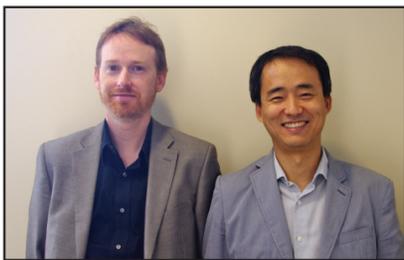


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Troy grieves Doug Hawkins' death

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"A larger than life character" is how many people described Dr. Robert Douglas "Doug" Hawkins, a Troy University Board of Trustees member.

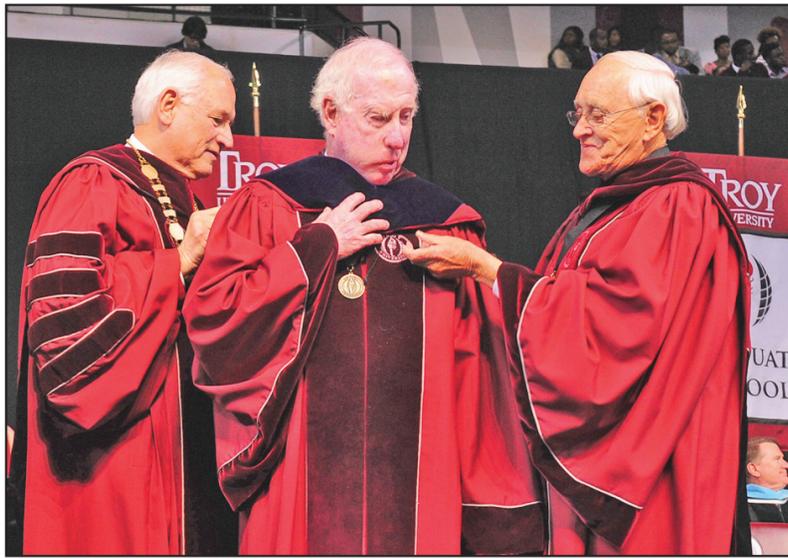
Hawkins passed away on Saturday, Sept. 5, in Montgomery, due to complications following open-heart surgery. He was 80.

"He was just full of passion and excitement and energy," said Morgan Drinkard, Hawkins' granddaughter-in-law and lecturer of journalism and communication at Troy. "He was just always on to something."

According to a press release from University Relations, Hawkins was appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1980, serving as president pro tempore from 1995 until 2011. He was a charter member of the Troy Jaycees and a Rotarian for almost 55 years.

Hawkins was also a member of First Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon. Hawkins also founded the Gamma Gamma chapter of Pi Kappa Phi at Troy University and was named Greek Man of the Year in 1969 and Honorary Alumnus of the Year in 1996. He served as an adviser to the fraternity for 25 years.

Mike Haney, a senior sport and fitness



Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. (left) and Gerald Dial, president pro tem on the university's board of trustees (right), conferred an honorary doctor of laws degree on Dr. Doug Hawkins at the Fall 2014 commencement.

management major from LaPorte, Indiana, and president of the Pi Kappa Phi chapter at Troy, said it was a blessing that Hawkins was such an integral part of the organization.

"For me personally it was hard to attend the funeral on Monday afternoon, knowing that Pi Kappa Phi lost a great brother," he said. "I was honored to be in attendance, to witness our alumni be the

pallbearers at the funeral. It just showed me how much this place meant to him."

In addition to his contribution in setting up the Greek system, Hawkins also helped move Troy athletics to NCAA Division I and advocated for the expansion of the international programs.

Jack Hawkins Jr., chancellor of Troy University, praised Doug Hawkins for his Trojan pride and support. Doug Hawkins

played a significant role in bringing Jack Hawkins to Troy as the chancellor.

"We stand on the shoulders of giants at Troy and foremost among these giants was Dr. Doug Hawkins," Chancellor Hawkins said. "With his passing we have lost one of the best friends and most loyal supporters a university could have."

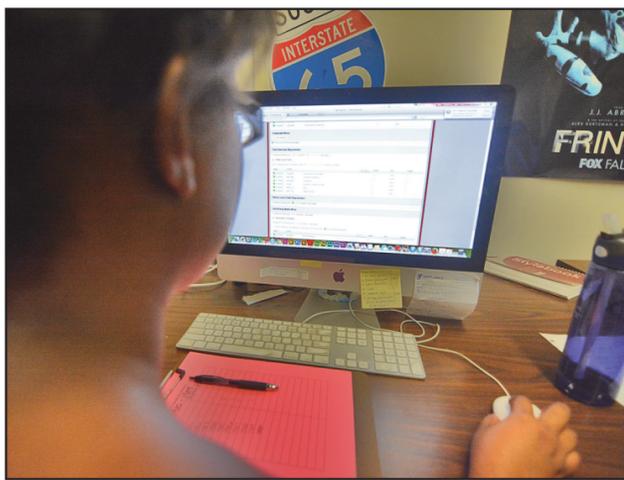
"On a personal level, I have lost a valued colleague and friend. His support on the Board of Trustees was invaluable, and I always knew where I stood with Dr. Doug. He was a true Trojan."

In 2013, Hawkins wrote "Turning Points," a history of Troy University. The tower at Veterans Memorial Stadium that houses the press box, the suites and the athletic training facilities bears his name. Hawkins also practiced veterinary medicine in Troy for 55 years.

"I just think he will be greatly missed by a variety of people," Drinkard said. "He has the whole group of people who know him through his veterinarian services and his love for animals."

"That's a completely different crowd than his love for the church, and then there is the love for the Troy community, the city and then there is the love for the university. So all of those different groups of people have truly lost an incredible advocate in all those areas."

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April Irvin photo

Arneisha Robinson, a senior multimedia journalism major from Crestview, Florida, using the new Student Planning tool to look at her program evaluation.

New way to map degree progress

Lilly Casolaro
Staff Writer

Troy University has introduced the Student Planning tool, a program that keeps track of course requirements and eases academic evaluations.

The Troy University records and information technology departments have partnered on a yearlong project to produce a planning tool allowing students to electronically map their degree and plan their future course of study.

This resource provides students and advisers an un-

official online evaluation of progress based on a student's major and minor.

Students can access this application by logging onto Trojan Web Express, locating the financial aid tab and clicking on 'make and view payments.'

Within this section, there is a second tab titled Student Planning, where students are able to view their current schedules and monitor their progress based on a timeline that anticipates graduation.

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Latino-American history to be celebrated on campus

Franchesca Perez
Staff Writer

The Troy University Libraries have been chosen as a recipient for the \$3,000 "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History" grant.

The grant is being awarded through the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

As one of the 203 recipients of the endowment, Troy will be using the grant to hold events such as book discussions and movie screenings that are free to the public, which explore and promote Latino-American history and culture on the Troy, Montgomery and Dothan campuses.

In addition, the Troy Libraries will receive and showcase a six-part documentary entitled "Latino Americans."

The documentary covers the history of Latinos in the United States from the 16th century to present day.

Christopher Shaffer, dean of Troy University Libraries, said that he believes that this grant will allow people to be introduced to a culture that is diverse, rich in history, and looking for their own American dream.

"The United States' population is rapidly diversifying, and so is our economy," Shaffer said. "To be prepared for a future in today's workforce, it is



Contributed photo

As a part of the celebration series, author Lila Quintero will be discussing her book "Darkroom: Memoir in Black & White," on Sept. 17 at 11 a.m. in the library.

important that our students gain as much understanding of other cultures as possible."

Coale Jordan, a junior history major from Brewton, said he is excited to see Troy taking an active role in teaching history.

"It's important to know where people and cultures started and how they have developed over time," Jordan said.

Josh Bailey, a senior English and history double major from Cullman, stressed the importance of studying cultures.

"Studying other cultures' history can help us understand ours," Bailey said. "Also, with the growing Latin population

in the U.S., understanding their history can help to build more comfortable relationships as our cultures blend."

Another group of Troy University students who expressed excitement concerning the grant is students with Latino-American backgrounds.

Nathaniel Rodriguez, a sophomore broadcast journalism major from Comerio, Puerto Rico, stressed the importance for students to be exposed to Latino history and culture.

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SGA welcomes new senators



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Newly elected senators were inducted into the SGA on Tuesday night.

Priyanka Sharma
Staff Writer

Thirteen new senators were sworn into their positions at the Student Government Association's meeting on Tuesday night. SGA President Heath Barton, a senior global business major from Opp, welcomed the new senators, saying that new inductees will make SGA feel whole after feeling incomplete in its first few meetings.

"To get the new senators is one of my favorite things and one of the neatest things is to have them come in and get plugged in right away," he said. "They are just jumping in, and they already have responsibilities for this Saturday."

"My biggest thing to tell them is just don't get overwhelmed," Barton said. "If I can tell them one thing, it is to take pride on what you are about to get involved with, and don't get stressed out."

SGA is also preparing for the pep rally this Thursday, which will be themed "Sink the Bucs." All students and organizations on campus are encouraged to come and show their support for the football team, which plays the Charleston Southern Buccaneers on Saturday.

"We want full attendance from

everyone, all the organizations on campus, involvement from all students because that's one way for students to go and show their pride," Barton said.

SGA's academic life committee is having a meeting with the library administration this week to talk about hours and services.

"We are gonna talk about Starbucks, the plugs in library not working and the library hours," said Farrah Gaston, a junior biomedical sciences major from Camden and academic life chair of SGA.

"We might not get 24 hours, but we might extend the hours to 1 or 2 a.m.," Gaston said. "During finals, we will try to get 24 hours, but if they are unwilling, then maybe we could get Trojan Center open 24 hours and put tables and chairs there."

Campus group Troy University Human vs. Zombies was officially approved at Tuesday's meeting. The club has been conducting the "Humans Vs. Zombies" game on campus for the past five years.

"It was about time for us to get legitimate in the eye of the university," said Andrew Goble, a senior music education major from Jay, Florida, and game head for the organization. "We can expand the opportunities that we give to the students."

Troy Mortar Board chapter gets a national recognition

Madina Seytmuradova
Contributor

Troy's Spires chapter of Mortar Board earned the Gold Torch Award, a recognition conferred on the most exceptional chapters of the organization, at the annual national conference this past summer.

Mortar Board is an honor society that recognizes college seniors for achievement in scholarship, leadership and service. The Troy chapter of Mortar Board, Spires, currently has 47 members.

"We did receive silver in 2008-2009, but this is the first time we're honored with gold," said Alina Penjiyeva, admissions counselor and the adviser for Troy's Mortar Board chapter.

Troy received the recognition along with 35 other schools nationwide.

"We are one of the smaller schools to be recognized," said Mary Whitfield, a senior exercise science major from

Eufaula and the president of Troy's Mortar Board chapter.

According to Whitfield, the chapter is very proud to earn this distinction, which is presented to the most active chapters nationally.

Last year, the Spires hosted fundraisers at Milky Moo's and Chick-fil-A, sold flowers at graduation ceremonies and also gave away book scholarships.

More than half of the proceeds from the fundraisers went to the maintenance of the chapter, and the other half went to the Boys and Girls Club.

"Gold Torch chapters add considerably to Mortar Board's standing," said Mortar Board's executive director Jane Hamblin in a press release. "We are proud that they are providing high-impact educational programs for their campus communities. That's what Mortar Board is all about."

Mortar Board was founded in 1918 with chapters at four institutions. In 2013, it had

175 active collegiate chapters, according to its annual report.

Penjiyeva said that members can utilize Mortar Board for networking purposes.

"We have a strong network of excellent students throughout the United States and the world," she said. "We are an international society as well, so when you become a part of it, you're open to a network of so many students or so many alumni members."

"Even when you add it (a Mortar Board membership) to your LinkedIn profile, it allows you to connect to so many people from across the globe, and it obviously helps you professionally. It helps you with your résumé and just opens up a lot more opportunities."

The annual national conference featuring the Gold Torch Award was held in Phoenix, Arizona. While the Spires members didn't attend the 2015 conference, they intend to attend next year's conference in Atlanta.



Hannah Crews photo

Barbara Patterson, director of student involvement, with SGA President Heath Barton at Tuesday night's meeting.

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Ryan Cole, a senior political science major from Athens, met Hawkins at a board of trustees meeting his sophomore year and recalled Hawkins' congeniality.

"He went out of his way to get to know me on a personal level," Cole said. "He was really nice to me. He asked me where I was from, what I was majoring in, things of that nature."

"And then I saw him a couple of weeks after that at another alumni event. And he remembered my name and shook my hand. He always went out of his way to talk to me, to really extend friendship and just an open hand."

State Sen. Gerald Dial, who succeeded Doug Hawkins as president pro tempore on the board of trustees, praised Hawkins as a valuable colleague.

"Dr. Doug was the longest-serving trustee in the history of our board, and his influence was felt in all areas of the university," Dial said. "No one loved Troy University more than Dr. Doug Hawkins. His passing leaves a huge leadership void on our board."

The Sound of the South will perform a tribute for Hawkins before the football game on Saturday.

The Troy community mourns his passing but also remembers his contribution and one-of-a-kind personality, as expressed by this quote from his book, "Turning Point":

"If you are in a pace of leadership and you don't have a few black eyes along — you are dodging too many issues."

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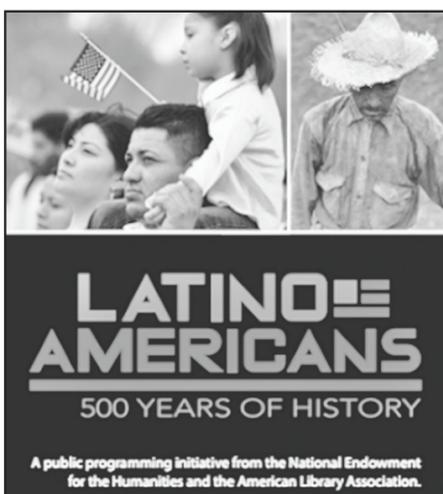
"We have had our own struggles for equal treatment and the fulfillment of the American dream," Rodriguez said.

Kevin Portillo, a sophomore global business major from Puebla, Mexico, said that he believes studying Latino-American history could help to eliminate stereotypical, pre-conceived notions of Latino-American people.

"There are such rich cultures full of incredible traditions throughout Latino America," Portillo said. "And being able to experience a small portion of that could open up the interest of many people to go and travel to these places and witness it firsthand."

The first event to be held on the Troy campus will be Sept. 15 at 4 p.m., in 105 Patterson Hall. There will be a screening of the film "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History: War and Peace."

Authors Lila Quintero and Tiffany Sippial will also be holding discussions on their respec-



American Library Association photo
tive books: "Darkroom: Memoir in Black & White," and "Prostitution, Modernity, and the Making of the Cuban Republic, 1840-1920," as a part of the series throughout the month of September.

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This tool is available to all Troy students who have an active Troy plan; parents are not able to view their child's progress without Trojan Web Express login.

Maggie Uphaus, student academic systems coordinator for the records department, said that both records and IT have put much time and planning into this new feature to ensure its efficiency.

"Many long hours have gone into programming and learning all the different features available within this new module," Uphaus said.

"Getting the word out and training faculty and students on the different features of Student Planning has been a task in itself."

One benefit of Student Planning, according to Uphaus, is the color-coded feature as well as the ability to access all course resources in one location.

"The color-coded, unofficial evaluation is much easier to read than previous versions," she said. "Students have the

ability to plan future semesters and/or terms for more simple and efficient registration by searching, viewing and registering for courses all from the same screen."

Michael Pierce, a junior nursing major from Dozier, worked alongside Uphaus and Vickie Miles, university registrar, by offering a student perspective.

"As a student, I have a firsthand understanding of what our students want and need," he said. "This motivated me to help make the Student Planning tool as universal and as beneficial as possible."

According to Pierce, students are encouraged by the organization and versatility that the new tool provides.

"We are excited to use the Student Planning tool to help make our college experience more organized," Pierce said. "The compactness of the tool allows students to access all their academic information in one place."

The records and IT departments encourage students seeking further information or assistance to visit www.troy.edu/records for a tutorial or submit a Helpdesk ticket.

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Spanish films to be shown at university to expand worldviews

Sarah Blain
Contributor

Spanish Film Festival Fall 2015

 <p>September 10th <i>Un Cuento Chino</i> (Chinese Take-Away) Presented by Dr. Kelly Suero</p>	<p>September 17th <i>7 Cajas</i> (7 Boxes) Presented by Lisa Vardaman</p> 	
 <p>September 24th <i>Aqui y Alla</i> (Here and There) Presented by Rachel Fournier</p>	<p>October 1st <i>Malacrianza</i> (The Crow's Nest) Presented by Dr. Johanna Alberich</p> 	<p>October 8th <i>El Facilitador</i> (The Facilitator) Presented by Rachel Fournier</p> 

**All movies begin @ 4pm
in Patterson 103**

Troy University's library staff and Pragda Film Company, a film distribution company, have teamed up to bring the Spanish Film Festival to Troy.

The film festival started last semester when the library was accepted for a grant to screen films that demonstrated Spanish history. This year, the library received another grant due to the festival's success.

From addition to a cow falling from the sky, the movies selected for this semester are key examples of what Spanish films can bring.

"All of this is possible through the library," said Rachel Fournier, a Spanish lecturer for Troy University. The Wallace Hall library, with the help of Lisa Vardaman, the education and instructional media librarian, sent an application to Pragda, and was accepted for a grant to show the movies.

Along with each movie, different professors in the Spanish department, who each picked a film, will provide a slideshow and discuss the subject, directors, awards and reviews of the movie.

The main goal for the film festival is to show another world.

"We don't want to just encourage people to learn Spanish, but we want to promote the Spanish-speaking world," Fournier said.

For some students, these films will also tie in with classes that Johanna Alberich, an assistant professor of Spanish, teaches on Troy's main campus.

"(Students) can see something they don't usually see," Alberich said.

Fournier said that the Spanish Film Festival is not just for Spanish students.

"It doesn't matter what your major is or what you are planning on doing in the future," she said. "It is something that will be useful when you are able to communicate with others."

The first movie shown this semester, "Un Cuento Chino" or "Chinese Take-Away," will be shown on Sept. 10. It is cataloged as a comedy.

The screenings of these films are open to the public. The movies will be shown in Patterson Hall on the dates listed at 4 p.m. in room 103. There will be English subtitles accompanying the films.

Galas to read 'The Pillowman'

Play depicts themes that range from dark horror to comedy

Lacey Alexander
Staff Writer

John Galas, who is joining the theater and dance staff this year as a Guest Artist in Residency, is currently in the process of directing theater students in a series of readings of full-length and one-act plays.

These rehearsed "readings" consist of actors reading and acting out the script with no set or costumes applied.

"It weaves truly dark, horrific themes with amazing comedy"
— John Galas

The series, titled the "Lab Reading Series," kicked off with a reading of "Twelve Angry Men" by Reginald Rose on Aug. 31. So far, two more readings are scheduled for this semester.

The next reading will be of "The Pillowman," a piece about police interrogating a short-story writer concern-

ing his horrifying short-stories.

"When I chose plays for the 'Lab Reading Series,' I wanted to choose plays that were well-crafted and entertaining when the staging was taken away," Galas said. "'Pillowman' accomplishes this splendidly and was actually the first play I chose."

Written in the 1990s and premiering in 2003, "The Pillowman" is written by Martin McDonagh, an Irish playwright, whose writing credits include the Academy Award-winning film "In Bruges."

"The Pillowman" deals with heavy themes such as child murder, but Galas insists that there is comedy in the show as well.

"It weaves truly dark, horrific themes with amazing comedy, and the writing is brilliant," Galas said. "If you want to laugh hysterically one second and be truly horrified the next, come see 'The Pillowman.'"

Galas, originally from Granby, Connecticut, said he holds the play in high regard.

"It's one of my favorites," Galas said. "I first read this play back when I was in college and have seen two productions of it, and every time I read it or see it, I love it more."

"'Pillowman' appeals to me because it is both a challenge for me as a director as well as the actors. It combines comedy and horror effortlessly."

Galas also said that directing is fairly new to him.

"I have been a professional actor for seven years, but have only begun directing relatively recently," Galas said. "Acting was my main focus, but directing had always interested me in terms of shaping the vision of an entire show."

"When I got to Troy, I had the opportunity and jumped at the chance."



Photo contributed by John Galas
Galas picked "The Pillowman" to read because he finds it to be a challenge, due to the contrasting themes. He is also a new director, which adds to the difficulties that the play presents.

"The Pillowman" will showcase four Troy University Theatre and Dance students and will be presented in the Blackbox Theatre in upstairs Malone Hall at 7 p.m. this Sunday.

The last reading set for the series will be "Beyond Therapy" by Christopher Durang, which is expected to be performed later this semester.

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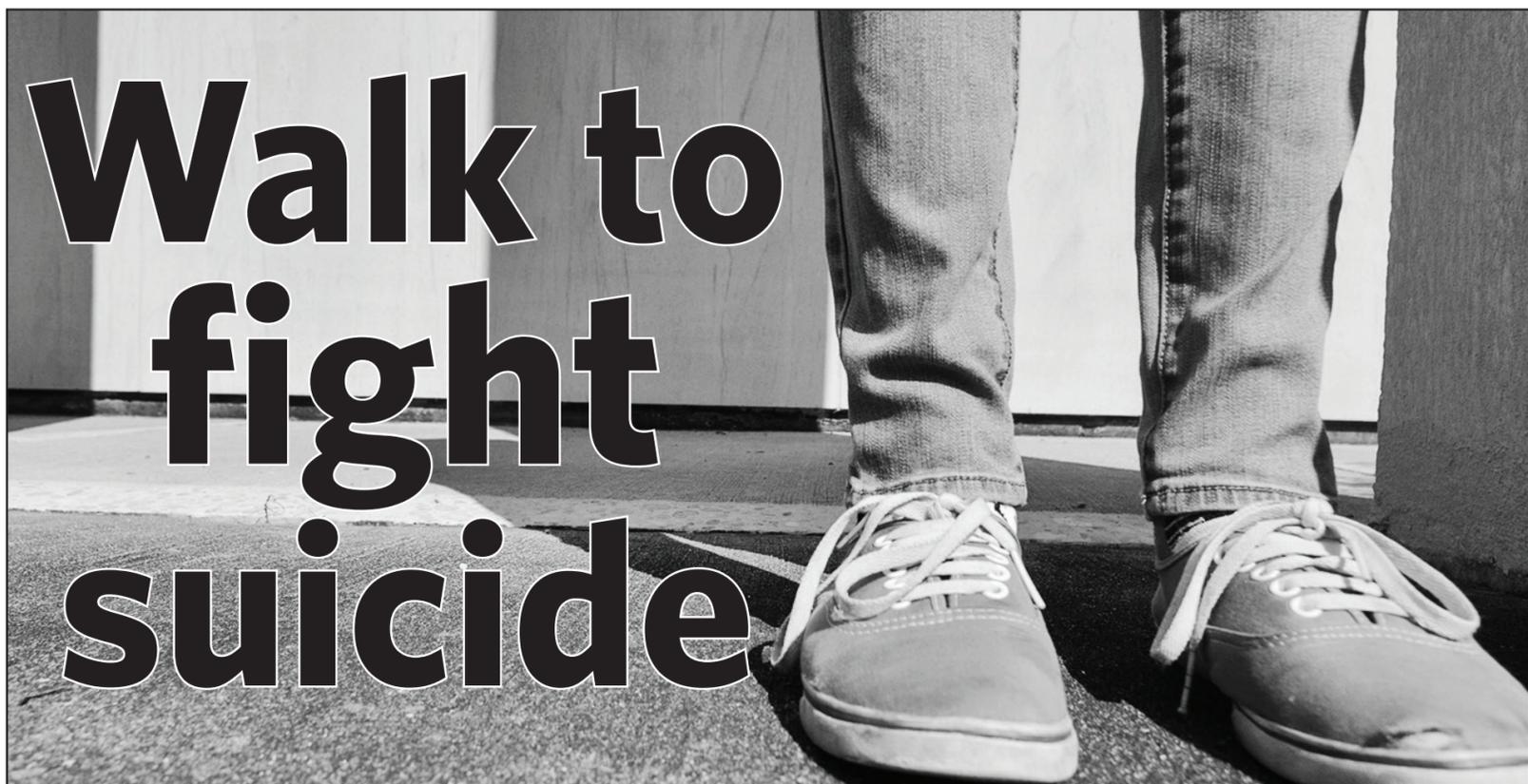
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Events take place on Troy campus in recognition of National Suicide Prevention Month

Tori Roper
Staff Writer

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP), there were over 40,000 deaths from suicide in 2013, making suicide the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S.

Troy Regional Medical Center is holding an Out of the Darkness Community Walk at Troy University in honor of Suicide Prevention Month.

The Out of Darkness Walks occur across the country each year, according to the AFSP website.

This is the first year for the walk in Troy, but Amy Minor, the event coordinator, said that she plans to make it an annual event.

Although the fundraising goal for this year was set at \$5,000, Minor said the hospital has already raised over \$10,000.

The money is being raised through donations. Minor said the donation process is like that of Relay for Life, with some small donations alongside corporate donations.

"This has already been bigger than we ever anticipated," Minor said. "Our first priority was never just to fundraise. Our focus is on increasing awareness and helping those who have lost a loved one to suicide with their grief."

"Fifty percent of the donations will go nationally to the AFSP," Minor said. "The other 50 percent will stay in the state of Alabama. We are working on a formal proposal to keep the Troy funds

in Pike County."

Minor said she is confident that the request will be granted.

"We are hoping to make a direct impact in Pike County," Minor said. "This is a growing problem, and we want to do all we can to prevent it."

"Sixteen teams have registered so far and many more individuals,"

"Students sometimes lack the healthy coping skills and support system to deal with the many ... challenges they face in college today."

—Fran Scheel

Minor said. "Participants can register online or on the day of the event."

Darunda Wilkins, a junior business management major from Montgomery and the SGA representative in charge of the event, said that everyone is welcome at the event and encourages students to attend.

"It shows the community that we are supporting them in the fight on mental health," Wilkins said.

Honor beads will be handed out at registration to show a "personal connection to the cause," Minor said.

Each color will correspond to a cause, with white beads representing the loss of a child and blue beads representing supporting suicide prevention.

Local musicians, including Lenny Trawick, Shelia Jackson and Cassidy Oswald, will perform during the walk.

There will also be a live butterfly release following the walk that Minor said is "a symbol of life and hope."

Troy University's Student Counseling Center is also participating in the prevention month with Trojan Outreach.

According to a campus-wide email that was sent out on Tuesday, the two groups are spending this week focusing on "ideas, information, and strategies for how to deal with life in healthy, positive ways."

The week will include encouraging students to do "random acts of kindness" and use the hashtag #RAKTrojans on social media to share them.

Trojan Outreach is also hosting an educational lunch for Troy's faculty and staff today to better prepare the staff for dealing with these issues with students.

According to the press release, during the lunch, attendees will "learn the signs of depression, campus resources, and have the opportunity for discussion."

Fran Scheel, the coordinator of the Student Counseling Center, said that untreated depression is the main cause of suicide.

"It may feel a little uncomfortable to ask a friend or roommate if they are depressed," Scheel said. "However, it is appropriate to express your concerns to your friend or roommate in a non-judgmental way and offer your support."

"Reaching out to a person who you suspect may be depressed or suicidal can motivate them to seek help and potentially even save their life."

"Students can encourage their friend to consider counseling for help with their depression," Scheel said. "Troy University Student Counseling Center offers free, confidential counseling."

According to Scheel, there is a growing trend related to college students struggling with depression nationwide. She believes that Troy University students are experiencing depression consistent with the national trends.

"Students sometimes lack the

healthy coping skills and support system to deal with the many social, academic and financial challenges they face in college today," she said. "Stress can trigger symptoms of situational depression."

"Early diagnosis and treatment of depression is key," Scheel said. "Treatment can relieve depression symptoms, prevent depression from recurring, and help students

succeed in college and beyond."

Registration for the Out of Darkness Walk is free and begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13, while the walk is 3-5 p.m. at the track on Troy campus.

Students suffering from depressions or experiencing other issues can make an appointment at the Student Counseling Center at (334) 670-3700.

Risk Factors for Suicide

While untreated depression is the main cause of suicide, there are typically multiple risk factors also involved:

- Death of a loved one
- Divorce
- Separation or end of a relationship
- Significant loss or disappointment (failing college, job loss, money problems)
- Alcohol and/or drug use
- Low self-esteem
- Bullying
- History of physical, emotional or sexual abuse

Symptoms of Depression

Depression is more intense and persistent than sadness, affecting one's daily functioning and quality of life. Symptoms to look for in those close to you and yourself include:

- Feelings of hopelessness, helplessness or worthlessness
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Source: Fran Scheel, coordinator of the Student Counseling Center

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Jay Valentine (left) and Joungbin Lim (right), new philosophy professors, gather in Valentine's office. Troy University has recently started a minor program in philosophy.

Student excited for new program

Alyse Nelson
Features Editor

While the philosophy minor is new, at least one student is excited to become a part of the fledgling program.

Xavia Alloway, who also goes by Bree, is a senior political science major from Troy.

"I took a class with Dr. (Clifford) Lee, and I would talk to him after class," she said. "He told me about the minor."

Since taking that first class in ethics, Alloway has decided to make philosophy her minor. She said her current goals are to pursue a master's degree in



Xavia Alloway

"It gives you a broader knowledge than what you're raised in." —Xavia Alloway

international relations and then a doctorate in philosophy. "It helps you see things in a different way," she said. "And it gives you a broader knowledge than what you're raised in."

Alloway said that she felt a philosophy minor would go well with most majors, but she felt that it goes especially well with a science major to achieve "a balance" in learning. She said that while many science classes are memorizing facts, philosophy opens a discussion.

Though she is not sure of the career she wishes to pursue, Alloway said that one of the options she is considering is a role within the United Nations. She feels that philosophy could help her understand different cultures.

"Even traveling is not as good of exposure as taking a philosophy class," she said.

Philosophy now offered as a minor

Alyse Nelson
Features Editor

Two new assistant professors were hired for the history and philosophy department to take on the philosophy minor now open for students.

"The chair of the department recognized that most other universities of our caliber have a philosophy program and that there was student interest here at Troy—thus, he set out to establish the new minor," said Jay Valentine, one of the new professors.

Currently, 11 classes are listed as being offered within the philosophy department, including a guided independent study.

Valentine said that both he and Joungbin Lim, the other new professor, are going to be submitting ideas for new classes, such as some focusing on the philosophies of life and death.

"We intend to make new classes to appeal to students looking to fulfill their general studies requirements," he said.

Lim said that these should be offered during the next academic year.

The philosophy minor includes six hours chosen from the lower-level philosophy courses, six hours chosen from

certain anthropology, history and classics courses, and the remaining six hours chosen from upper-level philosophy courses.

"It's brand new," Lim said. "It is also fundamental to university life."

Valentine cites the early universities run by Plato and Aristotle, both famous thinkers and philosophers.

"I believe that philosophy should be the foundation of curriculum," Lim said. "You can find philosophy in everything."

"I see the other disciplines as children of philosophy," Valentine said.

Both professors had reasons as to why students should be interested.

"The idea is that philosophy rounds you out as a person," Valentine said.

"When we are presented with arguments, usually we're very uncritical," he said. "Your tendency is to accept it if you already agree with its conclusion."

Philosophy lets you take a step back and examine it." He noted Bloom's Taxonomy, which is six levels of

educational cognitive understanding, as defined by psychologist Benjamin Bloom.

"Education is normally the lower three, while philosophy is the upper three," he said.

"I have always believed you could have a better understanding of diverse thinking . . . it would help you live a good life," Lim said. "You should always know what other people believe and think."

Lim also mentioned the practicality of philosophy.

"If you study philosophy, you can improve and sharpen your critical thinking skills," he said. "(Students) need to think critically, analytically and rationally."

Valentine became interested in philosophy at college.

"My first philosophy course was the first time that I truly wanted to say something in a college class," he said.

He then earned a master's degree at Naropa University, a "Buddhist college in the States," as he described it, and a doctorate from the University of Virginia.

Lim grew up in South Korea, and during his time there philosophy was a required class in order to earn a high school degree.

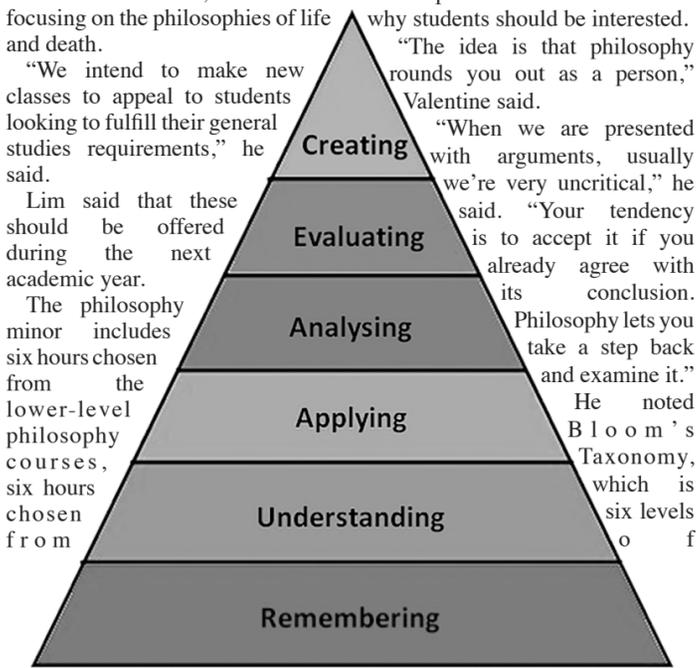
"That captured my mind," he said.

At the graduate level, he came to the United States to study religion and philosophy, receiving a master's in each and then earning his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Virginia.

Valentine and Lim said that students in all majors could benefit from choosing a philosophy minor.

"I think all humanities and liberal arts majors can be beautifully compatible with philosophy," Lim said.

"(Students) need to think critically, analytically and rationally."
—Joungbin Lim



Samantha Bankester graphic

Jay Valentine, assistant professor in the history and philosophy department, referenced Bloom's Taxonomy, pictured above, to show that while most learning occurs at the bottom three levels, philosophy engages the upper three.

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Dear Trop,
Every weekend I find myself burning a tank of gas to drive to my hometown or spending more money getting somewhere like the beach or civilization. My bank account is going to dry up before I find an activity that meets the criteria of fun and local.
-Wanted: Entertainment

Dear Wanted,
While Troy's steady enrollment increase may not be because of a bustling metropolis setting, there are ways to find things to do.
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to a local business with open Internet, like Village Coffee for some caffeine, and get your work done.
As for weekend trips, check out websites like TripAdvisor for attractions in local cities. You might discover things you had no idea existed: touring the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens, attending the Southern

Broadway Dinner Theater in Enterprise, or having a homey dinner at the Mossy Grove School House Restaurant here in Troy.

A lot of students, after seeing the lack of skyscrapers (or even a parking deck), are tempted to make Troy a "suitcase school." That is, they go home most weekends, packing suitcases every chance they get in order to leave.

This creates a cycle, though, where nothing happens on the weekend because no one is here and then no one is here because nothing happens.

So invite your friends to stay this weekend and find something fun to do! It's not too hard!
Cheers, Trop

Sudoku

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Football players: the gladiators of our time

Jane Morrell
Opinion Editor

“Panem et circenses.”

We have all seen those Gatorade commercials in which a talented — or currently trending — football player is getting ready to walk on the field. He is sweating. His head is in his hands. There are a lot of deep breathing sounds and stock footage of past plays in other games.

It is meant to look epic and proud, and give the audience a sense of awe. It always ends with the player(s) chugging down some Gatorade products.

I grew up in Auburn, so football and the ever-exhausting hype that surrounds the game are nothing new to me. I have to admit that, even though I am not the biggest football fan, these commercials always catch my eye and draw me into this intense game.

However, after watching players guzzle down bottles of Gatorade, an age-old saying always plays like an old record in the back of my mind: “panem et circenses,” or as many know it, “bread and circuses.”

We can credit this saying to the Roman satirical poet Juvenal, who described a strategy that used various pleasures, such as chariot races, theater performances, displays of foreign animals and, most notably, the Roman gladiators, to entertain the populace and to allow emperors to have strong control over society.

It was basically a practice used to distract society from a number of issues like politics, war, etc.

What does this have to do with football? Well, in a sense, aren't football players like the gladiators of ancient times?

There was a time in history when Roman gladiators were the gods of the entertainment world.

Prisoners, traitors, Jews, Christians and so many others would be tossed into the arena, filled with screaming people all cheering for their favorite champion to slay the opponents.

Granted, no football player gets murdered while on the field, but the game still appeals to the basic instinct of our need to see violence. When I hear the impact of helmet meeting helmet — that awful smacking

sound — I shudder.

Men from across our nation practice and practice in hope of gaining scholarships to these universities, like Auburn University, that focus so much attention — not all, but a significant amount — on football for a chance to play a game and to learn how to make it into a profession.

Those who gain these opportunities are treated to the best of just about everything — at least that is what I have seen in Auburn.

We have all heard the controversial argument of whether these players take any valuable classes aside from athletics or learn anything to make a useful profession out of besides football.

Cam Newton, after graduating from Auburn — and not to mention, he transferred from Florida — had to go back to Auburn University to finish his degree. Four years of college, and he had to go back? What on earth did he do the entire time?

Don't get me wrong, I think Newton is a great player, and he seems to be a reasonable gentleman, but I am just amazed to think of what he did during his spare time besides football.

Let us not forget that Newton was picked as the quarterback for the Carolina Panthers — but there are some good players who will never get that opportunity.

To those who love to play football, this is a life-or-death sport. It was literally life or death for the gladiators.

We treat them like celebrities, we pamper them and we throw them out into the arena to battle it out.

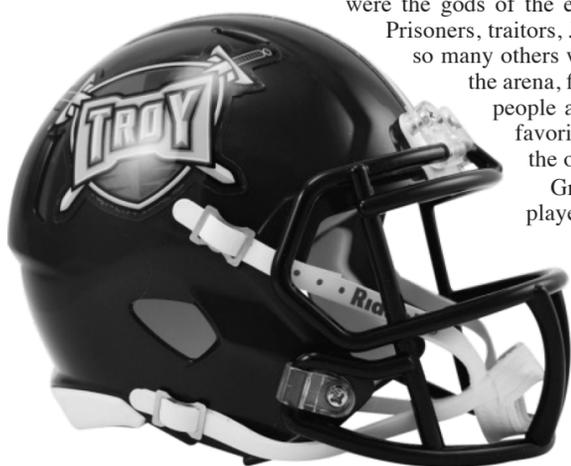
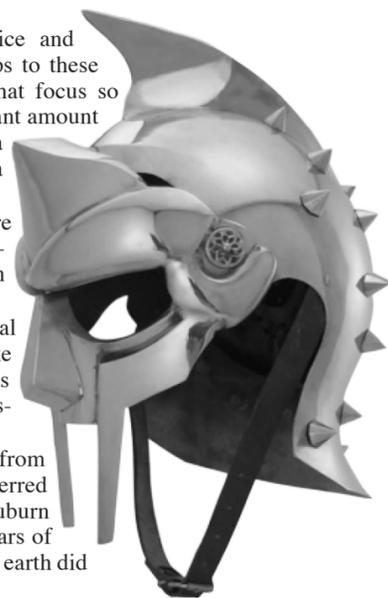
I have a description for all who read this, and I want you to think about it:

“Twelve begin the second season. Twelve tribes converge. Twelve plead. Twelve hang on every word. Twelve prime themselves for the struggle. Twelve take the field. Twelve become eight. Eight collide. Eight pay the toll. Eight perform something selfish, relentless, beautiful.

“But eight become four. Four catch their breath. Four clear their heads. Four pick up the pieces. Four recover. Four try to do better, play harder. But four become two. Two will emerge. Two will clash. Two will battle. While two show us the heart the hustle and soul of the game — one will be remembered.”

This was the 2010 Gatorade Super Bowl commercial, but if read in a different context, couldn't this be a glimpse into the mind of what it was like to be a Roman gladiator?

“Panem et circenses” — let that play in your mind this Saturday.



Samantha Bankester graphics

Are Trojan Dining, Center too crowded?

Larry Willis
Staff Writer

Overcrowding in Trojan Center and the Trojan Dining Hall has become an issue for some students on campus. Mindy Jones, a sophomore computer science major from Sylacauga, said the food court area in the Trojan Center is usually crowded in the morning.

“From around 9 a.m. until noon, it's nearly impossible to get food in the TC,” she said.

Jones said the first few weeks in the Trojan Center and the dining hall are usually hectic.

Jeremy Hilson, a junior broadcast journalism major from Birmingham, said he believes the Trojan Center and the dining hall are always busy because they are popular places to eat on campus.

“The increase of enrollment has definitely contributed to those places,” Hilson said.

Hilson said he believes the dining hall staff and Trojan Center employees prepare and serve food in a timely manner, and he encourages students to eat there before noon and in the afternoon in order to avoid a long wait.

Sitting beside strangers in Trojan Center or the dining hall due to overcrowding can be an awkward situation, but some students see it as an opportunity to branch out and meet new people.

I believe the university is working hard to

ensure that every student is served in a timely manner.

Ben Strong, a senior music education major from Sylacauga, said he sees the idea of having to sit beside strangers in Trojan Center or in the dining hall as a terrific opportunity to meet fellow students.

Sabin Magar, a freshman communication major from Kathmandu, Nepal, also believes the overcrowding in Trojan Center and the dining hall provides students with opportunities to meet new people.

“It's a great place to meet new faces rather than to just sit next to them and having nothing to say,” Magar said.

Nathaniel Dennis, a junior business major from Atmore, does not believe that the Trojan Center is overcrowded.

“The lines can be long at times, but I feel that the staff does their best at trying to keep the lines down,” Dennis said. “I think they do a pretty good job, considering that they are preparing the food at the same time.”

I personally believe the overcrowded areas in Trojan Center's food court area and the dining hall are a result of the increase in enrollment, which is due to the new residence hall that was recently opened.

However, I believe hiring more workers in those specific areas may be beneficial to the employees working there and the Troy University students who eat there.



Seth Nicholson

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Trojans' win streak snapped Cross country teams place high in Oxford

Scott McLendon
Staff Writer

The Troy soccer team found mixed results in last weekend's Jaguar Classic in Mobile, posting a 4-0 victory against Austin Peay and a 0-1 loss to South Florida.

Senior forward Chelsey Williams from Panama City, Florida, broke a personal record by scoring a hat trick in the opener for the Trojans (5-2, 0-0 Sun Belt).

Williams' first goal of the day came in the second minute of the match against the Governors (1-4, 0-0 Ohio Valley), when she scored off a cross from freshman forward Brooke McKee.

"I'm extremely happy with how we came out and played," said second-year head coach Jason Hamilton. "We scored two goals in the first 10 minutes. We made some changes and adjustments in our lineups and moved some players around that we thought would help us offensively as well as defensively."

Williams doubled the Trojans' lead in the 10th minute, again assisted by McKee. The match was McKee's first career match with multiple assists.

Senior forward Kristen Rendall added a goal of her own in the 38th minute with a shot from 35 yards that made the score 3-0.

Williams' hat trick was completed in the 59th minute on a breakaway goal that slipped by the goalkeeper.

"Playing up top allowed more opportunities to score, and the goals just came," said Williams. "We started well, which gave us momentum throughout the game. If we can take that into every game, I think it will help us get better and move forward."

Sophomore goalkeeper Mikki Lewis was active as well, with eight saves. The shutout marked the third in a row for Lewis and the Trojan defense.



April Irvin photo

Freshman defender Marli Batiste clears the ball upfield during the Jaguar Classic in Mobile this past weekend. The Trojans defeated Austin Peay 4-0 but fell to South Florida 0-1.

The weekend's second game ended in a 0-1 defeat for the Trojans at the hands of the Bulls (5-0, 0-0 American Athletic). The lone goal of the game came on an 84th-minute strike from senior midfielder Olivia Chance.

The Trojans posted 12 shots to South Florida's 11. The South Florida side was also beaten in terms of shots on goal.

Four of senior midfielder Alissa Jones' five shots were on target, making her the most accurate Trojan in the game.

"This was a very difficult team to play against; they could easily be a top 25 team," Jason Hamilton said. "We battled and matched them athletically and physically, and it just

came down to execution. We had some very good looks at goal, but we just weren't composed enough to put the ball in the back of the net. That's the difference in winning and losing the game."

The Trojans were close to grabbing a lead before the halftime whistle blew.

Senior Chelsey Williams saw her penalty shot blocked by the South Florida keeper in the 30th minute. Williams' follow-up shot flew over the crossbar.

Play resumes for the Trojans on Friday, Sept. 18. The matchup is against Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tennessee, with kickoff set for 4 p.m.

Taylor Boydston
Staff Writer

The Troy cross country team competed at its first meet on Sept. 4 in Oxford, Alabama, at the Jacksonville State University Struts Season Opener. With 18 programs represented and over 300 runners competing, the Trojans held their own, placing third in men's and fifth in women's.

"For the men, it was encouraging to see a few of our freshmen compete well and execute a race plan," said head coach Elliott Blount. "We need to see more of that across the board as the season progresses."

Based on the men's results, the underclassmen led the team. Freshman Brennan Garriques finished first of his team with a time of 15:46.50 in their 5K race, followed by two other freshmen, Brad Dixon and Kyle Norris, who finished with times of 15:53.62 and 15:55.34. Sophomore Dylan Ogburn and freshman Zachary Bias followed them.

"Our women have quite a bit of opportunity to improve as a team," Blount said. "We are solid up top, but we really have to establish ourselves from runners four to seven."

The women's team was led by its veteran athletes, with Junior Mikayla Hodges finishing the 4K in a personal record time of 15:03.32. Senior Julia Ostendorf followed closely behind at 15:05.71.

Sophomore Sarah Zylstra finished almost a full minute faster than her season opener in 2014, with a time of 15:25.48.

Although the team has started off on the right foot, Blount is determined to continue training the athletes hard as the season progresses.

"As the first meet, it's a decent start to the season," he said. "However, we are back to work next week."

The Trojans will travel again for their next meet on Friday, Sept. 11, at the Azalea City Classic in Mobile.

Pigskin Picks

Week 2
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Leader:
J. Thurston



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(6-4)



Sinclair Portis
(7-3)



Michael Shipma
(7-3)



Taylor Boydston
(7-3)



April Irvin
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Thomas Gleaton
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Chase Robinson
(7-3)



Joshua Thurston
(8-2)

The Lineup

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#22 Arizona @ Nevada	Arizona							
#7 Oregon @ #5 Michigan State	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Oregon	Michigan State	Michigan State	Oregon
#14 LSU @ #25 Miss. State	LSU	Miss. State	Miss. State	Miss. State	LSU	LSU	LSU	Miss. State
#20 Boise State @ BYU	BYU	Boise State	Boise State	Boise State	Boise State	BYU	Boise State	Boise State
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Volleyball sweeps at home

Sinclair Portis
Staff Writer

The Trojan volleyball team picked up three wins at home at the Trojan Invitational this past weekend with victories over CSU Bakersfield 3-1, Alabama State 3-0, and East Tennessee State 3-1.

Troy (5-3, 0-0 Sun Belt) opened up play on Friday, Sept. 4, against CSU Bakersfield (1-6, 0-0 WAC). After struggling in the first set, the Trojans bounced back, gaining the lead with an aggressive offense and winning in their first two sets.

The Roadrunners bounced back with a win of their own in the third set.

The Trojans were ready to end the game in the fourth, however, and after multiple lead changes, Troy conquered the match 3-1.

"It was an up-and-down performance," said head coach Sonny Kirkpatrick. "We really had to battle in that fourth game to get a win, and I'm proud that we were able to do that."

Senior middle hitter Darby Griff and senior outside hitter Blaire Winston led the team offensively with a combined 27 kills and three errors. Defensively the team improved greatly on blocks, led by junior middle hitter Leah Causey, who had six.

The following day, the Trojans came ready to play against Alabama State (1-5, 0-0 SWAC). Troy gained a lead in the beginning of the game and refused to let it go. The Hornets came close at times but fell short in each of the first three sets to the Trojans, who picked up their second win of their tournament.

Troy's third and final match of the tournament against Eastern Tennessee State was electric. The Bucs (3-3, 0-0 Southern Conference) started



Hannah McGaha photo

Sophomore setter Reina Terry (left) recorded 54 assists and 19 digs during the Trojan Invitational this past weekend. Troy dominated the competition, winning all three of its matches and bringing its win streak at the time to four games.

the first set with energy, winning 15-25. The Trojans made a comeback in the next three sets, however, playing fierce defense and offense.

The team recorded 15 total blocks throughout the match, holding ETSU at a .154 attack percentage.

Junior outside hitter Symone Shaw and junior middle hitter Sara Landis led the team's offense with 11 kills each, with a team percentage overall of .206. Defensively, Ali Dowdall led with 15 digs and Landis led with six blocks.

The Trojans ended their time at the Invitational with an MVP award for Griff in the match against Alabama State. Winston and Dowdall were selected to all-tournament team.

Troy continued its long weekend at home against Southeastern Louisiana. After winning four games in a row, the Trojans were beat by the Lions 1-3.

The Trojans kept it close in the first and second sets, but were unable to get ahead of the Lions.

The home team dominated the third set, winning 25-16 and looking to make a comeback. The fourth set did not come out in the Trojans' favor, however. They lost that set 25-17 to close out the match.

The Trojans had an attack percentage of .141, higher than the Lions' .117, but the late start with the first two sets cost Troy a chance at victory. Griff led the Trojans defensively and offensively with nine kills and six blocks, and was also named Sun Belt Defensive Student-Athlete of the Week.

This weekend the Trojans will be in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at the Crimson and White tournament, facing Alabama on Friday, Sept. 11. The match is set to start at 11 a.m.



NC State run game spoils Brown's first as Troy head coach

Michael Shipma
Sports Editor

The Troy football team opened up its much-anticipated season with a loss on the road to North Carolina State on Saturday, Sept. 5, by a final score of 49-21. The Trojans (0-1, 0-0 Sun Belt) took the field led by first-year head coach Neal Brown.

The Wolfpack (1-0, 0-0 ACC) used the ground game to its advantage, racking up 251 yards rushing. The duo of junior running back Matthew Dayes and sophomore fullback Jaylen Samuels combined for all five of NC State's rushing touchdowns, as the Wolfpack ruined Brown's coaching debut with Troy.

Samuels opened up the scoring with a 14-yard scamper on the Wolfpack's opening offensive drive. The run capped off a nine-play, 62-yard scoring drive.

The Trojans bounced right back with a score of their own. Sophomore quarterback Brandon Silvers found senior wide receiver Bryan Holmes on

a 33-yard pass play.

This set up a two-yard touchdown run from junior running back Jordan Chunn to even the score.

The home team refused to let the Trojans stay in the game, and raced out to a 28-7 lead late in the second quarter. Short touchdown runs coupled with a touchdown pass from senior quarterback Jacoby Brissett kept the Trojans at bay.

Some hope for the Trojans came on the final play of the first half, courtesy of a 37-yard touchdown catch from Holmes.

Holmes went up and made the catch with both hands, but he came down awkwardly on his left leg. He would not return to the game.

The two teams traded touchdowns early in the third quarter, with senior running back Brandon Burks scoring on a 57-yard run to make the score 35-21.

In the end it was the Wolfpack's run game that made the difference. Samuels scored his third

touchdown on a one-yard run, pushing NC State in front by three scores. Brissett tacked on another score with a one-yard touchdown toss.

NC State dominated time of possession 41:34 to 18:26, forcing the Trojans' offense off the field and allowing the Wolfpack defense to slow down the run game.

Silvers finished 12 of 16 with 149 yards in the air, along with a touchdown pass and no interceptions.

"We've got to be better," Brown said after the game. "The truth of the matter is that they're better than us. A lot of football teams make a lot of improvements from week one to week two, and that's going to be our goal."

The Trojans will return for their home opener at Veterans Memorial Stadium against Charleston Southern on Saturday, Sept. 12. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m.



Joey Meredith photos

The Trojan defense (left) struggled to slow down sophomore running back Dakwa Nichols and the Wolfpack run game. North Carolina State rushed for a total of 251 yards in the game. For Troy, senior running back Brandon Burks (right) led the visitors in rushing, tallying up 124 yards on 14 carries to go along with a touchdown. Burks averaged 53.1 yards on the ground last season and scored three rushing touchdowns.

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