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Harasser handled

Franchesca Perez
Staff Writer

It may not have been the first time that the man arrested last week on charges of harassing a Troy student had interacted with students.

According to the Troy Police Department, more than 20 occurrences of harassment and panhandling have been reported concerning 48-year-old Andre Harley of Troy.

Harley was arrested on Friday, Aug. 29.

According to WSFA reports, on Thursday night, a Troy student was leaving campus to pick up dinner from Chick-fil-A. As she left the parking lot, a man later identified as Harley began to flag the student down.

Fearing that she had possibly dropped something, she stopped and rolled down the window. The man then asked for a ride, but before she could respond, he opened the passenger door and instructed her to drive to an ATM.

The student followed his instructions, fearing that he might be armed, and withdrew \$60 from the ATM, then dropped the man off at his house.

The student could not be reached for comment.

Other students, however, did retell their experiences with a man meeting Harley's

description.

Chas Windham, a senior biology education major from McKenzie, said he had an encounter with the man last fall.

At the time, Windham was living in an apartment on the Square in downtown Troy. He had often seen the man walking around the Square. One day the man walked up and introduced himself as John.

"He starts to give me this story about saving up to purchase a house and asked if I could spare a few dollars," Windham said. "So I gave him some money. I also put him in contact with my church's pastor to try and help him out."

After mentioning the incident to his roommates, Windham said he realized that they too had encounters with the same man and understood that he was working around the circuit.

"This guy is intelligent," Windham said. "He knows what he's doing. He has a preset track of conversation that he knows works well."

Halie Edens, a senior English major from Crestview, Florida, said she experienced a run-in with the man this past summer while moving into her house downtown.

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April Irvin photo

Haley Roberson (left), a sophomore defender from Burke, Virginia, and Louisiana Tech University senior forward Donya Salomon-Ali from LaSalle, Canada, at the soccer match on Sunday. Troy won 1-0. Troy soccer picked up back-to-back wins in the Trojan Classic tournament this past weekend. Full story on page 8.

Downtown Troy draws students to festivities

Lily Casolaro
Staff Writer

The city of Troy and the Pike County Chamber of Commerce are partnering to provide free events to the community every fifth Saturday through programs named Fifth Saturday.

The month of August featured the band BlackBerry Breeze in downtown Troy on Aug. 29.

Leigh Anne Windham with the city of Troy said that this event allows people to come together and experience what Troy has to offer.

"We want to provide students in the community with something to do on the weekends and to introduce others to what Troy has to offer," Windham said.

Festivities began with an open mic session followed by a performance from the band Black-

Berry Breeze.

Typically held on the Square, the event was moved to the upstairs of Sweet Rack Rib Shack in downtown Troy due to rain.

Rachel Deloach, a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Atlanta, said that she enjoyed the overall event.

"I loved the atmosphere at Sweet Rack Rib Shack," Deloach said.

Deloach heard about Fifth Saturday from fliers on campus and was drawn to the festivities primarily because it featured BlackBerry Breeze.

Lindsey Scott, a freshman secondary education major from Fairhope, said she was pleasantly surprised by the crowd's energy toward the band.

"I expected to only be listening to a band and interacting with

people, but when I got to Sweet Rack, everyone was dancing and singing along with the band," Scott said.

"I loved how into it everyone was. It really made the night a hit," she said.

Jacob Hill, a sophomore criminal justice major from Lawrenceville, Georgia, said that the event unified the Troy community.

"I think the city of Troy did a great job of putting on an event to get both college students and Troy residents together to enjoy the downtown area," Hill said.

"I was initially drawn to the event because it was free, but I also knew friends who were attending, so that influenced my decision to go as well."

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Hannah McGaha photo

Complimentary copies of the New York Times have not been available to students this fall semester. Previously, the newspaper was available to students throughout the Troy, Montgomery, Dothan and Phenix City campuses as a part of the Common Reading Initiative. According to the center for student success, the university is in negotiation with the Times to see whether the program can be continued. The New York Times Readership Program began at Troy in 2009.

Air Force ROTC expands

Casey Watson
Staff Writer

Troy University has been given the approval to expand the two-year Air Force ROTC program into a four-year, nationally standardized program starting fall 2016.

This will allow incoming freshmen and sophomores to enter into the program earlier than their predecessors, who entered their junior year.

Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. had been working to expand the program for nearly 15 years.

"The chancellor is happy, I am happy, we are all happy to join the other 143 four-year detachment programs," said Lt. Col. Carlos Garcia of the United States Air Force, commander and professor of aerospace studies. "We are being given the opportunity to add more activities to the program and to better help students on their path to becoming an Air Force officer."

The two-year program will still continue until fall 2018.

According to Garcia, the four-year program will

better allow for student cadets to also be involved in other school and nonschool-related activities and events.

It will also allow for more time to be spent guiding the students throughout their education.

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U.S. AIR FORCE

Campus safety precautions discussed

Sydney Taylor
Contributor

Security issues that students face were discussed at the annual campus safety meeting on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 in Claudia Crosby Theater.

The event was hosted by Residence Hall Association and the department of housing and residence life.

John McCall, chief of university police, introduced a new program titled Trojan Tip.

This program allows students to directly and anonymously text McCall with any tips related to campus safety.

Students can text their emergency tip to the number 50911. However, if students want to be contacted, they must also include their personal information.

"We want this to be a safe, fantastic year, and it all starts with you," McCall said.

He specified that there are 16 officers, nine security personnel, two traffic officers, and over 350 cameras on campus and in the community in place to help maintain Troy students' safety.

According to Holly Ammons, a senior graphic design major from Geneva and president of RHA, one of the main concerns that RHA has seen students face is walking alone at night.

"What we're really pushing for is for students to walk with groups in well-lit areas," Ammons said. "Another thing I see a lot, as a resident assistant, is residents letting strangers into the dorms because they're trying to be polite, but you never know who you're letting in."

After reports of recent car burglaries on campus as well as the harassment of a Troy student, Danny Barron, captain of Troy Police Department's patrol division, urged students to lock



Chloe Lyle photo
John McCall, chief of university police, spoke to students regarding campus security issues at the annual safety meeting.

their vehicles at all times whether they are in the car or not.

Fire safety was another topic of discussion at the meetings. While many students

have recently complained of early morning fire drills, speakers advised students to not become complacent and to always treat these drills seriously.

"To be honest, no one loves 7 a.m. fire drills, but I understand why they are in place," said Ashley Sulzby, a freshman multimedia journalism major from Montgomery. "If anything bad were actually to happen, at least we're becoming prepared early on."

McCall also urged students to drink responsibly and avoid harming oneself or others by alcohol abuse.

"The No. 1 thing that improves every issue is being aware of yourself and your surroundings," Ammons said. "Know who you're letting in the door. Know that your car is secure. Know where the well-lit areas on campus are. Know whom to call if there is an emergency. As long as you're aware, you can be safe."

Students can call the Troy University Police at 334-670-3215 and the Troy City Police at 334-566-0500 and can use 911 for emergencies.

Harassment

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As Edens stood outside her house, the man approached her and walked up the porch steps.

"He asked if there was a male he could speak to, and so I directed him towards my dad," Edens said.

The man began to explain that he and his family had been living out of his car for approximately 46 days and that he was trying to save up money to provide for his family.

"We apologized to the man because none of us had any cash, but he persisted and would not leave our porch," she said. "He was there for almost 20 minutes until my dad decided to drive him to an ATM to give him some money so that he wouldn't come back to bother us again."

The Troy Police Department was unable to provide details on the status of Harley's arrest and charges.

An email was sent out by the office of student services on Monday advising students to take precautions by always locking their vehicles and staying away from giving or taking rides from strangers and opening vehicle doors or rolling down windows for unknown persons.

Promoting school spirit

Destiny Hosmer
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association pushed for student participation in College Colors Day during its meeting Tuesday night.

College Colors Day, an all-day event where students are urged to sport their college colors, will be held on Friday, Sept. 4.

"College Colors Day is meant to really boost Trojan pride within the student body," Sen. Blakeley Davenport, a sophomore political science major from Spanish Fort, said. "We aren't as big as some other schools in Alabama, but we want the pride for Troy to be just as big as any other school receives."

Students living on campus and off were encouraged to take photos of themselves in Trojan colors and post them on social media with the hashtag #TroyCCD.

The Student Alumni Association had two representatives attend the meeting who explained the benefits of membership and the current deal they are implementing to increase participation.

Student Alumni Association members have the opportunity to connect and network with Troy alumni, as well as enjoy discounts at various retailers and tailgating during football season.

Membership costs \$25 per person, which includes a T-shirt.

SAA has opened up the 20-for-20 deal to the entire student body, meaning that if a group of 20 students joins together, the cost of membership is only \$20.

Both the SAA and SGA discussed Rival Week, a weeklong event in the works for the football game against University of South Alabama, which will be held on Oct. 3.

Events discussed for Rival Week included "Stab the Jag," a movie night and a craft night.

Several groups were designated as

official student organizations, including the French Club, Applied Behavior Analysis Club, Pre-Dental Club, National Wild Turkey Federation and Economics Club.

Two organizations went on docket to be considered for official status, including Humans Versus Zombies and the National Alliance of Mental Illness.

SGA also conducted its elections on Wednesday. Thirteen new senators were elected to the senate.



Hannah Crews photo
Sen. Maxwell Herman, a junior hospitality management major from Panama City Beach, Florida, spoke at the SGA meeting on Tuesday night.

The winners of the elections are Taryn Davenport and Carly Spencer for at-large seats, Tim White for Clements Hall, Sharnique McEachern for Cowart Hall, Jonathan Williams for Gardner Hall, Janae Jordan for Hamil Hall, Ashton Prouty and Emma Turner for New Residence Hall, Clint Milligan for Shackelford Hall, Natalie Brown and Hall Kingston for Trojan Village, Sara Lane for Sorority Hill and E'vonte Wright for wellness housing.

ROTC

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"My first question for a cadet is 'What is your GPA?'" Garcia said. "If it is below a 2.5, as a junior you are disqualified from being a part of the program. Now, with the four-year program, a freshman could have a 2.0 and that would be acceptable because we would have time to work on studying and making better grades to bring up that GPA above 2.5."

The expansion to the program will allow for students to go to officer basic training, also known as field training, between their sophomore and junior years, versus going between their junior and senior years, which is what the two-year program requires.

The program will now be able to follow the national curriculum, which will include but not be limited to military history, aeronautics, operations research and national security studies.

"Now we are just like all the other programs around the nation, and we'll have to conform to those national standards," Garcia said. "With our two-year program came exceptions. We are now



Chloe Lyle photo
Tech. Sgt. Jillian Shandrew (left) with Kristen McGrath, a sophomore social work major from Jack, a new Air Force ROTC cadet.

equal to the others and can no longer be seen as different."

Last year 3,000 eligible cadets competed nationwide for only 1,500 available slots that were selected to be commissioned. Two of Troy's 15 competing cadets were accepted and completed the field training. With the expansion, the overall program is expected to triple, growing between 40 to 50 cadets per year.

"Troy has a long-standing commitment to the American military," Hawkins said in a press release last week.

"We are extremely satisfied with the Air Force's decision, which will open new avenues to bringing quality high

school graduates into the Trojan Nation. This expansion of ROTC by the Air Force at Troy University is significant and will greatly enhance our ability to serve the needs of our military students and prospective Air Force officers."

"Air Force ROTC at Troy has always been strongly supported, and I am thankful for that," Garcia said. "Thanks to Chancellor Hawkins and the Air Force, Troy University will now have a more effective program."

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Fifth Saturday

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"I thought that the Fifth Saturday event went really well," Windham said. "We had some great talent performing in the gazebo for open mic, and there was a nice crowd there that really seemed to enjoy them."

There were a lot of Troy students, but there was also a good number of people from the community."

Students also had positive feedback about the event.

"I'll be going to as many events downtown as I can," Scott said. "I think they're a great way to enjoy Troy life and have some fun."

"Our next Downtown event will be a watch party on Saturday, Sept. 10," Windham said. "We watch the Troy Trojans playing on a big screen, and everyone is invited to come down and have some great food and beverages."

Clarification from the editor

The "Campus enrollment" article published last week stated that the Alabama Prepaid Affordable College Tuition Program (AL PACT) funded tuition at the 2010 tuition rate.

However, effective in August 2015, the tuition funding has been increased by 3 percent on the 2010 rate.

Also, the headline "Campus enrollment hits peak" referred to the highest increase in new freshman and transfer enrollment seen in the last six years.

According to Buddy Starling, dean of enrollment management, the total campuswide student enrollment in 2014 was 6,998.

The preliminary number for 2015 is 7,415.

New faculty share their skills



Larry Willis photo

Scott Anderson (right) shows Noah Williams (left), a junior theater major from Huntsville, how to apply makeup to change the look of his facial features.



Hannah Crews photo

Jim Jenkins has traveled all over the world with his skills in creating sets. He brings 35 years of experience in technical theater to Troy.

Troy University hires two new professors for makeup and technical theater

Sable Riley
Staff Writer

New professors have been hired at Troy University to accommodate the large influx of incoming students and open positions left by recently retired staff. The Department of Theatre and Dance has experienced some of these new additions firsthand.

Scott Anderson, who has a master's degree in costume design from Indiana University, has filled a position in costume, design and technology.

He comes to the University with 12 years of experience in his field.

Anderson was born and raised in Philadelphia. "I always knew I wanted to teach," Anderson said.

In his earlier years of education, he thought he would be teaching the sciences after pursuing and eventually obtaining a Bachelor of Biology degree from Penn State University.

Later, however, he began to "(find) the sciences boring."

Meanwhile, Anderson was a classically trained ballet dancer for nine years until he tore his hamstrings and was no longer able to perform.

Even so, he knew he wanted to continue a career in the arts.

An endeavor into costume design was a "natural blending," and he later received his Bachelor of Theatrical Arts, Costume, Design and Technology from DeSales University.

When asked his reason for coming to Troy University, Anderson responded that the staff in the theater department "seemed generally thrilled about teaching here."

He also mentioned that the theater program at Troy is much smaller compared to others nationwide, and he wanted a close mentorship with his students.

"I knew at this stage in my life, I wanted to support undergraduates who could work in the industry and have strong portfolios and be contenders outside of the university."

The last six years before coming to Troy, he spent doing freelance work across the country.

With this, he said he believes his knowledge of practical application can benefit his class.

"Looking at the program, I would love to grow the costume technology section a little bit more," Anderson said.

Sable Riley
Staff Writer

Professor James "Jim" Jenkins, from Virginia, is another new face who can now be seen around the Troy University Theatre Department.

He is teaching technical theater, which focuses on creating scenes for theatrical productions.

Jenkins said the "techniques (he teaches) are indicative of theater and pertain only to theater" such as "(making) platforming and walls structurally sound, but at the same time, lightweight."

Jenkins is coming from an extensive background in his field. He received his bachelor's degree from James Madison University in communications with a concentration in theater in 1983.

However, he began working professionally in 1980.

Jenkins has worked on the sets of TV shows and movies, and has traveled the world on crew ships.

Additionally, he has been the production manager for Dayton Contemporary Dance Company in Dayton, Ohio, a dance company with an extensive collection of African-American dance pieces.

In 2005, he began making custom-built

furniture and jewelry boxes.

These jewelry boxes were a successful venture and have been featured on websites like Pinterest and Etsy and can now be found on the Facebook page for Jim Jenkins Designs LLC.

Jenkins also has prior experience teaching at Bridgewater College in Virginia.

Altogether, Jenkins has acquired about 35 years of experience in technological theater.

On the subject of choosing to teach at Troy University, Jenkins said that he found the small-town atmosphere appealing.

Having been hired only a few weeks ago, Jenkins said his short-term goal is to have his household moved from Florida to Troy.

"My long-term goal is to make an impact with the students here," Jenkins said. "The spark in a student's eyes when they finally understand something is my reward."

With him, he brings real-world application and knowledge of old-school and new-school ideas that he feels will enhance his class by giving his students a more well-rounded understanding of the material.

Steinway and Bach artists start concert series

Lacey Alexander
Staff Writer

Two of Troy University's music professors are performing in a series of concerts featuring a Steinway piano.

The "Steinway Artist Concert Series" started with a concert in Long Hall on Friday, with other concerts scheduled in Montgomery, Dothan and Birmingham.

Hui-Ting Yang and Michael Huff will be performing as a duo, with the Steinway piano being the center and reason for the concerts. Yang will be playing the piano, and Huff will be playing the trumpet.

Recently, Yang was officially named a "Steinway Artist" after she was chosen to apply and was officially granted the honor in February.

"I went through a long process held in the Steinway Co.," Yang said of the process. "You have to be a really active performer... It took about three months for them to decide."

Troy University's John M. Long School



Hannah McGaha

Hui-Ting Yang and Michael Huff (not pictured) kicked off their concert series on Friday, Aug. 28, in Troy, and will continue in Montgomery tonight at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts at 7 p.m.

of Music became an All-Steinway school last year, meaning that all pianos used in the facility were from Steinway.

"We did this concert series because of these significant things and for our students," Yang said. "They now get to

practice on the best instrument in the world. It's a really big step."

Yang and Huff agree that this concert is beneficial for their students.

"As music students, they're required to do a senior recital and perform on a daily

basis," Huff said. "What we're trying to convey to them is how to do that at the highest levels."

Yang has been playing the piano for 40 years and is currently teaching 15 students.

"Playing the piano, it's a huge instrument... it's a curse and a blessing," Yang said.

Huff is also a Bach Trumpet artist.

"It's a similar thing to being a Steinway artist... It's one of the best possible instruments," Huff said. "What they're really looking for when choosing applicants is if you have an established reputation in your field."

The concert will also be performed in the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts tonight, Sony Hall at the Dothan Troy Campus on Sept. 8, and the Alabama Piano Gallery in Birmingham on Sept. 11. All performances will take place at 7 p.m.

"It's a connection to the community," Huff said. "It's representing Troy University and reaching out to alumni and benefactors."

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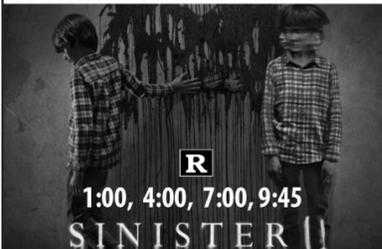
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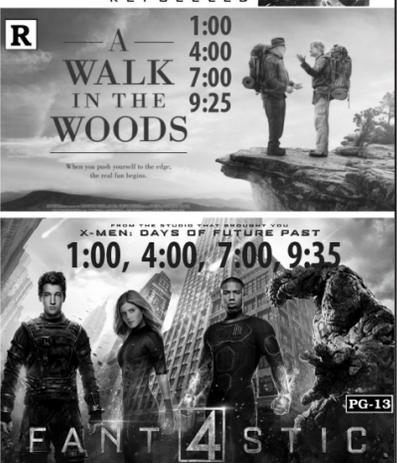
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Conversation Partners opens doors

Tori Roper
Staff Writer

Conversation Partners is a program that encourages communication between international and American students through weekly meetings.

According to Robert Klein, the program coordinator, Conversation Partners is a “relaxed social setting where the international students can practice English.”

American students attend an orientation meeting, during which they receive information on the program and are given the opportunity to sign up.

The international students then sign up under the names of the students that they want to work with on a bulletin board in Pace Hall.

Each American student receives no more than three international students to partner with each semester in order to keep the groups small, according to Klein.

Klein is entering his third year as the coordinator for the program, and says that he sees a great deal of improvement in the international students who participate in the program throughout each semester.

“The program forces the international students out of their comfort zones,” said

Klein, “They make a lot of progress just because they gain more confidence. It gives them the incentive to improve.”

There are about 130 American students that have signed up for the fall semester, which is enough to reach about half of the international students that attend Troy, if each American has three international students to meet with each week.

Meredith Durden, a sophomore accounting major from Montgomery, participated in the program last spring and said she greatly enjoyed the experience.

“A lot of my friends in my Greek organization recommended that I do it to get plugged in on campus,” said Durden. “They said I would get to know people that I wouldn’t usually get the opportunity to hang out with through the program.”

According to Klein, not all international students need a conversation partner. Those who come from English-speaking countries in Europe do not need the practice speaking English.

“This program is eye-opening to some of those international students,” said Klein. “It gives them the opportunity to learn about the world; it opens up the world to them.”

Durden said that she felt “extremely blessed” through

her time involved with the program, even though her partner returned to China before this semester began.

“I joined Conversation Partners to help make the international students feel more at home here, but I got more out of it for me as well,” Durden said.

Durden described her partner as awesome and said that she was always teaching her something.

“She was just funny and was constantly challenging me to get out of my comfort zone,” said Durden. “She came to church with me, too, which was a cool experience.”

Durden expressed her love for her partner in that they still

stay in touch through email, regardless of how far away they are from one another.

“When she left, she wrote me a kind note and told me what I did to make her experience in America easier that I didn’t even realize,” Durden said.

For the students who participate in the program, Klein encourages students to think of their conversations as “a tennis match.”

“Both students need to know that the conversation is supposed to be 50/50,” said Klein. “Fifty percent of your time should be spent speaking, and the other 50 percent should be spent listening.”

“Everyone should get a turn to speak,” said Klein of the

international students. “There will always be one student who is more talkative and one that is shy.”

“Don’t be afraid to try new things or invite your partner somewhere,” advised Durden to the students currently involved in the program. “Be open to different conversation topics and allow them to share about their culture as much as you do about yours.”

Klein encourages face-to-face interactions between students and emphasized that “this is not a tutoring session; this is a conversation.”

For those who wish to become involved in the spring, Klein tells students to email him at rwklein@troy.edu.

“The program forces the international students out of their comfort zones.”



Alyse Nelson photo

Meredith Durden, a sophomore accounting major from Montgomery, discusses her experiences as a participant in the Conversation Partners program.

Clarification

In last week’s paper, aspiring rapper Cornelius Jarrell Andrews, or CJ, was referred to as Jarrell Andrews in a headline. His name is in fact Cornelius Jarrell Andrews.



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

Dear Trop,

Dear Trop,
I’m having some problems that I really don’t feel comfortable talking about with my friends or family. I know there is a counseling center on campus, but I’m a little nervous about going. What if someone sees me walking in? How would I even start talking to someone without sounding stupid?
—Sad and Alone

Dear Sad,
You don’t ever need to feel alone!

The reason we have a counseling center on campus is to help students through whatever struggles they may be having. Our counselors are professionals and wouldn’t judge someone for the problems they’re having.

The Student Counseling Center on campus is at 113 College Drive, across from Paden House. It is located in a pretty inconspicuous house away from main campus if you are worried about being seen.

It offers personal counseling for a variety of issues including anxiety, relationship problems and drug and alcohol abuse. In the same building there is also the S.A.V.E. Project for sexual assault victims.

You can call the center at 334-670-3700 to schedule

an appointment. These are free and will not show up on your academic record at all, so don’t be afraid to seek help when you need it.

We all need support sometimes.
Cheers, Trop

Dear Trop,
A lot of people warned me about taking this specific professor, but it’s a required class for my major, so here I am. She is very strict and I am afraid that I’ll fail just because her list of pet peeves is endless.
—Studying Forever

Dear Forever,
For every one of those people that “warn” you about a professor, there’s another student who had no problem with the class. Certain personalities mesh while others clash, and we definitely all have different work ethics. So I wouldn’t be feeling too doomed this early in the semester.

To start, read every single word of the syllabus. If it says the door is locked when class begins, be sure not to be late. If a letter grade is taken off for every day that an assignment is late, make sure those essays get priority in your schedule. You can gain a lot of insight just by what she emphasizes there.

Also, it might help to ask those people what exactly warrants those warnings.

If someone is holding a grudge because he or she was kicked out three times for texting during class, that is a pretty clear indicator that you need to keep your phone put away.
Cheers, Trop

Dear Trop,
I love Troy; I really do. However, I find myself sitting in my room most of the time, just like I did in high school. I heard that college was more of a social experience, and I feel like I’m missing out.
—Bored

Dear Bored,
The party isn’t going to come to your room! You have to go out and find it!

Instead of studying at your desk, lay a blanket down on the quad. Find three or four clubs you’re interested in to attend during the next week. Pay attention to the posters and chalk on campus to see what’s going on.

And whenever you find something you enjoy, there will probably be like-minded people there to open even more doors in your college social life.

There’s more out there if you look.
Cheers, Trop

Sudoku

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Before they were our professors

A look at some Troy professors' lives outside of the classroom

Alyse Nelson
Features Editor

Scientist during the week, magician on the weekend

Teaching students about anatomy, physiology, neuroscience and toxicology during the week, Julian Pittman, a faculty member in the biology and environmental sciences department, becomes one-half of the duo behind Pittman Magic on the weekend.

"I had this urge to perform from an early age — it's a product of where I grew up," he said. Pittman was raised in Williamsburg, Virginia.

His involvement in Colonial Williamsburg included juggling, dance, music and several drama productions. He performed there until he graduated from high school.

"I was always obsessed with the college environment," he said, citing his parents' careers on college campuses as an influence.

A faculty member at Troy for five years now, Pittman has been performing as Pittman Magic with his wife for three years.

According to the Pittman Magic website, pittmanmagic.com, several different types of shows are offered. These include juggling, mentalism,

audience interaction and grand stage illusions.

The website states that he "strives to make the audience believe that impossible is truly possible."

Most shows are performed around the Florida Panhandle, according to Pittman, and they "stay pretty busy," as both have fulltime jobs outside their performances.

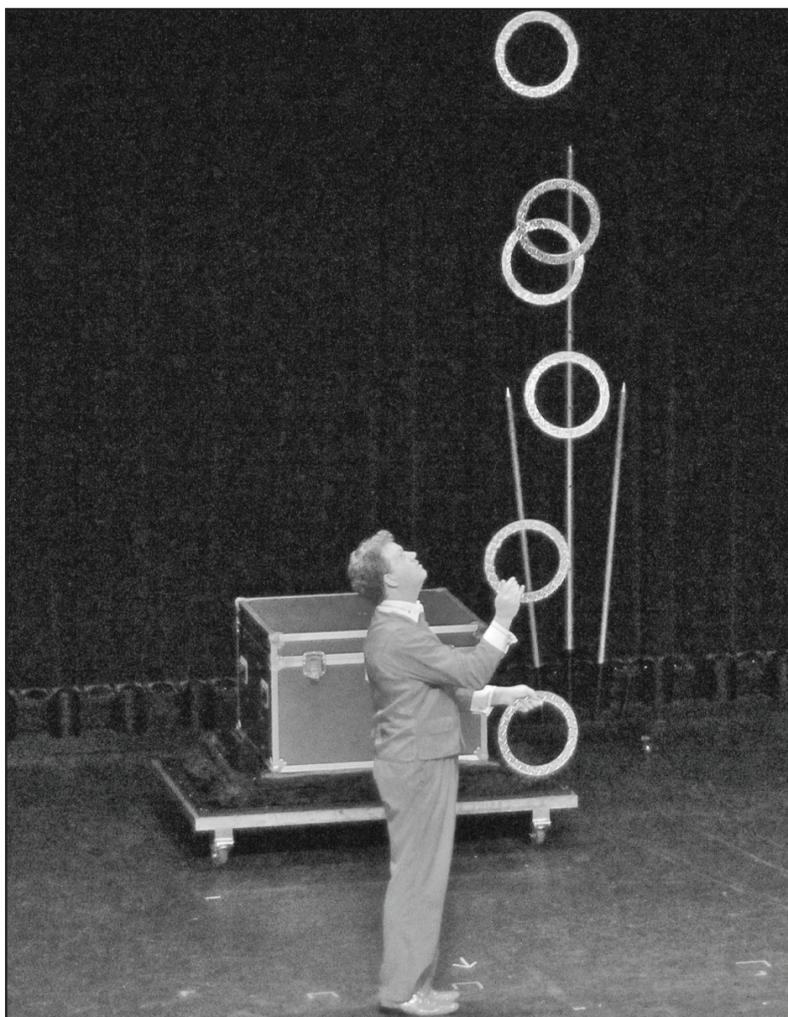
He has also competed in the past and was ranked as a Silver Medalist Juggler.

There is little separation between his two lives, one as an educator and the other as an entertainer.

Pittman said that he incorporates different tricks into his lesson plans when he can to demonstrate concepts for students. For example, he uses juggling while teaching about vision during neuroscience classes.

While his students may have seen some of his talents, Pittman said that audiences are often surprised when they hear about the Pittmans' occupations.

"Pretty much after every show, they ask if we do this full time," Pittman said. "They're always surprised that we have full-time jobs."



Pittman Magic photo

Julian Pittman, a faculty member in the biology and environmental sciences department, juggles on stage during his show, Pittman Magic.

A counselor with no college degree

With an early life shaped by addiction, Joe McCall, now a senior lecturer in Troy's history department, first turned to a career in drug and alcohol counseling after dropping out of college.

"That was before they had academic programs for certification," McCall said. "If you wanted to be a drug and alcohol counselor, you typically were an alcoholic or from an alcoholic family."

When he was 17, McCall's mother died from issues related to addiction.

McCall dropped out within his first year at Emory University, having started using during the late 1960s.

His father checked into treatment for

"There is no big truth in history, and that's why you study it. The same is true with counseling."



Joe McCall

himself after McCall's mother's death.

"It made me look at myself," McCall said.

McCall describes the process of becoming an addiction counselor as finishing a five-year internship before receiving certification — no college degree required.

He spent 17 years in the field, partially dealing with teenage addicts, and then moved on to eight or nine years in private practice.

"I decided it was time to go to school," McCall said of his decision in 1996 to quit his job and sell his house.

"I always loved history, and I've always loved storytelling," he said.

McCall said that he does notice similarities in his different careers, as both require a certain amount of analytical thinking and empathy.

"There is no big truth in history, and that's why you study it," he said. "The same is true with counseling."

"As a counselor, the first thing you had to do was get a history of your client. You couldn't diagnose until you knew their story."

McCall has not left counseling, though. He meets with students weekly to discuss problems and said that anyone having issues can contact him.

'Stay a starving artist': advice from an actor that went corporate

Originally from Birmingham, Quinton Cockrell, an assistant professor in the theatre department, earned his MFA through a program hosted by the Alabama Shakespeare Festival and the University of Alabama Department of Theatre and Dance.

Cockrell then headed to New York City to pursue acting.

Attending auditions during the day, he worked at night as a temporary employee for American Express.

"I started in data entry," he said.

This was his means of supporting himself during that time.



Quinton Cockrell

Eventually he was asked to become a permanent employee and spent almost six years moving into sales and marketing.

"I was tempted by the security and the money," he said.

"I was flattered that I was able to work with people that had MBAs from NYU and Columbia, that I even had a seat at the table," Cockrell said.

Eventually, he left to

begin his own company, but that did not last.

"I realized I had all these wonderful things in my life, but I was very unhappy," he said.

"I got really burned out on the whole corporate thing. I enjoyed it at the beginning, but that catches up with you."

Cockrell said he was glad he had the experience, but ultimately decided to step out of the career and move back to Alabama.

He decided to teach one class at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and discovered his love for teaching there.

"The more my life is about others, the happier I am," he said.

From cadavers to teaching, it's all about communication

Though examining humans — both alive and dead — was an ordinary part of her first career, Susan Sarapin doesn't feel much has changed now that she teaches journalism and communication as an assistant professor.

"I didn't even know medical illustration was a profession," she said. "I had been an artist my entire life, and I was always interested in science."

In fact, after a cousin told her about the career field, she became interested and discovered that there were only six schools in the nation with medical illustration programs and fewer than 500 medical illustrators in the world at that time.

She enrolled in a five-year program.



Susan Sarapin

everything about the human anatomy," Sarapin said. "Sometimes we were asked to draw during operations," she said. "That was fascinating."

Years into her career, technology evolved, and the Internet changed how medical illustrators worked. She had been drawing everything by hand, but now tools make it easier to perform the tasks on computers.

At this point, Sarapin was raising a family, so she moved into graphic design, working in advertising, among other projects.

"The technology was forcing us to change periodically," she said.

After the passing of her first husband, she remarried a man from Purdue University, which is where she chose to go

back to school for her master's and doctorate, focusing on the Media Effects program there.

"That is how watching television or being on the Internet affects your view on the world," she said.

Specifically, Sarapin studied the "CSI Effect" — the widespread impact that stems from watching copious amounts of TV crime dramas.

When she saw an opening at Troy University, she joined as an assistant professor, continuing to write papers and research.

"I love teaching what I teach," she said regarding her media law, features article writing and public speaking classes.

Though Sarapin admitted that she sees how people could view these as big career shifts, she doesn't share that

viewpoint.

"I have never really felt like there was a huge difference," she said. "When I look back on it, it's all really one thing: communication."

"First I communicated with the medical

community. I was like a camera for them that could go into the human body."

She noted as a medical illustrator, she communicated with pictures. Through graphic design, she communicated with pictures and words. Now, as a professor, she communicates primarily through words to her students.

"Research is my great love," she said. "Finding out why we do the things we do. Life is about changes."

"You have to be flexible and know that change happens."

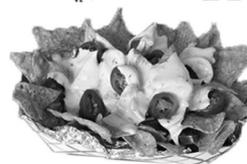
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Tyler Wooley
Staff Writer

The New York Times is one of many tools for students to stay informed on what is happening around the country and the world, to better understand and apply concepts learned in the classroom to real world situations.

The New York Times Readership Program has brought the newspapers, which are free to students and faculty, across Troy University's Alabama campuses since 2009, according to Troy's website.

However, the stands that normally hold the free papers have been empty this semester.

"The New York Times Partnership was a specific part of the University's Quality Enhancement Plan, which focused on creating a culture of engaged readers," Hal Fulmer, dean of first-year studies, said in an email.

Since the QEP has expired, so has Troy's subscription to The New York Times — for now, at least.

"I used The New York Times for group work," said Meagan Campbell, a senior social work major from Georgiana, "(and) to analyze articles."

According to Troy University's website, these are just

a few of the many ways The New York Times can help further education.

According to Fulmer, he and our representative from The New York Times are deciding if the newspaper will be available this fall.

"We are working, as a university, to incorporate some, but likely not all, of (the QEP's) elements into the University as we move forward," Fulmer said.

Troy's QEP included the Common Reading Initiative, the College Reading Initiative and the Faculty Development Initiative.

Though all of the QEP was supporting reading, the majority of its resources were focused on books.

Don't take this the wrong way; there is nothing wrong with books. There are things books can convey that are difficult for news articles.

The advantage The New York Times brings to the table is diversity.

Every student, regardless of classification, major or college, can find articles pertaining to any class discussion. The newspaper also features the most recent topics for students to think about.

I know I have enjoyed reading The New York Times both for class assignments and for personal reading; and I know I am not the only person who would dearly

miss the presence of the newspaper.

"I would like it back because I enjoyed reading it," Campbell said, "and being caught up with the latest news stories."

The impact that the newspaper has on Troy University students is substantial, and the staff should do everything in its power to bring it back.

It is a small investment that yields so much in the way of critical thinking, life applications and gathering news that pertains to us as a student body.



Seth Nicholson

In good hands

Katie Miller
Contributor

Views on our campus security here at Troy University seemed optimistic, as students informed me they generally felt secure on campus.

"I do feel safe in the dorm," said Bronwyn Arnold, a freshman English education major from Millbrook. "It's always locked. We have a key fob that is synced to whatever dorm we're in so we can't get in someone else's dorm."

"There's always someone at the little window, making sure that people come in and leave at the right times."

Arnold notices the call boxes located near the quad and various other places around campus, and thinks safety is "pretty good." Because of these boxes, she feels safe walking at night.

Russ Brown, a freshman computer science major from Springville, said that he felt safe here on campus.

"The residential assistants really don't have to try because most people in my dorm are fairly mundane; they don't get in a lot of trouble," Brown said. "They don't bother me, they don't bother the residential assistants."

"It's sort of a nice, homogeneous group," he added.

In terms of the outside atmosphere, Brown feels safe even walking during the night.

"I prefer it, actually; it's a lot more quiet," he said.

Brown had a few suggestions as to how campus security could be improved.

"I would probably move the police station to the quad into the administrative building," Brown said. "At night, possibly more security. People running around pretending to be little monsters like the Cardinal Creeper — it's a little annoying."

Anna Nawoschik had a different opinion on Troy's safety precautions. "Walking around at night is always pretty sketchy, but there's never been a particular incident that I've been particularly concerned

about," she said.

The dorms proved that they were safe as well, as Nawoschik noticed the resident assistants in her dorm, Newman, sitting in the desks located just inside the entrance.

She did, however, have certain ideas to enhance action taken to protect the campus.

"It would be nice if there were more lights around campus," Nawoschik said. "At night, it gets pretty dark in some areas, especially out on the back quad."

The University Police were mentioned several times throughout the day. As Nawoschik said, "it's nice that there's somebody around generally."

"People running around pretending to be little monsters like the Cardinal Creeper — it's a little annoying."

Personally, as a freshman here at Troy University, I constantly feel safe and secure and I am assured within myself that I will constantly be taken care of. Walking at night is not a concern for me, any more than walking during the day, and, like Brown, I enjoy the peace and quiet that comes from our beautiful campus.

The people I have become acquainted with have expressed no concern about the security on campus, and the biggest issue within the school continues to be parking.

Even though I feel generally safe, I would prefer not to walk home at night alone for any reason.

The resident assistants in each hall performed all tasks necessary for keeping each resident within their dorm safe during the tornado that occurred on Aug. 7.

The University Police's efforts to keep our campus safe are stellar. There is always an officer within sight, from what I have seen, and the emergency buttons are a reassurance that if an emergency ever did occur, I would receive help within minutes.

Letter to the editor Parking issue: an endless cycle

Jack Rawlings
Contributor

After reading several pieces in the Tropolitan, I have decided to give my opinion on the parking issue hoping that it will be published, thus putting the parking issue to rest.

Take it from a guy who first set foot on the Troy campus back in 2007 and thought, right along with most students who were here at that time, that we could change the same parking problems we have today. It is not going to change.

Year after year, it is the same excuses from Herbert Reeves, the dean of students. The parking problems, along with the same old excuses not to fix the problem, will be here long after we leave.

It is not an issue of having money to spend. It is not a convenience issue. It is not an issue of where to put more parking spaces. It is an issue that they simply do not care, and why should they?

Building the university's image with big, new shining buildings is much more important because it is attractive to the parents and students; and that turns into money in the form of tuition and fees. There are parking fees, but they probably amount to a few dollars toward the university by the end of the year.

It is not like Walt Disney World, whose

bottom line would be affected if it did not have adequate parking for all of the theme parks. I assure you that if parking did affect Disney's bottom line, it could have parking spaces striped out within a week to take up the slack.

This is not going to happen for you. Even with the parking problems as is, Troy University brings in more students each year and there seems to be a bumper crop of new students this year. Even with all the parking issues, the cause for the increase is the big, shiny new facilities and there is more on the way.

This university has been renovating and putting up new buildings since my arrival in 2007, and the only notable parking addition is the arena lot. Students do not want to use that lot because it is too far away, and all that does is give the powers to be an excuse to blame the problem on the students by saying it is a convenience problem instead of a parking problem.

This is easy for the faculty and staff to say, since they have reserved parking close to their workplaces. I am sure their reactions would be similar to the local tornado alarms going off if their spaces are ever trespassed on.

I am sorry to say that all this complaining and the circulation of a petition are for nothing. According to the latest edition of the Tropolitan, this online parking petition is not being taken seriously, anyway. Like all the other complaints, they will soon fizzle out, and the students who complain will come and go.

The only thing the university will do is pacify the problem long enough to get the current complainers out and ready itself for the new complainers coming in. It's an endless circle where nothing will be achieved.

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Younger runners to carry cross country team

Taylor Boydston
Staff Writer

The Troy cross country season is set to kick off on Friday, Sept. 4, at Jacksonville State University. Last year the program underwent many changes, welcoming new head coach Elliott Blount to a young team.

“Changing the coaching was huge for us,” Blount said. “It’s just getting the right athletes in. I think if you can build upon that and get people to a more united front in the mission, we’ll be good to go.”

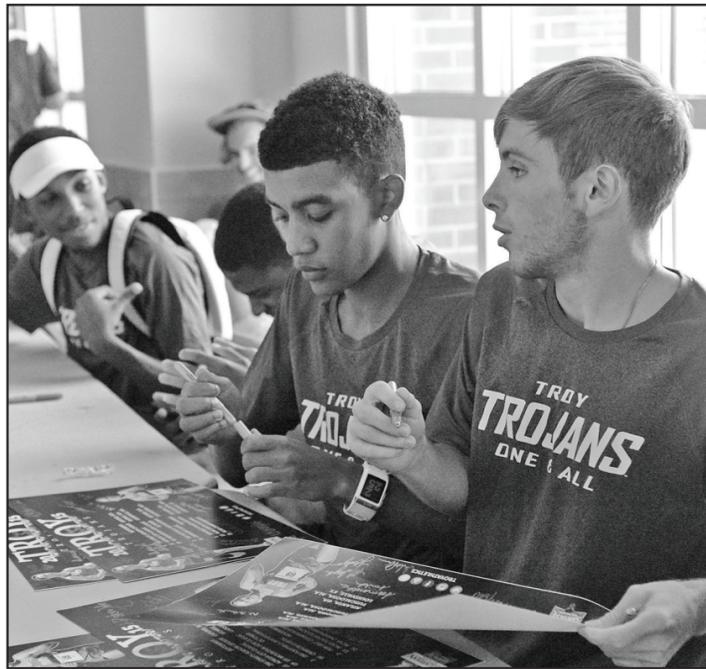
“I’m pushing them pretty hard right now in this part of the season. Training is rough on them. They just started class. The volume and intensity of the workouts is pretty legit.”

This season is about strengthening the team and moving forward as a program. As for their biggest competition, this season it looks to be themselves.

“Being so young, we just have to make sure that we’re not worried about too many other teams,” Blount said. “We’re just trying to take steps forward week in and week out.”

Although Blount prefers not to worry too much about opponents, the team set its sights on beating in-state rival South Alabama.

The men’s team is led by junior Tim Bulger,



April Irvin photo
Freshmen Zachary Bias and Ryan DeGale sign posters at Troy's fan day. Both look to make an impact for the Trojans this season.

who is also the team captain. The team is largely made up of freshmen, with the exception of two juniors and three sophomores. On the other hand, the women’s roster lists one senior, six juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman.

According to Blount there are four key runners for the women’s team, but the men’s team competition is wide open. They have several young, talented athletes, Blount said, and “it will be interesting to see who steps up.”

Primarily made up of recruited athletes, this year brought in only one walk-on.

The best indicator of how the season will go is the Foothills Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 3, in Oxford, at Jacksonville State University. According to Blount, that will be where they will have come together in decent form.

However, the most important race, the one they hope to compete best at, is the Sun Belt Conference Championship in November in Atlanta. Until then, they will continue to train vigorously throughout their season.

Overall, it looks to be a challenging road ahead. But with persistent coaching and dedicated athletes, the Trojans have set the stage for a successful season.

Softball announces fall schedule

Michael Shipma
Sports Editor

Troy softball head coach Beth Mullins announced the fall schedule that her team will be playing on Wednesday, Aug. 26. All eight games of the fall season will be home games for the Trojans as they prepare for their regular season come spring.

Troy, which went 33-23 overall last year under Mullins, will look to use the time to improve as a team in a competitive setting without postseason implications.

To begin the fall season, the Trojans are set to play a doubleheader against Mississippi State, a move that may have raised some eyebrows among softball fans.

“Not a lot of schools put Division I schools on their fall schedules,” Mullins said. “We tried to schedule them for the spring, but we couldn’t fit it into either of our calendars. I think it’s good, though, to get a little variety in our schedule.”

Troy also looks to prepare accordingly for the season with the designed scheduling of all the fall games to be at home.

“We love playing at home,” Mullins said. “We love our fans. We love the weather. We want to play at home and get a good taste of what our season is going to be like come spring.”

Aside from MSU, the Trojans will also play host to Wallace-Hanceville, Northwest Florida, AUM, and Gulf Coast Community College. No matter

what the competition, Troy looks to rotate players and get playing time for some of the new faces.

“I want the fall to be challenging for our girls,” Mullins said. “I want everybody to get playing time, but I also want it to feel like the spring. I feel like our schedule this year has done a great job of doing that.”

Fans will expect another good season this year, particularly after last year’s success. The Trojans recorded three wins against top-25 teams, including road wins against No. 10 Florida State and No. 7 UL Lafayette.

Fall play will begin on Sunday, Sept. 27, against Mississippi State. First pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m.



Joshua Thurston photo
Junior utility player Becca Hartley, a Troy native, led the Trojans with 10 home runs on the season.

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Soccer continues home success

Scott McLendon
Staff Writer

The Trojan soccer team emerged from a pair of weekend matches with two more victories in the season. The hosts won both games of the Trojan Classic, beating UT Martin 2-1 on Friday, Aug. 28, and Louisiana Tech 1-0 on Sunday, Aug. 30.

Troy (4-1, 0-0 Sun Belt) netted two early goals in the game against UT Martin. The Skyhawks (1-3, 0-0 Ohio Valley) clawed their way back into the game with a score in the 53rd minute from freshman midfielder Sydney Norris to make it interesting.

Despite the comeback, the Trojan defense held firm through the rest of the match.

"It wasn't the prettiest game you're going to see," head coach Jason Hamilton said. "We told our girls at the half that you're going to have to battle, and we did that."

Freshman midfielder Brittany Yoder was crucial in the first match of the weekend. Yoder scored the first and second collegiate goals of her career.

The Alabaster native scored both goals in the first 20 minutes of the game against UT Martin in her second home start.

"I definitely didn't expect a starting spot," Yoder said, "especially coming in as a freshman."



April Irvin photo

Senior midfielder Alissa Jones (left) scored the game-winning goal against Louisiana Tech during the Trojan Classic last weekend.

Yoder is one of 13 new faces to the Trojan soccer team.

"I think all 13 of us really push each other for playing time," Yoder said.

"That makes us all better."

The Trojans' second win of the weekend came against Louisiana Tech. This win was the first in school history

against the Bulldogs (2-2, 0-0 Conference USA).

"This is the kind of game we have been looking for from our team," Jason Hamilton said. "Louisiana Tech is a very difficult team to play against. We knew that, and we knew that chances would be few and far between. We're proud of how the team played, and we executed our game plan."

The teams spent most of the first half sparring in possession, with few shots taken between the sides. The Trojans enjoyed the majority of the possession on the day, though.

The second half brought more action from both teams, with the Trojans being the more dangerous side in attack.

Senior midfielder Alissa Jones found the breakthrough in the 86th minute. After being able to control the midfield and make offensive progress, the Trojans were finally able to capitalize on the opportunities they created.

Sophomore goalkeeper Mikki Lewis recorded her 14th career shutout in between the sticks. That marks the second clean sheet of the season for the Trojan defense.

The Trojans will make a trip south to Mobile to play in the Jaguar Classic, hosted by the University of South Alabama. The first game against Austin Pea is on Friday, Sept. 4, at 4 p.m.



Pierce Godwin photo

Sophomore setter Reina Terry serves the ball against UAB on Tuesday, Sept. 1. Terry recorded a game-high 29 assists on the night.

Troy volleyball cools off Blazers in home opener

Sinclair Portis
Staff Writer

This past weekend the Troy volleyball team opened its season in Chattanooga, Tennessee, at the Chattanooga Classic with a win against Eastern Kentucky 3-1, losses against Chattanooga 1-3 and Valparaiso 0-3, and a win at home against UAB 3-2.

The Trojans (2-2, 0-0 Sun Belt) came out strong in their opening game at the Chattanooga Classic, winning 3-1 against Eastern Kentucky (0-4, 0-0 Ohio Valley), who won 21 games last year. Senior outside hitter Blair Winston and junior outside hitter Symone Shaw led the team with 16 and 14 kills, respectively.

Sophomore setter Reina Terry recorded 27 assists, a team best, with freshman setter Alisha Hinrichs adding 17. Winston also set a career high of 19 digs. The team worked together, resulting in a win in the first game of the season.

However, Troy was unable to keep up the momentum from the win, as it was defeated in the last two matches of the tournament.

The Trojans faced the host, Chattanooga, for

their second match of the tournament. After falling behind one set, the Trojans played and won an astounding second set, but lost their momentum afterward. The third set included seven ties and three lead changes, making for an intense match, but after a time out from the Mocs (2-1, 0-0 Southern), Chattanooga took control of the match.

Troy looked to bounce back against Valparaiso, but was unable to edge the Crusaders (3-0, 0-0 Horizon League) in three sets.

The Trojans looked to make a comeback in the third set after leading 16-9, but the Crusaders retook control to win the match 25-21. Shaw and Landis led Troy with seven kills apiece.

The Trojans regained their confidence on Tuesday, Sept. 1, winning an intense five-set match against UAB in their home opener. The Trojans came out on fire, winning the first match 25-20 while dominating the court. They kept the Blazers at a .059 attack percentage in the first set, but let them come back in the second. Stepping up their game the Blazers won the second set 25-20 tying up the match.

In the third set the Blazers were held at a .000 attack percentage by the Trojans' defense and lost 25-18, putting the Trojans ahead.

The Trojans led 16-10 in the fourth set, and were ready to close the match with victory, but UAB refused to go down without a fight. The Blazers came back to win 27-25 to force a fifth set. In the decision-making fifth set, the Trojans dominated from start to finish, winning 15-6.

Head coach Sonny Kirkpatrick expressed his delight over the win against UAB after the match.

"Both teams played well, and I thought it was a really well-contested match," he said. "I think that our conditioning, especially from this past weekend, pulled us through in the end. We made plays in the end of the match that we weren't making at some points earlier in the game. Our team pulled together, and I'm really proud of them for that."

The Trojans return to action when they play CSU Bakersfield in the first match of the Trojan Classic. Game time is set for 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4.

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