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Pictured from left to right: Corey Harper, a sophomore business major from Baker, Fla., Luke Hembree, a sophomore exercise science major from Cullman, Hagan Pemberton, a sophomore biomedical sciences major from Alexander City, William Callen, a sophomore finance major from Lowndesboro, Hunter Winslett, a sophomore undeclared major from Calera, and Jake Thibadeux, a sophomore marketing major from Decatur.

Fraternity 'walks hard' for wounded warriors

Faith Mote
Contributor

Sixteen brothers of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity embarked on a six-day, 125-mile hike from Troy University to Panama City, Fla. on Friday, March 8.

This philanthropy event is referred to as Walk Hard. The walk benefitted the Wounded Warrior Project, an organization that helps veterans who are in need of physical or mental rehabilitation reenter civilian life. While some of the brothers who walked had no previous experience with the organization, they all had their own personal reasons for walking.

Will Spivey, a junior athletic training major from Montgomery, said he chose to participate in Walk Hard "to raise money and awareness for Wounded Warrior because it motivates and inspires people all around the community and anyone who hears about it."

Others chose to participate to strengthen their friendships and brotherhood while some sought the opportunity to spend Spring Break in a more rewarding way.

During the six-day walk, the participants passed time by telling life stories and funny jokes, singing songs and waving to passing cars.

On the fourth night, several wounded warriors visited the walkers to share their stories and discuss the impact that the Wounded Warrior Project had on them personally.

"This particular night was super encouraging and reminded me why I was walking and what I was



Caitlin Collins photo

Will Bailey, a junior mathematics and secondary education major from Talladega, while unable to finish the hike due to medical reasons, was grateful for the opportunity to learn more about the Alpha Tau Omega brotherhood.

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Crimean crisis: closer to home than you thought

Cassie Gibbs
Assistant News Editor

While the crisis in Crimea rolls on, a Troy Trojan believes peace can be found in her home of Crimea, which is as of Tuesday, March 17, a part of Russia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and Crimean leaders signed a treaty Tuesday annexing Crimea to Russia, according to BBC News.

This move follows a March 16 referendum that ended in a more than 93 percent majority of the Crimean people voting to join Russia.

"We can be the same people that we were," said Crimean native Kateryna Kunitsyna, a senior broadcast journalism major from Eupatoria, Ukraine. "We are a very diverse place. People are separated about what is happening with Crimea and Russia. This is not a war. If we don't want it, we won't let it happen."

The United States believed that the referendum held in Crimea was illegal, stating that it violated Ukraine's constitution and international law.

Kunitsyna said she thinks Crimea should have another referendum in order to solve this issue. She believes that if the people are proactive about what they feel passionate about within the country then many issues can be avoided.

Kunitsyna's parents described to her the day of the referendum.

"The South of Ukraine is very relaxed," Kunitsyna said. "When elections happen, a small amount of people vote. It was incredible."

Kunitsyna said her family saw so many people the day of the voting. "There were people in wheel chairs and older people. This means that people actually care. Everyone came to vote."

Kunitsyna said she appreciates Ukrainian and Russian cultures and believes others should find ways to do the same.

The US and the European Union have placed financial and travel sanctions on Russian and Ukrainian individuals they believe to be involved with the referendum in Crimea.

Cole Lawson, a senior political science and broadcast journalism major from Smiths Station and chairman of the College Republicans Federation of Alabama, said the actions of Putin, if they are not stopped, could lead to a future where the Soviet Federation could be restored with no consequences from the outside world.

"I would say that the annexation of Crimea by Russia is one of the most outrageous things done by a country in the 21st century," Lawson said. "We are just sitting idly by while a fellow country of NATO is invaded. The sanctions that

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ITP prepares for weekend conference

Interpreter Training Program plans AIM event to educate community, university on deaf culture

Ngoc Vo
Staff Writer

For "a better understanding of what deaf culture is and what it means to be an interpreter," the Alabama deaf community, interpreting students and professional interpreters will join Friday through Sunday in a conference called Alabama Interpreting Metamorphosis (AIM).

AIM is an annual student-led, student-run conference from March 21 to 23. It will be held in Hawkins hall. It is part of the deaf celebration month organized by the American Sign Language Interpreting Training Program (ITP).

"We have been planning this conference for a year," said Caren Carr,

an interpreting training program senior from Cincinnati and the event coordinator.

"We are the only school in the country to offer a conference like this. It's a lot of work, but the connections we're making are ones that will carry through to our professional lives," Carr said.

According to Cynthia Dodzik, lecturer of ITP and the faculty adviser for AIM, attendees of the event include the Alabama deaf community, working interpreters and interpreting students from Troy and other regions.

"This conference is unique because the students decide everything," Dodzik said. "They decide which professionals to contact.

They conduct the negotiation about the fee and price. They also handle marketing and advertising. It's a great leadership opportunity."

An ITP former director named the conference Alabama Interpreting Metamorphosis as a reference to students bursting out of their cocoons into their professional careers. The event is designed as a bridge between the students and the professionals.

The conference includes a series of workshops, Dodzik said. Throughout the event, working interpreters mentors students.

According to Dodzik, workshops will be on various subjects such as

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April Irvin photo

ITP members, pictured from left to right, Brianna Killough, a freshman ITP major from Susan Moore, Haley Harris, a junior ITP major from Gardendale, and Jaylan Reynolds, a sophomore chemistry and criminal justice major from Troy, prepare for this weekend's interpreting conference.

THURSDAY 70°F 40°F high low	FRIDAY 73°F 49°F high low	SATURDAY 75°F 52°F high low	SUNDAY 65°F 47°F high low	MONDAY 57°F 47°F high low	TUESDAY 60°F 37°F high low	WEDNESDAY 60°F 39°F high low
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interpreter business practice, how to interpret in legal and K-12 settings, and how to interpret in science, math and the performing arts.

"The workshops and events will be great tools and great environments to learn about deaf culture," said Jessica Long, a student attendee and ITP sophomore from Ozark. "It will have a great impact on our signing skills and our knowledge."

Special events will also be on the conference agenda, according to Dodzik. On Friday evening, there will be ASL Idol, a sign language storytelling and performing arts competition open to all students. A panel of deaf judges will determine the results.

This is the first year AIM is partnering with the Troy drama department to put on a performance of an excerpt from the play "The Good Doctor" on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the black box theater in Malone hall.

"It's a great opportunity for student to interpret in the art field," Dodzik said. "It also helps encourage the drama department to make performance more visually accessible to the deaf community."

The play is a passport event open to all students, with a \$1 donation requested from non-AIM registrants.

"The conference will be live streamed via Blackboard Collaborate to be accessible to online students," Dodzik said. "I love seeing the interaction among the interpreters, students and the deaf community."

The ITP program welcomes students and faculty, as well as the Troy community to attend the conference.

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have been imposed by the president are miniscule and pointless. Us and the other forces of NATO are going to have to take stronger, more serious actions against Russia to stop Vladimir Putin from

continually doing whatever he wants."

"We should do something. We can't just give up on Crimea," Kunitsyna said. "I hope that we will have peace. If we cannot change things, then we should change ourselves as people. Then maybe the world will change."

Crime Log

March 5

Harassment

Harassment was reported at 7:30 a.m. near Lake Lagoon.

Theft of Property Third Degree

A black Dodge key, a jumpdrive, and two or more house keys were stolen from Hawkins Hall at 4:30 p.m.

Theft of Property Third Degree

A wallet, a Medicaid card, a Trojan One card, and a driver's license were stolen from McCartha Hall at 11:00 p.m.

March 11

Possession of Marijuana Second Degree

A brown Cigarillo containing a green, leafy substance appearing to be marijuana was confiscated at 2:59 p.m.

March 12

Theft of Property Third Degree

\$160 in cash was stolen from the baseball stadium field house.

NOTICE

Student publications leadership positions

The Hall School of Journalism and Communication and the Troy University Student Publications Board are accepting applications for top jobs on the student newspaper and yearbook:

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March 27, 2014

More details and application forms are available at

Hall School of Journalism and Communication

103 Wallace Hall, 334-670-3328

Greek Week

Fraternities, sororities compete in a week of philanthropic activities



April Irvin photo

Tyler Razer, a sophomore marketing major from Sylacauga, participates in the annual Greek Week blood drive. Greek Week is a week filled with athletic and philanthropic events that celebrate Greek organizations across the country. Fraternities and sororities compete in games against each other to test physical abilities and hold contests to raise money for philanthropies.

Coke or Pepsi?

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Devin Smith
Editor-in-Chief of the
Cardinal Rule

Coke or Pepsi is the new topic of discussion for the Student Government Association. Both companies are offering the university bids, but SGA is giving students the opportunity to give their opinions about the decision.

One point of focus was whether or not Troy will continue to use Coke products or make the switch to Pepsi.

SGA President Cody Farrill, a senior political science major from Panama City Beach, Fla., announced that each student would receive a survey via email that will include all products from the two companies bidding for the contract.

"Students will have the chance to participate in the decision so that their voices can be heard," Farrill said. "We don't want to make

any decisions without giving the student body the chance to voice its opinion."

The SGA and Freshman Forum, along with Dothan and Montgomery campuses, will meet for a taste testing in the Trojan Center Ballroom's on March 27, at 4 p.m.

The university is expected to come to a decision by the beginning of April.

In other news a parking resolution has been confirmed with changes taking place beginning this fall.

Details are scarce, but Farrill plans to meet with Dean Herb Reeves early next month to finalize the changes. Information concerning changes will not be released until all details are officially published, Farrill said.

Farrill believes that the improvements to student parking are extremely important, especially to upper classmen and nursing students.

"I think that it's vital for the students," Farrill said. "The

improved parking helps all students but will cater to the older students who live off campus and the ones who will be saving lives."

This shift in the parking situation will be helpful to all students who drive on campus, but he believes the convenience is something that is earned.

"Incoming freshmen would have to walk slightly farther," Farrill said. "We believe that parking is a rite of passage."

New maps for 2014 and 2015 will be updated by April 8, with the addition of new colored areas.

Senator Faith Mote announced that for those students still interested in living on campus that housing is still available.

Registration for students with 30 to 59 hours will take place April 14 and 15, and students with 60 hours or more will follow on April 16 and 17.

The SGA encourages all students to attend its weekly meetings each Tuesday in Trojan Center room 119 at 6:30 p.m.

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walking for," said Austin Coots, a junior information systems major from Eva.

Along the way, the brothers were followed in a truck driven by two other brothers, Brandon Stoudenmeyier and Tim White, to ensure that the walkers remained safe and hydrated.

The walkers always had a safe place to stay at night, whether inside or out, thanks to family ties and connections with churches. While the group started with 16 walkers, by the last day there were only 14. The other two brothers, while driven to keep going, had to stop due to medical issues.

"I was very disappointed I wasn't able to finish. I am a very strong-willed and determined person and I don't give up on things, so to be at a point where I couldn't go any further was very frustrating and hard to accept," said Will Bailey, a junior mathematics and

secondary education major from Talladega.

Even though Bailey was unable to finish, he said the trip taught him not only about limitations, but also about the brotherhood of ATO and how blessed he was to have them.

The walkers found the sixth day, when they walked the remaining 16 miles into Pier Park in Panama City Beach, Fla. to be the most rewarding.

"Finishing was definitely one of the most rewarding feelings I've ever felt," Coots said. "Also, I was glad to be able to stop walking."

Jake Thibodeaux, a sophomore business major from Decatur, is the philanthropy chair of ATO. Thibodeaux organized the philanthropy event and participated with the other 15 walkers. This was the fifth year the fraternity participated in Walk Hard.

"We definitely can not wait to see how it will get bigger year after year," Thibodeaux said. ATO surpassed their goal of \$15,000 and have currently raised over \$16,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project, with donations still coming in.

Huffington Post picks up student story

Alyse Nelson
Assistant Features Editor

Turning a simple Facebook status into a published Huffington Post article is no easy task, but junior economics major and Muskegon, Mich. native Ana-Shea Fann can list this among her achievements.

Titled, "Quiet Defiance," the piece, which can be read on huffingtonpost.com, retells the story of her great uncle's stand against racism during a time in history when defending another race was virtually unheard of.

Fann's uncle hung the jury by refusing to agree with a guilty verdict in the case of a black man accused of killing a white man.

The man walked free and left town, and Fann's uncle did not speak of the event until years later at a miraculous meeting.

"I thought it was a story that people needed to hear," Fann said of her decision to transform the event from a family story into a published work.

"I wanted to emphasize the point that one person could make a difference."

"My uncle was a simple farmer, a veteran. He didn't seem like a hero kind of person, but for that man he was."

In a cinematic turn of events, years later the man made an appearance at Fann's uncle's deathbed to thank him for the life he was allowed to live.

"Nobody had a clue who he was, and then he was like 'This man saved my life and I am here to thank him before he goes,'" she says of the meeting. That was the first time the story would be known outside of the courtroom.

"That was not a fictional narrative. I omitted my great uncle's name and the place where it happened as race relations in Alabama are still a big deal. I think

there are still people who wouldn't like it, so for my family's safety I omitted those details."

At this point in the retelling, Fann is interrupted as a class nearby ends and students pour into the room, several stopping to chat with her.

With a broad network across campus and even the United States, Fann has opened many doors for herself, including her article.

Continuing, Fann outlines the domino effect that got her article published, "It was just a Facebook post. I got a lot of hits," she said. "Someone called somebody to read the post and I got contacted about turning it into an article. They emailed me and said 'I like it' and told me when it was going to be published."

This story is important to Fann beyond the family links to it. A firm believer in free speech and an individual's civil liberties, Fann is currently the campus coordinator in the state of Alabama for the organization Students for Liberty.

Currently helping organize events, providing training and informing students of internship and job opportunities, Fann is expected to receive a promotion soon.

"In the upcoming year I will be moved up to the North American Executive Board," Fann said. Though it is not yet determined what her position there will be, it is a prestigious title nonetheless.

Not associated with a political party or figure in any way, Fann describes Students for Liberty as, "an international organization that is a nonprofit. Their entire focus is to provide resources and a forum for like-minded individuals. It is all about academics and philosophy and being the change you want to see."

"It's a huge opportunity. I have such a great time. I get to network with



Tedric Davenport photo

Ana-Shea Fann wrote a story about fighting for racial justice on Facebook that was later published on the Huffington Post's blog.

people. I help people find internships and seminars. And I get to do something I am incredibly passionate about all day, every day. My favorite part is probably the people. I get to interact with some of the most amazing people on earth daily," Fann says enthusiastically of her involvement with Student for Liberty.

The organization meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Johnson Center Library, Room 133. It will also hold a passport approved special screening of "Economic Lives" on March 25th at 6 p.m. in Bibb Graves 129.

Also involved with Delta Sigma Pi, Young Americans for Liberty (under Students for Liberty) and Troy University for Campus Carry, she is concerned with maintaining the citizens' rights and improving campus issues.

"Honestly at this point, the sky is the limit," Fann says of her future.

"I'm considering grad school and I'm also considering just going to work. I'm moving. I don't know where. New Orleans is the best city on the face of the planet. There are a lot of people there who are free-market oriented, and it's just beautiful there."

Fann notes that she would like be involved in the energy industry, finding sustainable solutions to become more environmentally-friendly.

She is also interested in helping beginning entrepreneurs with start-up businesses. "I would love to foster that, wherever I am in the world."

To quote Fann's own article, "Justice comes from the single hand that reaches out to grasp another."



Caitlin Collins photo

RA Hannah Goolsby, a junior nursing major from Dothan, does a room check in the Trojan Village 300 building. Her resident, Samantha Bankester, a sophomore graphic design major from Robertsdale, passes.

Student call RA job selfless but satisfying

Taylor Foxx
Staff Writer

Knocking at the door. Sterling rolls over and looks at his clock. It is after two o'clock and on a weekend. He sighs, gets out of bed and goes to the door. The door opens to the sight of a distressed hall resident.

Sterling quickly discovers that the pertinent cause for the late night knocking isn't something that he can or wishes to solve at this time of night: "My air conditioner isn't working."

This is just one side of being an Resident Assistant (RA) at Troy University. Pace Hall RA Sterling Wingard, a junior information systems major from Cape Coral, Fla., is used to this routine.

The position is the unique intersection of a student, employee and community leader.

"Very broadly, an RA is a student first," said Erika Rousseau, the north campus community director. "After that, they are a leader, a role model and a resource for the students. If the students have an issue or if they need to know when the dining hall is open, the RA's can help them find their way."

Currently, Troy University employs 73 RA's to serve all of on-campus student residents living in its 27 housing complexes.

Of the on-campus jobs, the time requirements of an RA's work schedule might be the most irregular.

"There is a lot of unseen stuff, from coming to school early and leaving late to the little things we do to try and better our residents' experiences here" said Sean Blessing, a junior American history major and RA in Alumni Hall from Sarasota, Fla.

Whether it's letting a forgetful student into his room who misplaced his keys or roaming the halls of their dorm at 11:53 on a Saturday night, RA's are there to serve the student population.

"First and foremost, RA's are servant leaders," said Rousseau. "They really have a heart to serve the university. It's not fun to fine a student, but is fun to see them grow and help them graduate. Their

job is 24/7. They go to class, they are the RA. They go to a party; to spring break, to the grocery store, they are still the RA. They are constantly a role model."

"Seeing people succeed makes me feel very satisfied," said Wingard. "When people come to me with problems or issues, I really enjoy being able to sit down and help them figure out their class schedule, or listen to them vent about their problems or their day."

The position provides opportunities, not only see others grow, but also allows for personal growth.

"Becoming a RA really does teach you a lot about leadership and responsibility," said Anna Burns, a junior English major and RA in Shackleford Hall from Roanoke. "Being an RA has taught me to balance many responsibilities at once, and it has helped me become a more patient and understanding leader."

In the end, the job is an opportunity to serve the university in a tangible and lasting way, by touching the lives of its students.

"I recommend this job because students have the opportunity to serve

"Very broadly, an RA is a student first,"

the Trojan community and demonstrate their love for Troy and its residents," said Gui Rampon, a junior global business major and RA in Pace Hall from Caxias do Sul, Brazil. "It's not an easy job, but if you enjoy helping others and respecting universities' philosophies at the same time, you can be a great RA."

Next year, the number of RA's will be reduced from 73 to 57 because of the demolition of Alumni Hall, an all-male housing dorm that employs 16 RAs. The Housing Department has begun the interviewing process for next academic year.

Sudoku

How to play:

Simply fill in the blank spaces with the numbers 1 to 9. Every row, column and 3-by-3 box must contain all nine digits with no number repeated. The Sudoku puzzle consists of 81 squares divided into nine 3-by-3 blocks. Some of the squares already have numbers in them.

To solve a Sudoku puzzle you have to

use the numbers 1 to 9 to fill in the blank spaces so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 square has all the numbers 1 to 9 appearing once. Some puzzles are quite simple to solve while others are very tricky.

The only thing you need to solve a Sudoku number place puzzle is logic. You don't need any mathematical knowledge.

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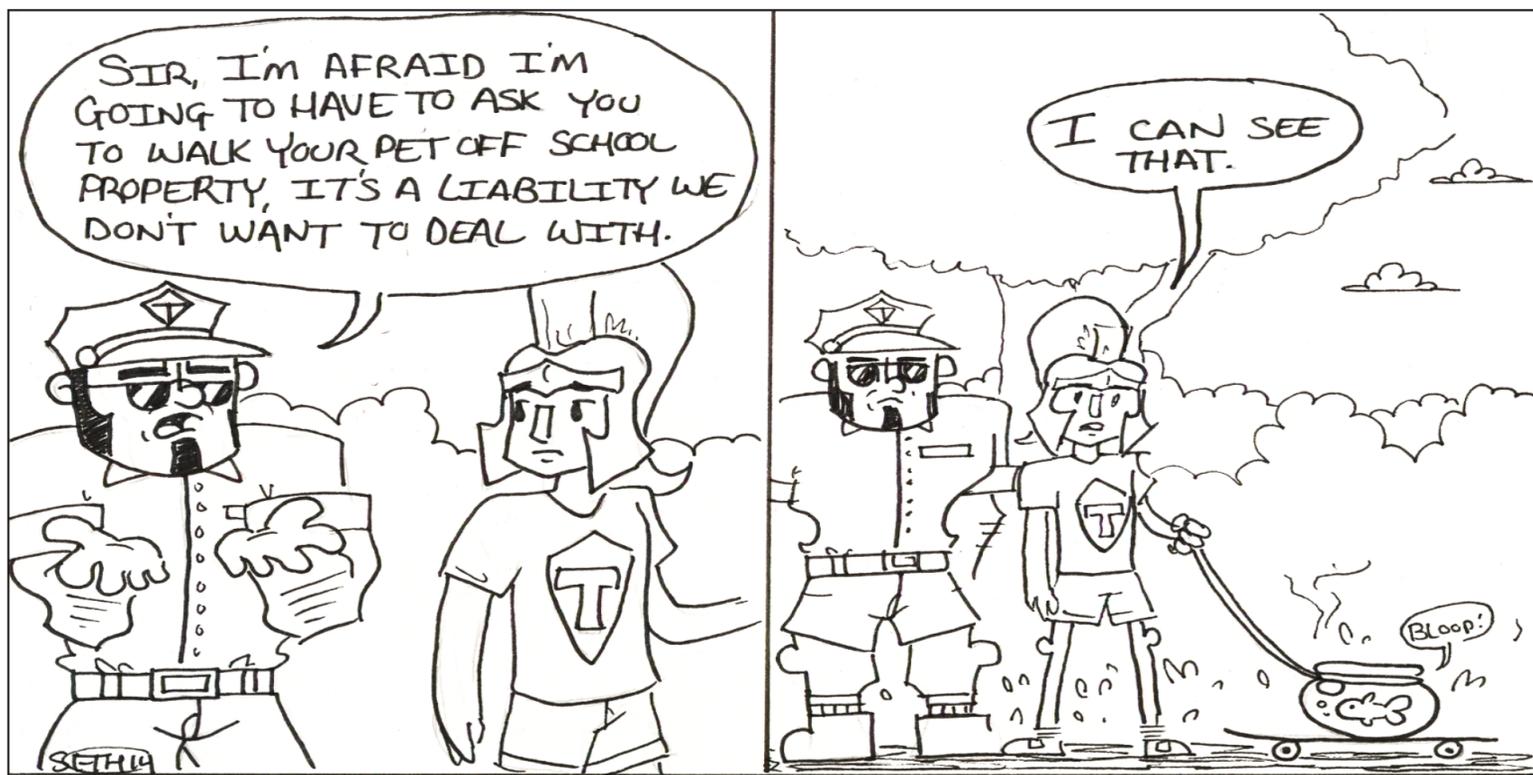
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Seth Nicholson

Seek to build positive relationships based on substance

Taylor Foxx
Staff Writer

Fact one - Relationships require work.
Fact two - Most of us hate work.
This unfortunate equation is one that seems to dictate how long many of our relationships last.
The principle is true for friendships; likewise, it is true for dating relationships.
In the beginning, relationships seem to propel themselves.
Positive emotions and the mystery of the unknown are enough fuel for us.
We ask questions; we are supremely happy.
Everything seems easy, but eventually the fuel of our emotions is spent.
We have cast enough light to chase away the shadows of mystery.
All of us have experienced this in some way. It is a common life experience.
Unfortunately, this seems to be where most relationships end: at the juncture of emotion and effort.
In an emotionally-driven society, it is hard to believe there is anything more to stick around for when we stop feeling it.
Relationships become like an overplayed favorite song.
Passion's flames quickly go cold.

I learned much about love in high school, but not in the way you might think.
When I was in my teenage years, I spent a lot of time around fire.
I camped almost twice a month for several years.
It's not a campout without a fire.
It was early on that I learned that not all fire is equal.
In the beginning, I was like any pyromaniac. Lighter fluid seems to solve any problem.
If it wasn't burning or wasn't burning well, douse it in the lighter fluid. It was a simple solution.
In fact, I discovered that lighter fluid became the answer to many questions that it should not have been.
Only a pile of leaves? Lighter fluid.
Rain? More lighter fluid.
Only lighter fluid? More lighter fluid.
I learned that lighter fluid is a simple solution because it is a cheap solution.
You don't even need fuel to build a fire with lighter fluid.
You just create a puddle and light a match.
That said, lighter fluid is exciting. It burns fast and always makes a scene.
You never know if you are going to come away with both your eyebrows.
But it never lasts.
A long time ago, someone taught me that building a fire is simply collecting heat.
You need only a little heat to burn leaves, but you

need a lot of heat to to burn a log.
The question I had to learn was how to go from burning leaves to burning a log.
The answer is time-consumingly simple: you build up to it.
You add small twigs to the burning leaf pile, then small sticks and then larger sticks to that.
Finally, you can put a log on the fire.
The most amazing thing is that once a log catches on fire, it is almost impossible to put out.
Coals are a booger to put out.
It was the exception when we didn't find some hot coals the next morning after a big fire.
Love and relationships are a lot like building a fire.
You must work at it, but the right kind of work will be rewarded.
The lighter fluid of our volatile emotions only goes so far.
It starts stuff but never lasts.
The question of what we are using for fuel should be one of utmost importance in our relationships.
Are we building our relationships on fuel that has substance, or are we relying on the exciting flames of fickle emotions to sustain us?
Time shows; it always does.
Seek to burn the logs and form the coals.
Only coals give real heat on the coldest nights and only coals endure.

Banning the word 'bossy' — useful or counterproductive?

Kelsey Vickers
Perspectives Editor

While we were out of school during spring break last week, women across the U.S. were starting a campaign aimed at the empowerment of women.
The chief operating officer of Facebook, Sheryl Sandberg, joined together with various celebrities to ban the word "bossy."
For a long time now, she's criticized the use of the word when describing young girls who are considered assertive or who have leadership roles.
Prominent women such as Michelle Obama and Beyoncé have joined in with Sandberg's campaign.

While I think it's great that they want to inspire females to not be afraid to be assertive, I find this whole campaign to be pretty counterproductive.
There are a few reasons why I don't think it's a worthy cause, one of the biggest reasons being that it's a pretty arbitrary word to even consider banning.
I wouldn't put the word "bossy" in my top 10 list of derogatory names to call women, or anyone else for that matter.
Sure, I would say that women are called bossy more often than men.
There are worse things people will call you in the world.
Maybe I'm out of line, but it seems like these women are just hunting for more reasons to play the "victimized female" role.

Being called something you don't like isn't just a problem with women.
We all get called names we don't like.
I think what's more important is learning how to disregard what others say.
My other issue with this campaign has to do with some of the women involved.
While I do like Beyoncé, I find it humorous that she decided to get in on this "ban bossy" campaign.
She identifies as a feminist and wants to ban the word bossy—of all things—and yet she uses the word "bitch" in more than one song on her new album, especially in her song "Flawless."
It's definitely not what I would call a feminist-friendly song.
Good thing she didn't call anyone

bossy, I suppose.
While I don't think they should attempt to ban the word "bitch" either, I would be much less surprised if they did.
Also, I don't really think females over the age of 12 get called bossy anymore.
If you're in your 20s and above, I'm pretty sure your vocabulary is enhanced enough so that you can think of one or two more fitting terms than "bossy."
I just don't think this "bossy ban" is conducive to what they're trying to achieve.
If you want to empower young girls, I think you should be teaching them to be themselves and not be affected by what others call them.
As for the rest of us, we have bigger concerns than being called "bossy."

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As Troy University's official student newspaper, the Tropolitan strives to serve student interests. The Perspectives page is an outlet for Tropolitan editors to question university policies that do not benefit Troy's students, praise those that do and call attention to national and state issues that relate to students.
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While others partied it up in Panama City Beach or spent the week catching up on sleep, Hayao Miyazaki’s “The Wind Rises” had its North American debut.

The movie was released in Japan in July of 2013.

This movie was highly anticipated because despite his numerous announcements of retirement, Miyazaki never truly quits; he vehemently assures this is his last film regardless of those people close to him who are not so sure it is. Along with the release for “The Wind Rises,” the release of Isao Takahata’s “The Tale of Princess Kaguya” was slotted right along with it—a double feature of the two artists’ works that hasn’t happened since “Grave of the Fireflies” and “My Neighbor Totoro” debuted together in April of 1988—but sadly, the release date for Princess Kaguya was pushed back until fall of 2013.

The film itself is based on the original manga written by Hayao Miyazaki in 2009. The manga, in turn, was loosely inspired by “The Wind Has Risen,” a 1936 short novel written by Tatsuo Hori. During a recent interview with Anime World Network Miyazaki talked briefly a young boy who is the inspiration for the entire story concept.

He wouldn’t release the name or how he knew the boy because the boy doesn’t even know the story is for him.

For being the first film Miyazaki has solely directed since “Ponyo” in 2008, his art and animation style has not suffered one bit. The art style and concept were realistic; similar to “From Up On Poppy Hill,” the collaborative work between Miyazaki and his son, Goro. This contrasts most all of his other films that tend to have fantasy or supernatural elements; “Princess Mononoke,” “Kiki’s Delivery Service,” “Spirited Away,” and “Howl’s Moving Castle” to name a few.

His unique way of breathing life into the characters went full force when portraying Jiro Hirokoshi, voiced by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, a boy who grows up in a provincial Japanese town near the start of the 1920s. Jiro grows up with the dream of designing planes.

History plays a huge role in this movie. The Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 is the plot device that introduces him to his love interest, Naoko Satomi who is voiced by Emily Blunt. Also, Jiro makes fighter planes for World War II.

The history behind tuberculosis in Japan and the practices that involved a hopeful cure are also features. The controversial topic of the Japanese assisting Nazi Germany weighed heavy on Miyazaki’s mind during the making of the movie. He was unsure of whether or not Americans would accept this movie as well as they have his other films.

Originally, Miyazaki wanted his last film to be “Ponyo 2,” but his producer urged him to create “The Wind Rises”. Despite critics and politicians who questioned why Miyazaki would make a film highlighting “killing machines” he proudly stated in an interview featured in Asahi Shimbun that the Zero fighter plane “represented one of the few things we Japanese could be proud of—they were a truly formidable presence, and so were the pilots who flew them.” Miyazaki’s admiration for the planes of the 1920s and ‘30s is nothing short of well-known, as you can see in “Porco Rosso,” so his statement should not come as a surprise. His target audience for this film was not his younger but his older audience, who would understand the historical and more bittersweet aspects.

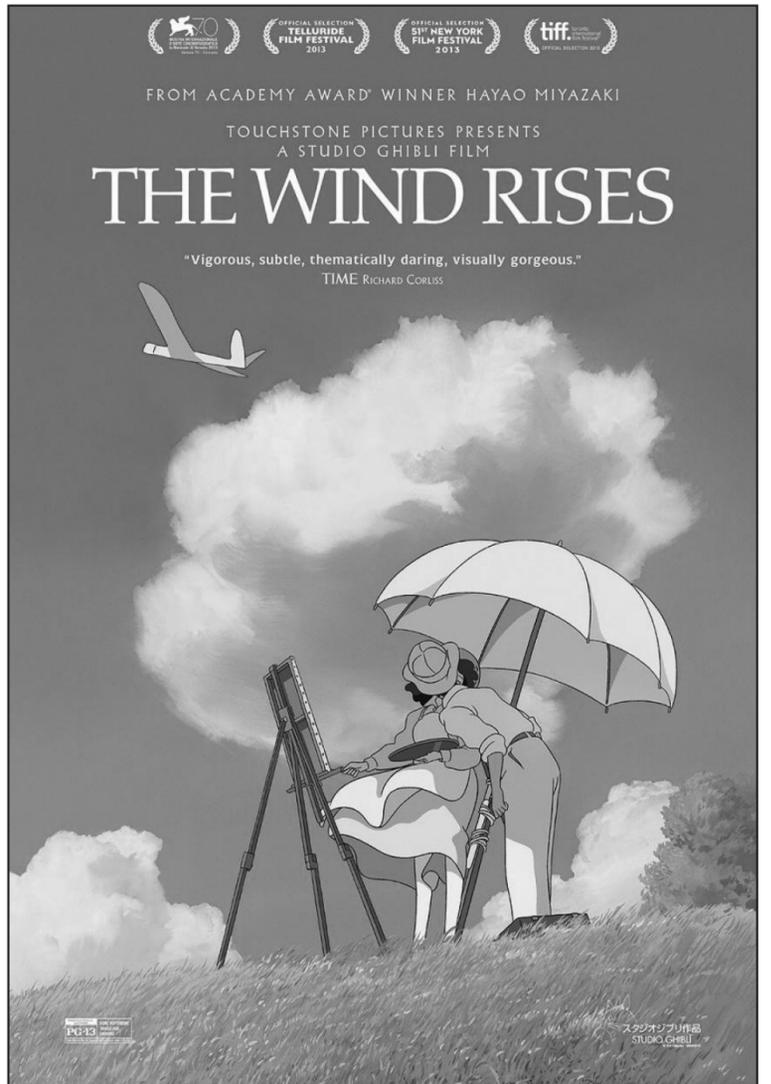
The theme of the airplanes ties into the sound used for them. A lot of the sounds for this film are not made traditionally or even realistically. The origin of the noises such as the engines for the planes or locomotives, the wind, the earthquake and such are really people. Some view it as a detraction. The only real problem with this effect is that it was not consistent. Sometimes a traditional sound would be used for the wind, but other times it was a person blowing into the microphone. It kept it light-hearted in contrast to the more serious nature of the plot.

The music for this film was created by big name Joe Hisaishi, who has composed the music for most of Miyazaki’s films.

The plot itself was interesting but extremely slow. For a movie lasting a little over two hours, the plot was crammed into the last 30 minutes of it; typical of most Miyazaki and Japanese films in general where the plot is not the most important aspect but what is happening and how the character’s conquer what is set before them or evolve over the course of the film. This is one of the few, if not the only, Miyazaki films where romance is implied and visibly seen. Miyazaki has been quoted to say that he does not believe “that just because a boy and girl appear in the same feature, a romance must ensue.” Instead, he wants to portray a relationship where “the two mutually inspire each other to live.” He said he believes this is closer to portraying true love.

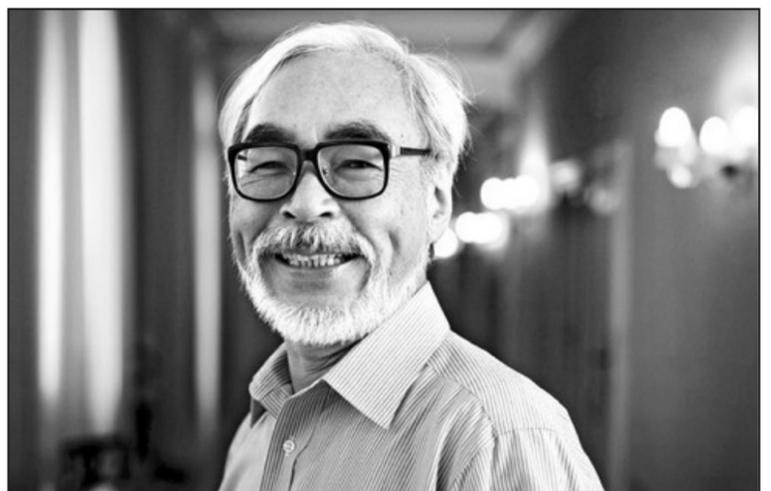
Overall, the film was not Miyazaki’s best. While in the theater I probably would have given this film a 6 out of 10, at best. After watching it again and having looked into it a bit more, I can firmly give this an 8 out of 10.

The plot wasn’t organized well and I felt like I looked down at my phone more than a few times to see when it was done, but by the time it picked up Miyazaki had my heart fully in his grasp not only because of the advancement of the plot but because of how absolutely beautiful the animation is. The detail and time that he always puts into his work was evident.



Studio Ghibli photo

“The Wind Rises” is a historical drama, which was adapted from Hayao Miyazaki’s manga of the same name. Miyazaki drew inspiration for his manga from a 1937 short story by Tatsuo Hori, a fictional biography of Jiro Horikoshi, the designer of the Mitsubishi A5M aircraft.



fanboysanonymous.com photo

Hayao Miyazaki’s first feature film, “The Castle of Cagliostro,” debuted in 1979. “The Wind Rises” will end his 52 years of filmmaking. His illustrious career includes 17 feature films, numerous awards and the development of a distinct and recognizable voice. Miyazaki, often credited with influencing the style and animation of American filmmaking powerhouse Disney, commonly employs themes of pacifism and the relationship of humankind with nature.



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Unfortunately, local showings of “The Wind Rises” are hard to come by (as readers can see to the right), but they’re there. Search for other theaters.

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Popular anime to be dubbed in English for American audiences

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Japan's "Shingeki no Kyojin" comes to the U.S. as "Attack On Titan" in English this spring.

The premiere of the English dub will be released at Anime Boston this weekend. Funimation released the names of the American voice actors last week, with big names such as J. Michael Tatum (voice of Zarbon from Dragon Ball Z: Kai), Christopher Sabat (voice of Roronoa Zoro from One Piece) and Michael McFarland (voice of Cain Nightroad from Trinity Blood).

The voice actors for Eren Yeager and Armin Arlert have not been released, but that knowledge will come with the premiere.

"Attack on Titan" started April 7, 2013 and ended five months later on Sept. 29. It became extremely popular during the duration of the series, and sparked a huge fanbase.

The series is about a world with these creatures called "Titans," that resemble humans in ap-



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"Attack on Titan" is set to premiere at Anime Boston this weekend. The story is wildly popular in Japan and America, and it was inevitable for a quick dub to be released for this series.

pearance, but can range from 10 to 200 feet tall. They also have an appetite for humans, but they can't digest them—the humans are being killed just for sport.

Most of the Titans

aren't capable of a thought process besides seeking out humans, and don't attack any other life form besides humans.

Where the story starts, it had been hundreds of years since the Titans had appeared, and they

wiped out the entirety of the human race, which forced them to retreat behind massive walls that protected them from being attacked.

The remainder of the human race had been safe until one day, a Titan that

was taller than the walls, kicked a hole in the wall. It let all other Titans in to the town of Shiganshina, where Yeager, Arlert, and Mikasa Ackerman lived.

After that, Yeager's mother gets killed by a Titan and Yeager swears

that he'll kill every Titan on Earth. The only way to accomplish this is to join the Scouting Regiment, and these three characters aim to join them.

The series is extremely violent, and none of the characters are safe. Japan uses cherry blossoms as a mechanism for the passage of time, but this series uses blood instead.

"Attack on Titan" has permeated the anime world, and has spread out to people who have never taken an interest in anime before.

"Movies these days are incredibly violent, so I don't see a reason why 'Attack on Titan' would be look down on," said Rad Bolt, a junior music education major, from Panama City, Fla.

People that wanted to watch the series but don't like to watch a Japanese dub with English subtitles, will be able to finally watch the anime for themselves.

Public speaking, storytelling on display

Annual speech tournament offers students a chance to win scholarship

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Sports Editor

The 23rd Annual Speech Tournament is to be held in the Trojan Center on Thursday, April 3, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This competition is open and free to all Troy students and the overall best speaker will be awarded a \$500 scholarship and a trophy.

The event is hosted by the Communication Club and the Hall School of Journalism and Communication and has several different categories.

The different portions are informative speaking, persuasive speaking, storytelling, prose in English and Spanish, and poetry in English and Spanish. Certificates will be presented to winners first, second and third place winners on each category.

Informative speaking is an original, factual speech in English composed by the student presenting it on a realistic subject to fulfill the aim of informing the audience. Multiple sources must be cited and notes may be used.

Persuasive speaking is an original, factual speech in English composed by the student that will inspire, reinforce or change the beliefs, attitudes or actions of the audience. Multiple sources must be cited and notes may be used.

Storytelling is the speaker introducing the mood,

title and author of a children's story, program of story cuttings connected thematically, an updated version of a well-known story, or an original story. No notes are allowed.

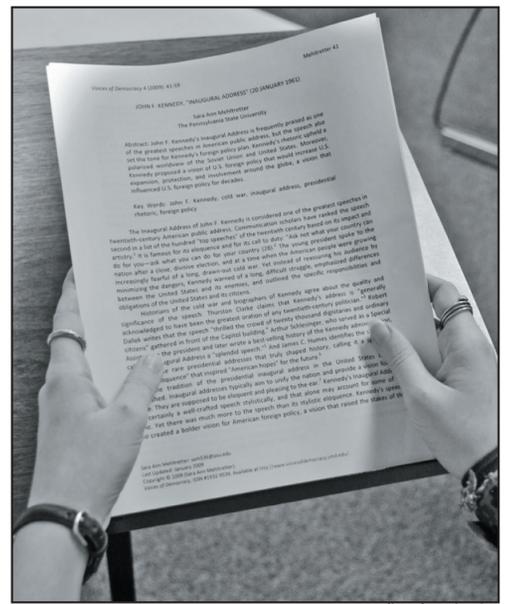
Prose is the selection of prose material with literary merit, which may be drawn from more than one source. Notes are allowed.

Poetry is a selection of poetry with literary merit. Selections must be centered on a central theme or a particular author. Poems must be recited from memory and no notes may be used.

All of the speeches will last three to five minutes.

Students may compete in up to three different categories and to receive the Overall Best Speaker Award, students will need to accumulate the most speaker points and compete in at least one interpretive event - prose, poetry, or storytelling - and at least one public speaking event, informative or persuasive speaking.

For those interested in the event, entry forms are in room 103 in Wallace Hall and return the forms to Ms. Kate Rowinsky. The entry form deadline is on Friday, March 28, at noon.



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Students will prepare prose, creative writing or speeches for the speech tournament.

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Baseball splits the series against South Alabama

Amy Austin
Staff Writer

Opening conference play, the Troy baseball team split the series with South Alabama, 1-1, with the rubber game being rained out on Saturday, March 15.

Troy took game one from the Jaguars, 5-0. Senior pitcher Tanner Hicks threw a shutout game. Hicks had 16 ground ball outs, and this was the first time a Troy pitcher threw a shutout in a nine-inning game since Tyler Ray in 2011.

"We started off the series with a great pitching performance by Tanner Hicks. We pitched very well," said head coach Bobby Pierce. "We defended great. We had trouble putting things together with any type of consistency offensively."

Scoring started in the second inning as junior third baseman Nick Masonia hit a homer and then was followed by junior outfielder David Hall with another homer allowing the Trojans a 2-0 lead.

In the top of the seventh, senior shortstop Tyler Vaughn started a streak for the Trojans with a double. Senior second baseman Garrett Pitts then singled to score Vaughn and extended his hitting streak to 11 games.

In game two of the series, Troy lost in extra innings with South Alabama winning 2-1.

Both Troy and South Alabama scored single runs in the second inning. Senior pitcher Shane McCain pitched eight innings allowing one run on five hits.

In the bottom of the tenth, South Alabama put a runner on base with two outs. A wild pitch allowed the runner to advance to second. On a line drive to center, the runner on second scored to give the Jaguars the win.

"Really had trouble against their left-



Joshua Thurston photo

The baseball team shutout the South Alabama Jaguars on Friday, March 14, scoring five runs throughout the night with senior pitcher Tanner Hicks throwing the first Sun Belt Conference shutout by a Troy pitcher since Tim Wheeler in 2008.

hander St. John," Pierce said. "Gave up a little single and a double in the bottom of the tenth and they won that game 2-1."

Troy was set to face South Alabama for game three of the weekend on Saturday due to inclement weather on Sunday, March 16. The game was started and the Trojans took an early 3-1 lead.

In the fourth, the game was postponed until Sunday but could not be completed.

"We took a quick 3-1 lead," Pierce said. "Rain halted it and we were never able to resume."

Hicks received Sun Belt Pitcher of the Week due to his shutout performance on Friday, March 14.

"I thought it was more Tanner's competitive nature than just his raw stuff that he was throwing that really led him down that road to a complete game shutout," Pierce said.

Previously, throughout the weekend of March 7-9, Troy took the series from the University of New Orleans by winning the last two games of the series.

Troy lost 5-3 to UNO on Friday, March 7, but turned around to get a 3-1 win on Saturday, March 8. On championship Sunday, March 9, the Trojans defeated New Orleans 3-2.

On Tuesday, March 11, Troy headed to Montgomery to take on Alabama State where the team was ahead 8-5 when the game was stopped due to rain. The completion of the game was on Wednesday, March 19 when Alabama State came to Troy.

Troy was in action at home for two mid-week games. Troy played Jacksonville State on Tuesday, March 18 and lost by a score of 7-3.

Troy will face the University of Louisiana at Monroe with a three-game conference play starting Friday, March 21, with first pitch at 6 p.m.

Golf teams continue to impress at intercollegiate

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Staff Writer

Both the men's and women's golf teams continued their great start in 2014 over the break. The women finished tied for eighth at the 3M Lady Jaguar Intercollegiate in Augusta, Ga., while the men finished tied for fifth at the Seminole Intercollegiate in Tallahassee, Fla.

Both teams had to play 36 holes on Saturday, March 15, as inclement weather forced officials at both tournaments to push the final round of both events up a day.

A pair of freshmen who are having very good starts to their Trojan careers led the teams. Fátima Fernández Cano finished tied for sixth on the women's side and Jared Bettcher shot two 1-under rounds of 71 on Saturday to finish tied for 12th place for the men.

The women faced a tough field of competitors at the 3M Jaguar Lady Intercollegiate. The field included five teams ranked in the top 50 in the country. The course also added a challenge and high scores were prevalent throughout the tournament.

The Trojans persevered and finished tied with No. 61 Purdue in eighth place. The team was only eight strokes out of the top five and finished above three teams ranked above them in the national rankings.

Freshman Fátima Fernández Cano had her fourth top 10 finish this season and junior Taylor McGraw seventeenth place tie means she has finished in the top 20 of every 2014 tournament for the Trojans.

The Trojans women will play in the John Kirk Lady Panther Invitational in Stockbridge, Ga., March 30-April 1.

The men had a rough start to the tournament shooting 302 on the first day and were sitting in tenth place going into Saturday.

However the Trojans fought back and outplayed No. 12 Florida State and No. 29 South Florida to move all the way up to a tie for fifth in the tournament. The



Joshua Thurston photo

The men's golf team tied for fifth in the Seminole Intercollegiate in Tallahassee, Fla. on March 15.

Trojans shot a combined 5-under Saturday, which was the best score of the day.

"We had a tough day yesterday, but the way our guys came out and played today showed them how good they can be," head coach Matt Terry said. "We played 36 holes better than anyone else on the golf course today and there were five top 60 teams in the field. Our guys could have easily folded after the opening round, but they came back and fought hard and impressed a lot of

people."

Juniors Toliver Dozier and Jake Tucker tied for sixteenth place after starting the day in 34th and 54th place, respectively.

The men have finished every tournament of 2014 in the top five and have placed higher than several ranked teams at various tournaments. The next match for the men's squad will be at the Old Waverly Collegiate Championship in West Point, Miss., on April 7-8.

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Troy shooting drought that lasted almost nine minutes.

"I thought the game turned there early in the second half when we got a couple of point-blank opportunities," said Cunningham. "It was a back-and-forth game early in the second half and we got a couple shots right in the paint that rolled in and out and they hit us with a pretty good run."

The lead changed seven times throughout the night but Troy simply could not produce

as many points as UALR. Rebounds were close too with UALR having 42 boards while Troy made 41.

Troy saw four players reach double figures for the second straight game, led by forward Tevin Calhoun with 15. Myers with 12 points, Williams with 11 points, and Mullahey with 10 points, were the others to reach double figures.

Troy finishes the year with an overall record of 11-20, going 6-12 in the Sun Belt Conference and ending with an eighth place finish. Williams finishes the year as the Trojans leading scorer, averaging 13.5 points per game.

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Women's basketball ends in Sun Belt quarterfinals

Gabe Sadetsky
Staff Writer

Troy's women's basketball team lost to Texas State 95-92 on senior night inside the friendly confines of the Trojan Arena Saturday, March 8, giving them the sixth seed for the Sun Belt Tournament in New Orleans. However, the Trojans met their match in the first round of play, as they fell to Arkansas-Little Rock, 66-54 on Wednesday, March 12.

In their game against Texas State, the Trojans were victim to a late Bobcat run after leading by as many as 11 points in the second half. In fact, Troy led for the entirety of the second half with Texas State not gaining the lead until a minute and a few seconds were left to play in the game. The game was sealed as Texas State shot 9-10 from the charity stripe in the final two minutes.

Troy, even with the loss, still managed to get three Trojans into double-digit scoring, led by senior guard Joanna Harden and junior forward Ronita Garrett, who finished with 22 points apiece. Sophomore guard Ashley Beverly-Kelley, who went for 20 points, and junior forward Kourtney Coleman, who ended with 10 points, were the other two Trojans who ended in double-figures.

Troy dominated in free throw percent-

ages making 24 out of 26 shots at the free throw line and having a percentage of 92.3 while Texas State trailed with 78.8 percent.

In their Sun Belt Tournament opener, Troy saw two scoreless droughts early and late in the game to seal their fate against the Arkansas-Little Rock Trojans. UALR used a 12-0 run to build a 36-28 halftime lead, along with a seven-minute scoring drought from Troy to finish off Troy's record-breaking season, 66-54.

Troy was led by a 20-point performance by Coleman, while Harden, who added just 10 points and broke her streak of 15 games with 20-plus points, was the only other Troy Trojan to reach double figures against the conference's best defensive team.

Harden ended her outstanding playing career at Troy last Wednesday, finishing seventh in the entire NCAA in points per game for the 2014 season with 25.1. She and Beverly-Kelley also received All-Sun Belt honors prior to the Sun Belt Tournament, with Harden named first-team all-conference and Beverly-Kelley named second-team.

Head coach Chanda Rigby finished her second season as Troy's head coach with her second straight five-win improvement, finishing with a 12-18 overall record, including sixth place and an 8-10 finish in the Sun Belt.



Joshua Thurston photo

Despite the fact the Trojans lost to Texas State 95-92, they received the sixth seed in the Sun Belt Tournament but did not advance past the first round with UALR beating Troy 66-54 on Wednesday, March 12.

Trojans triumph at UCF Knights Spring Fling Tournament

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Staff Writer

The Troy softball team got its share of sun the weekend before Spring Break as they traveled to Orlando, Fla., to participate in the UCF Knights Spring Fling Tournament March 7-9 and took four out of the five games.

Day one, Friday, March 7, saw two wins for the Trojans as they took the win against Bowling Green 3-0, and then brought home a 6-4 victory after 10 innings against Penn.

Against Bowling Green, Troy only allowed three hits and between pitchers sophomore Ashley Rainey and junior Jaycee Affeldt, who struck out a combined eight.

The Trojans started off with a bang in the first inning against Penn with pitcher Rachel Rigney hitting a grand slam. The team scored the game-winning run in the top of the tenth thanks to junior catcher Alison Milam batting in senior second baseman Kacie McAllister. Troy added another run before the inning was done.

Day two, Saturday, March 8, was another success as the team took home another win against UT Martin after 8 innings, 8-7.

Troy went into extra innings for the second straight game and once again Rigney's bat was hot, driving in the game-winning run, which was Milam reaching home plate while Rigney flew out to left field.

The game was the second extra-inning win for the Trojans.

Day three, Sunday, March 9, saw mixed success as the Trojans took home a 4-1 win against Western Carolina, but then the tides switched as they fell 4-1 in their next game against UCF.

Troy scored twice in the first inning against Western Carolina and kept the lead, though Western Carolina prevented a shutout in the sixth inning by scoring on an RBI double.

In the game against UCF, junior



Joshua Thurston photo

Troy won four out of the five games played during the UCF Knights Spring Fling but lost three of the four games at the Chanticleer Showdown.

pitcher Jaycee Affeldt struggled on the mound, allowing seven hits and three earned runs.

During the break itself, the Troy softball team traveled to Auburn on

Wednesday, March 12, where it faced the Tigers, suffering a hard blow as they fell 13-5.

Auburn utilized the windy game, which had gusts up to 20 mph, to knock

out a pair of home runs to begin setting up the eight-run difference.

Next, the Trojans traveled to Conway, S.C., to participate in the Chanticleer Showdown March 14-16 and only managed to pick up one win out of the four games.

Game one saw success for the Trojans as they took the victory over host team Coastal Carolina 6-2.

This win was largely thanks to home runs by sophomore outfielder Amanda Winters and Affeldt, propelling Troy into a steady lead after Coastal Carolina threatened to make a comeback in the bottom of the fifth.

Unfortunately, the Trojans' luck appears to have run out after this successful opener as they fell the next day to Fordham 9-1 after five innings of work.

The Fordham Rams were the first on the board and continued to add on in the second, fourth, and fifth innings. Troy was only able to pick up one run in the third thanks to McAllister batting-in senior outfielder Ebony Wright.

Then, later that day, the team would once again see defeat as they suffered a shutout against Minnesota, losing 2-0.

Minnesota used three pitchers to keep Troy at three hits and shut down the potential rally in the sixth started by senior third baseman Taylor Smartt.

On the last day of play, Sunday, March 16, the Trojans once again met Minnesota on the field, and although the team saw more success than the day before, they were still unable to see the win as they fell 4-2.

Winters had her second home run of the weekend and halved the Golden Gophers lead. Her efforts throughout the weekend led to her being named to the all-tournament team.

The Troy softball team will be in action next on Saturday, March 22, as they are once again on the road, this time traveling to Bowling Green, Ky. to take on another Sun Belt team, Western Kentucky, at 1 p.m.

UALR nudges Trojan men out of tournament

Gabe Sadetsky
Staff Writer

Troy's men's basketball punched their ticket to the Sun Belt Tournament in New Orleans by drilling Texas State 72-50 on senior night at Trojan Arena, Saturday, March 8. Unfortunately for Troy, their time inside Lakefront Arena was short-lived, as they fell to Arkansas-Little Rock in the first round this past Thursday, March 13, 74-61.

Against Texas State, Troy led by a huge 10-0 run to open the second half, which turned into a Trojan lead that reached as much as 26. The win removed Troy from the Sun Belt Tournament bubble and gave them the eighth and final seed of the bracket.

"We picked a great time to play our best game of the season," said head coach Phil Cunningham. "The team came out with intensity tonight and fought hard all night long."

Troy was led by four players who reached double figures, led by senior guard Hunter Williams who finished

with 19 points, including an astounding 5-9 from three-point land. With those five 3-pointers of the night, Williams broke the Troy Division I record for made 3-pointers in a season with a total of 96.

Senior guard Antoine Myers reached 15 points with a team-high of 7 rebounds, while junior forward Kevin Thomas came off the bench to gain 13 points. Senior guard Jeff Mullahey was the other Trojan in double-figures, earning 12 points and leading team with 5 assists.

Troy's superior percentages in field goals, 3-pointers and free throws guaranteed them a win in the end and a trip to New Orleans for the Sun Belt Tournament.

The loss to Arkansas-Little Rock this past Thursday became the result of a long scoreless stretch in the second half, following a 33-33 tie between the two going into the half. The second half saw the Trojans of UALR outscore the men of Troy 41-28, due in part to a

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Joshua Thurston photo

Senior guard Hunter Williams finished his final year as the leading scorer for Troy, averaging 13.5 points a game. He scored 11 points his last game.