Wolverines	Spartans	Wolverines	Spartans
#18Ok St @ #15Tex Tech	Cowboys	Red Raiders	Cowboys	Red Raiders				
Tennessee @ #9Mizzou	Tigers	Volunteers	Tigers	Tigers	Volunteers	Tigers	Volunteers	Tigers
#7Miami @ #3Fla State	Hurricanes	Seminoles	Seminoles	Seminoles	Seminoles	Hurricanes	Hurricanes	Seminoles