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Farewell, Alumni

University, friends to say goodbye to piece of Troy history

Are you registered to vote?



Hannah Crews photo

Adrian Barrios, a freshman music education major from Moultrie, Ga., walks down the steps that lead away from Alumni to the quad. In June, Alumni is set to be demolished and replaced with suite-style housing. Officials predict the new building will be completed by August 2015. To celebrate the history of Alumni, RHA will host a block party on April 28.

Grishma Rimal
Staff Writer

For its 48 years of providing housing for thousands of Troy students, Alumni Hall -- which is set to be demolished this summer and replaced with a new building--will receive a grand farewell in an event hosted by the Resident Housing Association.

RHA will host a block party on April 28 beginning at 4 p.m. on the lawn in front of Clements and Alumni halls.

"It is the last chance to get together and celebrate before the end of the semester and to see Alumni standing," said RHA president Caitlin Mock, a sophomore from Samson majoring in English language arts in secondary education major. "As RHA, we feel that it's necessary to commemorate the existence of a long standing hall and the residents and the resident assistants who last lived there."

"We will also have a special treat for the Alumni (resident assistant) staff," said Erica Rousseau, area coordinator for east campus.

The Alumni resident assistants will be recognized and thanked at the program for their work and service. "It is to commemorate and celebrate Alumni itself and also to celebrate a new beginning for Troy," Rousseau said.

Mock said that Alumni Hall represents the growth of the university and also acts as a window into Troy's past. Rousseau compared Alumni Hall to a brotherhood where residents live in camaraderie and have one another's backs.

Different residence halls will be hosting games like dodge ball, tug of war and soccer.

Sodexo will be catering hot dogs, hamburgers and cake. A DJ will be providing the music.

"Students will have time to relieve stress before finals, see their friends, and celebrate living on campus and get free food," Rousseau said.

"Alumni means home," said Dakota Punzel, a senior sport and fitness management major from Elkhart, Ind., and a resident assistant at Alumni. "College is a place of instability, but at the end of the day you come back to Alumni. It gives that solid foundation and consistency."

"When I first moved here, I realized that it was not as bad as rumored. There is a strong sense of community

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Cassie Gibbs
Assistant News Editor

The Pike County Board of Registrars will be on campus Wednesday, April 23, to help assist with those who would like to register to vote.

This event is preparing for the primary elections coming up in June.

This election will help decide which candidate will represent the Republican and Democratic parties in the general election.

"Voting is a right that people have," Benny Scarbrough, chair of the Pike County Board of Registrars, said.

"Our country depends on it, our state depends on it, our county depends on it and our city depends on it for people to exercise their rights."

Scarbrough believes that everyone should register to vote.

Voter registration will close on May 23, ten days before the primary elections.

Registration to vote in the general election will close 14 days before the election in November.

According to Alabama Voter Guide, you must be registered to vote in order to vote in any primary or general election.

To be eligible to vote, a person must be "a citizen of the United States; resides in Alabama; is at least 18 years old on or before election day; has not been barred from voting due to a disqualifying felony conviction; and has not been declared mentally incompetent by a court."

When arriving at the polling place, voters will have to present a valid form of ID.

This can include a valid driver's license, military ID, or a U.S. passport.

The Board of Registrars also offers a free Alabama photo voter ID card to use as a valid form of ID.

This year, the primary elections are being held on June 3.

This election will decide which candidates will represent the Democratic or Republican parties for each office in the general elections.

In the general election, which will be held on Nov. 4, many state offices from governor to district attorneys will be voted on.

Various county offices and U.S. Senate and House of Representatives offices will also be voted on in the general election.

Special Olympics seeks volunteers to assist with annual athletic event

Faith Note
Staff Writer

Student Services Office is seeking volunteers as the university prepares to host Alabama's Special Olympics in May.

For the past eight years, Troy University has hosted Alabama's Special Olympics.

The mission of Special Olympics is "to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community."

Special Olympics Alabama offers athletes a variety of Olympic-type sports to compete in including softball, football, powerlifting, bowling, aquatics and



Joshua Thurston photo

Two Special Olympic athletes face off in the relay race at the 2013 games. The university will host the games again this year. Reeves encouraged students to volunteer to help with the event. Roughly 400 volunteers will be needed to help with the Olympics.

tennis. Athletes train throughout the year in their local areas to prepare for the state meet.

Many areas around the state of Alabama have special needs facilities where adults and children with disabilities are able to meet one another and

practice their prospective sports.

Places like the Exceptional Foundation in Birmingham are non-profit organizations that provide special needs adults and children with the opportunity to attend after school programs and summer

camp where they can enjoy social and recreational activities.

Organizations such as the Exceptional Foundation have Special Olympic teams that they prepare to bring to the games in Troy.

Once an athlete has

competed at the state level, he or she has the opportunity to compete nationally at the United States Special Olympic games held every year in New Jersey.

While competing, athletes are empowered to realize their full potential and as a result often become fulfilled and productive members of their families and communities. The Special Olympics is a global movement that improves the lives of people with disabilities through sports training and competition. In turn, the athletes improve the lives of those around them.

Dean Herbert Reeves, who serves as co-chairman of the Special Olympics along with Ann Riddle from the state office, is asking for student volunteers.

To host the games, around 400 volunteers are needed to help with the games and different events associated with the weekend.

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Freedom of speech for all?

47 years ago, former news editor challenged university's free speech policy after censorship of article

Cole Lawson
Special to the Trop

Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr. said that freedom of expression is an essential at Troy University, which lost a federal court case after it was accused of censoring and expelling a student newspaper editor in 1967.

"Freedom of expression is essential in both the personal and professional growth of all of our students here at Troy," Hawkins said in an interview. He said it is critical to educate students to communicate civilly with everyone around them, even if the way the other person thinks is foreign to them.

Troy University – then named Troy State College – was a defendant in a landmark case in 1967 called *Dickey v. Alabama State Board of Education*. The plaintiff was a Troy

student who was refused re-entry to Troy State for having the word "CENSORED" printed across an issue of the Tropolitan.

Gary Clinton Dickey, a Troy alum and former news editor of the Tropolitan, wrote an article titled "A Lament for Dr. Rose" in support of the then-president of the University of Alabama, Frank Rose. Several state legislators had called for Rose's resignation.

Rose had defended the rights of the students at the University of Alabama to publish material that promoted racial equality. A publication called "Emphasis 67 -- A World in Revolution" that was put out by the university had been labeled as communist propaganda by some legislators, which had resulted in the call for Rose's resignation.

Dickey was instructed not to publish the

article because it violated "Adams' Rule." Ralph Adams, the university's president at the time, said that a newspaper could not criticize its owners, according to Dickey. Because Troy was a public university then, the Tropolitan could not criticize the state legislature or the governor. Adams was a supporter and former roommate of then-Gov. George Wallace and did not want anything negative said about him, Dickey said.

Dickey was offered an alternate article, "Raising Dogs in North Carolina," after his editorial was rejected. Dickey refused and did not publish his article. Instead he had "CENSORED" in large type printed across the spot in the Tropolitan where his editorial would have been in the last spring edition of the Tropolitan in 1967.

On Aug. 28, 1967,

Dickey was notified by Troy State College through the dean of men that the Student Affairs Committee had decided that he was not to be admitted to the college. Dickey filed a lawsuit against the college on the grounds that his constitutional rights had been violated.

Troy State College eventually lost the case and was ordered to immediately reinstate Dickey and to pay his legal costs. Presiding U.S. District Judge Frank Johnson ruled that the college's actions were unconstitutional and void and must be rescinded.

"It is basic in our law in this country that the privilege to communicate concerning a matter of public interest is embraced in the First Amendment right relating to freedom of speech and is constitutionally protected against infringement by state officials," Judge Johnson wrote.

This case set a precedent for college journalists across Alabama and across the nation. The ruling was the first of its kind, according to Susan Sarapin, assistant professor of journalism and mass media law at Troy University. It allowed college journalists the ability to criticize the government, even if the medium used was owned by a public body.

Morris Seligman Dees Jr., now 77, who became co-founder and chief trial counsel for the Southern Poverty Law Center, served as Dickey's legal counsel during the case. Dees described the case as if they were suing Wallace himself.

"It was actually pretty

fun to go up against Adams' crew," Dees said. "Gov. Wallace had given him pretty much free reign of the place (Troy State College) to run it however he wanted to. Because of Wallace's power and because the article was about Wallace himself, he got them (the Adams administration) the best law firm in town."

Dees said that there is no doubt that this case was a very important precedent for college journalists. He said that he usually tries to apply a theme to his cases and that the theme for this case was "Adams' Rule."

Steve Stewart, current adviser for the Tropolitan, assistant professor of journalism at Troy University and journalist, sees his job differently from the role that the Tropolitan adviser played in Dickey's case.

"My main concern as Tropolitan adviser is to help them be professional," Stewart said. "My goal is to help the students put out high-quality work and to help them focus on material that will serve their readers. Nobody has ever told me that it is my job to censor the Tropolitan, and I certainly do not think that is my job."

Stewart said Troy University today is a place of free speech and he does not see anything that prohibits students from expressing themselves. He said he cannot foresee another situation happening like the Dickey case. He said that the large international presence on campus is a sign that the university values what every individual brings to the table and can learn from others.

Valario Johnson, a junior biomedical sciences

major, current news editor for the Tropolitan, holds the same position that Dickey held almost 50 years ago.

"The paper is run very liberally today," Johnson said. "Professor Stewart has a small say, but mostly it comes down to what we want to write." He said that things are a lot different today than what he has heard they were during Dickey's tenure.

"I think he was bold, especially going up against Ralph Adams," Johnson said. He said he feels that Dickey's actions have benefited him by not having to worry about someone having complete control over what he writes.

He said that he feels that as long as the staff writes responsibly and in a civil manner, he doesn't see any situation like the Dickey case happening in the near future.

Hawkins said the large international presence at Troy University has contributed to creating an atmosphere of tolerance and understanding.

"It's by coming together, growing together, learning together, you come to appreciate what you don't understand," Hawkins said.

"It is important to be able to disagree without being disagreeable," he said. "If we can teach our students to express whatever they feel is on their mind, without offending others in the process, then that is what we are focused on."



Gary Dickey photo

Gary Dickey, former news editor for the Tropolitan and alumnus of Troy University, challenged university policy after officials censored his article that was focused on Frank Rose, former president of University of Alabama.

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Volunteers will be assisting the state game coordinators with the events by serving as judges, timers, record keepers, cheerleaders, and encouragers to the athletes.

Reeves says that the most rewarding part of being involved with the Special Olympics at Troy University is, "The excitement and joy it brings to the athletes competing in the events and activities hosted. (It) creates a huge public awareness for Troy and Special Olympics

across the state." Zahra Qureshi, a junior psychology major from Dothan, volunteered in 2012 and says, "It was rewarding to spend part of my summer with them and see the smiles on their faces."

The state Special Olympics will be hosted at Troy University on May 16-18.

Students may sign up to volunteer by filling out a volunteer form that can be found in the Student Services office, 231 Trojan Center. They may also e-mail specialolympics@troy.edu for more information.

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and that makes up for everything else it is lacking."

Punzel remembered moments from move-in week when Troy alumni showed their sons the rooms they lived in when they were at Troy and expressed disappointment over the loss of historical aspects as such.

"Alumni signifies Troy to me," said Sadaris Williams, area coordinator for the west campus. Williams, who currently lives in Alumni, has lived there during his undergraduate years and also worked as a resident assistant in the building.

"A few years back when one of

my fraternity brothers got married, everyone came back to Alumni and everyone was staying with me," Williams said, recalling his favorite Alumni moment. "We all sat together, talked about the old days and did a lot of reminiscing."

Williams said that he is filled with mixed emotions regarding the forthcoming demolition. "I am sad that we are losing a valuable mark of history of Troy but ecstatic about the future and growth."

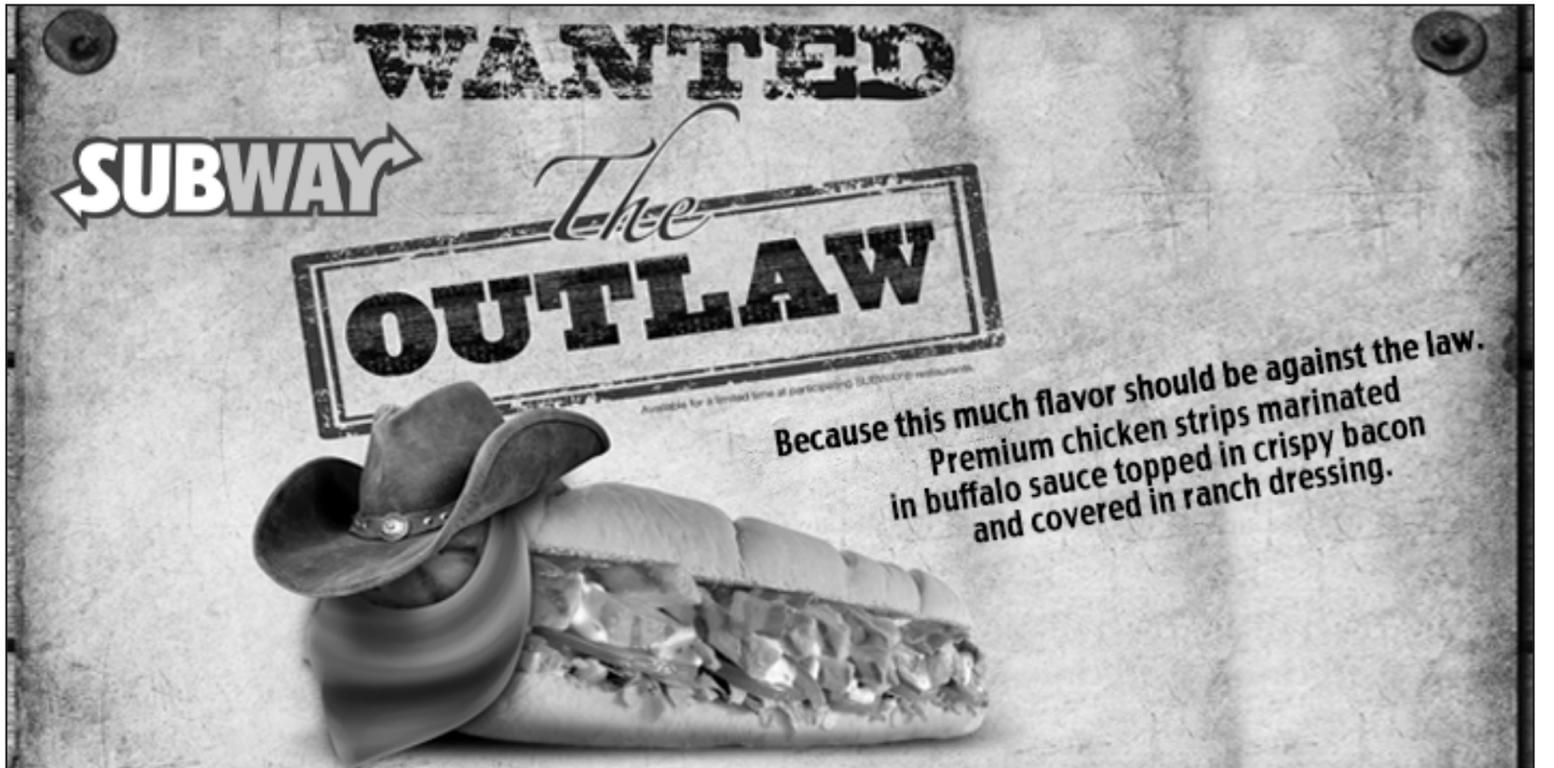
Rousseau, on the other hand, said that she is not sad about it being demolished because the university needs to be in line with what the students need which are suite-style dormitories that are more green and sustainable.

"It (traditional dorms) is not what students want anymore," she said.

Herbert Reeves, dean of student services, said that even though the new building will cost students more, the demand for on-campus housing will not be affected because students are willing to pay for those additional amenities.

"If you go to any college campus, nobody is building traditional dorms anymore," he said. Reeves added that because today's society has students coming from homes where they are used to having their own rooms and bathrooms and not sharing things, even with their siblings, the university is "building what the market demands."

Hamil, Gardner and Alumni halls are currently the only traditional style dorms on campus where residents have to share a community bathroom.



Are students interested in studying abroad?

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After pledging to more than triple its study abroad rate in the next five years, Troy University has cancelled a study abroad trip to Spain.

At a time when Troy plans to raise its study abroad rate from a little over 2 percent to 9 percent by 2019, many would assume that entails creating and funding new opportunities for students.

However, in recent weeks a trip to Spain was canceled, barring some students from going abroad at all this summer, while others have joined other trips going to Costa Rica or Cuba.

Savannah Hill, a sophomore English major from Eva, was slated to go to Spain but has been moved to the Costa Rica trip.

"I was interested in the culture of Spain," Hill said, who had planned to stay several weeks longer to see more of Europe. "It was something new that I wasn't familiar with at all."

"I mean, I'm definitely disappointed to not be going to Spain and Europe, but I'm not disappointed to be able to go to Costa Rica," Hill said, pointing out that the Costa Rica trip is only about half the length that the Spain trip was planned to be.

In the end, it has worked out for Hill, though she admits to the process being "frustrating."

"I've been talking to Dr. Sherry about the France trip. Maybe I'll visit Spain then. The main reason I wanted to go to Spain is to finish out my minor and I'll be doing that this summer in Costa Rica. Of course, I still want to see Spain."

There has been speculation over the reason behind the trip cancellation, but Curtis Porter, vice chancellor for International Affairs, has an answer.

"We try to hold the study abroad trips to a minimum of ten students and I think at the point that that one was canceled, there were only five and there was not much possibility," he said, noting that he was not sure of the exact number of students intending to go, but that it was



Caitlin Collins photo

Students sit idly beneath the study abroad ads placed on a wall in the Trojan Center on April 16.

below what the university normally takes.

Porter clarified that cancelling the Spain trip had nothing to do with the recent resignation of Orlando Pacheco, director of Study Abroad.

"The trip had been cancelled before he resigned," Porter said.

Now, as this cycle of international opportunities comes to a close, it appears that our international program, Troy Abroad, is ending at least one trip short and with temporary faculty to replace the director that has resigned.

Hope has certainly not been lost, though.

"We're doing everything we can. And we're going to keep doing it. And we're not giving up," Porter said.

It would even seem that this mishap has not derailed Troy Abroad at all.

"Oh I'm sure there will be new opportunities next year," Porter said. "We're just finishing a cycle now."

"The Chancellor is extremely supportive; he knows how important it is."

Porter notes, though, that a major problem lies not within the university's responsibilities, but instead in the desires

of the students. After all, the trip would not have been cancelled had enough students wanted to participate.

Porter emphasized how important studying abroad could be for the futures of Troy students as well students across the United States.

"There's a sense, I think, in which we're afraid that American kids are not going to be able to compete in the future because they just don't know the world. They think whatever is in the U.S. is the only way that things can ever be done."

"And they need to have the study abroad experience. They need to go abroad earlier in their lives. They need to see that things aren't done our way always - it's called culture shock. They need culture shock. Culture shock makes you stronger."

A common hurdle many students seem unwilling to jump is the possible expense of traveling overseas.

"I don't plan on it, but I'm interested," said Destiny Hosmer, a freshman secondary English education major from Enterprise. "I'm under the impression that it is expensive."

Porter acknowledges that money

seems to be a primary issue for those that want to study abroad but do not end up doing so. "It's not that they can't afford it, it's that they don't value it," he said.

Porter said that there are many funding opportunities for those who do not feel that traveling internationally is financially within their reach.

"Troy offers so many possibilities for no additional tuition in Belgium, Sweden, Spain, the Netherlands, Korea," he said, listing some of the countries in which Troy has partnered with other universities.

Troy also offers a \$750 scholarship for those wishing to study abroad that could help with airfare and any living expenses while abroad.

Overall, Porter notes that studying abroad through Troy normally does not cost much more than studying in Troy.

But there are other reasons students are choosing not to go abroad, and those reasons vary from each individual.

"I'm not planning on it," said Brandy Bell, a freshman graphic design major from Enterprise. "I can't imagine being away from my family for that long."

Porter persists, saying, "There's so much and your life is changed so much by it."

If you are interested in studying abroad or receiving more information about it, you can contact Morgan Till, interim Director of Study Abroad.

"If they're going to go abroad, we want them to enjoy it," Till said, explaining the services the office offers to students.

Till helps students with the entire process of studying abroad - from finding a program of interest that applies to the student's course of studies to applying for scholarships, and even giving out travel information such as guidelines from the Center for Disease Control.

Till can be contacted at mtill@troy.edu to set up an appointment.

"If we can get you abroad," Porter said, "we are going to have you come back a changed person and a different person. A person more interested in what we've got to offer."

Nursing student called to life of caring

Megan Phillips
Staff Writer

During her senior year of high school in Auburn, senior Mary McVay had no idea that she would one day end up at Troy University.

She had a scholarship to Auburn University, and then through the hand of fate she heard about Troy through a friend, and decided to look into it.

She applied, received the Millennium Scholarship through the University's admission's office, and to her surprise, her future had been changed forever.

Once at Troy University, McVay declared herself as a nursing major.

However, soon after that she changed her major to education, spent one week undecided, came back to education and finally decided that her path was forever marked by her calling to become a nurse.

"God has a tendency to lead you down one path, and then another," McVay said. "I really believe that he has called me to be a nurse, and have accepted that this is what I am meant to do."

For the first four years at Troy, she lived in Paden House on campus, immersing herself in as much of the social experience as possible while still maintaining her extensive study habits.

Since arriving at Troy, she has found her religion both comforting and connecting. She has made a family for herself at the

world.

For her first mission in Spring of 2007, she went to Thailand with her church in Auburn.

The following year, she went on her second mission to Paris, France, with the same church.

She has been to Africa twice. One of those times was to Malawi during the summer after high school where she spent two months helping the locals with anything from planting season to medical or educational needs.

During her second trip to Africa in 2012, McVay traveled to an undisclosed location on the Eastern side where she spent six weeks living with missionaries and teaching English in a tourist location.

"I never thought I would live in Alabama."

McVay has a deep respect for international travel, and has always believed that everyone should take an opportunity to travel outside of the country at least once.

"One of the biggest problems I see in our culture is that we are not superior to others," McVay said. "We need to learn to be more aware of those that surround us, and everything that we can learn from them."

McVay is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the honor's society for the nursing program, as well as Theta Kappa Theta, which is a university-wide honor's society based on grade point average.

After school, she hopes to move to Birmingham, where she is now doing her practicum for the Nursing program at Brookwood hospital.

"My goal as a nurse," McVay said, "is to care for people, body, mind and soul."

She would like to become a neonatal and delivery nurse. However, she is not opposed to the idea of continuing her education in order to become a midwife.

"I never thought I would live in Alabama," McVay said. "I always thought I would end up in Africa or somewhere on mission trips, but God has a funny way of working things out sometimes, and I do believe that he has always had a plan for my life. I may not know it, but it has always been there."



Tedric Davenport photo

Mary McVay, a senior nursing major from Auburn, said that she believes God always has a plan for her life regarding her work as a nursing student.

"My goal as a nurse is to care for people: body, mind and soul."

Troy Baptist Campus Ministry, where she often goes to study now that nursing controls most of her social time.

At Bush Memorial Baptist Church here in Troy, she has maintained as much involvement as possible, working with the children's ministry in the past, and now devoting much of her time to the Praise Team.

God has always been a driving force in McVay's life, as she has been on multiple mission trips out of the country following her faith and helping people around the

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Troy says 'bon voyage' to beloved director

Courtney Patterson and
Christina Myles
Contributors

Steven Padgett is music to the ears of the journalism department — literally. If he is around, you better expect to hear music playing. Journalism students are accustomed to seeing their Hall School director walking around the J-School with no shoes and a silly tie. Whether he is in his office or in the journalism computer lab, you will see Padgett sitting with his legs crossed in the chair, no shoes and his music playing. Padgett has been the director for almost 20 years, and the time has come for Troy University to bid him adieu.

"I like seeing him walk around with no shoes on," said Tom Foreman, CNN correspondent and Hall School of Journalism and Communication alumnus. "I'm not sure what that is all about, but it's very entertaining. It's surprising at first but ultimately very relaxing."

Foreman's sentiments are similar to that of Kate Rowinsky, who has worked for the Hall School for six years as the school's administrative assistant.

"It's like a family down here," Rowinsky said about the journalism department.

She said that she and several other faculty and staff members feel like they work more with Padgett than for him.

Under Padgett, the Hall School of Journalism and Communication became one of the first to introduce the new major of multimedia journalism, which has replaced the print journalism major.

Padgett said he is pleased with the faculty members adapting to the changes in the Hall School, which reflect the changes in the fields of journalism and communication.

"We have been very aggressive in not only changing with the times, but getting ahead of what the changes are," Padgett said. "Our faculty members were aggressive and thought outside the box."

Padgett came to Troy University in 1991 after working six years at Auburn University.



Caleb Hicks photo

Steven Padgett sits behind his desk in the Hall School of Journalism and Communication, where he has been director over the school for almost

About five years later he became the fifth and final dean of the Hall School, a title that later changed to director when the school was added into the College of Communication and Fine Arts.

Padgett said he came to Troy because he likes that the journalism program "looks not only at the academic side... but looks at the professional side."

One example of this is Hall School students being required to build and present a professional portfolio that is ranked against other students in their senior seminar class. This process serves to simulate how portfolios will be judged if students were applying for a job.

"Steve is a student-centered teacher, a program builder, a creative problem solver, and a great colleague," said Hal Fulmer, associate provost and dean of undergraduate and first-year studies.

Foreman thinks that Padgett has "grappled with the very tricky, changing world of journalism," and feels Troy is lucky to have him as a leader.

Padgett said he hopes that people remember the Hall School as a whole,

and that they tried to do well with faculty members, students, and alumni.

"We've always tried to do the right thing; do that which was good," Padgett said. "I don't think that is uncommon at Troy. It is expected at Troy. It's one of those things that we've really consciously strived to do here in the Hall School."

"(He is) a man of integrity," Rowinsky said.

Padgett said he and his wife discussed his retirement four years ago and decided that this was the perfect timing. They bought a trailer and plan to travel to state and national parks, just enjoying their time together.

"I think it's a real loss for the journalism school that Dr. Padgett is moving on," Foreman said. "At the same time, I know he has laid the groundwork for good work to continue there, and that is really the measure of greatness."

The Hall School of Journalism and Communication is not the only part of Troy losing Padgett; the whole university will notice his absence.

"Steve is a problem solver, whether

the issue was one affecting a student or a piece of technology or something else," Fulmer said. "There are never enough problem-solvers in any organization and with his departure; there will be one less at Troy."

While those around him have warm memories with him, Padgett has fond memories of his own.

"Some of my fondest memories I had no idea were my fondest memories until a couple weeks ago," Padgett said, "when alumni members started calling up and saying, — I love hearing this phrase — 'You made a difference in my life. This is what happened. This is what you did, and this is the result of it.'"

Padgett told about several students that have contacted him since he announced his retirement. They would share stories about their time at Troy and how he played a role in their lives.

"Knowing that, in one way or another, you did something that helped another person improve their life, I think that's really incredible," he said.

Padgett said that although he is not trained in counseling, he can be a good listener, in order to help people in their times of need.

"You can do things that will improve the lives of others, and that, more than anything else, is what I would call the golden moment," he said.

Journalism students, and even faculty and staff, have wondered if Padgett has a trap door in his office. They would see him walk into his office, never come out, but enter another part of the Hall School from a different room. The verdict?

"I think the next director of the school would prefer that that secret not be shared," Padgett said.

The Hall School of Journalism and Communication may never know that secret, but it is no secret that it is going to be a little quieter when Padgett's music stops this semester.

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Seth Nicholson

Advice for seniors anticipating graduation

Kelsey Vickers
Perspectives Editor

As I near graduation and the fear of what's yet to come looms in my mind, I've been scouring the Internet for any sort of advice I can find for college seniors.

I recently came across an article called Eight Pieces of Advice for College Seniors on thoughtcatalog.com written by Bree Taylor and I think that her advice is pretty substantial and beneficial for those of us nearing graduation. I've also added in a tip of my own.

1. Stop stressing about your GPA

The thing is, a lot of us tend to worry a lot more about our GPA than is necessary. Grades are important, but there's a lot more to getting a great job than just having a decent GPA.

Taylor stresses that unless you're applying for law school, medical school, or any other seemingly difficult field, your GPA isn't as important as your experience and your knowledge of your field.

If you're a journalism major, your future employer isn't really going to care too much if you barely passed – or failed – that algebra course when you were an underclassman.

Instead of worrying about your GPA, focus on the qualifications you have for the job at hand.

2. Keep your eye on the future

As most of us know, senior year flies by in the blink of an eye.

That's why we have to take the time we have left to prepare ourselves for

what happens post-graduation.

The great thing about Troy is that we have a ton of resources to prepare us for life after graduation.

Talking to career counselors, checking out career fairs, and even talking to your adviser and professors to gain some insight is really beneficial.

Also, don't be ashamed to go home for awhile and save some money – honestly, it's a great idea.

3. Live in the present

Senior year is a special time for college students.

It's a time of feeling elated, sad, stressed, and scared.

Even though you should prepare for the future, know that in this moment there is only so much you can do.

Basically, you're never going to have this chance again to be on this campus.

Soak it up while you can.

4. Enjoy time with your friends

The majority of us form lifelong friendships while in college; friendships that feel a lot like family.

Once college is over, it's likely that you're going to drift away from some of the friends you used to be close to. It's totally normal.

Take the time to make memories now and enjoy the chance you have to spend all this time with your friends, because it could change a lot soon.

When you get out into the real world, you're going to need those friends by your side when you start dealing with a whole new set of worries and life problems.

Enjoy this life while you can.

5. Keep being a crazy college student

When we graduate, the things that college students typically do isn't going to be socially acceptable anymore.

The late-night drinking fests with your friends, the midnight runs to Wal-Mart, the Netflix and food binging -- you're not going to be able to do that when you've settled down with a real job.

Do all the things on your bucket list that you haven't done yet.

Take advantage of the college experience and live it up.

The great thing about being 22 and in college is that I'm more of an adult than I used to be, but it's still socially acceptable for me to behave like a typical college student.

So get out and make some memories.

6. Appreciate how far you've come

Look back on when you were a freshman and stepping onto this campus for the first time.

Think about the person you were and the people you spent time with back then.

Odds are, you've probably become a different person – hopefully, a better version of yourself.

Be thankful that you're not that 18-year-old you once were.

7. Expect a culture shock

Campus life feels a lot like home after four or more years, and it's going to feel super weird to leave this atmosphere.

You've probably gotten used to the

schedule you have now – deciding when to take classes, deciding when to actually go to classes, sleeping until noon, etc.

That's not really going to be an option one day.

You're not going to be able to tell those inappropriate stories from college as an icebreaker anymore, so get used to behaving in a more professional manner.

8. The real world isn't that bad

It's not going to be as scary and intimidating as we think it will be.

Sure, it'll be different, but not necessarily in a bad way.

You'll have a chance to start over and start forming the person you want to become.

Think of it like this – the world is your oyster.

It'll take some time to get prepared for it, but we'll all find a way to make it work.

9. Don't let the words of others discourage you

As all seniors know, this is the time when we constantly get bombarded with the question, "So, what's your plan for after graduation?"

It's typically frowned upon to say you have no idea, but let's be real -- the majority of us don't know.

Along with not knowing what our plans are, some of us also struggle with being told we won't achieve much in our chosen field.

We live in a world now where nearly anything is possible.

Don't let anything make you think you can't achieve your dream, no matter how big it is.

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Rubicon's 'World Book Night'

Organization holds workshop and book swap in Brundidge



Tedric Davenport photo

Chelsey Williams, a junior biomedical sciences major from Panama City, Fla., reads a book in the Troy University Library. World Book Night promotes reading to those who are weak readers or can't afford it.

Parker McCann
Staff Writer

The Rubicon will be educating authors and creating more readers by honoring World Book Night.

"This workshop will focus on improving authors' pieces as well as facilitating discussion about creative writing," said Samantha Loff, a graduate student from Dothan studying TESOL.

"We have no requirements about what genre of pieces can be submitted for the workshop; we just ask students to bring a copy of their work for us to discuss."

There will also be a poetry slam during the workshop. Students may feel free to participate or simply watch and enjoy those speaking their own poetry.

"I hope that there will be several special performances," Loff said.

The workshop is also combined with the World Book Night, an event that was launched in the United Kingdom and Ireland in 2011 and made its way to the US and Germany in 2012.

World Book Night started as an idea that books should be given to people to encourage them to read more, so they will be more literate and better prepared for life. Studies have shown that reading more often improves many aspects of life besides just reading speed, such as employability and social interaction, and can have a positive effect on mental

health and happiness.

Every year on April 23, those participating in World Book Night take books and give them to those who don't read much, can't read very well, or just can't afford to buy books, in order to help them have the option to read, no matter what their circumstances may be.

About 30-35 books are chosen each year for this event to be given away. The authors and publishers waive the royalties and cost of the books to send them to the US branch of the World Book Night organization, where they can be given away without charge.

The books are then sent out to the participants across the nation who the organization thinks can help the most people in need.

The date April 23 was chosen because it is the UNESCO International Day of the Book, and is William Shakespeare's birthday. In the Catalan area of Spain, April 23 is celebrated by giving a flower and a book as gifts to a loved one.

The Rubicon will be holding a workshop on April 23, at 6 p.m. at Studio 116 in Brundidge. Following the workshop, the World Book Night event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the same place.

The book chosen for the Rubicon to give out is "100 Best-Loved Poems" by Philip Smith, a compilation of well-known and easy-to-read poems.

Dreams of summer at semester's end

Troy's theater department tackles Shakespeare in spring finale

Kianna Collins

Assistant Arts and Entertainment Editor

Troy University's theater department will bring "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to Troy theaters next week.

After the success of its fall production, "Single Girls Guide," this Shakespearean play will be a classical follow-up to the modern play.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," a comedy by William Shakespeare, has a story that revolves around the lives of four young lovers and their adventures through the night.

They are joined by fairies, amateur actors, and a duke and duchess. Many other characters include a half-donkey, wood sprites and elves.

The story is told through three interlocking stories about the lovers, the world of Fairy royalty and their elves, and finally, a group of actors trying to stage a production of "Pyramus and Thisbe" for the wedding of the Duke of Athens.

In Shakespearean context, a work that is a comedy usually ends in a marriage, but it also incorporates humor, the modern interpretation of the word.

Between the "love dodecahedrons" and curious characters, this production will be nothing short of fantastical.

Adena Moree, director of the play,

said that when she was making the decision to do "A Midsummer Night's Dream," she wanted it to be something that was really familiar to her.

"It gives young actors rich text to work with," said Moree.

It also fit the student body that was available to her. Moree was able to cast the parts of the play easily.

"In terms of the text and actor work, it's one of the most accessible plays," said Moree.

Practices for the play began in February, after the close of "Single Girl's Guide."

Moree's concept of the production included the insertion of music, and she said that it really enriches the story. She compared it to the 1935 version of the work, where Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy composed the score.

The music will not be classical as it was in that version of the movie, but it employs the same concept, Moree said.

As for the overall setting of the play, it will take place in a dangerous forest with fairies straight out of mythological tale, said Moree.

There are a healthy mix of students involved in the production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," ranging from freshmen to sophomores and Troy University alumnus Robert McCray.

"It's a tribute to this faculty and the work they do with our students," Moree said.

This production allows different



April Irvin photo

From left to right: Baine Ellis, DJ Gilroy and Shane Murphy during a rehearsal for "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The play features characters in a different light for the theater department's production of the play.

parts of the theater department to showcase their skills, since the production is so great, said Moree.

"Theater isn't meant for us to do it for ourselves; it's for the audience," Moree said.

"Students will be entertained from beginning to end. They'll laugh, be mystified and questions will be

raised during the performance."

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be in the Trojan Center Theater April 24-26 at 7:30 p.m., and on April 27 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 with student ID and \$10 general admission.

Tickets will be sold in the box office from 1-5 p.m. and online at www.troytheatre.org.

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Softball burns Blazers and Mavericks

Megan Phillips
Staff Writer

Last Thursday night, April 10, the softball team traveled to Birmingham where they faced off against Sun Belt rival the UAB Blazers in a single-game battle for the victory and then headed to Texas to take on UT Arlington.

The UAB game showed both teams to be evenly matched, with Troy taking an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning. In the first, Troy loaded the bases with one out when sophomore outfielder Amanda Winters came to the plate, hitting a single to right field, which would bring senior outfielder Ebony Wright and junior outfielder Erica Davis home.

In the following innings, the Blazers would catch up to the Trojans, scoring one runner in the bottom of the second and another run in the bottom of the fifth, bringing the score up to a tie.

This tie remained through the end of the seventh, causing Troy to enter its fourth consecutive extra-inning game this season.

In the eighth inning, Wright would hit a two-out single, and then come home on a double by Davis, propelling the Trojans to their 3-2 victory.

On Saturday, April 12, Troy

took to the buses to travel all the way to Arlington, Texas, to start the series against UT Arlington.

In game one, the Trojans would fall to the Mavericks 2-1, scoring their only run in the top of the fifth in an attempt to catch up with the Maverick's two-run lead obtained in the bottom of the third.

However, the score reflected largely the home run game that the Trojans have maintained with junior catcher Alison Milam hitting her second home run of the season.

In game two, Troy returned with a vengeance which would propel them to a 5-4 victory despite a Maverick attempt at a rally in the bottom of the seventh.

The Trojans hit hard and fast in this game, taking three runs in the top of the second inning, a lead that they carried throughout most of the game.

They held the Mavericks to that one run until the bottom of the seventh when they would score the other three of their runs in a last chance attempt to rally against Troy.

This game showcased the Trojan's quick feet and base running ability as freshman pinch runner Bria Epps ran for Rainey after her base hit single, stealing second, then advancing to third and finally speeding



Jennifer Carlisle photo

Junior second baseman Michelle Phelps helped the Trojans load up the bases in the first inning with a single in the UAB game on Thursday, April 10. Troy won the game 3-2.

home off a bunt by senior first baseman Kacie McAllister.

Wright would later hit home freshman shortstop Becca Hartley and McAllister with a single.

Both games were a testament to an awesome pitching game by sophomore Ashley Rainey

who threw for nine total innings in both games. Rainey allowed only seven hits and two runs the whole day while striking out nine Mavericks.

Game three against UT Arlington was cancelled making it the second series in a row to have the rubber game called due

to inclement weather.

The Trojans now support an overall record of 18-25-2 and a Sun Belt record of 2-9.

Troy softball will take on Louisiana-Lafayette, starting with a doubleheader at home on Friday, April 18, at 4 p.m.

Divide and conquer

Track splits up to compete in two states

Gabe Sadetsky
Staff Writer

This past weekend, April 11-12, saw Troy's track and field team split up and head to two different meets in two different states. The Trojans, not flattered by the separation, each took home a first place finish in an event at both the Spec Towns National Team Invitational in Athens, Ga., and the University of South Alabama Invitational in Mobile.

One of those first place finishes came from senior sprinter Jordan Landburg in the men's 400-meter sprint in Athens with a time of 46.88 seconds. The race kept Landburg at second in the Sun Belt and 26th in the NCAA rankings respectively.

The other top performance of the weekend came from junior thrower Hayes Grissom and his 63.36-meter javelin throw in Mobile. His finish also maintains him at his second place ranking in the Sun Belt conference for men's javelin.

The Trojan women joined in at the Athens meet with strong performances of their own. Freshman Taylor McDonald reached a season best finish in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:02.52, moving her from seventh to fourth in conference rankings.

Freshman sensation Corina Cox ended with a 49.40-meter throw in the women's

discus, giving her a third place finish. Cox, who is currently ranked second in the nation among U20 athletes, also tossed 13.32 meters in the shot put on Friday, April 11.

In Mobile, at the USA Invitational, the women's 4x100-meter relay team consisting of freshman Sierra King, sophomore Lacey Marcus, and seniors Tiffany Slater and Adria Hill came in second place at 47.86 seconds. The finish moved them to seventh place in conference standings.

King also competed in the 100-meter dash, placing fourth with a season best of 12.18 seconds.

Other Trojans, along with Landburg, finished with high marks at the Spec Towns Invitational, including junior Benjamin Martin's second place finish in the men's 100-meter dash with a time of 10.32 seconds. Martin now holds the first place ranking in the 100-meter dash in the Sun Belt and currently stands at second place in the 200-meter dash.

Senior hurdler Thaddeus Curtis finished second in the men's 110-meter hurdles in Athens with a time of 14.54 seconds. Curtis is ranked first in the conference in the event.

The track and field team will reunite on Friday, April 18, as they head to Auburn for their last meet on the road this season at the War Eagle Invitational.



Jennifer Carlisle photo

Sophomore Nathan Dobbs took eighth place in the men's 110 meter hurdles at the South Alabama Invitational in Mobile on Saturday, April 12.

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way I'd like to see us finish it out, but we did get the win 10-5 to win the series at home. That's something we've struggled to do lately."

Junior pitcher Ben Tidwell came in and gave the Trojans the chance to catch up after falling behind early. Tidwell pitched 6 and 1/3 innings and only allowed one run on eight hits. He also struck out three.

Troy's bats came alive in the eighth inning as Pitts and Hall were both walked, and then Bennett and Masonia were both hit by pitches to plate the first run for the Trojans.

Junior first baseman Trevin Hall was then also hit by a pitch, which scored the go-ahead run for Troy. Senior shortstop Tyler Vaughn singled to score another

Trojan, and Masonia scored on a WKU throwing error.

The defense helped the pitching staff over the weekend as the defensive players turned six double plays throughout the series, three of which were on Sunday, April 13.

Two offensive players contributed to Troy's runs throughout the weekend, David Hall and Garrett Pitts. Hall was four-for-five on April 12 with five RBIs. Pitts had two RBIs on April 11, which contributed to half of Troy's runs. On April 13, Pitts was two-for-three at the plate.

"Those two have been our most consistent throughout the year and it's good that you can lean on them week in and week out," Pierce said.

Troy will travel to Arkansas on April 18-20 to take on UALR.

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said. "ULM and we both wanted to win this match before next week's conference tournament, and I'm proud that we got the win."

The men lost a close 5-2 match against UAB and won 4-3 over Columbus State, who is ranked No. 14 in the NCAA Division II. The Trojans took the doubles point against UAB but dropped the first next three singles matches before sophomore Gabriel Sciacca Dias got his fifth

straight singles win and his second singles win over a ranked opponent to pull the Trojans to 3-2. The Blazers would win the last two singles matches which went three sets.

On senior day, Friday, April 11, the Trojans would send off Tadju Davies, Mansingh Athare, Tommy Cundy, and Sami Ghorbel as winners after a tightly contested match against Columbus State. Ghorbel and freshman Pablo Moreno clinched the doubles point for Troy when they defeated the No. 10 ranked doubles team in Division II of Marco Almorin and Adi

Malicbegovic.

After CSU got a singles victory, sophomore Daniel Bustamante got the Trojans back on top winning singles match No. 4, 2-1. Ghorbel would win his match and Dias would grab his sixth straight win as he defeated the No. 31 ranked Division II singles player Oussama Zoghلامي.

The Trojans now get ready to travel on Wednesday, April 16, to New Orleans and prepare for the Sun Belt Conference Championships which start Thursday, April 17.

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pick? None of them. Instead, they went with a defensive-end from NC State that some experts said wouldn't get drafted until the second-round, Mario Williams.

Granted, Williams had way more success in the league than any of the three mentioned previously, but, as a team, Houston didn't make the playoffs for another five years after that draft. Williams, who only played five games during the Texans' playoff season, was traded to Buffalo the next year.

The Texans may travel down the defensive-end road again this year, but if they want to win, they will take a quarterback. Luckily for them, the draft has a good bit of quarterbacks to choose from.

Having personally watched the top three signal callers play in college this past year, I would pick Louisville's Teddy Bridgewater. He was a beast in college, and I've seen him make throws that most of the guys in the NFL couldn't make on a good day.

And he can scramble. He's more athletic than former tight end and UCF quarterback Blake Bortles, and he doesn't force the ball in triple coverage like Texas A&M's Johnny Manziel has been known to do.

Most importantly, he won't be playing defensive end for a team that has arguably the best defensive end in the league already on their team. He will be playing quarterback, and he will do it pretty well. It's the only piece, in my opinion, that Houston is missing.

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ANSWER: THE TROPOLITAN

Troy topples the Hilltoppers

Amy Austin
Staff Writer

Troy hosted Western Kentucky over the weekend, and the Trojans took the series win from the Hilltoppers, 2-1.

Troy tried to rally in hopes of winning game one, but WKU took the win, 5-4.

"Friday night, again we didn't get off to a very good start," said head coach Bobby Pierce. "We really let that game get away from us."

Senior pitcher Tanner Hicks took the loss for the Trojans. Hicks was only able to pitch four innings due to a line drive off the arm.

Troy trailed 5-0 in the bottom of the seventh, but then the bats came alive. Junior outfielder Clay Holcomb and senior outfielder Ali Knowles both hit singles to start the inning.

Senior second baseman Garrett Pitts then singled up the middle to score Holcomb and Knowles. Senior first baseman Matthew Howard would then bunt down the third base line to score Pitts. These runs cut WKU's lead down to 5-3.

Troy was able to score one more run in the ninth, but couldn't get the tying run across the plate and took the loss.

Troy gained momentum on Saturday, April 12, to take the game from the Hilltoppers, 11-6.

"We came back behind a good performance by Shane McCain," Pierce said. "We competed better, I felt like, as a team."

Senior pitcher Shane McCain pitched seven innings, allowing four runs on seven hits. Freshman pitcher Marc Skinner came in and allowed the Hilltoppers to tie the game, but the Trojans at bats didn't let the tie last for long.

In the bottom of the eighth with bases loaded, junior designated hitter David Hall hit a fastball back up the middle to



April Irvin photo

Junior first baseman Trevin Hall finished game three one-for-three with three RBIs and was also the third player to be hit with a pitch on April 13.

score Knowles and Holcomb and gave Troy the lead.

Junior outfielder Jo-El Bennett and junior third baseman Nick Masonia were both hit by pitches, which scored another run. Troy scored two more runs in the eighth to secure the victory.

Championship Sunday proved true

again for the Trojans as they won the final game of the series 10-5.

"After getting down 1-0, we put up a big inning in the fourth, scored six," Pierce said. "Scored four more in the eighth. We didn't finish it out quite the

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Tackling NFL Draft Dreams

Gabe Sadetsky
Staff Writer

The NFL Draft is when hundreds of the most talented college football players from across the country sit anxiously by their telephones waiting for that "call of destiny" from a league executive.

Simply put, the draft is a time where a boy's dream turns into a man's profession. Scouts and player analysts are paid good money to examine these individuals in every way a person can be examined, with the intentions of finding the next big star for their organization.

Yet, we all know it never plays out like that. Thirty-two teams pick seven rounds of players each. If that were the case, we would have 224 rookies on the NFL All-Pro teams every year.

It should go without saying that no matter how flawless you find a player in your scouting report, there's always that 50 percent chance the guy won't ever even touch the field in a regular-season game. It's all a part of that "circus" known as the NFL Draft, and that circus will be in town before you know it.

So who will be picked first overall? I know whom I think the Houston Texans should take with their first overall pick, and it's not the best player available.

Jadeveon Clowney, the sophomore defensive end from South Carolina, has been No. 1 on everybody's draft board ever since he pulverized Michigan running back Vincent Smith in the 2012 Outback Bowl.

I honestly think that a solid 15 NFL teams would have probably drafted this guy straight out of high school. Chances are, Houston will probably take Clowney first overall, but I wouldn't and here's why: they need a quarterback.

Come with me, if you will, back to 2006, which was the last time Houston picked first overall in a draft that included the winning quarterback of the National Championship game, Vince Young, the quarterback of the team Young beat in that game, Matt Leinart, and Leinart's Heisman-winning running back, Reggie Bush.

Which one of the three did Houston

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Tennis teams finish up season strong



April Irvin photo

Senior Sami Ghorbel played his final match on Friday, April 11, winning his singles and doubles matches.

Wally Pendergrass
Staff Writer

The men's and women's tennis teams finished up their seasons this past week and are now getting ready to play in the Sun Belt Conference Championships. The women went 2-1 this week and finished their season at 14-7 overall and 3-1 in the Sun Belt. The men went 1-1 and finished their season with an 8-16 record and 0-1 in the Sun Belt Conference.

The women lost a tough match 5-2 at Samford University, who is 17-2 overall and 12-0 at home this season. However the team rebounded with wins against both UAB and ULM in Birmingham. The women's doubles ace team of sophomores Trang Huynh and Anja Cosovic picked up three

more victories which moves their record to 17-2 on the season. The duo has won 16 straight matches.

On the singles' side of things, Huynh won three more matches running her consecutive total up to 10 and she is 17-4 on the season. Cosovic won two matches and moved her record to 17-3 this season in singles.

Senior Lyubov Dorofeeva saw her six-match win streak come to an end when she had to withdraw in her match at Samford. Dorofeeva would get a singles win against UAB and was ahead against ULM when the match was called.

"The team really played with good intensity this weekend and they're playing well at the right time," head coach Rawia Elsis

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Word Games

How to play:

Each of these word games represents a sports saying or related to sports in some way. Think literally to solve. Answers are in the lower right corner

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2. STRIKE STRIKE **YOU**

3. **START**

4. **R
A
B**

Solutions

3. Head start

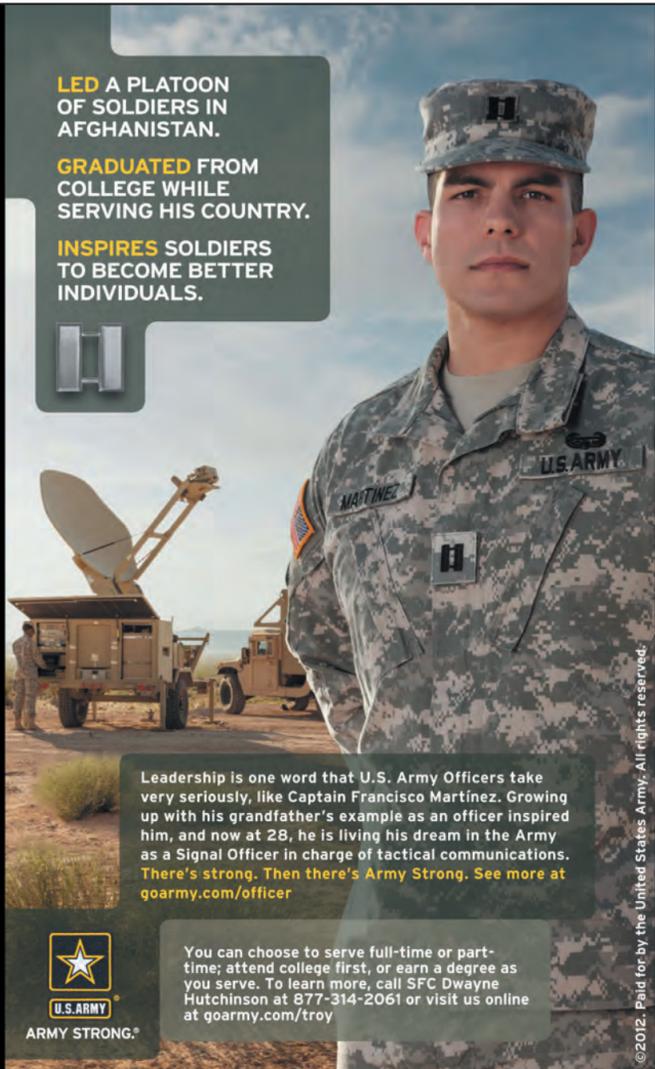
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