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Gay marriage debate

Obama's promise and Troy

ALABAMA GAY MARRIAGE BAN: A TIMELINE



1998

Alabama passed the Alabama Marriage Protection Act: marriage can only be between a man and a woman

2006

Sanctity of Marriage Amendment ratified

2/13/2014

SPLC (Southern Poverty Law Center) brings a federal case against Alabama's Marriage Protection Act

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U.S. District Judge Callie V.S. Granade rules Alabama's act unconstitutional

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Granade agrees to stay rulings for marriage licenses for 14 days

1/27/2015

Second Alabama couple wins marriage challenge

1/28/2015

Alabama's probate judges conceded to the ruling made by Granade

Cassie Gibbs
News Editor

Students in community college could benefit from President Barack Obama's American College Promise proposal if it is passed, but what would that mean for those students not in community colleges?

On Jan. 9, the White House sent out a press release that laid out the plans for Obama's proposal. These plans included having community colleges improve programs and providing funding to help support the free tuition program for each state.

The promise consists of three parts: maintaining the responsibility of the students, upgrading the quality of the college and its programs, and providing shared funding between the state and the federal government.

John Dew, senior vice chancellor of student services, said that, though he doubts this proposal will be passed, it should not affect Troy University.

"For the majority of students, it wouldn't change anything," Dew said. "We have a large percentage of the population who are transfer students. I don't think we would suddenly see a big drop in enrollment on this campus."

In order to ensure student responsibility, Obama's proposed free tuition would be available for students for only two years, during which students must "attend (school) at least half-time, maintain a 2.5 GPA while in college and make steady progress toward completing their program," the press release said.

The second part of Obama's proposal is to help create better quality programs at community colleges, which would include "academic programs that fully transfer to local public four-year colleges and universities, giving students a chance to earn half of the credit they need for a four-year degree, or are occupational training programs with high graduation rates and that lead to degrees and certificates that are in demand among employers," the press release said.

Dew said that the future of academics,

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Alabama has become a subject of national news after a U.S. district judge declared the state's same-sex marriage ban unconstitutional.

U.S. District Judge Callie V.S. Granade ruled in favor of Cari Searcy and Kim McKeand, who were denied their "desire for a second-parent adoption of a 9-year old boy" because of the Alabama Marriage Protection Act and the Alabama Sanctity of Marriage Amendment, according to an al.com

article.

Searcy and McKeand were legally married in California, but their marriage was not recognized in Alabama because of the act, which was passed in 1998.

The act states: "Marriage is a unique relationship between a man and a woman... A marriage contracted between individuals of the same sex is invalid in this state." It goes on to say: "No marriage license will be issued in the state of Alabama to parties of the same sex."

This state constitution was amended in 2006 by the Alabama Sanctity of Marriage Amendment, which further stated that "any union replicating marriage of or between persons of the same sex in the State of Alabama or in

any other jurisdiction shall be considered and treated in all respects as having no legal force or effect in this state and shall not be recognized by this state as a marriage or other union replicating marriage."

This is not the first lawsuit against the act and amendment.

The Southern Poverty Law Center filed a lawsuit in 2014 after Paul Hard was refused information about his husband, David Fancher, before his death after a car accident.

This ruling comes as a surprise to some members of the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer community at Troy University.

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Taylor Bowser graphic

A look at a week of service

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Troy University students honored Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy last week by participating in different events and service opportunities throughout the city.

Different service events included: prepping and delivering meals with Campus Kitchens, playing games with senior citizens at Noble Manor and helping with the food bank at the Salvation Army, among others.

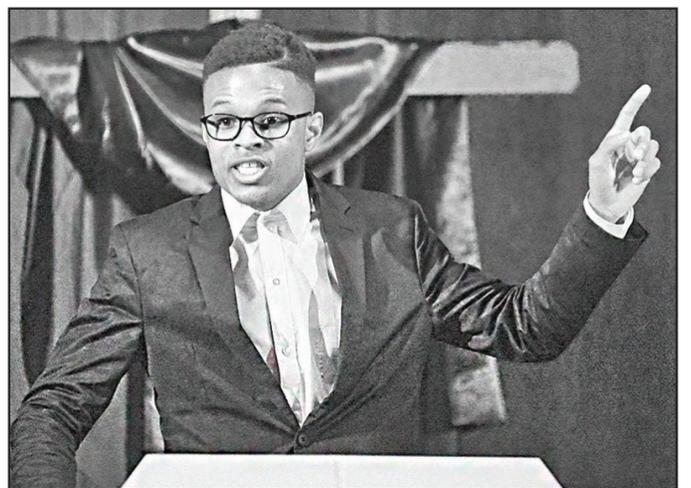
Darunda Wilkins, a sophomore business management major from Montgomery, celebrated the week of service by helping at the local Boys and Girls club. Wilkins said that helping those

younger than she was a great opportunity to have.

"I had the opportunity to volunteer at the Pike County Boys and Girls Club in Troy on Saturday, Jan. 24, during the MLK service week," Wilkins said. "I saw this as an opportunity to give back to the community. At the Boys and Girls Club, other volunteers and I had the chance to clean the bathrooms, mop the gym, organize books and other various activities. The Boys and Girls Club recently bought a school, so it was great to help with cleaning that as well.

"The youth are the future, so I will do anything I can to help them. I especially enjoyed volunteering because I remember my time in the Boys and Girls Club. I loved seeing people from the outside come and help as well. During that day of service, I gained new friends that I

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April Irvin photo

Quenton Martin, a junior social sciences major from Tuscaloosa and president of Troy's NAACP, speaks at the Death of a Generation event held during Troy's service week.

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Angie Kendall, a sophomore dance major from Hershey, Pennsylvania, performs at the Death of a Generation event held Thursday, Jan. 22, at Sorrell Chapel. The event highlighted the recent deaths of black Americans across the country. The event was one of many held during the MLK week of service where students had the opportunity to attend similar services and take part in community service projects throughout the city, such as playing games with senior citizens at Noble Manor and painting the local Boys and Girls Club.

Senate winners announced

Grishma Rimal
Variety Editor

The Student Government Association discussed the senate elections that were held Wednesday, Jan. 28, in Trojan Center Room 215 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. According to SGA Clerk Ryan Cole, a junior political science major from Athens, eight of the 10 open positions have been filled.

The winners of the elections are: Emily Cothran and Kirby Hutchins for the College of Education, Brooke Bishop for the College of Health and Human Services, Allyson Waldrop for Cowart Hall, Hannah Crews for Hamil Hall, Katrina Bokenfohr for Sorority Hill, Leandro Guimaraes Froes for Pace Hall, and Alyssa Crow for the at-large senator position.

Freshman Forum gave more details about its event, Hoopcoming. Campus or-

ganizations will be able to nominate one male candidate who will compete in a doughnut-eating contest during the basketball game between Troy and the University of South Alabama on Feb. 12. Two days prior to the event, SGA will also have tables set up in Trojan Center to fundraise for each candidate.

"People around Trojan Center can come and put money in the jar of the candidate of their choice," said Patrick Rogers, a sophomore general business major from Dothan and Freshman Forum director. "Whoever raises the most money will be awarded as the king and will be allowed to use all the money combined and donate it to a charity of their choice in Troy."

Up to 15 nominations will be accepted by Freshman Forum. The winner will be titled the "Hoopcoming All-Star" and receive a

basketball jersey from the athletic department.

"It's a great way to have student involvement by bringing students together, for one common goal: to support our basketball team," Rogers said. "And also to throw some fun activities in there to make the students laugh and enjoy the game."

Rogers said that he hopes this event helps improve the relationship between SGA and Troy athletics and brings students together to support their team for an important game of the conference.

The SGA placed Resolution 2015-13 on docket, which will re-label some traffic signs behind the nursing building that currently direct vehicles in the opposite direction of the natural flow of traffic.

Executive elections for SGA were announced and will be held on Feb 25.



Hannah Crews photo

Sam Moody, a freshman risk management insurance major from Montgomery and Freshman Forum member, discusses details of Freshman Forum's upcoming Hoopcoming event, which will be held on Feb. 12 during the Troy vs. the University of Alabama game. The winner will be the "Hoopcoming All-Star."

Crime Log

Jan. 17

Theft of property third degree (\$500 or less)

An iPhone 6, black and gray, was stolen from the Delta Chi fraternity house.

Jan. 20

Harassment

Harassment was reported at the Math and Science building.

Jan. 21

Lost property

A Carabiner keychain with four keys and a key fob and a keyless remote for a motor vehicle were reported lost at the Math and Science building.

Jan. 23

Theft of property third degree (\$500 or less)

A brown wallet with assorted cash and credit/debit cards, assorted currency and assorted gift cards valued at \$135 were reported stolen at Troy University's dining hall.

Jan. 25

Damage to property

A 10 mph speed limit sign and pole were reported damaged at Sorority Hill.

MLK

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probably would've never met otherwise. We have common interests and enjoy giving back. I would do it all over again to give back in hopes of a better future."

Quenton Martin, a junior social sciences major from Tuscaloosa and president of Troy's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, participated in the Death of a Generation event that was held on Thursday, Jan. 22.

"The event was a memorial to kind of highlight the recent lives lost and the recent injustices in black America, such as Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown and Eric Gardner, but it was more so used as a generational rally

cry to give the student body a say in how we can change the world," Martin said. "We're still a generation that can provide a lot of good."

Martin said having the event during the MLK service week helped the event to be a success.

"Being that it was on Dr. King's week, and with the recent release of (the movie) 'Selma,' it all came together to make the service a very powerful service," Martin said.

Jonathan Cellon, coordinator of service learning and engagement, said that the turnout for the events was great and that the week of service was a success.

"Everything went well," Cellon said. "I'm thankful to the students who showed up and helped make a difference in our community."

Free

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especially at larger institutions, might be found with the increased use of online courses and other technology such as 3-D visual technology.

"It would not be hard to see a future scenario where 3-D technology becomes a desirable mode for course delivery," Dew said. "There is also the question of how larger institutions might redesign some of their course delivery methods. The rate of change is phenomenal. I think we're going to see a lot of changes in the coming years in education."

Funding for the free tuition program

would come from both the federal and state governments.

The federal government would pay about two-thirds of the money needed, while the state, if it decided to participate in the program, would be required to cover one-third of the expenses.

Dew said that before higher education could be funded by the state, in the case of free tuition at least, other issues would probably be focused on first, such as the overcrowding in the state's prisons.

The free tuition program was designed after programs already in place in Tennessee and Chicago, according to the press release.

According to a speech made by President Obama in Knoxville, Tennessee,

he "increased grants and took on a student loan system that was funneling billions of taxpayer dollars through big banks" while also increasing scholarships.

"We've cut taxes for people paying tuition," Obama said in his speech. "We've let students cap their federal student loan payments at 10 percent of income so that they can borrow with confidence."

Dew said that the experimental programs in Tennessee should have time to show results as to the success of such programs as the one that Obama is proposing.

"I think, as a nation, it would be wise to let the experiment run out over a couple of years and to see what happens in Tennessee," Dew said.

Marriage

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Julian Carroll, a freshman political science major from Dayton, Ohio, and a member of the LGBTQ community at Troy University, said that this ruling is a step forward for the state and U.S.

"It was very surprising to hear about the ruling," Carroll said. "This ruling is an improvement, though, even for the nation."

Alex Millard, a senior English major from Enterprise, said that this ruling opens a door for discussions on more topics that affect the LGBTQ community.

"What this can mean for me, personally, being transgendered, is the prospect of opening up queer issues for discussion on a larger scale," said Millard. "Something like this happening in Alabama, taking into account the state's reputation, inadvertently forces the rest of the nation to pay attention and hopefully will allow them to widen their focus to include the rest of the LGBTQ community and the struggles that come with being queer and having lesser representation.

"With that being said, I can't be surprised that the attorney general's office is appealing the judge's ruling. It's in Alabama's nature, it seems, to be violently old-fashioned and to suggest that 'defending' the state's awful law is something needing to be done to preserve the 'values' of said state. Regardless, I can easily disregard the immediate conservative backlash because it still

happened, and it's now in the news. The rest of the nation and the world will get to see that the LGBTQ community is still struggling in America, too. They can see that we need help, and maybe, someday soon, we'll get it."

Not all are supportive of the ruling.

Aubrey Toole, a senior biomedical sciences major from Pace, Florida, was disappointed with the judge's ruling.

"It is disappointing because Alabama has had this (gay marriage ban) law for so long and now the federal government is trying to influence the change of Alabama's conservative stance on this issue," said Toole.

One student, who wishes to remain anonymous, said that while he or she is not against gay people, he or she is not in support of gay marriage.

"I don't have anything against gay people, but I believe marriage is meant to be a sacred covenant between a man and a woman," the student said. "Marriage is sacred and our society has been downplaying the sanctity of marriage."

Many probate judges in the state, who issue marriage licenses, said they would not follow the ruling of Granade, including Pike County Probate Judge Wes Allen.

"We (Alabama probate judges) thought that we were not a party to that ruling that she made Friday night, and it was only two parties: the couple that tried to adopt the child and Luther Strange, the attorney general," Allen said. "So, because we were not a party, we just felt

like this was business as usual for us. It didn't affect us. After the latest statement the judge has made about the ruling, I'm not ready to comment at this time at anything going forward, anything hypothetical. I stand by my statement made previously."

A Troy Messenger article said that Allen announced via Twitter that the Pike County Probate Office would not issue same-sex marriage licenses.

"In accordance with current Alabama law, the Pike County Probate Office will not issue marriage licenses to same sex couples," Allen said in a statement he first released Sunday via Twitter. "The recent Federal Court ruling on same sex adoption issued by Judge Granade of the Southern District of Alabama does not require this Probate Judge's office to issue marriage licenses to same sex couples."

On Wednesday, Granade issued a statement clarifying her ruling, and said that it applied to all probate judges in the state. Alabama's probate judges have since agreed that the ruling applies to everyone, not just parties involved in the initial adoption case, an al.com article said.

Since the ruling Friday, Granade has agreed to place a stay on her ruling for 14 days, to give the 11th Circuit Court in Atlanta time to appeal her ruling, and has ruled in favor of a second Alabama couple's request to be allowed to marry in Alabama.

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to make a decision on this issue by the end of June.

Son remembers father, Navy hero

Alyse Nelson
Features Editor

The guns going off, including the one in his hands, were so loud that they probably became muted by the ringing in his ears that followed the shots.

Staring up from the ocean, the crew was faced with Japanese airforce pilots bent on sacrificing their own lives if only to spread the destruction wider.

Albert Flowers Sr., whose job was to assist with ammunition, watched as the gunner, his comrade, was shot and killed. When jumping ship seemed just as viable an option, Flowers Sr. picked up the gun and shot until every plane was sinking into the ocean.

So completely in the zone as

to be unaware, he continued shooting long after necessary, until another sailor composed himself enough to tell Flowers to stop, that the ship was saved.

Albert Flowers Jr. grew up proud to be named after his father, Albert Flowers Sr., recipient of the Bronze Star Medal.

Flowers Jr., an online student majoring in global business management, has spent recent months researching his father's act of bravery that saved the entire remaining crew on the USS Intrepid during World War II.

"The commanding officer said that without Albert Flowers the USS Intrepid would have gone under," Flowers Jr. said. "Not only did he save the ship, but he also saved the crew."

Flowers Sr. led a life in which

he never backed down from a challenge. Growing up in Troy, he enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and was part of that infamous battle in 1944.

When kamikazes began to dive-bomb the ship, one of the other men aboard predicted that they were facing certain death.

Flowers Sr. prevented that, however, and was recognized first by his commanding officer and then by President Harry S. Truman for his actions.

Flowers Jr. always considered his father a great man and looked up to him. After his time spent in the military, Flowers Sr. became the father of six children and a police officer in the '60s in Florala, Alabama.

"That was unheard of in the 1960s in Alabama," Flowers Jr. said, as his father was black.

"Somehow he endured,"

Flowers said of the verbal abuse and slurs that his father initially experienced.

"He was the type of person that you couldn't really hurt him with words. He looked above that. He saw something better than a person being ignorant."

Flowers Jr. said that the abuse did end as the community eventually accepted his father and saw past the color of his skin.

But he did not fully appreciate what his father had accomplished until a friend, employed by a black history museum, pushed him to do further research so that he could be included in the museum.

"It took me some time to get up the nerve to really start doing the research," Flowers Jr. said of these years following his father's passing in 2001. "I recently got his records from the Navy Archives."

"I just admire his dedication to everything," Flowers said. "He inspired me to be the best that I could be, even though I've stumbled and fallen a few times. I just admire him."

A retired postal service employee and father himself, Flowers has recently become a nontraditional Troy University online student. Upon graduation, he will be the first in his family to earn a degree.

Citing the difficulties of being

a retiree taking classes, Flowers thanks his professors, counselor and spell-check as factors in his success at school.

"He actually did some things that a lot of people would give a second thought about. A lot of people probably would have jumped into the ocean."

"Who doesn't love a spell-check?" he said.

Inspired all over again as he sifted through the chronicle of his father's life, Flowers decided that he wanted to do more to honor his father.

After writing many emails and making some phone calls, Flowers has received a special invitation to a Veterans Memorial Ceremony at the USS Intrepid, which is currently docked in New York City.

"There are only two remaining Navy men that were in that gunboat, and they're in their 90s. I'm not sure if they're going to make it to the ceremony, but maybe their children will, and I am excited about that."

Flowers has also arranged a brick-laying ceremony for his father at the Veterans Wall in downtown Crestview, Florida, where his father also lived. The ceremony will be held on Feb. 21 at 10 a.m.

"I just couldn't imagine," Flowers said of his father's heroism. "He actually did some things that a lot of people would give a second thought about. A lot of people probably would have jumped into the ocean."



Albert Flowers photo

Pictured is the USS Intrepid, the ship saved by Albert Flowers Sr.'s actions in 1944 during World War II.

Sodexo cuts some campus food prices

Alyse Nelson
Features Editor

Last semester the Trop spoke to Sodexo General Manager Ibrahim Yildirim about the price disparity between the convenience stores on campus and stores off campus.

The concern some students had was that, after being forced to purchase some type of meal plan, they then get less than they would if allowed to spend it off campus. This is especially

true for freshmen, who are required to live on campus and purchase full meal plans.

"We are here not to take money from the students, but to provide for the students," Yildirim said about the matter. "Without the students, none of us are here."

At Herb's Place, the largest of the two convenience stores on campus, students were, among other high prices, paying \$2 for candy bars and \$6.30 for a pint of ice

cream.

After looking at a list of prices from the store, Yildirim admitted that some had been entered incorrectly into the system and said he would see about getting those adjusted.

This semester, students will find their Flex Points disappearing more slowly. The prices for both of the items mentioned above have been cut almost in half, and more items are marked lower than they were previously.



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Layna Hatfield, a freshman nursing major from Seminole, Florida, swipes her ID card to purchase food on campus. Thanks to a re-evaluation of pricing, students are paying less for food on campus.

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Outstanding loans: Students financially burdened when pursuing higher education

Hannah Hartline
Staff writer

According to The New York Times, student loan debt is “at a record high of \$1.1 trillion, and the average undergraduate who borrows to attend school graduates nearly \$30,000 in debt.”

For some students, including myself, that number is a bit troubling when we begin to look at the costs of attending college and wonder at the value of our degrees.

Accepting student loans was just another part of college life in my eyes. I was a transfer student who had never needed to take out a loan before, but I knew that I’d have to spend a little money to pursue a degree and make a little money. During the last two years, I’ve watched the number grow, and every semester I dread knowing that I will have to pay them back.

Kayla Thomas, a freshman athletic training major from Birmingham, felt similarly.

“Everything goes straight to the college, and anything left over goes towards books and supplies,” Thomas said. “It’s just a hard process in general.”

“I really don’t know what I’m doing, and all I see are numbers that I have to pay back, and there are a lot of them.”

Student loans weigh heavily on the minds of students, despite the ease of accepting them. Signing a piece of paper is easy, and some students don’t know what they are getting themselves into until after graduation when the first payments are due.

There are different kinds of loans, and students have to be careful when consid-



Ashley DeCruze, a junior biomedical sciences major from Atlanta, looking through her student loan papers and bills. University tuition and other expenses are a key factor in one’s decision to attend college.

ering the options.

There are loans available through the university as well as private loans, which can be more expensive. Loans offered through the federal government include subsidized loans, where the government pays the interest while a student is in school, and unsubsidized loans, in which the student is responsible for all interest accrued on it.

Melissa Foran, the Troy University scholarship coordinator, had advice for students who are considering loans as an option to pay for university.

“I think the main thing to do is to borrow as little as you can to begin

with,” Foran said. “I try to make them understand that it’s like having a credit card that you never actually make the monthly payment on.”

“It’s going to be a lot more when you graduate than when you first took out the loan.”

She also spoke about how students do not have to take everything offered to them, and said there are ways to accept smaller loan amounts.

“Students don’t realize that they can take less,” Foran said. “They don’t have to take the whole dollar amount.”

“They need to talk to their financial aid counselor if they think they can take less

loan money.”

She mentioned the importance of frugality in being a student, and knowing what you can live on as a factor to consider in how much loan money a student may consider taking out.

“There are some students that have no choice but to take loans to afford college or other living expenses, but if you live more frugally, then you may be able to not take as much from loans,” Foran said.

She offered options such as learning to budget, using the university’s shuttle system to save on gas or moving to a less expensive dorm to lower living expenses.

But, with all of the uncertainty in today’s world and the impending expense, for some students, it’s all worth it in the end.

Thomas was hopeful about her options as she continues her journey at Troy, and the debt weighing on her shoulders encourages her rather than worries her.

“They (student loans) motivate me to stay in school and finish what I started,” Thomas said. “Why be in debt and uneducated?”

She went on to offer advice to other students who may also be concerned with the amount of student debt they are accruing.

“Just make sure it is worth it,” Thomas said. “If you’re going to spend all that money being here, do what you want with your life.”

“Dance, sing, theater — they’re all real jobs. Do what makes you happy. I mean, you are paying for it.”

Free college

Good intention, bad planning

During the last State of the Union address, President Obama outlined many policies that he would like to accomplish in the second half of his last term.

With the help of Congress, Obama wants “to lower the cost of community college — to zero.” There is also speculation that he wants to create a plan to assist students enrolled in public, four-year institutions.

It is great to finally see the government trying to make higher education more accessible for everyone. However, it seems that this is the wrong way to do it, and that this policy could do more harm than good.

Newsweek outlined the plan, saying that “the most contentious aspect of the plan is its price tag. The proposal calls for the federal government to spend \$60 billion in 10 years, covering 75 percent of tuition costs; states would kick in the remaining 25 percent.”

The biggest problem with the president’s proposal concerns who is going to pay for this.

Either Congress will be forced



Pierce Godwin
Staff writer

to enact a tax increase, which will force millions of Americans to pay for this, or the government will just pay for it and the national debt will just continue to rise.

Another problem with a tax increase is that many of the Americans who will be affected

by the increase will not benefit from it.

The president has always talked about increasing taxes on individuals who make above a certain income. Many of these individuals have attained a college degree, and they were forced to pay for their own college.

If Congress does not increase taxes, then the government will just increase spending.

In that case, we will have just created a policy that makes the people we are trying to help responsible for paying it back on a national level.

The president’s plan is one of good intentions though, but we know that college isn’t free. There is still a multitude of other fees that students have to



Seth Nicholson

pay for.

Newsweek also said that the president used Chicago and Tennessee as inspiration for this plan, but “experts say it’s too early to gauge the successes of those programs because their first wave of applicants is still months away from even graduating high school.” (What is this referring to? Do these places have programs that pay for college?)

I personally think that one of the best ways to make college more affordable is to fix the public education system.

If our students in elementary, middle and high school had access to a better education, they might be eligible for

many scholarship opportunities schools already offer. Troy University offers students free tuition if they graduate with a 3.5 GPA and a score of at least a 27 on their ACT.

The president mentioned other states are already implementing a plan like this.

Community college has a lot to offer. Many graduate with an associate degree, and move on to great jobs. Other students transfer out to a four-year institution.

An article by CNN said 80 percent of students say they want a bachelor’s degree or higher, and yet only 20 percent of these students transfer to a four-year institution within five

years.

Ty McBurnett, a sophomore geomatics major from Prattville, said “community college is a good stepping stone for those who are not ready to attend a four-year college.”

It’s sad to see so many seniors graduate from high school and come to college unprepared. We should adjust our sights on bettering the quality of our public schools.

The last issue with this plan is the sense of entitlement. Things always mean more to you when you have worked hard for it. But when things are given to us, we don’t treat them as well.

EDITORIAL POLICIES

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Storytellers spin tales at Troy

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The Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival returns to Troy for its ninth year, featuring storytellers Barbara McBride-Smith, Donald Davis, Tim Lowry and Josh Goforth.

Troy University will host a free performance for students, faculty, staff and local schools with McBride-Smith.

The free performance at Troy University will be on Friday, Jan. 30, at 11:05 a.m. in Claudia Crosby Theater.

McBride-Smith has been across the country telling her stories, but she has also been a librarian and seminary professor.

She often performs at the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee, and she's also a member of the National Storytelling Circle of Excellence. McBride-Smith has been the recipient for the John Henry Faulk Award for Outstanding Contributions to Storytelling.

McBride-Smith is decorated and educated, and her storytelling "transports you from the ancient world

of the Greek gods and goddesses to the post-modern experiences of her baby boomer generation," her website said.

Davis, another one of the storytellers, who will be at the festival and not the free performance, hails from Waynesville, North Carolina.

"I didn't learn stories. I absorbed them."

He has told stories at the Smithsonian Institution, the World's Fair, and across the world.

"I didn't learn stories. I just absorbed them," he said. He's lived his whole life around storytellers, so it was natural that he continued on the legacy.

Lowry, from Summerville, South Carolina, has been telling stories for the past 15 years. He tells folk tales and stories from his personal life in

his performances.

Goforth is a musician, and has been playing instruments since he was 4, starting with the piano. Next, he learned from his great-uncle how to play guitar.

And from that point on, he learned 10 more instruments. He's most famous for his fiddling skills, however.

"Storytelling is a dying art, and for these people to pass it on is a wonderful opportunity," said Maryjo Cochran, one of the organizers for the event on Troy University's campus.

Cochran invites all history, English, theater and communication students to attend the performance. She also advises those who are going to attend to sit as closely to the performers as possible "to have the best experience with the performer."

The performance featuring all of the performers will be on Saturday, Jan. 31, in the Trojan Center Theater at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and those performances will cost \$10.

There will be another performance at 6:30 p.m., and that will cost \$15. Tickets for all of the performances on Jan. 31 can be purchased for \$30.



Timpanogos Storytellers photo
Barbara McBride-Smith is one of four storytellers to perform at the Pike Piddlers Storytelling Festival this upcoming weekend.

Theater 'techies' make the theater world go 'round

Writer takes a look into the work behind the curtains of productions



Caleb Hicks photos

DJ Gillroy, a junior theater major from Enterprise, works on deconstructing a steel pickup rack to create parts for theater productions for Troy students. Theater techs or "techies" bring crucial parts of a play together.

Lacey Alexander
Staff Writer

Troy University's theater department has already produced two main stage shows this school year, and another is in rehearsals.

Both "The Odd Couple" and "Little Shop of Horrors" were scheduled to perform for two weeks, and it takes many hands to put the shows on.

A big factor in whether or not these shows do well is the group of technicians who run things behind the scenes. These people all have different titles and responsibilities, from sewing costume pieces together to deciding where lights will go.

A leader figure among the technicians, often dubbed "techies," is the stage manager — a technician whose main objective is to be in charge of communication between the director and the rest of the company on what is needed and necessary. The stage manager is present for every rehearsal, and is constantly taking notes on staging, lighting and any other details of the show.

These stage managers often have assistant stage managers to aid them with their duties.

Most of the jobs that need taking care of have teams behind them, rather than a single person. There are "dressers" who help the wardrobe master or mistress in dressing the actors in quick changes, and the lighting designer often has electricians to help in hanging lighting instruments.

The team members are often assigned their individual duties by the stage manager.

One such stage manager for Troy's productions, Wyatt Silman, said that he came into the world of technicians

because he wanted to be involved in a show despite not being cast.

"I was not cast in a show, so I asked for an assistant stage managing position," Silman said. "That way, I was still involved."

Because the stage manager and the rest of the crew are constantly backstage making sure that lighting, properties and sound are working well, it is easy to see how they are so often overlooked when one is watching a play.

But Silman said that there is plenty to make up for the lack of recognition.

"There's so much appreciation for everyone else," he said of the cast, directors and other people he works with. "It's a great opportunity to collaborate with a director and designers to create a wonderful show."

There are three professors on staff who work predominantly with technicians — Chris Rich, who teaches courses on lighting and sound, Mike Schafer, who teaches courses in the scene shop, and Elisa Bierschenk, who is the head of most costuming duties.

"They're super creative and a huge help when you have questions," Silman said.

With a stage manager, two assistant stage managers, three dressers, four electricians and a large number of constructors and painters, "The Odd Couple" is currently running in the Trojan Center Theatre with the help of nearly 20 technicians.

That is more than twice the number of characters who are being portrayed by actors and actresses on stage.

Stage productions aren't complete without the assistance of the theater "techies" behind the scenes.

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Political Science Club talks job-hunting

Lewin Schmitt
Contributor

Getting a foot in the door of a future employer is a challenge most students face, be it for an internship or their first real job, but some of Troy University's political science majors feel that the challenge is even bigger for them.

"We're not in Washington," said James Todhunter, faculty adviser and assistant professor. "We're not even in Montgomery."

There is only a limited pool of potential employers for political science majors graduating from Troy.

Troy's Political Science Club held an informational meeting discussing successful strategies for starting careers to help give students an outlook on the professional life that awaits them after graduation.

While the main focus of the meeting was on the field of political science, most lessons are true for many other work fields as well.

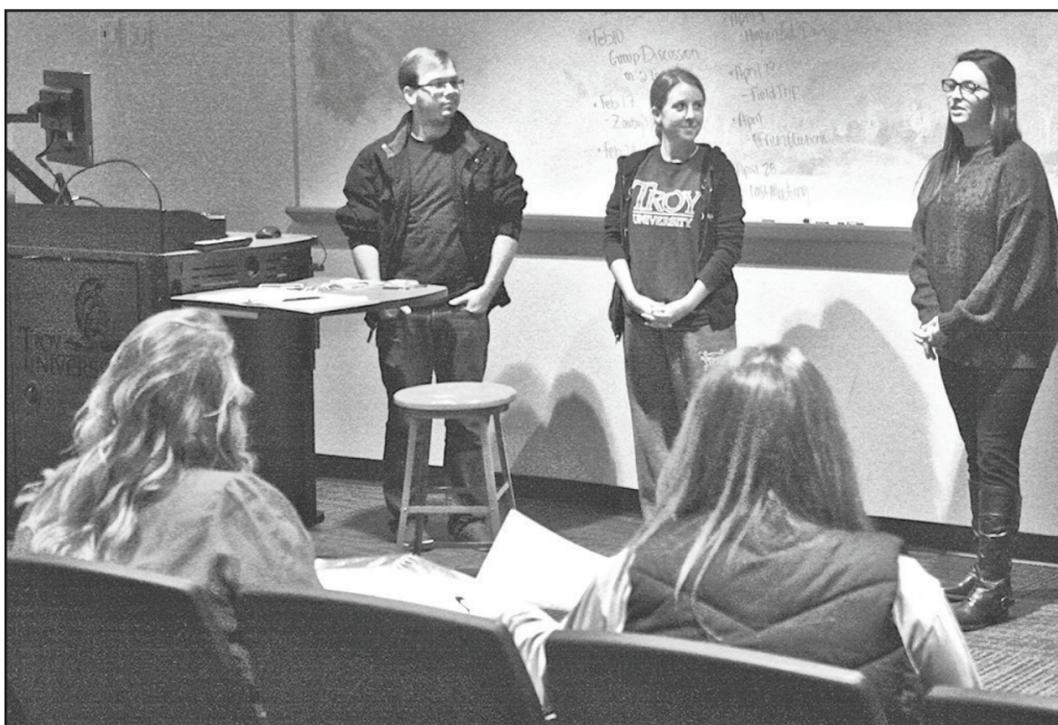
A number of students, almost all of them political science majors, met on Tuesday and shared their experiences regarding internship applications, potential employers and how to get started with their post-university career.

Todhunter urged the students to go the extra mile. "Even if it sounds crazy, check out if there might be an opportunity," he said.

According to Todhunter, establishing a network of contacts can be essential for finding interesting and rewarding jobs, but it certainly does not end there. Requisites such as the curriculum vitae should be something that each student ideally has on his or her hard drive to be ready at hand if needed.

It is, therefore, worth spending some time creating a basic profile that can be tailored to the needs and special circumstance of each application process.

The Political Science Club does not just focus on career counseling. Its regular activities go beyond that. For next week, it is partnering with the political science department for a guest lecture by David Greenlee, former U.S. ambassador to Paraguay and Bolivia.



Brenna Patrick photo

From left to right: Senior political science majors Kyle Ganus, from Leesburg, Florida; Amber Voss, from Wetumpka; and Alyssa Lester from Robertsdale, are executive members of the Political Science Club.

As Troy University's ambassador-in-residence for this spring, Greenlee will give a lecture titled "The United States and Latin America — A Broad Look at the Neighborhood" at 4 p.m. on Feb. 5 in Room 114 of the Math and Science Building.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is just the beginning of the club's schedule for the spring of 2015. Some of the upcoming events will be a fundraiser held at Zaxby's, a field trip to the Southern Poverty Law Center, faculty panel discussions and a movie night.

Kyle Ganus, a senior political science major and president of the club from Leesburg, Florida, invites "any student who is interested in politics or political science to come out and get involved because a politically literate and active student body is one that will control its future."

The Political Science Club is open not just for political science majors, but to all students interested in politics. Regular meetings are held every two weeks on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. in MSCX 114, with the next meeting taking place on Feb. 10.

Editor's note: If any student has questions he or she would like for our staff to tackle, feel free to email variety@tropnews.com with "Dear Trop" in the subject line. All students who send in questions will remain anonymous.

Dear Trop,

Since coming to college, I have seriously started to doubt my intelligence. I feel so dumb compared to many of my peers, who seem to be engaging in such intellectual talks and with such eloquence that I feel a little inferior. Even if I know a bit about the topic of conversation, I dare not engage, in case I say something wrong and appear moronic. I know I'm a smart person, but that feeling fades away when I come in proximity of certain friends. Since my brain seems to be malfunctioned, could you scratch yours and help a guy out?

—Koalemos

Dear Koalemos,
Questioning one's intelligence is a phase that most college students go through. While you may have been the cream of the crop in high school, college is filled with many like you. Some are so gifted, you wonder why they aren't at Harvard instead. Of course, there are also plenty who are rather dense, if that makes you feel better. But coming back to your situation, I sense that your problem is a lack of confidence. If you think there is even a little you can contribute to a conversation, don't be hesitant. Participate. Your friends will value your input and appreciate the effort. Even if you get it wrong once in a while, so what? Not everyone is always right. Don't put yourself down. Build the nerve to speak up. You know you are a smart person, so have a little faith in yourself. Make the effort to engage. You will learn more in the process.

Cheers,
Only-pretending-to-be-smart Trop

Dear Trop,
College has been fun so far, but I'm afraid I may be having a little too much fun. I grew up in a household with very strict rules and regulations. College feels heavenly, as I don't have anyone watching over my shoulder all of the time. But because of this, I have lost my sense of responsibility a bit. I'll choose hanging out with my friends over studying any day. I'd rather drink the night away than work on an assignment that is due tomorrow. Despite

knowing that I need to straighten up my act, I don't know how to do so.

—Lost

Dear Lost,
As the semesters go by, college will get harder and slacking off will no longer be an option. But instead of finding out when it's too late, it might be better to take charge of things now. Learn to say no. You do not need to go to every party and every outing. It's OK to take some time off for yourself and do what you think is best for you. Be it getting some sleep or catching up on a little reading, schedule the time to accommodate those necessities. Focusing on your academics and having fun do not have to be alternatives. They can go together. All you need is a bit of time management skills and willingness to put aside the vodka for a few nights a week.

Cheers,
Trop

Dear Trop,
I'm holding back some feelings that I may be having for this one person because of our difference in ideologies. One of us is rather conservative with strict Christian values and the other one more liberal with little regard for religion. It seems like a good reason to hold back for me. What do you think?

—Nameless

Dear Nameless,
The Trop has seen plenty of couples who, despite their differences in ideologies, make their relationships work. What it boils down to is not what your views of the world are but what your views are about one another. Is there a sense of respect for each other's opinions? Are the reasons behind your better half's beliefs valid from that person's perspective, or is it irrational and based on hearsay? If the difference in ideologies interferes with your every conversation and makes it difficult for you both to communicate, you have reasons to be reserved. But if it is only a minor aspect, I say go for it. What couple doesn't have differences? A little contrast can bring more spice to life, Nameless. There is no harm in trying.

Cheers,
Trop

Sudoku

Directions: A Sudoku puzzle is a grid of 9x9 squares or cells that has been subdivided into nine subgrids of 3x3 cells. The objective is to enter a digit from one to nine in each cell so that each row and column contain each digit exactly once and each subgrid contains each digit exactly once. Check next week's issue of the Tropolitan for the solution to this week's puzzle.

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Winning streak snapped

Wally Pendergrass
Staff Writer

The Troy women's basketball team's six-game winning streak was snapped this week as the Trojans lost to conference leader UALR on Thursday, Jan. 22, and at home against Arkansas State on Saturday, Jan. 24.

The Trojans struggled to get going in the first half against UALR, shooting only 21 percent from the floor, and trailed at the break 42-18.

Troy fought back and was outscored in the second half by only two points, 40-38, but the deficit was too much and the UALR Trojans took the game 82-56.

Senior forward Ronita Garrett led the Trojans with a double-double of 22 points and 11 rebounds. The Trojans also lost senior forward Brianna Lancaster to an injury in the game.

While Garrett was the only Troy Trojan to score double digits, four of UALR's Trojans scored double digits.

The loss was the Trojans' second in conference play and snapped the six-game winning streak.

On Saturday, Jan. 24, Troy took on the Arkansas State Red Wolves in a close conference match.

Unlike previous games where Troy struggled in the first half, the Trojans actually led the game at the half 41-37. The Trojans were able to stretch that lead out to seven points in the second half but were unable to hold onto it.

The game was very close going down

the stretch, tied 76-76 with less than three minutes left in the game. The Trojans went cold shooting the ball, and Arkansas State ended the game with a 6-0 run to win 82-76.

Garrett posted her 12th double-double of the season, scoring 18 points and grabbing 18 rebounds.

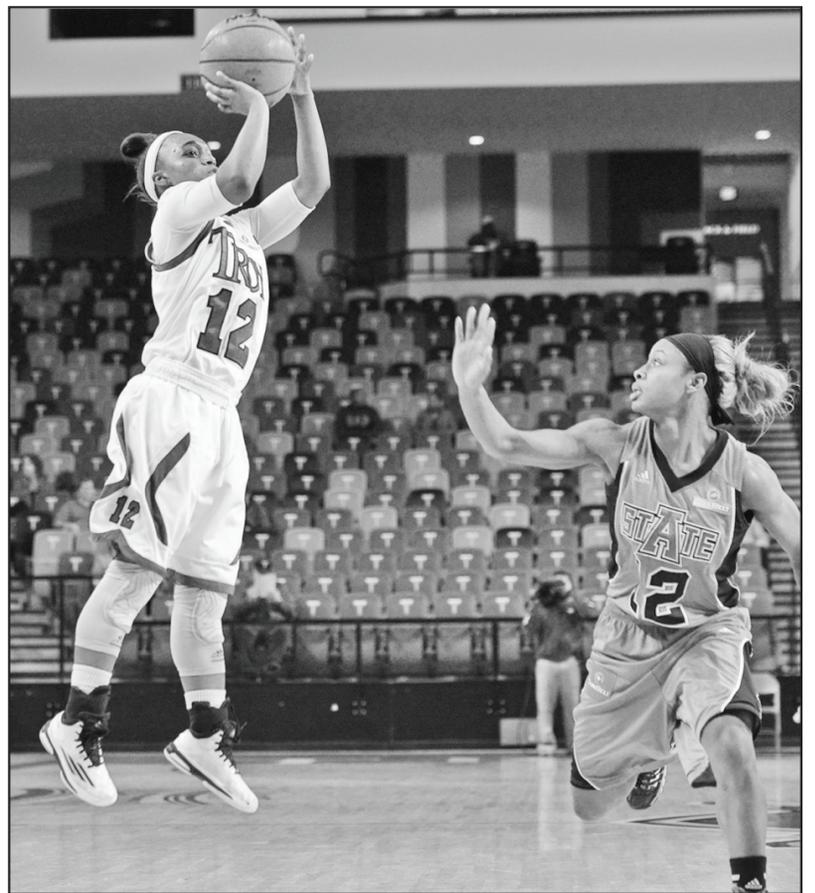
Sophomore forward Caitlyn Ramirez got her first career start, replacing Lancaster, scoring 11 points and grabbing four rebounds. Junior guards Ashley Beverly-Kelley and Lacey Buchanon both contributed 10 points in the game.

"Us having our starting post player out, Bri Lancaster, I think hurt us," said head coach Chanda Rigby. "They really did a good job rebounding. Normally Bri is the person who stops that, and we missed that tonight."

While the Red Wolves grabbed only one more rebound than the Trojans, 20-19, the Red Wolves scored 28 second-chance points. Arkansas State also was more successful at the charity stripe, scoring 61.5 percent while Troy made only 40 percent of its free throws.

The Trojans are now 11-7 (6-3) and are in fourth place in the Sun Belt Conference.

The Trojans take on the ULM Warhawks on Thursday, Jan. 29, in Trojan Arena at 5:15 p.m. and play UT Arlington in Arlington, Texas, on Saturday, Jan. 31.



April Irvin photo

Junior guard Lacey Buchanon scored 10 points during the game against Arkansas State on Saturday, Jan. 24. Troy lost 82-76 to the Red Wolves.

Court complications: Trojan men struggle

Michael Shipma
Staff Writer

The Troy men's basketball team has now lost four of its last five games this season, including losses at UALR on Thursday, Jan. 22, and at home on Saturday, Jan. 24, against Arkansas State.

After Saturday's game, the Trojans (7-11, 2-7 Sun Belt) closed off a 10-day stretch in which they played five games. The fatigue on the team was visible as it remained competitive against both UALR and Arkansas State, but was unable to come away with a win.

Troy's matchup against UALR (7-12, 2-7 Sun Belt) showed promise for the visiting Trojans, as they came out firing on all cylinders. Junior guard Chris Bilbo had 10 points in the first half, helping the Trojans maintain a lead throughout the first half.

UALR bounced back in a big way in the second half, though, as it went on a 20-2 run to start the second half. It was a blow that Troy was unable to recover from, and despite fighting back hard from a 12-point deficit in the second half, lost 73-65.

As a team, Troy shot 41 percent from the floor, and made only 10 of 21 free throws in the game, which was a key difference down the stretch.

The Trojans then returned to Trojan Arena to play their fifth game in 10 days against an Arkansas State team (9-10, 4-6 Sun

Belt) that was also struggling in conference play.

Both teams shot the ball poorly throughout the game, particularly Troy. The Trojans shot only 31 percent from the floor for the game. Despite this, they were able to go into halftime with a five-point lead after a back-and-forth first half.

Right out of halftime, Troy seemed poised to run away with the game, as it went up by 11 barely two minutes into the second half. But the difference in the game was junior guard Cameron Golden, who scored all 12 of his points in the second half to lead Arkansas State on a 27-5 run that put the win out of Troy's reach.

The Red Wolves won by a score of 64-55.

Senior forward Kevin

Thomas had a double-double on the night with 20 points and 11 rebounds. He also made nine out of 14 field goals.

"I thought the first half we came out and obviously struggled offensively, but we kept fighting and had great energy," said head coach Phil Cunningham. "The difference in this game down the stretch was that Golden took over. He made big shot after big shot, and from that point on we struggled from the field and we didn't get them on the offensive glass."

The Trojans will look to bounce back when they play at home against Louisiana-Monroe on Thursday, Jan. 29. Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m.



Trey Walker photo

Senior forward Kevin Thomas had a double-double against the Red Wolves, scoring 20 points and having 11 boards on Saturday, Jan. 24.

Troy track team finishes top 10



April Irvin photo

Sophomore Erin Woods practices her jumps. Teammate and junior Alexis Cobbs placed second in the long jump and the triple jump on Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Green and Gold Invitational.

Trojans compete in season's third meet

Jill Odom
Sports Editor

The Troy track and field team returned to UAB for Troy's third meet of the season at the Green and Gold Invitational on Friday, Jan. 23, and Saturday, Jan. 24.

The Trojans competed against 28 other schools at the invitational, along with Sun Belt Conference rival Georgia State. Troy finished eighth as a team.

Junior Alexis Cobbs placed second place in both of her events, the long jump and the triple jump. She created a new personal record in the long jump at 5.51 meters. In the triple jump, Cobbs had a season best with her 11.65-meter jump.

Other Trojans also performed well in the field events, such as freshman

Alecha Stigarl earning fifth place with her season best long jump of 5.31 meters. Freshman Corina Cox was successful once again in the shot put, finishing sixth. Cox's throw was 12.78 meters.

Freshman Riley Schwietz finished ninth place in the 60-meter hurdles in 9.36 seconds.

In the women's 3,000-meter run, freshman Samantha Smith broke her personal record with a time of 10:40.93. Freshman Naomi Sheppard finished 14th in the 400-meter dash, clocking in at 1:01.26. Teammate and fellow freshman Sara Zylstra finished the mile run in 5:31.65 for seventh place.

The Trojans' next meet will take place at the Middle Tennessee Invitational in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, on Feb. 7.

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Logan Pierce: Like father, like son

Head coach Bobby Pierce's son joins Troy baseball's staff as volunteer

Wes Fortson
Staff Writer

Earlier this month, Troy baseball added a familiar face to the coaching staff.

Logan Pierce was hired as a volunteer assistant coach under his father, head coach Bobby Pierce.

"It's unique that in my final and 33rd season, he is going to be beginning his first season," Pierce said. "So now, my son, who played for me for three years, is now going to be back in the dugout in a Trojan uniform as a coach in my final year. It's a perfect fit for us."

Logan transferred to Troy from Shelton State Community College in Tuscaloosa after playing under current Troy baseball pitching coach Brad Phillips at Charles Henderson High School.

While playing for Troy, Logan managed a .317 batting average and accumulated 17 home runs and 153 RBIs throughout his three years.

Logan's résumé makes him well-qualified to fill in as the volunteer assistant coach. He will be taking the place of C.J. Wamsley, who accepted a position with the Ohio University baseball program.

"We certainly appreciate C.J. and his years of service in our program, and fortunately for him he was able to secure his first paid position at the Division I level," said Bobby Pierce.

Logan graduated from Troy in 2013 after playing on a two-time conference championship team that was loaded with talent.

As a senior, Logan showed tremendous amounts of talent on the field. He built up a .364 batting average and had a reached base streak of 47 games.

Pierce was also drafted in the 15th round, 451st overall pick, by the Philadelphia Phillies after being named Louisville Slugger All-American and first team All-Sun Belt Conference as a third basemen.

"Logan was not only a terrific player for us recently, but he's also a very intel-



Logan Pierce, a former Troy baseball player and son of head coach Bobby Pierce, takes the place of C.J. Wamsley on the coaching staff as a volunteer assistant.

April Irvin photo

ligent young baseball mind that is going to transition into coaching quickly," said assistant coach Mark Smart. "So from our program's point of view, it couldn't have been any better for us."

Many people in the sports world dream of not only being able work at such a prestigious level, but to work with a family member is extremely rare.

"I had my mind set from August until now that this was something that

I wanted to do and something that was very special to me and very special to my dad," said Logan Pierce.

Current head coach Bobby Pierce has put together one of the most memorable careers as a coach in Troy baseball history and in the Southeast. He was inducted into the Alabama Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in 2010 and is well-known among names such as Chase Riddle, a Troy baseball legend.

For coach Pierce to end his successful 33-year career working next to his son in the same jersey would be a dream come true for many people.

"I've been hoping and really wanting this job, and it finally happened when the Lord wanted it to happen, and it's a great uplifting and rewarding feeling for our family especially and for the Troy baseball program," said Logan Pierce.

Men's tennis crushes Sun Belt rival

Ty Ammons
Staff Writer

The Troy Trojans men's and women's tennis teams competed this past weekend in Texas and Florida, respectively. The men's team went 2-1 with wins over UT-Arlington and Abilene Christian. The women's team lost to both of the colleges it played.

The men's team played against Abilene Christian and SMU in Dallas, Texas, and played against UT-Arlington in Arlington, Texas. The women's team played Stetson in DeLand, Florida, and it played UCF in Orlando, Florida.

The men's team won four of its six singles matches against Abilene Christian, with sophomore Hassan Ndayishimye winning over senior Guilherme Gesser 7-5, 6-2. Freshman Andy Lau won his match 6-1, 7-6, over junior Jason Proctor. Junior Giovanni Samaha had a convincing 6-1, 6-3, win over freshman Henry Adams, and freshman Cypryan Owczarz won against junior Marco Bensley 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

The men's team won the first two lines of doubles with the third line not finishing its match. Samaha and sophomore Pablo Moreno won their match against sophomore Nico Agritelley and Gesser 6-1, and Lau and Ndayishimye won their match 6-2 against freshman Paul Domanski and Proctor.

Troy won two of its singles matches against SMU and lost the other four. Juniors Gabriel Dias and Daniel Bustamante lost their singles matches along with Lau and Moreno. Ndayishimye won his singles match 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 against sophomore Markus Kerner, and Samaha won his singles match against sophomore Arkadijs Slobodkins 7-6, 7-6.

Troy won only the third line in doubles, which was played by Lau and Ndayishimye. It won 6-1 against redshirt sophomore Tony Russell and redshirt freshman Samm Butler.

Ndayishimye enjoyed a perfect day, winning both his singles and doubles matches. Teammate Samaha won all of his singles matches on Saturday as well.

Troy played against Sun Belt rival UT-Arlington on Sunday, Jan. 25, and it won all of the singles matches



Junior Giovanni Samaha won all of his singles matches against Abilene Christian, SMU and UT-Arlington.

April Irvin photo

that were finished. Ndayishimye won his match over sophomore Daniel Armengol 6-1, 6-1. Samaha won 6-3, 6-2 over sophomore Daniel Echeverry, and Moreno won 6-3, 6-2 over sophomore Mario Muniesa. Dias, Bustamante and Lau did not complete their matches.

Troy won the first and third line in doubles against UT-Arlington. Moreno and Samaha won their doubles match over Armengol and junior Carlos Arbiza. Dias and sophomore Andre Baldo won their third line doubles match over Muniesa and Echeverry 6-4. Lau and Ndayishimye lost their match 6-2 to sophomore Johnathan Gonzalez and junior Sebastian Erimicioiu.

Troy dropped a close one to Stetson on Saturday. The women's team won three singles matches and lost three. Juniors Trang Huynh and Brooke Durden, and freshman Linnea Skymberg lost their singles matches. Freshman Sanae Ohta won her match 6-0, 6-3 over sophomore Isabella Fernandez. Junior Anja Cosovic won her match over freshman Arijana Korac 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, and junior Margot De Haan won her singles match 6-1, 6-1 over sophomore Brittany Hill.

Cosovic and Huynh were the only line to win in their doubles match. They won over freshmen Ashley Dean and Alizee Michaud 6-4.

The women's team played UCF on Sunday, Jan. 25, in another close one. Troy only one two of its singles matches. Ohta won 6-2, 6-4 over sophomore Cortney Cesarini, and Skymberg won her match over junior Sofia Baptista 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

They also won two doubles matches. Cosovic and Huynh won 6-1 over Baptista and Cesarini, and Ohta and Durden won 7-5 over sophomore Annika Hepp and freshman Monica Matias. De Haan and freshman Julia Albuquerque lost 6-0 to junior Caroline Eberhart and freshman Kennan Johnson.

The men's tennis team plays its next school in Atlanta on Saturday, Jan. 31, against Georgia State, and the women's team plays its next match on Friday, Jan. 30, in Montgomery against Alabama State.



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at the Trojan Arena on Jan. 29

