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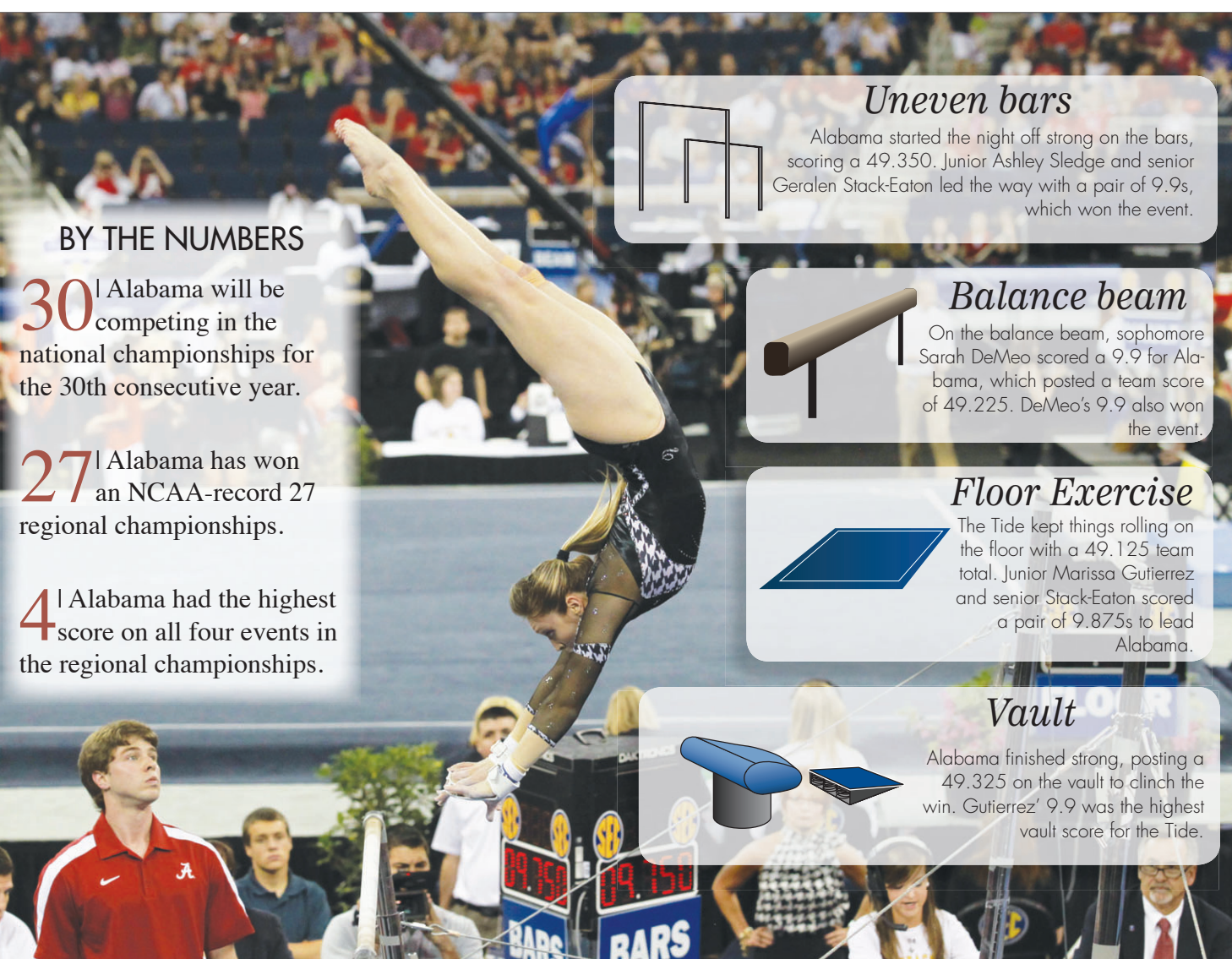
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Alabama wins regionals



Uneven bars
Alabama started the night off strong on the bars, scoring a 49.350. Junior Ashley Sledge and senior Geralen Stack-Eaton led the way with a pair of 9.9s, which won the event.

Balance beam
On the balance beam, sophomore Sarah DeMeo scored a 9.9 for Alabama, which posted a team score of 49.225. DeMeo's 9.9 also won the event.

Floor Exercise
The Tide kept things rolling on the floor with a 49.125 team total. Junior Marissa Gutierrez and senior Stack-Eaton scored a pair of 9.875s to lead Alabama.

Vault
Alabama finished strong, posting a 49.325 on the vault to clinch the win. Gutierrez' 9.9 was the highest vault score for the Tide.

BY THE NUMBERS
30 | Alabama will be competing in the national championships for the 30th consecutive year.
27 | Alabama has won an NCAA-record 27 regional championships.
4 | Alabama had the highest score on all four events in the regional championships.

Geralen Stack-Eaton competes on the uneven bars. Stack-Eaton received a 9.9 at the regional competition held in Seattle, Wash. The Tide will play in the NCAA championships in Deluth, Ga. from April 20 to April 22.

Student dies after falling off riverboat

Body of 'Tre' Jones found after search
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The body of missing University of Alabama student Charles Edward Jones, III was found just before 2 p.m. Friday, Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue Battalion Chief Chris Williamson said. Jones fell into the Black Warrior River Thursday night during a party on the Bama Belle riverboat hosted by the Delta Sigma Theta sorority. "At 9:50 p.m., we received a call that somebody went overboard on the Bama Belle, west of the amphitheater, and units responded," Tuscaloosa Police Department Sgt. Brent Blankley said Thursday night. Authorities conducted a search late Thursday but had to suspend efforts until first light. Tuscaloosa



Search and rescue workers search the river for Tre Jones.

It takes Less Than U Think to attract an NBA legend

Shaquille O'Neal visits campus to record drinking PSA

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Former NBA star Shaquille O'Neal visited the University of Alabama Friday to direct a public service announcement video warning of the dangers of binge drinking. O'Neal worked alongside students from the LessThanUThink campaign, a group designed to address the national issue of college-age binge drinking, as well as students from UA's telecommunication and film department. Students from last semester's LTUT team launched a social media campaign to bring O'Neal to UA, using #GetShaq2UA on Twitter. In early November, the four-time NBA champion told



Shaquille O'Neal speaks at a press conference at UA Friday. the students he would visit the University in 2012. "I'm big on Twitter, and somebody just kept tweeting me and kept tweeting me, and I looked at it every day," he said. "I finally clicked on the link, and I said, 'OK, I'll meet with you guys.'" O'Neal's involvement with anti-binge drinking campaigns began last year when he teamed up with the Century Council, a nonprofit

Weather service to test more direct warnings

'Unsurvivable' among new terms to describe storms

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After the devastation of last year and with tornado season in full swing, researchers are looking to five National Weather Service stations in the Midwest to prevent storm fatalities by revolutionizing the severe weather warning system nationwide. The current system uses television spots, radio airwaves and sirens to issue a generic warning to the public. These warnings often precede storms that produce minimal damage, which has caused many citizens to ignore the well-intentioned signals. Meteorologist James Spann of ABC 33/40 in Birmingham explained Alabama's false alarm ratio, a number that compares storm predictions to actual occurrences, is around 80 percent, which he believes is far too high. "We have learned that many people don't do anything when a tornado warning is issued," he said. "The idea is that if the risk can be well defined in the tornado warning message, it will prompt people to take action." After the destructive tornadoes that spun through the Southeast and Midwest late last spring, meteorologists and scientists addressed the necessity for a revised warning system based on the idea of influential verbiage. "Average people don't understand the effects of severe weather," said John De Block, warning coordination meteorologist with

'The Big Lebowski' draws crowd of Dudes to Bama Theatre

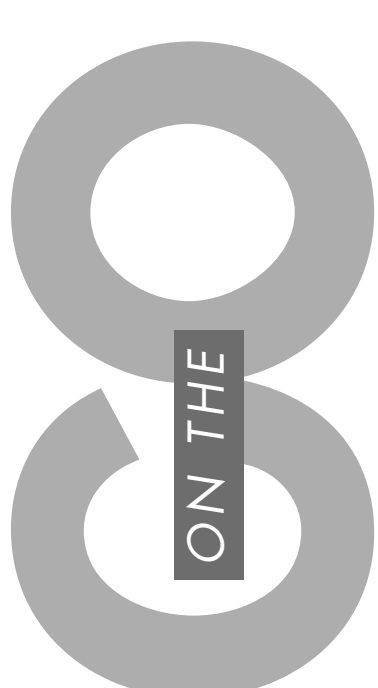


A bartender makes a White Russian.

White russians flow at third annual showing

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A scramble of bowling shirts, khaki vests and bath robes were on display in downtown Tuscaloosa Saturday evening, befitting the assortment of bowlers, Walter Sobchak's and, of course, Dudes coming together to celebrate "all things Lebowski." Wellthatcool.com screened cult-comedy favorite "The Big Lebowski" at the Bama Theatre on Saturday at the close of Tuscaloosa Abides: A Celebration of All Things Lebowski. In its third rendition, the event brought out enough of a showing to fill the majority of the theater's main floor and offered a Lebowski-themed costume contest, games of Wii Bowling and

a special on the Dude's drink of choice, the White Russian. As attendants milled about before the contest and screening, the "The Big Lebowski" soundtrack was pumped through lobby speakers, and Wii renditions of The Dude, Walter, Maude and "The Jesus" were pit against each other in Wii Bowling. Popping out of the dull roar of conversation and music were relentless streams of quotations from some of the film's most explicit moments, greeted with smiles and the appropriate retorts. "I've probably seen it 40 to 50 times," Patrick Blanchard of McCalla said. "I was going to say that's an exaggeration, but when I think about it, it's probably not far from the truth." Blanchard, sporting a T-shirt of the "Big Lebowski's Urban Achievers," referred to the film as something that "just sticks with you" and said he enjoyed



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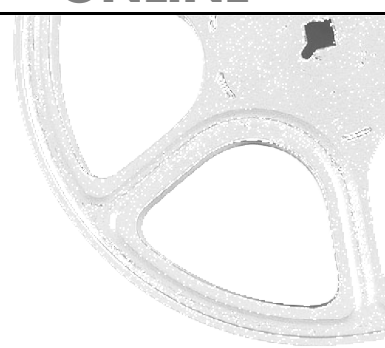
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ONLINE

FLICKR SLIDESHOW: RHYTHMAGIC AT THE BAMA

Percussion group performs at the Bama Theatre downtown. Check out cw.ua.edu for a slideshow of their performance.



TODAY

What: MFA in the Book Arts Thesis Presentations: Mary McManus and Erin Morris

Where: W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library

When: 10 to 11:30 a.m.

What: Fefu and Her Friends, tickets \$10

Where: Morgan Auditorium, Morgan Hall

When: 7:30 p.m.

What: The University Campus Band in Concert

Where: Concert Hall, Moody Music Building

When: 7:30 p.m.

ON THE CALENDAR

TUESDAY

What: Managing Your Time in College

Where: 230 Osband Hall

When: 4 to 5 p.m.

What: Fefu and Her Friends, tickets \$10

Where: Morgan Auditorium, Morgan Hall

When: 7:30 p.m.

What: Tee Time

Where: Doster Hall

When: 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

What: Hire Now Career Fair

Where: Ferguson Center Ballroom

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

What: Fefu and Her Friends, tickets \$10

Where: Morgan Auditorium, Morgan Hall

When: 7:30 p.m.

What: Being Alone Sucks with Adam LoDolce

Where: Ferguson Theater, Ferguson Student Center

When: 8 to 9 p.m.

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LAKESIDE

LUNCH

Turkey Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Seasoned Collard Greens
Steamed California Blend
Vegetables
Greek Gyro Sandwich
Barbecue Grilled Tofu (Vegetarian)

DINNER

Grilled Barbecue Pork Chops
Pinto Beans
Grilled Sweet Potatoes
Seasoned Peas & Carrots
Mushroom & Italian
Vegetable Risotto
Grilled Barbecue Tofu (Vegetarian)

BURKE

LUNCH

Beef Tips with Noodles
Seasoned Corn
Marinated Green Beans
Chicken, Bacon, Pesto Pizza
Baked Potato Bar
Eggplant & Bean Casserole (Vegetarian)

BRYANT

LUNCH

Beef Stroganoff
Baked Chicken with Honey Glaze
Buttered noodles
Yellow Squash
Chicken & Rice Soup
Summer Vegetable Tortellini Alfredo (Vegetarian)

FRESH FOOD

LUNCH

Parmesan Chicken
Buttered Noodles
Steamed Broccoli
Roasted Corn and Potato Soup
Peach Cobbler
Stuffed Portobello (Vegetarian)

ON THE RADAR

Student leaders march across Florida to maintain awareness of Trayvon Martin

From MCTcampus

More than 40 days after a South Florida teenager was shot to death in Sanford, Fla., college students are trekking 40 miles over three days to keep Trayvon Martin's name at the forefront of the nation's consciousness.

"The job is unfinished," Florida A&M University alumnus Phillip Agnew said Saturday.

Agnew was joined by about 40 current and former college students from Florida State University, University of Florida, Tallahassee Community College and FAMU.

Their march began Friday in Daytona Beach and is expected to end in Sanford Sunday.

They call themselves the "Dream Defenders," a coalition of student leaders and experienced organizers hoping to inspire a generation of youth to engage in a conversation about the issues surrounding the 17-year-old's death and set the foundation for a movement.

"This is the catalyst to give young people the motivation to act," said Stephen Green, a sophomore at Morehouse College in Atlanta. "We are the ones with the energy to keep this going."

Green said he has been involved in the mobilization efforts since the first community meeting after Trayvon's death at the Allen AME Chapel in Sanford, where residents sought answers about the shooting and subsequent response from city police.

International outrage was sparked after then-Sanford Police Chief Bill Lee said his detectives did not have enough evidence to arrest Neighborhood Watch volunteer George Zimmerman, who told police he acted in self-defense when he shot Trayvon Feb 26.

A special prosecutor is investigating.

Ciara Taylor, a 23-year-old FAMU senior, said students

outraged by the lack of arrest in the case met together on campus and constructed a plan of action.

"If I have a chance to fight injustice, I'm going to take it," Taylor said. "We want to make a statement."

Soon, students on other campuses reached out to one another through the Florida Alliance for Student Action and plans for a march on the weekend after the anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. emerged, said FSU senior Michael Sampson.

Their message, they say, is one of racial harmony.

"People have rushed to conclusions, but there are issues that go beyond George Zimmerman and Trayvon Martin," Agnew said, as he walked through the brush on the shoulder of U.S. Highway 92 in DeLand. "It's about a young man in a hoodie that was seen as a criminal. People are realizing that racial profiling is a real problem."

The students have received considerable support from local authorities. Law enforcement escorted the group to keep them safe as they walked nearly a dozen miles followed by supporters in cars.

Local clergy offered their facilities to give the marchers a place to sleep for the night.

"We are so proud of their passion and what they are trying to do," said the Rev. Nathan Mugala of Allen Chapel AME church in Daytona Beach, who opened his fellowship hall to the marchers. "It's good to see the young people speaking out."

"We claim to be a post-racial society, and we're not. It's a revealing truth," said retiree Christe Ashley of DeLand, who joined the students after learning of the march on Facebook. "I admire these students."

Upon reaching Sanford, the Dream Defenders plan on staging an act of nonviolent civil disobedience at 7 p.m. Sunday, but they did not offer details.

PSAs feature Shaquille O'Neal

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organization that advocates for responsible drinking by those 21-and-up and is a key funder of the LTUT campaign.

His visit to the University

was his second stop since agreeing to film PSAs at colleges nationwide.

"[Binge drinking is] not really a personal issue with me because I wasn't a drinker at all in college, but you hear a lot of horrific stories," he said. "Hopefully, after we shoot these campaigns and people see these, we can stop these

horrific stories from happening."

From Feb. 27 through March 9, LTUT held a contest for UA students to come up with their own PSA storyboard ideas. The top three submissions were then sent to O'Neal, who selected the idea by Crystal Deuel, an advertising major, as the winner.

be employed to accurately convey the dangers of the coming storms.

"This is really groundbreaking," De Block said. "As physical scientists, we know what we want to convey, but we are not very good at communicating it. With this research, we are having sociologists look at people's reactions and how they respond to figure out the best way to communicate."

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Opt-in for home football tickets open today

All currently enrolled students should go to the home tab on mybama.ua.edu and click on "Opt in to Purchase Student Football Tickets" in the upper left-hand corner. Students must opt in to be eligible to purchase student football tickets for the 2012 season. This is not first-come,

first-served, so students can complete the opt-in process anytime between 8 a.m. CDT on April 9 and 5 p.m. on April 11. Students who opt-in during that time will be able to buy tickets April 16 through 20.

Homegrown Alabama to open April 12 for fifth year

The Homegrown Alabama farmers market opens April 12 for its fifth year of operation. The market will be held each Thursday through October from 3 to 6 p.m. on the lawn of Canterbury Episcopal Chapel, which is located across from Mary Burke Hall on Hackberry

Lane. The market offers fresh produce, goat cheese, grass-fed beef and pork, cut flowers, baked goods and more. The first market will feature chef demonstrations, childrens' crafts and music. Bama Cash and EBT are accepted.

Nick Saban and John Croyle to speak to UA students

Head football coach Nick Saban and John Croyle, founder of the Big Oak Ranch, will speak to UA students in Coleman Coliseum about character development, making good choices and creating a more positive atmosphere around campus. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. on April 12. The event starts at 6:30 pm. Action Cards will

be required for entry. Attendees will have the opportunity to tweet questions that will be answered during a short question-and-answer session with both men at the conclusion of the event. For more information, contact Joe Hart at jehart@crimson.ua.edu.

The Health Hut internship applications due Wednesday

The Health Hut is looking for interns of all majors who are enthusiastic, creative, dedicated, responsible and reliable leaders who have a passion for promoting healthy lifestyles. The Health Hut is a daily health education outreach program run by the Department of Health

Promotion and Wellness in UA's Student Health Center. For more information and applications, visit cchs.ua.edu/healthhut. Applications are due at 5 p.m. on April 11. Questions can be sent to HealthHut@cchs.ua.edu.

NWS amps up communications

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the NWS. "When we say, 'Winds up to 60 mph,' people don't really understand what that means, but when we say, 'There's a possibility of fallen trees,' or, 'Trampolines may fly through the air,' people seem to understand that. We want to give people more knowledge of the impacts of our forecasts."

Five NWS stations in Kansas and Missouri are now the foundation of a six-month experiment on a new system that will use blunt language to inspire self-protection.

This enhanced diction will include a two-level warning system for storms and a three-level warning system for tornadoes based on expected severity. Vivid phrases such as "catastrophic," "complete destruction" and "unsurvivable" will

be employed to accurately convey the dangers of the coming storms.

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the campus itself, and that the video will spread upon its release in the Fall 2012 semester.

"A lot of children and a lot of kids say, 'Hey, I'm drunk, but I'm not that drunk,'" O'Neal said. "But drunk and not drunk is a thin line. We want you to have fun, but we want you to be a little more responsible."

ROTC hosts ball for cadets in Bryant-Denny

By Dontavious Wade
Contributing Writer

Neatly pressed suits and gowns of all styles and colors could be seen filing into Bryant-Denny Stadium for the University of Alabama's Army ROTC annual Dining Out. The cadets were in full uniform, each with a respective date for the ball.

The event, which featured guest speakers, hosted current cadets, both active and reserve.

Familiarity with the work that goes into putting together the ROTC ball was no stranger to Master of Ceremony Brett Swanson.

"The purpose of the ROTC ball is to get together the core

cadets and enjoy each other's company and go through traditional Army customs," Swanson said.

Retired U.S. Army Chaplain Major Jeff Strecker was one of the guest speakers for the evening.

"The students get an opportunity to be at an event with people who are important to them, and I am glad to get to be a part of that," Strecker said.

Among the other speakers was one of the University's own in Lt. Col. Jim Shaver, professor of military science.

"It's a chance for the battalion [to get] together in a formal setting and celebrate the year that we have had as a battalion," Shaver said.

Shaver said it was just one of the many traditions the Army has.

Clayton Smith, a senior in the Army ROTC program, was excited to attend the event again.

"It's a time when freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors can come together in a setting like this and get away from training and the classroom and take a little escape," Smith said.

Smith comes from a family of military personnel and will soon be commissioning as a military intelligence officer.

"I enlisted in the Army," Smith said. "I did my freshman and sophomore year here at the University and decided that I wanted to do something extra with my life."



The color guard presents the flag before the ball.

CW | Pete Pajor

Concert to raise money for hockey memorial fund

Eric Yaron
Contributing Writer

The Alabama Frozen Tide will host a fundraising event at The Jupiter on Tuesday to benefit the Alabama Hockey Fallen Tide Fund. The event will feature NOTAR, a New York-based rock and rap group, who will be playing two one-hour sets at the venue beginning at 10 p.m.

The Frozen Tide created the memorial fund in memory of team member David Mosier, who passed away in his sleep earlier this year, as well as other athletes who've passed away in recent history.

The fund directly benefits youth hockey teams in the Birmingham area by funding the purchase of equipment for the individual teams, as well as the creation of hockey scholarships for outstanding student players.

A strong competitor both on the ice and off, Mosier ranked second in scoring on the Frozen Tide in his freshman season and was named to the University of Alabama Dean's List. Junior Justin Popielarski, a goaltender for the Frozen Tide, indicated that the event Tuesday is not the only thing the team has dedicated to their departed team mem-

IF YOU GO ...

- **What:** Alabama Hockey Fallen Tide fund concert featuring NOTAR
- **Where:** The Jupiter
- **When:** Tuesday at 10 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$10

ber. "It's not just this event that's being dedicated to David," Popielarski said. "Pretty much

our entire season has been dedicated to him."

The team had a patch specially made in remembrance of Mosier that displayed his number and was individually sewn onto each team member's jersey.

The Frozen Tide couldn't have asked for a more successful season to honor Mosier. The team won their first Southeastern Conference championship this February and represented the SEC in the American College Hockey Association's national championship tournament in New Jersey in March.

NOTAR, the headliner for Tuesday's event, is making

the trip from New York City to Tuscaloosa just for the event Tuesday. The lead lyricist and namesake for NOTAR, Mike Notar, is a formally-trained jazz trumpeter, accomplished lyricist and master of ceremonies. His style of music and implementation of various musical disciplines in a hip-hop/rock blanket defies standard musical categories typically observed within the music industry.

Notar recently released his debut album, "Devil's Playground," after receiving early success with the help of ESPN2, who licensed two singles from the group for drag racing

broadcasts. "This is my first trip to Alabama, and I'm honored to be a part of such a great event for both the Alabama hockey team and the University of Alabama," Notar said. "I speak for the whole band when I say that we're extremely excited to play at The Jupiter and can't wait to have the opportunity to promote our new album and contribute to a worthwhile cause."

The doors open on Tuesday at 9 p.m. for the performance, which will begin at 10. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from any Alabama hockey player for \$10.

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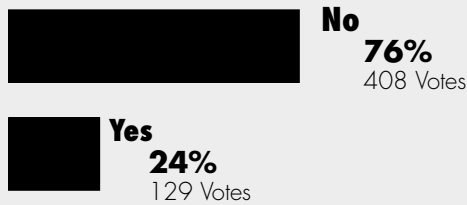
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Religion, private schools cannot be a shield

I went to a private Christian school from sixth to ninth grade. My parents had originally been looking at it for my brother, but when I got hold of the brochures, everything looked so fancy, I decided I wanted to go, too.

It was an educational decision more than a religious one. My parents weren't concerned about the increasing secularism of the public school system — this was right around the time the "moment of silence" replaced the morning prayer in this particular school system — the decision was due more to an at the time inept elementary school that routinely inflated grades (seriously).

The Christian aspect was a bonus, having grown up in a Methodist church, but looking back years later, I can honestly say the time spent at that school was one of the most eye-opening religious experiences of my life, and not in a good way.

Allow me to clarify for a moment why I'm writing this: last Thursday, *The Tuscaloosa News* published a letter to the editor in response to a recent decision by the Tuscaloosa County school system not to ban same-sex couples from attending prom. A Northport resident concerned about the growing secularism of public schools wrote the letter, titled "Schools should not accept homosexuality," and in it stated, "No wonder so many parents today are struggling to pay for private schools or educate at home. Our school systems lack morals and a backbone to stand up to organizations that support homosexuality and immoral behavior."

While I largely disagreed with the letter in its entirety,



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this particular passage caused me to pause and reflect on my own experience within a private Christian school.

The first person I ever heard admit to being an atheist was a good friend of mine who also attended the school. He wasn't always an atheist — he, like all of us, came from a home of WASP parents — but over the course of a few years, he eventually broke it to me in his basement that he no longer believed in God.

We both attend the University of Alabama now, and a few weeks ago, we had a discussion about spirituality and the like. He expressed some belief in the possibility of a greater being, a god figure, if you will. Taken aback, I asked him what happened.

He told me his loss of faith in grade school was as much about rebelling against the influences of the school itself as any real theological contemplation. The school was so overbearing, so heavy-handed in its execution of the Christian doctrine, that it essentially drove as many people from the faith as people whose faith it strengthened. I still keep up with friends who also graduated from the school, and I can say with certainty he wasn't alone.

A year or two after I left the school, a well-liked student came

out about his homosexuality. Needless to say, he was forced to find a new school. This drives home the point made by the letter to the editor, because her chief concern was the embracing of homosexuality as a normal part of life.

When I transferred away from the school — again for academic purposes — something my dad mentioned always stood out to me about why the mission of the school was so poorly executed.

He said he believed Christianity was a tool to be used to bring people into the greater family and that people who want to pull you away from your faith will always exist, but that they should be embraced.

He said what he noticed about this particular private school was that they used the religion, not as a tool, but as a shield to keep the bad people away. To throw out the heathens and preserve the pure way only for the ones who believe.

And I agree with him. This was my specific experience with a single school, but if this letter to the editor was any indication, it's not an isolated attitude among private schools.

These religious schools shouldn't be viewed as a last bastion of purity; they should be used as a beacon of what makes any given religion exceptional. The "us against them" attitude ultimately creates the more secular society the author fears, not a strict adherence of separation of church and state, which I commend Tuscaloosa County for upholding.

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Romney's defensive strategy a poor choice for Republicans

Romney is, of course, a conservative Republican; yet he has none of the typical Republican assets. He does not appear sympathetic to the working class, nor does he tout his religion or morals, nor does he have the kind of passion that has characterized many of the party's firebrands. His personal and political histories are similarly bland; he has never served in the armed forces or overcome any remarkable personal struggles, nor has he broken with the conventions of his party or led any significant reform within it.

Romney is not so much a Republican as he is the quintessential Republican, not so much an individual as a bulleted list of talking points and a copious amount of hair gel. Prominent Republicans usually have a few key traits around which they focus their campaigns: Santorum and Huckabee had their religious zeal, Bush and Palin had their relatable personas and McCain and Cheney had their American allegiance through service. These traits were always danger-



Nathan James

ous liabilities, as well as assets, but Romney simply has none.

So, while other candidates fall out of relevancy because of scandal or slip-ups or the fact that, at the end of the day, they are Donald Trump, Romney remains — not because he is exceptional, but for precisely the opposite reason — because he is too bland to attack.

It is very telling that Romney supporters care more about defeating Obama than they do about the economy or wars (this isn't conjecture on my part, but rather a fact that has been confirmed at exit poll after exit poll). Romney's primary defining characteristic is his opposition to Obama. His lack of distinction

allows him to define himself as an alternative to Obama, rather than a politician, and he hopes that opposition to Obama will be enough to carry him to the White House.

Some see this as an asset, and for now it is. Were Romney any more controversial, he might have lost the advantage to Santorum. But in the long run, being inoffensive is not a winning strategy. Democrats and moderates have no grudge against Obama, and under these circumstances, deposing an incumbent is nearly impossible. Without some special distinction — something that can win over apathetic or undecided voters — Romney can never overcome Obama's advantage.

Republicans have made an error. Romney's generic conservatism will win him the nomination, but it will lose him the election.

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Mandatory health care as logical as requiring mandatory attendance

By Tray Smith
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Supreme Court arguments over President Obama's signature healthcare reform law made national headlines last week. The main issue before the Court is the constitutionality of the law's mandate that Americans purchase health insurance or pay a penalty.

But can Congress use its power to regulate interstate commerce to compel Americans to participate in that commerce?

The Obama administration argues it can, because everyone is in the healthcare market. We don't know when we will need medical services or what we will need them for, but at some point, we will need medical treatment.

Federal law requires hospitals to treat emergency room patients, regardless of their ability to pay. Even if federal law didn't require it, though, American hospitals aren't going to refuse critical treatment because of a patient's insurance status.

By requiring everyone to have insurance, the law makes individuals pay for their policies upfront, without passing costs onto other patients by receiving care they can't afford later. The insurance mandate also allows more people to receive treatment and preventive care from family physicians, which will hopefully prevent them from having to go to the emergency room in the first place.

Isn't the logic behind mandatory class attendance the same?

If we require all students to attend class, then we don't have to worry about them skipping out and haggling their responsible classmates for notes the night before the test, passing their academic burdens on to others. Furthermore, we ensure they are responsibly following along through each chapter, so they will perform better on their tests and not end up in an academic emergency.

But several justices seemed skeptical of the administration's argument, and there is reason for skepticism. If the Court strikes the law down, as is quite possible, mandatory class attendance policies should also be eliminated on the same logical grounds, even if the legal similarities are tenuous.

Attorneys for the opposition to the healthcare law argued that there were other ways the government could solve this problem, but if it could require Americans to buy health insurance, there would be no limit to what the government can do under the Commerce Clause.

I think we all agree that professors should regulate our behavior inside the classroom, but should they penalize us for not entering the classroom?

The health insurance mandate has created a series of complexities that most recently caught President Obama in a furor over a requirement that religious institutions cover contraception in their employee health benefits packages. Another problem with the mandate is that as soon as the government gets to require everyone to buy insurance, it gets to decide what counts as insurance.

Similarly, some mandatory attendance policies have grown totally out of control, with clickers being used in some classes, pop quizzes in others, sign-in sheets in some and participation in a few. Some combine multiple elements to create an inescapable web of attendance penalties.

The truth is, if either winding up in need of medical care for a chronic illness without means of financing or having to take a test without being prepared were strong enough incentives to get all Americans to buy health insurance or all students to attend class, then they would all do so. Instead, individuals aren't being allowed to make that determination for themselves.

Of course, some will act irresponsibly and end up in a bad medical condition without insurance. Of course, some students will irresponsibly skip class and earn a poor grade on a test for which they weren't prepared.

But what about the individuals without health insurance who eat healthy and exercise responsibly to improve their health status so they don't have to insure it? What about the students who learn better studying on their own? Should the irresponsibility of some limit the freedom of all?

Of course, trying to get more people insured isn't a bad goal for the government. There are many different ways to do that, though, and mandating that people buy insurance isn't the best.

Encouraging class attendance is also a good goal. All class attendance policies aren't bad. But there are better options than mandates.

One would be automatically giving students who make a B or higher on an exam attendance points for every class period that covered material for that exam. Finals could count only for the period between your final and your last exam. Another would be upgrading our technology to accommodate smartphone clicker apps.

Similarly, the government could encourage people to buy health insurance by holding the uninsured responsible for the costs of the healthcare they receive. If they make it through the year unscathed, they save money. If they end up having to pay for serious medical attention, the consequences could be much worse than missing class.

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"One can think that the Supreme Court has the power of judicial review and still think that it is activist and partisan. Count me as one of those people . . . it has been obvious that the court has become extremely partisan."

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Greek houses join forces to fight cancer

By Jessica Ruffin
Contributing Writer

Two University of Alabama greek houses are working together this week to help a Birmingham hospital fight childhood cancer.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is dedicated to helping fight childhood cancer. Delta Delta Delta and Phi Gamma Delta will support the efforts of St. Jude with their annual Cookout for Cancer this Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Phi Gam house.

Tri-Delt's philanthropy chair, Kelly Harris, is hoping to raise more money than ever before to support a cause that she feels is extremely worthwhile.

"St. Jude specializes in research and treatment for childhood cancer and never charges a family for anything past what their insurance can pay," Harris said. "It costs \$1.2 million a day just to keep the hospital open."

For \$5, participants can listen to music and eat hot dogs and hamburgers. However, Harris feels it's important that guests know the cookout is not just a fun social gathering.

"In order to help people

realize that the cookout is more than just a social event, we will have guests wear a hospital band with a patient's name and condition," Harris said.

Photos of St. Jude's patients will be displayed around the lawn.

Harris also hopes the cookout will be successful this year in attracting participants from all across campus and not just from the greek community.

"The cookout is open to the entire University of Alabama community," Harris said. "Helping raise money to prevent and treat childhood cancer is not something that only greeks should be passionate about, but every student on campus."

"We really want everyone to come and show their support for St. Jude and all the work they are doing to help children all over the world, even if they have no connections to Tri-Delt or Phi Gam."

John Pickering, Phi Gam's philanthropy chair, has enjoyed the friendships fostered between Tri-Delt and Phi Gam and hopes that many students will attend the cookout to support the cause.

"There's definitely

something special about doing something for a common purpose and this cookout is a simple, yet powerful example of that," Pickering said.

Pickering went on to say that Tri-Delt and Phi Gam's goal is to have 1,000 people attend the cookout. Junior Julia Parsons, a member of Tri-Delt, believes the cookout is important in raising both funds and awareness for St. Jude.

"It is a great time for all of us to come together, celebrate the life we've been given, and to be thankful for what we have," Parsons said. "Knowing that this cookout raises money for the sick children at St. Jude is the biggest reward."

Leighton Brown, a Tri-Delt senior, agrees that serving the children of St. Jude is rewarding and enjoys participating in an event every year that raises money for children.

"Getting the chance to make an empowering impact in those children's lives every year is so rewarding and so worth it to me," Brown said.

Students interested in purchasing a ticket may purchase one from any member of Tri-Delt or Phi Gam or at the door the day of the event.

Students sound off on Trayvon Martin case

By Ashanka Kumari
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The death of Trayvon Martin has been a subject of national news stories for several weeks and some UA students feel that a lack of evidence will keep the case from having any impact on the nation's guns laws.

Martin, an unarmed 17-year-old, was shot and killed on his way home by George Zimmerman, a self-appointed neighborhood watch captain who claimed he fired his weapon in self-defense, according to an article from Huffington Post.

Nicholas Caluda, a freshman English major, said he noticed a lot of people on Facebook liking pictures of Martin demanding justice and decided to look into the situation for himself because he felt there was probably more to the case than he saw on his newsfeed.

"When I read some of the things that haven't been reported, that we have no proof Zimmerman continued to pursue Martin after the dispatcher told him not to or that the tapes had been edited by NBC news broadcasts to give the case a racial overtone, I was shocked," Caluda said. "I'm still shocked at just how much confusion is going around over the facts of this case. Nobody can seem to get their stories straight, least of all the media."

In addition, some media outlets have depicted Martin at age 12 and Zimmerman in a mug shot, images that do not accurately represent their appearances today, Caluda said.

Miranda Ward, a sophomore majoring in biology, said she feels that there will be no impact on current laws because of the slow reactions regarding justice.

"As Americans, I feel that we often get fired up about an issue but rarely do anything about our major concerns that could make a lasting difference," Ward said. "We just want justice served

right then and there and don't take the time to deal with the real, underlying problem that caused such events."

Some students said the only side of the story that will ever be told is Zimmerman's.

"The fact that Zimmerman was never arrested bothers me because obviously he did kill him, but it is still unknown if it was in self-defense," Leah Smith, a senior majoring in mathematics, said. "The law that prohibited police from arresting him makes me feel like our government was not doing their job. It shocks me that someone could shoot someone else and walk free without being arrested."

Arielle Hurst, a freshman majoring in accounting, said Zimmerman wrongly took the life of an innocent 17-year-old boy and remains unpunished for his actions.

"Zimmerman has tarnished the use of Florida's lawful self-defense," Hurst said. "He has wrongfully claimed that he was merely defending himself from Martin, yet there is strong evidence that contradicts his account. It seems as though the United States still has more to analyze when it comes to the correct employment of self-defense claims."

Brittani Talbert, a sophomore majoring in psychology, said she hopes this case will cause people to rethink the gun ownership process.

"I know some individuals at this time probably want guns completely off the streets, but that's not going to happen," Talbert said. "This is America and we love our right to bear arms. I'm not saying this is bad, but I would feel better if there was a class along with the background check already needed to own a gun."

Regardless of the reasons, the death of a teenage boy is terrible, Talbert said.

"Trayvon was only two years younger than me. He could have been any one of my friends," Talbert said. "I just hope the young man's family receives justice and my heart goes out to them."

UA juggler creates club

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Ingram Crosson, a sophomore majoring in Spanish, has been juggling almost his entire life, and he is hoping to spread his love for the pastime through his recently created Crimson Jugglers group at the University of Alabama.

Crosson said he has been juggling since his elementary school days.

"My elementary school had a juggling club," Crosson said. "I wanted to get a group together on campus at UA, and I figured starting a club was the best way to go."

Crosson started Crimson Jugglers this semester as an official way to spread the art of juggling across campus. The club currently has a small group of around 10 to 15 members, and they are looking to expand. They meet twice a month and practice juggling every Wednesday at 4 p.m. on the Quad. As Crosson is a member of the Mallet Assembly, many practices for the club take place in front of the Mallet dormitory, as well.

Crosson said he can juggle balls, pins, knives, fire and even SPAM. He learned through a levels system during his elementary school physical education class. They started with scarves and then moved to rings, then balls, pins and more difficult objects.

He is currently working on juggling five balls at once.

"Knives are the sketchiest [to juggle] because they are never weighted the same," Crosson said. "They are normally random kitchen knives or pocket knives that I just pick up."

Crosson said juggling fire is tricky as well, though he said he has only been hit once in the face by the fire.

"You just get so used to it," Crosson said. "It doesn't really affect you after a while."

For many of the members in the club, juggling has become a great pastime. They juggle between classes and during any free time they have, with whatever objects they find convenient.

Kaiya Arroyo, vice president of the Crimson Jugglers, said she became interested in juggling from watching Crosson juggle pins.

"It looked like an interesting challenge," said Arroyo, "and it turned out to be both relaxing

and fun."

Arroyo said she has learned more than just juggling balls during her time in the organization. She has learned to manipulate many types of objects.

"It is easy to get lost in a couple of hours of juggling," Crosson said. "It's a way to kill time and have fun."

Crosson said juggling also helps with coordination and reflex skills. He said some people use it for exercise by juggling weights for long periods of time.

Crosson said most are new to juggling when they join the club, and anyone who wants to join is welcome.

"We are more than happy to accept people, new or veterans," Crosson said.

Interested students can email CrimsonJugglers@gmail.com to find out more information about when meetings and practices are to be held. The Crimson Jugglers can also be found on thesource.ua.edu.

Investigations into causes of student's death will continue

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Fire and Rescue personnel began arriving near the Bama Belle dock around 7:30 a.m. Friday. Family and friends gathered by the Bama Belle dock early in the morning to wait for news.

Blankley said investigations into Jones' death are ongoing and would include interviews of those on the boat with Jones Thursday night. Police confirmed that alcohol was present on the boat Thursday night.

Blankley said he would not go into the details of the possibility of investigations being made into whether Jones was served or given alcohol on the Bama Belle.

Blankley said more than a dozen divers conducted a "very meticulous" underwater grid search at 30- to 40-foot depths. Parker said divers marked off six-foot sections at a time to create a grid pattern and covered at least 3000 sq. ft.

Jones, known as "Tre" to friends and family, was a sophomore chemical engineering major from Demopolis.

Camilo Zapata, a sophomore and Jones' freshman year roommate, said Jones was one of the liveliest guys he knew.

"He was very welcoming and open," Zapata



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Police used helicopters to search for Jones' body.

said. "He was always looking out for his friends first and himself second. His parents were great — they seemed very close-knit, and they raised a great son."

Jones recently "crossed," or was initiated into, the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

National Pan-Hellenic Council president Xavier Burgin said every fraternity and sorority in NPHC sends their condolences to Jones' family.

"Foremost, we grieve with the Eta Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi who've lost a friend, brother and member," Burgin said. "We hope this instance of avoidable circumstance reminds every student at the University of Alabama to cherish those you hold dearest. Tomorrow is not promised."

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• **The University Campus Band in Concert:** Moody Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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• **University Chorus Choir Concert:** Moody Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

• **Fefu and Her Friends:** Morgan Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

• **Tee Time show by Fashion Inc.:** 7:30 p.m.

• **A Village Called Versailles:** The Bama Theatre, 7 p.m.

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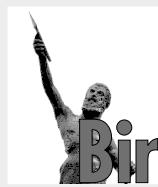
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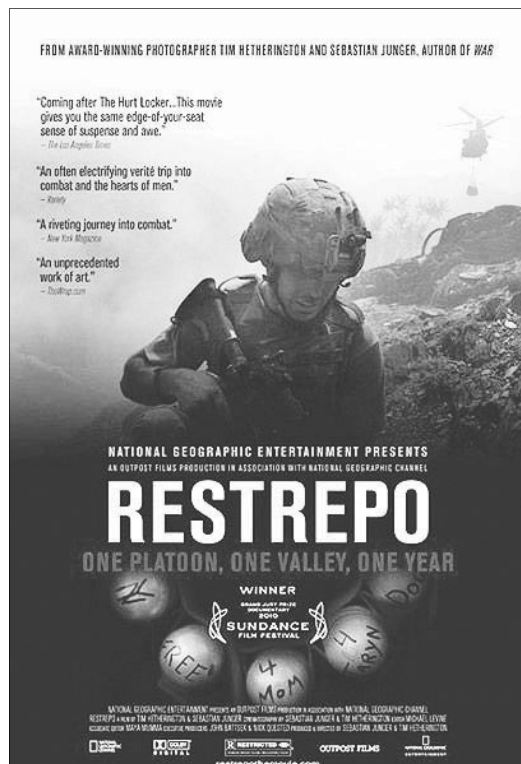
War documentaries deliver honest viewpoint

By Walker Donaldson

The United States has been in Afghanistan since 2001, and support for the war is waning at a dramatic pace. In a post-Osama bin Laden world, the war, to many Americans, seems won. The face of international terrorism and the mastermind behind the 9/11 attacks is dead. America has gotten its vengeance and can come home. Regardless of the direction Afghanistan is heading, Americans believe we have done all we can.

For the second year in a row, a documentary about the war in Afghanistan has been nominated for an Academy Award. In 2010, "Restrepo" told the story of a U.S. Army platoon stationed deep behind enemy lines in Afghanistan. Directed, produced and filmed by Sebastian Junger and Chris Hetherington, the film did not make an attempt at a political statement about Afghanistan but instead followed the soldiers in combat.

Filmed almost entirely in Afghanistan, "Restrepo" puts the viewer in the center of combat. In the opening scene of the film, a roadside bomb detonates under a vehicle in front of the one carrying the camera crew. As an al-Qaeda ambush ensues, the viewer is left wondering how any-



one could survive the brutal onslaught, but out of the chaos of the opening scene comes a film about the camaraderie and brutality of the war.

"Hell and Back Again," a 2011 documentary about Afghanistan, challenges the notion that America's role in the future of Afghanistan is finished and yet also shows



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the seemingly futile efforts of the combat operations. Director Danfung Dennis' first film, "Hell and Back Again" is a story of one man who has lived two lives. It follows Marine Sergeant Nathan Harris' life as a sergeant in Afghanistan and his return home to the United States.

Following in the footsteps of "Restrepo," Dennis' film does

not focus on the broader political implications of the war but instead centers around Harris' time in Afghanistan and attempt to rehabilitate in the United States after a gruesome combat injury during his time in Afghanistan. "Hell and Back Again" is a cinematographic work of art. Dennis juxtaposes scenes of fast-paced combat and vio-

lence in Afghanistan with the slow-paced recovery efforts of Harris in North Carolina. The sessions of physical therapy and the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder on Harris are no less intense than the rocket attacks and gunfire of the Afghan combat scenes.

For a subject that is intensely political, these films succeed in telling the stories of the men in front of the camera. To most Americans, the war in Afghanistan seems distant. "Restrepo" and "Hell and Back Again" work to bridge the gap. Uninformed statements about policies and the future of the war are never made. Instead, the films offer a brilliant look into the lives of soldiers returning home from war.

In the opening scene of "Hell and Back Again," a commander prepares the Marines, as they board helicopters, to make a daring mission deep into the heart of Afghanistan. He tells the men, "Some days, you'll have good days, and some days, you'll have bad days." His words seem obvious and are perhaps understated in lieu of the adversity the men know they will face, but they nevertheless fail to describe the challenging and complicated nature of the war in Afghanistan.

Cult classic packs Bama Theatre as fans of 'The Dude' celebrate everything Lebowski

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the surrounding of fans devoted to the movie and its characters. He also enjoyed the beautiful theatrical presence provided by his first-time visit to the Bama Theatre.

"It's the Bama Theatre," Blanchard said. "If you get any chance to come out, you have to do it."

Before the start of the film, seven contests took the stage to compete in an applause-

based costume contest led by Mama Dixie of The Pink Box Burlesque, Tuscaloosa's burlesque troupe. The top three each won free games of bowling, Pink Box tickets and a cash prize, but first place earned a bowling ball and bag, and second place, a used bowling pin.

Each provided their own anecdote or impression, but the first-prize-winning



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Walter's proud admission of "not driving here on the Shabbos" earned him the loudest of the applause and hoots and hollers.

"Honestly, his clothes were

the clothes I had in my closet," said Billy Field, the winning Walter. "And no, I would not drive here on the Shabbos."

During the screening, the film's signature quotes and

scenes were preempted and followed by scores of laughter, but a running murmur of commentary, quotation and more laughs were strung throughout the film from start to finish.

Alerted to the screening by Sandra Lary, his girlfriend who had not seen the film, Field himself came to watch what he claimed to be his 14th viewing of the film. However, Lary had heard plenty about the film beforehand.

"There was a lot of build-up to it," Lary said. "But, it was all I could have expected it to be."

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Grissom back on CMT for 'Southern Nights'

By Anna Price Olsen
Contributing Writer

Devin Grissom, a University of Alabama junior and the bachelorette from season one of Country Music Television's "Sweet Home Alabama," escaped from Tuscaloosa in February to film a new reality TV show in Savannah, Ga.

The show, "Southern Nights," features five girls and five guys as they experience the nightlife, haunted houses and beaches around the historic city. While many people are calling the show a southern "Jersey Shore," Grissom said the producers pitched the show as more of a "Real World"-type show.

"It looks exactly like 'Jersey Shore,' the difference is that the girls are really classy," she said. "They really just set us loose ... Part of it seems scripted, but it was seriously real."

Although the group does venture into the Savannah

night scene, drink and live together in a coed mansion, Grissom said she and a few of the other girls knew they didn't have to be wild and dramatic just because they were on reality television.

"We demonstrated that you can be fun and classy at the same time," she said. "I really hope that comes across."

Grissom's roommates in the Phi Mu sorority house, Meghan Moore and Brittany Covington, feel confident that their friend will remain true to herself and put together, even in the world of reality television.

"She always portrays herself well — she's the good girl on the show," Moore said.

While the "Southern Nights" cast is composed of contestants from the previous three seasons of "Sweet Home Alabama," Grissom notes that four out of the five guys are from her season.

"They all came up to me and wanted reasons for why I sent



Submitted Photo
'Sweet Home Alabama' star Devin Grissom joins the cast of a CMT show similar to MTV's 'Real World.'

them home," Grissom said. "It was really awkward."

According to Grissom, filming "Southern Nights" was a lot more enjoyable for her than "Sweet Home Alabama"

because there were no dates involved this time. However, she explained that a guy from her season, Collin Varallo, confessed his love for her several times once they were reunited

on the show. At first, she said she wasn't interested but says it developed into a "bit of a thing" as they lived together while filming.

"Now that the trailers are coming out, he looks like a huge player," Grissom said. "He was doing stuff behind my back."

For now, Grissom said she is not dating anyone.

While the show did present Grissom with the challenge of balancing social fun and her online schoolwork, the experience has opened plenty of doors, such as the opportunity to shadow Erin Andrews.

"I never thought I wanted to do anything on camera at all, but ever since 'Sweet

Home Alabama,' I've had a lot of doors open for on-camera stuff," Grissom said.

While Moore and Covington both said they haven't quite gotten used to seeing their friend on the television screen, they are happy for her.

"It's been great seeing her do this," Covington said. "We know it will advance her career."

Grissom said going into the show she was worried about how wild the show might be because she understands reputation is key in the broadcasting business.

"I was myself the entire time, like, I never did anything wild or crazy," Grissom said. "I don't think I need to be worried."

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— Devin Grissom

Apple alternatives popular at UA

By Becky Robinson
Contributing Writer

It seems, wherever you look, campus is alight with small, glowing apples on the backs of everyone's computers. These half-devoured apples also shine on the backs of phones, music players and, most recently, tablets. However, some people have held out on the Apple Corporation and decided to buy other brands to suit their individual needs and budget.

Apple debuted its new iPad 3 a few months ago, but in addition to all its features, it boasts a hefty price tag of \$500. BlackBerry offers a version of the tablet for a bit cheaper, at \$350. The BlackBerry PlayBook has many features similar to the iPad — apps, Internet connec-

tion and the ability to combine all of your BlackBerry products on one device (similar to Apple's iCloud).

Michael Fitzmorris, a junior majoring in biology and political science, said he enjoys his PlayBook "because it's a little more geared to functional stuff and getting things done." Fitzmorris added he was more comfortable using the PC format instead of Apple's operating system.

The Android Xoom is another tablet option for buyers. While the cost is the same as the iPad, it uses Google services instead of Apple. It also has six home screens, so users can personalize and categorize all of their data, and two cameras for those who enjoy snapping away. Both the iPad and Xoom contain

64GB of memory.

When it comes to buying laptops, Robert Christl, a sophomore majoring in political science and history, said he would purchase an HP over an Apple.

"I have an HP laptop, and I love it because it works very well, was cheaper than a Mac, and, as of yet, has not been subjected to the same level of scrutiny when it comes to the working conditions of their suppliers," Christl said.

Dell's XPS Ultrabook is another popular laptop choice. Unfortunately, the price is close to Apple's 13-inch Macbook Pro, at \$1,299. Its features include a thickness of only six millimeters, constant updates for both social media and work tools through Intel Smart Connect Technology and 256GB of mem-

ory. Ultimately, the biggest area of difference is in the operating system.

If you're looking into smartphones, consider the Samsung Galaxy Nexus. It has a touchscreen, a Google operating system, Android Beam features and a face unlock, meaning your smile, instead of a password, will unlock your phone. Derick Harmke, a junior majoring in finance, has had experience with Apple products in the past and likes his Samsung better.

"I have an iPod Touch already, but there's a lot I didn't like about it," Harmke said, "This one has 4G and a bigger screen."

Harmke paid around \$200 for his Galaxy, but prices tend to vary depending on cell phone companies and coverage plans.

LIFESTYLES in Brief

Theatre department premieres traveling show

By Ashley Chaffin

The newest production from the University of Alabama Department of Theatre and Dance isn't just in one location. It is in four separate environments, as the audience travels with the cast from one location to another throughout the play.

Opening tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Allen Bales Theatre, "Fefu and Her Friends" follows Fefu and other wealthy women in her community as they plan a charity event. According to the department's website, as the audience moves to each location, the cast moves from one emotion to another. The play was originally written and produced in 1977 by playwright Maria Irene Fornes.

The show will be performed in Allen Bales Theatre Monday through Thursday and again on Saturday at 7:30 p.m., and at 2 p.m. on Friday and Sunday. Tickets for the show are \$10 and can be purchased at the Morgan Auditorium Box Office.

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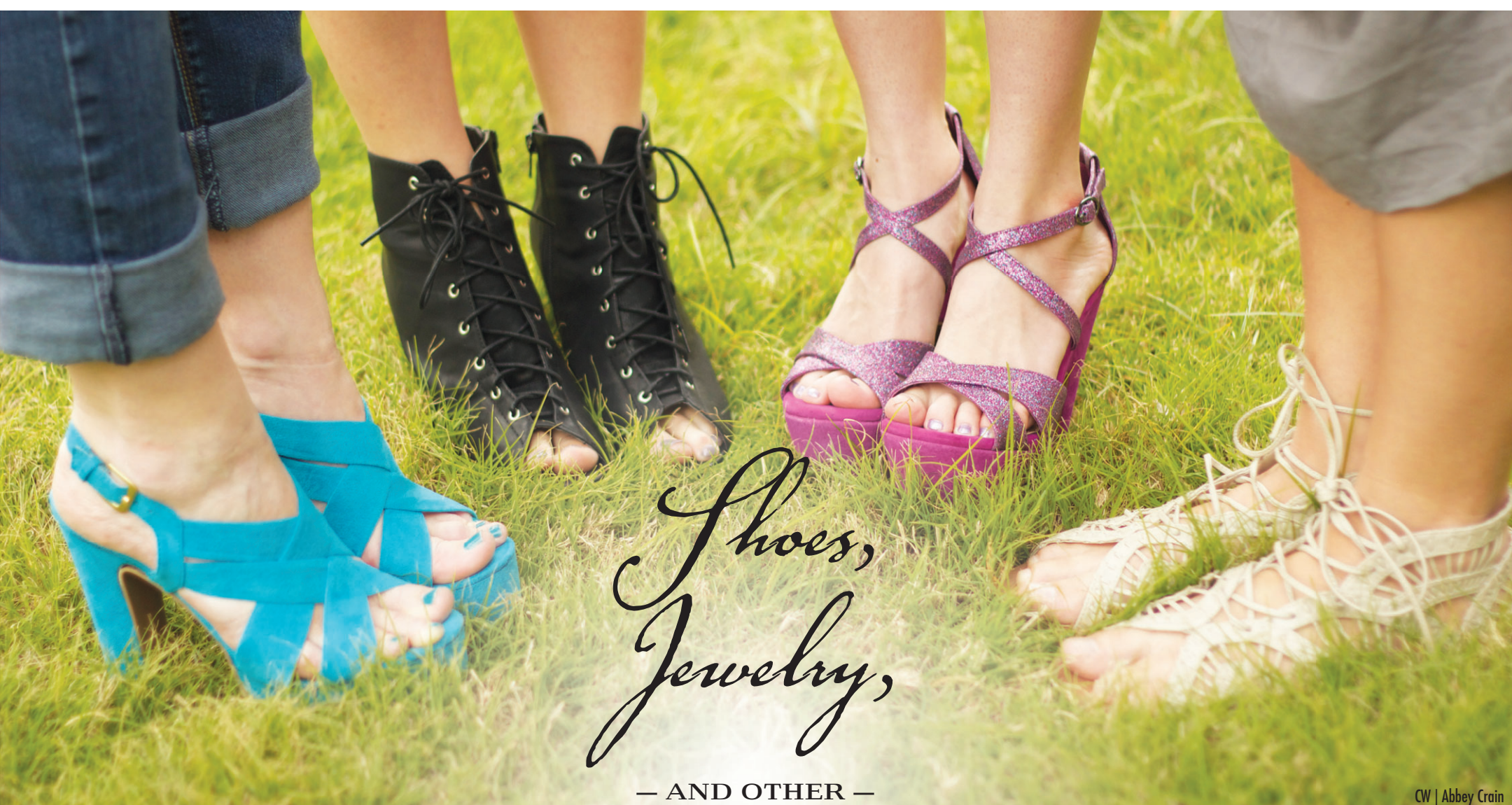
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By Abbey Crain

The saying “less is more” does not always prove true in the fashion world. The accessories with which you adorn your apparel are the key to creating a put-together look. Accessories are a great way to emphasize your personal style by amping up a plain-Jane ensemble with a statement shoe, bright belts or bold jewelry.

Spring 2012 is not the season of functionality when it comes to the fashion world. The economy stresses the versatility of black pumps and a matching bag, but the sunshine of spring and the money you get from selling back your books to the

Supé Store says otherwise.

Many shoe designers, such as Prada, Chanel and Balenciaga, are introducing lines of “novelty heels” this spring. These shoes look like they shouldn’t be touching the pavement, but rather like they should be seen on display at an art museum. A statement shoe — that of the bright, bold and quirky variety — can easily transform a bland outfit into an intentional, one-of-a-kind look.

Shoes are quite literally out of this world, with transparent aspects adding to the already wide spectrum of shoe styles. A chunky stripper heel may be coming to mind upon the mentioning of transparent, but the look can add a sophisticated

touch. Zara has a great nude sandal with a clear heel that adds a hint of unexpected glam to the usual nude pump.

In other realms of the accessory world, belts are not always for holding up your pants. Skinny, neon, metallic and stretchy; just like us ladies, this apparel adornment comes in many shapes and sizes. Cinch a flowy top with a skinny neon belt to highlight your waist or dress up a simple white dress with a metallic

belt. Target has a large selection of belts in lots of bright colors and metallics.

Jewelry is no new accessory, but we sometimes forget the power it can add to an outfit. No clothes combination is complete without the right amount of body bejeweling. This spring, it is less about the actual jewel or stone, but there is more emphasis on the metal — gold, silver and the like. I personally am partial to a set of gold bangles and deem no

outfit complete without them. Just that extra “clink” when I’m walking seems to give me a satisfaction about the look I created that morning.

Giant dangling earrings have been spotted weighing down the frail models of high fashion runways recently. This accessory can be bought most anywhere at a reasonable price and should be worn with minimal jewels on the neck and wrist regions. A dramatic earring can dress up a short-and-blouse combo or add a boho feel to a flowy skirt, depending on the style.

Headbands have also made a comeback recently. No longer stashed in the bathroom to use when washing your face or to

hide your attempt at straight across bangs, these hair ornaments come in all styles and can be worn for any occasion. Many mod or retro styles have been seen on celebrities such as Zooey Deschanel to adorn a simple ponytail or highlight bangs. Other metallic sorts can dress up a bad hair day and can be thrown on when time is of the essence.

Hope this rundown of spring accessories has inspired the inner artist in your usual morning routine. Play with colors and proportions to achieve a unique ensemble that looks put-together and oozes personality. Don’t forget that it is the little additions that truly make an outfit.

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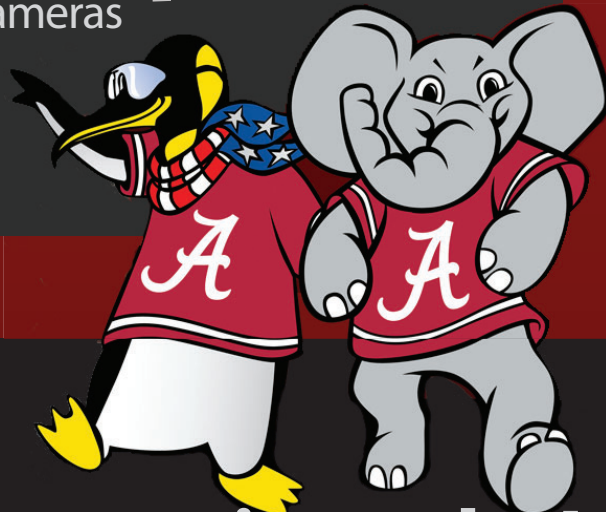
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Alabama shuts out LSU 6-0 to take series

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Sophomore pitcher Jackie Traina rolled through Tuscaloosa Sunday, posting 12 strikeouts as the Crimson Tide softball team shut out No. 21 LSU 6-0, winning the weekend series 2-1.

After a quick start to the first inning, Traina said it was important to get off the field.

"You need to set a tone at the beginning of the game," she said. "You want to get in and out. I want to get out of the field so the hitters can hit. The



quicker it is, the better it is."

Traina posted 12 strikeouts in Sunday's game. With the

win, she moves to No. 1 in the Alabama record books for consecutive decisions, with 25, passing Kelsi Dunne.

Murphy said he knew before the game that Traina was ready to go.

"I saw her at the edge of the dugout about 45 minutes before the game, doing the lineup, and asked if she was good to go," Murphy said. "She was like, 'Yes sir, yes sir.' I could tell right away she was excited about the day."

Alabama put Saturday's batting trouble behind them and scored five runs on four hits in the first inning. Catcher Kendall Dawson said scoring the runs with two outs said a lot about the team.

"The biggest thing was we had two outs the whole time," Dawson said. "It was a testament to our hitters that we wanted to get it done in the first inning and show them we were here to play today, especially after a game like yesterday, when we didn't put a lot of balls in play."

The Tide added another run in the fifth. Kayla Braud started things off with a single, then stole second and moved to third on a wild pitch. Kaila Hunt's single would score Braud to put the Tide up 6-0.

Up six runs, Traina had room to work with, but it wasn't necessary. She posted at least one strikeout in all seven innings of the game and



UA Athletics

Top: Jazlyn Lunceford slides into second base in Sunday's game against LSU.

Above: Jackey Branham tries to stop an LSU player from safety sliding.

struck out seven of the last nine batters.

"She controlled the middle of the lineup," Murphy said. "They've got some good hitters in three-four-five — once you can do that and get ahead of them, they start guessing. That's when you know you're going to have a good day as a pitcher."

Traina posted a no-hitter until the sixth inning, when a slow roller passed Traina to put a runner at first.

"I don't really think much about it, but it would have

been nice if it hadn't been such a dinky hit," Traina said.

Despite the one hit, Dawson said Traina was in her groove.

"She had all of her stuff today," Dawson said. "We always work hard on getting ahead so we know we can get them to fish on a pitch that might not be their favorite pitch and throw a pitcher's pitch when we're ahead. She works really hard to keep it low at the knees so that they couldn't hit it hard if they did, and it kept it on the infield so we could make a play."

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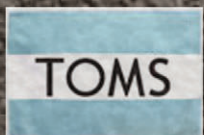
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BASEBALL

Tide hopes to continue momentum against UAB

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In practice last week, with the first 28 games of the season in the books, Alabama head coach Mitch Gaspard told his team to approach the second half of the season as a new season.

Alabama started off the new season — the new 28 games — with a 9-5 win over South Alabama and added on this weekend by sweeping the Auburn Tigers, concluding with Sunday's 6-2 victory.

Senior centerfielder Taylor Dugas stole the stage, with a .462 batting average and five RBIs in the three games. Dugas also set a new school record for career triples with 14 and tied the school career record for doubles with 64 while getting his 300th career hit. Dugas stole the doubles record away from his hitting coach, Andy Phillips.

"Those things are all great," Dugas said. "I was telling someone the other day that passing all those records is good, but I want to hit these doubles to hopefully score some runs and help the team win."

The intensity of the rivalry with Auburn helped Dugas' effort throughout the weekend.

"Being Auburn, bragging right across the state and all that, you want to come out ready to play," Dugas said.

The entire team came ready to play all weekend, playing perfectly into Gaspard's game plan.

"Before the game, what we wanted to do was to out-energy our opponent today," Gaspard

said. "Coming off the game yesterday, we had an opportunity to do that. I thought our guys had good energy all day, and I thought that we competed really hard throughout the entire weekend."

Alabama finally put together a complete effort from all phases of the game, sending the clubhouse into a smiling frenzy.

"I feel like we're kind of — knock on wood — catching our stride," shortstop Jared Reaves said. "We've just got to enjoy it while it's rolling."

Catcher and third baseman Brett Booth added, "You can feel the confidence rising and everyone getting more confidence in themselves and the team."

The coaching staff is enjoying the breakthrough, as well.

"This was really the first week of play that we started putting everything together, and we caught a few breaks with that," Gaspard said. "We just could not deliver a big hit. All of a sudden, we started getting some of those, and we got a couple breaks. A couple balls fell in, we made a couple plays, and it really starts to change the whole mindset of your team."

Reaves added, "It's nice to see. You can't ask for a better series than Auburn to keep making strides."

Alabama now has the task of carrying the momentum into the next week of action, starting Tuesday night against UAB. The game could bring up painful memories for the Tide, as Alabama played 12 scoreless innings in a 1-0 loss to the Blazers on March 27.



Left: Justin Kamplain pitches against the Auburn Tigers on Saturday, helping the Tide to a 6-2 victory. Right: At bat, Hunter Gregory aids Bama in the pivotal win against Auburn.



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MEN'S TENNIS

Alabama cruises past Vols at home, opens NCAA door

By Billy Whyte
Contributing Writer

The Alabama men's tennis team dominated in a win over No. 19 Tennessee at home Sunday, 6-1, earning its first win over a top-20 team this season. The win moves Alabama to 8-13 overall and 2-10 in Southeastern Conference play.

The Crimson Tide started off the match by winning a hard-fought doubles point to take a 1-0 lead. After splitting the first two doubles matches, Ricky Doverspike and Jarryd Botha were able to defeat the No. 8 doubles team Mikelis Libietis and Hunter Reese in a close match, 8-5. It was the

highest-ranked singles or doubles opponent the Tide has defeated all year.

"Winning a doubles point against a team like that, who hasn't lost many double points this year, is definitely a big momentum swing for us," Doverspike said. "We felt like once we did that, we could step on them in singles."

And step on them they did, as the Tide carried the momentum into two quick singles wins with freshman David Vieira defeating Edward Jones 6-3, 6-2 and senior Michael Thompson winning 6-2, 6-0 against Bryan Swartz. Sophomore Daniil Proskura clinched the vic-

tory for the tide by defeating Brandon Pickey 6-3, 7-5. Proskura, who has won four of

team a lot of confidence. The win means a lot for us, and it gives us a chance to get into

"It was a really big win for us. It gives me confidence for myself and my game, and it gives the team a lot of confidence. The win means a lot for us, and it gives us a chance to get into the NCAA's."

— Daniil Proskura

his last five matches, said the decisive win should give the team a lot of confidence moving forward.

"It was a really big win for us," Proskura said. "It gives me confidence for myself and my game, and it gives the

the NCAA's."

With a team victory for the Tide already in hand, senior Ricky Doverspike pulled out one of the gutsiest performances of the season, defeating No. 42 Mikelis Libietis, 5-7, 6-1, 1-0 (10-7). Doverspike had

to drop out of his match Friday against Georgia because of severe cramping in his leg and had to have his leg wrapped up for today's game. Injuries aside, Doverspike has been spectacular as of late, winning six of his last nine singles matches. Head coach Billy Pate had high praise for Doverspike following his win. "I was very proud for him," Pate said. "He beat a very good player today, one of the best freshman in the country, so it was a great win for Ricky. He is probably playing our best team right now."

Even though the Tide didn't close out the season the way they wanted, Pate said he is

happy with how the team is playing at the moment and hopes the team will continue to perform at a high level so they might have a chance at making the NCAA tournament.

"We learned a lot about ourselves this week," Pate said. "We became a lot more confident after that win on Wednesday, and that carried over to playing well on Friday and playing well today. Hopefully we will continue to play well moving forward so we have a chance at the NCAA's."

The Tide returns to action Wednesday to take on UAB and Samford in Birmingham.

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Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is a 7 -- It's getting busy, and your creative juices are flowing. Get productive, and don't be afraid to be unorthodox. Price your materials. Include your team. Save time and money.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- There's another opportunity for income. Let your conscience be your guide. Avoid big promises. Leave time to play like a child (or with one). Your friends are your inspiration.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Make household decisions for the next two days. Clean up a mess, figuratively or literally. Consult a partner on a decision. Follow a dream to a mysterious destination.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Get a financial deal in writing. Learn from friends at a seminar or class. You've got the study advantage with your extra ability to focus.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- The people around you are more respectful. It's a good time to ask for money. It could get spent easily. Keep track. Entering a two-day domestic phase. Express your sentiment artistically.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Your confidence can make a big difference, like a sense of ease and space. With new freedom comes a new responsibility and satisfaction. Enjoy the growth, and keep expanding.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 5 -- Renew yourself through private examination, perhaps in the shape of an artistic project. Don't worry about the money. Conserve resources out of habit. Create beauty.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 5 -- See how you can use your connections to generate new income. You'd rather play than work now, but what if you could combine both? Choose romance. And fun.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Your community participation and creative mind for problem-solving makes you quite attractive. Listen to someone who loves you. It's guaranteed to be better than internal radio.

DOWNTIME

Crossword

Fun-filled Time Wasters

- ACROSS**
1 Info in a folder
5 Mystical secrets
11 Polynesian paste
14 Prayer ender
15 Mazda roadsters
16 Landers with advice
17 Donald Duck's title adventures, in a '90s Disney series
19 Vigor
20 Ten Commandments verb
21 The house, to José
23 ___ pig: experiment subject
27 Hallway
28 West Coast capital
31 Retrace one's steps
33 Lament for Yorick
34 Pan-cooked in oil, say
35 Reach one's limit on, as a credit card, with "out"
36 Heavy wts.
37 Pres. or gov.
38 Fell with an axe
41 Luau cocktails
43 Galileo launcher: Abbr.
44 Lunch box pudding brand
47 Emcees
48 "Dog the Bounty Hunter" channel
49 Pieces
51 H.S. class with microscopes
53 Jenna, to Jeb
56 Ancient
57 Expert
62 Casual shirt
63 Like some Coast Guard rescues
64 Native Nebraskan
65 Disruptive '60s campus gp.
66 "___": rewind": VCR rental reminder
67 Skinny

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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40 Used to be
41 1450, in old Rome
42 Get an "A" on
43 Rhinoplasty
44 Whodden shoes
45 Got an "A" on
46 Battery terminals
47 Estate beneficiary
50 Three-time Masters winner Sam
52 Soft French cheese
54 "Elder" or "Younger" Roman statesman
55 Financial subj.
58 Noah's refuge
59 CBS forensic series
60 Barbie's boyfriend
61 Phi Beta Kappa symbol

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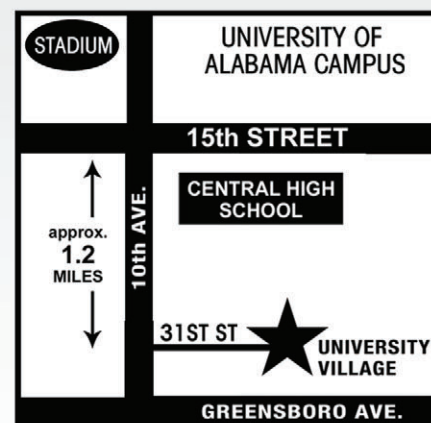
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