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It's fat, not a rat

*Sodexo clarifies photo
about alleged rodent*

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Since Monday, Sept. 14, a photo that shows what many students have thought was a rat in the food provided at the Trojan Dining Hall has been circulating among the Troy student body through various social media.

According to the Sodexo-run Trojan Dining Services, what was assumed to be a rodent by students was only an untrimmed piece of roast beef fat that was accidentally served to a student.

The photo, shot on Snapchat, shows the hand of an individual holding a piece of fat with the caption "Beware of the saga roast beef."

"I saw the picture yesterday, and I was like, it can't be one," said Bianca Miller, a freshman Spanish major from Trussville. "But then like I looked at it and

it really, really looks like a rat tail, because it's all scooshy and gray, like a rat tail."

Miller said that it did not look like a cut of meat to her.

After reviewing security camera footage, Sodexo and the university administration confirmed that what the photo depicts was in fact not a rat.

"I have viewed the video from the Dining Hall, and it clearly shows that what the student was holding up was not a rodent," said Herbert Reeves, dean of student services.

"The video shows that the student took a piece of grizzle and fat from his plate and held it up for the others to photograph," he said. "The young man holding the grizzle up licked his fingers after he put it back on the plate and continued to eat off the plate. I would think that if there was some type of rodent on his plate, he would not have done that."

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April Irvin photo

Students running at the third annual freshman run, held on the football field Saturday before Troy's first home game of the year.

ADPis vs. Zombies: game dispute resolved

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The ban prohibiting members of the Alpha Delta Pi sorority from participating in Troy University Humans Vs. Zombies has been lifted, provided that the sorority members do not wear their Greek letters during the game or publicize it on social media.

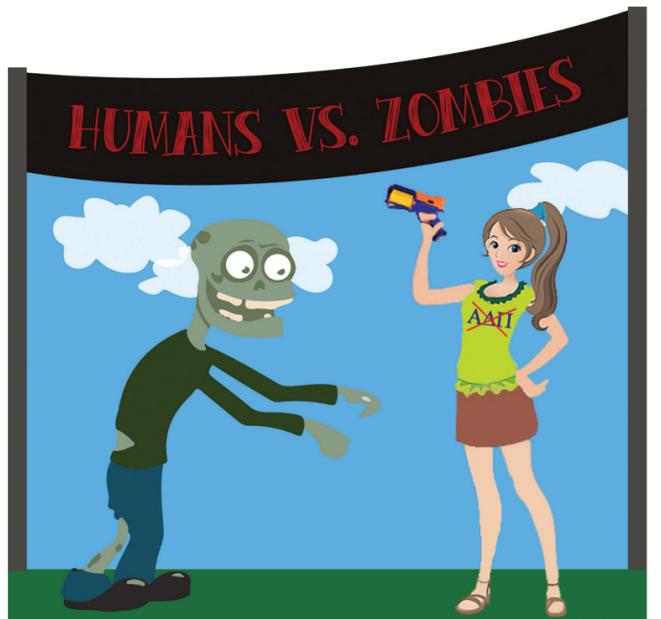
"Essentially what went down is, we were contacted by an anonymous ADPi member saying that she had wanted to play, but they were not allowing their members to play because they believed that HvZ promoted violence, and they have a strict policy for non-violence," said Andrew Goble, a senior music education major from Jay, Florida, and president of HvZ.

According to Goble, after receiving the news about the ban, one of HvZ's members contacted the national headquarters of ADPi to get information about ADPi's philosophies and rules. Goble said this was initiated so that Troy's HvZ leadership could better communicate with ADPi and "try and work something out."

"Word started to get around and people were acting like it was a big deal, but we just wanted to talk with them — that was it," he said.

Goble was contacted last week by several different members informing him that ADPi had altered the ruling and was now allowing its members to participate.

"They just couldn't wear



Samantha Bankester graphic

letters while playing," he said.

Humans vs. Zombies is a giant game of tag where one individual begins as the "original zombie" and proceeds to convert other "human" players by tagging them through any physical contact. The "human" players can defend themselves using socks, foam dart blasters and marshmallow launchers.

The accessories used, though, must not violate HvZ's safety regulations. According to its national website, the weaponry used in the game cannot look realistic. "Blasters must be brightly colored and have blaze-orange tips," it says.

Goble explained that the group does equipment tests and bans any accessories that are deemed dangerous or have the potential to hurt other people during play.

One member of the sorority,

who wished to stay anonymous, confirmed that the ADPi members were told, "HvZ promotes violence."

"Greeks participate in other activities that could be considered violent, so I feel like that is not the real reason," she said.

She said that she feared the unconventionality of HvZ as an organization may have been the reason behind the decision.

"I'm a little disappointed that an organization that I love doesn't support a game that many of its members enjoy," she said.

Another ADPi member, who also wished to remain anonymous, said that bringing attention to HvZ created the issue in the first place.

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Chloe Lyle photo

From left to right: Fraternity presidents Brandon Matthews of Sigma Chi, Pierce Godwin of Lambda Chi Alpha and Ryan Cole of Alpha Tau Omega proposed a resolution to SGA asking for the separation of parking lots between the Newman Center residents and the fraternity houses' residents. They talked about problems with finding parking at fraternity row due to Newman Center residents parking there.

24-hour library request denied

Priyanka Sharma
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association informed students that the request to make the library open 24 hours was denied, and that Troy University will be replacing Sartain Hall with a new recreation center.

The library announcement was made at the SGA meeting on Tuesday night, following a meeting with Christopher Shaffer, the dean of library services, last week.

"He (Shaffer) said he did not see enough students to extend the library hours for 24 hours or until 1 or 2 a.m. during the school week, because he said he saw 10 or 15 students," said Farrah

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\$150,000 donation for Dothan campus

Grishma Rimal
News Editor

Troy University's Dothan campus is receiving a \$150,000 donation from Michelin North America for the construction of a creative classroom geared toward promoting entrepreneurship.

According to its

white board room, but that really doesn't describe it," said Walter Givhan, senior vice chancellor for advancement and economic development.

"The idea is to remove all impediments to collaboration to fuel creativity. So you can move things around, you've got places to write, you got ways to gather people together, all the ways to facilitate this kind of creative process that is necessary for

teractive classroom which they sponsored," he said.

The room will be a part of Coleman Hall, a new academic building that will be built on the Dothan campus. The room will be part of the university's Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Innovation.

There is no fixed date anticipated for the beginning of construction of Coleman Hall at



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website, "Michelin North America is a \$10.76 billion dollar a year company operating 19 plants in 16 locations and employs 22,000 people. It manufactures and sells tires for airplanes, automobiles, farm equipment, heavy duty trucks, motorcycles, and bicycles."

Michelin North America has a site in Dothan where it manufactures light truck tires.

The donation will be used to create a whiteboard room "that will serve as a center for collaboration, creativity and innovation," according to a university press release.

"We are calling it a

entrepreneurship."

Givhan said that Michelin America and Troy University have had a history of partnership, with the former sponsoring the construction of rooms at the Dothan campus previously.

"We have had a long-standing relationship and collaboration with Michelin America," he said. "We've worked together. They have sponsored rooms already in our present buildings."

"We had a meeting with them, and this really fit into their vision of what they were trying to do with entrepreneurs and others through a very creative in-

present.

"We are raising funds right now, and we are little over 60 percent towards our goal," Givhan said. "So I'm hoping that as soon as we get a little bit further along we can break ground."

The donation is being presented during a ceremony on Friday, Sept. 18, in Dothan. Phillip Kelly, human resources manager for Michelin North America's manufacturing facility in Dothan, and Orrin "Skip" Ames, vice chancellor for Troy University's Dothan campus, will be speaking at the event.



Chloe Lyle photo

Members of the Humans Vs. Zombies group during their campaign this week. HvZ began its first campaign of the semester on Monday, Sept. 14, and it will end on Friday, Sept. 18. It will also have another session in November.

ADPi vs. Zombies

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"Most people that knew about it had the common sense to not wear letters while playing or anything like that, because you are always representing your organization," she said.

She said that Greek life already has a stigma of being exclusive or not accepting things that are "different" and issues like these only perpetuate the stereotype without people knowing the good aspects that Greek life has to offer.

"Maybe they just see it as college kids running around with toy guns and swords and think it sends a wrong message," she said. "But if that was the case, why are we allowed to use air pellet rifles and bows and arrows for competition during Greek Week?"

"These are just my speculations because they have given us some leeway. We can play, but only if we don't wear letters, or don't post about it on social media. If we do post, we can't have any sorority affiliation on our social media. Not quite a full-blown win, but it's

better than not being able to play at all."

While both the sources said that they had heard the initial rule was not just limited to ADPi, but was issued as a decree to all the Panhellenic sororities, Erin Salter, a senior nursing major from Orange Beach and president of the Panhellenic Council, said that no such rule had been issued.

"We encourage our women to be involved on campus regardless of what organization or club it may be," she said.

The Tropolitan contacted ADPi President Jessie Hammett, but she said she was not authorized by the ADPi national headquarters to speak on the sorority's behalf.

Goble said that this was the first time that HvZ had issues with other student organizations

"We are also nonviolent," he said. "Anyone who we notice is strictly trying to be violent or is trying to hurt other people, we have a strict ban against it."

According to Goble, the only incident they have ever had was with a student having an asthma attack from running during one of the games.



Brenna Patrick photo

Dominique Tolbert, a sophomore nursing major from Montgomery, at the salad bar in the Trojan Dining Hall.

Sodexo

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According to Ibrahim Yildirim, general manager of Trojan Dining Services, in the process of preparing the roast beef meal, the fat is left on the meat while it is cooked in order to protect the meat from drying. After it is done cooking, the fat is trimmed off, and the meat is sliced off and served.

"Somehow, somehow, part of the fat was still attached to it, and then it just happened to be served to this student," he said.

According to Sheetal Nangia, marketing manager for Trojan Dining Services, Sodexo is investigating how the mistake happened.

"That shouldn't have been there, obviously," she said. "Somebody

forgot to cut the fat, and we are looking into that."

Yildirim said that when he first saw the photo himself, he knew that the piece was only fat because he recognized the large

services receives a student complaint, the upper management hears about it within 10 minutes.

However, this particular incident took 10 hours to reach their ears since it was only publicized through social media.

"We want you to call us the minute it happens because we are here to serve the students," she said. "Supervisors and managers are always walking around. Contact us as soon as possible if you need to."

Yildirim can be contacted at Ibrahim.Yildirim@sodexo.com and Nangia can be reached at Sheetal.Nangia@sodexo.com.

Reeves informed the Tropolitan that the administration will certainly be speaking to the students involved regarding the incident.

"Contact us as soon as possible if you need to"
—Sheetal Nangia

SGA

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Gaston, a junior biomedical sciences major from Camden and academic life chair of SGA. "He wants to see like 50 or 60 students to prove that there are students there who actually use it for the hours."

Gaston said that the SGA is now going to work on getting the Trojan Center open 24 hours during the school week.

She also said that the library is planning to start a coffee shop in the library.

"He said that he does not know if they are gonna be able to do Starbucks, but he does want to get a coffee shop in there," Gaston said. "He is working on it."

"The rec center is happening"

—Farrah Gaston

It was also announced that the university will be starting the construction of a new recreation center by January of next year. It will be tearing down Sartain Hall and building the new recreation center there.

"The rec center is happening," Gaston said. "They said they are going to start surveying people soon about what they would like to see in it, and then they would start it sometime within the next year. So, it will probably be finished by 2017."

The SGA will be conducting a town hall meeting to discuss what students

Library gets upgrade, still slacking?

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want to see in the new recreation center and the hours of operation. They said that all students were encouraged to be present to share their opinions. The meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. in Patterson 105.

The university will also be renovating the different science labs in the MSCX building starting in January. They are expanding to make the labs bigger and more accommodating for students. Each lab currently can hold only 24 students.

The SGA's publicity committee is also working toward making a filter for Troy University on Snapchat.

"I emailed the private social media for Troy University, and we are meeting with them," said Caitlin Smith, a junior political science major from Panama City, Florida, and publicity chair for the SGA. "They said they were currently working on some styles and Snapchat filter designs and hope to have them submitted to Snapchat for approval at the end of the week."

SGA is also preparing for its annual night walk.

"What we do is, we will break up in two groups, and we will walk around campus seeing problem areas that need to be fixed or worked on," said Darunda Wilkins, a junior business management major from Montgomery and the student welfare chair.

The night walk will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 29, after the SGA meeting.

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FACT to allow student input

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Staff Writer

This year, Troy University's students get a chance to directly communicate with Trojan Dining and submit their own ideas.

Co-chairs of the Food Advisory Council of Troy, Maxwell Herman, a junior hospitality management major from Panama City Beach, Florida, and Elizabeth Chisholm, a senior human resources major from Panama City, Florida, hosted their first meeting of the semester Wednesday, Sept. 9.

According to its flier, FACT is an organization "for those interested in voicing their input on Trojan Cuisine."

FACT is a student-run committee partnered with Troy Dining Services to give students an opportunity to assert their opinions on the conditions in the Trojan Dining Hall and dining options in the Trojan Center food court.

Sheetal Nangia, marketing manager for Trojan Dining Services and Troy alumna, she said she remembered what it was like having to dine at Stewart Hall, fondly recalled as "Old Stewart."

"I've seen Troy grow a lot since I've been here, and I'm so glad to be a part of it," Nangia said.

Nangia explained exactly what FACT is and why students might want to join.

"Basically, we get together a couple of times a semester, and you voice your concerns about your dining facilities," Nangia said. "There is a management



Larry Willis photo

Elizabeth Chisholm (left) and Maxwell Herman serve as co-chairs for the Food Advisory Council of Troy. This organization allows students to provide direct feedback to Trojan Dining.

team to answer questions, concerns and, hopefully, make some great things happen together."

Mohammed Alsaied, senior business major from Saudi Arabia and intern for Trojan Dining Services, encouraged students to participate in opportunities that could better their dining experience.

Trojan Dining Services offers two surveys per semester that students can take to give feedback about their experience as Troy University students.

The first survey asks students their opinions about Trojan Dining Hall and

Trojan Center's dining options.

"We get your feedback to improve, to change," Alsaied said. "I would like to encourage as many people as possible to do the surveys."

The second survey is a QLS, or quality of life service survey. The survey asks students about their experiences at Troy and possible improvements that could be made.

Alsaied also encourages students to participate in the "Bobbing for Apples" sweepstakes where students can win one of the 24 prizes; the grand prize is an

Apple MacBook Pro 13-inch. To enter, students can visit www.fallalfrescosweepstakes.com.

Chisholm introduced a subcommittee called "Mystery Shoppers" where students can apply to go undercover and evaluate the food.

The goal of "Mystery Shoppers" is to have students given something specific to order at one of the various dining locations and take mental notes of customer service, speed of service, accuracy of the order and anything else notable about the facility.

The feedback is then given to the staff in an effort to help identify problems and work toward eliminating them.

"People complain about the food all the time and the service, but no one really knows how to get out there and get their voice heard, and this is exactly the place to do it," Chisholm said.

All the speakers urged students to take action when it comes to their personal dining experiences.

"There is a lot of really, really great things that are happening with your dining services, and we really want you to be a part of that," Nangia said.

FACT is holding its next meeting Monday, Sept. 28, in Faculty Dining, upstairs in the Trojan Dining Hall, at 1:45 p.m. for any and all concerned students.

For students who would like to stay informed about Troy Dining Services, it can be followed on Instagram as [troydining](https://www.instagram.com/troydining/), on Twitter as [DiningTROY](https://twitter.com/DiningTROY) and on Facebook as Troy Dining.

Rapper Wale to perform concert at homecoming

Lacey Alexander
Staff Writer

Grammy-nominated rapper Wale will be performing at Troy University next month.

The rap artist from Largo, Maryland, is being featured as the main act for the homecoming concert on Oct. 16.

Wale, 30, is a Nigerian-American rap artist who has seen international success, winning the award for "Best International Artist" at the Nigeria Entertainment awards in 2014.

His single "Lotus Flower Bomb" brought him national attention when he won the "Best Collaboration" award for it at the BET awards in 2012. The song was also nominated for "Best Rap Song" at the 2013 Grammy Awards.

The University Activities Council, or UAC, began planning Wale's concert at the end of last year.

Khadijah Torbert, a senior broadcast journalism and business marketing double major from Opelika, and president of the UAC, said the process of booking Wale was a long and difficult one.

"Getting in contact with Wale and his management agency was no easy task," Torbert said. "We had been looking into getting Wale since July, actually, with several back-and-forth emails, phone-calls, negotiations and contracts."

Torbert said that the plans for Wale to

perform were set in August.

"It became official on Aug. 27, and we could officially start pubbing and announcing the HC concert on Aug. 31 when the graphics got approved by Wale's management agency," Torbert said.

Wale will be performing in the Trojan Arena as the main event, and DJ Lasalle will open the concert.

The UAC board began planning its events for this year in May of last year, Torbert said.

"We chose Wale to come to Troy University to perform for the HC concert because of the artist and genre of music he delivers," Torbert said.

Torbert also said that she hopes the concert will jump-start the excitement for the weekend.

"We are hoping that he will bring a huge crowd out of Troy University and surrounding schools to add to the atmosphere and festivities of homecoming week," Torbert said.

"We hope the student body gets even more thrilled about his coming as time draws near, especially since there hasn't been an HC concert for the campus of Troy for quite some time."

The UAC plans many concerts and events for the staff and students of Troy University. The last concert the council planned was last semester with Ben Rector, a pop rock artist, and NEEDTO-



Jimmy Fontaine photo

Wale is a Grammy-nominated rapper from Maryland, who has seen international and nationwide acclaim for his music.

BREATHE, a Christian rock band.

"UAC is about meeting new people, getting involved on campus and making new memories one event at a time," Torbert said.

The concert will be Oct. 16, the night before the homecoming game, at the Trojan Arena. Doors will open at 6 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for students and \$40 for the public and can be purchased online at troytrojans.com/tickets.

The concert is in celebration of the homecoming game the following day, Saturday, Oct. 17, where the Trojans will face off against Sun Belt Conference rival Idaho at 2:30 p.m. It will be coach Neal Brown's first homecoming game.

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Herman Mitchell, a senior social work major from Phenix City, browses the books at the library. Mitchell said that he would prefer extended hours.

Dean of library services talks new additions to library and explains hours

Quinta Goines
Contributor

The campus library is continuing to make changes to meet students' needs.

According to a survey that was sent out last year, the main concerns students had about the campus library involved the operating hours, library space, the need for more study rooms and more computers with the Microsoft Office Suite.

Returning students might have noticed some enhancements to the library, such as the addition of 30 computers with the Microsoft Office Suite placed throughout the facility.

The two study rooms on the second floor of Wallace Hall have been repainted with whiteboard paint, and markers are available at the circulation desk. Two offices were also converted into study rooms on

the second floor.

"The only issue that I cannot address at this time is the desire for increased hours," said Christopher Shaffer, dean of library services. "We do not have the staffing to accommodate that desire, and there also are not many students in the library during the two hours leading up to closing, which makes me think a limited number of students would take advantage of increased open hours."

"It would be nice if the library stayed open until 2 a.m. a few nights a week."
—Herman Mitchell

Dothan, said he did not notice the new library enhancements, but he does depend on the library a lot. He said that he is in the library about five times a week in order to use the computers.

"There is nowhere else that I know that I can go to get studying done," Williams said. "I come here to stay focused."

Even with the library's upgrades, the hours of operation, study rooms and technology still seem a concern to some students.

Ashley Rollins, a junior business major from Dothan, said that the library would be more useful if it had more places for groups of students to study.

"It would also be more helpful if it was one little area that is open all night for people to come in and out when they wanted to," she said.

Shaffer said there are several factors that go into extending the library's hours. One factor is if students will use the library past midnight. Another concern is providing the staff to run the library; and the last factor involves funding the additional costs.

"Additional employees to work hard to cover hours would cost additional funds," Shaffer said. "There would also need to be security on site for evening hours. Funds for these needs are not available in my budget."

Herman Mitchell, a senior social work major from Phenix City, uses the library sparingly throughout the year, but he

Library hours compared

While students would like extended library hours, other campuses in Alabama with similar enrollment did not have 24-hour libraries either. This is a comparison of the hours offered Monday-Thursday.

Troy (7,415 students):
7:30 a.m.-midnight

Jacksonville State University (7,500+):
7:30 a.m.-11 p.m.

University of Alabama at Huntsville (6,800):
7:30 a.m. - midnight

University of South Alabama (16,055):
7:45 a.m.-midnight

University of North Alabama (6,254):
7:30 a.m.-1 a.m.

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Alyse Nelson graphic

would prefer later hours.

"It would be nice if the library stayed open until 2 a.m. a few nights a week," he said. "Especially for me, because I am more productive at night."

Although extending library hours is not in the budget anytime soon, the library staff is planning to make more changes

throughout the year.

Apple iPads will be added for students to use while searching through the catalogs to find books.

The library staff is also working in collaboration with the IT department to create an innovation lab on the third floor of Wallace Hall.

Say WHAT?

The Tropolitan asked a random sampling on campus the following question:

How do you feel about the library hours?



"I honestly don't know when they are because I don't go to the library that often."
— Kendall Smith, a freshman undeclared major from Pell City



"We're here 24/7 anyway . . . watching . . . lurking . . . waiting . . ."
— The Tropolitan

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Broadening cultural horizons

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An interest fair for traveling abroad will give students the chance to explore their options beyond Troy's campus.

Maria Frigge, director of study abroad, said that there will be tables set up by Troy University, partner schools and others to give out information about both studying and interning in other countries.

Those that will attend include KEI Abroad, S&I Corp. and Global Experiences Inc., according to Frigge. All of these are organizations dedicated to helping students find opportunities abroad.

In addition, partner schools of Troy University will be represented and will provide information on different programs slated for the 2016 spring semester.

"Right now I'm trying to recruit students to study abroad for a semester," Frigge said.

Thuy Nguyen, a senior economics major from Hanoi, Vietnam, spent a semester studying at the University of Ghent, one of Troy's partner schools.

"Going to Belgium teaches me about how diverse this world is and how life can be different from home, whether in Hanoi, Vietnam, or in Alabama, U.S.," Nguyen said.

Nguyen said that while she was there she was able to travel to 12 countries and visit

What: Brochures and information on studying and interning abroad from Troy University, partner schools and other providers.
When: Wednesday, Sept. 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Trojan Center Ballrooms

friends that she had made in the international program at Troy. She also commented on the beauty of the European setting.

"Imagine if you can see castles, ancient churches and museums every day you go to class," she said. "Imagine if you walk on a cobblestone street every day."

Nguyen's main mode of transportation around Ghent was on bicycle. Also different from Troy were her expectations for classwork.

"This experience teaches me how relaxing the system in the U.S. is," she said. "Academically, it was a challenging semester."

The semester in Belgium lasted from January until June, with the entirety of June devoted to studying for the final exams. While it was more difficult than testing at Troy, Nguyen said that a 50 percent is considered passing.

"Therefore, although I didn't get high grades as I did in the U.S., I was very happy with my academic results," she said.

"Also, going out there into the world opens your mind to the world," she said. "It teaches you that America is not the center of the world — that we, being in America or being American, are

not the center of the world.

"Let's be honest. People elsewhere have their own language, have their own culture, their own educational system."

Nguyen is currently sailing with Semester at Sea from this month until December 2015.

Rachel Fournier, lecturer in the modern languages and classics department, sponsored

a trip to Spain this past summer, and plans to sponsor a similar trip to Spain in 2016.

"Students are enrolled in a language institute while abroad and attend Spanish classes Monday through Friday," she said.

"Students stay with Spanish host families, which is a great way to not only practice the Spanish language, but to learn about daily Spanish life," Fournier said. "Students eat daily meals with their families and have a wide variety of conversations. Students are really able to learn a lot about the culture through this experience."

Though this year was the first

time Fournier sponsored the trip, she said that she has been to Spain many times.

"One of my favorite things about Spain during the summer is the long summer days," she said. "The sun doesn't usually set until around 10 p.m."

"Although the trip is open to anyone who would like to learn Spanish, this past summer I only traveled with students who were either Spanish majors or minors," Fournier said. "I would welcome anyone truly interested in the Spanish language and Spanish culture to contact me about the trip."

The fair will be held in the Trojan Center Ballrooms on Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is free to attend.



Contributed photo

Lori Tucker (far left), a junior communication major from Marietta, Florida, and Mikala Chenault (second from right), a junior sport management and hospitality major from Kelzer, Oregon, stand with students from other schools. Tucker and Chenault are currently studying in the Netherlands for 11 months.

Personal story draws student to walk



Emily Call photo

Participants at the Out of Darkness walk, which drew a large crowd, according to attendee Cannon Schohenbeck, a freshman global business major from Pell City.

Alyse Nelson
Features Editor

Although many families were honored at the Out of the Darkness walk held on Sunday, Sept. 13, the memory of one individual inspired Cannon Schohenbeck to attend.

"I decided to participate in the walk for my fellow pledge brother, Kevin Leonard," said Schohenbeck, a freshman global business major from Pell City. The loss of Leonard's little brother, Kyle Leonard, was an unexpected and hard time for him, Schohenbeck said.

"I would have felt horrible not honoring his brother by doing the walk and raising awareness and increasing the prevention of suicide."

"The live music was definitely my favorite of everything," Schohenbeck said. "It created the atmosphere for the event and made everyone seem more connected, regardless of their origin or reasons for being there."

"I will definitely return next year if this continues annually," he said. "This walk was a very life-altering and eye-opening experience."



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 am new to Troy and I'm trying to get involved on campus, but I'm not sure how to find clubs that would interest me. I have been told that there are a lot of clubs at Troy, but I see fliers for only a few of them. How can I find clubs to join?
—Looking for a Place

Dear Looking,
There are almost 200 organizations on Troy's campus, from Greek organizations to religious and political organizations that students can join. You can go to troy.collegiatelink.net to see all of the organizations on Troy's campus. This is also

where you can join certain clubs and see upcoming events and meetings. Once you join the clubs, you will get organization updates concerning events, deadlines, and meetings. There are a variety of organizations to choose from, so something should spark your interest!
Cheers, Trop

Dear Trop,
I am trying to start a new diet, but I don't know what healthy food options there are on campus. I need to use my meal plan too, so I don't want to go buy food from Wal-Mart. Where can I go to use my meal plan

and still eat healthy?
—Trying to be Healthy

Dear Healthy,
There are many different food options on campus if you really want to eat healthy.

You can buy fresh fruit salads from Einstein's or in front of Chick-fil-A. Chick-fil-A also offers salads.

Marketplace usually has balanced meals, even if they are not completely healthy.

The Trojan Plate Special allows you to eat a balanced meal with protein, starch and vegetables included.

Boar's Head also offers healthy options for

sandwiches and wraps.

Dear Trop,
I am pretty sure I'm going to fail one of my classes. But I enrolled in only 13 hours, so I can't even drop it and now it's way too late to add another class.

I can't afford for my GPA to get any lower for scholarship reasons.

What should I do as soon as I'm done crying?
—Future College Dropout

Dear Dropout,
Oops.

A good place to start with this would be talking to your professor. He or she may assume you don't care if you never open a dialogue.

Though we're not saying this with certainty, some professors will offer extra credit or allow you to make up missed or failed assignments if you ask.

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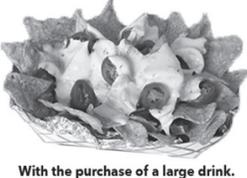
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Trojans: take a knee

Tyler Wooley
Staff Writer

I enjoy going to the football games on Saturdays and cheering for our Trojans until my voice is all but gone.

The atmosphere in the stadium reminds me of the ocean: a reserved intensity.

The players are in the middle of the field, so the opponent is not likely to score. Then all of a sudden the game stops; one of our Trojans is hurt.

The stands fall silent as the trainers rush to his side. Everyone waits in anticipation to know whether the player is OK.

Then I see something I have noticed multiple times. The players and coaches treat this like a timeout, carry about their business and talk amongst themselves.

“The chance of winning should never be more important than a player’s health.”

— Tyler Wooley

I see this way too often, both at Troy games and on television.

I remember playing sports when I was younger. My coaches wanted to instill in us a respect for the game and the players. When someone got hurt, whether he or she was on our team or the opposing team, we took a knee.

No matter where we were or what we were doing, we were expected to kneel down and to show respect to the injured player.

It should be a tragedy for both teams if a player gets hurt. Yes, he or she is your opponent, but he or she is a fellow player and ultimately a fellow person.

The chance of winning should never be more important than a player’s health.

I did, however, notice one of our Trojans immediately drop to his knee, and I commend him for that.

No. 3, LaMarcus Farmer, is the only player I could see on his knee. He stayed like this until the injured player was taken care of and game play was about to resume.

I want to let Farmer know that his actions have not gone unnoticed, and he should be proud of himself and what he did.

I also want to challenge all of the Troy sports teams to stop whenever a player is hurt and take a knee.

Show everyone you play that you respect them and the fact that they play the same sport you do.

It does not matter if the players on the other team are disrespectful; what you do should not depend on what they are doing.

You represent Troy University and the rest of the student body. Represent us well.



Seth Nicholson

First home game could not have gone better

Whitney Cale
Staff Writer

“We will always cheer for victory, and you’ll never let us fall!”

Don’t lie, you know you sang it. If you’ve ever been to a Troy University football game, then you know that the fight song is played with every Trojan touchdown. If you attended Troy’s first home football game of the 2015 season, then you heard this song on the very first drive of the game.

My first Troy football game experience as a freshman could not have gone better. Witnessing my team demolish its opponent 44-16 was absolutely exhilarating. The energy of the players on the field coupled with the energy of the fans off the field made it a night to remember. Other freshmen felt the same way about their first Troy football experience.

“My first Troy football experience was really awesome,” said Savannah McMillen, an undeclared freshman from Mobile. “There were a ton of people and the energy of the fans was incredible.”

There were a ton of people. Seats began to fill up more than an hour and a half prior to kickoff. Attending my very first home football game as a freshman,

where do you think I sat? That’s right, the student section. We take pride in being Trojans, and we expressed that Saturday night as we rooted our team on for victory.

“Witnessing my team demolish its opponent 44-16 was absolutely exhilarating.”

— Whitney Cale

“The Trojan fans cheered as the team scored their first win of the season, and I realized at this moment, there’s nothing I would rather be than a Troy Trojan,” said Kayla Waite, freshman biomedical sciences major from Bay Minette.

Another one of the unforgettable moments of my first Troy football experience was hearing the wonderful Sound of the South. Not only was the music remarkable, but the band’s energy and effort were nothing short of amazing. Nothing adds to an excellent football game quite like an excellent halftime show.



April Irvin photo

Troy University’s third annual Freshman Run had students racing with lots of energy and excitement at Saturday’s game.

“The Sound of the South was magnificent, and they kept the morale alive,” Waite said.

My first Troy University football game was all-around one for the books. But as unforgettable as my first Troy football experience was, I think my second experience

will be even greater as the Trojans host their rivals, the South Alabama Jaguars, on Oct. 3. I believe this game has the potential to be Troy’s best football game of the year.

I will be there. Will you? “Go Troy! Go Troy, go!”

Say WHAT?

The Tropolitan asked a random sampling on campus the following question:

What are your experiences with the Trojan Dining services?

“The fruit selection recently has been much better. The main problem I have is that there isn’t anything (to eat) on the weekend. I can’t eat anything with dairy, so when the dairy-/gluten-free line isn’t open, it limits my options to what I can eat.”

— Anna Kathryn Carter, a senior elementary education major from Decatur



“Overall my experience has been rather satisfactory. Granted, there are times that I don’t like what they’re serving, so I try and find another place to eat, but even the other options are a bit of a letdown.”

— Kellen Crookham, a senior graphic design major from Phenix City



“Dining at the Dining Hall is about knowing it; certain things are really good and prepared well, but there are other things you should strive to avoid. I usually eat either upstairs or at the pasta and gluten-free/vegetarian sections.”

— Jamie Bennett, a senior English major from Jacksonville, Florida

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Golf struggles, takes seventh in season opener at Kiawah Island

Michael Shipma
Sports Editor

The Troy men's golf team finished seventh at The Invitational at the Ocean Course at the Kiawah Island Golf Resort on Saturday, Sept. 12.

Five individuals competed in the 12-team tournament hosted by the College of Charleston.

Redshirt junior Cam Norman made his first appearance for the Trojans at the Invitational, leading the way for Troy and finishing ninth overall among individual golfers. After shooting an eight-over 80, Norman ended off his weekend at four over par.

On Friday, Sept. 11, the Trojans showed their worth, as multiple Trojans contributed to their fourth-place spot after two rounds. Juniors Luke Moser and Clayton Vannoy both added to the Trojans' performance, each recording two birdies late in their respective rounds.

Vannoy finished with a 10-over for the tournament, with a 7-over-79 to close out his opening weekend.

New faces were on the course for Troy, as junior Sean Stone and freshman Calum Masters both made their debut appearances as Trojans. They finished the tournament ranked 78th and 80th, respectively.

Junior Jared Bettcher went between stretches of success and struggles throughout the tournament, but ended in 28th place. In Bettcher's final round, he recorded six bogeys and a double bogey, but thanks to three birdies, he was able to move up seven spots from his previous placement on day one of the Invitational.

The Trojans fell three spots out of their fourth-place finish following day one of play. Stellar performances by Georgia Southern, NC State and UAB kept the Trojans from maintaining their high placement in the tournament.

The men's team will return to play on Saturday, Sept. 19, as it participates in a two-day Sun Belt Preview tournament in Miramar Beach, Florida. The Trojans will co-host the tournament with South Alabama at the Raven Golf Course at the Sandestin Resort.

Trojans drop fifth straight

Sinclair Portis
Staff Writer

The Trojan volleyball team had an unfortunate weekend at the Crimson-White tournament, finishing with a loss to host Alabama, as well as losses to Virginia and Saint Louis.

Playing the Crimson Tide first on Friday, Sept. 11, Troy (5-7, 0-0 Sun Belt) started the tournament with a loss and was unable to gain momentum back in the following matches. Alabama (4-6, 0-0 SEC) beat the Trojans in three straight sets (25-19, 25-15, 25-22).

With 19 errors throughout the match and 29 kills to Alabama's 37, the Trojans were left with a .111 attack percentage in comparison to Alabama's .244.

Senior middle hitter Darby Griff and junior middle hitter Sara Landis both hit a team high percentage of .417, and Griff led the team with 7 kills.

Troy returned to action on Saturday, Sept. 12, and started its day against Virginia (5-3, 0-0 ACC), but again fell short due to too many errors. The result was another Trojan defeat by a score of 4-1.

After losing the first two sets, Troy came back in the third. It was the high point for the Trojans, who came back to win a tight set 30-28. Despite the comeback, they were not able to push out another win for the fourth losing the set 25-21 and the match 4-1.

Senior outside hitter Blaire Winston led the team's hits with 22 kills, and junior outside hitter Symone Shaw came next with nine. Winston and Landis were neck and neck by percentage, with Winston's .292 and Landis' .290, but it wasn't enough to help the team's percentage of .191 and pull out a win.

Troy matched up with Saint Louis in its last game of the tour-



Hannah McGaha photo

Senior defensive setter Ali Dowdall led the Trojans with 24 digs when they played at Mercer University on Tuesday, Sept. 15. Dowdall also had six assists and three aces in Troy's 3-1 loss.

name, but it too ended in defeat. The Trojans lost three straight sets (25-10, 25-19, and 25-16) to the Billikens (6-5, 0-0 Atlantic Ten), who were undefeated in the tournament.

Troy was swamped with its 23 errors and 24 kills, giving it only a .011 attack percentage over the entire match. Winston had a match high with nine kills.

The Trojans failed to snap the losing streak when they returned to the court on Tuesday, Sept. 15. They played Mercer and lost once again 3-1.

Although it was a loss, Troy

still played the Bears (2-7, 0-0 Southern) to a tight game, this time coming back in the second set, after a loss in the first. It fell short in the last two sets.

Winston again hit a team-high of 20 kills, with Shaw and Landis each recording 10.

Senior defensive specialist Ali Dowdall also helped out defense with 24 digs. The Trojans held a .232 attack percentage, close to the Bears' .231.

The Trojans return to the court Friday, Sept. 18, to play Appalachian State at Trojan Arena. Start time is set for 6 p.m.

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Nebraska @ Miami	Nebraska	Miami	Nebraska	Miami	Nebraska	Nebraska	Miami	Nebraska
#18 Auburn @ #13 LSU	Auburn	Auburn	LSU	LSU	Auburn	LSU	Auburn	Auburn
#15 Ole Miss @ #2 Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama
#19 BYU @ #10 UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	BYU	BYU	BYU	BYU	UCLA	BYU
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Trojans wreck the Bucs

Michael Shipma
Sports Editor

Troy football picked up its first win of the season on Saturday, Sept. 12, when it defeated Charleston Southern 44-16 under the lights of Veterans Memorial Stadium.

Senior wide receiver Teddy Reuben caught two touchdown passes and returned a punt for another as the Trojans (1-1, 0-0 Sun Belt) gave first-year head coach Neal Brown his first win in front of a crowd of 17,517.

"It's a special night for me with the initial win as a head coach," Brown said after the game. "I would like to recognize our student body. They turned out with a huge crowd, and I thought they gave us a lot of energy."

Reuben opened up the scoring with back-to-back touchdown receptions from sophomore quarterback Brandon Silvers, who finished the game 19 of 28, passing for 249 yards, two touchdowns, and no interceptions. The scores put the Trojans up 14-0 with 11:41 left in the first quarter.

Just as the home team began to break away, the Buccaneers (1-1, 0-0 Big South) took advantage of excellent field position, cutting the lead to seven with a three-yard touchdown reception by junior running back Darius Hammond.

Senior running back Brandon Burks helped the Trojans get back on track with a one-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter. Burks finished the game with 14 carries for 50 yards and two touchdowns.

It was a lackluster quarter for Troy,



April Irvin photo

Freshman wide receiver Deondre Douglas carries the ball for the Trojans in their win at home against Charleston Southern. Troy racked up 374 total yards of offense in front of a crowd of over 17,000 fans witnessing Neal Brown's first home game as head coach of the Trojans.

however, as it struggled to convert on third downs. The offense was given multiple opportunities by the defense to run away with the game, but penalties and failure to convert kept CSU in the game.

The Buccaneers' defense forced a safety in the closing minutes of the second quarter, making the score 21-9 at halftime.

In the end, however, it was the Trojans who came away with the victory after dominating the second half. Troy scored 23 unanswered points, putting the game out of CSU's reach.

Burks picked up his second touchdown of the night in high-flying fashion, leaping over a tackler to score on a six-yard run. The point-after was no good, making the score 27-9.

Senior kicker Jed Solomon added a 32-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter, followed by a 64-yard punt return from Reuben. A 47-yard run and score from sophomore running back Andre Flakes closed out scoring for the Trojans, as they bounced back from their tough loss on the road last week at NC State.

Charleston Southern added a late touchdown of its own from freshman running back Kalen Fraise, making the final score 44-16 with the Trojans on top.

"Like I told the guys, 365 days with 12 opportunities," Brown said. "Two of them are down. We're 1-1, and we're going to celebrate tonight. I think it's been November since they've celebrated a win, so I want them to enjoy it."

Troy returns to the gridiron on Saturday, Sept. 19, when it plays at Wisconsin. Kickoff is set for 2:30 p.m.



April Irvin photo

Juniors (and sisters) Katrina (left) and Kristen Bokenfohr (right) sign autographs at Troy's Fan Day. Katrina finished 21st in the Azalea City Classic on Friday, Sept. 11, in Mobile. Katrina did not participate in the event.

Troy snags second-place finishes at Azalea Classic

Taylor Boydston
Staff Writer

The Trojan men's and women's cross country teams both placed second at the Azalea City Classic on Friday, Sept. 11, in Mobile. For the first time this season, both teams ran 6K and 8K distances, as opposed to last week's 4K and 5K.

The hosting South Alabama team ruled the men's race, taking seven of the top 10 spots. Jaguar junior Christoph Graf dominated the field by coming in 55 seconds ahead of the second-place runner, his sophomore teammate Nathan Riech.

"On the men's side, we still need more out of our upperclassmen to become a well-rounded team with consistent depth by the time we get to the conference meet," said head cross country coach Elliott Blount.

Once again, it was the younger athletes on the Trojan men's team who paved the way for success in their race. Freshman Ryan DeGale led the way, taking ninth place overall in his collegiate debut.

The next Trojan runners to finish were freshman Zachary Bias, junior Tim Bulger, sophomore Eric Schueller and freshman Austin Gray. These four athletes came in one after the other,

placing 12th through 15th.

"We're starting to move in the right direction," Blount said. "We didn't travel our full squad on either side, so it was good to see we were able to still be competitive despite being a little shorthanded."

The Trojan women did not disappoint, with three runners finishing in the top 10. Just as they hoped, the women beat conference rival South Alabama.

Senior Julia Ostendorf came in sixth place overall with an average mile time of 5:58.5. A slight two seconds behind, junior Mikayla Hodges finished seventh. Junior Samantha Smith ran a new personal record in the 6K, averaging 6:08.4 per mile and coming in six seconds shy of 23 minutes.

The next Trojan runner to complete the race was sophomore Sarah Zylstra, just nine seconds later, taking 11th place. One minute later, sophomore Keaton Wallace set another personal record, with an average mile time of 6:27.3.

The Trojans compete again on Saturday, Sept. 19, at the Mountain Dew Invitational hosted by the University of Florida in Gainesville.

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