

Fame

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records for free throws made (363) and free throws attempted (671) in addition to the single-game record of 21 free throws attempted.

Head football coach Rick Rhoades is one of the three Troy coaches with the honor of having won a national championship. He led the team to a pair of Gulf South Conference titles along with the 1987 NCAA Division II National Championship. Rhoades went on to serve as the head coach at Southern Illinois for one season before taking over as the offensive line coach at Alabama for one season and the offensive coordinator at Kentucky for two seasons. He has spent the last seven seasons coaching in Austria, Sweden and France.

Defensive lineman Osi Umenyiora's senior year at Troy was one of the best in school history as he finished second in the country with 15 sacks, a total which ranks tied for fifth best in a season in Troy history. He recorded 20.5 tackles for loss during that 2002 season to establish a new single-season school record.

Umenyiora was selected by the New York Giants in the 2003 NFL Draft. He has gone on to win a pair of Super Bowl titles and has been selected twice to be in the NFL Pro Bowl. He currently plays for the Atlanta Falcons.

Paul Word is one of the early trailblazers of Troy men's basketball. He helped lead the Trojans to several Alabama Collegiate Conference regular season championships and the 1962 Alabama Collegiate Conference Tournament Championship.

Word ranks 15th all-time in Troy history with 1,113 points over his three year career and is one of just 22 players in Troy history to top the 1,000-point mark. He led the Trojans in scoring and rebounding during his final two seasons. After graduating with honors, Word went on to become a high school coach and was awarded Alabama Coach of the Year in 2002.

Seats for the ceremony to see all of these distinguished people be recognized are \$100 each and \$800 a table. For more information or to purchase tickets contact the Troy Athletic Department at 334-670-3482.



April Irvin photo

Lindsey Woodard, a junior exercise science major from Sumiton, investigates an anatomical slide during her anatomy and physiology lab Tuesday. The labs have plans to add a single cadaver to the curriculum.

Anatomy and physiology lab instructors await a laboratory addition: a cadaver

Kianna Collins
Assistant A&E Editor

Troy University's biology department is getting a cadaver this semester, and it is expected to improve the quality of the anatomy labs.

A cadaver is a dead body that is intended for dissection for scientific purposes. It allows students to learn about skin markings, muscles and to be able to identify nerves and internal structures of the human system.

"They need to see it in reality," Gaston said. Troy's Montgomery campus already has two cadavers after their renovations to their labs.

Janet Gaston, a biology professor, went to the University of South Alabama and saw the gross anatomy lab, which had cadavers, and began to talk to them about teaching a gross anatomy lab in Troy.

Another option was incorporating cadaver study

into the undergraduate program in Troy.

"It's a phenomenal opportunity for students," Gaston said.

One of the main obstacles that prevented Troy University from having cadavers in the past was the absence of a proper filtering system installed in the anatomy lab.

The process of acquiring the proper filtering system took three years for the physical plant and the university to put that in place.

"We moved to the 203 lab and have ordered a gurney, so the cadaver will be ordered as soon as the gurneys are in," Gaston said.

There's also a lot of paperwork involved in acquiring a cadaver, which includes signing paperwork with the family of the deceased.

"It's better to be introduced in an undergraduate level so they're prepared for medical school," Gaston said.

The cadaver coming

to Troy later this semester is going to be used in anatomy and physiology classes.

"Having a cadaver is a lot better than dissecting rats, because it allows students to have experience with the human anatomy, instead of limited experience with rats," said Ashley Nelms, a sophomore biology major from Hayden.

"It allows students to have an edge when they enter medical school, and to be able to learn and maneuver around cadavers," Gaston said.

"It helps advance our department and shows that Troy University is looking forward for their students," said Amber Arrington, a freshman biomedical sciences major from Troy.

Troy's campus will only have one cadaver this semester, but it hopes to have two by next year. The University of South Alabama will be the source of the cadavers that come to Troy.

Recreation center fee passes SGA, resolution awaits Board of Trustees

Chase Robinson
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Taylor Foxx
Staff Writer

The SGA passed a resolution to institute a \$125 fee to raise funds for a new recreation center.

The resolution, introduced at last week's meeting, will now go before the student affairs committee of the Board of Trustees at a meeting on Jan. 31.

The fee would remain in place after the recreational center is established and go into an account to provide for maintenance and pay workers at the facility.

SGA President Cody Farrill, a senior political science major from Panama City Beach,

Fla., said the next major task for the SGA will be developing a comprehensive parking plan for next school year to address issues created by construction of the new Alumni Hall.

Cody Ash, director of IMPACT and special programs, spoke about IMPACT at the beginning of the meeting.

Applications to serve as an IMPACT leader will be available in the admissions office starting Friday. "IMPACT is about service to your university," Ash said.

There will be interest meetings on Feb. 3 at 3:30 p.m. and Feb. 6 at 5:30 p.m. The location for the first meeting has not been determined, but the second meeting will take place in the admissions office.

Resolutions to address traffic flow issues in the parking lot for the nursing building and the Newman Center and to create a crosswalk in front of the Newman Center were passed.

The SGA did not pass the constitution for Campus Carry, a group that promotes gun rights on campus.

An amendment to senate election laws was passed making applications to run due three days before elections.

The deadline for applications for the upcoming vacancy election was extended to Friday, Jan. 24 at 4 p.m.

SGA meetings are held in Trojan Center 119 on Tues. at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are open to all students.

Crime Log

Saturday, Jan. 11
Criminal Mischief, Third Degree
Sidemirror of Nissan Pathfinder damaged at ATO house.

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Criminal Mischief, Third Degree
Driver's side mirror on blue Ford Mustang damaged at ATO house.

Thursday, Jan. 16
Harassing Communications

Friday, Jan. 17
Burglary, Third Degree
\$40 in cash was stolen from McCartha Hall Suite 1.

Saturday, Jan. 18
Hit and Run
Passenger side rear bumper and passenger side rear tail light damaged.

Sunday, Jan. 19
Underage Purchase/Consumption/Possession

Tuesday, Jan. 21
Hit and Run
Driver's side rear door and quarter panel damaged.

Tuesday, Jan. 21
Burglary, Third Degree
Two printer cartridges, a cloth and plastic container were stolen from Alumni Hall.

Daybook

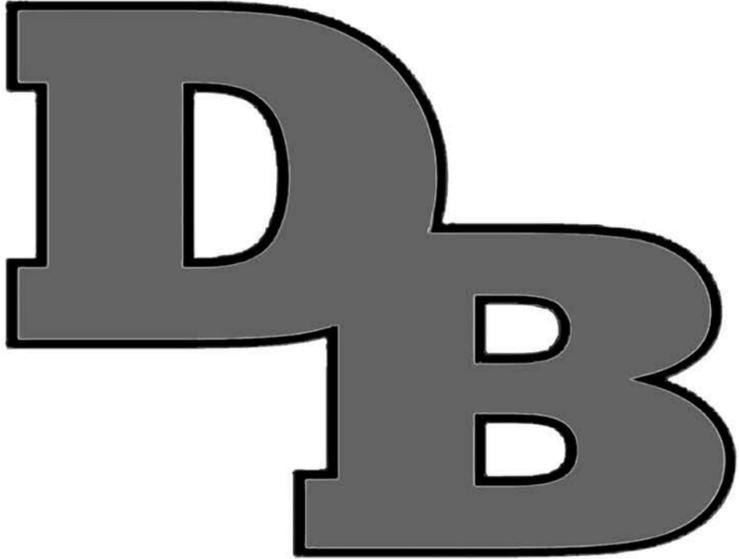
Thursday, Jan. 23.

Exchange Club, 4 p.m.
The Exchange Club of Troy is working with Troy University to establish a Collegiate Exchange Club. If you would like to join the organization or you would just like more information the next meeting is in Hawkins Hall room 101.

Habitat for Humanity, 4 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity will meet in Trojan Center 224 to discuss upcoming service projects that the organization has planned for the semester.

Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Ceremony, 6 p.m.
A ceremony to commemorate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be on Jan. 23 at Sorrell Chapel on campus.

Tea for Troy Nepali Tea, 7 p.m.
The International Student Organization Cultural Organization presents the Tea of Troy this Thursday, January 23 at 7 p.m. in Hal Hall. Explore the taste of Nepali Tea.



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Free language learning software accessed through database

Ngoc Vo
Staff Writer

With a free program in the Troy library database, students across campuses can now learn over 38 languages easily and at their convenience.

Mango Languages are online courses focusing on conversational learning to help users develop basic language skills.

According to Henry Stewart, dean of university libraries, Troy purchased the service in April 2009. Since then, Mango Languages has updated and added more languages to the original six at no cost.

The annual subscription for Mango Languages comes out of the library budget. Stewart said it costs less than a dollar per full-time equivalent student for the program. Using the library database, students can access Mango for free, saving approximately \$79 per level.

"This program provides many of the languages that our own students speak on a daily basis," Stewart said. "This is a good way for them to experience another language. There are audio and visual tools to help

students pick up common phrases easily."

"Even our faculty use Mango Languages before they go and teach abroad at our international branches," Stewart said. He said some of Troy's Spanish teachers have incorporated the program as a supplement to their syllabus.

"I personally prefer the style of Mango over Rosetta Stone and other really expensive products," said Lauren Coughlin, a senior political major from Maryland who is studying abroad in Belgium this semester. "The lessons use repetition and simplicity to help you remember ready-made phrases that you can pull into conversation after only one lesson... I've been able to immediately utilize those lessons with a native speaker."

Mango offers not only popular languages such as Spanish and Mandarin but also less widely used ones like Swahili and Haitian Creole. Pirate language is also among the languages available on the site.

The first year Troy got Mango, Greek was the most popular language learned through the program, according to Stewart's statistics. Now, students are

more interested in learning Spanish and French.

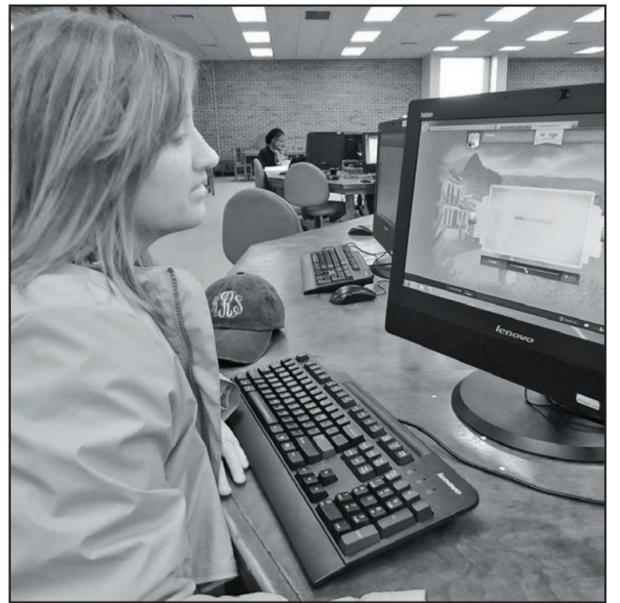
Another course Mango offers is English as a second language. This helps non-native students learn English through lessons tailored for learners with specific mother tongues.

Learning language through films is a special feature which came out within the last six months. Mango has made 16 films available in languages like German, Spanish and Mandarin to facilitate language acquisition.

Stewart said he is happy with the usage Troy Mango has received. Since 2009, about 4,500 sections have been used. Every available language has at least one usage.

Stewart said the average time students spend on Mango per login is 10 minutes. Mango is also available as an application on Android and iPhone for quick access. According to Stewart half of the usage is on mobile phone.

Free Mango lessons are only available to Troy students and faculty through the database. All the computers in the library are automatically logged in to the site. One can use the program across all international



Jennifer Carlisle photo
Kelsey Reynolds a sophomore elementary education major from Chatom takes advantage of Mango language software on Troy University's online database.

campuses. However, a valid Troy email address is required for access. To access the database from any computer go to <http://trojan.edu/library/databases.html>. From there, search for "Mango languages"

through the databases to find the "Mango Languages" link.

The top 10 language courses by usage are Spanish, French, German, Korean, Russian, Pirate, Mandarin, Swahili, Japanese and Haitian Creole.

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How to play:

Simply fill in the blank spaces with the numbers 1 to 9. Every row, column and 3-by-3 box must contain all nine digits with no number repeated. The Sudoku puzzle consists of 81 squares divided into nine 3-by-3 blocks. Some of the squares already have numbers in them.

To solve a Sudoku puzzle you have to use the numbers 1 to 9 to fill in the blank spaces so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 square has all the numbers 1 to 9 appearing once. Some puzzles are quite simple to solve while others are very tricky.

The only thing you need to solve a Sudoku number place puzzle is logic. You don't need any mathematical knowledge.

Last week's Solutions

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Sudoku

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Kateryna Kunitsyna photo
From Left to Right: Mohammed Alsaïd from Saudi Arabia, Nyari Chanakira from Harare, Zimbabwe, Abdellatif Jouini from Tunisia, Indiana Rnick from France, Jorge Ayala and Kateryna Kunitsyna from Ukraine.

International students establish global experience for community

Kateryna Kunitsyna
Staff Writer

The presence of exchange students help students experience different cultures without ever leaving campus.

"The advantage for the domestic students to have international students on campus is, I think, that they are able to learn a new culture right here in Troy without leaving the country, so it's a great opportunity for them," said Maria Frigge, Troy University's international student adviser. "And also, to be exposed to different languages is good. It gives them some opportunities to learn more than just English."

Advantages for U.S. students include meeting new friends from all over the world, learning languages and cultures, and, learning how to navigate through all of these things.

"I have more faith in the world becoming a place where people get along better if I can see young people getting to know each other," said Joe McCall adviser to International Student Cultural Organization, co-adviser to National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a lecturer in Troy University History Department.

Clinton Davis, a senior math major from Walnut Hill, Fla., is a part of many international clubs on campus, such as the International Student Cultural Organization, the International Bilingual Association, and the Russian Language and Culture Club. Davis said that he was happy to meet all his international

friends and to learn about their cultures.

Davis is an English language minor. He said that he is fond of foreign languages: he is able to speak English, Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, South Korean, Portuguese and French.

"I'm really involved with the international presence on campus," Davis said. "And now, in this semester here at Troy, I've got friends from all over the world."

"For me it's very important because I've been able to learn about so many different cultures, and so many different languages, just here in Alabama. Who would know that here in Alabama I can meet people from Ukraine, from Kazakhstan, from Tajikistan, from Korea, China, everywhere?"

Davis said he wants to continue his friendship with international students and to show them as much of his country as he can.

"They greatly broaden my understanding of the world where I live," Davis said.

Troy University political science professor, Richard Ledet said the presence of internationals in his classes is very important to him.

"I like having international students in my classes because they help us to put American politics into context," Ledet said. "I like to ask my international students: How are things in your country? How does your government function? How does popular opinion function? How do the people relate to government, for example?"

"And I think it helps Americans to understand

a little bit more about their government, and about their own country, by helping them to see how things work in other countries. And our international students help us to do that."

McCall said he got involved in working with internationals first through the students in his history classes.

"One of the most important things about having the international students in my classes, as I teach world history, and since those classes focus on the whole world, having students from different countries with different cultural backgrounds, different religious backgrounds is very important," McCall said, "in part, because they help me to learn more, to expand more."

"My international students, just by sitting in the class, change it."

McCall said that at the same time, he became friends with a number of Chinese visiting scholars who lived in the same apartment building as he. He noted that he met his wife, Silvia Li coordinator of special international initiatives at Troy University, here.

"I feel very fortunate to be in Troy, and really pleased, because Troy offered me a lot of opportunities," said Abdelatif Jouini, a senior accounting major from Tunis, Tunisia. "I got involved in the different clubs. I'm vice president of activities in Troy University's International Student Cultural Organization. I'm also president of communication at the Tea for Troy Club."



SETH 14

Seth Nicholson

Pious protesters pose psychological threat to students

Chad Downs

A man was spotted yesterday at the North quad shouting at students and condemning them of their 'wrong-doings.'

He was wearing a banner on the front and back of his body which listed dozens of 'sinful' habits and hobbies followed by "Hell Awaits You If You Do Not Abandon Your Sin..." written in big red letters.

This type of behavior comes as a surprise because Troy University, and especially the North quad, is a generally peaceful, functioning campus.

But the incident raises a lot of questions about safety and security.

A Troy student reported that one student was directly harassed by the stranger.

He pointed out her nose ring and said it "will get her to hell." Another student reported that he "travels from campus to campus doing this."

I take pride in Troy University's motto as "Alabama's International University."

The term itself expresses the openness and understanding this University has for different cultures,

views and religion.

The strange man represents the opposite of this type of ideology, proclaiming one religion in a radical and debatably misguided nature.

The thesis of his protest essentially is "my religion and my beliefs are the only true way, listen to me!"

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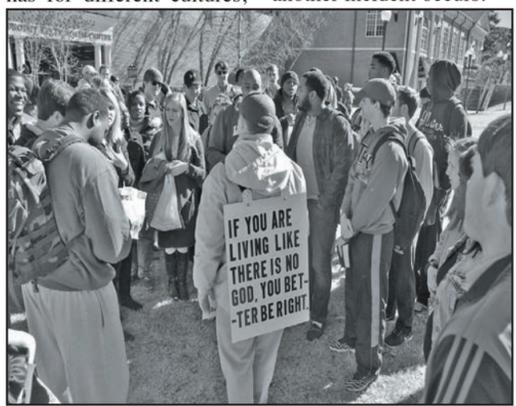
A non-university civilian promoting himself without permission is enough reason to step in on such an incident, but let's talk safety too.

Should Troy do more filtering of people who come on this campus?

Any stranger has easy access to do just what this man did, something different, or even something worse.

I know events like this don't often occur, but the concept of safety and security in relation to disruptive strangers coming on campus and yesterday's event should be brought up in administrative discussion.

Regardless of the nature of the act, Troy University Police were notified and the proper steps were taken to handle the situation, which is a procedure that will happen again if another incident occurs.



April Irvin photo

University a multicultural oasis, great opportunity to explore ideas

Taylor Foxx
Staff Writer

For many, college might be the greatest opportunity for individuals to share, refine, learn and experience new ideas.

Troy University, perhaps more so than other universities, is a place where great diversity exists in a very concentrated area.

In the midst of a small town in the deep South, one can meet Muslims, Buddhists, Hindus, Atheists, Coptic Christians, Catholics and students of other faiths and creeds. This list only highlights the diversity of religious belief, but is a mere fraction of the richness of Troy's student body in relation to culture, nationality and language.

College is an unparalleled opportunity to explore the world through different ideas, cultures and languages, but this opportunity is often squandered.

Even if we try to take advantage of the cultural

richness at Troy, oftentimes we are inhibited by our own personal biases.

Everyone has biases. There is no way to not have a bias.

Our biases create the foundation for how we live, think, relate and view the world.

They are not bad, but where our biases get us in trouble is when they close our minds to that which is new, foreign or strange.

Knowing our own biases is key because it allows us to understand the weaknesses of how we listen, learn and think.

Being open minded is only possible when we understand our biases and why we have them.

Foremost, we must understand that being open minded is not a negative word, nor does it mean believing everything or, perhaps, believing nothing.

Simply put, an open mind is willing to examine new ideas or beliefs critically without restoring or relying on a prior bias towards the message or the speaker.

Listening is key to effectively having an open mind.

I know, as a Christian, I am encouraged to share my beliefs with others, but the importance of listening is often not stressed as much as sharing.

Listening, not just hearing, to other's beliefs is harder than sharing our beliefs because it requires something of us.

Ultimately, when our biases prevent us from listening, we undergo great loss.

We lose the opportunity to engage in a global conversation that spans countries, cultures, races, colors and creeds.

Instead of viewing different ideas as dangerous, we should view them as great blessings.

Open dialogue and critical questions, inevitably, test the strength of our own beliefs.

If we have believed without understanding, our beliefs will falter when questioned.

If we share our beliefs

with those that do not necessarily believe in them, we refine them and understand them better.

Receiving critical dialogue with an open mind is healthy for cultivating strong faith.

Socrates said that the unexamined life is not worth living.

Likewise, unexamined beliefs are not worth having.

But, most importantly, ideas must be shared without hostility or pride.

Conversations should never be contests because neither relationships nor converts are ever won.

It is through relationship and mutual respect that people learn and believe.

As we spend these years as students at Troy University, let us strive to be open minded, to listen genuinely and to test our own ideas.

Doing so will lead to better relationships, more genuine conversations and a richer college experience overall.

With challenges of a new semester ahead, students should manage their time wisely

Kelsey Vickers
Perspectives Editor

Among the many issues that all college students have, time management is probably one of the most difficult to achieve.

It gets tough to manage your time when you've just spent the past month on break chain-watching shows on Netflix and becoming a couch potato.

But it's finally time to get back to the daily grind of school, and time to put down the TV remote and get out the textbooks.

One tip I have for trying to keep up with schoolwork is to keep a calendar and get in the habit of

making lists for yourself weekly - or daily, if you're a lover of lists like I am.

Keeping all the tasks you have to do not only helps you remember everything you have to do, but it also gives you the opportunity to check off all the things you've accomplished at the end of the day, which is a fantastic feeling.

Although scheduling time to work is pertinent, it's also important to schedule some time to relax and have a little fun.

Give yourself enough time during the day to meet with friends, play your video games or

watch your favorite shows on Netflix.

However, make sure you're not using these things to avoid getting work done. Think of it as more of a reward for getting your homework finished.

It also helps a lot to figure out what time of the day you tend to do your best work.

If you're a night owl like me, don't try to tell yourself that you're going to wake up at 7 a.m. to study for your upcoming test, because we both know it's not going to work.

Likewise, don't attempt to get your homework

done at midnight when you have to be up for your 8 a.m. class.

Remember, you're not in high school anymore. You don't have your parents at home peering over your shoulder to make sure you are getting your homework done, which can make it even harder to get it done.

But we're adults now, and when you get into the real world you're going to have a much harder time reaching deadlines when you're getting a paycheck as opposed to the college courses you're taking now.

Take advantage of your time here and do work.

EDITORIAL POLICIES

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Renowned dancer joins Troy

Troy's Nicki Loud has been a choreographer on "So You Think You Can Dance" and "Dancing with the Stars."

Madison Griggs
Staff Writer

As the New Year and the spring semester bring new classes, they also bring a few fresh faces to campus — one of those being Nicki Loud, Troy's new dance coordinator.

The students and faculty associated with Troy Dance Theatre are welcoming Loud and her extensive resume with open arms and expect only good things from her addition to the team. Originally from Seattle, Loud began her dance career early. At age 16 she was given the national title of New York City Dance Alliance Senior Outstanding Dancer, and it was all upwards from there. She proceeded to travel all across the country, working with conven-

tions such as NYCDA, Co. Dance and Tremaine as an assistant to many choreographers.

She has worked on two seasons of "So You Think You Can Dance" as an assistant choreographer as well as "Dancing With The Stars." Her choreography was debuted in "REVOLUTION," a rock 'n' roll show that toured North America from 2007 to 2009. To add to her already impressive achievements, Loud received an "Outstanding Choreographer" award for a piece called "The Hills", performed by a "So You Think You Can Dance" finalist.

Another award came for Loud in 2012 — "Best Choreographer" at the NYC Dance Awards, after which she was invited to be a finalist for the third time at the Capezio

A.C.E. Awards in NYC. Not limited to the stage, Loud has also danced on Stacey Tookey and Gene Gabriel's new web drama, "Chasing 8's" and the popular French television show, "Vivement Dimanche".

The BFA is centered around three types of dance — ballet, modern and commercial. Students and faculty are confident that Loud will help fill the gap by being full-time in commercial dance and by bringing styles not yet experienced in the Troy Dance Theatre.

No time was wasted putting Loud to work — three student-choreographed pieces were chosen to perform at the Alabama Dance Festival, so she immediately jumped in to schedule and oversee rehearsals.

Troy is proud to have had Patrick Pugh's piece "Going Home" selected to open the New Works Concert last Saturday. Jordan Gulledge's piece "Paedeia" and Kimberly Sausman's "Candor" performed in the festival showcase as well — with Loud's help Troy had the most works chosen for weekend performance.

The addition of Nicki Loud, and her vast experience, is viewed as a very positive change to the Troy Dance Theatre. Dancer Brooke Pilcher says "She has so much experience in the commercial field. Everyone looks up to her—she pushes us to be better and stronger dancers."



Nicki Loud

Troy University theater nationally honored

"A Single Girls Guide" travels to theater festival for competition

Ngoc Vo
Staff Writer

"A Single Girl's Guide," Troy University's very own musical, is among six shows that are heading to Roanoke, Va., for the regional Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival.

According to Tori Lee Averett, the main choreography director of the play, the KCACTF is part of the Kennedy Center, a well-established national entity, which promotes theater programs in universities.

"It's a big honor to be chosen to represent the Kennedy Center's mission for the art," Averett said. "It's like Troy had been selected for a bowl game."

"The theater and dance department put out the musical last semester and sent out an invitation to representatives of the center," said Josh Williams, a graduating senior of the theater and dance department from Angola, Ind., who plays the male lead in the show. The representatives came on their opening night and talked to the cast and crew about what they thought worked and what did not.

The department received the invitation to compete in the festival a few days before Christmas.

Out of a couple hundred shows evaluated across 10 states in Region 4, only six shows were selected, said Averett. Moreover, "A Single Girl's Guide" is chosen to be the closing act for the festival.

According to Averett,



April Irvin photos

"A Single Girls Guide" premiered last semester, but its encores at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival will be for higher stakes, such as a awards in a prestigious competition.

KCACTF is a week-long event with different activities such as design exhibition and competitions on several aspects of theater at the colle-

gate level. There will be contests in fields like acting, orchestra and stage management to promote excellence in all those areas.

According to Averett, about 50 students from Troy's music, theater and dance departments are participating in the festival. They are

scheduled to leave for Virginia in groups in the first week of February. The musical performance will be on Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. "Although the show

was produced last semester, we have created a newly improved version with the same flavor as the old one," Williams said. "There are some changes to the opening number, and one song is replaced. The writers have made some adjustments to shorten it...It's going to be a different experience for the audience."

"The first rehearsal was a few days after class started," Williams said. "There are enough changes to the musical that despite being familiar with the script, the cast and crew still have to work really hard for it."

According to Williams, this is also a time for mastering their choreography and fixing the details they did not have time to tend to last semester.

"We are really proud and excited," Williams said. "It's a big deal, especially for the cast, because this is the stage for us to get our names out there, to show that we can do professional works. It also gives Troy University a good reputation in fostering creativity."

"With competition like this, people might take what we do more seriously," Williams said. "It is noticeable when a small school in southern Alabama gets recognized on national scale."

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Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival

Festival stars four nationally respected storytellers

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Staff Writer

Troy University will be hosting the Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival this weekend. Each year it occurs the last weekend in January. This year is no exception with its free performance on Friday and three other performances on Saturday, all located in the Trojan Center Theatre. The Saturday performances are at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Pike Piddlers are a group of storytellers that make it their mission to be able to create magic with the spoken word. The Brundidge Historical Society and the Alabama State Council of Arts sponsor them.

This year's group of storytellers includes Sheila Kay Adams, Donald Davis, Carmen Deedy, Elizabeth Ellis, Michael Reo Harrell, Andy Offutt Irwin, Kevin Kling, Bil Lepp, Barbara McBride-Smith, Kathryn Tucker Windham, Suzi "Mama" Whaples, B.J. Abraham, Aleta Davis, Brent Holmes and Shelia Jackson.

Donald Davis, Barbara McBride Smith, Dolores



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The 5-time champion of the West Virginia Biggest Liars Contest, Bill Lepp, will be performing on campus Jan. 24 in the Trojan Center Theatre. Student admission is free.

Hydock and Bil Lepp happen to be four of the top storytellers in the country. This brings a piece of the National Storytelling Festival that occurs in Jonesborough, Tenn. to Troy.

Lepp, who has previously

been at the festival twice, is the headline storyteller.

Lepp is the 5-time champion of the West Virginia Biggest Liars Contest, as well as renowned humorous storyteller.

Davis, also known as "The

Donald" in the storytelling community, is lauded by The New York Times as a master storyteller.

According to the Times, Davis' stories often "leave listeners limp with laughter at

the same time they struggle with a lump in their throat."

McBride has been described as an energetic speaker, reminiscent of a fire-and-brimstone preacher.

Hydock is new to the Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival, but she has previously performed at the We Piddle Around Theater.

The Birmingham News described Hydock as, "smart but not cynical, heartwarming yet never corny."

The audience is encouraged to arrive early. Before the show, traditional music will be played including the genres of Southern Gospel, bluegrass and country.

The Pike Piddlers will also perform Friday night at the We Piddle Around Theater in Brundidge with supper provided.

Prices for the Saturday performances are \$30 for a daylong pass, \$10 for a 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. performance and \$15 for the 6:30 p.m. performance. Friday's performance is at 11 a.m. For more information about tickets and performances call (334) 735-3125, (334) 735-3675 or (334) 670-6302.

Series reboot coming to Fox

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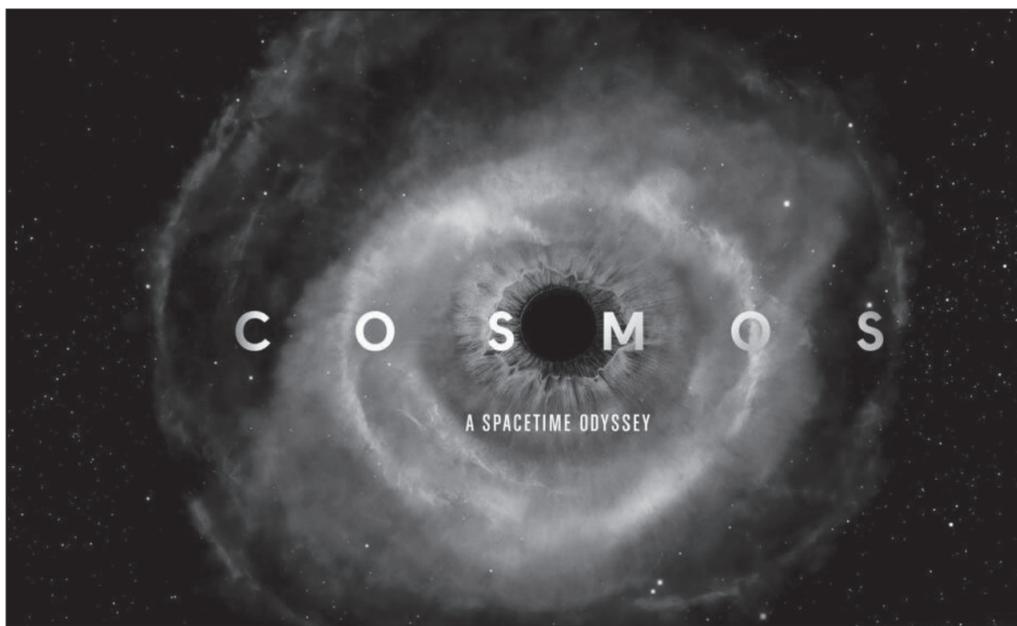
After 35 years of dormancy, Fox reboots the original series, "Cosmos: A Personal Voyage" that was hosted by Carl Sagan.

Now, with original executive producers, Ann Druyan and Steven Soter, behind the project, astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson will host the show.

The original series spanned 13 episodes in 1980 and was one of the most watched series on public television until 1990. As of 2009, it was the most watched public broadcast series in the world.

"Cosmos: A Personal Voyage" won Emmy and Peabody awards, and was broadcasted in over 60 countries and seen by 500 million people. In total, it has been seen by an estimated 700 millions viewers globally.

The series had unique special effects, which made it seem like Sagan



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"Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey" comes to Fox on March 9 and National Geographic on March 10, as Neil deGrasse Tyson shows viewers scientific discoveries through storytelling and animation.

was walking through a set of models as opposed to a full sized set.

The original show had been changed several times with new scientific

discoveries, which kept it current throughout the years. Sagan filmed new epilogues for the episodes that discussed the new discoveries and alterna-

tive viewpoints that arose since the first broadcast.

Executive producers Seth MacFarlane, Mitchell Cannold and Brannon Braga are on

board for the new series.

MacFarlane brought on a team of animators to help tell the stories in an innovative way.

MacFarlane was also a

major driving force in the production of the show. He obtained network funding for the series.

"We should be vigorously exploring the solar system by now, and who better to inspire us to get there than Ann Druyan, Steven Soter, Neil deGrasse Tyson, and, of course, Carl Sagan," MacFarlane said in a statement.

The series explores new stories and concepts about the universe, which will tie together "rigorous science with the emotional and spiritual into a transcendent experience," said Fox.

It will also explore how humans discovered the laws of nature and how to determine their place in space and time, just like its predecessor. It covers the tiniest and largest views of the universe, and takes viewers to new worlds across the galaxy.

The new series will air its first episode on March 9 on Fox and March 10 on the National Geographic.

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Louisiana teams defeat Troy men at home

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Staff Writer

The winning streak was cut short for the Troy University men's basketball team as they took two tough losses from both Louisiana Monroe and Louisiana-Lafayette.

ULM defeated Troy 75-64 on Thursday, Jan. 16. The Trojans stayed in the game until the Warhawks took the game away after the first few minutes of the second half.

"When the game was on the line, there about midway through the second half or 10 minute mark it could have gone either way or it could have grinded down to the end, they stepped for and made the plays and we didn't," said head coach Phil Cunningham.

While Troy out-rebounded Louisiana Monroe 28-25, the Warhawks percentage from behind the arc and from the field exceeded Troy's. ULM shot 64 percent from behind the arc while Troy only shot 28 percent.

Leading scorers for Troy were senior guards Jeff Mullahey and Hunter Williams. They each had 16 points and were followed by senior guard Antoine Myers who had 13.

Throughout the course of the game, the lead changed between the Warhawks and Trojans six different times and was tied eight times.

The other tough loss for the Trojans

came Saturday night, Jan. 19, as they competed against the Ragin' Cajuns. They ended up defeating Troy 72-59.

Troy hung in with Louisiana-Lafayette until the six minute mark of the game when ULL went on a 13-0 run.

While Troy out-rebounded yet another Louisiana team, this time 33-32, shooting percentage and three pointers were Troy's downfall. The Ragin' Cajuns field goal percentage was 54 percent while Troy's was only 41 percent. Lafayette shot 40 percent from behind the arc where Troy only shot 29 percent.

"They played good defense I think, but we missed a lot of open shots. I mean, I had two in the second half that if I could get back, I wish I had knocked them down. I think it would have been a different game," said Mullahey in regards to shooting percentages.

Throughout the game, senior forward Tevin Calhoun led the Trojans with 14 points. With his fourth double-double of the season, junior Kevin Thomas had 13 points and 13 rebounds. Mullahey also had 13 points throughout the game.

"That was one that's tough, it's a tough pill to swallow when we fought back the way we did," said Cunningham about his team's performance on Saturday.

The Trojans will be competing on the road this week. They will play UT-Arlington on Thursday night, Jan. 23, with tipoff at 8 p.m. Their next matchup will be Saturday, Jan. 25, against Texas State beginning at 4:30 p.m.



April Irvin photo

Junior forward Kevin Thomas had a game high of 11 rebounds against ULM on Jan. 16. He picked up his fourth double-double of the season with 13 points and 13 boards on Saturday, Jan. 18 versus UL Lafayette.

Softball looks to freshmen and returning pitchers

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While fans anxiously anticipate the start of the 2014 season, the ladies of the Troy Trojan's softball team have already been hard at work preparing to make this year one to remember.

Throughout the fall the team stayed in shape and on top of their game through the use of scrimmage games that allowed them an opportunity to get comfortable on the field. The team even played in a mini mock world series against themselves allowing the girls to not only get a feel for their fielding positions, but also for how they would come together as a whole.

"During the fall season, we want to work on fundamentals of positions: hitting, pitching, catching," associate head coach Sharon O'Mara said. "As we transition into January, fitness has been a focus, and now we want to work on getting everyone comfortable in their positions and bringing the team together."

The road to this season hasn't been an easy one with the team taking the bumps in the road in stride, working around the construction on their new home field by practicing at the Troy recreational facilities.

"While it has been challenging to move our equipment and players, I don't feel like it has had a major impact," O'Mara said. "It has given the girls a way to appreciate this new facility even more."

In the field, this year looks to be full of promise and opportunity as the team



April Irvin photo

Sophomore pitcher Sara Mock practices for opening day at the Troy Sportsplex. The softball team will face Auburn on Feb. 6, at home.

prepares a roster of varied ages and levels of experience, and one of the largest pitching rosters the lady Trojans have ever had.

"We're coming in with two freshmen pitchers who also hit well, providing us with the hitting and pitching option," O'Mara said. "We also have a junior transfer student who has had a great impact, and I really see her adding to this season."

The pitching roster also sports returning redshirt Ashley Rainey as well as the return of last year's pitchers Sarah Thomas, Jaycee Affeldt and left-handed Rachel Rigney, a true freshman who played last season and made an impact on the team.

With the season looming so near, the team can see their date with the Auburn Tigers drawing just beyond the horizon.

"We will be on the new field, and I think confidence will be a big thing with the girls," O'Mara said. "It's one pitch at a time, we need good at bat and we need good fielding. Auburn is not going to be an easy opponent, but if we play with confidence and a little bit of luck along the way, then we are ready."

The lady Trojans begin their season here at home on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 3 p.m., to be followed immediately by the Troy Subway Invitational.

"We open here at home with some big games against big opponents like Auburn and Alabama, and we would love to see support from the student body here at home while we can," O'Mara said.

The ladies will then be on the road constantly until March 26 when they take up conference play against South Alabama.

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Decock explained that getting cancer at age 20 was a lucky thing for her. She has a new attitude on life and lives every moment to the fullest.

When asked about what Project 19 meant to her,

Decock could not express the gratitude she had for the support she received.

"Just having my soccer team was enough," she said.

"I mean Troy was amazing. Having a bunch of different

schools, I was like wow, that's amazing. I mean that just proves that there are amazing people in this world. And I'm just so grateful to everyone. And there are no words I can say, just thank you."



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Senior midfielder, Kailani Decock, now cancer-free, is excited to be back at Troy and be reunited with her teammates to play soccer next season.

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Super Bowl XLVII: Battle of the West Coast

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Staff Writer

With Seattle's huge win over San Francisco this past Sunday, 23-17, the Seahawks will be meeting the potent offense of Peyton Manning's Denver Broncos on Feb. 2, in arguably the biggest football game of the year, the Super Bowl.

The Bronco's secured a spot in Super Bowl 48 with their dominating win against Tom Brady and the New England Patriots 26-16 in the AFC Championship on Jan. 19.

This year's Super Bowl should be one for the ages, with the Seahawks only having made it this far one time before in 2005, and the Denver Broncos making their seventh appearance in team history.

While the Seahawk's quarterback Russell Wilson is only in his second season in the NFL, he is facing veteran quarterback Peyton Manning, who already has a Super Bowl win under his belt with the Colts at Super Bowl XLI in 2007.

It is a story of David and Goliath this year, and Denver will be a sure favorite. In the AFC Championship game, Manning threw for 400 yards and two touchdowns, while Wilson put up more modest numbers against the 49ers in the NFC Championship game at just 215 yards and 1 touchdown.

The rushing game is a little more even numbers-wise with Seattle having 115 yards primarily on the back of Marshawn Lynch, and the Broncos having 107 yards distributed pretty evenly between Knowshon Moreno and Montee Ball.

Even with pretty solid running numbers for both teams, Super Bowl XLVII will be played primarily in the air. The Broncos held the Patriots to just 64 yards rushing in 16 attempts, but gave up 256 yards in the air.

The Seahawks, on the other hand, allowed more yards in the trenches at 161 total rushing yards, while only allowing 147 yards through the air.

With Denver having the ability to pound it through on the ground, and light up the sky with Manning's precision passing, the Feb. 2 game will be a one-sided fiasco.

Although Seattle has a solid secondary, they will be ready for the monster that is Peyton Manning. If Seattle wants to stay in the game, they will need to put up huge numbers against the Bronco's secondary and hope to make the game a shoot-out.

My prediction for the result of the game is Denver 35 - Seattle 17, with most of Denver's points coming off the arm of Manning. If Peyton plays to his top game, he can throw for 400 plus yards again this game and potentially have four to five touchdowns.

Seattle has the potential to strike back if they run the ball well early. If Lynch breaks free on a few good runs in the early minutes of the first half, it will open up the play action pass for Wilson and his solid receiving core.

However, Seattle's defense will struggle with the impending Broncos offense, and Peyton will put yet another Super Bowl ring on his finger.

Trojan women snaps losing streak against Ragin' Cajuns

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The University of Louisiana-Monroe defeated the Trojan women, 83-72 on Thursday, Jan. 16, but Troy finally broke their 8-game losing streak after facing University of Louisiana-Lafayette and winning 87-75 on Saturday, Jan. 18, at Trojan Arena.

The Trojan women had a close game against ULM. Senior guard Joanna Harden scored 32 points but ULM out-rebounded Troy 55-38. Sophomore guard Ashley Beverly-Kelley also joined Harden in scoring double-digits with 10 points and made two of Troy's four 4-pointers.

The Warhawks also held a lead of 17 points during the second half. The lead only changed twice and was never tied.

According to Harden, the game

with UL Monroe the defense wasn't very energetic. However, the loss just made the team push harder towards the success.

Trojans came back on the winning track on Saturday, Jan. 18. Harden led the game with 28 points, Beverly-Kelley contributed 17 points and junior forward Brianna Lancaster scored her career-high 16 points.

Troy improved their rebounds in the second game, leading the Ragin' Cajuns 53-41. The Trojan women were also able to prevent UL Lafayette for scoring for 10 minutes straight in the first half allowing Troy to manufacture a double-digit lead.

"We realized that we have to play defense as a team, and played well," Harden said. "So, hopefully, we can win next two games in Texas."

Harden is currently the NCAA's third-leading scorer, and is a part of the watch list of candidates for the 2014 Nancy Lieberman Award.

"I'm just speechless that I'm one of the guards to watch," Harden said. "Being a candidate for Nancy Lieberman Award just motivates me to go harder every game."

Harden said she finds her inspiration in her aunt Linda Burley who passed away when Harden was in middle school. Harden's aunt was her best friend and role model but never had a chance to see Harden playing.

"She was like a mother-figure to me," Harden said. "My goal is to make it to the WNBA, so I can make my auntie proud of me, even though she isn't here to witness that."

The Trojans will play against University of Texas at Arlington on Wednesday, Jan. 22 and against Texas State on Saturday, Jan. 25. The Athletics Department staff believes that the team can come home with the double win.



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Sophomore guard Ashley Beverly-Kelley scored 10 points during the ULM game Thursday, Jan. 16. Kelley contributed 17 points and five assists during the ULL game on Saturday, Jan. 18.

Kailani's cancer-free return

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"Let's do this!" was senior midfielder Kailani Decock's reaction to finding out she had stage 3 Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Kailani Decock is a student-athlete for the Troy University soccer team. Last summer after spring training, though, her life was flipped upside down.

In June of 2013, Decock was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, which is cancer of the lymph nodes. Through the process of her treatments, the soccer team, with the help of their head coach Chris Bentley, began a way to raise awareness and support about Hodgkin's lymphoma through a process called Project 19.

The aim of this project was not only to raise awareness but to remind each and every athlete of just how lucky they are for the opportunity to play. In order to do this, the soccer team dedicated their 2013 season to promote Project 19. With this aim in mind, the team sold purple bracelets in honor of Decock and held events around campus.

"With the money that we've raised, I hope to donate it to a non-profit so it can directly help people in this area going through treatment," Decock said about Project 19's proceeds. "I couldn't have imagined having to think about being able to afford it when it's such an unfortunate situation that's the last thing you should have to worry about."

After being diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Decock went through chemotherapy for six months. She had 12 treatments, each two weeks apart.

"After my second treatment, actually, I just looked at my mom and was like 'how I am I going to do this?'" she said. "This is insane, ten more of these. And then she was like 'you are going to do it.'"

Decock has finished her treatments and is now back on Troy's campus taking classes and ready for the next soccer season.

"I still have a smile on my face," Decock said on being back in Troy. "I just can't wipe it off. It's amazing just walking around seeing people wearing purple bracelets or random project 19 stuff that they made."

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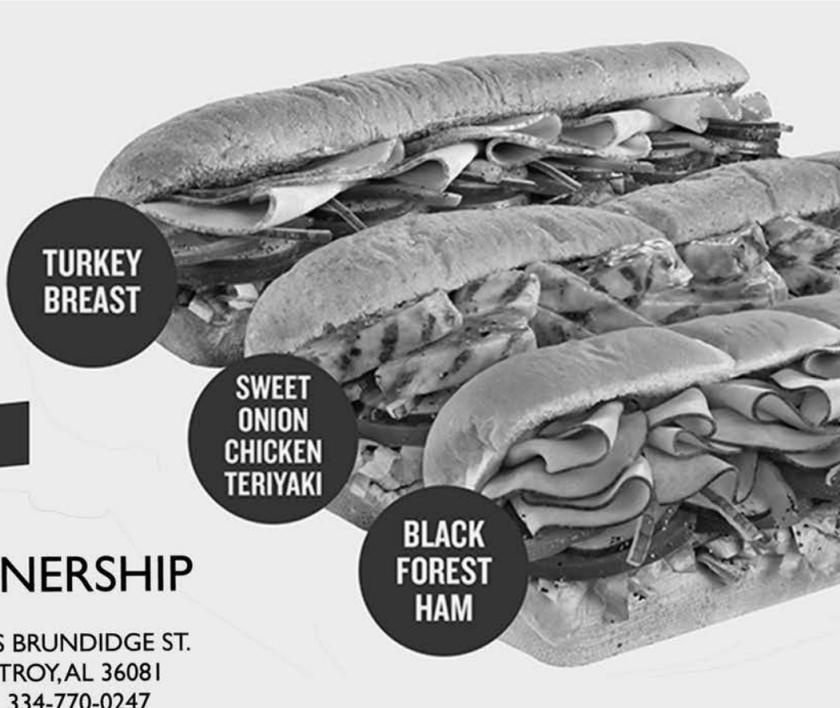


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