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Pierce breaks Riddle's record

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Staff Writer

Head coach Bobby Pierce became the winningest coach in Troy history, surpassing previous baseball coach Chase Riddle on Sunday, March 29.

Earlier last week the Troy baseball team took on Jacksonville State and Florida A&M in a couple of midweek games, but fell in both games 8-1 and 2-1, respectively.

However, a day off was plenty of time for the Trojans to recuperate and regroup themselves as they approached a four-game weekend series against Alabama A&M.

The first game between Troy and Alabama A&M started on Friday, March 27, in an offensive showdown by the Trojans, who had a 10-2 victory.

Freshman left fielder Reid Long kick-started the scoring on the seventh pitch of the game with a two-run shot to right field to bring the score to 2-0.

In the third inning, junior shortstop Peyton Fuller stepped up and hit a two-RBI single to right center to make the score 4-0.

Later in the game after the Bulldogs scored a lone run in the fourth, Troy answered with five runs in the fifth inning.

Long sparked the hitting with a leadoff triple to right center. Junior right fielder Logan Hill then followed it up with a



April Irvin photo

Future head coach Mark Smartt (left) and retiring head coach Bobby Pierce (right) shake hands after Pierce beat former head coach Chase Riddle's record of 434 wins.

double to bring Long home.

Following Hill's hit, Fuller stepped in a few batters later and loaded the bases after reaching on a fielding error.

Then junior designated hitter Windham Jackson reached on another fielding error by Alabama A&M's third baseman to score junior pinch runner Burt Givens and boost the score

to 6-1.

Following the pair of errors by the Bulldogs, sophomore third baseman TJ Binder hit a sacrifice line drive to center field to score senior second baseman Nick Masonia.

Troy scored another pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth before Alabama A&M could stop the bleeding.

scored one run in the first inning, but were kept quiet in a pitching battle between junior Trojan pitcher Lucas Brown and junior Bulldog pitcher Josh Burchell.

Brown struck out nine batters in his fantastic eight-inning outing and allowed only five hits.

Long came in clutch in the ninth inning and finished off the Bulldogs with a walk-off homer.

Long's solo home run in the ninth brought the crowd of nearly 1,700 fans to life as Troy won 2-1.

Game two of the double-header resulted in an 8-1 Trojan victory, as Troy racked up the runs.

Troy dominated with a great outing by junior pitcher Austin Crook and a hot Trojan offense.

Hill brought home the first run for Troy in the second inning when he lifted a solo shot out of the park to left field.

Hill was later followed up by redshirt freshman center fielder Shaw Pinnell, who hit an RBI single to right field to score Fuller and put Troy up 2-0.

Binder tacked on a run for Troy in the fifth, and junior designated hitter Hoke Granger launched a three-run home run out of left field in the sixth to stretch the Trojan lead to 6-0.

In the first game, both teams See **Pierce**, page 8

Troy shows appreciation

Lily Casolaro
Staff Writer

Troy University held its first Student Appreciation Day on April 1.

A committee to plan the day was formed by Dionne Rosser-Mims, faculty senate president of Troy's global campus and a professor of adult education.

Each campus has been involved with the celebrations. "The event was organized so that faculty and staff could celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of Troy students everywhere," said Rosser-Mims.

Representatives on Troy University main campus held booths on Bibb Graves quad from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring door prizes, raffles and free giveaways.

The Office of Development had drinks, food and cookies for students, as well as a prize drawing every 15 minutes to win Troy gear.

Jean Laliberte, associate vice chancellor of development, said this was a day for faculty and staff to celebrate Troy students.

"We are letting our students know how much we love and appreciate them," Laliberte said.

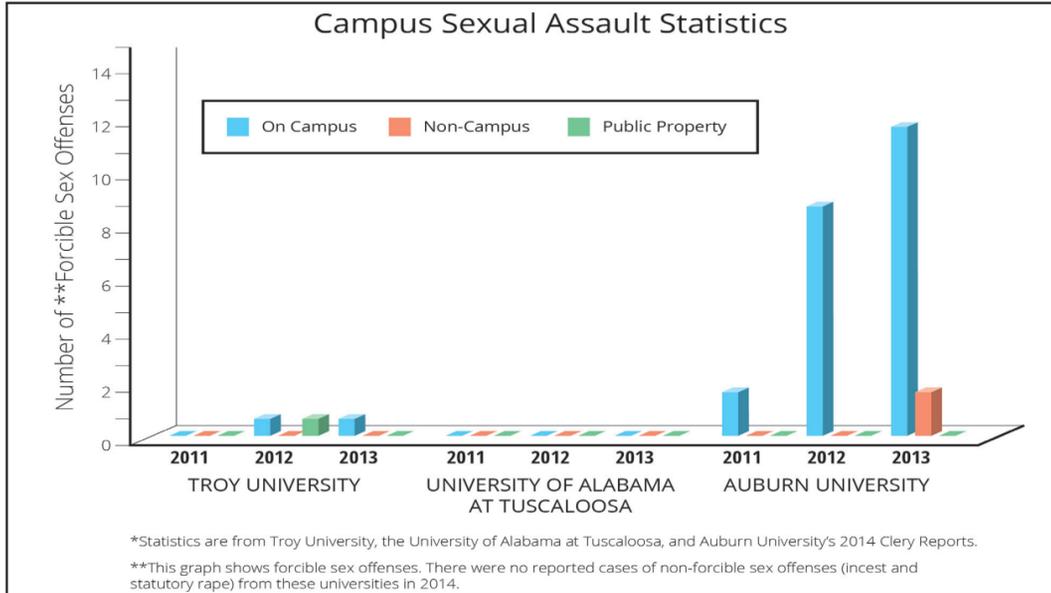
Ricoh printing, located on the first floor of Trojan Center, had a booth where students could spin a wheel for a chance to win \$2 off their printing services.

Barnes & Noble passed out T-shirts, backpacks, magnets, towels and bags to show appreciation for students.

The bookstore also offered a 25 percent discount for current Troy students, which could be used in store or online on apparel and merchandise, excluding textbooks.

Jacob Isdell, a senior history major from Pell City

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Greeks lobbying for change in sex assault investigations

Cassie Gibbs
News Editor

Greek-affiliated organizations will be lobbying in Washington, D.C., on April 29 to change the power that universities have when investigating sexual assault cases.

The lobbying effort is led by the Fraternity & Sorority Political Action Committee, or FratPAC, the North-American Intrafraternity Conference and the National Panhellenic Conference.

According to a Bloomberg news

article, the groups are lobbying to have the "criminal justice system resolve cases before universities look into them or hand down punishments."

This effort comes after some universities have required that fraternities become co-educational, or entire Greek systems have been suspended over allegations of sexual assault, such as the now-discredited sexual assault case at the University of Virginia.

Troy University's policies for sexual assault reports and allega-

tions can be found in the Oracle and the annual safety report, which is a requirement of the Jeanne Clery Act.

According to Troy's safety report, a victim who reports an incident of sexual assault can "choose for the investigation to be pursued through the criminal justice system and the University Conduct Council, or only the latter."

It also states that a "student found

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guilty of violating the university sexual misconduct policy could be criminally prosecuted in the state courts and may be suspended or expelled from the university for the first offense.”

If a conduct case results in an off-campus arrest and trial, the university will continue with its own hearing on the case.

“If charges pertaining to a conduct case also result in an off-campus warrant against the accused student or organization, the university will proceed with on-campus conduct action.”

Since 2012, Troy University has had two reported sexual assault cases that occurred on campus in residence halls, according to the safety report.

Maxwell Herman, a sophomore hospitality management major from Panama City Beach, Florida, and Troy’s Intrafraternity Council vice president of recruitment and public relations, said that he believes the university is a key component in keeping sexual assault cases at a minimum.

“I believe that the university should be in charge,” Herman said. “That’s why the university owns the houses, so they can be in charge. More bad things could happen if we just let the criminal justice system investigate.”

Erin Salter, a junior nursing major from Orange Beach, and the president of Troy’s National Panhellenic Council, said that while sexual assault is a crime, everyone should not be punished for one person’s actions.

“I don’t like that universities are punishing the entire Greek system,” Salter said. “I do think sexual assault is a terrible crime that should be handled correctly.”

The NIC and NPC said in a statement that they while they support student safety, they also wish to have powers outside of university police to help with investigations of sexual assault cases.

“The North-American Intrafraternity Conference (NIC) and the National Panhellenic Conference (NPC) remain united in fighting against sexual violence,” according to the statement. “We fully understand

and support campuses acting swiftly on behalf of a student victim affected by sexual violence.

“We are dedicated to supporting a student’s rights, whether or not he or she belongs to a fraternity or sorority. We also fully support the student’s right to choose his or her course of justice.

“We believe in fairness provided to all parties during the adjudication process and insist on due process for every student and every student organization involved with a sexual assault report. In cases of sexual violence, we advocate for interim measures to keep potential threats to students from being on campus and measures to help encourage student victims to continue to come forward without the fear of an entire community being punished by the campus administration.

“We fully recognize that our campus colleagues are essential to helping provide appropriate support resources.”

FratPAC representatives were unavailable for comment.

Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education is one group that doesn’t support the NIC and NPC’s lobbying efforts.

Kevin Kruger, president of the administrators’ group, said in an email that the group is not in favor of the NIC and NPC lobbying to have the action of all houses being suspended due to an incident at one house.

“The students involved in the Greek system are the responsibility of the university or college,” Kruger said. “Student affairs administrators need to be able to assess the risk to the students and suspend houses if necessary.”

In response to the NIC and NPC lobbying for the intervention of the criminal system, Kruger said: “It’s a really, really, bad idea. Universities and colleges needs to be able to take immediate action that the courts cannot. The criminal justice system has been a virtual failure in its ability to address sexual assault.”



Brenna Patrick photo

The downtown square is the focus of Troy’s walking tours, which will begin the first weekend in April. The tours will highlight historic buildings in the downtown area, as well as stories of influential people in the town’s history.

Tours show town history

Josh Richards
Staff Writer

Throughout April, Troy will offer walking tours to celebrate its history, as part of the April Walking Tours event created by the Alabama Tourism Department.

This will be the second year that Troy has hosted the tours.

Tours will focus on historical sites, as well as stories of influential people from the town’s history.

“It’s always good to know the history of your town,” said Kathleen Sauer, president of Pike County Chamber of Commerce. “We are one of the oldest cities in the state.”

A historical survey, the Deer Stand Hill Data Survey, provides the basis of the walking tours.

Sauer cited a few parts of the town’s history.

“We do have very historical roots because of the 3 Notch Trail, which was originally a route to Pensacola, and the railroad. City Hall used to be a part of the Carnegie Library that was attached to Troy Normal School.”

Another historic site found in the downtown area is Troy’s Rock Building.

According to the data survey, the Rock Building “was built using native ironstone gathered from all over Pike County by local residents. This building is considered representative of the community spirit of Pike County during the Depression era.”

The Rock Building is currently the topic of discussion for renovation and rehabilitation.

Tours will start at 10 a.m. at the chamber’s office on the square and will last

around one hour.

The walking tours begin during the first weekend in April, and will occur every Saturday throughout the month.

The first and third Saturdays will focus on the history of the downtown area. The second Saturday will spotlight the historic College Avenue and the homes on the street.

On the last Saturday, which will be held during Troy’s annual TroyFest, tours will be led by the Pike County Historical Society and may highlight both areas.

Sauer said that Troy has a lot of history that everyone can enjoy.

“We would like to share it,” Sauer said. “We would like to see students interested in it.”

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and an employee of Troy’s bookstore, said: “We want to thank students for being awesome.”

The Admissions Department set up a photo booth where students could dress up and have their pictures taken.

Malorie Mann, an admissions counselor, said she was excited to be a part

of Student Appreciation Day and interact with recruited students at Troy.

“The heart of Troy is the students, and the Admissions Department is excited to see how (previously) potential students became Trojans at Troy University,” said Mann.

Twenty \$100 Barnes & Noble book scholarships were granted to Troy students by the Alumni Association based on applications submitted prior to the event.

Troy hosts career fair focusing on all majors

Priyanka Sharma
Staff Writer

Troy Career Services held its Spring Career Fair on Wednesday, April 1, at Sartain Hall. The fair included 52 employers offering internships and job opportunities, the highest number of employees to participate in the career fair to date.

“For upperclassman, this is a really good time to do some job exploration to see what jobs are out there, what career path they are going towards, and find internships,” said Lauren Cole, the coordinator of career services. “People could get jobs quicker if they had internships.”

“For upperclassman, it’s definitely a good time to start making relationships in the career field they are interested in for a job once they graduate.”

The fair was called the “All Majors Career Fair.” There were employers with opportunities for almost every school at Troy. However, there was a larger number of employers for criminal

justice, nursing and business areas.

“A lot of the companies are looking for good students from all majors that have transferable skills, which are communication skills and problem-solving skills, not necessarily just a specific major,” Cole said.

Most employers present at the fair have participated in previous career fairs at the university.

“Employers typically enjoy it,” Cole said. “We see a lot of the same employers come back each semester. They enjoy meeting our students, and are especially positive when students are prepared, bring their resumes and have done a little bit of research on who is coming.”

“Today has been pretty productive. I found a lot of good students for the business side of the company,” said Freddie Thomas from Honda Manufacturing of Alabama at Lincoln, one of the participating employers. “We will be excited to have students from Troy work

for us.”

Career Services will be surveying students about receiving jobs before graduation. Currently, the percentage of Troy students receiving jobs after graduation is around 60 percent.

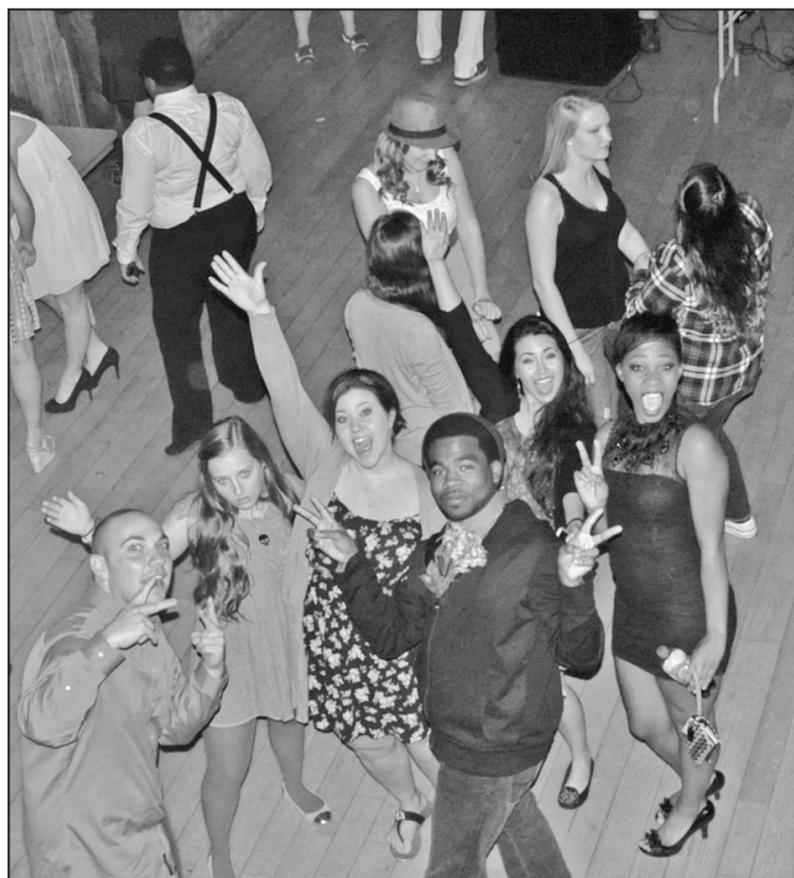
Regarding the career fair helping students get a job, Cole said, “They might not be hiring right then, but they want to make a pipeline of students by collecting resumes and having students in line as they graduate.

“They want to talk to students, and, if they think that a student is a really good fit for their company, it might work out really well.”

“The student participation was remarkable,” said Mac-jane Chukwu, a graduate international relations major from Lagos, Nigeria, who worked the event.

“Students were waiting before 10, and there were a lot of students coming all day. I think the event was successful.”

A second chance to be yourself



Alyse Nelson photos

The Arboretum was transformed into a dance floor as students gathered for an event hosted by Troy University's Spectrum Alliance.

Students and faculty were given another opportunity Friday night to make prom memories

Alyse Nelson
Features Editor

Flowers and Christmas lights festooned the dark room, and the blaring music seemed to fill every empty inch of the dance floor.

Nestled in the woods at the Arboretum, a "Fairyland" theme seemed appropriate as Second Chance Prom, sponsored by Troy University's Spectrum Alliance, began Friday.

The prom was hosted as a way

for those unhappy with their prom experiences as teenagers to remake that and turn it into a positive and happy night.

With no dress code or rules about dates, everyone was welcome, from individuals to groups of friends, and couples who might have been unable to attend prom together in high school because both individuals were of the same gender.

"I went by myself, and it was OK, but not the ideal prom I would have liked,"

said Stephanie Clinton, a sophomore theater major from Hueytown, of her high school prom experience. "I had a lot of fun at Second Chance Prom, mostly because I felt 100 percent comfortable just being myself there. I knew I wouldn't be judged for grinding on my friends or dropping it low."

"It went very well, we had a lot of students come out, and it was generally a good atmosphere," said Jana Wieser, an international relations graduate student from Bremen,

Germany.

"Second Chance was a lot more fun, relaxed, with a lot less pressure on image," said Kayla McCormick, a senior sociology major from Enterprise. "It's a time to let loose and be who you are with support all around you."

Attendees began to arrive decked out in a variety of suits, dresses, gowns and other attire.

In the spirit of a high school prom many are familiar with, they then danced to a DJ late

into the night and voted for "prom royalty" to be crowned at the end of the dance.

The dance even featured a photo booth complete with a box of props to pose with and to remember the night by.

"I am very proud of my members and officers who threw this together, and I am thankful for everyone that came and made it a great event," said Wieser, club president. "We are all already excited for next year."

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Meet Booker, the foster library puppy

Alyse Nelson
Features Editor

While students passed through the library working on final projects and preparing for the end of the year, 1-week-old Booker sat in a back office last week, going through a much different ordeal.

Jill McLaney, a library assistant, took in the puppy as a volunteer for the Troy Animal Rescue Project (T.A.R.P.).

From a litter with six other puppies, Booker needed a foster home after their mother was killed by a car days after giving birth.

Being so young, Booker had to be bottle-fed every three hours. This required McLaney to take him to work with her every day last week.

"The dean of library services, Dean (Chris)

Shaffer, was very kind to let me do that," McLaney said. "But he said I couldn't turn my office into a puppy nursery."

Now turning 3 weeks old on Monday, Booker can go four hours between feedings, allowing him to be left at home for the remainder of his time with McLaney.

"It's very time-consuming — you have to take care of all of his needs," said McLaney of fostering animals for adoption. "But it's so rewarding, and that's why I do it."

A Labrador and American Bulldog mix, Booker got his name as homage to his time spent in the library.

"When he is old enough to find his forever home, he will be put up for adoption," said McLaney. "I would love to be able

to keep him, but I already have one rescue dog and a very spoiled Yorkie."

"When somebody thinks about getting a dog, they should think about rescuing a dog," she said. "There's hundreds of great dogs in the pound in Troy, and if people would rescue them instead of buying puppies, that would be great."

"It's going to be hard for me to give him up; that's why I want him to have a fantastic forever home," she said.

Booker will be adopted out through T.A.R.P. in about three or four weeks, according to McLaney, when he is old enough.

The nonprofit organization has a Facebook page, "Troy Animal Rescue Project," and can be contacted by phone at 334-508-2367 about adoptions.



Jill McLaney photo

Booker rests in a basket during his stay in Jill McLaney's office. Before he turned 2 weeks old, he was too young to be left alone for long.

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Let colleges punish Greeks' violations

If, in good faith, a university seeks to protect its students from sexual assault, it should have the right to do so.

The Fraternity & Sorority Political Action Committee, also known as FratPAC, is lobbying Congress to make it more difficult for universities to investigate sexual assault allegations.

According to Bloomberg News, the North-American Interfraternity Conference, which represents 74 fraternities, and the National Panhellenic Conference, which represents 26 sororities, will join in FratPAC's lobbying efforts.

A university has a duty to protect its students and to enforce discipline. In exercising this duty, a university must be fair and conscientious, and a university that behaves unwisely or unfairly should be held fully accountable for its actions. However, students would be poorly served if their school's hands were tied.

If a student were caught with illegal substances or committing an act of violence, we would fairly expect the student to be punished by both the law and the university. So it seems outrageous to suggest that sexual assault should be handled differently.

Further, if the accusations of sexual assault requiring investigation are so widespread as to pose a threat to the average student, perhaps there is a deeper problem. The problem is not the universities that seek quick and just resolutions to these issues. Instead, the problem is the culture that spawns the assaults themselves.

If fraternities and sororities are worried about their reputations, they would do better to stand up for the victims, not the accused. They would do better to be open, honest and forthcoming with information to help right these painful wrongs.

While Ben Bradlee was executive editor of the Washington Post, the Post published a series of articles by Janet Cooke that earned a Pulitzer. The series was titled "Jimmy's World." It was about an 8-year-old heroin addict, and it turned out that Jimmy was entirely an invention of Cooke's. This revelation didn't come about until after the Post received the Pulitzer.

Under Bradlee's direction, the Post returned the Pulitzer and began an immediate investigation.

"The only saving grace in the Janet Cooke scandal is that the world doesn't know anything about the Janet Cooke case that the Washington Post didn't tell them," Bradlee said.

If FratPAC is concerned about the reputations of the organizations they represent, they'd do well to take a lesson from Bradlee and the Post. They should own up to the scandal and investigate it openly, honestly and fairly.



Seth Nicholson

Registration season is here

Tyler Wooley
Contributor

When the schedule of classes comes out every semester, Aubrey Hall, a junior exercise science major from Dothan, does not waste time planning his classes.

He does not procrastinate, like some students. "I look as soon as the catalog comes out," Hall said. He even has a backup schedule in case classes get filled, which has happened in the past.

One time in particular, he could not register for a class because he had not completed the prerequisite, a class Hall was enrolled in at the time.

By the time everything got sorted out, the class was already full and Hall had to take another class.

Having these sorts of troubles with registration seems to be consistent with most students' issues, whether they are like these or different.

Two classes you need are offered only at the exact same time, so you have to choose which is the least detrimental to postpone.

A class is offered only once a year, so you have to plan around it.

Some instructors even take turns teaching classes. "I have waited until that specific term to take that class with the instructor I like," Hall said.

Not being able to get into a class has also put some strain on Hall trying to graduate on time.

Graduating on time is important to a lot of students who are on scholarship because some scholarships will pay for only four years, whether you finish or not.

"It's caused me to take classes during the summer to be able to graduate on time," said Hall, who has taken "six or seven" classes over the summers.

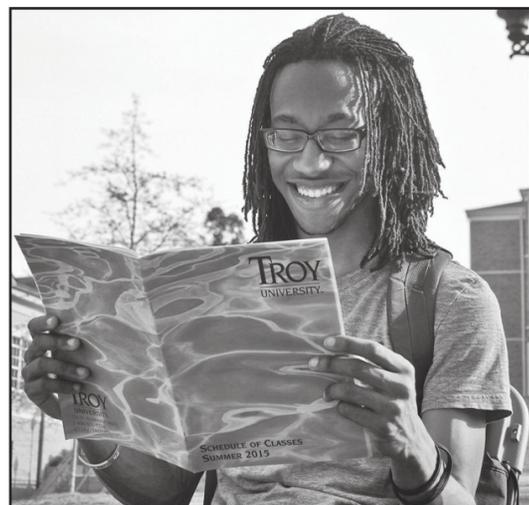
Becky Allbritton, a junior elementary education major from Prattville, takes an approach to preparation similar to Hall's.

"I look at the schedule of classes right when it comes and look at my program evaluation to see what classes I need," Allbritton said. "I write all the classes out on a sheet of paper and pick which ones to take based off of the ones that fit together."

Allbritton uses the new Student Planning tool because it "puts a lot of information that (she needs) all in one place."

Sometimes, though, changes can occur even with the most carefully planned schedule.

"I got on Web Express over the summer to check my



Caleb Hicks photo

Jared Henderson, a sophomore computer science major from Pensacola, Florida, browsing the schedule for summer classes. Students often consider various factors when planning their classes.

class schedule," said Allbritton. "I saw that they moved one of the class times to the time of another class I was taking without telling me." She had to completely redo her schedule.

Allbritton also said she is taking 21 hours of classes this semester to make sure she can still graduate on time.

Another tool Allbritton uses is the website Rate My Professors.

This is a website where students can anonymously review instructors and comment on helpfulness, clarity and easiness.

"It's useful if your professors are on there," said Allbritton. "But you kind of have to take what it says with a grain of salt."

Preparing a schedule is different for everyone, and sometimes still is not enough.

I work 35 to 40 hours every week, so I have to keep that in mind. Some people commute from a different city, so they schedule classes only on certain days or times.

Not everybody fits into one generic box.

Scheduling will never be perfect, so we need to strive to do the best we can with what we have.

Getting your money's worth

Ngoc Vo
Opinion Editor

With the national controversy surrounding President Barack Obama's plan for free community college and the statewide debate on the Alabama Accountability Act, government education funding is a complicated matter.

Troy University has been making efforts to minimize student debt and maximize return on investment, Chancellor Jack Hawkins said during his speech at the Donor and Recipient Brunch on Saturday.

However, what is the role of students in the financial question of paying for an education? What should high school graduates and current college students consider when they sign themselves for loan commitments when the state student debt average is more than \$28,800?

I believe that this is a question of opportunity cost.

Students who stay in college, taking out loans and paying tuition, spend rather than make a considerable amount of money for four years. This may seem like a waste.

At the same time, students taking out loans to earn a degree that would make them employable in a competitive market could be creating an opportunity.

Although the rate of student loans is a debatable topic, I believe obtaining a post-secondary education, at a reasonable cost, is the path for people who will soon enter the workforce.

With the advancement of technology, many jobs are being replaced

with artificial intelligence.

Santorini, a restaurant in San Francisco, has been using Rajat Suri's Presto touch-screen tablet,

"The best education is less a matter of getting into the best school than of making the best of wherever you go."

which allows customers to look at menus, order and pay without interaction with a server.

Santorini is not the only establishment using devices and programs to do jobs that used to be done by human employees. Now Taco Bell, Domino's and a variety of other stores have apps that offer the same services.

This trend will eventually take away many jobs which do not require a high level of academic education.

Moreover, the effects of technology are not limited to front-line workers or borderline minimum wage jobs. The Associated Press announced in January that it has "robot journalists" to write business reporting.

This development in the job market does not necessarily mean there are fewer jobs. It means available employment will require more skills and knowledge from the worker.

With the unemployment rate in the U.S. being 5.5 percent in February, I believe students should do all they can to better prepare themselves not only for getting a job, but also for competing for a good job.

In an article in The New York Times, Scott Sandage said "the best education is less a matter of getting into the best school than of making the best of wherever you go."

I share this sentiment with Sandage, acknowledging a diminishing return of investment on paying for so-called top colleges.

College can happen outside of class, in the hallways and through discussion with contemporaries. College is about making the best of that investment through making connections with peers and professionals in the field, using the available resources, services and networking tools and enjoying competition with others to come out better.

I have heard many students complain about entry-level jobs with the requirement of two or more years of experience. College life offers just that. However, it is dependent upon each student to make the efforts to take internships, to be in leadership positions and to create projects for professional agencies as part of his or her portfolio.

Even though those experiences are not exclusive to college students, higher education provides an environment for students to thrive and take back what they have paid for and to make themselves competitive in today's market.

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An internationally recognized art professor will have her work on display in Malone Gallery.

Heather Sztatmary, a professor of art at Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia, will be presenting a collection of original art pieces that are all etched into wood with a laser cutter.

Over the course of two years, Sztatmary has tracked the number of comments and likes on her Facebook statuses and used those numbers in various ways and patterns to create data.

This data is what shaped the images seen in her artwork.

"The data-driven forms in this exhibition are derived from the feedback ... and growth of my social interaction over time," Sztatmary said in a public statement about her work. "They make numbers tangible ... and beautiful."

Sztatmary is a member of the AP College Board and is one of the graders of the Advanced Placement art portfolios.

"I count things," she said. "It's a problem I learned from my father."

Sztatmary has also shown her work in Japan, Germany, and across the United States.

Greg Skaggs, an associate professor of art and the gallery director of Malone Hall's gallery, has known Sztatmary for

many years.

"I bring in artists that I think would be interesting for the students," Skaggs said. "We just purchased a laser cutter about a year ago ... bringing Heather in was kind of a way for our students to see what you can do with a laser cutter."

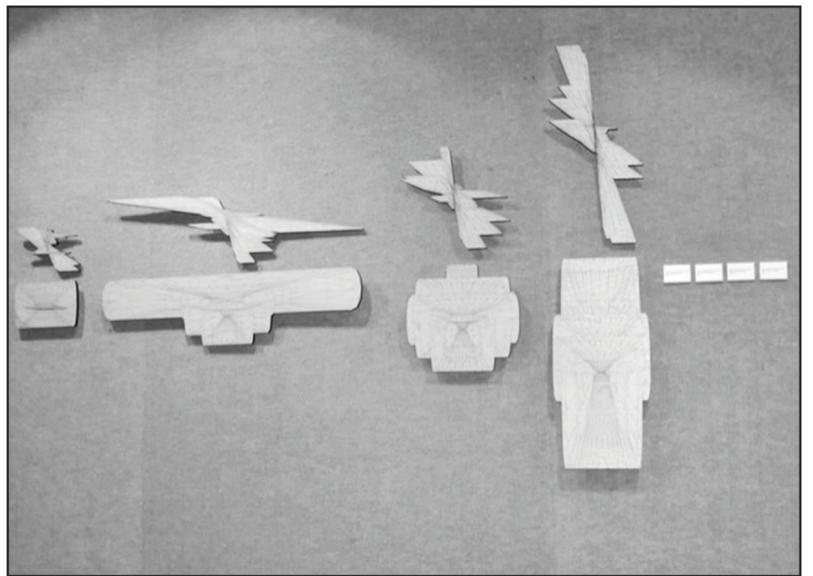
"There is definitely a level of professional quality when you can notice little details in a piece of art," Skaggs said.

"I count things. It's a problem I learned from my father."

"That extra little bit of care ... from concept to production to exhibit."

Skaggs has an exhibition techniques class that aids in setting up the visiting artists' work, allowing the students to get involved in the process of setting up the presentation.

"We help artists set up their show in the class, and maybe even help design



Jennifer Carlisle photo

Heather Sztatmary tracked her Facebook likes and comments as numbers to create laser art based on her data.

the show if necessary," he said.

To conclude her exhibition, Sztatmary will give a lecture for students in the gallery in Malone on April 16 at 5 p.m.

"She speaks very well," Skaggs said. "She's very smart ... She was on my panel at a conference, and she gave an excellent presentation ... She's a hoot to listen to."

Skaggs also said that nonmajors should enjoy the work. "The visual stimulation is there for sure," Skaggs said. "I think they're very organic in a strange, linear way ... It would definitely appeal to the nonartist."

The exhibition is open to the public and free of charge. It will stay in Malone Gallery until April 15.

Hoffman delves into Bible 'museum'

Chase Robinson
Editor-In-Chief

The Bible is like the entrance of a museum, according to Joel Hoffman, a teacher, translator and author who presented a lecture Tuesday, March 31, in the campus library.

The museum entrance would have artwork representative of the whole collection, he said, but you wouldn't stop there.

"You're not supposed to walk into the foyer of a museum and go, 'Now I've seen the whole museum,'" Hoffman said.

Hoffman's lecture was based on his book "The Bible's Cutting Room Floor: The Holy Scriptures Missing from Your Bible," which was published in September 2014.

Hoffman said the Bible was supposed to be a sample of holy texts.

"The Bible was never meant to be a complete collection," Hoffman said. "It was meant to be an abridged collection."

According to Hoffman, modern audiences are mixing contexts that the Bible's original audience wouldn't have needed written down.

The texts that make up the Bible mostly began as scrolls, according to Hoffman.

Eventually some of the scrolls were collected into codices that were easier to navigate and could hold more information.

Hoffman said technology influences how we see the world.

"Two thousand years ago, they invented something that scholars call a codex, and everyone else calls it a book," Hoffman said.

"This was a huge leap forward. Now, instead of just the scroll — which you could only read forward or backward — you could leaf through things.

"More importantly, now you could collect much more material in a single volume."

These books still couldn't collect all the holy texts.

As an example, Hoffman said that there are more than 150 psalms, but the psalms in the Bible are meant to be a "best of" collection.

Hoffman also gave some examples of context modern readers are missing.

The Tower of Babel, Noah's Ark, and the basket that Moses was found in all use bitumen.

Ancient audiences would have understood that bitumen makes things waterproof, but modern audiences miss this entirely.

"I'll give you an example. If you're reading the newspaper and there's an article about France, they don't put in brackets, 'France is in Europe, you know,'" Hoffman said. "You're supposed to know that France is in Europe, and, if you don't, you shouldn't be reading the newspaper."

Hoffman based much of his lecture around three texts missing from most modern

Bibles.

"The Life of Adam and Eve" is a story about Adam and Eve's life after being removed from the Garden of Eden. "The Apocalypse of Abraham" discusses Abraham's life before the events in the Bible.

The Book of Enoch was a popular text, according to Hoffman, and it's referenced in the New Testament.

The Eritrean Orthodox Tewahedo Church and the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church both consider the Book of Enoch to be canonical texts and include them in their Bibles.

"I first got to hear Dr. Hoffman at the Temple in Dothan and have been wanting to get him down here for about three years, I think," said Christopher Shaffer, dean of library services. "I just thought it was such a really great presentation."

Hoffman received his doctorate in theoretical linguistics at the University of Maryland at College Park, according to Shaffer.

Shaffer said the Troy campus library will soon have a copy of "The Bible's Cutting Room Floor."

The Alabama Humanities Foundation sponsored the event, Shaffer said.

Hoffman has two blogs, goddidntsaythat.com and blog.theunabridgedbible.com.



Chase Robinson photo

Joel Hoffman paced up and down the lecture hall to speak about his thoughts on the Bible. His speech focused on how the Bible is only a fraction of what holy texts are available.

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Bumping bubbles play soccer



Caleb Hicks photos

University Activities Council organized a Bubble Soccer event on Monday at the intramural fields. Players climb into bubble-shaped contraptions that had steering handles within them, which enabled them to move, and played a game of soccer. Two teams of four went up against each other at a time. Participants said that playing involved less of actual soccer and more of falling on the ground and making others fall. "The best thing about this night was knocking other people down," said Rachel Wilkerson, a junior broadcast journalism major from Huntsville. "It was so much fun, and I enjoyed it."

Student writes book on social stigmas

Explores avenues to help women living on streets through novel

Valario Johnson
Staff Writer

Rape and prejudice are issues that often get shoved under the rug by our society.

Mac-Jane Chukwu, a graduate student from Lagos, Nigeria, studying international relations, is the author of two books that focus on these topics that people often hesitate to speak about.

Chukwu authored "Open Secrets," which focuses on diminishing the stigma of people with HIV, and "My Father's Girlfriend," which is Chukwu's way of starting a movement to help get women off the streets.

"Open Secrets" is a work that Chukwu said that she never intended to publish, but wrote only because of how much she enjoys writing.

She said that she wrote it in her first year of college. The book centers on the many issues that high school students endure every day, including friends, family and

enemies.

Specifically, it highlights a student who is assumed to have been infected with HIV by his peers based on his appearance and is shunned for his condition.

Chukwu compared it to the cliché of assuming a woman who vomits to be automatically pregnant.

"I wanted to bring to light that you shouldn't jump to conclusions," she said.

Her most recent work, "My Father's Girlfriend," involves family bonding, love, sex and God. Chukwu said that when she started writing, she wanted to write about the relationship that she and her dad share, which inspired the title, but ended up working on what God wanted her to write.

"My Father's Girlfriend" introduces a Nigerian woman who has been affected by rape and later ends up in the United States. The experiences that she is forced to partake in make her question her faith and its meaning in her life.

Chukwu said that love, friendship and family are things that everyone identifies with.

"Anyone can relate to this book, even though I use Nigerian names, food and culture," she said.

By introducing the Nigerian culture to others, Chukwu said, she hopes not only to bring awareness to the issues that Nigerians face, but she also wants readers to see how beautiful Nigeria is.

She said that through this book, she hopes to explore her passion of helping women who are forced to live on the streets, either by disownment or other circumstances.

"I'm very passionate about young women and making a difference in the world," she said. "Being a woman is beautiful."

Chukwu said that she recognizes the experiences that other women share with her and she wants to bring to light the tragedies that women all over the world have to deal

with on a daily basis.

Being from Nigeria, Chukwu said that she asked American students whether they witnessed the abuse of women because they were restricted to the streets.

"Rape is an international phenomenon," Chukwu said.

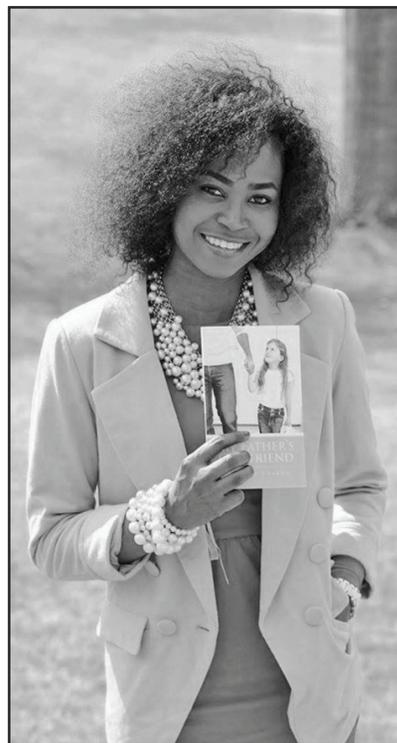
"Sometimes you look at the makeup of a woman, but you don't know what she goes through," she said. "Don't just look at the appearance, but look deeper."

Chukwu said that she wants to go back home one day, maybe even 10 years from now, and see that there are no women suffering on the streets.

"My Father's Daughter" was launched last week at the International Students Cultural Organization meeting.

Chukwu also had a book signing event on Monday, March 30.

The book is now available on Amazon and at the Barnes and Noble bookstore on campus.



Contributed photo

Mac-Jane Chukwu's second book is titled "My Father's Girlfriend" and deals with issues of rape, immigration, love and faith.

Dear Trop,

I have been extremely stressed and exhausted as of late. I'm a sophomore biomedical sciences major. I knew my major wouldn't be easy when I picked it, but I somehow expected it to be different. Between classes and all these other activities that I am involved in, I don't have any time for myself. More than that, I am not even enjoying most of what I am doing. I'm somewhat learning in class, but it feels more like I'm making a desperate attempt not to fail. I am not enjoying college or life like I want to. So, I am thinking of taking a semester off to relax and figure everything out. I don't know if it would be the right decision, and I'm very confused. What do you think?

—Drained Out

Dear Drained Out,

Don't panic. College gives you the wonderful opportunity to learn about yourself and what you want to do with your future. It is all about exploration. A lot of people come to college with a certain major in mind and then later decide that they either don't like it, or that it isn't very practical for what they want to do later on in life.

The great thing is that summer



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,

is right around the corner, which will give you plenty of time to kick back and relax at home and to think about what you'd like to do with your time in college. This will allow you to decide if you would like to stick with your major or switch to something else. Follow your heart on this one. There are many reasons why people decide to pursue certain majors, but the No. 1 reason should be focused on what you're passionate about and what you want to accomplish with your life.

As for the other activities that you're taking part in, try to prioritize your extracurricular activities so that you will have time for the things that you need to get done. Don't be afraid to say no to some things. Explain that it's not because you don't appreciate or enjoy that

specific activity, but instead it's just that you don't have the time to give it your all. Being overcommitted can stretch you thin and have you feeling more stressed than the average college student. You don't need that. College is also about having fun.

Once you have a little more time on your hands, you will be able to dedicate more of your efforts into what is most important in college: your schoolwork.

If you feel like you need more than the summer to figure out what changes you can make, then by all means go for it. Regardless of what major you pursue, you're going to be very busy. Anything that's worthwhile will require work to achieve it.

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 or column contains each digit exactly once and each subgrid contains each digit exactly once. The solution to this puzzle will be printed in next week's paper.

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Trojans throw; records topple

Jill Odom
Sports Editor

The Troy track and field team competed in the University of North Florida Spring Break Invitational and finished with several top-five finishes on Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28.

On Friday, freshman Corina Cox won the women's discus throw with a 50.99-meter toss.

This is now Cox's third-straight win in the discus event. She was also named last week's Sun Belt Women's Field Athlete of the Week.

Senior Demetris Elia finished second in the men's hammer throw after making a 59.22-meter toss, beating his previous record by almost two meters.

Other Trojans, freshman Jaevyn Worthham and sophomore Allison Taylor, also competed in the women's hammer throw and discuss.

Worthham finished in eighth in the hammer throw with a 45.66-meter heave and 12th in the discuss. Taylor earned 11th in both of her events.

Worthham and Taylor both set new personal records in the hammer throw as well.

In other field events, sophomore Riley Schwietz placed third in the javelin for the women.

Freshman Elizabeth Locklier led her teammates by collecting sixth place in the women's pole vault. Freshman Carissa Madson and senior Hayley Watts tied for 11th.

In the women's long jump, sophomore Aleeah Stigarll and senior Alexis Cobbs placed sixth and seventh, correspondingly.

Sophomore Cameron Rice led the way for the running events with his 48.68-second sprint to fifth place in the men's 400-meter dash.

For the women, junior Cameia Alexander finished 16th in the 200-meter dash and 17th in the 100-meter dash.

On Saturday, Troy wrapped things up at Jacksonville, Florida, and finished the final two men's field events.

Freshman Joevar James earned second place in the javelin throw with a 57.25-meter throw. Senior Douglas Dyer, who had competed in five total events during the invitational, finished in eighth the javelin throw.

He claimed 12th in the discus event, making a 34.18-meter toss.

Troy will travel to Auburn on Friday, April 3, for the Tiger Track Classic.

Golf

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Sophomore Luke Moser tied sixth with a 213 for his weekend score, shooting three-under, while sophomore Clayton Vannoy, who played as an individual in the event, tied for 11th with an even score for the event.

Three more Trojans finished in the top 35 of the event. Senior Tolver Doizer recorded his fifth top-25 finish and tied for 25th, shooting a 220 during the event.

Senior Phillip Brennan tied for 30th with a 221, and sophomore Jared Bettcher tied for 33rd with a 222.

Troy's men's team has one more event before the Sun Belt Conference Championships. The team plays in the Old Waverly Collegiate Championship on April 6-7 in West Point, Mississippi.

The Sun Belt Championship for men's golf is currently set for April 19-21. The Sun Belt Championships for women's golf are April 13-15.

Troy's movin' on up

Men's tennis advances from No. 62 to No. 57

Ty Ammons
Staff Writer

The Troy Trojans men's tennis team won all three of its matches, making for 10 straight wins, on March 27 and 28 at the Troy Spring Invitational.

After moving up five spots in the ITA National Team Rankings last week, Troy is now ranked No. 57.

Head coach Scott Kidd said that the No. 57 ranking that Troy has earned is a result of hard work.

"The guys can get kind of complacent," Kidd said.

He went on to say that to keep them level-headed he reminds them that the ranking means nothing.

"When the conference tournament comes, it's like starting over," he said. "The team is taking the matches on one at a time."

Troy played Appalachian State on Friday, March 27, and dropped only one match.

Junior Gabriel Dias defeated sophomore Oliver Casey 6-1, 4-6, 1-0.

Sophomore Hassan Ndayishimye bested sophomore Jack Maddocks 6-0, 6-1.

Sophomore Pablo Moreno won 6-2, 6-3 against junior Zach Bost.

Junior Giovanni Samaha defeated junior Jan-Willem Kleynhans 6-2, 6-3.

Freshman Cyprian Owczarz won 6-3, 6-3 against



Jennifer Carlisle photo

Freshman Calum McKinlay won his doubles match against Appalachian State on Friday, March 27.

sophomore Trey Morris.

Freshman Andy Lau and Dias won line one doubles 6-1 against Casey and Kleynhans.

Freshman Calum McKinlay and Samaha defeated Morris and Bost 7-5.

Moreno and Ndayishimye's doubles match was unfinished.

Troy played New Orleans on Friday as well, and swept

the Privateers. Troy played only three singles due to the fact that the team had won at that point.

Dias defeated senior Rui Silva 6-2, 6-1. Samaha won 6-1, 6-2 against senior Romain Lefevre.

Owczarz won his match against senior Daniel Populus 6-1, 6-0.

Lau and Dias defeated Silva and senior Blake Gregor 6-2.

Samaha and Moreno won their doubles match 6-1 against Lefevre and junior Gonzalo Garcia.

Ndayishimye and McKinlay's doubles match was unfinished.

The Trojans played against South Carolina State on Saturday, March 28, and the team dropped only three matches.

Ndayishimye defeated senior Rodney Carey 6-1, 7-5. Dias defeated sophomore Martin Figura 6-2, 6-2.

Lau won 6-1, 6-1 against sophomore Stanislav Baco.

Samaha defeated freshman Jakub Vitek 6-3, 6-3. Owczarz defeated sophomore Edgar Diaz 6-3, 6-2.

Junior Daniel Bustamante and sophomore Andre Baldo won their line two doubles match against sophomore Soufiane Mouline and Diaz 8-6.

Head coach Scott Kidd said it was tough wins, like the matchup against South Carolina, that build a lot of confidence for the team moving forward.

The men's team heads to Orlando, Florida, on Friday, April 3, to face UCF and Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida.

The Owls shut down the Trojans

Michael Shipma
Staff Writer

The Troy softball team lost both games of its doubleheader at Kennesaw State on Tuesday, March 24.

The Trojans (18-16, 4-5 Sun Belt) struggled to score runs against the Owls (23-12, 4-5 Atlantic Sun), managing just one run against the opposition in two games.

Kennesaw State's defense did in the Trojans, holding them to only five hits and no runs in game one of the doubleheader.

Sophomore pitcher Logan Viers got the win for the Owls by pitching five strikeouts and no walks.

Every time that Troy looked as if it were in perfect position to score, Viers came up with a key strikeout or flyout.

Sophomore right fielder Taylor Denton was the first to score for Kennesaw State, batted in by junior first baseman Megan Veringa with an RBI single down the right field line in the first inning.

The Owls added three more runs in the fifth inning, as freshman pinch runner Noelle Winkles scored on an RBI double from senior center fielder Natalie Rhodes.

Denton also contributed a two-run RBI that would make the score 4-0 in favor of Kennesaw State in the bottom of the fifth.

Junior third baseman Khadija Neely led the Trojans offensively, going two-for-three, hitting a single and a double.

Kennesaw State finished out the rest of the game with the lead and came away with the shutout win.

"I thought we had a lot of quality at-bats today, but just hit a lot of hard balls right at people," said head coach Beth Mullins. "We have to do a better job defensively of finishing out innings and closing the door."

The Trojans tried to bounce back in the second game of the doubleheader, but were met with similar difficulty — scoring runs against the Owls.



Hannah McGaha photo

Senior pitcher Jaycee Affeldt was tagged out in a double play during the first game of the doubleheader on Tuesday, March 24.

Junior pitcher Ashley Rainey was the only Trojan to score in the game, hitting a solo homer in the top of the seventh inning that robbed Kennesaw State of a no-hitter.

Senior first baseman Michelle Phelps had the only other hit for the Trojans, hitting a single to left field.

Kennesaw State scored early in the game, with Veringa hitting a two-run homer over the right field fence to put the Owls on top in the bottom of the first inning.

Junior catcher Emily Bishop added another run in the fourth inning, hitting a solo homer to left field and making the

score 3-0.

Rainey's home run brought the score to 3-1, but it wasn't enough to get the Trojans back in the game. With the win, Kennesaw State took the series sweep 2-0.

The Trojans returned home to face off against rival UAB on Tuesday, March 31, in a doubleheader. Troy lost the first game 5-1, but redeemed itself in the second game, winning 6-1.

Troy will face ULM next in a doubleheader at home on Friday, April 3, and on Saturday, April 4. The first game starts at 3 p.m.

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Pierce

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Alabama A&M scored its lone run off a solo home run by senior right fielder Andrew Utterback in the seventh inning. Troy quickly compensated for this when freshman shortstop Matt Sanders hit an RBI double to score Binder.

Long topped off the scoring with an RBI single to center field, scoring junior pinch hitter Cameron Sanders.

The series finale on Sunday, March 29, was one for the ages.

Pierce broke the record for the most wins in school history in a 4-1 victory and a series sweep of Alabama A&M.

The Sunday win wasn't an easy one for Troy, though, as the game stayed tied at one all the way through the seventh.

Both sides of the diamond remained unproductive on the scoreboard until the Bulldogs broke through in the top of the fifth.

However, Troy answered quickly in the bottom of the inning on a double steal by freshman catcher Brody Binder and Fuller.

Binder stole second and Fuller stole home to tie the score and keep Troy in the game.

Senior pitcher Jeremy McGowan came in to relieve freshman pitcher Corey Childress and shut

out the Bulldogs in the final three innings, giving Troy a chance to take away the lead.

The eighth inning was an eventful one for Troy, as it scored three runs on four errors and stole the win from Alabama A&M.

The victory sealed Pierce's fate in the record books with his 435th win as Troy's head coach.

The record broke previous legendary head coach Chase Riddle's record as the winningest coach in Troy history.

"Coach Riddle was a big part of my life and my coaching career," Pierce said. "He was always there as a mentor with encouraging words."

"My love and admiration for him as a man and a baseball coach is at the top of the meter. To have my son coaching by my side and Coach Smartt here the entire time means the world."

Pierce has averaged 35 wins per season as Troy's head

coach and has helped several players move on to the next level and play professionally, including current New York Yankees pitcher Chase Whitley.

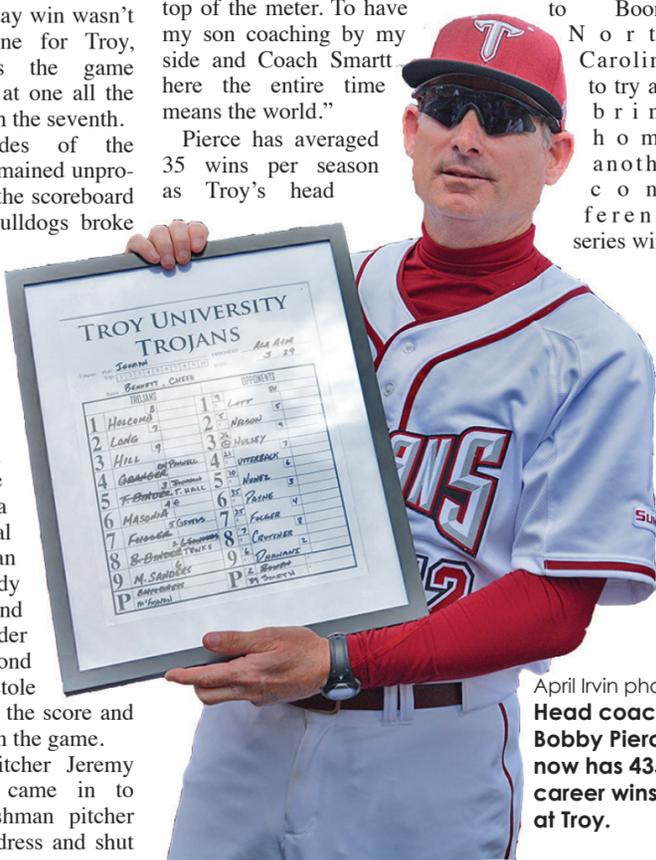
"It's a wonderful day for Troy and for me personally," assistant coach Mark Smartt said. "I played for Coach Riddle and have been side by side with Coach Pierce for 13 years, so it's an emotional day for me."

On Tuesday, March 31, Troy fell at home against Alabama State 9-3.

Troy was able to score only in the second and third innings, while the Hornets scored seven of their runs in the ninth.

The Trojans will be back in action against Appalachian State on Friday, April 3, when they travel to Boone,

North Carolina, to try and bring home another conference series win.



April Irvin photo
Head coach Bobby Pierce now has 435 career wins at Troy.

Trojans take the title



Troy Athletics photo

(Left to right) Taylor McGraw, Langley Vannoy, Becca Horner, Sydney Conrad, Kalyn Hudson, Brooke Spinks, and Fatima Fernandez Cano.

Women's golf wins event and individual

Wally Pendergrass
Staff Writer

The Troy women's golf team won the John Kirk/Panther Intercollegiate on Tuesday, March 31, while the men's golf team finished third in the Furman Intercollegiate on Sunday, March 29.

The women's golf team beat out Middle Tennessee State on the final day, shooting an 892, while the rival Blue Raiders finished with an 897.

On top of winning the team event, sophomore Fatima Fernandez Cano won the individual title, shooting a 210 for the event. She carded an eagle and five birdies during her final round.

Cano was the only player to shoot under par for the event.

The Trojans had an amazing final round, shooting an even score of 288, the lowest round by a team in the event.

Cano led the way for the Trojans, shooting the lowest round of the tournament, a five-under 67, on the final day.

Senior Taylor McGraw also had a

top-10 finish for herself, finishing in sixth after shooting a 221 for the event and a 71 on the final day.

Sophomore Becca Horner finished tied for 22nd, senior Langley Vannoy finished tied for 29th, and senior Sydney Conrad tied for 35th.

The win is the Trojans' second win of the 2014-2015 season and gives them an added boost going into the Sun Belt Conference Championships.

The Trojans' men's golf team also had a good outing as it traveled to the Furman University Golf Course on Saturday, March 28, and competed for three days in the Furman Intercollegiate.

The No. 34 Trojans improved their record to 79-29 on the season with their finish and defeated No. 31 Virginia Tech, who finished in eighth in the event.

Fellow Sun Belt member Georgia State won the event with an 858, while Jacksonville finished second with a 874 — just one shot above the Trojans.

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



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