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SPORTS | FOOTBALL

## Yeldon, Cooper lead Alabama to 44-13 victory

Freshmen stand out in win at Tennessee

By Marquavius Burnett  
Sports Editor

While No. 1 Alabama looked like world beaters against Tennessee, two true freshmen are grabbing all of the headlines after the Crimson Tide's 44-13 clobbering of the Volunteers on Saturday.

Running back T.J. Yeldon and wide receiver Amari Cooper have each had big games this season, but finally put their talents on display on the same stage in front of 102,455 fans at Neyland Stadium.

The young stars for Alabama showed fans and opponents why Alabama is more than just a defensive juggernaut. It also provided a glimpse of how good Alabama can be when these two actually become seasoned and figure the game out.

The Alabama (7-0, 4-0 SEC) offense steam rolled Tennessee (3-4, 0-4 SEC) for 539 total yards, in large part due to the play of Yeldon and Cooper.

Yeldon exploded on the scene against Michigan, rushing for 111 yards and a touchdown, becoming the first true freshman to rush for over 100 yards in his debut.

His numbers declined in the coming weeks, but he hit his stride against at Missouri with 144 yards and two touchdowns.

The 6-foot-2, 216 pound Daphne, Ala. native is second on the team in rushing with 565 yards and six touchdowns. He has gone over 100 yards in consecutive games and Saturday marked the third time this season.

He piled up 129 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries for an otherworldly average of 8.6 yards a carry against the shaky Volunteer defense.

Yeldon's running style is a blend of Mark Ingram and Trent Richardson. He has the wiggle necessary to make defenders miss and not take any big hits like Ingram. He also has the power and deceptive speed that Richardson displayed during his career at Alabama.

On Alabama's second scoring drive, Yeldon touched the ball every play, gaining 32 yards and punching it in from a yard out for the touchdown. Yeldon has shown he can be a work horse for the Tide if needed.

"He's awesome and so fun to watch," center Barrett Jones said. "When he gets the ball in space, he's extremely dangerous."

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CW | Shannon Auvil

Freshman running back, T.J. Yeldon, rushed for 129 yards and scored two touchdowns against the Tennessee Volunteers.

NEWS | HAZING

## 'A very strong message'



CW | Shannon Auvil

Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Nelson explains UA's reasons for canceling pledgship at a press conference.

### Hazing brings end to IFC pledgship

By Melissa Brown  
News Editor

The University of Alabama canceled all Interfraternity pledge programs Thursday, Oct. 18, just weeks after an e-mail claiming to be sent on behalf of fraternity and sorority pledges

sent to Greek Affairs director Kathleen Gillan went public and pledgship was suspended just before fall break.

News of the cancellation broke after Assistant Dean of Students Lowell Davis announced the University's decision to a group of IFC fraternity presidents at 12:30 p.m. Davis told the students pledges had to be out of pledge gear and all pledge

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activities were to cease by 1 p.m.

"There is a new day at The University of Alabama, a new president, and we cannot allow the things that have possibly taken place in the past to continue to happen," Davis

ordered when they met. Making and playing their music gave them a chance to express their feelings and experiences that they could not discuss in conversation. They blend their rock, blues and modern influences together to make one harmonious sound.

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CULTURE | THE HELLMAND PROJECT

## Veterans form band through local VA

The Hellmand Project is named for 1 of the most dangerous provinces in Afghanistan

By Deanne Winslett  
Staff Reporter

When Allen Morgan heard Joe Gillentine and Jason Hallman strumming the guitar and singing at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center three months ago, he could not resist the urge to sit down and start playing with them. Instantly, there was a

chemistry the three men could not dismiss.

"It started with Jason and Joe just playing guitar down in the Serenity Garden," Morgan said. "I came through one day and heard them playing and I sat down and I started playing. It all kind of snowballed from there."

They became The Hellmand Project, named after the

Helmand Province in Afghanistan. The Helmand Province is known for selling 75 percent of the world's opium and is a place where many veterans have served. The group added the extra "l" to Helmand to turn it into Hellmand.

"We put a spin on it because it's one of the most dangerous provinces in Afghanistan. It's where a lot of our friends, even friends I went to high school with, died over there," Morgan said. "We added an 'l' to it

because it's a hellish place."

Morgan, Hallman and Gillentine were each in the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center for post-traumatic stress disorder when they met. Making and playing their music gave them a chance to express their feelings and experiences that they could not discuss in conversation. They blend their rock, blues and modern influences together to make one harmonious sound.

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NEWS | BAMA DINING

## Bama Dining brings nationally franchised food truck onto campus

La Lola Loca offers tex-mex options daily

By Mark Hammontree  
Contributing Writer

A brand new dining experience has arrived on campus at The University of Alabama. Last week, Bama Dining introduced La Lola Loca, a tex-mex food truck that serves up a variety of dishes from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. outside of Bibb Graves Hall on the Quad.

The location of the food truck

provides students and faculty another stop for lunch without having to walk to Fresh Food Company in the Ferguson Center or other dining halls that are too far away for students in a hurry.

"The food truck gives us the opportunity to serve parts of campus that currently do not have a dining location nearby," Kelsey Faust, marketing director for Bama Dining, said. "We also wanted to offer another convenient dining option for students, faculty and staff on the go with little time to stop for lunch."

This food truck comes less than a year after an independently-operated food truck, Brothers Street Eats, was kicked off campus on April 13 because of complaints about the noise created by the generator that powered the cooking equipment in the truck.

Faust declined to comment on Brothers Street Eats specifically but did state that La Lola Loca is in accordance with the city law regarding noise disruption.

"La Lola Loca's generator maxes at a 65 decibel level at 10 feet away and therefore is below

the max decibel level of 80-75 db," Faust said.

Brothers Street Eats' owners could not comment by the time of publication.

Food trucks are an increasingly popular trend in cities and on college campuses across the nation. La Lola Loca is part of a national chain called Mobi Munch, Inc., Faust said. Identical La Lola Loca trucks can be found at other universities, such as the University of Florida and the University of Tennessee.

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CW | Cora Lindholm

Students line up at La Lola Loca outside Bibb Graves Hall.



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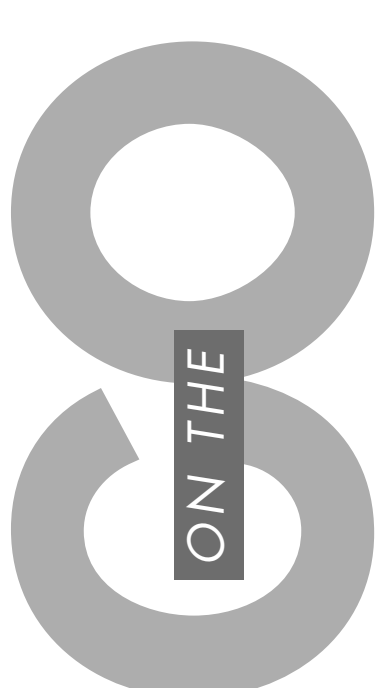
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## ON THE CALENDAR

### TODAY

**What:** Honor Choir Concert

**Where:** Moody Music Building

**When:** 7:30 p.m.

**What:** Critical Language Center Movie Night: 'A Matter of Size'

**Where:** B.B. Comer Hall

**When:** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**What:** Public Lecture by Jay Watson

**Where:** 324 Lloyd Hall

**When:** 4 - 5 p.m.

### TUESDAY

**What:** Riverside Bollywood Film Festival: 'Aarakshan'

**Where:** Riverside Community Center Media Room

**When:** 7 - 10 p.m.

**What:** A Little More Debussy

**Where:** Moody Music Building

**When:** 11 p.m. - 2 a.m.

**What:** Bama Art House Film Festival presents 'Sleepwalk with Me'

**Where:** Bama Theatre

**When:** 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

**What:** James Sherman Brantley lecture on art

**Where:** 205 Gorgas Library

**When:** 7 p.m.

**What:** Voting Rights and Controversies

**Where:** Nott Hall

**When:** 5:30 - 6:30p.m.

**What:** The French Table

**Where:** Starbucks at the Ferguson Center

**When:** 4 - 5 p.m.

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## ON THE MENU

### LAKESIDE

#### LUNCH

Grilled Jerk Chicken  
Beef Burrito  
Tuna Salad Sandwich  
Cavatappi Marinara with Arugula  
Vegetable Medley  
Yellow Rice  
Moroccan Stew (Vegetarian)

#### DINNER

Turkey Tetrazzini  
Pepperoni Pizza  
Fettuccine Alfredo  
White Rice  
Vegetable Stir-fry  
Sautéed Mushroom & Onions  
Rotini Grilled Vegetable Salad (Vegetarian)

### BURKE

#### LUNCH

BBQ Pork Sandwich  
Sausage & Mushroom Cavatappi  
Grilled Chicken Tenders  
Santa Fe Chicken Salad  
Spicy Black Beans  
Mexi-corn  
Moroccan Stew (Vegetarian)

### BRYANT

#### LUNCH

Ham & Noodle Au Gratin  
Chicken Marsala  
Beef & Barley Soup  
African Pilaf  
Turnip Greens  
Roasted Vegetables  
Eggplant Parmesan (Vegetarian)

### FRESH FOOD

#### LUNCH

Roasted Pork Loin  
Chicken Enchilada  
Oriental Beef Soup  
Hummus with Pita Chips  
Breadstick Asiago  
Glazed Carrots  
Black Bean & Corn Salsa (Vegetarian)

## ON THE RADAR

### Political discourse takes on the face of social networking

From MCT Campus

In the moments before last week's much-anticipated rematch debate between President Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney, messages like this showed up online:

"Let's skip the play-by-play on Facebook during the presidential debates tonight, folks. If you must, do it on Twitter with #debates. You'll reach those who actually want to be reached."

Implicit in the post was that our civic, if not necessarily civil, discourse is now also very much a cyber discourse. America in 20102 fully expects to vent about and follow politics electronically.

Not long ago, TV was the overwhelming voice in the political conversation. It consisted of campaigns talking at us, often in ways that drove us batty. Today, the television is but one of the screens battling for voters' attention. The explosion of Twitter and its ilk – played out on mobile phones, iPads, laptops and desktops – let the electorate talk back.

"It's one part effective and one part distracting," said Sarah Wood, secretary and treasurer for the Social Media Club of Kansas City. "Wood is part of the technologically savvy culture that lives to post reactions to the season finale of a favorite television program to Facebook

even while pulling up a weather radar on one screen and a Twitter feed on another to find out when it will rain.

During last Tuesday's debate, Wood watched the YouTube live stream on her iPad, while using her iPhone to read real-time posts on her Twitter feed.

"This tech-savvy generation wants to be involved in conversations to create a connectivity that a singular viewing of an event cannot produce," she said. "We want other opinions and interpretations to be part of our experience."

Their 100-minute exchange last Tuesday generated 12.4 million comments on Twitter and Facebook, according to Bluefin Labs, an analytics firm

that studies social media's reaction to televised events.

It was also the all-time top political event in social media.

"The growth of social platforms like Twitter and Reddit are bringing a whole new experience to the election this year," Evan Conway, president of the Kansas City-based OneLouder, which makes apps for mobile phones and tablets, said in an e-mail.

"We're seeing new types of random, humorous trends such as 'Big Bird' and 'Women in binders,' " – references to comments by Romney that went viral – "taking flight, rather than general topics like health care or the economy," Conway said.

"People are really engaged in this election and (the website) shows that they are not only searching about the candidates but what they are searching about the candidate," said Samantha Smith, a Google spokeswoman. "You can find information about the candidates at your fingertips like never before."

Twitter and Facebook can be handy ways to track campaign news. Yet the platforms' live, real-time nature can make it unwieldy to sort through clutter.

"I'm not even watching the debates," one woman tweeted last week, "and I'm overwhelmed with politics via Twitter #letitbe."

### Making music unites Tuscaloosa veterans

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"I had lost interest in it for a long time until I sat down with these guys," Morgan said of playing the guitar. "When I sit down with them and we start to play it's almost like time stops. Everything's OK. I can come out of my shell."

Hallman, who writes the majority of the songs, translates the group's experiences as well as the stories of other veterans into lyrics.

"I draw from absolute horror, spots in our hearts that have

shut down after combat. And I have to get in there and loosen that chain and let that stuff out because it will just straight cripple you," Hallman said.

Now, the group is continuing to use their music to not only persist in their own healing, but to help other veterans do the same. Since they first met at the Tuscaloosa VA, they have produced several songs and have done a variety of performances for various veterans' organizations.

Having recently left the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center, the three are currently living at different ends of the state, making it more difficult to create music together. But they still

manage to put together music despite the distance. Hallman said he is looking into buying a house with a recording studio set up so that they can meet there whenever possible to continue putting their music together.

"We sit around and record a little bit on our smart phones and we'll send it to each other and play it back and forth with each other. We meet when we can meet," Morgan said.

In the first three months since Gillentine, Morgan and Hallman became The Hellmand Project, they have seen unbelievable responses. They have had veterans come to them personally to express their

support and they have received physical salutes for the work that they are doing.

"So far the feedback that we have gotten is that there isn't another veteran group out there that's willing to take on the responsibility of being a voice about war and PTSD and soldier life," Hallman said

As far as where they would like to see the group go, Hallman said that he would like to see them go all the way. They have been approached with contracts and they are looking to soon release an album. The group has a large amount of

music that veterans especially can relate to, Morgan said, but it also covers situations that are relatable to everyone.

"A lot of the content deals with the horrors of war, the struggles that your family goes through when you're gone. But we cover a wide range of things," Morgan said. "Love, hate. Just about everything roped in together."

To learn more about The Hellmand Project and to listen to their music, visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/TheHellmandProject](http://www.facebook.com/TheHellmandProject).

### Dining director: food truck here to stay

LA LOLA LOCA FROM PAGE 1

La Lola Loca offers a variety of entrées, from the traditional taco to a Cuban-style pulled pork sandwich. In addition, the food truck offers a bacon-wrapped Sonoran hot dog and, for dessert, churros with chocolate dipping sauce.

The vibrant truck seems to have been drawing sizeable crowds throughout the day, though students say the line moves quickly.

"The service was pretty good; they were moving pretty quickly. There was a big crowd," Sam Hardy, a freshman majoring in theatre, said. "I got the bacon-wrapped hot dog, which was delicious. It tasted like all the ingredients were fresh."

Another student, Dick Brackner, had not heard of the truck, but was drawn by the truck's look.

"The bright colors are what caught me," he said as he waited for his taco'dilla, a menu item that has a cheese quesadilla as taco shell.

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Prices for the entrées range from \$2.75 to \$6.75, with chips and salsa or guacamole being extra. There is also an option to make any item vegetarian, which subtracts \$1.25 from the price.

Faust said the truck may add other menu items on a seasonal basis, such as soup in the winter.

"Yes, the food truck is here to stay as long as the demand is present, and La Lola Loca plans to be open throughout the school year," Faust said. "We are continuously looking at additional locations on campus and different service times, such as dinner and late night, based on student and faculty/staff needs. Therefore, we highly suggest for students to follow La Lola Loca on Twitter or Facebook to check the daily location and hours of operation in order to know where Lola is each day."

## Kappa Alpha promotes breast cancer awareness

By Sarah Robinson  
Contributing Writer

The University of Alabama's Kappa Alpha chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., is encouraging greek houses to decorate their porches with pink lights in support of their first Real Men Rock Pink campaign, which promotes breast cancer awareness.

Greek organizations that participate in the Real Men Rock Pink campaign will be charged \$50 for a certificate of philanthropy, a large pink ribbon and pink light bulbs to decorate their house porch.

Proceeds will go toward cancer research to find a cure for the disease.

Alpha President Denzel Evans-Bell came up with the concept two weeks ago. His fraternity brothers noticed that many of the other greek houses had small, individual decorations in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. He wanted Fraternity Row to have a uniform look in relation to the cause.

"The fraternity then created a plan to light up the lane for breast cancer awareness," Jahmir Jones, scholarship chair of APA, said.

Evans-Bell also said the fraternity realized Breast Cancer Awareness Month wasn't being represented on campus as much as it should be.

"Supporting breast cancer awareness is something that our chapter really wants to highlight in the community," Jones said.

Breast cancer awareness campaigns are often associated with women, but Myles Ward, Alpha treasurer, said the campaign shows that it doesn't just



CW | Margo Smith  
Myles Ward, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering, puts in a pink light bulb at the fraternity house of Alpha Phi Alpha.

affect women. "In 2012, the disease has already taken the lives of 39,510 women and 410 men," Ward said. "It is important to note that men suffer from this disease as well — hence the campaign name, 'Real Men Rock Pink.'"

Evans-Bell reached out to greek organizations for participants. As of now, there are eight organizations ready to participate.

Logan Austin, Theta Chi president, said his fraternity decided to participate after Evans-Bell contacted him about the campaign. They thought it would be great to contribute to Real Men Rock Pink, Austin said.

Austin said Theta Chi has always sought out philanthropic causes, whether to bring awareness, fundraise or actively work to clean up or rebuild.

"All of our members believe that supporting a cause that impacts so many people around the country and world is most definitely worth the effort," Austin said. "To be able to bring

awareness while raising funds for a cause such as this is a great opportunity to help those that truly need it."

Adrian Smith, correspondent secretary of Alpha, said his fraternity chapter plans to continue the campaign.

"Our hope is to grow this campaign and make it an annual effort so that we may help promote breast cancer awareness at The University of Alabama," Smith said.

KA already has some willing participants for next year's Real Men Rock Pink campaign. Theta Chi still plans to get involved.

"We look forward to Alpha Phi Alpha's campaign again next year, where we will be more than happy to help out in any way possible," Austin said.

The campaign, which is exclusively for greek houses, will continue throughout the month of October.

Interested participants should contact Evans-Bell at devansbell@gmail.com.

## MIS program will host open house for potential students

By Taylor Veazey  
Contributing Writer

If you are interested in combining business skills with technology and a 100 percent job placement rate upon graduation, then check out the Management Information Systems program open house at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 22 or Nov. 7 in the AIME building.

Along with free food and drinks, students will have the opportunity to hear from seniors and graduate students in the program and to view their current project work for

actual companies. "It gives students the opportunity to envision themselves in that environment, to see what they actually want to do," Allison Inclan, a senior in the program, said.

Inclan said the faculty help students build resume books for future employers and have multiple interview preparation sessions with individual students each semester.

"Our faculty is so involved, and they make it their job to get everyone placed," she said.

MIS students form what

Inclan calls a "close culture," which comes with how frequently they work in teams. They have several networking events every semester to make connections and also have their own social events and intramural sports groups.

Will Dollar, a senior in the program, said these connections help to build accountability within the program which correlates with their teamwork.

"The team-based atmosphere really prepares us for the professional environment," he said.

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## Students off to AP classes in preparation

By Melissa Brown  
Senior Staff Reporter

Though many students spend the summer blissfully disconnected from school work, indulging in vacation, hot weather and summer activities, more than 100 Tuscaloosa City and Tuscaloosa County students are spending their free time preparing for Advanced Placement classes.

CollegeFirst at the University of Alabama Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility

students' success level may, according to an advanced Placement class. Twenty-two students at the University of Alabama say they will be attending CollegeFirst's summer school student mentor is to help them prepare for the AP classes.

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present their experience to their peers, cultivate their social skills and gain the way, she got an AP test makes a student's relative academic achievement more than just the AP test. "We want our students to do more than pass a test," she said. "We want them to blow the test out of the water and then apply the skills they have gained to bigger and better and more meaningful things — because they are entirely responsible for doing so."

Alabamians that have started many craft breweries, Osk Blues was unable to bring their products to the state, but thanks to recent efforts from Free the Hop, it became possible. "Free the Hop has done a wonderful job," Katechis said. "This year we added 20 percent ferric vessels in the brewery which allowed us to come to Alabama." He said the main purpose of the launch parties this week will be to engage with consumers and retailers and educate them about their beer and also provide samples to taste. "I'll have some swag to give away, answer any questions and just explain more about us," Katechis said. The launch parties will be held this evening at Corks n Tops at 5 p.m., Wihagan's at 6 p.m., The Alcove at 7 p.m. and Yellow Mushroom at 8 p.m. Katechis said he is excited to be in Tuscaloosa and bring his beer along with him. "Roll Tide, baby, Roll Tide," he said. "I'm looking forward to supporting the football team



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## UA DECIDES

# Use this page as a tool to build an informed voter

By SoRelle Wyckoff  
Opinions Editor

Tonight is the third and final presidential debate between President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney.

The preceding debates have raked in record-breaking viewership numbers, and tonight's will surely do the same. Social media has corresponded alongside, with quips and quotes from news outlets, comedians and peers, filling the majority of our scrolling iPhone screens.

The presence of social media in our lives has translated to a presence of political activity in our generation's conversation. There has been an inarguable increase of political activity on our campus, making the upcoming election unavoidable.

And rightly so. As both candidates have noted, this is an

election that will define the trajectory of our country and world. They have two very different opinions on what is needed for our country to succeed, therefore developing two very passionate followings.

The idea of an "undecided voter" seems impossible to some, but they do exist, and in the plenty. Tonight the two candidates will vie to win these remaining floaters, yet even the hour-plus of conversation and interjections provided in tonight's debate is not enough to thoroughly understand the policies of the two candidates.

Leading up to the Nov. 6 election day, this opinions page will be examining and comparing the policies of the two presidential hopefuls. A team of columnists will cover topics ranging from foreign policy, to social issues to the economy, col-

laborating together to create a non-partisan explanation of the importance of the topic addressed, specifically adhering to college-students. These teams will then split, creating both a pro-Obama and pro-Romney column to cohabitate the page.

We will also look at select issues within Alabama, including constitutional amendments and potential electors. Whether you are from Alabama or not, you go to school here, and decisions made in Montgomery will affect what happens in Tuscaloosa. We urge you to educate yourself before you get to the polls.

The candidates agree on one thing: what the problems are. It is in the solution where they differ, and both candidates vehemently feel they are correct. The next few days, we will strive to explain their arguments,

providing tools to build an informed voter. We welcome discussion via letters to the editor, online comments and social media interactions.

As tempting as it is to make decisions based on the opinions of your peers, your vote will be that much more powerful if it is based on your own conclusion. Yes, to some the countdown to the election is nothing more than a countdown to the end of political talk, and have chosen "apathy" in place of a ballot; but assuming that since you picked up the paper today, you must not be one of those people.

Our generation is one that will be most affected by the presidential outcome. We should be the ones paying the most attention.

SoRelle Wyckoff is the Opinions Editor for The Crimson White.

## OUR VIEW

# UA's 'new day' brings reason to be optimistic

"It is a new day for The University of Alabama."

So said Assistant Dean of Students Lowell Davis on Thursday, speaking to the convened Interfraternity Council presidents. He then declared fraternity pledge-ship over for the rest of the semester. Davis made that clear: "Pledgeship is over... there are no ifs, ands or buts about it," he said.

While it is clear that the University declared an end to pledgeship, we hope the University administration stands behind Davis' sentiment. Less than five hours later, the University community received a somewhat conflicting message from Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Nelson.

"The policies that were in place [under former President Robert Witt] are the policies that have brought us to this point," he said.

Since the supposed adoption of these policies in 2003, the University has never made a step as decisive as it did on Thursday afternoon in regard to promoting change in the greek community. Was this because hazing didn't exist at Alabama before 2012? No.

Perhaps the University hadn't acted because it couldn't enforce policies banning what it found difficult to define.

Part of the problem with hazing is that its very definition lies in a gray area. Volunteer hours, homecoming "pomping" and chapter meetings, while forced activities for new members, would not fall under the conventional definition of hazing. However, the physical and psychological abuse reported by The Crimson White last week would definitely constitute hazing - and abusive hazing, at that.

Nelson spoke against this very vagueness in his press conference on Thursday. He then pointed to the specificity of the tips to the hazing hotline and the investigations that specificity allowed as a prime factor in his decision to end pledgeship. In the presence of all the vagueness surrounding the definition of hazing, Nelson made a stand.

He may have done so to head off negative media coverage of the University or out of a genuine sense of concern for the immedi-

**In short: VP for Student Affairs Mark Nelson should be commended for taking a stand against hazing.**

ate safety of a group of students. Regardless, the step they took brings us closer to a concrete definition of the abusive hazing that should be banned by a no-tolerance policy.

For that reason, we applaud University officials for responding quickly and seriously to correct abusive behavior in organizations that haven't had to withstand much scrutiny from administrators in the past.

This leadership sets a precedent, and we are optimistic that Lowell Davis was right, that this is a new day at the University. If suspending pledgeship university-wide is not a technical departure from the policy of the Witt era, it still constitutes a significant break in practice.

This should be a new day. We can't let the abusive hazing that has been allowed to take place in the past continue.

But further, the University's decisive action gives us a reason to be optimistic as we look forward - in many areas beyond the greek system.

Whatever their motives, Nelson, Davis and other administrators took a stand against the vagueness surrounding hazing because students did first.

No one is better suited to define hazing than someone who has been hazed. Several of those people took a stand last week and gave Nelson what he needed to act - specifics.

They did so in the face of possible repercussions from a select few of their older fraternity brothers. They gave Nelson the chance to show real leadership and show that the University administration can be truly responsive to its students when they call for action.

Fortunately, Nelson did just that.

Our View is the consensus of The Crimson White editorial board. Managing Editor Ashley Chaffin did not participate in this editorial.

# We spoke and they listened, but to what extent?

By Ashanka Kumari  
Chief Copy Editor

When visiting a Bama Dining location on campus, many students might have seen a familiar sign that reads "You spoke, we listened" with some new feature or meal option promoted beneath. While waiting to have my ACT card swiped at the Fresh Food Company in the Ferguson Center the other day, I noticed Bama Dining's most recent change to better our dining experience: wheat buns. Although a minor change, I'll admit I appreciate Bama Dining's attempts to make our meal plan more worth the amount of money we paid.

However, over my time at the University, I have found that these changes often only last for a brief period before things return to a previous state, which then prompts another brief change. While it is important for Bama

Dining to continue improving the variety of food offered in the dining halls, they should work harder to make sure these options are served more efficiently as well as in a timely manner for those students who only have a small amount of time to eat.

Sure, I realize I could avoid the dining halls and eat elsewhere, but as a student who lives on campus without a real kitchen, having a meal plan is perhaps the most convenient way to ensure I get three meals each day.

Although I'm not completely a vegetarian, I do dedicate twice a week to a vegetarian diet and never eat beef for religious reasons. Recently, I have been on a religious holiday, which means I cannot eat eggs or any type of meat for ten days. As a senior, I have accommodated my eating habits to my religion hundreds of times, but lately, I have found myself more and more

disappointed by the lack of vegetarian options in dining halls, or rather, the lack of food actually prepared in a timely fashion.

Often, it seems as though the dining halls prepare enough chicken, burgers and other non-vegetarian food to feed the football team, but what about those who do not eat these options? Why should they end up waiting in lines watching a dining hall chef prepare a small amount of pasta, or some other dish while other lines continue to move around them?

Yes, there is a salad bar in every dining hall that is generally fully equipped with enough options to please almost every salad-lover or vegetarian, but some people would prefer a hot meal over a cold salad. For these students, especially those who do not have a lot of time to wait in lines, hot food should not be something they have to wait on in

dining halls.

And although most students are not vegetarians, many of them eat vegetables with their meals and others just choose to eat cheese pizza or the vegetarian pasta dish for the day, which is fine, but Bama Dining should work harder to accommodate the number of non-vegetarian students who also choose to eat the options they label as "vegetarian."

Because the vegetarian options are not (and should not be) completely exclusive to vegetarians, the dining halls should prepare an equal amount of vegetarian and other meal options. Larger amounts of food, of all types, should be prepared in a timely manner to adequately satisfy each student.

Ashanka Kumari is the Chief Copy Editor of The Crimson White.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Tuscaloosa, looking back: Appreciate the people who keep the town moving

By John Davis

Believe me - I had no intention of doing this again. The pen once wielded to defend sensible conversation and entrepreneurial food truck ventures collects dust next to an ever-growing collection of empty bourbon bottles, and I busy myself with preparations for a move to our nation's capital.

(Speaking of which, I'm told there's a Bama Dining food truck now. I can only assume it uses silent hamster-wheel power to appease Big Education.)

Still, when friends are in dire

straits, it seems only reasonable to think of something - anything! - to lend a helping hand. And so, having graduated with a degree in communications and thus no discernible skills beyond mashing a keyboard, I write.

I won't pretend this is about much of anything; in fact, if you're in a hurry, I'd say go ahead and just skip over it. I'm here for you too, though, if you're reading this in a defiant act of procrastination, so let's ride this train together.

As I mentioned previously, I'm moving to Washington, D.C. in a

little over a week. I finally got a job, putting to rest a lengthy process that I occasionally detailed last spring. It's an odd mix of emotions, but perhaps most surprising is the deep affection I've recently felt for Tuscaloosa.

I don't mean college, mind you. I enjoyed it, but I have no intention of making this victory lap of an editorial about how you should stay locked onto the teat of the best four years of your life. Rather, I'd like to take this otherwise empty space to encourage the appreciation of a wonderful town and the equally wonderful

people who keep it moving.

Admittedly, I've disparaged Tuscaloosa on the grounds that no one has the right to get so excited over a Best Buy, and it is at times difficult to differentiate the city itself from the influx of 33,000 fresh faces each fall. Yet for every faceless dive bar and newly-opened chain restaurant, there are also a few good places that'll teach you something about yourself and your environment. I won't tell you where - finding them is half the fun - but in my mind, at least, they're pretty clear to anyone with a good set of eyes.

And there's a brewery coming! I cannot properly express how envious I am of those present for its opening. Druid City Brewing Company, my paycheck is yours.

I'm approaching 500 words, which, if I remember correctly, is the limit of a letter to the editor. As promised (or prophesied, as the case may be), this hasn't gone much of anywhere, though I'd like to think we aren't exactly where we started. I value my degree from The University of Alabama quite a bit, but I think in time I'll begin to value Tuscaloosa even more. I've often debated whether

it's the place or the people that makes a town worth remembering. More specifically, I remember Tuscaloosa fondly because that's where my friends were - or did Tuscaloosa play a larger role in creating the memories I fondly share with those lovely people?

I never come to a conclusion. Choosing one feels like discrediting the other, but at least I know I'll always feel welcome. Enjoy your week, and Roll Tide, y'all

John Davis is the former Chief Copy Editor of The Crimson White.

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IN RESPONSE TO:

"Nelson explains decision to cancel pledgeship"

"Ignorance is bliss to those who truly don't get the rhetoric behind pledgeship."

-Jason Ferrara

"You know what you are getting into when you join. If you did not, you are a complete idiot. It is your choice to join and your choice to leave. That being said, no one should be abused to the point of needing a doctor. These abusers should be punished and dealt with accordingly."

-Sam Nelson

"Keith never says pledgeship is about hazing... But it does happen, in a majority of the UA greek system. Don't get me wrong, I get what greeks are trying to do. Forging friendships under duress and rebuilding social identities by first destroying the old ones. Lots of organizations do that, the armed services and prisons come to mind. It is a choice to pledge, one made for various reasons. Nonetheless, these pledges trusted the greek system to respect their safety and dignity, and these individuals have been let down."

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"The majority of people on here aren't happy that no one will be subjected to 'hazing'. They are happy that the greek community was wounded. Kind of pathetic."

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## Nelson talks to media about pledge hazing

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"It is very difficult to investigate cases of hazing that are reported through anonymous sources that are vague," Nelson said. "The sources that have come in this week have been very specific and have enabled us to take swifter action."

### Hazing allegations

Though Thursday's actions were the first taken against the entire greek community, allegations of pledge hazing have plagued the University for at least the last month.

On Sept. 16, Gillan, President Guy Bailey and others received an anonymous e-mail claiming to be sent on behalf of fraternity and sorority pledges. The e-mail requested an overhaul of the pledge process.

"We represent a group of freshman men and women that are the subject of physical hazing, sleep deprivation and excessive alcohol consumption that is occurring under your stewardship of the program," the authors stated in the email. "The time requirement of these young men and women at the houses is too much and contributes to the aforementioned abuses that are occurring."

On Sept. 25, The Crimson White approached the

University for comment on possible hazing violations or pledgship cancellation. Dean of Students Tim Hebson e-mailed a statement via a university spokeswoman.

"A few pledge classes were suspended temporarily while we investigated allegations of hazing and identified the individuals involved," Hebson said in the statement. "Individuals who violated the Code of Student Conduct are being dealt with appropriately. Thus far, no fraternities have been found responsible for hazing; only individuals were involved and it was not a chapter action."

"No pledge classes have been canceled and the University has not threatened to cancel all new member programs," he said.

Later that day, Hebson announced a temporary suspension of pledgship effective Oct. 1 to allow students time off to travel home for fall break and study for midterms. An anonymous author forwarded the e-mail to The Crimson White on Oct. 8, stating that the authors found the week-long suspension insufficient due to "significant hospitalizations and other infractions." In an e-mailed statement, Hebson denied that the letter had anything to do with the first suspension of pledgship.

"That letter doesn't mention any specific high-risk behavior that would make us say that

we have to suspend pledgship because of behavior issues," Hebson said. "I feel really, really good about where we are. The University is moving in a very positive direction."

### University action

After Davis' announcement Thursday, the University e-mailed a press release outlining the investigations of several IFC fraternities.

According to the release, Pi Kappa Alpha and Delta Tau Delta's block seating privileges were revoked and both houses must meet with Judicial Affairs. The University also issued interim suspensions to two active members of Pi Kappa Alpha and one former member. The national organizations for Pi Kappa Alpha and Chi Phi issued cease and desist communications to the UA chapters.

The release also states that the University would immediately begin an investigation into Theta Chi following a complaint.

Jake Morrow, a UA junior and rush chair for Delta Kappa Epsilon, said Thursday that he doesn't understand why pledgship was canceled.

"I've also heard that the hazing hot line is anonymous. Anyone could call the hazing hot line, it doesn't have to be a greek member. I don't see how that gives them credibility to say anything on the hazing

hot line," Morrow said following Nelson's press conference. "I'm not upset about not having pledgship for my sake, but I'm upset for the pledges. Pledgship is basically a way to get the pledge class together, have a brotherhood - I feel like it's a little ridiculous that they're taking that away from them."

Morrow said DKE uses pledgship as a time to teach pledges about the history of the house and to build a brotherhood between them and the actives. He feels the cancellation will have a negative impact on the University.

"At least have pledgship next year, if they want to suspend it for the rest of this year," he said. "I know my new boys want to sign a letter saying they want to do pledgship anyway. I know there are a lot of parents who still want them to go through pledgship, a lot of alumni that really want them to go through pledgship, as well as me and my fraternity brothers."

Davis said Nelson's decision to end pledgship is final, but that Student and Greek Affairs will convene a group of individuals to decide what pledge programs will look like next year.

Nelson also said the University was ready to take extreme measures against IFC fraternities that continued pledgship underground or retaliated against their



CW | Shannon Avall  
UA junior Jake Morrow, rush chair for Delta Kappa Epsilon, responds to administration's pledgship suspension.

pledges.

"We've made it very clear and sent a very strong message that retaliation will not be tolerated," Nelson said. "Any retaliation will be met with the full force of the University."

Davis has encouraged all the fraternities to begin initiations as soon as possible and said that initiations can be conducted in chapter houses, but an adviser must be present during all ritual events. He also urged

fraternity members to respect the final decision of the UA administration.

"No hell week is to take place and, I quote, if hell week does take place, there will be hell to pay from the University of Alabama," Davis said. "So please, understand that we take any allegation seriously and that we will not continue to let anything happen as it revolves around pledgship here at the University of Alabama."

# UA student starts driving initiative to save animals

By Madison Roberts  
Staff Reporter

The Canine Ride to Rescue Initiative has been an active effort in Tuscaloosa for many years, but recently, University of Alabama student Paige Bussanich has adopted the program to involve University students.

The Canine Ride to Rescue program is designed to transport homeless dogs from unsafe shelters to shelters that have room for them and will treat them humanely. The

idea is for students who drive home or go on vacation to take a dog with them.

For instance, if a dog needed to get from Tuscaloosa to a shelter in Birmingham, a student could drive the dog to Birmingham and have their gas paid for.

"Our shelters here and everywhere else get overcrowded because there is such a huge problem with pet overpopulation, and many of them are euthanized," Kristi Wheeler-Griffin, the internship coordinator in the Culverhouse

College of Commerce and Business Administration, said. "Many healthy, adoptable puppies, kittens and dogs are euthanized needlessly. This program gives them an opportunity to relocate where they do have room, like a breed-specific rescue group."

Although some shelters do kill animals, the Tuscaloosa Metro Animal Shelter is not a kill shelter; they are just overcrowded and do not have room for all the dogs they take in, Bussanich said.

"Tuscaloosa Metro doesn't

kill animals," Bussanich said. "People breed dogs for money. And when they breed dogs and don't have anything to do, there's just not enough room as publicity to relocate where they do have room, like a breed-specific rescue group."

Wheeler-Griffin contacted Bussanich about starting the program at the University after she kept receiving emails from the local program.

"Every time I would get the emails, I would think, there has got to be a better way to broaden our scope," Wheeler-Griffin said. "Social media would be a good way to get the word out about this."

After she received word about the program, Bussanich created a Facebook and Twitter page for the Canine Ride to Rescue program. She

uses these pages to inform students about animals that need to be transported and the deadline for transportation. She wants to use these pages as publicity for the program.

"I just took it upon myself - because I'm an animal lover - to get it started here on campus," Bussanich said. "My goal is to get publicity about it, and then, hopefully, people will start getting involved. In the spring, I'm going to have an awareness event on homeless animals in general, but I don't know if people will come unless I get the word out beforehand."

Wheeler-Griffin hopes this initiative will be positive on campus and thinks it is a good way for students to get involved in saving lives -

without much effort.

"I know there are a lot of students who love dogs and go home a lot and hit all kinds of destinations along the way," Wheeler-Griffin said. "I don't think they would mind taking on a canine passenger. In fact, many of them who live in student housing or apartments may not be able to have pets, and this would be a great way for them to be able to enjoy pets. I also know they are doing great volunteer work by saving lives."

Bussanich plans to contact other universities, such as Florida State University and Auburn University, to get students involved so they can transport animals from their shelters to safer and less crowded homes.



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## Sleep 'crucial for memory consolidation, retention'

By Jordan Cissell  
Staff Reporter

Studies show many college students are not getting the amount of sleep necessary to function properly, a practice sleep researchers say can take a toll on much more than the gradebook.

According to data from the American College Health Association's National College Health Assessment survey from fall 2011, only 9.5 percent of undergraduate students reported getting enough sleep to feel rested for at least six days out of the week; 32.4 percent of undergraduates get adequate sleep for only one to two days in each seven-day period.

Kenneth Lichstein, director of the University's Sleep Research Project, said the amount of sleep people need to feel rested and function properly varies among individuals, but most require on average between seven and one half and eight hours of sleep per night.

The diversity of UA students' sleeping patterns lends evidence to Lichstein's case.

"For me to feel rested, I usually need between three or four hours of sleep," said Alex Mendoza, a junior majoring in history who usually hits the hay four to five hours each night. "I usually try to go to sleep between midnight and 1 a.m."

Mendoza said he pulls an "all-nighter," the practice of keeping awake over the course of an entire night and into the morning, at least twice a week, usually to study for an exam

the next day or wrap up some revisions on a paper.

Anthony James, a freshman majoring in microbiology and Spanish, said he needs about eight hours each night to feel rested the next morning but usually only gets six in an average school night.

"Staying up late [for me] would probably be anything past midnight. I am up late almost every night unless I have just had an easy day," he said. "I try to go to sleep no later than 2 a.m. no matter how much work I have left. It's just not worth it. I try not to pull all-nighters because they usually don't work, so I limit them to about once every two weeks."

Lichstein said once every couple of weeks is still more frequently than anybody needs, as all-nighters hold little value as productive study time.

"Studies show that sleep is crucial for memory consolidation and retention. So if you study hard in the evening, and then you get a good night's sleep, you should remember a lot of what you learned," Lichstein said. "But overnight studies don't have the benefit of that consolidation, so they will retain less information when it comes time to taking the test the next day."

According to an article entitled "Sleep and Memory" by the Division of Sleep Medicine at the Harvard Medical School, "research suggests that the most critical period for sleep for memory consolidation is the one immediately following a lesson. Even if sleep is 'recovered' on subsequent nights, the brain will be less able to retain

and make use of information gathered on the day before the all-nighter."

Lichstein said a continued pattern of insufficient sleep can also have a substantial negative effect on students' physical well-being, as regular sleep deprivation has been scientifically linked to compromised immune system efficiency and increased susceptibility to bacterial and viral infections.

Sheena Gregg, assistant director of nutrition education and health services in the College of Community Health Sciences' Department of Health Promotion and Wellness, said prolonged sleep deprivation can even hit students where it really hurts - at the waistline.

"Limited research has suggested one theory that lack of sleep disrupts the hormone levels that regulate appetite and food intake. Thus, limited or deprived sleep can lead to eventual consumption of larger portion sizes and more frequent snacking that could lead to weight gain," she said in an emailed statement. "Sleep deprivation also correlates with having lower energy levels, which can translate to students missing their regular exercise routine the next day."

However, a few nights spent with slim slumber are no cause for nightmares, Lichstein said.

"One really good night of sleep will repair the cognitive damage of multiple nights of sleep deprivation," he said. "You may have to sleep an extra hour or so, but that excellent night's sleep can erase any enduring holdovers and get you back on the right track."



UA faculty and students gathered for a picture on the Quad in spring 1929. Denny Chimes would not be completed until later that year.

## Letters from 1929 reveal a different life at Alabama

By Katherine Owen  
Assistant Culture Editor

Cookie Keller said she knows a lot about her father's life for a man who didn't talk much. In her garage sits a wealth of information about his history, including the letters off his fraternity house, scrapbooks he made and letters he wrote home.

"He was a really friendly person," Keller said, "But he just didn't talk a whole lot about his own life."

Keller, a 1963 graduate of The University of Alabama, has been able to share a first-hand account of what life was like at the University in 1929 through her father's letters to his mother.

She said the way she's been able to find out so much about both her father and the history of The University of Alabama is through the number of pictures, letters, documents and items her father kept.

"I find out all this by reading," she said. "In fact, I wouldn't have known that, but I just found this letter to his parents. The reason I even found it was that he wrote [his mother], and she would write on the same sheets and send them back to him."

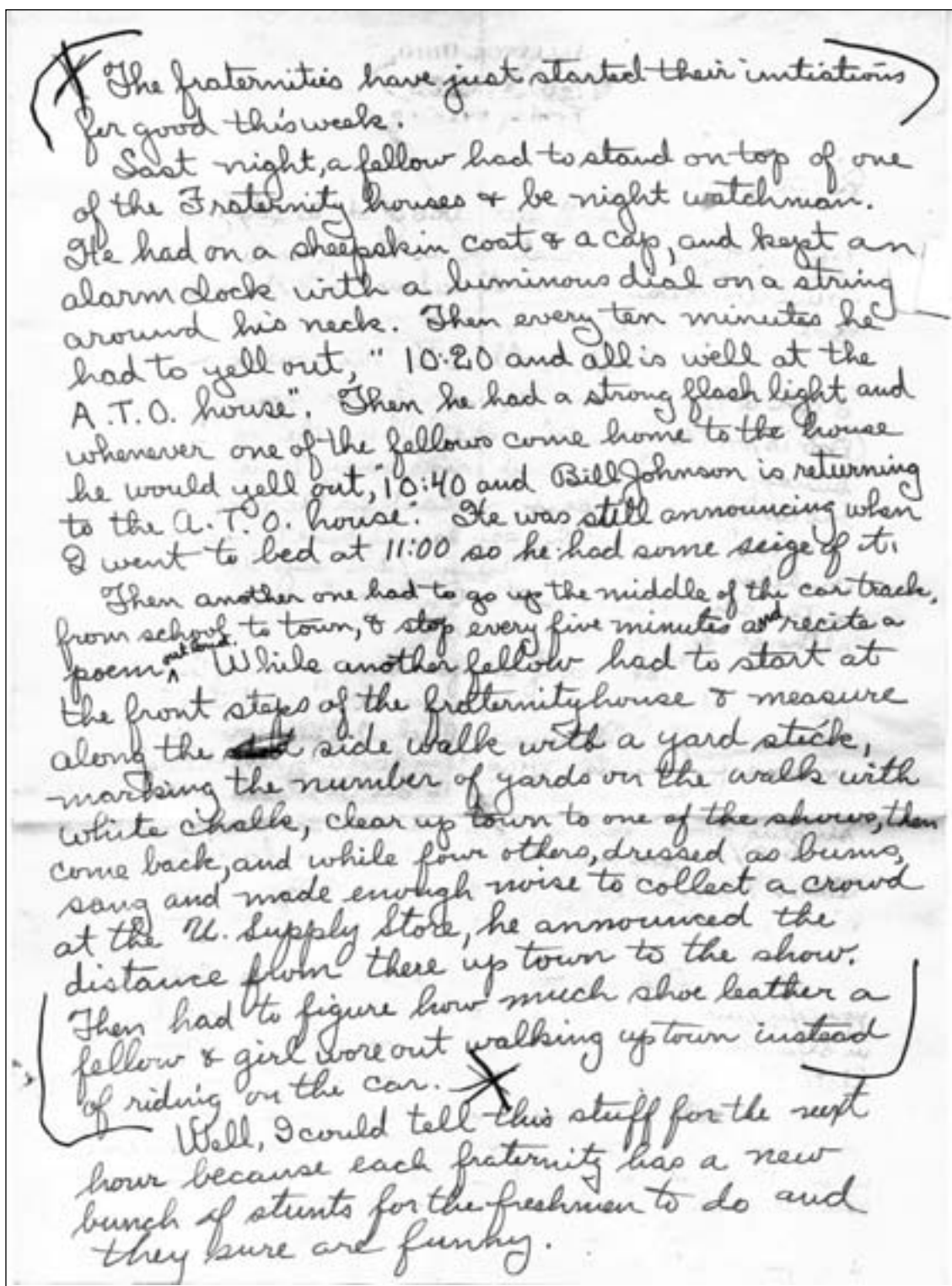
The letters, which were sent from Tuscaloosa to his home in Alliance, Ohio, would contain several conversations between Keller's father, Russell Daugherty and his mother. In these letters from 1929, Daugherty told his mother of all the "initiation stunts" he had observed at the University so far, which he said "sure are funny."

In the letters, Daugherty describes both the fraternity and sorority stunts leading up to initiation.

"The sororities are doing their initiating now, the girls have to come to class on roller skates and carry a red or blue parasol and it's fun to watch them," Daugherty wrote. "... Others had to wear long underwear under silk hose and it looks so funny the fellows laugh at them every time and they all blush so."

Daugherty's letters describe many fraternity pledges

### LETTER



In this letter written by former UA student Russell Daugherty to his mother in 1929, he details the actions of fraternity pledges.

having to dress up and perform or sing in public. In one letter, he writes about one of the boys who had to stand as watchman atop the Alpha Tau Omega house.

"He had on a sheepskin coat and a cap, and kept an alarm

clock with a luminous dial on a string around his neck. Then every 10 minutes he had to yell out, '10:20, and all is well at the ATO house.' Then he had a strong flashlight and whenever one of the fellows came home to the house he would yell

out, '10:40 and Bill Johnson is returning to the ATO house.'"

In the letters, Daugherty goes on to describe several more fraternity stunts. Daugherty was greek himself, involved in both Phi Alpha Psi and Delta Sigma Phi in his time

at the University.

Daugherty studied accounting at the University and went on to work for Liberty National Life Insurance Company.

Keller said the letters played such a vital role in carrying the history of her father's life

and of what life was like at the University and that people should still be documenting history like this.

"There's not going to be anything left for people years from now," she said. "We should write more letters."

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## Classic scary movies invoke horrific, humorous reactions simultaneously

By Dana Woodruff

With the imminent approach of Halloween comes the deluge of costumes, candy and creepy décor - but what really sets the mood for thrills and chills is the vast amount of theatrical trailers for the newest up-and-coming horror movies. But why celebrate All Hallow's Eve with only the most recent horror movies when you could multiply the fun with older films as well? Some of the best horror films are the originals - ones that simply cannot be remade - regardless of how many special effects may be added - because they have already reached perfection. One such film is the infamous "Night of the Living Dead"... and we're talking 1968 here.

Quite possibly one of the most extraordinary low-budget films of all time, "Night of the

Living Dead" is probably one of the best zombie movies you will ever see. Preceding "The Walking Dead" by more than 40 years, "Night of the Living Dead" still gives you that tingling sensation that is a combination of fear and fascination. Nowadays we're so accustomed to seeing gory images on our TV screens, we don't even think twice about it, but back in the '60s, violence and horror on TV was unheard-of.

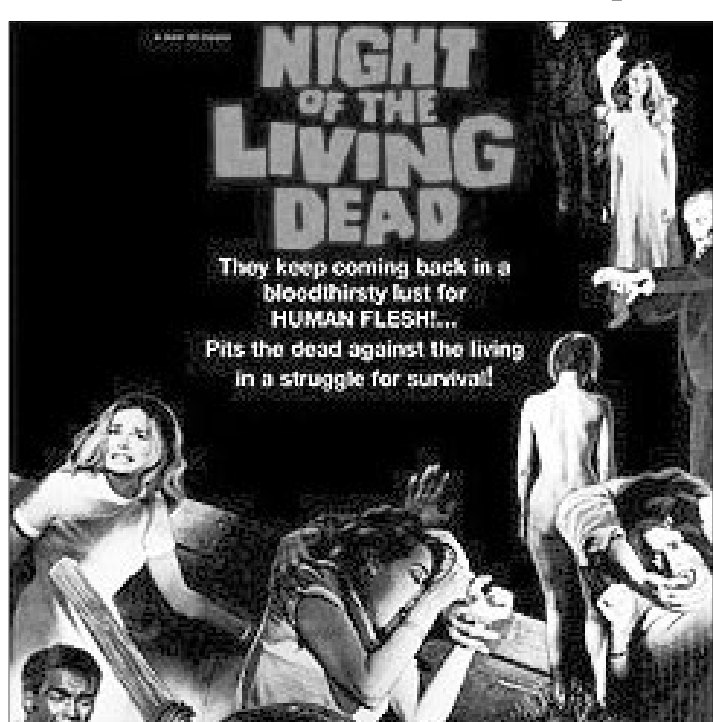
As its title implies, "Night of the Living Dead" is, in fact, a zombie movie. Director George A. Romero was way ahead of the game when he created a pseudo-scientific reason for his zombies' existence, rather than the vague explanations in older zombie films. In this film, the dead begin to arise due to radiation brought to Earth from a space mission, causing their brains to reactivate and

igniting the urge to kill. This concept was fairly creepy for its time, considering that it seemed like an occurrence that might even be possible.

"Night of the Living Dead" is about a group of people who, for different reasons, end up stranded in an abandoned farmhouse because they are being relentlessly pursued by hordes of bloodthirsty zombies. As the walking dead continue to surround the farmhouse, everyone trapped inside must figure out how to survive, keep the zombies out and possibly escape. Meanwhile, in other parts of the area, the police begin "hunting" the zombies when they realize they can be killed if shot in the brain. But the clock is ticking, and the only hope for a safe getaway lies in the ingenuity of the living surrounded by the dead.

There have been several

remakes of "Night of the Living Dead," but they just don't compare to this black-and-white classic. There's something strange about the original that creates an odd mixture of laughter and chills for viewers. Perhaps it's because the society that we live in has forced us to adjust to and even feel comfortable with gruesome imagery. Regardless, "Night of the Living Dead" dually functions as a dark horror movie and a comedy of sorts. You may find yourself nervously chuckling while simultaneously feeling discomfort creeping under your skin. When I watched it for the first time, I was left feeling uneasy, and that, I believe, is how you can tell a good horror movie from a great one - the good ones scare you in the moment, but the great ones haunt your mind long after you leave the theater.



"Night of the Living Dead" 1968

# Using dating site model, new network connects friends

By: Alexandra Ellsworth  
Staff Reporter

A new site that works like a dating site but is strictly for friendships is growing in popularity among adults, though students are wary of its relevance to them.

FriendMatch is a new online service dedicated to helping people meet others and build friendships. The site was recently launched in March 2012 with 150 members, but has grown to just under 8,000 members through word of mouth.

According to an article in The New York Times, it is more

difficult for adults out of college to make friends.

"In your 30s and 40s, plenty of new people enter your life, through work, children's play dates and, of course, Facebook," Alex Williams said in his article, "Friends of a Certain Age." "But actual close friends – the kind you make in college, the kind you call in a crisis – those are in shorter supply."

Katie Hartle, creator of FriendMatch, saw this same concern in the lives of the people around her.

"I had a friend who moved because of her husband's work, and he made friends quickly at

his new job, but it was much harder for her," she said. "I could see it with my mom when she got divorced, and anytime there is a major life change in a person's life."

The more Hartle examined friendships among adults, the more she could see it everywhere.

"Lots of adults are working and do not have time to make friends," she said. "The more I looked at this problem, it became, 'Why hasn't this been invented yet?' Especially when we look at how popular online dating is. One in five couples meet online now. There are numerous websites to help you find any kind of romantic companion, and people are very comfortable meeting new people from the Internet. I think

it is time to take it to the next step."

With more and more romantic relationships forming online, it seemed natural to Hartle that friendships should be able to be formed with the help of the Internet.

"The world is changing, and this is one of those signs," she said. "I want it to be a tool to help us adapt."

Although the site is solely for finding friends, it is similar to a dating site in that a member fills out a profile and can search for people with similar profiles. They can also do keyword searches and find a person or group in their area who likes a certain activity.

"Maybe you want to start jogging, and none of your friends jog," Hartle said. "You could go

on FriendMatch and search jogging in the keyword search and make a new friend to go jogging with."

Hartle said FriendMatch could be beneficial to college students.

"These days, students are very comfortable using technology to help out with their social lives," she said. "Social apps and networks like Facebook and Twitter allow college and university students to be constantly updated on which bar has the best drink specials or where their friends are. But what if you are new in town, or you don't drink or are shy and haven't had the chance to make new friends yet?"

Though students have majorly adopted social media as a form of communication and

connection, many are skeptical of a friendship-finding site.

Matt Reid, a senior majoring in operations management, said forming relationships online can take away valuable experiences.

"It takes away social interaction, which we are already losing due to Facebook, Twitter and other social media," he said.

With the multitude of interests and backgrounds on a college campus, students feel the opportunity to make friends is already readily available.

"In school, I think its value is diminished because you can get out and meet people," Reagan Hester, a junior majoring in communicative disorders, said. "Human interaction is key for a person."

## COLUMN | FASHION

# Sheer tops daring, not trashy; worth trying this fall

By Becky Robinson

To see or not to see? That's the latest question I've been asking about sheer tops.

Lately, I've been obsessed with see-through chiffon button-downs. I have two of my own – one black American Apparel and the other cream from H&M – and I'm in love. There's something so chic and seductive about a sheer button-down. It's classy and it doesn't show too much skin.

But how much skin is too much? I like to wear my cream top with a solid, strapless, silk bra. The way the two neutrals contrast is very appealing to me. I think that even though passers-by can see through my shirt, I'm not revealing enough to be labeled "loose."

If you aren't comfortable with the idea of everyone on campus being able to see

your bra, try a bandeau in the same color as your shirt.

These have been popular for a few years now so it wouldn't be too hard to find one that you're comfortable with. Bandeau tops also come in virtually every color and even different textures. Try a lace top underneath your sheer button-down for a play on texture.

So where do you find a chiffon top without breaking the bank? I've noticed many stores have been getting them in a rainbow of options. I was at Target just recently and they had just put out sheer tops in a multitude of colors: teal, tangerine, beige; you name it, they probably had it. Target also has chiffon tops with patterns on them so you can't see too much. The patterns were quite appropriate for fall, too: rusty floral,

nature-inspired feathers and more.

On my quest for sheer tops, I've found that it isn't just long sleeved shirts taking on the trend. Another popular chiffon choice is tank tops. Usually these are button-downs too, but if you're still wary about this trend, a tank top is the right way to experiment with sheerness and layers.

If you have a sheer tank, you can layer it under a regular chambray button-down or a chunky, oversized cardigan. This layered look is perfect for fall, because I can't see anyone walking around on breezy fall days in a see-through top for much longer. Like I said, if you're looking to layer your sheer chiffon, play with textures for a more interesting and thoughtful outfit.

Believe it or not, chiffon

button-downs can be dressed up, too. It's probably best to stick to neutrals in this case for more formal events. Last week I saw a girl on campus in a beautiful sheer, coral button-down and fitted khaki skinnies. Her tasteful accessories and loosely curled locks clearly indicated she was going somewhere special.

I know this look isn't for everybody and some people are probably disgusted at the thought of anyone seeing their bra and that's okay. Fashion is about experimentation, finding what's right for you. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't try. Ask your friends for their opinion or wear your sheer button-down around people you trust at first. This is a more daring look, I admit, but I think my new obsession is something any brave UA girl can rock.

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FOOTBALL

## Bama looks solid in victory over Volunteers

BY THE NUMBERS

**30** | Alabama has scored 30 or more points in each game this season, giving the Tide its longest streak over 30 points to start a season in school history.

**20** | Alabama has forced 20 turnovers, converting the turnovers into 15 touchdowns or 111 points.

**306** | Quarterback AJ McCarron threw for a career-high 306 yards and tied his career high with four touchdown passes. The 306 yards passing are the most by an Alabama quarterback since Greg McElroy threw for 377 against Auburn in 2010.

**56** | Alabama is 56-3 under head coach Nick Saban when leading at the half. The Tide took a 23-10 lead into half-time against Tennessee, defeating the Volunteers for the sixth consecutive time, 44-13.



The Alabama Crimson Tide defeated the Tennessee Volunteers 44-13, Oct. 20 in Knoxville, Tenn. CW | Shannon Auvil

POSITION GRADES

Offense

Alabama's offense gained 539 yards, eclipsing the 500-yard mark for the third time this season. Quarterback AJ McCarron, wide receiver Amari Cooper and running back T.J. Yeldon all had career days.

**A+**

Special Teams

True freshman Cyrus Jones received praise from head coach Nick Saban for his play in the return game. However, the kicking game missed two field goals from 44 and 45 yards out and missed on an extra point.

**C**

Defense

The defense held the high-powered Tennessee offense in check for most of the game, but allowed a few big plays that set up Volunteer scoring drives. The Tide was able to pick off quarterback Tyler Bray twice.

**A-**

Coaching

The defensive game plan confused Tennessee and forced them to make mistakes, while the offensive game plan exploited a weak Volunteer defense. But the Tide again came out flat after a break as it did after the rain delay in Missouri.

**B+**

Two true freshmen stand out Saturday

FOOTBALL FROM PAGE 1

Cooper's explosive, big play ability was expected. Saban raved about the 6-foot-1, 198-pound Miami, Fla. native throughout spring practice, calling him one of the young guys who showed ability to make plays.

But his talents were put on display for fans and the rest of the college football world against Ole Miss when he caught eight passes for 84 yards and two touchdowns. Now, Cooper is leading the team in receiving with 425 yards and

five touchdowns.

"He is showing everybody what I have been seeing since the offseason," tight end Michael Williams said. "He can be one of the greatest. You see it. You can see the talent that he has."

Cooper's play has drawn comparisons to Julio Jones, who also burst onto the scene as a true freshman. Like Jones, Cooper has the ability to make catches in traffic and fend off defenders for chunks of yards after the catch.

Cooper caught seven passes for two touchdowns and a career-high 162 yards, setting a school record for the most receiving yards by a freshman. He also became the fourth

consecutive Alabama receiver to have a 100 yard game at Tennessee. Cooper had three catches for 20 plus yards, including a long of 54 yards.

"He's a really explosive receiver and we need one of those to emerge," center Barrett Jones said. "He's done a great job of filling that role. Even after he catches the ball, he's extremely dangerous."

Cooper scored the first points of the game on a 23-yard strike from quarterback AJ McCarron. His second touchdown came in the third quarter on a 42-yard bomb with two defenders draped all over him.

The only thing in Neyland Stadium that could stop Cooper were the referee penalty flags,

which called back one of his touchdowns on an illegal formation by Alabama.

Although no one will admit it, Cooper has become McCarron's favorite target the same way Julio Jones was for John Parker Wilson and Greg McElroy. McCarron and Cooper have hooked up 28 times, while no other Tide receiver has more than 15 receptions.

Like Saban, McCarron isn't surprised by Cooper's play.

"He can be as good as he wants to be," said McCarron, who had a career-high 306 passing yards and tied his career-high with four touchdown passes. "As long as he keeps working and puts forth the effort, the sky is the limit for that kid."

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SOCCER

# Tide falls to Gamecocks after upsetting Florida

By Billy Whyte  
Staff Reporter

Only two days removed from the biggest win in Alabama soccer history, the Crimson Tide fell 1-0 on an own-goal at home against South Carolina.

Entering the game, the Tide had just snapped a four-game losing streak to defeat No. 11 Florida, 1-0, the highest ranked opponent the Tide had ever beaten and the first win over the Gators in school history. What could have been a huge momentum swing for the season turned into a huge letdown for the team, who was in need of conference wins with the SEC and NCAA tournaments closing in. "It's frustrating to go down in defeat on an own-goal when

“We are just back in a situation where our backs are against the wall again.”

— Todd Bramble

it was a close game all the way through,” head coach Todd Bramble said, “especially coming off of a game Friday night where we thought we had turned a corner and got a milestone type of victory for the program, and [to] not to be able to close the regular season at home in front of our fans is disappointing.”

There was a sort of “hang-over effect” early on for the

Tide coming off the win against Florida, as they came out slow in the first half, only getting three shots off and appearing disorganized in their movement and passing.

“There was a lot of energy and emotion put into Friday night, and we just weren’t able to reciprocate it into Sunday,” junior midfielder Molly Atherton said.

The lone goal of the game happened in the 13th minute, when a Gamecock free kick went off sophomore midfielder Merel Van Dongen’s head for an own-goal. The Tide came out stronger in the second half, but the team wasn’t able to capitalize on a couple late chances, including a free kick and corner kick in the final five minutes to

get the equalizer.

“I thought, first half, we weren’t on the same page, not really organized. We regrouped second half and came together, but we just couldn’t finish it,” freshman forward Katie Bourgeois said.

The game was a just continuation of inconsistency on the season for the Tide, who has shown the ability to beat the best, as shown by the win against Florida. The team will need to win at Auburn on Thursday to guarantee a spot in the SEC tournament.

“We are just back in a situation where our backs are against the wall again,” Bramble said. “We have to be resilient again with the short week and quickly put this game behind us.”



The Alabama soccer team dropped its Power of Pink match to South Carolina 1-0 on Sunday. CW | Bryce Denton

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VOLLEYBALL

## Georgia Bulldogs narrowly sweep UA's volleyball team

By Charlie Potter  
Contributing Writer

The Alabama volleyball team met the Georgia Bulldogs for the second time this season, this time at the Crimson Tide's Foster Auditorium. In their first meeting, Georgia outlasted the Tide 3-2.

On Sunday, Alabama was swept by the Bulldogs, narrowly losing all three sets 23-25, 22-25 and 24-26.

“We just really never got any momentum,” Laura Steiner, reigning Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Week, said. “Nothing really came together for us.”

The Tide built a comfortable, first-set cushion but saw it slip away after leading the Bulldogs 19-14. Georgia went on an 11-4 run to win the set.

The second set followed the

same script as Alabama held the lead for most of the set. But Georgia fought back to take control of the overall match 2-0.

“I think we can show a lot more competitive spirit than what we've got,” head coach Ed Allen said. “I think we can play with a lot more consistency, and I think we can defend a heck of a lot better than what we're doing.”

In the third set, the Tide started off strong again with a 5-0 run but allowed Georgia to hang around too long and ultimately claim the set and the match.

Steiner said her teammates played better than they did on Friday, Oct. 19, against the Florida Gators. Alabama lost to the Gators 0-3.

“I think the middle did a better job than in the last game of trying to get to the blocks,” Steiner said.

“We definitely stuck to our game plan, we just didn't really come together for it.”

Senior Kayla Fitterer recorded 15 kills, five digs and a .310 hitting percentage. Steiner tacked on 13 kills, and freshman Kryssi Daniels led the Tide with 11 digs.

Alabama falls to 14-9 on the season, with a conference record of 3-8. This loss was the Tide's third-straight conference loss and second sweep in a row.

“I think we need to work on our energy and just being able to find our way out of a rut like that,” Steiner said. “We've done it before, and we've shown it earlier in the season. I don't know what it is about Georgia, but today just wasn't our best.”

The Tide will travel to Fayetteville, Ark. on Friday for its next game against the Razorbacks.

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**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** -- Today is an 8 -- A formidable barrier lies ahead. Proceed with caution. It's probably worth going for it (even if it requires several attempts to get it right). Follow your heart.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** -- Today is an 8 -- Social expenses are higher than expected. Your imagination compensates for any shortcomings. You've got love in great abundance. Take advantage of a rare opportunity. Independent study profits.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** -- Today is a 7 -- Boost your relationship with playfulness. You can have fun without spending much. Get involved with your list of fascinating things to learn about. Explore and bring Beginner's Mind.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Today is an 8 -- Reduce the chance of error by decreasing distractions. Spend more time with your partner the next few days. Cooperation and listening are key. Consider all possibilities.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Today is a 7 -- Continue to decrease stress by crossing stuff off your personal to-do list (start with things you'll never do anyway). Delegate. Then concentrate on exciting new assignments.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** -- Today is a 9 -- Stand firm for what you know is right. Set long-term goals with your sweetheart. Be gracious (especially when right). Postpone travel, if possible.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** -- Today is a 9 -- Continue to question long-held plans, and find what's needed at home. Your imagination can take you farther. Friends help you solve philosophical problems.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** -- Today is an 8 -- Work may interfere with play, or vice versa. See how to combine the two. You learn and earn more when you're having fun. A good study phase begins.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Today is a 7 -- You're about to find out more than you wanted to know. Your limits are being tested, but you can handle everything coming at you. Just prioritize the most important tasks.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** -- Today is a 9 -- Don't give up. There's more to it than meets the eye. Your undivided attention helps clear the blockage. Tell the truth about something that's lost value. Continue to increase your authority.

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