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White takes the crown

Caleb Lolley
Special to the Tropolitan

Brandi White, a sophomore elementary education major from Dothan, was crowned queen at the 43rd annual Miss Troy University Pageant. The pageant was held in Claudia Crosby Theater on Saturday, Nov. 2.

White bested 12 fellow Trojan women in private interviews, onstage questions, talent, swimwear and evening gown categories to clinch the coveted title of Miss Troy University. White's platform centered on "Changing Lives through the Arts." She is a leadership scholar as well as a dance minor and has had leading roles with the Southeast Alabama Dance Company. In addition, White is the founder and teacher of "CLARA," a dance camp for underprivileged children in Dothan.

Carlie Spencer, a freshman mathematics and broadcast journalism major from Montgomery and a contestant in this year's Miss Troy pageant, said, "I think Miss Troy University offers young women on campus not just scholarship opportunities, but also valuable interview and public speaking skills. It's also a chance to represent this great university and show the rest of the state the quality students and individuals of Troy University."

The position of Miss Troy University is similar to holding a public office in many aspects. Miss Troy is the representative of her constituents, she is to put the interests of others before her own, and she is always being critiqued.

Nekio Lane, a senior graphic design major from Opp, said, "I think that Miss Troy University is a great opportunity for our university to display the type of class, elegance and professionalism the



Ronnie Colvin photo

The 43rd annual Miss Troy University Pageant was held in Claudia Crosby theater on Saturday, Nov. 2. Thirteen contestants were required to sit for a private interview. From left to right: Mary Kelley Cantrell, a freshman music education major from Sylacauga; Hannah McDonald, a senior elementary education major from Prattville; Brandi White, a sophomore elementary education major from Dothan and 2013 Miss Troy; Caitlin Mosley, a senior biomedical sciences major from Pace, Fla.; Amanda Ford, a senior broadcast journalism major from Helena. The winner of the Miss Troy crown is rewarded a full tuition scholarship and will compete in the Miss Alabama pageant.

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Trojan Arena without

physical American flag

Patrick Stephens
Staff Writer

Troy student Rob Evers, a junior economics major from Baker, Fla., voiced his concern, not having an American flag in Trojan Arena, to the SGA.

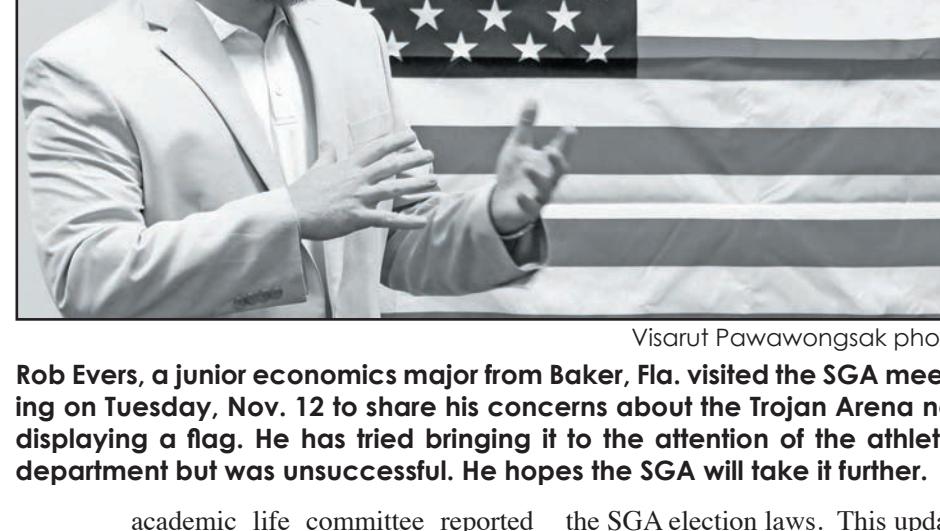
"I, like many of you, had the opportunity to attend the Troy men's basketball game and watch them beat the mess out of LaGrange last night (Monday), which was a great game, but for the second year in a row I noticed we don't have a physical American flag in the Trojan arena," Rob Evers said at the SGA meeting.

Evers said that most of the reason he wanted to bring this to the attention of the SGA was that he had tried to bring this to the attention to the athletic department but was unsuccessful.

"Last semester I scheduled a meeting with John Hartwell, and he never showed up. I know the SGA has a good working relationship with the athletic department so I wanted to bring this to your attention and request that you see about us getting a real flag inside the Trojan Arena," Evers said.

"I'll definitely address this to the athletic department," said SGA President Cody Farrill, a senior political science major from Panama City, Fla. "I think part of the issue may be with the actual hanging of the flag, but that is no excuse, so we will definitely look into this issue. Surely we have room next to the 93 championship banner."

During committee reports, the



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Rob Evers, a junior economics major from Baker, Fla. visited the SGA meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 12 to share his concerns about the Trojan Arena not displaying a flag. He has tried bringing it to the attention of the athletic department but was unsuccessful. He hopes the SGA will take it further.

academic life committee reported that they are still striving to conduct research about library hours of operations, looking toward the future about the possibility of extending the hours that they will be open. With finals coming up, this research will be especially important as finals is when the library sees a lot of usage.

There was no old business or items on docket to be discussed at this meeting, however, two new items were placed on docket to be reviewed by the SGA and voted on next week. The first was the constitution of the Beta Iota chapter of the Gamma Iota Sigma honor society. The purpose of this organization is to recognize those who have outstanding academic achievement in the field of risk management and insurance.

The second item of new business was a proposed update to Title 7,

the SGA election laws. This update would separate the code of election laws into specifics for the three different elections that SGA oversees. It also clears up some of the wording with certain definitions, such as the difference between what is considered a poster and what is considered a flier.

"I just want to thank everyone for their hard work this past week with the updates to the campaign laws," said Paul Evans, vice president of legislative affairs and a senior political science major from Montgomery. "It's our hope that there will be more clarity for those participating in the elections for what our campaign laws are. So we really encourage everyone to read those, because we expect a lot of debate due to the amount of stuff that is changing, especially with homecoming court."

SGA meetings are held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in TC 119.

Phi Kappa Phi receives merit award from national

Patrick Stephens
Staff Writer

The Troy University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective scholastic honor society, has recently been named as a Chapter of Merit by the national Phi Kappa Phi organization.

"Being recognized as a Phi Kappa Phi Chapter of Merit from among more than 300 campus chapters worldwide demonstrates, in particular, the high caliber of our students and their faculty leaders in the Troy chapter, and the high academic and service-oriented qualities of the university in general. We are all very proud of the chapter's accomplishment both this year and in years past," said Earl Ingram, senior vice chancellor of academic affairs.

This award is designed to reward those chapters that show excellence in recognizing and promoting academic achievement in all fields of discipline. Phi Kappa Phi recognizes achievement in all academic disciplines, meaning any student that meets the minimum requirements to join is eligible to apply.

To apply a student must have at least 24 credit hours at the university where they are enrolled. Furthermore juniors who wish to join must have completed at least 72 credit hours and rank academically in the top seven and a half percent of their class.

"Phi Kappa Phi is proud of all its chapters, but we are pleased to offer special recognition to those who have achieved the status of Chapter of Merit and Chapter of Excellence," said society Executive Director Mary Todd. "The efforts of chapter officers to promote academic excellence on their campuses demonstrate their strong commitment to the mission of Phi Kappa Phi and to their students."

The recognition of Troy University's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi means that the national society believes that Troy's chapter is a thriving organization that conducts regular meetings, holds annual initiations and applies frequently for select awards, grants and fellowships through Phi Kappa Phi.

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women of Troy University possess. We as a university are moving forward, and who better to represent our Troy than a young woman of this caliber."

Past Miss Troys have had a track record of community involvement and service, and White is involved in many aspects concerning the community, both in Dothan and Troy.

Casey Croger, a graduate student studying school counseling from Woodstock, said, "I like that the winner gets to represent Troy University in a number of Philanthropic Events in the community which help give Troy a good name. I know Keleigh (Edwards, Miss Troy University 2012) was a wonderful face for Troy in her event with the elementary school children. It was wonderful to see how excited they were to meet her and listen to what she had to say. I hope and am assured that

Miss White will carry on the wonderful tradition."

Hannah McDonald, a senior elementary education major from Prattville, was first runner-up and was also the winner for the swimsuit competition.

Caitlin Mosley, a senior biomedical sciences major from Pace, Fla., was named second runner-up.

She attends Troy on a Millennium scholarship and is a member of the Order of Omega, Phi Kappa Phi, Tri Beta and Alpha Epsilon Delta honor societies.

Mary Kelly Cantrell, a freshman music education major from Sylacauga, was named third runner-up. Cantrell, a graduate of Sylacauga High School, also won the talent portion of the competition, performing the vocal aria "Adele's Laughing Song." She attends Troy on a Chancellor's scholarship.

The winner of Miss

Troy University also receives a prize in the form of a full tuition scholarship for one school year.

White will be representing Troy in The Miss Alabama Pageant, and if she advances, she will represent the state of Alabama in the Miss America Pageant.

Amanda Ford, a senior broadcast journalism major from Helena, was named fourth runner-up. A graduate of Pelham High School, Ford is a Troy University Leadership Scholar, President

of Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society, a member of Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and a news anchor and reporter for Troy University's TrojanVision News.

Connor Murphy-White, a senior theatre and music industry major from Greenville, was named Miss Congeniality. The Greenville High School graduate is a member of Mortar Board, Phi Kappa Phi, Lambda Pie Eta and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies.

She has been active in various choral ensembles including Collegiate Singers and Concert Chorale and a member of Alpha Psi Omega, national drama society.

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White was contacted by the Tropolitan but was unavailable to comment.

Daybook

Thursday, Nov. 14

Delta Sigma Pi Blood Drive, with Red Cross, will be on Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013 at 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Trojan Center Lobby. All donors will receive a free T-shirt.

The Troy University Fall Dance Recital Concert will be held on Nov. 14-16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Trojan Center Theater. This concert is made up of routines choreographed by student dancers.

Friday, Nov. 15

The Collegiate Singers Fall Concert will be Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Troy. The Troy Guitar Ensemble will also join them in concert, and the concert will include works by Brower, de Padilla, Britten, Palestrina, Rutter and others. Admission is free.

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Tuesday, Nov. 19

Concert Chorale presents their fall concert on Nov. 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held at Bush Memorial Baptist Church. It will feature works by Schubert, Meador, Barnum, Britten, Danyew, Hogan, Lauridsen and Roueche. Concert Chorale will be joined by choirs from Wallace Community College and Chipola College, members of the Troy Dance Theatre, and a string quartet. Admission is free.

The SGA meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in TC 119. Students are always welcome to attend these meetings. If you have a concern you wish to have addressed, please contact an SGA officer at sga@troy.edu to discuss this concern and have it brought to the SGA.

Troy for Troops to bridge the gap between military and academics

Jill Odom
Variety Editor

Troy University's new program called Troy for Troops serves as a bridge for veterans crossing between the military and academic worlds.

Troy has a history of working with the military for more than five decades. In December 2012, the Board of Trustees passed the resolution that created Troy for Troops.

"The academic-speak that people get used to around here is a completely new language, just like their military-speak is a completely different language, and I'm trying to facilitate them to come together," said retired Navy Capt. Dave Barron, associate vice chancellor for military affairs.

The challenges that veterans face are far different from a traditional freshman's, and part of this is the change from a structured environment to one that seems less orderly and requires a wide spectrum of decisions.

The typical military student is six years older than a typical entering freshman if the military student did only one enlistment.

Traditional students are accustomed to the continuous flow from high school to college, where taking classes is a regular part of their day.

"There's been a break," said Ivan Merritt, associate dean of first-year studies. "There's been an 'I've got to get myself reacquainted to what's it like to be enrolled in courses, having to go to classes and go through that learning environment.'"

Military veterans are used to being in a group setting, but when they come to college, they are alone.

The physical Troy for Troops center that is to be built in the Trojan Center in the future will provide a place of camaraderie for students who are military veterans, according to Dave Barron.

"It sounds like it would be beneficial for those who have been overseas and in a more stressful environment to the point that all they know is warfare," said Army ROTC cadet Lauren Ferry, a junior English major from Dothan. "It sounds like it would be a good way to slowly ease them back into the rut of being civilian."

Troy for Troops also has created a virtual community via Blackboard because a majority of the military students do not walk across Troy's physical campus but are connected globally online.

Troy University has also joined the national program "Got Your 6," pledging to support student veterans by enhancing policies, programs and resources for the military population. The phrase "Got

Your 6" in the military means "I've got your back," and Troy for Troops implements this concept by bridging the gap between civilian and military life.

Another program that Troy University has recently added is the SALUTE National Honor Society, which is an academic organization that recognizes student veterans, as well as active-duty, National Guard and Reserve members who have displayed outstanding performance in the classroom. Each chapter is allowed to define additional criteria that students must meet.

Education is promoted extensively during military recruitment, and the Post

9/11 GI Bill offers certain benefits that differ from the Montgomery GI Bill, which came before it.

One major difference of the Post 9/11 GI Bill is the ability for service members to transfer the benefits to their family members. The military member must have served at least six years and commit to another four to pass this entitlement on to a spouse or dependents.

"It's not 100 percent, but 90 percent of the focus is on education when we try to promote enlistment," said Sgt. 1st Class Sean Cox, center commander of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station in Montgomery.

According to Cox, other reasons recruits mention why they join are the general stability military life provides, leadership qualities and serving their country.

"As a recruiter, I don't just have somebody come in and say they want to be a Marine and I sign them right up," said Staff Sgt. Chase Morrison, a Marine Corps recruiter. "I want to find a hard core reason for why it is they want to do this and make sure it's a good fit for them."

"Typical reasons, most people come in asking about the benefits, but the ones that join the Marine Corps, they're in it to improve themselves as well because this is the hard route. All the branches give the exact same benefits; they pay the same and everything."

For active-duty members, Tuition Assistance, or TA, is used instead of the GI Bill. The requirements vary from branch to branch on who is eligible and what is covered. TA allows service members to receive their education while still enlisted and covers tuition and lab fees

generally. "They have to maintain a certain GPA for the classes to be paid for," said Chief Petty Officer Todd Leibham, a Coast Guard recruiter. "If not, then they must pay it back."

Another route that some students choose is ROTC, which helps pay for school and sets them on a career path in the military.

"Pretty much when you go through this program and you graduate from the university, you are commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army," said Capt. Joseph Johnson, APMS/NG liaison officer for Army ROTC.

"Well, whether that be active duty, Reserves or the National Guard, that is a career path. If you're active-duty, you're coming right out of college, you're going into a very demanding field, a lot of responsibility. It's a big challenge, but also your pay is starting off at \$40,000 plus housing allowance." No matter how a student chooses to receive his or her education through the military, Troy for Troops is for support.

"You have to realize that sometimes those transitions require some assistance," Merritt said.

"Require some 'Let me show you the way and help you kind of get acquainted.' Sometimes there's not a perfect one-stop solution, but I think Troy University is really making the effort to realize there are needs like that."

"We've got to be ready to understand where they have been, where they are now and how we are going to help them get where they're going."



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Study abroad experience inspires continued professional education

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Studying abroad can expand students' minds and may lead to the desire to continue studies outside of the country.

One example of this is Anthony Harris, junior Spanish major from Powder Springs, Ga., who traveled to a small city north of Spain called Bilbao.

"I think every student should experience life abroad no matter if you're a science major or a Spanish major," Harris said. "It's an experience you won't regret."

Harris has always had an interest in studying abroad, but was not sure what the process was to join the program.

"It wasn't until my sophomore year when my Spanish teacher Johanna Alberich gave a presentation about going abroad to Costa Rica," Harris said. "That answered nearly all my questions and I knew I had to go abroad."

The process involved in going abroad for Harris was to enroll and be accepted into the University of Nevada in Reno because the Universal Studies Abroad Consortium (USAC) is set up through that university.

After being accepted into the program, Harris spent the summer abroad in Bilbao from June 1 through July 20, 2013.

"Going abroad has done more than just better my ability to speak Spanish; it has expanded my train of thought about just about everything in life," Harris said. "I am more considerate and understanding

to those who come to America from other countries and try to learn our language because I was once in their shoes.

"This one international marketing class, which was taught in English, helped and also opened my mind up to a whole new world of business."

Before going abroad, Harris had six years worth of experience with learning Spanish so the transition into the culture was not difficult for him.

Harris said that many of his classmates had little to no experience with the language and were only abroad for the international business classes.

During the short amount of time that Harris was abroad, he found the curriculum fast-paced and difficult.

Harris described the course load as broken into two sessions that are each three and a half weeks long.

"You can't take more than two classes each session, which are three hours long Monday-Friday," Harris said. "Even though the classes were three hours long, we still moved at a pretty fast pace and the material was not all easy."

"This trip has gone down in my book of most memorable summers yet and I'm hoping this is only the beginning of my journeys abroad."

Harris expects to graduate in the spring of 2015, and then attend dentistry school in Costa Rica.

"I heard about a school that has a good dental program in Costa Rica," Harris said. "This is perfect for me; learning about two things that I love, Spanish and dentistry."



Contributed photo by Anthony Harris

Anthony Harris (left) with fellow classmates from the first session of the 2013 summer study abroad trip to Bilbao, Spain. Harris and his classmates toured the area neighborhood on their first day at the university.

Love for library

Faculty member discovered passion at 17-years-old

Taylor Foxx
Staff Writer

On the Troy campus, few might know her name, but she has helped many. Rachel Hooper is the business reference librarian at the Troy campus library and has been since last April.

Outside of assisting students and faculty in the campus library with finding needed resources, Hooper works closely with the Sorrell College of Business to gather the particular resources needed by the department.

Hooper grew up in the city of Troy and hailed from Troy's own Charles Henderson High School. At the age of 17, she began working at the Troy Public Library and discovered her love for this line of work.

"I have always loved to read and loved books," Hooper said. "When I started my job at the Troy Public Library, I realized how much I enjoyed it and all the background parts to it. I loved being around it and helping people. It was just a good mix to work in a library."

In 2007, she graduated from Troy University with her bachelor's in business administration and moved to Tuscaloosa to pursue studies at the University of Alabama. There she earned her masters in library and information studies.

Since she was 17, Hooper has worked at six separate libraries in both Georgia and Alabama.

In April of 2013, Rachel and her husband, who were living in Huntsville at the time, decided to move back to Troy to be closer to family.

"I started looking at jobs in the area and saw that one was open here at the university," Hooper said. "I looked at the job description, and I felt it'd be a great fit."

Others working in the library also support this. Sharon Joyner, a senior in the interpreter training program from Andalusia, works with Hooper in the library as a student worker.

"Rachel is very down to earth," Joyner said. "She is always willing to help with anything. It could be a student needing help finding a book or helping another librarian shift books from one place to



Brittany Jennings photo

Rachel Hooper

another."

"I first met Rachel in pre-school," said Natalie Bryant, a business professor. "This is the first time I have worked with her in a professional setting. I have been impressed by her depth of knowledge, her initiative and her desire to make sure that the business faculty have the resources they need."

Outside of the library, Hooper has worked closely with other faculty on several school grants.

In October she worked with James Sherry, a French professor, and Chris Shaffer, director of the Dothan campus library, to bring a French film festival to Troy University as a part of a Tournées Festival grant. Hooper assisted in administering the film festival with boasted attendance just shy of 300 attendees.

"I love working at the Troy campus library," Hooper said. "I love working with the students and helping them find what they need and just incorporating my love into my everyday job."

Rachel Hooper works at the reference desk Mondays through Fridays in the Troy campus library and encourages students to utilize all of the library's resources.

"Come up. Ask for help if you don't know where things are or you aren't sure what to do," Hooper said. "We are here to help people. It's what we love to do, and that is why we chose this profession."

Hypnotist visits Troy



Jennifer Carlisle photo

National Hypnotist Erik Kand put Troy students in a trance on the Claudia Crosby stage at the University Activities Council sponsored event. Kand said that being hypnotized feels like "lying in bed on Saturday morning half asleep and half awake."

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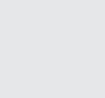
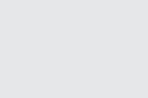
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The "Nice Guy" conundrum: Toxic for all parties involved

Faith Karwacki
Perspectives Editor

"She doesn't want me because I'm too nice. Why do they always go for the jerks?"

Many of us have encountered the proverbial nice guy conundrum; the problem that stems from a seemingly stable platonic relationship that turns hostile when we choose not to reward our friend's tireless sensitive behavior with sexual favors.

I'm not talking about the buddy who develops a little crush on one of his friends and is too shy to come forward about it.

What I mean is the person who takes rejection too seriously by throwing a temper tantrum and insisting on the cause of their rejection coming from their friend being attracted to men who mistreat them.

This mentality is dangerous for all perceived parties.

First of all, it justifies two types of sexual entitlement.

Entitlement for the person who spends all of his time "serving" a friend in hopes that the friendly behavior obligates her to reward him with a romantic or sexual relationship. Then it gives entitlement for the "jerk" whose domineering behavior places him in an arbitrarily established alpha status.

This serves as a dou-

ble-edged sword for the female involved.

If she rejects the "nice guy", by his defensive logic, she is defective and only attracted to callous men.

There is a pressure placed on the person that she is somehow obligated to repay a nonexistent debt to someone who acted as a friend.

I'll admit to feeling a pang of guilt for rejecting

a friend after he pouted

about being the nice guy who never got a chance.

There's a word for a sexual relationship that's determined by bartering: prostitution.

Bringing your friend ice cream and a box of tissues when she is sad does not automatically send points to an account that builds interest over time.

Acting kindly on behalf of another person's well-being is the basis of any good friendship.

This is why it is pertinent

for us as emotional beings to establish boundaries, keep our entitlement in check and express our intentions.

If you catch yourself believing that you are entitled to sex because you did something for someone, realize that sexual relationships are not based on a barter economy.

Respect another person's right to say

"no" and understand that your right to reject another person should be respected.

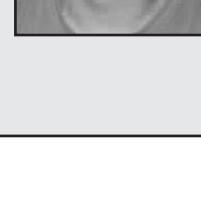


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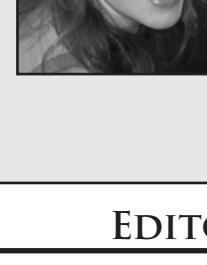
"I really like the change
in scenery. I love that hint of
memory of when I was a kid and
actually played outside."
—Colby Sanches, a senior
psychology major from
LaGrange, GA

Say WHAT?



"I'd have to say the cooler days. I don't like the heat much."

—Nick Jackson, a senior business major from Dauphin Island



"I really like bonfires, so I'm glad it's the season for that."

—Sherry Chambers, a senior psychology major from Tuscaloosa

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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.

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Civil rights commemoration

Faculty performs Martin Luther King Jr.'s 'Letter from a Birmingham Jail'

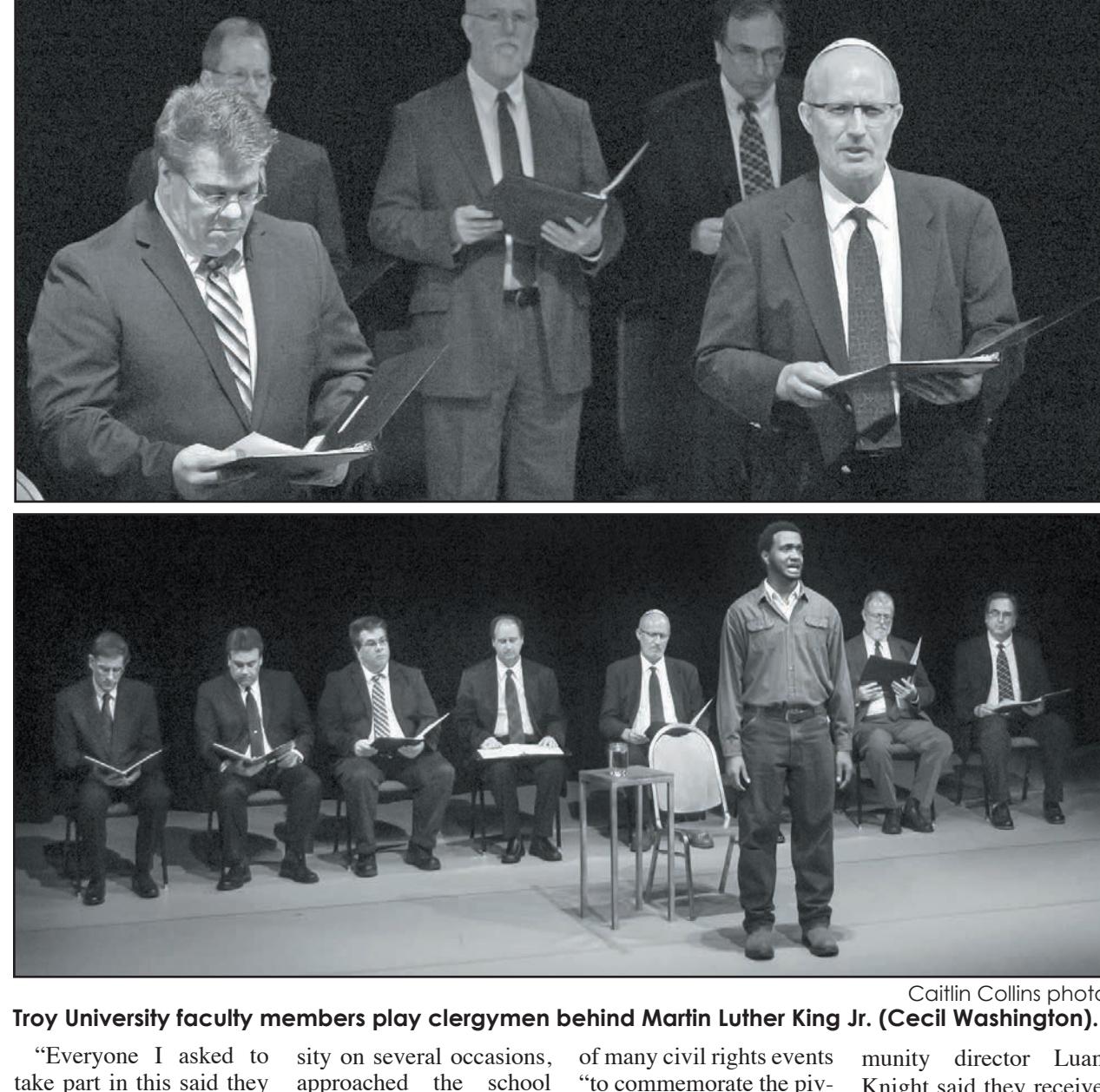
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Staff Writer

Troy University faculty members took the stage as actors in a dramatic show "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s letter to the eight clergymen in Birmingham.

The performance featured the Birmingham clergymen's open letter "An Appeal for Law and Order and Common Sense" in January 1963 and the white ministers' Good Friday statement "A Call for Unity" in April 1963. The central scene of the show was a theatrical reading of "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," composed and edited by King in response to the clergymen calling the protesters against segregation "outsiders and extremists."

"Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds," wrote King.

According to Hal Fulmer, Troy's associate provost and dean of undergraduate and first year studies, the faculty members who played the clergymen were from the English and history departments and the Hall School of Journalism and Communication and from the Dothan and Troy campuses. Professors and employees at the Montgomery campus were also invited to be a part of this show; however, due to conflicting schedules, they could not make it.



Caitlin Collins photos

Troy University faculty members play clergymen behind Martin Luther King Jr. (Cecil Washington).

"Everyone I asked to take part in this said they would love to join the reading because that's the material they teach, and almost all of them remember the time when the Civil Rights Movement was actually happening," Fulmer said.

Fulmer said the Alabama Humanity Foundation (AHF), which has worked with Troy Univer-

sity on several occasions, approached the school about holding the performance on campus. The project started two months ago, and it took some time to make all the necessary arrangements. The first rehearsal was at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, and the show was at 7 p.m. the same night in Trojan Center Theatre.

The AHF is the sponsor

of many civil rights events "to commemorate the pivotal moments of 1963 that helped shape our nation and reset our moral compass in a positive direction," according to their program. The foundation is also the sponsor for the Red Mountain Theatre Company, the organization that produced the show.

Troy University com-

munity director Luann Knight said they received a full house turn-out for the performance with roughly 290 students and faculty members. A large number of students who came to the show are taking American history classes.

"We always try to have one thing or another happening on campus every

day," Fulmer said. "And with the Veteran's Day symphony concert tonight (Tuesday) I'm happy to see many people come to the show. More often we learn and are fascinated by ancient history, but this, this is history of my lifetime, of the current students' parents' lifetime. The story of Dr. King, the story of the civil rights movement is important to the southern history and to American history."

During the question and answer section after the show, Cecil Washington Jr., a professional actor from Birmingham who played King in the performance, said he was a changed man for taking the part, learning the reality of the time period. Washington, after taking the role, also discovered his great aunt and uncle were at many times responsible for getting King out of jail.

Washington said they had performed "Letter from Birmingham Jail" outside of Alabama in states such as Texas and Colorado. The audience, not truly familiar with the Civil Rights Movement, was overwhelmed by what was portrayed. One young person that came to the show in Dallas even said he did not know of King until the show.

"It's an honor to be able to introduce King and his works to young people and encourage them to look into more of the civil rights history," Washington said.

Troy University coordinates collaborative choir concert

Madison Griggs
Staff Writer

Collaboration is the theme of Nov. 19's Fall Choir Concert.

The choirs of Wallace Community College, Chipola College and Troy University will be accompanied by a string quartet and Troy's dance students at the Bush Memorial Baptist Church in Troy at 7:30 p.m. to combine their skills for this first-of-its-kind performance.

This collaboration of students and professionals will be performing Schubert's "Mass in G" among other selected pieces and will be conducted by Troy choir di-

rector Diane Orlofsky.

"This piece, it's an ancient Latin text that they used to dedicate a new church sanctuary," Orlofsky said. "So I thought how wonderful that you could pick this piece that was reserved for the text, but it's set in a very contemporary way...so it's like a culmination of the ancient and the new and I thought it was very symbolic. Plus the fact that we're celebrating this merging of the dance and the music and looking forward to collaboration in the future."

This innovative idea has been kicked around for a few years, but it finally found its footing last spring when Orlofsky said.

sky began collecting possible pieces for the show. Though her students didn't receive copies of the music until the beginning of this semester, she took the liberty of approaching the choirs and the string quartet as early as possible to get on their calendars. She also uploaded sound samples of the music this past summer so her students and choreographer Erica Hand could start getting familiar with the music.

"The students are excited because – I think – they are very much looking forward to singing the mass with the string quartet. It will add a whole new dimension to it," Orlofsky said.

She described the show as very emotional and hopes that the audience is as moved as she has been watching it all come together. When asked about her favorite part of the entire process, she said, "It's been done so respectful of the music and that's what I really enjoyed."

When it comes to collaboration, Orlofsky explained that it's all about compromise – letting go of what you want and doing what honors the music.

"You have to put your ego in perspective, keeping in mind that it is about the music. It's not about us; it's about the music."

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Local thrift shops provide cheap shopping alternatives

Jill Odom
Variety Editor

College students rarely have an abundance of cash, but when they do, thrift shops are where students can get the most bang for their buck.

Thrift shops have picked up some popularity after rapper Macklemore's hit single "Thrift Shop" was released. The song itself focused on buying clothes for cheap and passing up designer labels. One of Macklemore's lines in the song said "Yo, that's fifty dollars for a t-shirt," pointing out the ridiculous prices of brand name clothing.

These stores offer fun times for the frugal. Exploring is part of the adventure when visiting a thrift shop because you never know what you'll find. Sometimes outfits may take some tweaking, but it is an opportunity to be creative.

Thrift Shop

This store is simply called "Thrift Shop." It is next to Anytime Fitness, located at the Southland Village Shopping Center off Highway 231. Thrift Shop is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The shop mostly sells clothes and organizes the clothes by gender and type, such as dresses, pants and shirts. It has a large selection of shoes as well. Outside there are discount clothes. Yes, thrift shops have sales too, so you can imagine the steal the outside rack clothes are. The items with a pink tag are 99 cents and those with red tags are half price.

Christian Mission Bargain Center

Located at 104 Pecan St., the Christian Mission has its selection of clothes color-coded, allowing for shoppers to browse among the colors they like most. The bargain center is open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is closed on Sunday. This store also has a selection of books, where a special treasure may be found, such as J.R.R Tolkien's "The Hobbit" for only a quarter. Miscellaneous objects are scattered on the shelves and a wide variety of mugs and dishes are sold here. It has a fair amount of jewelry and sunglasses. Diehard Alabama and Auburn fans can also find team merchandise.

Goodwill

The Goodwill is in downtown Troy at 115 S. Three Notch St., near the Regions bank on the Square. It is open Monday through Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This thrift store has its clothes categorized by size, type and gender in one part of



April Irvin photo

April Irvin, a junior biomedical science major from Amarillo, Texas, browses the selection of clothes at Thrift Store, located off of Highway 231.

the store. Clothing can be as cheap as \$2, and even a leather jacket in good quality will only cost \$20. Another part of the store is devoted to household items such as knickknacks, mugs and books, which are separated by hardback and paperback. The paperback books are 50 cents and hardback are a \$1 and up.

Salvation Army

The Salvation Army store is at 509 S. Brundidge St. next to Subway and Taco Del Mar. It is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Here the clothes are separated by gender, type and color-coded. The Salvation Army has a wide variety of other things besides clothes such as furniture, old records, TVs, VHSs and cassette tapes, along with other odds and ends. There is also a large collection of fiction and romance books.

Remember, the reason thrift shops are in business are because of people's donations, so if you have clothes that you've hardly worn and no longer want, consider giving back to one of these locations and helping out someone who needs the clothes. As the saying goes, "one man's trash is another man's treasure."

This week in international news

Editor's note: The following news briefings were aggregated from various national news sources and compiled by Variety Editor Jill Odom

General requests U.S. warships to aid the Philippines

Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Paul Kennedy, who is in charge of the U.S. military relief effort in the Philippines, has stressed the need for immediate dispatch of U.S. Navy amphibious ships.

These ships hold the equipment that creates drinkable water and the other necessary boats, trucks and helicopters needed to transport supplies.

There are already 250 U.S. service members in the Philippines, and they have distributed 107,000 pounds of relief aid. The storm has killed at least 1,774 people and displaced 800,000 people while 2 million are in need of food. Residents have gone three days without clean water, food or medication. Kennedy pointed out the crucial need of providing shelter for those affected by the storm.

Report of North Korea publicly executing 80 people

According to a South Korean newspaper, 80 peo-

ple were executed in North Korea for minor crimes such as watching South Korean films or possessing a Bible. Rumors were that the killings were carried out in seven cities across the country but not in the capital, Pyongyang.

A source told the South Korean paper, JoongAng Ilbo, that at Wonsan 10,000 people in a stadium were forced to watch the victims be lashed to poles and killed with machine guns.

None of those executed on Nov. 3 had been accused of North Korean capital crimes such as sedition, treason and terrorism. However, the regime has been known to use public executions as a way to discourage interest in the foreign influence.

Egypt lifts its state of emergency status

After three months Egypt's government has decided to lift the state of emergency and night-time curfew.

On Aug. 14 the measures were enforced after security forces had to remove sit-in supporters of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi.

It was only supposed to last a month, but the government extended the measures for two more months

on Sept. 12. The state of emergency and the curfew allowed the authorities to make arrests without warrants and search people's homes.

Citizens blame the curfew for the drop in business in Cairo. Legislation is currently being considered that requires protest organizers to notify the police of any private or public gatherings that have ten or more people.

Atlanta Braves plan to move to a new stadium in 2017

The Atlanta Braves announced on Monday, Nov. 11, that they will be moving from downtown Atlanta to a brand new stadium ten miles away in Cobb County in 2017. The team decided not to get another lease at the 17-year-old Turner Field in July.

The new stadium is predicted to cost \$672 million and will be owned by the Cobb Marietta authority. Construction is planned to start next summer.

Braves executive Mike Plant said that a major reason for the move was inability to build facilities, such as restaurants and retail shops, around the stadium at its current location. The new stadium will have a capacity of 42,000 dropping from Turner Field's 50,000 seats.

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Soccer ends the season with good outweighing the bad



Joshua Thurston photo

The Troy soccer team's season ended with a loss to Texas State in overtime, but this year's team accomplished more than any Troy team before.

Caleb Odom
Sports Editor

When the Troy soccer team's season ended with an overtime loss 2-1 against Texas State in the conference tournament on Nov. 6, the team walked off the field having accomplished more this year than ever before.

The Trojans' 8-10-1 record is the best in program history and having two all-conference selections in freshman Necee Jennings and senior Maddie Winter is nothing to shrug off.

"I think personally we were a team that was as good as any team in the league," Troy head coach Chris Bentley said. "But when games are close like they are, there has got to be a winner and a loser and, at times, were a bit unlucky. That's the luck of the draw with the way the games go."

One player who got snubbed by the NCAA was sophomore game-changer Jasmine Fahrnbauer, who scored Troy's lone goal in the season finale.

"If you win more games I think you get more of the accolades so to say, but Jasmine does the things that the NCAA doesn't record in statistics and maybe this is because, in my opinion, the game needs to grow in the United States with this," Bentley said.

The coach cited that categories like interceptions, aerial battles won and tackles

are all things Fahrnbauer does in every game but doesn't show up in the box score.

"I don't want to take anything away from the girls that were honored," Bentley said. "I think Madison was deserving of that and I think Necee, of course, was deserving of that."

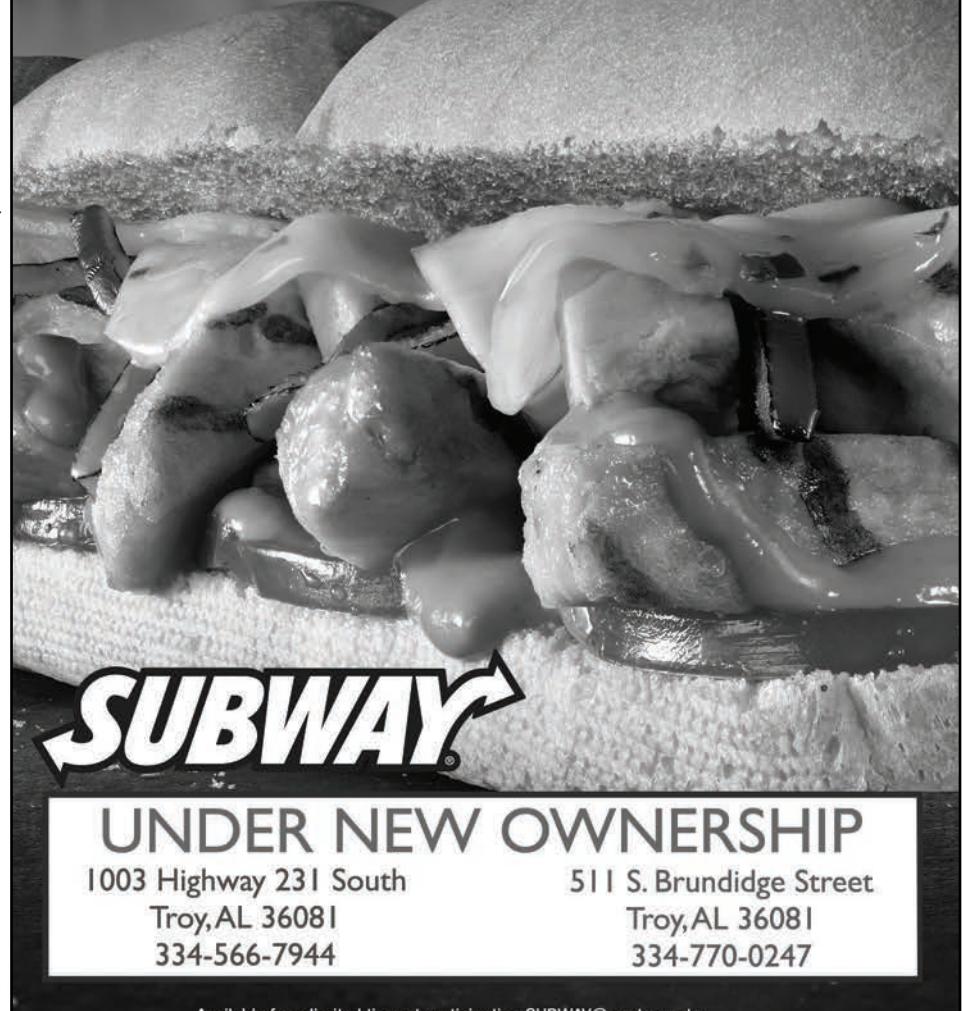
Yes, the Trojan soccer team will lose valuable players like seniors Winter with her 50 saves this season, Cecilia Thorngren with four goals and three assists and Maddie Tieken, who had three goals and a helper, but Bentley is positive about next season.

"One of the hardest things to deal with when you go through college soccer is change," Bentley said. "When you lose seniors that make contributions to the team it's always difficult but the nice thing is they leave a legacy of what's good and maybe what's not good."

With returners like Jennings with seven goals, Abby Reynolds with four goals and two assists and Fahrnbauer with her Moneyball-esque stats, Troy has reason to believe in an even better season in 2014.

"This team has come so far," Bentley said. "I think they are a quality team that can compete with the best of them. I think there is only better ahead of them. I think there is a conference championship in this group of girls."

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At the half, Bowie had already scored 11 points to tie for the team lead with Beverly-Kelley.

With the score 47-47 at the half, it was either team's game to win in the final 20 minutes.

One concern for the Trojans was that the team was outrebounded 24-21 in the first half.

"It would have been so much easier in this game if we had rebounded more starting off from the beginning," Bowie said.

With 11 minutes left in the second half, Florida A&M had taken a strong seven-point lead 73-66 and looked poised to shut the door on the Trojans but a Troy comeback was looming.

Thanks to some missed Rattler shots, the Trojans trimmed the deficit to just three with 10:24 remaining when Dominique Ross, who scored 14 points in the game, drained a jumper to make it 73-70 Florida A&M.

One area that helped Troy come back in the game was drawing fouls and making free throws.

With 9:37 left in the game, senior guard Joanna Harden was sent to the line where she tied the game up at 73-73, just

one of the Trojans' 14 made free throws of 17 attempted.

As the second half played out, Troy began to gain the edge with its relentless speed that started to get to the Rattlers.

"We kept pressing and we kept running to make them tired," Rigby said.

With 4:59 to go, Bowie gave the Trojans the lead 85-84 with a free throw bucket and the team didn't look back, blasting a stunned Florida A&M 100-88 in the end.

"There were many times it looked like the other team had it," Rigby said. "Nobody gave up, everybody kept fighting."

The Monday win for Troy came after a

season opening 77-67 victory on the road against Alabama State on Friday.

"We feel like it's our time. We waited on it. Hoped for it. Prayed for it and it's here," Rigby said.

The undefeated start gives the Trojans momentum heading into a home game versus Tennessee State on Friday at noon.

"It's huge. I think our confidence just swayed a lot right there to the positive and that's what you need. Your shooters have got to have confidence and that's what we are. We are run and shoot. And so confidence is everything for us. Being 2-0 and the way we won that game right there, that's bigger than the Beatles."

Trojan underdogs look to rebel in Oxford on Saturday

Megan Phillips
Staff Writer

The Troy football team (5-5) plays the role of underdog when it faces Ole Miss on the road this Saturday in Oxford.

The Trojans will have to rely on stellar defense from players like sophomore defensive end Tyler Roberts who was named Sun Belt Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his dominant play on Thursday night.

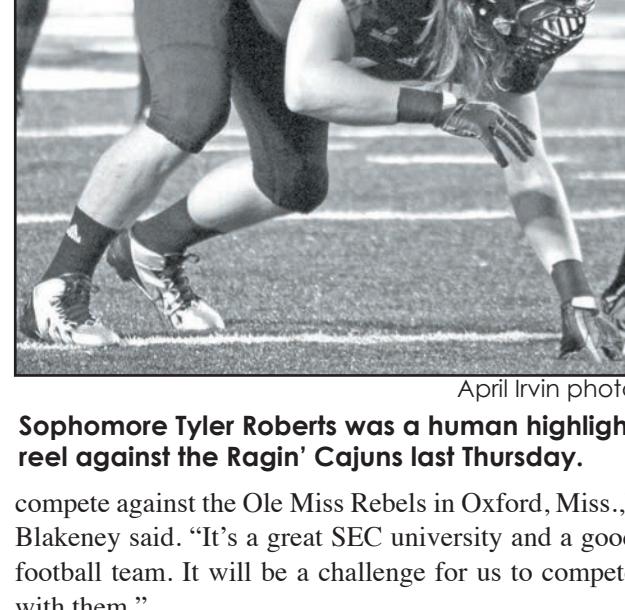
Despite the 41-36 road loss to Louisiana-Lafayette last week, Roberts was a force accounting for two sacks, three tackles for loss, causing a fumble and seven tackles.

One benefit that the Trojans have not taken for granted is this opportunity to play on a Saturday, and because of this, the team and head coach Larry Blakeney are glad to get back on a normal practice schedule.

"We finally got a regular week," Blakeney said. "This is Monday-Monday, it's actually Monday; we call it Monday."

However, the team knows that this is a short-lived relief, as the next game will be played after Thanksgiving on Black Friday.

"We're going to try to produce a plan here today and the rest of the week and go compete as hard as we can



April Irvin photo

Sophomore Tyler Roberts was a human highlight reel against the Ragin' Cajuns last Thursday.

compete against the Ole Miss Rebels in Oxford, Miss., Blakeney said. "It's a great SEC university and a good football team. It will be a challenge for us to compete with them."

Atop the challenge of playing an SEC team in general, the Trojans are faced with the added difficulty of facing them later in the season; however, Blakeney is comfortable with this slot, as he has often used it to fill a November opening against an SEC program.

"We get opportunities to play them for a guarantee," Blakeney said. "We've played pretty well against some of the teams we've been playing in that slot so there is no reason to think this team won't."

Senior quarterback Corey Robinson comes into this game knowing that his team isn't expected to win, but knowing that has been just as much of an encouragement as a discouragement.

"We have to go out there and make some stuff happen that's not supposed to," Robinson said.

He comes into this game looking at it as one of two opportunities he has left to get a sixth win of the season. Be it this week or next, Robinson has his sights set.

Other key players like senior wide receiver Eric Thomas agree that the Trojans should see this game as they do any other.

"We're just going to run the plays we normally run," Thomas said. "We need to execute and score every time that we get the ball."

The game in Oxford kicks off at 11 a.m. and is televised on ESPNU.

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whelming duo for the Panthers, who had trouble closing in on shooters and filling lanes for much of the contest.

The Trojans dominated the Panthers in the first half, but seemed to be prepared to coast through as the second half began.

Coach Cunningham warned his team at the half of the importance of not letting the scoreboard dictate their play.

"The first half we did what we had to do," Cunning-

ham said. "At halftime we talked about whatever you do, don't play to the score because we don't ever want to develop bad habits, and we didn't do that."

Troy led 59-27 at the half and held LaGrange to just 24.3 percent shooting in the first period.

The Panthers were much more effective in the second half, shooting 37.5 percent from the field while holding the Trojans to 43 points.

One of the key issues that Cunningham mentioned after the game was defensive rebounding, and what his team needed to do in order to fix it.

"I think we can be a good defensive rebounding

team," Cunningham said. "I think we've got some guys who can go get it, so it's just a matter of developing that mindset as a coaching staff and doing a better job getting them into that mindset."

Troy had to quickly turn its attention to tonight's 7 p.m. road contest against the UAB Blazers, who are off to a 2-0 start following home wins over Columbus State and Rutgers.

"I know they brought a team in here last year and got after us pretty good and some of the guys remember that," Cunningham said. "But these guys are excited about the opportunity to go play UAB on the road."

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Trojans snap losing streak



Joshua Thurston photo

The Troy volleyball team has new streak of two straight wins and now looks to take down the Georgia State Panthers on the road Friday at 6 p.m.

Caleb Odom

Sports Editor

It's over.

Troy volleyball (11-19) snapped the 7-game losing streak with home victories over Arkansas State Friday, Nov. 8, and UT Arlington Saturday, Nov. 9.

The team now faces a make or break match against Georgia State Friday, Nov. 15, in Atlanta at 6 p.m. to secure a spot in the Sun Belt tournament played in Troy during Nov. 21-23.

"Georgia State is our season," Troy head coach Sonny Kirkpatrick said.

"We don't want to wait till the last day of the season to try to clinch that spot.

All of our energy and focus has to be on Georgia State."

The good news is that this season the Trojans have dominated any team with

the word "Georgia" in it.

On Sept. 2, Troy swept Georgia Southern 3-0 at home and in a tournament in Atlanta on Sept. 14, swept Georgia Tech 3-0.

On Oct. 11, Georgia State came to Troy

and left with a 3-1 loss so a win Friday is something the Trojans can definitely handle.

Troy was desperate for an elusive

victory last Friday and taking down the Red Wolves in four sets (23-25, 31-29, 25-23, 25-22) was just what the team needed with the regular season almost over.

Junior outside hitter Kayla Pickart played out of her mind, recording 21 kills in the win while Marija Zelenovic had 20 and Blair Winston had 14 kills respectively.

Senior setter Alexandra Alexander had a double-double with 55 assists and 10 digs while senior libero Courtney Cohen finished with 25 digs.

While Alabama and LSU were locked

in a battle on the football field in Tuscaloosa Saturday night, Troy volleyball was fighting UT Arlington in a 5-set thriller that the Trojans took in the end (25-17,

13-25, 24-26, 25-17, 15-13).

When the dust had settled, Zelenovic had 18 kills while Winston had 15 and Pickart recorded 13 kills.

Alexander doubled up again with 45 assists and 15 digs while Cohen had 31 digs.

Cohen now stands at 1,999 digs, just one shy of 2,000 which is quite the milestone for a libero.

The Saturday match was also the

last home regular season match for the Trojans and Senior Night for Alexander and Cohen.

"Oh my gosh. Senior Night really couldn't have gone better," Cohen said. "We snapped our streak of losing, we went 2-0 on the weekend, my teammates, my coaches, the whole support staff, just everyone, we are truly blessed."

This season has been full of highs and lows for the Trojans, but the team is in a position to control its own destiny right now.

"We are always told the harder you work, the luckier you get, and it was at a point where we had to keep working hard," Cohen said. "No game is going to be easy. No game is going to be handed to us, and we learned that the hard way obviously through this."

Men's basketball evens record with home victory

Devin Smith

Cardinal Rule Editor

In the first home game of the Phil Cunningham era the Troy Trojans stifled the offense of the LaGrange Panthers while scoring nearly at will en route to a 102-69 victory.

The offensive showcase on Monday was also the first time that the Trojans had scored 100 points since November of 2011, also at the expense of LaGrange.

Senior Hunter Williams led the Trojans (1-1) with a career-high 26 points while shooting 5-for-8 from behind the arc, personally outscoring the Panthers (0-1) for the majority of the first half.

"I came out hot," Williams said. "I was looking to be aggressive. I wasn't necessarily looking to score, it just turned out I was hitting tonight. I was just open, that's basically what it amounts to."

He also made a noticeable effort on the defensive side of the ball, accounting for eight rebounds and a pair of steals.

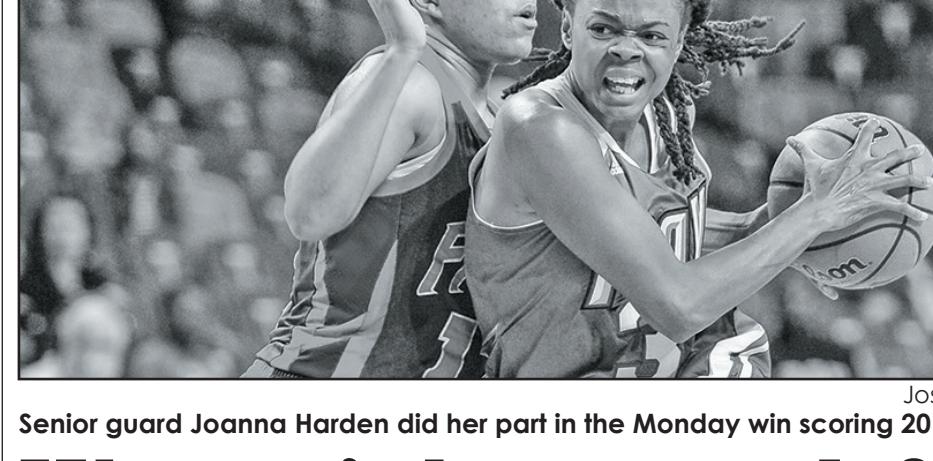
Coach Cunningham and his staff expected to see a more aggressive Williams after a tough outing against Ole Miss to open the season.

"We all had a consensus thought that Hunt would come out guns blazing and he did," Cunningham said. "That's the way we need him to play, and he's capable of playing that way too."

Williams' co-starter in the backcourt, Antoine Myers, fell just short of his career high with 20 points but shot a perfect 8-for-8 from the field.

The combination of Williams and Myers proved to be an over-

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Joshua Thurston photo

Senior guard Joanna Harden did her part in the Monday win scoring 20 total points.

Women's hoops undefeated

Hayden Warren

Staff Writer

Troy women's basketball team defeated Florida A&M 100-88 on Monday afternoon at home to start the year 2-0 for the first time since the 2005-06 season.

Sophomore guard Ashley Beverly-Kelley led the Trojans with 23 points in a game that was closer than the final score indicated.

"This was another one of those pivotal moments

in our program, trying to rebuild and turn it around because it was a very hard fought game," Troy Head Coach Chanda Rigby said.

Troy was slow off the starting block trailing the majority of the first 20 minutes of play, but right before halftime senior Brooke Bowie gave the Trojans the lead 46-45 with a clutch three-pointer.

"The coaches have been helping me in practice," Bowie said. "They just tell me to shoot it, so that's what I do I just shoot it."

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