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Alumni reconstruction



Artist's rendering

Pictured above is an artist's rendition of what the new Alumni hall will look like. The building will be built on the current property of Alumni (originally built in 1966). The current building is projected to have a demolition date of June 2014, with the new building to have a completion date of August 2015. The new facility will house 428 students, which includes 280 single-bed suites, 68 double occupancy suites and 12 handicapped suites. With a cost of \$15.6 million, the newly-constructed building will be equipped with \$500,000 in technology, to be used for academic study and recreational purposes.

Infamous religious I-65 sign stirs the pot

Emily Jackson
Features Editor

Troy students agree that although the infamous I-65 sign is not persuasive, it does stir up questions of statewide belief systems.

The I-65 sign that reads "Go to church or the devil will get you," just north of Prattville has gained national attention since it was first assembled in 1995. Images of this sign can be found on Pinterest, YouTube, CNN iReport and personal blogs.

The sign's owner, W.S. Newell passed away in 2009. Newell was a contractor out of Montgomery that built the section of I-65 that the sign faces along with other roads in Alabama, according to AL.com.

Newell explained his inspiration for the sign in an NPR interview with Scott Simon in 2005. He said that his mother would always tell him that phrase as he was growing up and that it "always stuck" with him.

"I'm just trying to wake up the people," Newell said. "So many people have dropped out of churches. I'm just trying to get them back to churches."

Students in an American National Government class on Troy's campus were given the opportunity to share their views on the sign's messaging. Of twelve students present at the discussion three of them chose to remain anonymous. Richard Ledet, assistant professor of political science, also joined in the discussion. Ten of the 12 students said that they had seen the sign in person before the discussion was held.

Is this sign persuasive?

Cameron Donnelly, a senior political science major from Dothan, said that the sign was "more of an annoyance than anything else."



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The above sign can be seen on I-65, north of Prattville. The content of the sign, inspired by W.S. Newell, who passed away in 2009, has gained national recognition for its extreme, religious insinuation.

"Seeing that sign definitely does not make me want to go to church," Donnelly said. "It makes me feel persecuted for not going to church."

The students unanimously agreed that the sign would not make them more likely to go to church while 10 of the students said that the sign would not make them less likely to attend church either.

Many of the students spoke in agreement with this statement made by Becca Hodge a senior political science major from Jack.

"There's not much to it," Hodge said. "It's not like there is some underlying message that we haven't all heard before."

Laughter v. Anger

Tyler Grogan, a senior political science major from Montgomery, had this to say about the sign.

"Not only is it comical and simple it is also incorrect and that makes me laugh and not want to go to

church at all," he said.

Grogan said that if one is saved yet does not attend church regularly "the devil is not going to get you according to the Bible."

Students were then asked if the sign made them either laugh or angry. Each student said that the sign made them laugh while all of the students said that the sign did not make them angry.

"I don't have any problem saying that I am pretty much an atheist, and this does nothing but make me laugh," one anonymous student said. "It has no effect on me. It doesn't make me angry. It's just a social construct that exists in the South and I have learned to deal with it."

Is this a common attitude of Alabamians?

This question garnered a varied

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Athletics Department responds to concerns about flagless arena

Patrick Stephens
Staff Writer

The Troy University Athletic department recently hung a physical flag in the Trojan Arena after students spoke out about its absence last week during the Troy University SGA meeting.

"To us it was a non-issue because we had an electronic version of the flag. We didn't create the wheel; many venues utilize an electronic flag. But certainly now that some students were passionate about it and spoke out about it, that hadn't previously done so, we got one put up to accommodate them," said John Hartwell, the Troy University athletic director.

Christopher Booms, a freshman nursing major from Enterprise and an active member of the National Guard, said, "I felt as a veteran that I went overseas to serve my country and fight for my country, and Troy University being as military friendly as it is, the least they can do is put a flag in the arena. I am amongst many veterans, and you know we went over there for a purpose and served our country for a purpose and the least they can do is fly a flag."

According to Assistant Athletic Director Tony Ferrante, the issue wasn't one that was taken lightly. "When the arena first opened we went in with the best of intentions trying to find the best, most prominent place for the American flag, and it was interesting because we were not only just looking for wall space or the appropriate place for it, but you had to deal with the view of the flag for everybody, along with the video boards and all the banners," he said.

The athletic department also cited safety issues as one reason for a lack of a flag up until now. "The arena isn't the best place to hang it because most places you could hang it, it isn't possible to get a ladder or scaffolding there safely. With that being said, we found the best possible place we could get a ladder and get in up there safely, and we got it in place," Ferrante said.

"Now that a flag is in the Arena I feel a whole lot better. Nowadays we don't get a whole lot of respect and appreciation. A lot of people have negative views of people in the military so I think the school putting a flag up in the arena makes me happy that people respect what it is that we as servicemen do," Booms said.

"At no point did we want people to think that we were being disrespectful to the flag, our country, our service men or American pride. It's who we are, it's what we do, individually and athletically, it's part of the game. There was no negative reasoning for not having a flag in the building, the building had many obstacles

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Soccer's defensive ace in the hole

Jasmine Fahrnbauer collects the stats that win games for the Trojans

Caleb Odom
Sports Editor

On the field Jasmine Fahrnbauer, a sophomore defensive midfielder for the Troy soccer team, is like a garage door shutting down almost any opponent's attempt to move the ball up the field.

On paper, Fahrnbauer falls through the cracks with her one goal and four assists this season.

The season is over for Trojan soccer as Fahrnbauer sits in the locker room trying to bounce the spotlight off of her, letting her voice trail off while looking around nervously.

"It's just a team effort in defending, and it wouldn't be right for me to take credit for a team," Fahrnbauer said.

For a casual student, the blonde wearing No. 2 just runs around in the middle of the field all game long, but for people who understand the game of soccer, Fahrnbauer is so much more.

Imagine that an opposing team's movement towards Troy's goal is like a house of cards that grows higher the closer the team gets to scoring.

Jasmine Fahrnbauer is like a gust of wind that sends the house of cards crashing down and forcing the other team to start over.

Fahrnbauer plays the role of sweeper in the midfield picking off passes and attempting to set up attacks for her teammates.

Because of this, the sophomore was able to rack up impressive stats that the NCAA doesn't measure like the metric for ball recovery that is getting the ball after another player gets it away from an opponent, tackles or separating a player from the ball and interceptions that are just like picks in football.

Three other stats overlooked by the NCAA are blocks, which is just stepping in front of another player's shot, clearances or kicking the ball away from the opponent's attacking zone, and aerial duels, which are when two players are fighting for a ball in the air.

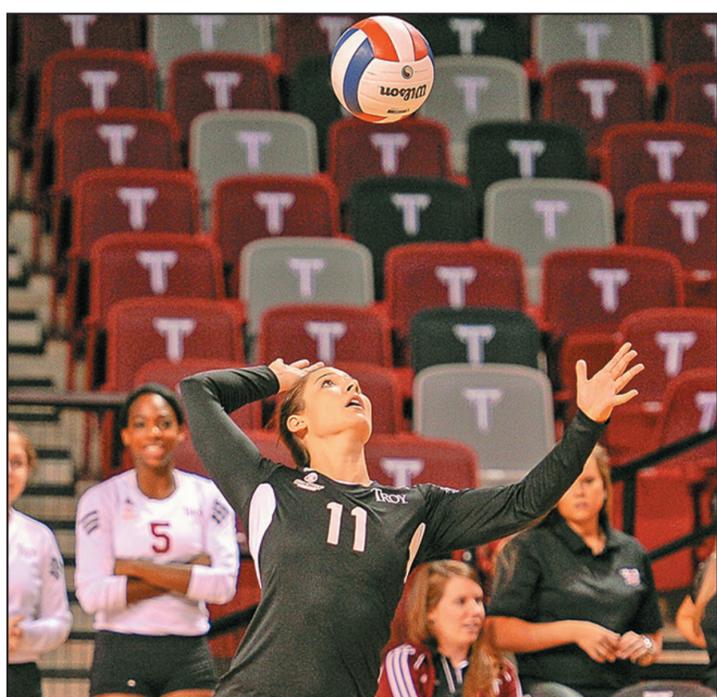
"Aerial duels, tackles and interceptions. She killed it," head coach Chris Bentley said of Fahrnbauer. "Ball

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Joshua Thurston photo

Sophomore midfielder Jasmine Fahrnbauer is one of Troy soccer's many dynamic playmakers.



Senior Libero Courtney Cohen reached the 2,000 career dig milestone in the Friday victory against Georgia State that Troy took three sets to one.

Troy volleyball season on the line tonight in match versus No. 1 seed WKU

Lindsey Schoewe
Volleyball Beat Writer

The Trojan volleyball team (12-20) beat the Georgia State panthers in four sets (34-32, 19-25, 25-22, 25-19) last Friday, giving the squad a bid in the Sun Belt Conference Tournament that starts today in Troy.

"That was a huge match and we needed this win, it finalized us being in the conference tournament," head coach Sonny Kirkpatrick said.

Junior outside hitter Marija Zelenovic led the

team with 21 kills, while freshman Kiah Cheatham, sophomore Blair Winston and junior Kayla Pickart also posted double-figure kills.

The senior libero Courtney Cohen reached her 2,000 career digs making her the sixth player in the Sun Belt history to do so.

"It is a proud accomplishment that I will look back on knowing that I couldn't have reached this point without the help of my teammates," Cohen said. "God has truly blessed me with wonderful teammates and a support system, and I am so thankful for the talents he has given

me."

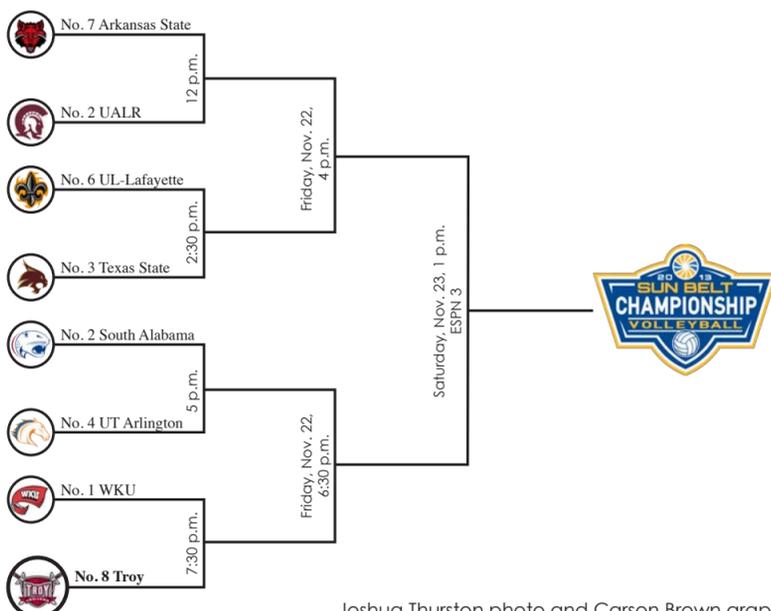
This past weekend the team also played its final regular season match against Western Kentucky, where the Trojans lost in three straight sets (25-19, 25-8, 25-11).

This loss placed Troy as the No. 8 seed in the conference tournament.

The Trojans will meet up with Western Kentucky again tonight at 7:30 p.m. with the season on the line in Trojan Arena for the quarterfinals.

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Spurlock plans to take students to Scotland

Kaitlon Isom
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Jefferson Spurlock says traveling can provide knowledge that can't be found in any textbook or lecture, and that is why he is taking Troy University students to Scotland in June 2015.

Spurlock, the associate director of the Hall School of Journalism and Communication, has been traveling his entire life, and he said that travel is a vital experience for young people. Spurlock has visited every country in Western Europe with the exception of Scotland and Portugal, so he said he is excited for the trip.

Jeff Spurlock planned the Scotland trip through a travel agency called Explorica. According to information provided by Spurlock, students will spend eight days in Scotland, costing \$2,804 for travelers under 23 and \$3,144 for travelers 23 and older.

They are able to make monthly payments to Explorica for 17 months.

Spurlock said these prices will stay in effect until Dec. 20, 2013. He said students who wish to sign up can go to www.explorica.com/Spurlock-2076 and type in the voucher code Explorica 2015 to receive these prices.

The price will cover round-trip airfare, overnight stays in hotels, daily breakfast and dinner, visits to select attractions, guided tours and more. Spurlock said he is happy he chose to work through an agency because it is less stressful than planning a trip such as this on his own.

Students will have the chance to take in sites such as Loch Ness, the Highlands, Glasgow and Alexander Graham Bell's home and they'll go on a ghost tour through a castle in Edinburgh. Spurlock said he wants the trip to be educational, fun and life-changing.

Jeff Spurlock's wife, Amy

Spurlock, professor and coordinator of the Doctor of Nursing Practice or DNP at Troy University, will also go on the trip. Amy Spurlock said she loves seeing students' confidence grow while they are traveling.

An example Amy Spurlock gave occurred during a trip to London that the Spurlocks took with university students. She said students were able to navigate through the Underground or subway system by the second day, and it pleased her to see them want to accomplish more challenges.

Amy Spurlock said she hopes students will gain confidence, a spirit of adventure and appreciation for being an American while in Scotland. She also said travel "expands their world views on culture and how other people live," and that helps to achieve one of the institutional missions of Troy, which encourages students to think globally.

"Traveling is one of the best education tools out there," Jeff Spurlock said. He said there is much more to be learned than what he can teach in a lecture hall or have students read in a textbook. He said being able to experience the heritage of another country is simply something you cannot give a student while sitting in a classroom.

Considering students will be learning about another culture, Spurlock said students will be able to earn academic credit for going on the trip. They may do so by enrolling in either COM 3380, Travel Study in Journalism and Communication, for three credit hours or NSG 2291, Study Abroad, for two credit hours.

Not only did Jeff Spurlock say travel is good for education, but he also said this trip will help students in someday getting jobs. He said because students are living in a global environment, they can never be sure what they will be asked to do in their careers, and experience traveling can only help them.

"There are so many businesses who want to see ap-

plicants who have traveled," Spurlock said. "We are living in such a global environment that you never know what you'll be asked to do." He said questions such as "Have you traveled?" or "Do you enjoy traveling?" may even be asked in job interviews.

Amy and Jeff Spurlock are not the only ones on Troy's campus to say traveling is imperative for students. Jeff Spurlock said Chancellor Jack Hawkins has said many times that he would like to see every Troy student have the chance to go abroad within his or her four years at the university.

Even though the trip isn't happening for some time some students already eagerly wait to see Scotland. Naomi Perez, a junior English major from Enterprise, said she wants to go on the ghost tour.

Perez said she is definitely going because she is interested in Europe. She said trips to Latin America and China seem to be abundant, but she doesn't notice many trips to Europe. The flier

for Scotland made her instantly want to learn more. After attending the informational meeting with Spurlock, her heart is set on going.

"I think visiting a foreign country will give me a better perspective than the one I'm used to," Perez said. "It will expose me to things that I'm not familiar with."

Perez said she has traveled only within the U.S., and even though she is scared to fly for eight hours, seeing all of the information laid out in front of her solidified her decision to go.

Becca Bonner, a senior communication studies major from Eufaula, is another student who is interested in going on the Scotland trip. She said her reason for wanting to visit is a friend who lives in Scotland. Bonner understands how traveling can help a person grow because she has traveled outside the U.S. before.

"We get so caught up in our own culture that we don't pay attention to other cultures,"

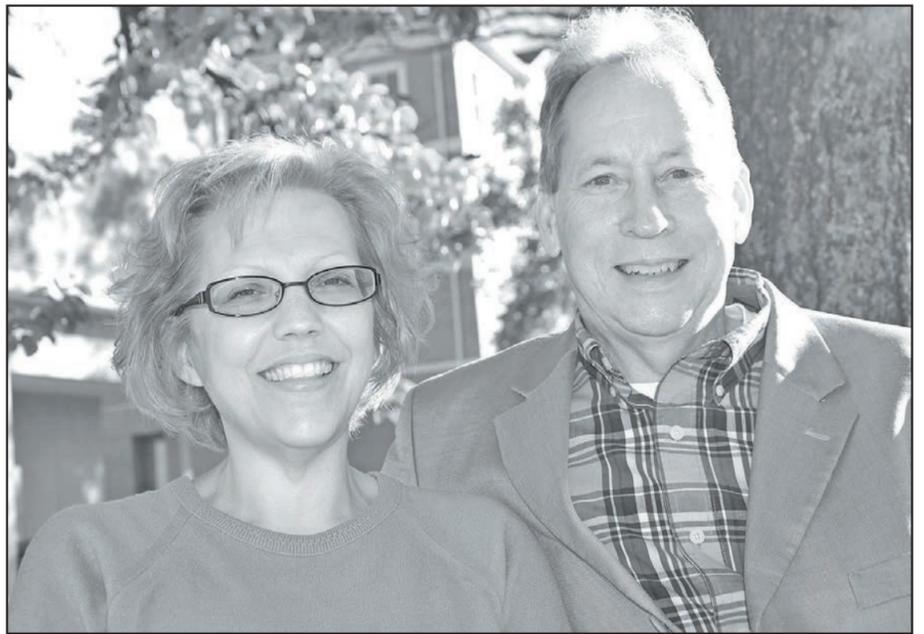
Bonner said. She said she would like to one day have a job where she is able to travel, and visiting other countries will help her decide on where she would like to be.

Robert Diaz, a senior information systems major from Dothan, has traveled extensively through Europe and North America and said he is pleased to see trips such as this be planned for Troy students. He said traveling with his military family and with his hockey teams has helped make him who he is today.

"I approach different situations with a different mindset than most people who have lived in one place almost their entire life," Diaz said.

"Through traveling, I am able to relate to more people and create a connection to them through their past experiences with mine."

Diaz said Troy University students, regardless of their degrees, will benefit from a trip such as the one to Scotland.



Brittany Jennings photo
Jefferson Spurlock, associate director of the Hall School of Journalism and Communication and his wife Amy plan to travel to Scotland in June 2015 and will be taking a few Troy University students with them in hopes to provide knowledge through travel experiences.

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response from students. From individual responses, it could be said that Alabamians in general, older Alabamians, church-going Alabamians or backward church-going Alabamians were the ones responsible for these views.

One student said that he believes that most church-going Alabamians do hold the views that the sign portrays.

"I think that the church in general, in the South makes a grave mistake by persecuting the sins of one person to a greater degree than the sins of another

person," he said. "Discrimination is very prevalent in our religious institutions."

Another student said that particular church denominations reflect these views.

"I grew up in a Baptist church, and now I go to a non-denominational church," she said. "I have heard these kind of statements my whole life. Every sermon is the same, 'Go to church or 'this.' I just think that is their opinion, but not all Christians hold these views."

The professor said that he thought that the sign represented "more Alabamians than not," based on higher levels of religiosity represented.

Why has this sign gained national attention?

Hodge spoke about another sign that Newell owned that displayed "John 3:16" a Christian Bible verse. She noted that this sign did not receive national attention while the "devil" sign did.

"It doesn't have so much to do with it being religious as it is more about saying that there is an ultimate end and threatening people to meet that end," Hodge said. "Maybe that is what gained national attention, but I don't think it is religion alone."

Donnelly said that there is a striking difference between this sign and a sign that might quote scripture.

"That sign is so striking," Donnelly said. "It's a blatant point. It basically says you are screwed if you do not go to church. We are not just talking about a statement of morals."

Do you think that this sign reflects Christ?

Students responded to this question with a unanimous "no."

"Generally, people that are very forceful with their religious beliefs are not very Christ-like," Donnelly said.

Ledet said this in closing this question. "Christ also said a lot of other things too, Christ said sell all that you have and give it to the poor," he said. "I don't see that on any sign anywhere."

Homecoming queen election system to go through change

Patrick Stephens
Staff Writer

The Troy University SGA is making changes as updates to the Title VII election laws were voted on at the SGA's meeting this past Tuesday. Candidates for homecoming queen must now run on a platform approved by the executive board, and candidates running for a position must now have all promotional material color-coded by the color they are assigned when they declare their intent to run.

"After reading the changes, there were several points I wanted to highlight. Color-coding candidates is a great idea in helping promote candidate recognition with the students and make elections much easier. I also like that it helps define what is allowed for at-large senators. The laws over all are a lot more detailed and specific and that's awesome because it makes elections that are much easier on students and candidates," Elizabeth Finley, chair of the constitutionality and rules committee and a senior accounting major from Newnan, Ga., said.

The senators and the students they spoke to are in favor of the changes.

"I have spoken to several sorority women about how they feel about these changes, and in my opinion as well as other's opinions, this change is really good, because running on a platform

will bring much more meaning to the position of homecoming queen. The title won't just be a face anymore but be that much more meaningful," said Blake Crew, a junior human services major from Gardendale.

Before the motion went to a vote, Becca Lindsey, a senior elementary education major from Opelika said, "Other schools use this system and it works extremely well for them, and it helps them keep focus on what is important, so if it works for them, it should work for us."

Other business conducted consisted of taking one constitution off of docket and placing two new constitutions on. The constitution that came off docket to be voted on was for Gamma Sigma Iota, the risk management and insurance honor society. The constitution passed without opposition.

The first organization that had its constitution placed on docket was for the Students for Social Justice. The purpose is to help provide outreach for the secular community for Troy University. The second constitution was the Students for Concealed Carry, which focuses on education and awareness of Second Amendment rights. Both of these constitutions will remain on docket until January, when the SGA resumes business for the spring semester.

SGA meetings are held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in TC 119.

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and the hard part was working to overcome those obstacles," Ferrante said.

According to Ferrante, students can stop by his office or speak to his secretary if they have any issues.

"Here's the thing, we aren't going to get better as a department without feedback," Ferrante said.

"We want to provide the best possible

fan experience for the students and the public, and we take that sincerely and we know sometimes we need suggestions. We aren't going to get better without feedback.

"The decisions that we make aren't taken lightly they are made for the benefit of the university, the department, the student athletes and students. We don't know it all, we don't claim to know it all, we're always finding a way to get better from one day to the next."

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Troy student falls for German design culture

Brittany DeLong
Co-Business Editor

The experience of studying abroad has caused one student to want to head back to the country where he studied.

Andres Pacheco, senior <DTI> major who grew up in Costa Rica and Pittsburgh, spent almost a year studying at University of Applied Sciences Mainz (FH Mainz) in Mainz, Germany.

"It was nothing short of amazing," Pacheco said. "The people were generally nice and the city was small, but there was always something to do."

The university consists of three programs: the school of technology, school of business and the school of design.

Pacheco described the curriculum as more theory based, and because the school was small he experienced the same professors more than once.

"We did less design projects," Pacheco said. "I had a class that was all about designing posters and we only did four projects, but we went so in-depth on what makes them great that I wish my German had been better at the time to really take in all the concepts."

Pacheco began teaching himself the German language four months prior to attending the foreign university.

He admitted to only knowing three words in German, but the professors were generally nice, open and easy to get along with which made his study easier.

As a student of design, Pacheco met with a culture full of designers.

"I met a great deal of great designers during my time there," Pacheco said. "Berlin is like an art and design Mecca."

"Just the street art and a lot of artistic communities there are great."

Besides the education and design aspects of the study abroad trip, Pacheco stayed busy with extracurricular activities as well.

"I tried to do as much as I could and travel as much as I could," Pacheco said. "A lot of my time there revolved around watching and playing soccer."

"I joined a soccer team filled with Colombians and a couple Italians. They were one of the most hilarious groups of



guys I've ever met."

The use of public transportation and a friend's bicycle made traveling much easier for him and also provided a way to travel and explore.

"Germans do have an enviable system of public transportation, even for small cities," Pacheco said. "It's more of a hassle to have a car than anything."

"When the weather got nicer I fixed my friend's bicycle and he let me use it for the rest of my time there. By summer, I had gone up the Black Forest and rode on some of the trails there, rode all around the bank of the Rhein River and into some parts of France."

Pacheco describes the experience as a way to break out of one's shell and forces the person to socialize and learn more about the language.

"It's also a great way to make contacts internationally and network with people from all over," Pacheco said. "You not only meet other exchange students, but you also interact with locals."

"If anything, this experience has just made me want to go back."

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Interactive reading program multi-faceted

Zachary Winslett

Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Quality Enhancement Plan is an academic program at Troy University that aims to promote a "culture of reading" on campus. Alongside its long-standing efforts to enhance the university's academic environment, the QEP has plans for the future.

According to Troy University's QEP website, "the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), a requirement of the Southern Associate of Colleges and Schools (SACS), is a vehicle by which institutions can increase their overall quality and effectiveness by focusing on one issue that can improve student learning."

The focal issue for Troy University's QEP is "creating a culture of reading."

To promote this culture of reading,

"We want to be sure that students at Troy are exposed to some of the best in both classical and modern thought."

the QEP orchestrates several on-campus events, as well as incorporating reading into the curriculum of each college.

"We believe that reading is the key to understanding," said Elaine Bassett, the Writing Center coordinator and member of the QEP. "Therefore, reading is an integral part of education. We want to be sure that students at Troy are exposed to some of the best in both classical and modern thought."

In order to expose students to that broad range of thought, the QEP coordinates four primary functions: the Common Reading Initiative, the College Reading Initiative, the New York Times Readership Program and the Professional or Faculty Development Committee.

The CRI, which began in the 2007-2008 academic year, is targeted

at first-year students. It asks incoming students to read a common book the summer before their first semester of classes at the university.

"The CRI is chosen each year by a committee of about 10 faculty and professional staff," Bassett said. "The members represent all of the colleges, as well as several of the campuses and sites of Troy University."

The composition of this committee ensures diverse backgrounds for its members.

During the spring semester each year, Hal Fulmer, the associate provost and dean of first-year studies, summons book suggestions from the committee. The committee is then required to narrow the suggestions to an eventual short list. Afterward, the committee members will read each of the remaining books and continue to vote and eliminate options until they decide on the best options for students.

The previous books of the CRI and their academic years include "The Road" (2007-2008), "A Lesson Before Dying" (2008-2009), "Ecology of a Cracker Childhood" (2009-2010), "Frankenstein" (2010-2011), "Ransom" (2011-2012), "The Ghost Map" (2012-2013) and "To the Last Breath" (2013-2014).

The COLRI follows a similar process, but it instead chooses books for specific colleges on campus. These books are chosen to more specifically align with the studies of the students in the departments of the college.

The New York Times Readership Program is the QEP's strategy for using reading to be informed on global topics, current events and social issues.

The QEP has participated in The New York Times Readership Program since 2009, and the main Troy University campus, as well as the Campus, Montgomery and Phenix City campuses, has been provided with free copies of The New York Times.

The QEP not only offers The New York Times to students and faculty, but it also encourages and offers training for faculty to use it as an instructional tool.

"I love that we have access to The New York Times," said Lauren Poole, a senior biomedical sciences major from Greenville. "I have used it in my developmental psychology class and

genetics class. I have really grown to love reading the science and health sections."

In tandem with The New York Times Readership Program, the First-Year Studies program sponsors weekly Times Talks. At these events, faculty lead a one-hour discussion on a topic covered in The New York Times that week, and students participate in discourse.

"I think this is a fantastic program that encourages students to be involved in the literary world," said Becca Bonner, a senior communication studies major from Eufaula. "The Common Reading Initiative is a way to unite the campus, especially the freshman class. Having the New York Times on campus and offering the Afternoon with an Author events is a way to provide students with the unique opportunity to learn more about works in which they might be interested. It is a way for us to enhance our academic lives, but only if we want to. It is not stressful because they are fun opportunities."

The final element of the QEP is geared toward preparing faculty to properly execute the goals of its other initiatives, such as the CRI and COLRI.

One such method of preparing faculty is providing instructional materials, including filmed roundtable discussions.

"We have already recorded three roundtable discussions about how

"I love that we have access to The New York Times."

important reading is in the university," Bassett said. "Those are very effective, I think, and our next ones will focus on how faculty incorporate outside reading into their course – what purpose that reading serves – what students can gain by it, how they choose what sources to include, etc."

The already completed discussions are available on the QEP's website (trojan.troy.edu/qualityenhancementplan) under the "QEP Faculty Development" page.

Outside of its core components, the

QEP is also planning other events.

One will be bringing the author of "To the Last Breath," Francis Slakey, to campus.

"To the Last Breath" serves as the CRI for this academic year.

"The freshman class has read 'To the Last Breath,' and now they will get

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the chance to hear him speak about his adventures and what he has learned," Bassett said. "If all goes according to plan, he will be here Feb. 25, 2014. We'll have several opportunities during the day for students and faculty to talk with him."

The QEP is planning a reading conference. The goal of the conference is to invite guests to speak about the importance of engaged reading on campus. Topics include how technology affects the written word, whether reading is still relevant in the modern world, ways to motivate students to read and the relationship between reading and thinking.

The conference will be accepting proposals locally and from afar. The conference is a physical manifestation of the QEP's ultimate goal: creating a culture of reading.

"Reading is not just sounding out words; instead, it is engaging with the written word, reading about new ideas and events, mulling those ideas over, synthesizing the ideas with what we already know and then forming opinions and thoughts of our own," Bassett said. "Reading – this kind of reading – is the most important element in an education. It is one way that we learn to think, and isn't that part of the university's motto?"

Trojan drag racer gains fame as female competitor

Alyse Nelson
Staff Writer

A soft-spoken girl, it might be hard upon first meeting her to picture Casey Presley tearing up the drag racing strip, but she is now beginning to make quite a name for herself in the racing industry.

Familiar with the track and the races through her dad's involvement in the sport, Presley, a junior business major from Samson, said, "My dad did it, so I grew up around it."

At just 19, she began drag racing herself.

In the few years since she began participating in the races Presley has achieved some impressive feats.

"Last year I placed in the top 10 of my association," Presley said.

Another notable accomplishment of Presley's is that she was the first female to race in the Real Street racing association.

"I was the first female in my class, out of forty. I'm actually the youngest also," Presley said.

Gaining some notoriety, Presley has appeared in "RPM Magazine," a popular drag racing magazine, with a short interview and photo posed next to the '68 Camaro that she races.

But don't assume genetics or luck played a part in her success.

"It's not a natural talent. I just get better every time I'm out there. But it's not a sport you can practice in your backyard," Presley says.

It is a sport she tries to practice as much as possible, though. Usually going to a track located in Montgomery, Presley practices at least once a month.

The races she participates in occur six times a year – once a month in March, April, May, September, October and November. Presley's last race of this year will be next weekend on Nov. 23 in Panama City Beach.

"You just show up at the races," Presley said of the process of entering. "But to be able to make eliminations, you have to qualify, and in most races the top sixteen get to race, and the rest don't make it."

Though it seems like something that can conclude in less than 10 seconds would be done quickly, drag racing usually becomes an all-weekend event.

In the colder months like the race Presley will participate in next weekend, the races begin early in the morning and



Joshua Thurston photos

Top photo: Casey Presley stands with her race car. Bottom photo: Casey races down the track at Montgomery MotorSports Park.

last all day. When the weather warms up and races begin again next spring they will start in the late afternoon and continue into the night, taking the heat into consideration.

With this amount of time spent racing, Presley has little time after classes for many other things. Not participating in clubs or organizations on Troy campus, Presley hopes she is investing her time in something that will stretch beyond college.

"I'd like to turn racing into a career, or do it as much as possible," Presley states.

If not, she is considering other options. "I'm undecided," she said, but she knows she wants to enter the business field.

Racing is not a job yet, though. "My favorite part is being around everybody – all of my friends – on the weekends and learning from the more experienced drivers."

Her favorite memory of her drag racing career thus far is simple. "Being in the first race I was ever in. There's nothing like it."

Five-time intern tells all

Megan Green
Staff Writer

Studies suggest that students are having more difficulties finding jobs within their discipline upon graduation. Having job experience like internships may be the difference in landing that job right out of college.

"Many college students have this misconception that I have a degree, then I'll get a job," Jessica Jackson said, "But the reality is it's not that easy."

At age 22, Jackson, a senior marketing major and native of Mobile has already completed five internships.

Jackson has interned for College Prowler, a virtual internship, Walt Disney Resort in Orlando Fla., Access Magazine in Mobile, IMG Learfield Sports Marketing Ticket Solutions in Troy and Red Square Agency in Mobile.

Jackson said it was important for her to have so many internships because she wanted to gain knowledge in every aspect of marketing.

She says that employers are willing to train you, but they are expecting you to already know certain things upon being hired.

"They expect you to be able to communicate effectively," Jackson said. "Also be able to dissect ideas from your colleagues and consumers."

Jackson said each internship has prepared her to learn different aspects of marketing and then apply it to what she has learned in the classroom.

"That way when I enter the workforce I can combine the two,"

Jackson said.

"The number of internships may not matter" said Jackson, "but it depends on the person and how much they are willing to learn."

Jackson said she encourages students to also seek virtual internships if they are unable to relocate.

"Use the Internet, create accounts with Monster, LinkedIn, and Internships.com," Jackson said. "If you can have accounts for every social media then create an account that will actually benefit you."

If your department does not require an internship credit she says you should always be seeking knowledge and applying for internships is a way to seek knowledge.

"Our generation is changing daily," Jackson said. "It's not enough to have just a degree anymore."

Jackson said many first and second generation students may not understand the importance of an internship.

"It's not how it was when our parents were growing up anymore," Jackson said. "Internships show you if that's really what you want to do."

She says her internships have helped her develop projects outside of Troy.

Jackson has created her own blog "Money can't buy you Style or Sense," and she is the social media coordinator of "Tearing Down Walls International Ministries."

"My internships have taught me to be proactive," Jackson said. "And whatever I'm passionate about to go after it."

Jackson said she has learned that your industry

or career field can change within a blink of an eye.

"I remember two weeks into an internship and the CEO held a meeting to discuss how to adapt to changes in your job market," Jackson said. "I looked around the room and noticed that three employees had already been terminated."

Jackson said that meeting taught her the importance of media knowledge and to adapt with changes in trends or get left behind.

She says do not be afraid to make cold calls, and the worst scenario is the employer telling you no.

"If an employer tells you no, continue to apply for other opportunities," Jackson said.

Jackson said she applied for 10 different internships, had six interviews and only one offer last summer

"You may send out



Hannah Crews photo

Jessica Jackson

a hundred applications and only get one offer," Jackson said.

Jackson said she encourages all college students to not be afraid, stay motivated and to keep faith in God.

International student advisor serves as ambassador to students

Taylor Foxx
Staff Writer

In Troy University's International Program, there are few names as well known and appreciated as that of Maria Frigge. For the past seven years, Frigge has served as a guide, a counselor and a trusted friend to countless international students from all four corners of the world. Maria Frigge serves as one of the department's two international student advisors along with Ashley King.

Frigge, in particular assists the students with immigration questions, signing up for classes, planning student trips and organizing relevant workshops on topics such as career counseling, safety and driver's education. These responsibilities are only the common ones. Frigge also goes above and beyond her listed responsibilities to care for her students and says she is basically on call at all times for anything from a hospital visit to a personal emergency.

Frigge's personal history lends her well to this job of working with international students. In 1997, she left her home country of Sweden to begin her studies at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. There she studied international economics and graduated in 2001. Frigge personally experienced the challenges, both academic and personal, that face most exchange

students such as language difficulties, culture shock and an inability to visit family for long periods of time.

"One thing we should all admire is how brave international students are to travel halfway across the world to come to a new country where they may not even know the language," Frigge said, "For them to take that step and go outside what they are comfortable with is very brave. I know how hard it can be far away from family and your friends. I always try to be there for all of them."

Her service to the students has not gone unnoticed. "There are not enough words to describe Maria," said Aristides Lopez, an exchange student from México studying biology, "She is totally devoted to her work. I really owe her for a big part of this experience that I have been given to study [in the United States.]"

When Youstina Tadros, a graduate student from Cairo studying accounting, found herself suddenly requiring a change in housing mid-semester, Frigge helped her get settled. "When I was leaving the place where I lived, Maria provided us with some phone numbers for real estate agents for us to call," Tadros said, "She is a good example of how to welcome international students at Troy University."

For someone who works with the same students over a period

of time, Frigge says the most rewarding moments come on graduation day. "Some students have to go through ESL (English as



Visarut Pawawongsak photo

Maria Frigge

a Second Language) and then academics," Frigge said. "It takes them a long time to even get across the stage. When they do, it is so gratifying."

Outside of her regular position as international student advisor, Frigge occasionally has the opportunity to teach several university courses, including Freshman Orientation and Introduction to Sport and Fitness Management. Outside of her work at Troy University, Frigge enjoys working out, playing basketball and reading in her free time.

Frigge lives in city of Troy with her husband, Mike Frigge, and three sons, Daniel, Alex, and Christopher. Her husband works as the director of event management/promotions in the Athletic Department. Frigge can be found in Pace Hall during regular business hours in Room 126 Monday through Friday.



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Farewell to Trop:

Copy editor bids heartfelt adieu to co-workers, friends

Chrissy Brown
Copy Editor

When I first started school at Troy I never thought that I would be writing for a newspaper, better yet the copy editor of one for almost 3 years.

When Sarah Hutto first called me to come in and try it out, I was so hesitant. Journalism was not something that really interested me or held my attention. I am so glad that I came into the office that day.

Three years later, I am now hesitant to leave.

The Trop has been a great experience for me. I have learned a lot and now realize that being a part of a newspaper staff can benefit any person regardless of future plans.

It is hard to imagine my college career without the Tropolitan being a part of it. I am so thankful for the opportunity to work here and for all of the friends that I have made along the way.

Zach and Laura, I am so happy that began on the same Wednesday night, and that we have been there every Wednesday night since then. You guys are really awesome, and I'm glad that we started this job together. I'm going to miss seeing you guys every Wednesday.

Britt, I'm sorry I did not get to know you better before this semester. You are a wonderful, stunning and hilarious girl. You're going to go on to do great things with your goofy self.

It took three years, but Faith, you have become a dear friend to me. You are your own kind of person, and I am happy that I got the chance to get to know you. You're a sweet girl. Don't worry, I won't tell anyone.

Jane, Chase and Patrick—hold the fort down after

Laura leaves. I hope that you guys get as much out of working for the Trop as I have. You're a great group of people, and I'm excited to see what you do with the paper.

Sports guys, Caleb, Devin and even Andrew Clay, I am going to really miss laughing with you guys. You're a good group of men. You guys have truly impressed me with the Rule and with how many stories you churn out a week. Devin, I know you're going to do great as the sports editor.

Jill, Josh and April, I know you three are going to take the Trop by storm. There is so much talent in that one corner. I'm super stoked to see what you do with it as your college careers continue.

Sweet Emily, it has been a pleasure working beside you. You're one of the kindest people I have ever met, and I am so happy to call you my friend. You make me feel like a better person. Keep doing great things and advocating for what you believe in.

And Tabitha. You are one of the best friends that I have ever had. I'm so proud of you. I know this job is hard for you, and I know how much you put into it. Never think that it goes unnoticed. You're a great friend and a good editor, so keep doing your thing. You'll be seeing me.

And to all of our writers—keep it up, guys! The Trop would not be possible without you guys.

We, the editors, are eternally thankful for what you do for us and the time that you devote to this paper.

Thank you for this opportunity, Professor Stewart. It has been amazing, and I will never forget the Tropolitan.



Seth Nicholson

SETH13

Student shares study abroad experiences in Saudi Arabia

Lauren Coughlin
Student Submission

Last winter, I had the opportunity to visit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

I spent 10 days travelling to and between Riyadh, Khobar, Dammam, Jubail and Jeddah with nine other American students.

I qualified for this study visit by participating in a Model Arab League conference in February 2012, which all Troy students can do through involvement in the Model UN/Model Arab League team.

The visit was organized by The National Council on US-Arab Relations, NCUSAR, so I benefitted from preparatory lectures and access to some great sites once inside the Kingdom.

While in Saudi Arabia, the group stayed in the nicest hotels and visited some fantastic sites.

Mostly, we visited universities, notably the universities of Al Saud, Prince Sultan, King Faisal and King Fahd University of Science and Petroleum.

My favorite schools were the women-only college of Dar al-Hekma, the completely gender-segregated Prince Mohammad University and the partially gender-integrated Alfaisal Uni-

versity. Visits to these universities offered understanding of alternative cultural norms in Islamic education; most universities are segregated by gender.

We visited cultural sites like Riyadh's Masmak Palace and Jeddah's historic Al Balad.

We visited one of the best collections of manuscripts at Faisaliyah and a women's training center for traditional arts and crafts.

The ladies of our group did not leave their hotel rooms without their abayas (the dark cloaks women wear in public), and we often had to deal with gender-segregation rules in public places, as per the local culture.

We also learned about business in the Kingdom while networking with people that may one day help us find careers or do business in the Gulf. We visited the massive Saudi Aramco compound, the new industrial city of Jubail and the women's Khadijah Center within the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce.

Everywhere we went, we were treated like royalty, and we rarely left a site visit without a bag of gifts.

Before every meeting, we were treated to dates and Arabic coffee, which

is very strong.

After three or so visits in a day and about six cups of coffee, I would be awake half the night, and I am now addicted to the delicious brew of coffee beans and cardamom.

My most memorable experiences would probably seem common to a Saudi.

“Visits to these universities offered understanding of alternative cultural norms in Islamic education; most universities are segregated by gender.”

Shopping for my abaya in Khobar, boating in the Red Sea, eating traditional kabsa on the floor of a friend's house with my fingers and bartering in broken Arabic in the gold souk taught me as much about Arabia as any presentation or lecture.

The people I met were unforgettable.

The Americans with me held similar interests and were fun to travel with. I made new Saudi friends too, some of whom I met again in the US, Dubai or a return trip to the

Kingdom a few months later.

I also met with former Saudi Troy students, and there is literally nothing cooler than running into Troy alumni in foreign countries, especially if they then take you home to meet their families.

I had dinner with the US ambassador to Saudi Arabia and his intuitive wife. I even met the Saudi National soccer team.

Some people view the difficulties of obtaining a visa or the clothing restrictions as reason to avoid Saudi Arabia, but there is much to be learned and appreciated about this vast desert.

I loved my study visit and am always looking for a new scheme to return to the Kingdom.

I blogged about this trip and my other Middle Eastern adventures at dubaisunday.blogspot.com, and as a recipient of the NCUSAR Saudi Fellowship, I am always seeking opportunities to share my experiences with my school and community.

More information on Model Arab League, internships and study visits can be found at ncusar.org.

The Tropolitan staff would like to wish students and staff a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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Launch loaded with talent

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Student and faculty readings, music, exciting announcements and – of course – free food will all be a part of the Rubicon’s winter launch party.

“The Rubicon launch is a celebration to recognize this semester’s publication and the contributors,” said Samantha Loff, a senior English major from Dothan and editor-and-chief of the Rubicon. “The Rubicon is lucky to receive support from not only the English department, but also from the art department and other university organizations.”

Over the past few years, the Rubicon has evolved from a design standpoint, collaborating with the art and design departments. Russell Everett, a lecturer in the art department, led the process of illustrating the various pieces in the Rubicon.

It’s not only the art department that is collaborating with the Rubicon and its launch party. James Brown, an assistant



April Irvin photo

Samantha Loff, the editor-and-chief of the Rubicon, leads a creative writing event. Loff and her staff will again meet on Dead Day for the Rubicon’s launch party at Studio 116 in Brundidge.

professor of choral music, will also lead a vocal ensemble at the launch party.

In addition to Brown’s ensemble, Stephen Krietemeyer, a senior music industry major from Dothan, has organized a quintet for the event. Krietemeyer’s quintet

includes himself in addition to Kylie McGlincy, a senior music education major from Bainbridge, Ga.; Bobby Williams, a graduate assistant from Hazlehurst, Ga.; Blake Eubanks, a senior music education major from Ashford.; and David Clay, a junior music education

major from Hazlehurst, Ga.

This combination of the arts makes the Rubicon’s launch party an unparalleled demonstration of Troy University’s diverse talent.

The launch party will be held at Studio 116 in Brundidge. Sara

Dismukes, assistant professor of art and design and co-director of Studio 116, volunteered the locale. The Rubicon’s launch party was also held there last semester.

“It’s an excellent opportunity to bring the arts from campus into Pike County,” Loff said.

The Rubicon’s published student authors will also have the opportunity to read their work to the launch’s audience.

However, it is not only student talent that is on display at this semester’s launch party. Two English professors will also be honored at the launch.

“The English honor society, Sigma Tau Delta, will be honoring Troy University professor and poet William Thompson, and he will be reading,” Loff said. “We will also honor Theron Montgomery. Montgomery published a memoir in the Troy University Alabama Literary Review and has been approached with adapting his memoir into a film.”

Theresa Johnson, a lecturer of English, and Sigma Tau Delta is also responsible for supporting the launch party by supplying food and dining utensils.

The Rubicon launch party at Studio 116 in Brundidge will be at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 4, which is Dead Day.

‘Catching Fire’ expected to hit the mark

Writer explains why the next Hunger Games shouldn’t disappoint

Madison Griggs
Staff Writer

Everyone is talking about it — the girl on fire is returning to the big screen for the second adventure in the popular trilogy, “The Hunger Games.” The question on everyone’s minds as the premiere approaches — will it do the book justice?

This question always seems to strike fear into the avid reader’s heart when rumors of a movie version of their favorite story come around. Compared to others, the fans of “The Hunger Games” aren’t too terribly stressed; most agree that the first movie didn’t venture too far off the beaten path, and expect the second to give the same consideration.

“It features a functioning creative imagination and lots of honest-to-goodness acting by its star, Jennifer Lawrence, who brings her usual toughness and emotional transparency to the archer-hero-

ine Katniss,” said Amy Bioncolli from the San Francisco Chronicle.

Critics have only good things to say about the trilogy star, Jennifer Lawrence—they don’t believe her recent Oscar win (for her part in “Silver Linings Playbook”) has changed her a bit. Though she is sporting a new haircut, the Kentucky native is still expected to give a great performance as heroine Katniss, and more of the down-to-earth and friendly interviews she’s famous for.

No matter how true directors stay to the novels when creating these movie versions, there is always complaint that too much is left out. This was true of “The Hunger Games” and is sure to be true of “Catching Fire”, though I’m confident they will get the most important parts and do them justice.

Gary Ross, also known for “East of Eden”, “Seabiscuit” and other note-worthy

films, directed “The Hunger Games” last year. However the baton has been passed to director Francis Lawrence, who is also said to be directing “Mocking Jay” parts one and two at this very moment. He has also directed “Water for Elephants” and “I Am Legend” among others, and is best known for his music videos for stars like Britney Spears and Jennifer Lopez. “As a writer and a director, I simply don’t have the time I need to write and prep the movie I would have wanted to make because of the fixed and tight production schedule,” said Ross about bowing out of The Hunger Games sequel.

Along with a new director, the series also gains some new cast members for the sequel. Some important new additions to the story include Finnick, Beetee, Wiress, and Johanna. All of them play an important

part in the sequel and therefore were casted very carefully. Though the running was rumored to be very close, Sam Claflin, known for his roles in “Snow White and the Huntsman” and “Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides” will play the charming Finnick Odair from District 4, and Jena Malone from “The Messenger” will tackle the role of Johanna Mason from District 7. Some older actors had to be brought in as well, to play some elderly but very important game-players—Lynn Cohen, Miranda’s nanny in “Sex and the City”, is to play 80-year old Mags.

“The Hunger Games: Catching Fire” comes out Friday, Nov. 22, and though the expectations for this sequel are high, I don’t think Lawrence—Francis nor Jennifer—will disappoint.



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Katniss, the protagonist of the “Hunger Games,” returns in “Catching Fire.” Now a veteran of her post-apocalyptic world’s trial of survival, Katniss must face off against other previous winners.

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Club attends local convention

Kianna Collins
Staff Writer

Fanaticon, the first fan convention in Dothan, held its first event, and the turnout was more than expected.

The convention was partially funded by a public fundraising website Kickstarter. The Kickstarter had a \$1,000 goal and raised \$3,171.

More than 500 people attended the convention, and it had 14 hours of panel action. The panels ranged from a "Megaman X4" speed run to a tutorial on special effects makeup from the artist Matt Silva.

Like many conventions, Fanaticon held a costume contest, and 46 people entered. This one was run a little differently, with exhibition entries as well.

The also held a Pro Tournament Qualifier for "Magic: The Gathering" in one of their two convention rooms.

This convention was also the first for many of the members of the Anime Manga Enthusiasts group. This was one of the club's



Kianna Collins photo

John Cleghorn, executive committee member of the Anime and Manga Enthusiasts on Troy's campus, makes a face at the camera. The first-ever, local convention was a smashing success.

goals to reach for the year.

Two of the members, Nik Knighten and Michael Harber, won cash prizes from the Anime Trivia panel.

"I enjoyed the convention," said Richard Brown, a freshman computer science major from Troy. "The atmosphere wasn't tense, and the people there

were extremely diverse."

Something the members could agree on was that they didn't feel like they were being judged, and that they felt welcome in

that environment.

The members that attended Fanaticon are now also planning to go to KamiCon, a convention in Birmingham, as a

result of their experience at Fanaticon.

"It felt like a bigger convention than what it actually was, but it still felt like a local convention," said Nik Knighten, a freshman computer science major from Troy. "It was very DIY in nature."

KamiCon is the next convention goal for the club. The club is going to hold a convention preparation seminar for the next convention on Thursday, in Patterson 108 at 6 p.m.

If you'd like to attend KamiCon with the group, tomorrow is the time to find people to get a hotel room and to find transportation.

The Anime Manga Enthusiasts meet every Monday at 6 p.m. in the Math and Science Complex in room 328.

Bands, buildings; the legacy of Long

Victoria Bailey
Contributor

In honor of Director of Bands emeritus John M. Long, Troy University is expecting the arrival of the new \$7.5 million, state-of-the-art band facility in the spring of 2014. Long Hall, which housed the Sound of the South marching band since 1976, was torn down Wednesday, July 25, 2012.

Long has contributed to Troy University as the dean of the School of Fine Arts, director of bands and distinguished professor of music. Long has several other accomplishments in the field of music and band over the course of his life.

"I didn't want to take the band director's position at first, but I just had two kids and needed the money," Long said. "I had a couple conditions: one, I need complete control of the band, and I need new equipment."

Long became the band director of Troy State University in 1965, but before accepting that role he was the band director

for Robert E. Lee High school in Montgomery. Long is a member of the National Band Association's Hall of Fame of Distinguished Conductors and the Alabama Bandmasters Hall of Fame.

Long was the first of few to be selected as the Outstanding Music Educator of the year in 1984 by the Alabama Music Educator Association. He received the National Kappa Kappa Psi Distinguished Service to Music Award in 1979. He received the Sudler Gold Medal of Honor, which was presented by the John Philip Sousa Foundation. Dr. Long has two buildings that bear his name.

Dance team member Sierra Terrell, a sophomore psychology major from Baltimore Maryland, shared her feelings about the new facility: "It is going to be such a relief to have the new band hall in the spring," she said. "As a dancer, practicing on the field is good, but we need a studio with mirrors and, fortunately, the new band hall will have everything

we need."

Long, before beginning his career with Troy as director of bands, started with his first step in music at the age of six. Long's mother, a graduate of Athens College, taught him how to play the piano.

"The building was old," Walker said. "We've outgrown it. It's time to do something new."

Long grew more mature, and so did his musical talents. He became a very gifted musician. When Dr. Long reached high school, he attended Marshall County High School; he joined the band, playing the trumpet.

"The band director my senior year was drafted to the Navy. The principal came to me and asked if I would take over the band till they received a replacement," Long said. "The only thing is, they never found a replacement."

Long continued to develop in the music

world. The years went on his accomplishments grew tremendously. In 1965, the same year he joined the Troy State team, Long established a high school summer camp that ran throughout most of his tenure at the university and also worked as a recruiting tool for the "Sound of the South." Long continues to this day to work with the "Sound of the South" Summer/Leadership Camp.

In 1973 Dr. Long established the Southeastern United State Concert Band Clinic, which has grown and continues to thrive. The clinic drew so many band students, directors and parents to Troy State campus.

In the honor of the many accomplishments of Long, Troy University decided to build another building fully equipped with storage areas for the instruments, new dance studio and a band and choir hall. The new building is going to be approximately 3,300 ft. and the building will still have Long's name on it.

"I am very excited

about the new Long Hall building," said Tyler Logan, a senior music major from Mobile. "I am a senior, so I won't be able to enjoy the building but for one semester, but for the students coming behind me this is a wonderful experience for them. What better place to do something you love, with people that you care about, than in a new facility?"

The new building has been under construction since July 25, 2012. Cinnamon Wilson, a junior nursing major from Troy, said, "The old band hall served its purpose, but, due to the wonderful reputation the band gained over the years with the help of Long, the band hall was beginning to feel too snug."

The band students are not the only ones who feel the benefits of Long's success. Director of bands Mark Walker explained that the larger space is much needed.

"The building was old," Walker said. "We've outgrown it. It's time to do something new."

The band is ready for "something new," but a few band members come up with the idea of taking a little piece of the old building with them.

"Many people are asking about acquiring a brick from the old Long Hall," said Amanda Taylor, the band secretary. "These bricks will be available in the coming weeks." The plans are to offer them in return for donation to benefit the students in the Sound of the South or in the School of Music.

Rad Bolt, a senior music education major from Panama City Fla., said, "I think allowing the bricks from the old building to be sold is a great idea and a great way for every band member, that purchases one, to say they have a special part of the new Long Hall. I know when I played the saxophone the last three years in the band, the old Long Hall building is very close to my heart. I definitely want to take home a small piece of a big part of my college years."



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Simple Thanksgiving recipes for students

Jill Odom
Variety Editor

Thanksgiving is a time for family, feasting, and trying out new recipes. Here are some simple dishes that were submitted by the staff and students.

Feel free to try a hand at some of these

easy to make creations and enjoy sharing them with family and friends during Thanksgiving break.

For future reference, if students wish to submit a recipe to the Trop, please email Variety@tropnews.com with instructions, ingredients, and a photo of your cooking.



April Irvin photo

Cheesy Broccoli and Rice Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 small can of PET milk
- 1 jar of cheese whiz
- Rice
- Broccoli (microwaveable works great)
- Chicken strips
- Shredded cheese

Preparation Instructions:

Melt cheese whiz and PET milk in a pot on the stove. Boil chicken strips in water until done. Cook rice on the stove and cook broccoli. Chop broccoli up into small pieces.

The amount of broccoli is up to anyone's preference, same as with the rice. Chop chicken up as well. Mix all ingredients together with the cheese mixture. Pour into casserole dish and place shredded cheese on top.

Put in oven at about 400 degrees until cheese has melted and you can see bubbles. Usually makes a pretty big helping.

—Submitted by Candace Frizzel, a senior biomedical sciences major from Mathews



April Irvin photo

Apple Dumplings

Ingredients:

- 2 whole Granny Smith apples
- 2 8 ounce cans crescent rolls
- 2 sticks butter
- 1 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Cinnamon to taste (for sprinkling on top)
- 1 12 ounce can Mountain Dew

Preparation Instructions:

Peel and core apples. Cut each apple into eight slices each. Roll each apple

slice in a crescent roll. Place in a 9-by-3 buttered pan. (just rub some of the stick of butter on the pan).

Melt butter, then add sugar and barely stir. Add vanilla, stir and pour the entire mixture over apples. Pour Mountain Dew around the edges of the pan.

Sprinkle with cinnamon and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Serve with ice cream, and spoon some of the sweet sauces from the pan over the top.

—Submitted by Jill Odom, Variety Editor

Foolproof Stuffing

Supplies:

- 9-by-13 inch baking pan
- 2 loaves of artisan bread
- 2 medium yellow onions
- 3 stalks of celery
- 2 carrots
- 10 sprigs of fresh thyme
- 1 cup (2 sticks) of butter
- 1 1/2-2 cups of chicken stock
- Pepper to taste

Preperational Instructions:

Dice the bread and set in a large mixing bowl. Cube celery, onions and carrots. Pick leaves off thyme and mix with the vegetables.

Melt butter in skillet or saucepan and sauté the vegetables for seven to 10

minutes or until lightly browned (thyme makes a popping noise when sautéed so don't be alarmed).

Add a pinch of salt to the vegetables to bring out the flavor. Be sure to stir the vegetables frequently while sautéing to ensure that everything is evenly coated.

Add vegetables to the bread and mix until well-combined. Add the chicken stock 1/2 cup at a time, stirring to coat evenly. Add stuffing to 9-by-13 inch baking pan.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees and let bake for an hour.

—Submitted by Faith Karwacki, Perspectives Editor



Brittany DeLong photo

Corn Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 stick of margarine – melted
- 1 17 ounce can of corn (undrained)
- 1 17 ounce can of cream corn
- 1 package of Jiffy Corn muffin mix
- 2 eggs lightly beaten
- 8 ounce sour cream
- 1/4 teaspoon of sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon of salt

1/4 teaspoon of pepper

Preparation Instructions:

Mix together. Bake in 2 1/2 quart covered casserole dish at 350 degrees for one hour

—Submitted by Brittany DeLong, Business Manager



April Irvin photo

Strawberry Pretzel Dessert

Step 1: Make the crust

- Crust:**
- 1 stick of butter (melted)
 - 1 cup crushed pretzels
 - 3 tablespoon sugar
 - 1 cup crushed pecans

Mix ingredients together. Press in bottom of pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Let cool completely.

Step 2:

Make the topping.

TOPPING:

- 1 package of cheese (8 ounces) (softened)
- Cool Whip (8 ounces)
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- Refrigerate for 30 minutes. This will

be poured on top of the Jell-O filling later.

Step 3:

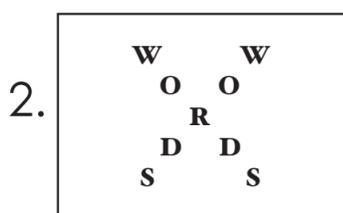
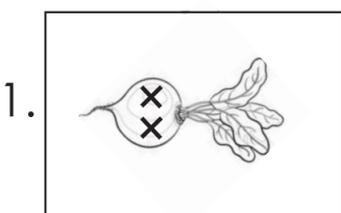
Filling

- 1 pack of Strawberry Jell-O (6 ounces)
- 2 cups of hot water
- 16 ounces frozen strawberries (sliced)
- Mix Jell-O and water. Then add strawberries. Stir until thickened. Cool in refrigerator for about 30 minutes.

Once the Jell-O mixture is cooled pour it over the crust. Refrigerate until firm. Cover with topping. Then add a layer of pecans. Chill for six more hours. Slice. Serve.

—Submitted by April Irvin, Assistant Photography Editor

Word Games



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Mullahey leads charge past Colonels

Devin Smith
Cardinal Rule Editor

A stellar performance from the stripe was enough to keep the Trojans perfect at home against Nicholls State, and a late run helped Troy finish off the Colonels 77-62.

Senior Jeff Mullahey's career-high 19 points, the biggest points being a late post-timeout three after the Colonels (0-3) had narrowed the scoring margin to just five, was the driving force behind the Trojan's (2-2) 15-point victory.

If you ask him where the performance came from, which also included four steals and not a single shot taken from the field in the first half, he might have trouble explaining it.

"It kind of surprised me too," Mullahey said. "I got a couple of open threes from my teammates and hit a few free throws so that was about it."

His perfect 9-for-9 mark from the line was a big part of the squad's 31-for-36 total for the game.

JC Bonny also played an important role with 11 points and a 6-for-6 clip from the free throw line in the first half, and did a great job splitting defenders and finding driving lanes.



Joshua Thurston photo

Senior Jeff Mullahey had a career-high 19 points against Nicholls State.

Attacking the paint was something that Troy coach Phil Cunningham realized could be very effective while watching film from Nicholls State's previous game

against a familiar Sun Belt foe.

"North Texas had them in the bonus five minutes into the game," Cunningham said. "Our plan was to drive the ball

because they play a very aggressive style of defense."

The Colonels finished the game with 27 personal fouls for the game opposed to just 13 for the Trojans.

After an outstanding offensive first half where the Trojans were very efficient scoring while hitting nearly 53 percent of their shots, Nicholls State made a noticeable effort to hold them to 11-of-26 shooting in the final period.

Troy's usual key force on offense Hunter Williams, struggled with his shot for most of the game, finishing with an uncharacteristic 1-for-8 performance in his team-high 36 minutes on the floor.

The Colonels focused on limiting him offensively early, which seemed to leave him in a funk until later in the second half.

"Hunt is a guy who when he gets in a rhythm he really knocks down shots, but he presses too," Cunningham said. "He knows we count on him to make shots and I thought it got a little mental with him tonight and that won't happen very often."

Troy will take a week off before heading to Conway, Ark. to meet up with Central Arkansas with tip-off is set for Nov. 26 at 7 p.m.

Trojans losers on the road to Mercer Tuesday

Caleb Odom
Sports Editor

After starting the season out in a good way with two wins, the Troy women's basketball team has suddenly lost two in a row.

The Trojans (2-2) fell to Mercer (2-2) on the road Tuesday night, Nov. 19, 86-81 after coming up short at home on Friday, Nov. 22, 77-71 to Tennessee State.

In Tuesday's game, senior guard Joanna Harden led Troy with 24 points while her teammate Ronita Garrett finished with 17 points and seven rebounds.

Senior guard Brooke Bowie recorded a double-double against Mercer with 13 points and 12 boards while Chant Lewis had double digit points with 10 in the loss.

One disheartening stat after this game was that the Trojans shot 76 percent or 19 of 25 from the free throw line.

This is significant because Troy lost the game by five points, so if the team had cashed in fully from the charity stripe it would have walked away

with a victory.

The Trojans continue to be out rebounded by the opposition and Mercer turned the trick to the tune of 48 boards over Troy's 40.

The Friday loss to Tennessee State left a bad taste in Trojan head coach Chanda Rigby's mouth.

"It's not where we want to be," Rigby said after the game Friday. "In a way we took a huge step backwards from where we were headed in the first two games."

Harden had a double-double with 26 points and 11 rebounds in the Tennessee State game while teammate Ashley Beverly-Kelley was the only other Troy player in double-digit points with 15.

Junior forward Kourtney Coleman finished the game with five points but she also had 10 boards in the loss.

"We thought we were ready to play," Rigby said. "It was the middle of the day, all the kids were here yelling for us, but we really didn't have our mind on the small things that we need to do to win in which was stop people

on defense and rebound."

The Lady Tigers were able to get the best of the Trojans with 53 rebounds to Troy's 48.

The score was knotted up 56-56 with 7:07 remaining in the game when Tennessee State took the lead for good and didn't look back gaining an advantage of as much as 13 with 1:58 to go but in the end Troy lost by eight points.

This game came down to poor shooting on the Trojans' part with Troy posting a meager 35.1 field goal percentage.

"We started subbing, trying to find somebody who did, and we couldn't find that combination," Rigby said. "If you are shooting well, it rights your wrongs."

The Trojans next face Alabama-Huntsville, or UAH, at home on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 7 p.m.

This is the last print Tropolitan of 2013 but Troy women's basketball game stories will still be provided on tropnews.com for the Florida game on Dec. 4 and Evansville on Dec. 8.



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Junior receiver Chandler Worthy finished with seven receptions for 133 yards in the Trojans 51-21 loss to the Ole Miss Rebels on Saturday. The Trojans will have one final chance at bowl eligibility against Texas State.

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recoveries. Killed it. Those are things that she will run through in a game and she'll collect stat upon stat upon stat."

Bentley was quick to point out that Fahrnbauer is not all there is to the team. "She wouldn't be able to play her position as well if she did not have two attacking midfielders that are shaping the ball into her," Bentley said.

With the 2013 season in the books, the sophomore has time to look back at positive season for the Trojans.

"We were so close to so many great opportunities to finish in conference and it's exciting to know that we beat the team that eventually did win the conference tournament," Fahrnbauer said. "We still have a lot to work on in the offense but eventually I think we'll become a great team next year."

Looking to the future, Fahrnbauer is focused on her maturation as an offensive

threat.

"Individually, I hope that I can improve in my offense. I know that I don't get a lot of assists up front, and I know that I only got one goal this season compared to last season where I got a few more."

Another thing that Fahrnbauer hopes to see more of next season are Troy fans that give the team added motivation.

"It's definitely exciting," Fahrnbauer said. "People don't understand that girls soccer can be pretty intense. I know we should probably get more fans out to come and support us because we play better when we know that people are really involved in the sport and want to be there."

Next season, Troy fans will have the opportunity to watch a team of Trojans who have all the parts to make some real noise in the Sun Belt and right there in the middle of it all, the blonde wearing No. 2 will be busy bringing down the house of cards.