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## Student fake ID use increases

**Priyanka Sharma**  
Staff Writer

An email sent by Herbert Reeves, dean of student services, informed students about the use of false or fake ID cards to purchase alcoholic beverages.

The email was sent as a reminder and warning that vendors are examining ID cards closely and are taking action against those who present them.

Alabama has laws that prohibit providing liquor, beer or wine to an underage individual and restrict posses-

sion, use or purchase of liquor, beer or wine by persons under the age of 21, which can be found under Alabama Code 28-3-261 and 28-3-266.

It is also stated in the Oracle that no individual under the legal drinking age of 21 years is allowed to consume, serve, sell or possess alcohol on university property.

Reeves said that the number of fake IDs used has spiked this year compared to the last couple of years. According to Reeves, four instances have been recorded, all based on South Carolina driver's licenses.

Reeves said that the university is usually contacted

after police become involved with a case involving a student with a fake ID.

"The vendor does contact the school if they feel like they are students, but most of the time we get a copy of the police report," Reeves said. "We are contacted after the police are contacted."

First-time offenders within an academic year will be referred to the university judicial officer for disciplinary action, in accordance with the Standards of Conduct

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## Pay printer now in TC

**Josh Richards**  
Staff Writer

A print station is now available for students in the Trojan Center as a trial project.

The station was installed by Troy University's information technologies department.

The station is a "Wireless Everywhere. Print Anywhere." station (WEPA).

Greg Price Sr., the director of the IT department, said the IT department worked with student representatives to locate the best area to place the station on Troy's campus, in terms of traffic.

"The Trojan Center experiences a significant amount of student traffic during the day and evening," Price said. "Therefore, it was the most ideal place for the device."

If the demo is successful, Price said, there are plans

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Jane Morrell photo

Jorrell Williams, a sophomore physical education major from Tuscaloosa, uses the print station set up for students in the Trojan Center by the information technologies department.

## Relay for Life exceeds goal



Cassie Gibbs photo

Troy University students took place in the frozen T-shirt contest Saturday, March 21, at the university's annual Relay for Life event held in Sartain Hall. The T-shirt contest was one of the many games and activities held by the head committee of the Colleges Against Cancer group, a college-level affiliate of the American Cancer Society. The morning of March 21, the group held a pancake brunch in honor of cancer survivors. The afternoon event featured a speaker who was personally affected by cancer. During the night and throughout the semester, teams raised money that would be used to fund cancer treatment research. Teams raised around \$16,800, which was around \$100 over the group's original goal. This was the first year for the pancake brunch and the Relay Idol event, in which students performed live for points in the form of coins. The highest individual fundraiser, Avalon Dudinsky, a junior biomedical sciences major from Panama City, Florida, and the highest fundraising team, Kappa Delta sorority, were recognized.

## Be an ambassador; represent Troy

**Tori Roper**  
Staff Writer

Trojan Ambassador applications are now being accepted for the fall 2015 semester.

According to the Troy University website, the purpose of Trojan Ambassadors is to be "the official Troy University Host/Hostesses for Chancellor's receptions and activities, athletic events and organizational events."

Ambassadors work in conjunction with the admissions office to conduct campus tours for prospective students and host banquets, teas, graduation exercises and senior preview days throughout the year.

Kaitlyn Seesholtz, a sophomore elementary education major from Birmingham and a current Trojan Ambassador,

said that she has enjoyed her experience as an ambassador.

"My experience with Trojan Ambassadors has been incredibly worthwhile," Seesholtz said. "I think it's truly allowed me to grow as a Trojan and realize how much I love Troy University."

"Being an Ambassador has done so much for me. I've developed as a leader, and I've truly learned how much Troy means to me. When I take interested applicants on a tour, or when I work an event at the university, I'm able to represent Troy in a positive way and give back to my school."

Seesholtz said that she encourages everyone to apply to become an Ambassador.

"You will work with an incredible

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Grishma Rimal photo

Blake Swicord (front left), a sophomore biomedical sciences major from Eclectic and a Trojan Ambassador, gives a tour of campus to prospective students Emma Talbot (front middle), who was joined by her sister Sarah Talbot (front right), a sophomore graphic design major from Montgomery; Tyler Jorgenson (back left); and Jack Chambliss (back right). Trojan Ambassador applications are now available. Applications can be picked up and turned in at Adams Administration Room 111.

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## Prospective students to visit Troy

Lilly Casolaro  
Staff Writer

Troy University is hosting Spring Trojan Day for prospective students to explore the academic, athletic and extracurricular opportunities the university offers.

At 10 a.m. in Trojan Arena, there will be a browse session for students and their families to learn more about student life. It will have informational tables for various campus organizations and departmental programs, as well as financial aid and residence and housing life.

Parker Harris, an undeclared freshman from Montgomery and co-recruitment chair for Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, said that he is ready to share his excitement for Troy and the future of his or-

ganization with potential students and families.

"Alpha Tau Omega is approaching our 10th year on Troy's campus and our 150th year nationally, so one of the most exciting things to look forward to is what new members can bring to our fraternity," Harris said.

"From intramural players, to the next leaders of Troy's campus, we have high expectations that there will be men who are ready to help take the fraternity to new heights."

John Kline, an Institute for Leadership Development professor, said that he, along with his leadership students, aims to engage visitors and be representatives for Troy University.

"We want to be the face of Troy University by approaching the students and getting them interested in

Troy and the leadership department," Kline said. "We ultimately want them to come to Troy no matter what."

Davis Gamble, junior multimedia journalism major from Beaugaurd and editor-in-chief of the Palladium yearbook, looks to inform students about the Palladium and the connections they can make by getting involved with the publication.

"We are looking for staff members who have initiative and drive, and we encourage them to get connected with us," said Gamble.

"As a whole, we represent the Hall School of Journalism and Communication, inform students about Troy University's yearbook, and promote others to join our staff."

There will be a presenta-

tion given by the office of admissions beginning at 11 a.m.

A campus tour, given by Trojan Ambassadors, will start at noon and feature dormitories and several academic buildings.

Optional house tours for sororities, fraternities and campus ministries will start at 2 p.m.

Attendees are invited to participate in a complimentary tailgate lunch at 1:30 p.m. Troy baseball games begin at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. against Alabama A&M at Riddle-Pace Field.

Online registration can be found at [www.troy.edu/tours.html](http://www.troy.edu/tours.html). For more information, contact Tiffani Schmidt, director of enrollment services, at 334-670-3398 or at [tnstephens@troy.edu](mailto:tnstephens@troy.edu).

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outlined in the Oracle.

Such disciplinary actions can include: community service, alcohol assessment and/or counseling, or suspension. A fine of \$75 will also be applied.

Repeat offenders will be referred to the university judicial officer for disciplinary action, which can include a larger fine of \$150.

"If they (students) purchase alcohol with a false ID, then they violate alcohol/beverage policy," Reeves said. "If they are not successful in purchasing it, the vendor will probably warn them to not try it again. Other times, the ID is confiscated by the vendor, and the vendor, in turn, turns it in to the police."

Marilyn Foster, an employee of the State

Liquor Store 49 at 1400 Highway 231 S. in Troy, said: "We are very strict about checking IDs. It's impossible for anyone underage to buy liquors from us. If anyone is found with a false ID, we immediately call the police."

Foster has been working at the store for the past 25 years and said that there have been no cases of fake IDs.

Dean Reeves said that students who are able to purchase alcohol should comply with the law about providing it to underage students.

"We realize that alcohol is on all college campuses, but the law says you must be 21 to purchase, possess or consume alcohol, and we just ask that students comply with the law and not make an attempt to purchase alcohol underage."

## Ambassador

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group of servant-hearted, enthusiastic students and make some really genuine connections along the way. You will get to serve Troy University in a positive way and really develop your love for the school."

Requirements to become an Ambassador include being enrolled in at least 12 semester hours of undergraduate classes and maintaining an overall grade point average of 2.5.

According to the

Trojan Ambassador application, any student participating in marching band, cheerleading, athletics, Trojan All-Stars or Diamond Dolls is not eligible to be involved with Trojan Ambassadors due to "conflicts with Ambassador activities."

Applications can be picked up in the Office of Admissions in Room 111 of the Adams Administration building.

All applications are due by April 2 at noon and must be turned in to Jennifer Gardener or Jacob Grant, the Trojan Ambassador advisers, Adams Room 111.



Grishma Rimal photo

**Blake Swicord (center), a sophomore biomedical sciences major from Eclectic and a Trojan Ambassador, leads prospective students (from left) Tyler Jorgenson, Emma Talbot and Jack Chambliss through the Trojan Center on a tour of Troy's campus. Leading tours is one job of the Trojan Ambassadors.**

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"to deploy additional devices to dormitories and other areas throughout campus."

The placement of the devices will be based on convenience and accessibility.

"A major idea behind the concept of the units is ease of access and proximity," Price said. "For example, if the devices were in a dormitory, then students would have access day and night."

Price said that the WEPA station would have a minimal cost for the university.

"It costs nothing to the university, beyond the allocated floor space and electrical usage, and the device is supported through a pay-print-model."

Students should expect to see other additions from the IT department around campus in the future.

The IT department, the university and student services are working together to improve the experiences of Troy students.

"In the coming months, a number of new services will be deployed," Price said. "The majority of the products are enhancements and redesign of web environments. All of the new services have been under construction for the past year, and testing and deployment are scheduled for summer."

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## May the letters be ever in your favor

*Greek students compete and cooperate to promote philanthropy and unity*

**Grishma Rimal**  
Variety Editor

The Greeks have volunteered themselves as tributes again with the onset of the 48th annual Greek Week at Troy University.

"Greek Week is designed as a week where all the Greeks come together and unify, and whether that's through sporting events, through community service events or through just fun or entertainment events," Chris Hager, coordinator of student involvement, said. "It's just a good time for Greeks to come together and connect and build relationships with each other."

Members of different fraternities and sororities have been competing and participating in various events throughout the week centering on this year's theme "The Hunger Games."

"Our themes are usually geared towards kind of the trends going on within the fraternity and sorority life," Hager said. "We wanted to change it up. So we decided to go with the Hunger Games because we felt like it would attract maybe more than just the Greeks."

Incorporating this concept, the different teams are being denoted as "districts" and a Capital Ball, inspired from the book, will be organized in conjunction with GAMMA on Friday.

Blake Crew, a senior social work major from Birmingham and executive director for Greek Week, said that she was looking forward to "a time of unity" between the Panhellenic, Interfraternity and National Pan-Hellenic councils.

"It doesn't happen very often that we can all be together participating in the same events, and I'm excited to see us grow in friendship as a Greek community," she said. "I hope that everyone is able to put their letters aside and actually make an effort to get to know members of other organizations."

She also said she hopes the Greek community will gain a more positive image on and off campus through these programs.

The money raised during this week is to be donated to Relay for Life, Troy Animal Shelter and Pike County Special Olympics.

A blood drive was also organized on Monday, March 23, and Tuesday, March 24, in conjunction with the American Red Cross society.

According to Rebekah Noel, coordinator of the blood drive, a total of 251

donations were received, surpassing the target of 220 donations.

"This is the most ever at a Troy blood drive, and it's enough to touch 753 patient lives," Noel said.

"Whenever we have a blood drive that can target a specific group of people, for this instance the Greeks, what it does is that it gives them a specific opportunity and a reason to come out and donate," she said. "So that's really been able to help this particular drive grow so much."

A series of competing events were started on Monday, beginning with the banner competitions where Alpha Delta Pi secured first place.

A kickball game and a trivia contest were organized on Tuesday. District 4 — Phi Mu, Sigma Chi, Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Gamma Rho — won the kickball game, and District 2 — Chi Omega, Pi Kappa Phi, Delta Chi and Alpha Phi Alpha — won the trivia contests.

The Greeks also got the opportunity to play a dodgeball match where Sigma Chi and Chi Omega both won.

A movie night was also organized on Wednesday, March 25, at the social quad, in which the "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1" was screened for all students. Prior to the screening, a grill-off contest was also hosted where students paid to try the different foods cooked.

Darunda Williams, a sophomore business management major from Montgomery, said that although she is a non-Greek, she came to support her friends at the grill-off because it was for a good cause.

"For the students who are non-Greeks, they get to see that it goes beyond our stereotypes of them, that they do care about the community," she said.

Other activities for the remainder of the week will include a box car derby race, Greek spirit night, Greek games and participation in Saturday's Trojan Preview Day.

Sara Beth Gilley, a senior elementary education major from Dothan and the Panhellenic Council representative to the Greek Week organizing committee, said that she wanted to be a part of the organizing group to help other Greeks enjoy this event, just as she has in the past.

"I always like the little competition that goes and not only getting to know my sisters better, but also getting to know other members of other organizations as well," Gilley said.

Winners of Greek Week will be announced on Sunday night, March 29, at the Order of Omega banquet.



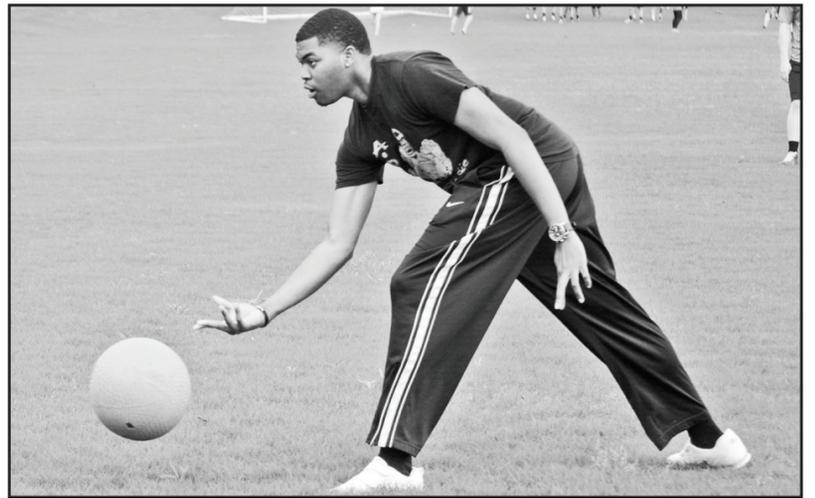
Troy Walker photo

**Taylor Barnette, a sophomore special education major from Fairhope, donating blood at the American Red Cross blood drive.**



Hannah Crews photo

**Kappa Delta and FarmHouse banners outside the baseball field.**



Caitlin Collins photo

**Charles Mosely, a sophomore psychology major from Selma, playing kickball.**



Pierce Godwin photo (left); Caleb Hicks photos (middle and right)

**Left photo: Payne Wilson (left), a junior sport and fitness management major from Grove Hill, and Fletcher Whiddon, a sophomore hospitality, sport and tourism management major from Headland, at the dodgeball competition. Middle photo: Students watching a re-enacted version of the Hunger Games created by the Greek students. Right photo: Blake Robbins, a sophomore finance major from Jasper, at the grill-off contest.**

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## Student-led conference held for ITP Second Chance Prom

Troy students organize conference with speakers and performers from around the country.

## Second Chance Prom

Alyse Nelson  
Features Editor

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Home to the only four-year Interpreter Training Program (ITP) in the state, Troy University has also recently hosted its 6th annual Alabama Interpreter Metamorphosis (AIM) Conference.

AIM is unique in that, with the help of faculty members serving as mentors, it is completely organized and run by the students within the ITP.

Wesley Sunday, a junior interpreter training major from Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, helped to lead this year's conference.

"It's the only student-run conference of its kind in Alabama," Sunday said of AIM.

The conference began Friday, March 20, concluding on Sunday, March 22.

Scheduled were eight speakers holding workshops on topics from "ASL in Healthcare Settings" to "Law Enforcement Interpreting Basics: an Overview of Skill Sets Needed," according to the AIM schedule.

Sunday said that the notable speakers included Adam Bartley, who traveled from D.C. to speak about law enforcement interpreting, as well as Fallon Brizendine, a deaf interpreter who runs her own interpreting service.

"I was in charge of contacting them and asking them about the workshops that they would like to run," Sunday said. "And I've pretty much been keeping up with my committee members and the presenters."

The committees of students finalized every detail of the conference, from reserving rooms to getting hospitality items such as food. Students were also involved in interpreting the speakers.

"For me, I got to contact some really awesome people — future

employers, hopefully — and it was a really unique experience," Sunday said of the benefits of AIM.

"The conference is designed for the interpreting students actually in the ITP and training to be interpreters," he said of how it benefited other students involved. "Most of them get the chance to interpret the deaf speakers and practice their voice to sign skills and sign to voice."

"And the ASL students — they get to see the interpreting profession, people that work in it and what our work consists of. And there's also workshops designed to improve their ASL skills as well."

Sunday said that he transferred from a state college where he was taking ASL classes after recruiters from Troy contacted him about getting his interpreter's license.

"I don't have a specific environment I would like to

work in," Sunday said. "Maybe education or video retail service. I also plan on going to a grad program to hopefully gain a further degree in interpreting and interpreting study."

"Our vision in the program is to try to provide students with as many experiences as possible, and part of that is the ability to network and organize a conference of this caliber so they can take those skills with them once they graduate from our program," Judy Robertson, an interpreter training lecturer and one of the mentors over the conference, said.

"The conference is not only designed to have the students run it; it's also designed to give a safe space to our student interpreters," Robertson said. "Our senior-level students are providing the interpreting during the conference. It's an opportunity for the students to see what they

can do while getting feedback from mentors."

"My favorite speaker was Sherette Estes," said Sarah Thompson, a senior interpreting training program major from Opp. "She presented on business ethics and life after the ITP."

Thompson, who hopes to work as an interpreter in a school setting after graduating, said that her favorite part of the weekend was the entertainment Friday and Saturday night with ASL Idol and a comedic routine by Wink, a deaf performer.

"I learned a couple of things," she said. "The first is that I can't separate professionalism and skill; both go hand in hand. The second is it's important to know who I am and what I can contribute before interpreting."

"I felt that this experience really allowed me to test my abilities and opened my eyes to new opportunities."



Jill Odom photo

Amanda Burgess, a senior interpreter training major from Panama City, Florida, signs "Firework" by Katy Perry during ASL Idol on Friday night.

Hosted by Troy University's Spectrum Alliance, Second Chance Prom gives college students an opportunity to improve upon their high school memories.

"If you didn't like your prom, or you never experienced prom, or maybe you weren't allowed to bring your date because they are of the same gender," Jana Wieser, an international relations graduate student from Bremen, Germany, and president of the Spectrum Alliance, said of reasons why students might be interested in attending.

"Everyone is welcome!" Wieser said. "If old or young, Troy student, or faculty member. You can come by yourself, or bring a date, or bring your friends."

The event theme will be "Fairy Land," but there is no dress code, just a suggestion to "wear whatever you feel most comfortable in."

The prom will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at the Arboretum. Pre-sale tickets can be bought in front of TC for \$1, or at the door for \$2.

"We just want to offer everyone the chance to experience prom and have a great time among friends," Wieser said.

## Women talk global issues

Tori Roper  
Staff Writer

Troy University's Women's Initiative discussed global issues concerning women during its latest meeting.

Women's Initiative focuses on the rights and equality of women to "educate students, faculty and members of the community of all genders, races, creeds and political affiliations of the current issues facing women," according to the Troy University website.

The Women's Initiative holds meetings every Tuesday night in Malone 209, where the group discusses different issues concerning women.

In light of the recent International Women's Day on March 8, the organization focused on global issues.

Abena Adaboh, sophomore biomedical sciences major from Kumasi, Ghana, and the group's secretary, spoke about issues that women in American generally do not face — female sexual mutilation and honor killings.

"Culture doesn't justify cruelty," Adaboh said in regard to the cultural traditions and acceptance of these practices in other countries. "Culture evolves, and that has to evolve."

Stephanie Shackelford, a senior graphic design major from Troy and president of the Women's Initiative, said in order to change these issues around the world, "we have to change the cultural mindset because many of them see it as a rite of passage."

The group's vice president, Cat

Rennhack, a junior human services and English double major from Dothan, spoke on child marriage and the loss of rights for the children who are forced into these marriages.

According to Rennhack, "child marriage takes away a child's right to education and economic opportunity."

"The right to consent to marriage is an international law," Rennhack said. "The countries are supposed to be protecting these girls, but it is so common that they don't."

Courtney Brown, a junior global business marketing major from New Market, Alabama, led the discussion on sex trafficking, specifically in the United States.

"According to the International Labor Organization, there were 21 million sex slaves in 2011," Brown said. "Two million are sold globally each year."

"This issue is heavily undermined. It should be in the headlines."

Natalie Dixon, a senior human services major from Dothan, said her favorite experience with Women's Initiative was a poll that the group conducted to see what students actually thought about gender roles and women's rights.

"We have exploded with enthusiasm this year, I think," Shackelford said.

Rennhack explained her interest in Women's Initiative by giving her background of having a twin brother and seeing gender roles at a young age.

"Women's Initiative has always been big for me," Rennhack said. "I have always been big into feminism."



Alyse Nelson photo

From left: Natalie Dixon, a senior human services major from Dothan; Abena Adaboh, a sophomore biomedical sciences major from Kumasi, Ghana; Stephanie Shackelford, a senior graphic design major from Troy; and Cat Rennhack, a junior human services and English double major from Dothan, pose as members of Troy University's Women's Initiative.

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## Post-spring break

Getting back to the study wheel is not easy but possible with good time management

Each semester, students return from either spring or fall break with the same false expectations of starting strong and finishing strong.

Instead of easing into our studies, we sprint the first mile and then realize we blew out our backs and knees, and now have begun to crawl to the finish.

The problem with the spring semester is that after spring break, most of us choose to just shut down and try to do just enough to squeak by.

College students are in an environment with so many distractions.

Every college student is in the same relationship.

We think about this significant other while in class and when we fall asleep. We would probably be embarrassed if anyone else found out what kind of dirt we share.

And that person is Netflix. This website is one of the biggest crushes of almost every college student.

It is so easy for us to “take a break” from studying to watch “only” one episode of “House of Cards” or “Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt.”

However, before the “break” is over, we have spent our entire weekend locked in our bedrooms, and only when we finally realize that we need more food do we awaken from our slumber to harvest what we can.

“I know the minute I start watching one episode, I’ll keep watching and before I know it, I have finished a whole season,” said Nathan Edwards, a sophomore sport and fitness management major from Prattville.

There are not many students who would say that studying is fun or they enjoy it.



**Pierce Godwin**  
Staff Writer

“There are a thousand other things I would rather be doing at 3 o’clock on a Friday than studying,” said Tony Chavez, a junior computer science major from Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Many of us would rather be lying in our hammocks and relaxing. We offer up many excuses on why we have not done what we’re supposed to do and blow it off until we find ourselves completely overwhelmed.

Sometimes we just need to take a step back, breathe and realize that there are things that can still be done to get back on the right foot.

Effective time management is one of the best things to prevent stress from building up. Sadly, it is one of the skills that are not developed until college.

Most college students live by pulling all-nighters, waking up 10 minutes before class and rushing to get ready for the day.

We need to also remember to not become overly involved.

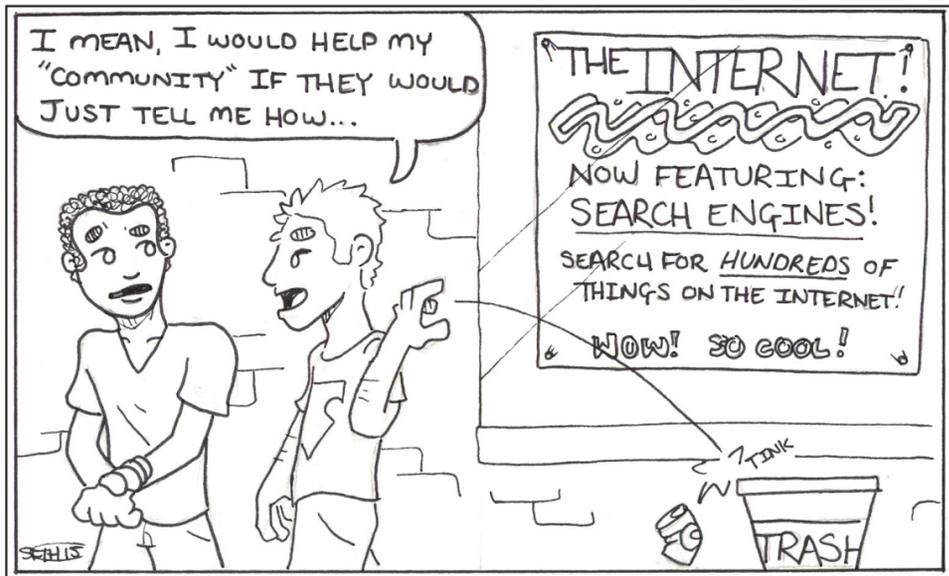
Having too many commitments in one day can prevent us from thinking about all that we truly have to do.

It also can make us neglect our other responsibilities.

Another way to stay motivated is to set goals and reward yourself.

If you tell yourself that something needs to be done by 3 p.m. on a Friday afternoon and you finish it on time, then you can reward yourself by hanging out by the pool or going out with friends.

School is not the easiest thing for everyone, but it does not have to be as hard as some make it.



Seth Nicholson

## Alumna gives experience abroad

**Lauren Coughlin**  
Contributor

Troy University has some amazing resources that are largely untapped by its students — most notably, its many study abroad opportunities.

Though I have graduated, I want to reflect on my time studying abroad in Belgium through one such program at Hogeschool Ghent.

Through partnerships with other schools that send their students to Alabama, Troy students can study abroad for the same tuition price they would pay in the states, including scholarship and financial aid packages.

I absolutely loved my time in Ghent. Even though I was a political science and social science major, I took mostly business classes that could then be transferred as economics or politics credit.

Generally, language classes will be more challenging than you’re used to, but most classes do not require homework or the dreaded group project.

You attend lectures and focus only on final projects and exams, which will mean many European courses will prove challenging for students with poor time management skills but particularly refreshing for independent learners.

Life in Belgium was challenging, refreshing and more exciting than I dreamed.

I was incredibly fit because I had to travel everywhere on a borrowed bicycle with no brakes. I ate and drank some of the most delicious things ever. I found new ways to meet people and travel at every winding, cobbled turn.

Personally, I consider making local friends most important. I joined a Belgian student club and became a part of the crazy Flemish student culture, but there were also many opportuni-

ties to meet students from all over Europe while spending a semester abroad.

I had access to a large network of Europeans that had studied at Troy and were as happy to help me get settled as they would be to help anyone else from Troy.

By choosing Belgium, you choose a location that is more expensive than Spain but cheaper than Sweden, both of which are also Troy Abroad programs.

In Ghent, you are a half-hour train ride from the seat of the European Union, Brussels, and incredibly close to most of the other major cities of Western Europe.

Belgium has three official languages, which will inspire you to hit the books and practice in the many cafes and bars that welcome students seeking to broaden their horizons.

I should also mention that Dutch is easy for English speakers to learn.

Ghent is also a gorgeous city with breathtaking cathedrals, charming squares and even a castle. History fans might recognize it as the birthplace of Emperor Charles V, while art and film buffs will recognize the city’s crown jewel, “The Adoration of the Lamb” painted by the Van Eyk brothers, at the altar of St. Bavos Cathedral.

No matter where you study, a semester abroad will make you a better person by winning you lasting friendships, growing your professional network, teaching you new skills and languages, and giving you a fresh perspective.

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## ROTC makes college happen

**Hannah Hartline**  
Staff Writer

With the costs of attending college rising, some students are turning to alternate methods to pay for school. While some choose to take federal aid through Pell Grants and student loans, some of Troy’s students are looking for other means of paying for college.

Troy University’s Army and Air Force ROTC programs offer multiple opportunities for students looking to go to college and start careers in the military.

Jarrod Mack, a senior political science major from Robertsdale, said that joining the Army ROTC was not initially the plan. He intended to directly enlist within the Army, but a push from his dad set him on the path to joining the ROTC instead.

“I got in because originally, I wanted to enlist out of high school but decided it was best to go to college,” Mack said. “My dad found out about the Army ROTC scholarship, which I applied for and received.”

ROTC stands for Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, and offers two-, three- and four-year scholarships to students who would be open to serving up to four years in the Army after graduating from college.

Students receiving the scholarships from the Army ROTC are given a monthly stipend dependent upon class rank, and may also receive one of 15 housing scholarships that Troy University donates to the program.

Students can receive between \$300-\$500 for a monthly stipend in both Air Force and Army ROTC,

depending upon class rank.

The program has high demands of potential cadets. Mack said his process began during high school.

“I had to apply during my junior year of high school, and it required a physical (medical) examination, a physical fitness test administered by my high school JROTC instructor, a GPA of 3.0 and an interview with a college ROTC instructor,” Mack said.

The requirements are similar for students interested in the Air Force ROTC, which offers similar benefits.

Air Force ROTC offers three different types of scholarships, with special consideration given to those in technical or science majors.

The scholarships are not activated until the student enlists in the Obligated Reserve Section of the United States Air Force Reserve, signs a contract and passes the medical, moral, fitness and physical qualifications required to be a cadet.

Students who are interested in learning more about these programs can visit the respective ROTC offices. The Army ROTC office is located at 720 Elm St. and available online at [trojan.troy.edu/armyrotc](http://trojan.troy.edu/armyrotc).

The Air Force ROTC office is located in McCartha Hall, Suite 1, on Troy’s main campus.

With all of the effort and strict requirements to apply and to keep the scholarships provided by the ROTC offices, I believe that they are well worth the effort put into them.

According to the Institute for College Access and



Caleb Hick photos

**Jarrod Mack, whose higher education was possible thanks to an ROTC scholarship program.**

Success, 7 in 10 seniors who graduated from public and nonprofit colleges in 2013 had student loan debt, with an average of \$28,400 per borrower.

Fifty-four percent of Alabama students from those institutions have student loan debts, with the average amount owned slightly higher than the national average, of \$28,895.

The ROTC offices do a good job in producing disciplined, well-rounded students who have determination to succeed. I believe that this marks another plus in the column for the effectiveness of ROTC, while reducing the amount of student loan debt taken out by students.

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## An 'Eclectic' spring dance

**Lacey Alexander**  
Staff Writer

"Eclectic" presents itself as the spring dance performance of the school year.

The Troy Department of Theatre and Dance produces one dance show per semester. The department holds auditions for all dance majors, and for certain dance numbers, all majors are welcome to audition.

"There's something for everyone," said dance instructor and lecturer Nicki Loud. "It's a lot of collaboration. There's something that the theater majors can learn from the dance majors and vice versa."

Loud serves as the artistic director for the show. She has choreographed one number and co-choreographed another. "It's a very personal piece," she said. "It's probably the most personal piece I've done ... It's about what I've been through with people I love and how it's changed me."

"I think it can be a really fun adventure," Loud said. "We're really training them to

get out there and work as professionals."

"There's not really a true theme to the show this year," said Mati Anderson, a sophomore dance major from Nashville, Tennessee. "It shows every different style and characteristic that we portray in the department."

Anderson participates in six of the eight numbers in the show and has some solo performances. This will be her fourth dance show with the department.

"Mati is a crucial part of the show," Loud said. "I think almost all of the department is involved in either performance or other parts of the show. Everyone has come together to do this. I don't think there's a single major not in this show."

Loud said that the dancers put in a lot of work for these performances, and that she and Dominique Angel, another dance instructor and choreographer for the show, have worked hard to prepare them.

"These guys are in dance class four to eight hours a day sometimes," Loud said. "It's about them finding their place within their movement."



April Irvin photo

**Angelene Kendall (left), Porter Grubbs (middle), and Hailey Bates (right) practice for the spring dance performance "Eclectic."**

Loud also said that the educational aspect of the show was what was most important to her.

"Every age I've ever taught ... more than anything, the discipline of what we do is a life lesson," Loud said. "That kind of discipline ... to be respectful and to

manage time ... that's a huge educational aspect."

"Eclectic" will be presented in Claudia Crosby Theater on April 3 and 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available to purchase for \$5 with a student ID, and \$10 general admission in the Trojan Center box office.

## Audra Weaver gives her final solo performance at Troy

**Kianna Collins**  
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Audra Weaver marks the end of her singing career at Troy University with her solo senior recital, which also signals the beginning of her future in professional singing.

Weaver, a senior English major from Greenville, will perform her senior recital at First Baptist Church of Troy at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28. Her career started when her 10th-grade choir director wanted to take a small group of students to New York City to perform small concerts and eventually perform with a youth choir at Carnegie Hall.

"I've been hooked ever since," Weaver said. Since then, she's been taking vocal lessons for 10 years.

Carnegie Hall stands as one of her personal favorite places to perform to



Renee Goss photo

**Elizabeth Buccheri (left), Audra Weaver (middle) and Richard Troxell (right) during a Vann Vocal Institute at Huntingdon College.**

this day, and it was one of the first performances she's ever done.

Weaver is also a part of Troy University's Concert Chorale, and she also is involved with the Opera Workshop.

Weaver said she wasn't really inspired to perform professionally until she met

Richard Troxell, one of the leading tenors in opera, in October 2014.

"I had always seen it as a hobby," Weaver said.

The moment that made Weaver change her mind was after a performance at a Vann Vocal Institute at Huntingdon

College.

"It was the first time I'd ever placed," Weaver said. After her performance in the competition, Troxell pulled her off to the side and said, "Remember this: I've never won a competition in my life, and now look where I am."

After that experience, Weaver seeks to perform in theater, opera and Broadway productions while she gets an alternative Master of Education.

She's currently speaking with the University of South Alabama in order to pursue her master's degree. She's also trying to get set up with the city opera program in Mobile while she's there.

Weaver's concert has pieces that span the ages, ranging from the 1670s to the 1990s.

Most of her pieces are classical and in foreign languages, but Weaver has Disney pieces as well.



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## Students loosen up with martial arts



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From left to right: Ronald Dowdell Jr., a junior psychology major from Tuscaloosa; Matthew Sanders, a sophomore information systems major from Brooklyn, New York; and Kayli Pledger, a sophomore collaborative education major from Spanish Fort, practicing the first three moves of Tai Chi.

### Confucius Institute brings Tai Chi to Troy

**Grishma Rimal**  
Variety Editor

The words “relaxing” and “martial arts” may not be coherent when used in most contexts, but they are when talking about Tai Chi, a form of a Chinese martial art that uses slow, focused movements and deep breathing techniques.

Troy University students will now be able to get a taste of this popular Chinese exercise through introductory classes provided by the Confucius Institute.

The Confucius Institute will be teaching Tai Chi classes every week until April 30 where students will learn a total of 24 simplified Tai Chi movements.

According to Kaituo Yu, language coordinator at the Confucius Institute and one of the instructors for the class, “This (Tai Chi) is not about fighting or anything — this is about peaceful mind and healthy body.”

Yu said that the purpose behind this class is to introduce to the local people to one of the most important and best components of the Chinese culture. She further said that this exercise can be very beneficial to one’s physical and mental well-being. “When you feel really disturbed and annoyed, you just play this and forget everything,” she said.

Tingting Xiong, Chinese program coordinator and the second instructor of the class, explained that doing Tai Chi provides health benefits such as aid in the treatment of heart diseases, high blood pressure, arthritis and digestive disorders in addition to increasing flexibility and prolonging life.

Xiong also explained that in Chinese philosophy the concept of yin and yang, which are contrasting opposite forces within the body, is prevalent and Tai Chi is aimed to stabilize those opposing forces.

“If you want to become healthy, you have to strike a very good balance of yin and yang,” she said. “Also in our body, there is a kind of ‘Chi.’ It’s a kind of force that will help you to strike a balance between yin and yang.” Hence the name Tai Chi.

Last Thursday, the first beginners’ class was taught by Xiong and Yu, in which the first three basic movements were demonstrated.

“I didn’t realize that through exercise you can relax so much,” Nicole Wallace, a junior nursing major from Marianna, Florida, said. “It’s a very good exercise, just to take an hour or even 20 minutes out of your day and just completely relax.”

Ronald Dowdell Jr., a junior psychology major from Tuscaloosa, said that he wanted to attend the class without really knowing what he was getting into. Now that he knows, he plans on recommend-

ing it to more people.

“I Googled a video, a four-minute video, and I watched 35 seconds of it, and I was like ‘I’ll go,’” he said. “It felt good. It’s a really intense quad workout.”

Matthew Ramirez, a junior social work major from Seale, said that he learned more about the Chinese culture through this introductory class and said he is looking forward to building relationships with other students in the class from varying cultures.

“I definitely will recommend it not just to learn the steps, but be in the class with more diversity,” he said.

Kayli Pledger, a sophomore collaborative education major from Spanish Fort, said that she found Tai Chi soothing, but at the same time felt that she had a good workout.

“It wasn’t very strenuous like you’d expect martial arts to be,” she said. “It’s very calming, and at the same time it’s an opportunity to get some exercising in just an hour.

“I had a really bad day, stressed out, so I thought it was a good idea to go here, and it was.”

Yu encourages students to come and try Tai Chi, even if they have no particular idea about it, and enjoy some exercise by sweating a little.

“It will diversify their life and open their eyes, and widen their minds,” she said. “It’s never a bad thing to try something new.”

Tai Chi classes will be taught every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 030 of Bibb Graves Hall.

#### Last week’s Sudoku Solutions

1	9	6	3	8	7	2	4	5
8	4	7	5	9	2	6	1	3
3	2	5	1	6	4	7	9	8
2	3	8	7	1	6	9	5	4
9	6	1	4	5	3	8	2	7
5	7	4	8	2	9	3	6	1
4	8	2	6	7	1	5	3	9
7	1	9	2	3	5	4	8	6
6	5	3	9	4	8	1	7	2



“Our goal is to not only raise money for our philanthropy but also raise awareness of our cause. Hopefully, this weekend we were able to reach out to the community and everyone who attended our event,” said Ivy Watts, VP-Public Relations.

Roadsides were full of color this weekend after the Kappa Delta sorority held its annual Color Me KD 5K and Fun Run. Over 400 runners gathered at sorority hill Saturday morning in anticipation for the run. “We are so encouraged by the involvement of our local community and how they truly want to give to children in need,” said Morgan Stokes, Vice President Community Service.

Kappa Delta’s national philanthropy is Prevent Child Abuse America and its local philanthropy is the Pike Regional Child Advocacy Center. All funds from the Shamrock event benefited these two organizations, with 20% given to Prevent Child Abuse America and 80% benefiting the Pike Regional Child Advocacy Center in Troy, Alabama. Kappa Delta raised over \$26,000 last year and hopes to surpass this number.



Every year more than 3 million reports of child abuse are made in the United States, and the United States has one of the worst records among industrialized nations. Child abuse is a serious matter, and Kappa Delta aims to bring attention to students, the community and people in the surrounding areas. Morgan Stokes states, “We throw the color because it symbolizes the joy and happiness that our fundraising brings to the children in need.”

## Lucky number seven: Troy extends streak

**Ty Ammons**  
Staff Writer

The Troy Trojans men's tennis team bumped its win streak up to seven with a pair of weekend wins against Xavier University of Louisiana on Friday, March 20, and Columbus State on Saturday, March 21.

The women's team was not as successful, as it dropped two matches during the weekend.

On Friday, March 20, Troy won four singles matches and left one unfinished. The Trojans were victorious in all three doubles matches against Xavier.

Sophomore Hassan Ndayishimye defeated 12th-ranked NAIA junior Kyle Montrel 7-5, 6-2. Junior Gabriel Dias won his match 6-4, 6-4 against senior Nikita Soifer.

Freshman Andy Lau won his match against sophomore Jordan Harrell 6-2, 6-2, and junior Daniel Bustamante won his match 6-2, 6-4 against sophomore Tushar Mandlekar.

Ndayishimye and Dias won their line one doubles match 6-0

against Montrel and Soifer.

Lau and freshman Austin Racine won their doubles match 6-3, and sophomore Andre Baldo and junior William McClelland won their match 6-3 against sophomore Adam Albrecht and junior Kevin Chaouat.

On Saturday, March 21, Troy won four singles matches with two unfinished, and lost two doubles matches against Columbus State, with one unfinished.

Dias won his match against senior Oussama Zoghalmi 6-3, 6-3. Ndayishimye won his match 6-1, 6-3 against senior Adi Malicbegovic.

Lau beat freshman Martynas Zakaitis, and Bustamante won his match against freshman Jorge Vargas 6-3, 6-2.

The Troy women's tennis team did the opposite, as it lost both matchups last Saturday and Sunday, March 21-22.

In the Trojans' matchup against Georgia Southern on Saturday, they won only two singles matches, but won all

three doubles matches.

Junior Trang Huynh defeated senior Jordana Klein 6-3, 6-2, and freshman Jiayuan Xue won her match 6-3, 6-3 against sophomore Giulia Riepe.

Huynh and junior Anja Cosovic won their line one doubles match 8-1 against freshman Anne Kurzweil and junior Mary Phillips Smith.

Freshman Linnea Skymberg and Xue won their match against junior Francisca Norregaard and sophomore Daria Vasekina 8-0. Freshman Sanae Ohta and junior Brooke Durden won 8-1 against Klein and Riepe.

The Troy women put on a poor showing against undefeated South Alabama on Sunday, March 22. Huynh was the only person to win her match. Her final score was 6-1, 6-2 against sophomore Laura Valkova.

The men's and women's tennis team's next match is March 27-29 in Troy at the Troy Spring Invitational.



Caleb Hicks photo

Sophomore Hassan Ndayishimye defeated 12th ranked NAIA junior Kyle Montrel from Xavier-University of Louisiana on Friday, March 20.

## Women's basketball eliminated from WBI

**Jill Odom**  
Sports Editor

The Troy women's basketball team's chance at redemption was lost after the Trojans fell behind early in the first half against Mercer in Macon, Georgia, on Thursday, March 19.

Troy was selected to be the No. 5 seed in the Women's Basketball Invitational, but lost the game to No. 4 Mercer 83-68.

Mercer took the lead from the very beginning, and at 10:02 the Bears were dominating 25-4.

Despite the team being composed of eight freshmen and four seniors, Mercer proved a threat to the Trojans.

In the first half, while Troy was only making 28.6 percent of its three pointers, Mercer was scoring half of its attempts.

The Bears outshot the Trojans in field goals, three pointers and free throws. Troy only made four shots out of the 18 attempted behind the arc.

Seniors forward Ronita Garrett and guard Aissata Maiga led the team with 16 points each and Garrett was two boards away from a double-double.

Junior guard Ashley Beverly-Kelley was close behind with 14 points for the

night.

By the end of the first half, Mercer was leading 42-25 and proceeded to tack on another 41 points, even though Troy came out with more strength in the second half.

Mercer's senior guard Precious Bridges gathered 26 points during the night, outscoring the entire Trojan team's efforts from the first half.

Teammate freshman guard Kahlia Lawrence had a double-double by making 10 rebounds and scoring 19 points.

Regardless of the early deficit, Troy fought back and closed the gap to 12 points with 6:54 to go in the second half.

Numerous successful Mercer free throws pushed the game out of the Trojans' reach in the end.

Even though the women's basketball season has now come to a close, the Trojans are still able to take pride in having a 20-win season, is the fourth in program history.

Also, earning the WBI seed meant Troy made its second postseason appearance in school history. Troy is currently the Sun Belt's top-scoring team, making it the third straight year it has claimed this title.



Joshua Thurston photo

Sophomore forward Caitlyn Ramirez scored seven points against Mercer.

## Track

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12.03 seconds.

In other women's field events, sophomore Aleeah Stigarll made a 5.51-meter jump in the long jump and freshman Jaevyn Worthham had a 40.62-meter discus throw.

Sophomore Dallas Worthy finished

the 400-meter dash in 56.56 seconds. Sophomore Riley Schwietz and Lacey Marcus competed in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing at 15.12 and 15.69, respectively.

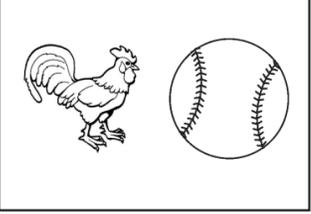
The track and field team will compete next at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida.

The UNF Spring Break invitational will take place on Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28.

## Word Games

### How to play:

Each of these word games represents a sports saying or is related to sports in some way. Think literally to solve. Answers are in the lower right corner.

1. 	2. 
3. 	4. 

### Solutions

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2. Go overboard  
3. Break point  
4. Shoot behind the arc



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## Trojans topple top-10 teams

**Michael Shipma**  
Staff Writer

The Troy softball team won two of its last four games, with road wins against No. 10 Florida State and No. 7 UL Lafayette, but dropped the last two games in its series against the Cajuns.

The Trojans (18-14, 4-5 Sun Belt) are now placed sixth in the Sun Belt standings as of Monday, March 23.

Coming off an impressive outing at home against Appalachian State, the Trojans traveled to Tallahassee, Florida, to play Florida State (26-7, 8-1 ACC) on Wednesday, March 18.

Troy, which had been enjoying offensive success in the past few games, struggled to get hits and score runs early against FSU's pitcher. Redshirt sophomore Jessica Burroughs recorded 13 strikeouts on the night.

The Seminoles, however, were able to generate some offense against Troy's senior pitcher Jaycee Affeldt, and held a 4-1 lead heading into the top of the seventh inning.

The Trojans refused to be put away, and scored three runs in the seventh inning, forcing the game into extra innings. Sophomore second baseman Becca Hartley hit two key home runs during the night, along with three RBIs, to lead the comeback for the Trojans.

A two-run homer from Hartley in the eighth was all Troy needed to win 6-4, as head coach Beth Mullins notched her first win against a top-10 opponent as a coach in her career, and Troy's first since 2012.

"I'm very proud of the fight and finish we showed today," Mullins said. "I think we have been working to get better every day at practice, and have been playing good softball the last week and a half."

After the big win, the Trojans traveled to play their regular season series at No. 7 UL Lafayette (25-4, 10-2 Sun Belt) on Saturday, March 21, for the first two games of the series.

Despite being down 5-1 after three innings, the Trojans showed incredible resilience against the difficult opponent. Troy managed to outplay UL Lafayette,

scoring eight unanswered runs to win 9-5.

The Trojans took advantage of poor pitching by the Ragin' Cajuns, scoring nine runs on just three hits.

Junior pitcher Ashley Rainey picked up the win for the Trojans, as they snapped UL Lafayette's 27-game home win streak. Troy's back-to-back wins against top-10 teams was a first in school history.

Junior third baseman Khadija Neely and catcher Hannah Day both recorded two RBIs for the game.

The second game of the doubleheader was a different story for the Trojans, who struggled against an eight-strikeout performance from redshirt senior pitcher Christina Hamilton.

Rainey hit a two-run homer in the first to go up early, but ULL roared back with five runs in the bottom of the first.

The two teams traded runs later in the game, as the Ragin' Cajuns took the win 6-3 and evened the series. Hartley led the Trojans with one RBI and two runs scored.

The Trojans returned to action the next day for the series finale, looking to bounce back from the loss.

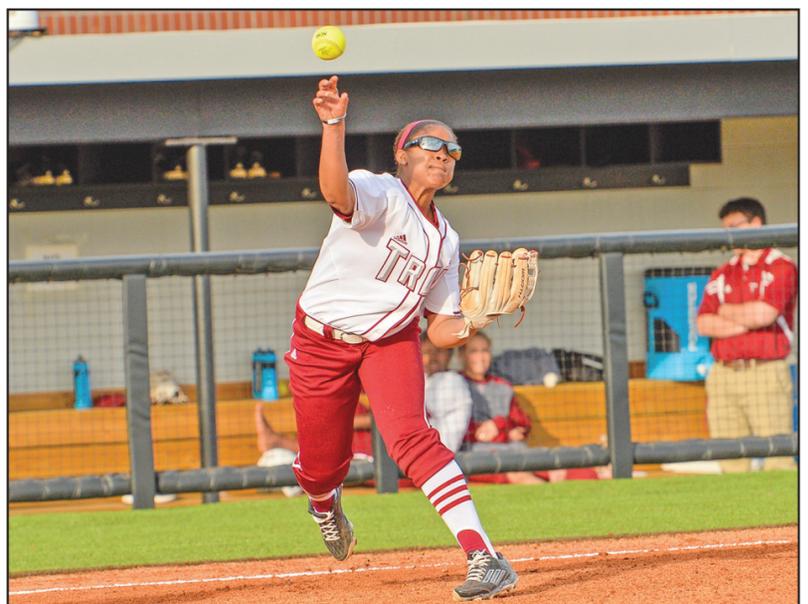
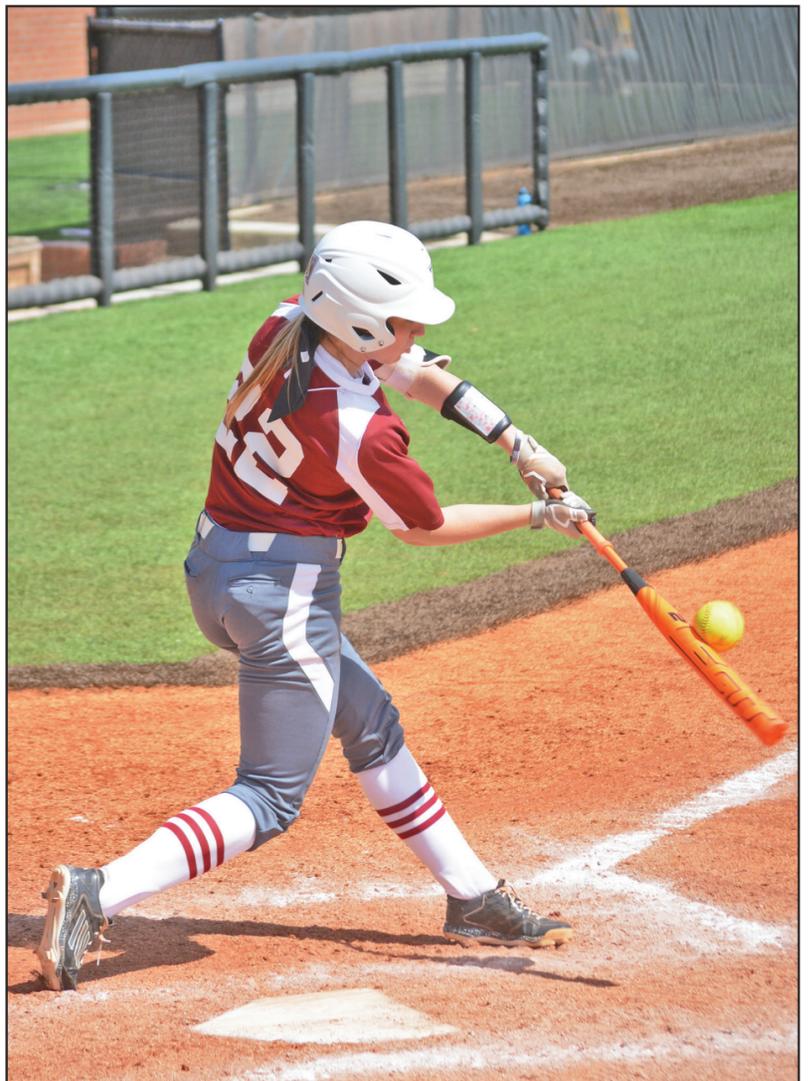
In the end, however, ULL was not to be denied, as it scored 12 runs against the Trojans, with seven of them coming in the first inning.

Troy's only runs came from solo homers from Rainey and junior right fielder Amanda Winters in the fourth and fifth innings, respectively.

Hamilton had a solid performance from the mound for the Ragin' Cajuns, forcing 10 flyouts and two strikeouts.

Junior pitcher Sara Mock took the loss for the Trojans, who have now lost two in a row.

The Trojans returned to action on Wednesday, March 24, for a doubleheader on the road against Kennesaw State.



(Top) Caitlin Collins photo (Bottom and left) Joshua Thurston photos  
(Top) Junior catcher Hannah Day had one hit and two RBIs on Saturday, March 21. (Bottom) Junior third baseman Khadija Neely also had one hit and two RBIs, along with a run on Saturday. (Left) Freshman pinch hitter Erica Davis was able to score in the sixth inning after senior designated player Jaycee Affeldt reached on a fielder's choice on Saturday.

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## Track and field team stays strong at Alabama Relays

**Jill Odom**  
Sports Editor

The Troy track and field team shone bright at the John Mitchell Alabama Relays, despite a short power outage on Friday, March 20.

During the first day of the meet at Tuscaloosa, Troy had three top-10 finishes from senior Paige McMillan, sophomore Cameron Rice, and the women's 4x200-meter relay team.

McMillan placed fourth in the 100-meter dash after crossing the finish line in 12.17 seconds. She also was a part of the relay team that placed ninth at 1:39.54.

Senior Alexis Cobbs, junior Cameia Alexander and freshman Sydney Wright were also members of the relay team.

On the men's side, Rice placed ninth in the 400-meter dash, finishing in 49.25 seconds. He finished 10th place the week before in the same event.

In the women's 5k, junior Julia Ostendorf led her teammates with a time of 17:55.55. Sophomore Mikayla Hodges and freshman Sara Zylstra were about a minute behind with 18:20.57 and 18:47.63 finishes.

On Saturday, March 21, freshman Corina Cox earned first place in the discus throw after reaching the mark of 52.28 meters.

Wright, who was named Sun Belt Athlete of the Week after her first-place finish at the CCU Invitational, placed fourth in the 100-meter dash. She had a time of 14.71 seconds.

Fellow Trojan freshman Garrison Floyd took home sixth place in the men's hurdles after he finished in



April Irvin photo  
Senior Chaun Lynn practices for the track and field team's next meet in Jacksonville, Florida.

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# Troy takes down UALR

*Trojans defend home territory against visiting Trojans, win series*

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The Troy baseball team won its second conference series in a row this weekend in a 2-1 series victory against the UALR Trojans.

The series started with another impressive outing by junior pitcher Grant Bennett, who allowed only three runs in 7 2/3 innings and struck out five batters on Friday, March 20.

“He did what Grant does, and that’s pitching with a lot of courage and determination, and found a way to put us in a position to win,” said head coach Bobby Pierce.

Senior pitcher Jeremy McGowan came in for relief and earned his second save of the season in the 64th appearance in his career.

The 4-3 victory was cushioned by the Troy offense, which put together eight hits and took advantage of a UALR error to score two of its four runs.

The other runs were put together with the help of senior first baseman Trevin Hall, who hit a two-RBI single in the first inning to put Troy up early.

In the third inning, senior second baseman Nick Masonia reached on a throwing error by the UALR shortstop. Later, he scored Troy’s go-ahead run when UALR freshman left fielder Ryan McSwain dropped a fly ball hit by freshman catcher Brody Binder.

On Saturday, March 21, Troy suffered a devastating loss in game two of the series, 14-4 against UALR and sophomore pitcher Cory Malcom.

Malcom’s performance also featured a strong UALR offense and Troy’s inability to find effective pitching.

UALR ripped 19 hits against three Troy pitchers in the first game of the doubleheader on Saturday.

Before the scoring got out of hand, both sides scored two runs in the second inning. Troy took the lead in the third when senior center fielder Clay Holcomb stole home, putting Troy on top 3-2.

However, Troy had only a short time with the lead before senior catcher Drew Merten hit a three-run shot to left field, stealing the lead back for UALR.

Later in the game, the Trojans of UALR tacked on a few more runs and ran away with a six-run ninth inning, bringing the final score to 14-4.

Fortunately for Troy, there was still a hot hand remaining in the left field bullpen.

Junior pitcher Lucas Brown toed up the rubber for his second start and earned his second win in his career at Troy 6-1.

“I was real pleased that we mentally bounced back from game two,” Pierce said. “Lucas Brown got us off to a good start, and offensively we got off to a good start.”

Brown struck out only one batter, but battled through seven innings, holding UALR to just one run.

The Troy offense also started with energy and gave plenty of security to Brown, when Holcomb sparked the scoring and touched home for the first run for Troy.

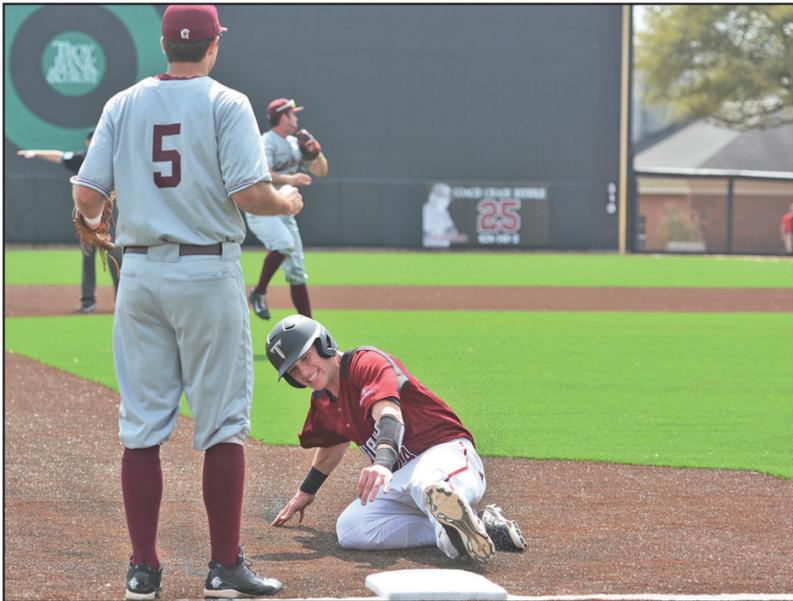
Later in the first inning, Masonia doubled to right field to bring Hall around for Troy’s second run.

The scoring was then silenced until senior pinch hitter David Hall hit a two-RBI double to left field in the seventh inning, scoring Masonia and Hall.

Junior right fielder Logan Hill then sealed the deal with another Troy two-out, two-RBI double in the eighth.

“We played maybe one of our best defensive games of the year and made some nice plays,” Pierce said. “We also did something we haven’t been doing recently, and we scored late in the game to seal the deal.”

The Troy baseball team will resume play this Friday, March 27, at 6 p.m. at Riddle-Pace Field in a four-game series against Alabama A&M.



Caitlin Collins photos

(Above) Redshirt junior catcher Tripp Calhoun had two hits during the first game on Saturday, March 21, against UALR. (Below) Senior pinch hitter David Hall had one hit and two RBIs during the second game.

## Court-Approved Supplemental Information About The Deepwater Horizon Economic Settlement Claim Deadline



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