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Look Before You Lease Off Campus

Television:

Be aware of the location's rules about satellite dishes.

Outside Lighting:

Make sure exterior lighting creates a safe environment.

Walls:

Check for damaged walls and wallpaper.

Air Conditioning:

See if the location uses wall units or central heating and air.

Football:

Consider how close the place is to the stadium for gameday.

Windows:

Make sure windows have locks and can be opened internally in case of fire.

Refrigerator:

Check if an icemaker is included.

Furniture:

Does the location provide furniture for residents? Some apartments are fully furnished.



Internet:

See if Wi-Fi is available and reliable.

Hot Water:

If you don't like cold showers, be sure to ask about the water heater capacity.

Water Drainage:

Make sure faucets don't leak and drains are working properly.

Utilities:

Some places offer incentives. Utilities are sometimes included in rent.

Pets:

Check for pet breed and weight limits. Additional deposits may be required.

Noise Restrictions:

Be aware of location and community rules regarding noise levels.

Average Off-Campus Housing Expenses

Data gathered by Housing and Residential Communities

Bill (Mo.)	Individual	One Roommate			
Rent	450.00 - 550.00	450.00 - 550.00			
Water	21.00 - 40.00	21.00 - 40.00			
Gas	21.00 - 40.00	21.00 - 40.00			
Electric	61.00 - 80.00	81.00 - 100.00			
Cable	41.00 - 50.00	41.00 - 50.00			
Internet	21.00 - 30.00	31.00 - 40.00			
TOTAL	615.00 - 790.00	645.00 - 820.00			

CW | Brian Pohuski

UA helps upperclassmen make the move to apartments, houses

By William Evans Senior Staff Reporter wjevans@crimson.ua.edu

it through their freshman year of college, the option of living in off-campus housing presents a viable alternative to the more supervised lifestyle of resi-

Many students begin securing contracts for off-campus rental property by the beginning of October to prepare for their living arrangements for the following academic year, said Mike Swope, regional manager of The Woodlands, a student apartment community in Tuscaloosa.

Swope said the peak of the

Swope said, "After spring See HOUSING, page 2

break, the availability of rental property is a little more limited."

The Woodlands issues resident profiles to students who do For students who have made not have a roommate in mind that covers characteristics such as sleeping schedules, study habits and movie and music tastes, so as to match strangers together, Swope said.

However, he said most students have a roommate in mind when signing a lease.

Julie Elmore, assistant director of off-campus and greek housing, said students need to have a trustworthy roommate in mind when signing a contract for a rental property.

"The roommate you choose needs to be somebody you know who has a history of student rental activity occurs financial responsibility and has in January, so housing options a common sense responsibility begin to dwindle by spring to your safety, like not lending

IN THE TWEET OF THE MOME



"Avoid apartments near the train tracks. A lot of times the trains just "park" in the intersection and make you late."

@JessaPoe Jessica Poe junior, nursing

@lfdecker Lee Decker sophomore, political science

WEBSITES TO HELP IN THE SEARCH



apartmentfinder.com crimsonchoice.ua.edu ttownliving.ua.edu tuscaloosaapartmentguide.com

OTHER THINGS TO LOOK FOR



- dwindle after spring break, so students should be looking
- Check for mold.
- See if there are washer and dryer hookups.
- Check for stains and spots
- Find out if the complex they still work. offers a roommate-pairing program.
- Apartment options will Take photos of the apartment before and after.
 - Look for water stains.
 - Check the location of the complex to see if there are train tracks, grocery stores or gas stations near by. · Check to see if there are
 - smoke detectors and that

LEASES AND LANDLORDS



- · Landlords should provide apartment together (two in functional locks and outdoor lighting.
- •If you have pets, know that Tuscaloosa has a leash law. Be courteous to your neighbors and quiet a barking dog, especially at night.
- According to Tuscaloosa law, only three unrelated people can live in a house or
- the historic district).
- Consider purchasing renter's insurance that includes theft. You can purchase a policy for around \$100-\$200 (annually) from an agency of your choice.
- · Be aware of landlord and tenant rights.



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Lunch

Dinner

Fresh Steamed Broccoli Spears

Meatballs and Marinara Sauce

Fresh Steamed Broccoli Spears

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BURKE

Chicken Fried Pork Chop w/ Onion

BRYANT

Casserole Macaroni Beef Tomato Grilled Italian Sausage & Peppers

FRESH FOOD

Greek Salad Pita Sandwich (vegetar-

Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich

Bean & Rice Burrito Supreme

Beef Tips with Noodles

Buttered Noodles

Seasoned Carrots

Seasoned Carrots

Asian Pepper Chicken

Macaroni and Cheese

Blackened Fish Fillets

Garden Burger

Chicken Marsala

Potatoes Home Fries

Orange Thyme Chicken

Escalloped Potatoes Herbed Zucchini

Battered Onion Rings

Rice Confetti

Vegetarian Stuffed Peppers

Spaghetti

Chicken and Kielbasa

Asian Slaw (vegetarian)

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TODAY

What: Women in Prison Awareness Week: Pack-a-

Where: Ferguson Center When: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

What: Women in Prison Week Letter Writing Campaign begins

Where: Ferguson Center When: Untimed event

What: "Lost Boys of Sudan" movie screening Where: Ferguson Center

When: 7 p.m.

Theater

TUESDAY

What: Reading College Textbooks workshop

Where: 230 Osband Hall

When: 4 - 5 p.m.

What: Tutwiler Prison demonstration - A demonstration of poor living conditions at Tutwiler Prison in Wetumpka, Ala. Presented by the Women's Resource Center

When: 10 a.m.

What: Skin and Bones

Concert

Where: Moody Concert

WEDNESDAY

What: "Effective Presentations: It's Not What You Say, It's How You Say It" work-

Where: G-54 Rose When: 8:30 a.m. - 12

p.m.

What: Law School Fair Where: Ferguson Center

Ballroom

When: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

What: Women in Prison Awareness Week panel discussion

Where: Ferguson Center **Room 309**

When: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Blackburn Institute nominations due

The University's Blackburn nominate themselves or be nom-

during the 2011-2012 academic full name, CWID and e-mail

year are eligible. Students can address. The deadline is Feb. 1.

Submit your events to calendar@cw.ua.edu

ON CAMPUS

Yoga class offered for honors students

Junior Jess Smith is starting Community Center on yoga principles, breathing her free yoga class again for Honors College students. The class is offered Sundays from 6 to 7 p.m. and Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m. It will be held

keys to other people," she said.

Students wishing for assis-

tance in locating off-campus

property can contact the hous-

ing department. The housing

department database lists about

evaluate a property based on its

HOUSING

Continued from page 1

on Mondays. It is open, availin room 203 of the Riverside learning more about basic make it to every class.

from campus, Elmore said.

more than 50 criteria for owners

who consent to have their rental

property inspected, Elmore said.

approved by Crimson Choice at

Sundays and the first floor exercises, and stretches to classroom in Ridgecrest South come and join. No yoga mat is required, although it will able, and seeking all Honors probably be preferable. It is students with an interest in not required that students

amenities, décor and distance crimsonchoice.ua.edu.

The transition from home The University uses a residento residence hall and then to tial rental education program off-campus can be disruptive, called Crimson Choice to evalu-Elmore said, because students ate the safety of a property. The must worry about aspects of program bases its ratings on domestic life that were previously taken care of at home and in a residence hall, such as bills for power, cable, water, rent, pest 300 properties so students can Students can find properties control and utilities.

She said most of the concerns

students mention pertain to I can get it cheaper, then I'll go roommates who have dropped out of the University, leaving one person to manage the financial

end of a lease.

Institute is accepting nomi-

nations for the 2012 class of

Blackburn Fellows. All students

who will attend the University

"Make sure that you know that you are rooming with this

person," she said. Keith Moynihan, a sophomore majoring in civil engineering, said he wants to move off cam-

pus to escape the restrictions associated with life in a residence hall. "I like having the option to cook," he said. "You can do it at some of the dorms, but it's not

You [also] have to worry about people stealing your stuff." Moynihan said the issues of cost and freedom factor into his decision to leave on-campus liv-

very convenient having to go

upstairs in Ridgecrest South.

"It's just freedom," he said. "If RA."

off campus, even if I have to drive a couple miles to commute." Kameron McAdams, a senior majoring in mechanical engi-

inated by a faculty member.

Nominations can be sent to

Candace Peters at cpeters@

sa.ua.edu. Include the student's

neering, said he understands the attraction of off-campus living, but he prefers living on campus. "I have a friend that lives at The Retreat," he said. "The atmosphere is really cool, but

me personally, I really prefer the convenience of staying on cam-McAdams, a resident adviser

at one of the Lakeside residence halls, said he enjoys not having to commute to campus so as to arrive to class on time.

"A lot of people want to get off campus because it makes them feel more adult and there are not as many restrictions," he said, "and they don't have to worry about getting in trouble by an

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Subway replaces Edy's at Ferg

By William Evans Senior Staff Reporter wjevans@crimson.ua.edu

Subway opened Jan. 12 in the Ferguson Center as a result of the University Food Service Committee and student surveys indicating that a new sub sandwich option would be desirable, said Kristina Hopton-Jones, director of University dining

The arrival of Subway marks the departure of Edy's Ice Cream, which occupied the space where Subway is now situ-

"Edy's was not a particularly popular brand with students, but the location was great," Hopton-Jones said. "Since novelty ice cream is sold in the food court, it did not make sense to have a large, underutilized concept in such a great space in the Ferguson Center. When the decision was made to make a switch to Subway, Bama Dining felt like the area previously utilized by Edy's in the seating area would provide the space and visibility needed to accommodate the popular Subway brand."

Blimpie formerly plied students' sub sandwich needs, but its contract with Bama Dining has ended and a new food option, a baked potato and hot dog station, resides there instead.

IF YOU GO ...

• What: Subway

• Where: The Ferguson Center

• Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

ended, but students still said that a sandwich shop was important to keep in the Ferguson Center," Hopton-Jones said. 'Subway was the obvious choice because of the nationally recognized specials, healthy options and brand popularity.

Hopton-Jones said no other restaurants were considered for the space that Subway now occupies.

Bama Cash and Dining Dollars are accepted, she said.

Kelli Knox-Hall, senior assistant director of Ferguson operations, said the University Food Service Committee, which contributed to the decision to place Subway in the Ferguson Center, is comprised of faculty, staff and students. "It is a committee put togeth-

er by Auxiliary Services that meets on a monthly basis," she said. "Auxiliary Services takes



CW | Thomas Lewallen

The new Subway at the Ferguson Center has replaced the Edy's ice cream stand and has been very popular since the beginning of the semester.

that group ... and will ask them [Subway] gives more vari- the opening of Subway was a to go eat at different Bama Dining locations."

in management, said the table space adjoining the area of the Food Court has always been congested when lunchtime rolls around.

ety to the students already there," he said. "With more Eli Perez, a junior majoring students [enrolled], it's going to be packed regardless... but Subway's the way to go with sandwiches."

Robert Schaefers, a senior majoring in operations manage-"I think it's always been ment, said despite the added "The contract with Blimpie feedback and suggestions from an issue of space, but I think congestion to the table space, overcrowding.

"During the rush, it does create some congestion, but it was jutting out into the table spaca good idea to get some more variety," he said.

Caitlin Cody, a sophomore majoring in nursing, said the line at Subway has moved at a quick enough pace to prevent

"The line was moving pretty quickly," she said. "It was moving so fast that people weren't es... but it's going to be clustered no matter what.'

Subway will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Sig Ep returns, plans to create 'balanced men'

By Jennie Kushner Senior Staff Reporter jfkushner@bama.ua.edu

Sigma Phi Epsilon's Beta chapter was founded in 1927 and was disbanded in 2008 for repeated rules violations including hazing new members, according to the Associated

Now the fraternity is working to put themselves back on the map, but with a revamped look.

"We are currently a colony and are trying to establish ourselves back on this campus through academic and extracurricular leadership," said President Felix Faerber, a junior majoring in management.

We are recruiting through personal interviews and people who are interested have to fulfill certain academic and leadership criteria," he said.

Faerber said the chapter rently has 63 members and is actively recruiting this semester. None of the previous members are invited back, he said.

"We are more focused on quality than quantity so no quotas have to be fulfilled," Faerber

Zach Wepfer, a sophomore majoring in international studies an international studies major and the vice president of programming, said the new chapter hopes for a fresh begin-

"What's done is done and will not effect our new chapter, we are getting to start fresh," Wepfer said.

"We are different from the previous chapter, which had some good men who made poor decisions, and so we will build our own reputation, which we have started last semester and will continue as the spring unfolds," Faerber said.

Faerber said he would like to teach the previous members the meaning of being a SigEp.

"The actions that occurred back then do not represent what SigEp stands for and I would like to sit down and talk to them about what it really means to be part of this fraternity," Faerber said.

Now the chapter is focusing on a positive experience for its members while reinstating its founding principals.

"This chapter is a balanced man chapter, which means no pledging and no hazing," he said. "We will form brotherhood through academic and extracurricular leadership and the spirit in which Carter Ashton Jenkins founded Sigma Phi Epsilon more than a hundred years ago," Faerber said.

Wepfer said members will participate in the Balanced Man Program instead of the tradi-

tional pledge system. "The Balanced Man Program sound body,' that is pretty selfexplanatory," Wepfer said. The fraternity's national goal is to build balanced men, Faerber said, and the chap-

is all about 'sound mind and

ter will provide an experience committed to leadership and academic development, Faeber

sents everything that is great most fraternities and sororities,

about the greek system, and not just SigEp. hazing is not tolerated in any form in our organization," he "We develop brotherhood

through leadership and academic excellence, which we proved by having a 3.65 chapter GPA last semester.' Wepfer said there are a lot

"The original ideas for fraternities and sororities were very well intentioned, but over the years many chapters have lost sight of those original ideas," Wepfer said. "We plan on fighting the current negative stereotypes by behaving and acting in ways that would make our "This group of men repre- of negative stereotypes with fellow members and greeks



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YOUR VIEW

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> Yes: 55 percent (27 votes)

No: 45 percent (22 votes)

This week's question: Do you approve of Gov. Bentley's performance during his inaugural week?



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Can we get an honor code for UA?

By Tray Smith

With the first week and a half

classes complete, professors have already doled out syllabi and spent at least one class teaching students they how will teach. Inevitably,



some part of every syllabus and introductory lecture includes an obligatory reference to academic misconduct and an overarching threat of "visiting the dean's

Yet, the academic integrity functions of the University remain disfigured. While the authority of the dean is always made clear, there are various honor councils at the University that involve students. authority of these councils and their purpose at the University is not frequently explained.

Then, out of nowhere, every spring we have "Capstone Creed Week," during which some freshman might hear about the creed for the first time. Make sure to learn to appreciate the creed that week, because it will likely not be mentioned for another year.

We need more than obscure bodies responsible for widely ignored initiatives to promote "academic integrity." We need more than one week promoting through the application process the creed that supposedly defines and at orientation. It should then belong to, will have something our values as a university. We be continuously emphasized and that binds them together and focus on "academic misconduct," as if the very worst thing a student could do is improperly cite cannot be established overnight; information from some piece of widely ignored research.

The University needs to focus on honor. By shaping students ally moving toward a policy that umn runs on Mondays.

who are honorable in all of their pursuits, the University can build character, making them less likely to cheat or plagiarize but also less likely to commit even more atrocious offenses.

At Washington and Lee University, for instance, all students are asked to commit to an overarching honor code. The students take this commitment seriously, and as a result are allowed to take final exams without supervision.

However, anyone caught violating the code receives only one punishment: expulsion. The entire system is overseen and enforced by elected student lead-

Maybe Alabama isn't ready for a system like Washington and Lee's. Students on campus may not even trust themselves with that level of freedom and responsibility. To build a similar com-

gives students more oversight responsibility and is more widely promoted and understood.

The result will be a student body that understands that dishonorable actions, including academic misconduct, are not just rule violations, but also breaches

Sustaining such a level of trust will require students to make a commitment to themselves, to one another and to the University.

Such an honor system would also extend the sense of community that is "UA" to all students, by asking them to make an investment in the Capstone. An investment of their character that, on top of ever increasing tuition payments, would give students a greater sense of attachment and hopefully encourage them to get further involved.

This, more than anything, would help bond us together and

The result will be a student body that understands that dishonorable actions, including academic misconduct, are not just rule violations, but also breaches of trust.

munity of trust, Alabama should heal traditional divisions that create an overarching honor system that transcends barriers between the several colleges and is student led.

Such a system must be explained to prospective students from the time they step on campus for their first tour, need more than an over-hyped celebrated once they begin class- makes them even more proud to

> A more integral honor system creating the culture that sustains it will take even longer. But the University can begin gradu-

have long wounded the student body. Most Alabama students are already honorable; gradually implementing a student-led honor system would simply highlight and reinforce a characteristic that is already here.

Then all students, regardless of what organizations they attend the Capstone: an honor system that students govern and respect.

Tray Smith is the opinions editor of The Crimson White. His col-

Arizona shooting a travesty

By Xavier Burgin

I believe we are all well informed of the events surrounding U.S. Rep. Gabriellle Giffords.

During a meeting with constituents and supporters, Congresswoman Giffords, along with 20 other individuals, was fired upon in front of a Safeway supermarket in Tucson. Of the 20, six were killed and 14 others were severely wounded.

Giffords did not leave the shooting unscathed. She was shot in the head by the assailant, Jared Loughner. Fortunately, Gifford's condition vastly improved from critical to serious.

She has shown the ability to squeeze her doctor's hands and move her legs and arms. Doctors hope she'll be able to talk soon, as well. Democrats and Republicans have lined up bemoaning the predicament of Congresswoman Giffords. President Barack Obama visited her in the hospital. Hundreds of supporters have been leading a congregation of get-well pieces near the hospital where she is being treated. This is, without question, an unequivocally posi-

tive turn of events for Giffords and our nation in general. It is good to know a husband will not go without a wife and a father will not lose a daughter through this entirely unnecessary ordeal. It's unfortunate that many of the events similar to Gifford's plight do not arise with such positive outlooks and aspira-

Giffords' story of miraculous recovery is not the main focal point of my article. If anything, it is a subset to the unbelievably tumultuous dealings of her constituents, enemies and fellow members of Congress, who have handled the situation with the elegance of an adolescent boy with a crush on a classmate - lots of name-calling, rock throwing and the occasional snipping of a ponytail.

I've heard people blame Sarah Palin for the gamut of violence recently occurring. Some blamed her "Don't Retreat, Reload" slogan. Others criticized the crosshairs she placed on names and locations of popular Democratic candidates. Many people have become so far gone they blame the entire situation on the Tea Party movement and the individuals who steer its course on the American historical tracks.

In comparison, I've heard a bevy of individuals brand Jared Lougher as a liberal extremist. They have accosted the liberal agenda, stating its principals led to the development of such an individual. I overheard an individual on campus indentify Obama's health care plan as being the final trigger for the deranged inmate.

In general, I've noticed a back and forth game of suicidal-gunman tag in regards to where the blame should be rested. Conservatives consider this travesty a summarization of all the inherent problems stemming from the Democrat's majority control, which ended recently. The Democrats have tried to staple Jared Loughner as a demented Republican and Tea Party member whose beliefs represent the extreme corner of the right's ideals.

The situation is tragic. The people playing politically-charged tennis are doing little to diffuse the situation. This really isn't a war of conservative and liberal ideas.

Jared Loughner was most likely not a bleedingheart liberal or staunch conservative. He was just a very disturbed man. This is not an example of the deficiency of government. Sometimes the worst happens and there is nothing you can do about it.

Who could've anticipated a crazed gunman opening fire in a supermarket parking lot? More security may have prevented or reduced the number of casualties, but everyone has 20/20 hindsight after the situation. Everyone. This will not stop the verbal barrage of each political side blaming one another but on an individual basis we should realize this isn't a Democratic or Republican tragedy. It's an American

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rec employees should more actively help students

By Courtnie Stephens

"New Year brings new students to Rec" - I highly doubt that title persuaded students across campus to pick up the paper; all they remarked was "no kidding," and went on with their day. the most part, I disagree with much of the catty comments of how the CW's grammar, vocabulary and all around news is not worth much. I find myself reading it every day, especially the opinions page. But this article was astronomically redundant and won't resolve a thing. In a sentence, all it said was that the Rec has so many people, but hey, things will die down!

Anyone who doesn't visit the Rec regularly could have told us that, but no, the CW had to go straight to the source: the dude in his spiffy red shirt swiping cards in everyday.

What the dude in his spiffy red shirt cannot tell me, is how I can better tone my body with tricep kickbacks or run in intervals to burn more calories. Nor can he explain why carbs are great energy and protein is a necessity.

This sounds like no brainer continue on my wishful way. tips, but what if someone like myself has a serious question on tweaking a particular muscle area or a particular food source? Here lies the real issue with the Rec. The red-shirted employees simply clean, swipe cards, hand out keys and wish you a merry work out. I'm not doubting their intelligence or saying to fire them. I'm saying, dear Rec center, hire some other color-shirted folk to mix in with those people with specific questions so we don't have to annoy the massive, cut, in-the-zone heavy lifters of the Rec. We don't have money to have constant oneon-one sessions with trainers or nutritionists; some of us only have a question or two. We want real answers from people who have been doing this a long time without interrupting their session.

Let the red shirts do their thing. I mean really, thank goodness we don't have to clean up after ourselves... But in all seriousness, it's simple to hire a couple people a few hours at a time to walk the Rec floor available for questions. Why haven't they thought of this yet? The Rec has so much going for it.

I guess for now I'll just trust what I read in magazines or online instead of asking actual people who can help me, swipe in, grab a skinny smoothie and

Courtnie Stephens is a sophomore majoring in secondary education.

Not running up score helps underdassmen

By Ethan Summers

In reply to Ben Friedman's question, there are three reasons Alabama shouldn't run up the score. Primarily, kids gradu-

They have four years to play and move on. Greg McElroy is one such senior... A.J. McCarron isn't. Now McCarron has bowl experience, as do all of the nonstarters. As a coach and player (soccer, not football) I can honestly say leaving your A-team in to pulverize an opponent does nothing for anyone. The second reason is Tyrone Prothro.

Prothro stayed in against Florida way longer than he should have. His career ended that day. Finally, Alabama pitches legacy, honor, tradition and, above all, class. There's none of that in slaughtering a Big Ten team with your best players. 49-7 is more than answer enough to the question of which team (and conference) is better.

Ethan Summers is a junior

majoring in journalism and business.

Anderson Society selection process is fair, open

By Marshall Houston

Though the honor society selections process at The University of Alabama garners widespread skepticism about the integrity of those involved, I would like to shed light on the fairest and most transparent selections process at our university. As vice president of the Anderson Society, one of the four senior honor societies comprised of 24 outstanding seniors, I have worked with the other officers, advisors and faculty members to build on the progress from last year's selections process.

Because the Anderson Society is committed to honesty and integrity, the details of the 2011 Anderson Society selections process follows in detail.

First, after every applicant completes the short answer portion of the application, the three officers of the Anderson Society will create an online document of each applicant's answers. Each applicant will be given an identification number, so the current members of

the Anderson Society will not know the applicant's identity. Also, any identifying information will be marked out to maintain the anonymous nature of

selections. Next, each current Anderson Society member will read every application and rank every member on a scale of one to 10. To avoid any influence from outside factors, the members will complete the rankings in private. After each member ranks the applicants, the ranks will be entered in a spreadsheet to calculate the average ranking. The 24 applicants with the highest ranking will then be selected for membership.

In the case of a tie, the current Anderson Society members will review the applicants again and rank only the applicants in the tie. The applicant with the highest average after the second round of rankings will be selected for membership in the Anderson Society.

As this process shows, the 2011 Anderson Society selections process will not only be the fairest and most transparent on campus, but it will also avoid the negative influences that have historically tainted honor society selections at The University of Alabama.

Marshall Houston is a senior majoring in economics and English and is the vice president of the Anderson Society.

Non-profit tax initiative opens websites

By Brittney Knox Staff Reporter bsknox@crimson.ua.edu

It's the time of year for H&R Block signs, Jackson Hewitt signs and for W-2 forms to come in the mail. Tax season is here and SaveFirst, a non-profit tax preparation initiative is opening two sites in Tuscaloosa.

Sarah Louise Smith, executive director of Impact Alabama said the new addition this year came with the increased number of students that joined the program.

"We have about 50 to 60 students that have already gone through their training and the certification," she said. "The students will be a part of a poverty course and perform taxes for these families.

Regional coordinator Glynnis Ritchie said SaveFirst serves low-income families and individuals. The service is free if you meet the requirements for households. You must make less than \$50,000 per year with kids in the home or \$20,000 per year without kids in the home.

"Our tax prep services are aimed at assisting families eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit," she said.

The EITC is the federal government's largest and most successful antipoverty program for low-income, working families.

Smith said the new addition will be in the Holt community and their goal this year is to exceed the numbers from last year by 10 to 15 percent locally

"Last year in Tuscaloosa,

we were able to serve over 600 of that," she said. "To meet and gram that is starting this year families with our location at the housing authority," she said.

According to their website, more than 500 trained students from more than 10 campuses prepared tax returns for more than 3,500 families at 16 sites statewide.

Ritchie told of her experiences with seeing single moms with two or three children coming into her site to get her taxes done. She said she knows that when they finish their return and see their check they feel some form of relief.

"SaveFirst and access to free tax preparation has a huge effect on the people we serve, year. and I'm so excited to be a part

interact with the people you are helping directly and to see the children who will benefit from the refund that you've helped calculate is an amazing experience.'

The SaveFirst website also states how many low-income households are eligible for the EIC and other tax credits but are unaware of their existence and thus do not apply for the annual refunds.

The IRS estimates that 15 percent or more of EIC refunds are unclaimed by low-income families, which amounts to approximately \$2.7 billion each

Louise said another pro- Ritchie said.

in addition to SaveFirst is called, "SaveNow, WinLater Sweepstakes."

"The program provides incentive to those families that commit to saving modest amounts that seeks to encourage persons to save their money," Louise

Each time a family puts \$50 towards a savings bond, they are entered into a drawing pool for the chance to win \$20,000 at the end of tax season.

"Even if families don't win the grand prize, they still walk away with savings bonds and an investment in their future, or the future of their children,'



Above: Kaylan Gee, a junior majoring in biology and Spanish, helps Lou Neil Lucas, a resident of Aliceville, fill out a form in the SaveFirst office at the Tuscaloosa Housing Authority on Jan. 22. **Left:** Essex Taylor, SaveFirst volunteer from Montgomery, helps Kenneth Lucas, a WWII veteran from Aliceville, file his taxes in the SaveFirst office at the Tuscaloosa Housing Authority on Jan. 22.

Resource center shows support for jailed women

By Stephen Nathaniel Dethrage Contributing Writer

The Women's Resource Center's Student Leadership Council started their second annual campaign advocating awareness and support for women in prison this week in the Ferguson Center.

The week of events will start off with a letter writing campaign beginning Monday in the Ferguson Center, near Fresh Food Company.

The group will operate a table there from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. every day this week except Friday and invite students and faculty to take a few minutes to write a letter of support to an inmate at

Tutwiler Prison for Women. "We want to provide the women the assurance that University of Alabama students realize that they are there," said Jessi Hitchens, assistant director of the Women's Resource Center. "We want to encourage them to leave the facility and be successful, because we believe in their

success in the future." A similar campaign in January of last year drew letters from

many UA students and staff. "Our goal last year was to get 60 letters written," Hitchens said. "We matched that goal, and we actually had 55 of the women write back to us. Their letters are really quite moving. Those responses will be at our table this week, so people can see how these women responded to the original letters and what they meant to them."

The responses to last year's letters are filled with thanks, appreciation, regret and hope.

This year, the Women's Resource Center has upped their goal to 100 letters total. Those who choose to write will be given the first name of an inmate and sign their own

"I appreciate you for what you've done," one inmate responded to a letter from the WRC Student Leadership Council. "You've shown that you cared enough to write a stranger,

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an incarcerated stranger. Again,

Another wrote "I would like to thank you for the letter of encouragement you sent me. I also want my faith in God, When I am feelsomeone like you to remind me to hang on."

Wednesday, with a panel held incarcerated."

in Ferguson 309. Three women, including a woman once incarcerated, will speak and discuss the issues surrounding women in Alabama's prison system.

Friday, Jan. 28, the week of events concludes with a visit to Tutwiler Prison and a guided tour with the warden there. The trip, as well as the panel, is free of

Students who would like to attend should contact the Women's Resource Center at 205-348-5040, who will fill available spots on a first come, first served

"The purpose of the campaign you to know I am still strong in is to provide awareness of the struggles of women who are ing weak like lately, God uses incarcerated." Hitchens said. "It's important to be aware of them, and to recognize the issues The campaign continues that surround why they become







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Artist recreates history for murals

By Katherine Martin Staff Reporter klmartin317@gmail.com

Beyond the glass walls of Tuomey Hall, renowned artist Caleb O'Connor coats an enormous 14 by 9 feet linen canvas against the walls of the studio are more massive paintings in final stages of completion.

O'Connor has been commissioned by the U.S. General Service Administration to paint 16 wall-sized murals for the federal building in downtown Tuscaloosa.

Members of GSA and U.S. District Judge Scott Coogler selected O'Connor from hundreds of artists and chose him for his strengths in realistic paintings and great attention to detail.

O'Connor said Coogler was looking for someone to paint realistic images instead of abstractions.

Each of the 16 paintings will depict scenes from significant moments in the city's history and culture. The first piece in the series will be of the Native Americans who settled in Moundville, O'Connor said.

Others in the timeline will include scenes from the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War II and images of settlers and pioneers of the city. Some of the paintings will illustrate slavery, industry and along the Black Warrior River.

"I want to react to the community, whatever I feel like is capturing the essence of that time," O'Connor said.

Other than historical figures represented in the paintings, O'Connor uses models from around the city to involve the community.

In one painting in the studio, local children and families run around Capitol Park, where the old capitol building once stood. Another piece against

the wall shows University President Robert Witt walking on the Quad, talking with a student, with Denny Chimes rising in the background.

In the left hand corner of the painting, Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant walks along in his signature houndstooth hat and crimson blazer.

Standing inches from the paintings you see painstaking attention to detail, like the tiny braids in a child's hair and ripples in a Union flag in the painting of the burning of the rotunda on the University cam-

Born and raised in Hawaii, O'Connor moved to Baltimore to attend the Maryland Institute him to do this project. College of Art where he studied under renowned painting professors Israel Hershberg, Mark Karnes, Barry Nemett and Raul Middleman.

was awarded a Fulbright grant 2009 so that he could be close the building of locks and dams to study in Seravezza, Italy, to the subject and plan to stay



for its marble and bronze sculpture.

In Italy, O'Connor studied how to carve marble, something he said he prefers to painting. O'Connor said when he returned home, he wanted to build marble fountains and place them around the country. something he still wants to do today, but he soon realized it wasn't a very realistic goal.

While living in Chicago in 2009, O'Connor received an e-mail in his spam folder from a GSA representative asking

"My desire is to share whenever I have the possibility," he said. "That's what motivated me to take this project."

O'Connor and his family After graduating, O'Connor moved to Tuscaloosa in July

at least until the project is completed.

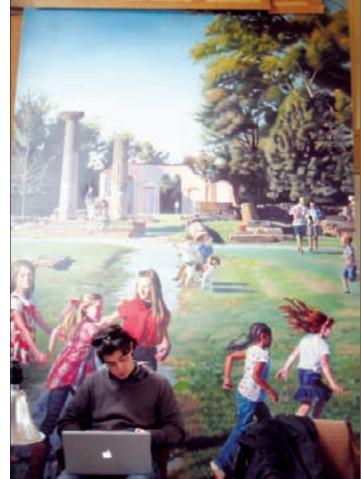
"I spend a lot of time in the studio, with my family, just ruminating," he said. "But this project has brought me much closer to the public than I'm

O'Connor said he gets several visitors to his campus studio

Hallie Paul, a junior in New College, has visited O'Connor's studio and said having him on campus is cool because it allows him to interact with the students.

"He seems to really want to immerse himself in the community and wants to learn from the students, but at the same time, have them interact with the art," Paul said.

The deadline for the project is September of this year.



Top Left: A historical painting of the "Stand in the Schoolhouse Door" with an unfinished portrayal of former Alabama governor George Wallace

Above: Caleb O'Connor works in front of the last piece of a 16 painting series that will be hung in the new federal courthouse in

Astronomy professor investigates space gas cloud

Allie Hulcher Staff Reporter athulcher@crimson.ua.edu

In 2007, a Dutch schoolteacher named Hanny van Arkel was just one of thousands helping Hubble to classify galaxies online at galaxyzoo.org when she discovered

tion to discover what exactly it

On Jan. 11, Keel presented Astronomical Society in

a space oddity that rocked the erer, Hanny's Voorwerp is a Glowing oxygen accounts for astronomy world. Now, UA glowing, green blob located it's bright green hue.

astronomy professor William approximately 650 light-years Keel is leading the investiga- away from Earth, Keel said. turned off, Keel said, because He added that the voorwerp is part of a ribbon of gas that wraps around the nearby galhis research to the annual axy, IC 2947. A quasar in the meeting of the American core of this galaxy shot out a powerful spotlight, illuminating the section of the gas cloud Named after its discov- we now know as the voorwerp.

we can no longer see its brightness within IC 2947. However, because of the distance between Hanny's Voorwerp and IC 2947 — 44,000 light-years from edge to core, respectively — the light of the quasar is still reflected on the section of gas. This creates what is called a "light echo" or "ghost image," and it allows for astronomers to be historians of space because they can

see reflections of the past. "We just missed catching the quasar, because it turned off no more than 200,000 years ago, so what we're seeing is the afterglow from the quasar," Keel said. "This implies that it might flicker on and off, which is typical of quasars, but we've never seen such a dramatic change happen pose of allowing anyone with regardless of whether they so rapidly. Left to itself [the a computer and an interest want to get their degree in voorwerpl should cool and in astronomy to take up the astronomy or another science fade away in only a few thou- task of classifying more than field," Irwin said. sand years, yet here the whole thing is, 100,000 light-tears

across, glowing madly.' A theory suggests that the dark spot in the middle of the voorwerp is caused by something that blocked the beam of the quasar, not allowing any light to pass through.

Assistant Professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Jimmy Irwin explained the phenomenon.

"Sort of like if a small bug is crawling on the surface of a light bulb, then if the light from the bulb is projected onto the ceiling, the shadow of the were dealing with, but the par-

bug will be huge," Irwin said. Keel calls his investiga-

tions on the voorwerp one of his most interesting research projects, not just because of the nature of the voorwerp, but because of how it was discovered in the first place. "One of the interesting

points is the science — this discovery has shown us how we can trace the behavior of quasars up to a couple of hundred thousand years before our usual direct view, and we see surprises doing so," Keel said. "The other is a ringing endorsement of the partnership embodied by citizen science in the Internet age, allowing unexpected discoveries that take so many eyes and brains poring over huge data

Galaxy Zoo has the pura million galaxies. Galaxy Zoo presents images taken from the Hubble Telescope, as well as others.

"One of the most exciting discoveries from the original Galaxy Zoo was something we never expected," the website states. "Computers will slowly get better at classifying galaxies, but looking at an image and asking 'what's that odd thing?' remains uniquely human.'

"The Zoo team started off worried about the complexity of the material that people

ticipants have run out ahead of us over and over again, teaching themselves database query languages and scripting tools so they can pull out even more data on objects they've become interested in," Keel

Keel is still up to solving the mystery of the voorwerp. He analyzes data from Hubble and other telescopes, does calculations on this data and is looking more into the structure and internal motions of the voorwerp.

Irwin said Keel's research is making headlines - David Letterman even made a jab at Hanny's Voorwerp.

"His research can't help but raise the visibility of UA to high school and undergraduate students looking for a college or graduate school,

Keel remains enthralled by the idea of "citizen science," and how something as rare and mysterious as Hanny's Voorwerp can be found by anyone with no scientific background or experience, simply an interest in space. He emphasizes the simplicity and importance — of curiosity

for outer space. "I'll always advertise [galaxyzoo.org]," Keel said. "Not only is there no telling what you might find, but you can't miss a new appreciation for the beauty and complexity of the universe."

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Tide beats Auburn, leads SEC West

By Marquavius Burnett Sports Reporter

The Alabama men's basketball team is off to its best Southeastern Conference start since 2004-2005 season after a 68-58 win over the Auburn Tigers in Auburn Arena.

The Tide (12-7, 4-1 SEC) squeaked out a tough victory against the Tigers with stifling defense and key runs late in the second half.

The first run came with 8:58 left in the second half. Both junior forward JaMychal Green and sophomore Tony Mitchell went out of the game with foul trouble. Big 3-pointers by freshman guard Trevor Releford and senior guard Charvez Davis allowed the Tide to keep the lead without its top two scorers.

scoreless until 59 seconds left in the game. Grant was pleased with the team's effort.

"Our guys really picked it up in the last 10 minutes from a defensive standpoint," Grant said. "We got some needed stops and got some baskets, and we were able to stretch [the lead] a little bit.'

Auburn head coach Tony Barbee was openly upset with his team's offensive output late in the game.

"It is what it is. We can't score," Barbee said. "I thought we played hard and tough and we battled our tails off. We outrebounded a really good rebounding team and did a lot of things well, but we can't score. It's the theme of the vear.'

Auburn (7-12, 0-5 SEC) struggled to score most of the

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— Anthony Grant

did a great job during that stretch," head coach Anthony Grant said. "We ended up going with Andrew Steele at the power forward spot, and he did a good job for us. He was able to match up very well on the defensive end. He's a veteran guy even though he hasn't had much time on the court because of some injuries. He has a high basketball IQ, and he understood what he needed to do on the defensive

Another key run in the game for the Tide came with 5:06 left in the second Alabama held Auburn

"I thought all of our guys game. They only had two players in double figures, led by Earnest Ross, who had a double-double with 20 points and 13 rebounds.

The Tide had four players in double figures, led by Green and Mitchell, who each had 15 points. Releford and senior guard Senario Hillman each had 10. Green scored his 1,000th point as a Tide player and finished the game with 1,014. For Hillman, it was his first win in Auburn after losing three straight.

Alabama will have the week off before returning to action next Saturday, Jan. 29, hosting LSU at Coleman Coliseum.





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Sophomore Tony Mitchell dunks the ball in the Tide's victory over the Auburn Tigers. Mitchell finished with 15 points, as did junior JaMychal Green.



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Above: Senario Hillman, JaMychal Green and Andrew Steele wait on the court during a break in the game. With the win over Auburn, the Tide is now 4-1 in the SEC. Left: Senior Senario Hillman brings the ball down the court in Auburn Saturday. Hillman added 10

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points to the Tide's 68-58 win over the Tigers.

Lacrosse club drives toward playoff goal

By Brett Hudson Contributing Writer

The Alabama lacrosse club was established on campus in 1985 and had some success in the early 1990s, beating Auburn three times in a row and winning the Southeastern Tide's chances. Lacrosse Conference in 1993. The club began to fade away, but has put together resurgence in the last five years.

The team is only five years removed from a winless season, but last year the Crimson Tide had its first winning season in what was its first year as a Division I team of the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association.

Going into this year, the team has only one goal: play-

"[Making the playoffs] is very doable," captain Stewart Moore said. "The talent is there, we just have to make it

Jason Hebert had slightly

30 Clubs

"It's in the bag," Hebert and success in the playoffs. The SELC has four divi-

sions with five teams in each one. After the regular season, the top two teams in 10 Atlantic Coast Conference each division get selected to play in a tournament for the SELC Championship. The SELC Champions play for although not enjoying widethe national championship in the MCLA, an intercollegiate lacrosse organization with 210 schools involved, all of fastest growing sport in the which do not have an NCAA lacrosse team.

Alabama is in a division with Ole Miss, Georgia, Georgia Tech and Auburn. bination of the best aspects of Alabama beat Auburn last year for the first time since more confidence about the 1993 and looks to continue on hockey on a soccer field with

to a division championship

SELChas Southeastern Conference schools other than Arkansas and LSU, and also includes schools and a few Big East

The sport of lacrosse, spread popularity in the southern United States, is widely recognized as the nation and the fastest sport on two feet.

Alabama head coach Matt Darby sees the sport as a comother sports. "It's like the physicality of

mentality of basketball,' Darby said. Joining the lacrosse team

here at the Capstone is relatively easy. They say that most of the time, when players wear Alabama lacrosse gear on campus, out-of-state students notice and ask to sign up. Just ask Bobby Cofield; he had never played lacrosse before setting foot on campus.

"I played football throughout high school," Cofield said. This was the only sport that I could play and still hit peo-

No matter how experienced the players may or may not be, Moore is always looking to take the program to the next

"We'd like to play our games at the women's soccer field," Moore said. "Hopefully we can attract a bigger fanbase that way, get more people to

Hebert has another high @tidelax.

the offensive and defensive expectation for that goal, too. "I just want to be on the

Jumbotron," Hebert said. The Tide will play six home games this season, starting off with a game against Georgia Tech on Feb. 13. Alabama will then play at home against Georgia, Tennessee-Chattanooga and Rinehardt on March 5, 25 and 27, respectively.

The Tide's last game in Tuscaloosa will be on April 2 versus Ole Miss, with its last in-state game being in Birmingham against Auburn on April 15.

All home games excluding Auburn will be played at the University Recreation Fields. For those interested in playing lacrosse for Alabama, you can contact Moore, Hebert or Darby. They also have a website, tidelax.ialax.com. The Facebook page is called Alabama Lacrosse Club and their Twitter account is

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- Men's Basketball vs LSU: 7 p.m.
- Women's **Gymnastics Metroplex** Challenge vs LSU, Nebraska, Missouri: 7:30 p.m., Ft. Worth, Texas
- Women's Tennis vs Rice/Oklahoma State: TBA, Waco, Texas
- Swimming and **Diving vs South** Carolina/Georgia: TBA, Columbia, S.C.

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Women's Basketball vs Kentucky: 2 p.m.

 Men's Tennis vs Texas/Hawaii: TBA, Austin, Texas

Tide earns highest score of season

By Jason Galloway Sports Editor crimsonwhitesports@gmail.com

Seven members of the Alabama gymnastics team stood outside Ridgecrest South dormitory for an hour and a half early Friday morning. The fire alarm had just sounded, and nearly half the team's sleep was interrupted the night before its meet with No. 15 Boise State.

"I didn't get back to sleep till five," freshman Sarah DeMeo

But the Crimson Tide didn't look tired against the Broncos. Although Alabama had to count a fall on beam, the Tide still posted a season-high score by nearly a point Friday night against Boise State in front of 13,636 fans at Coleman

Even though the student section for gymnastics only holds 1,200 seats, 2,506 students showed up to support the Tide. The number of students was the most in recent memory, and perhaps the most ever, according to the UA athletic depart-

Alabama did not disappoint its fans, as its 196.325 was highlighted by 49.35 on the floor exercise, and half of the Tide's 24 routines were performed by

"We could have been half a point higher," head coach Sarah Patterson said. "I think this team has the potential to score higher, and if you look at our lineup, we still have a lot of people with great scoring potential that aren't in there all the time.'

Two Alabama gymnasts had a chance to showcase their talent in competition for the first time Friday night and both landed impressive routines. Sophomore Becca Alexin scored a 9.85 on bars, and freshman Hannah Toussaint scored

a 9.875 on the floor exercise. After building a 0.65-point lead after two rotations, the Tide ran into a bit of trouble on beam. Alabama's second and fourth competitors on the event – Ashley Sledge and Kayla Hoffman – fell, putting gratifying. The junior fell



Top Right: Junior Geralen Stack-Eaton finishes the third rotation against Boise State with a 9.9 on the beam. Stack-Eaton had three solid scores Friday after falling on two events last week against Arkansas. Right: Freshman Hannah Toussaint competes on floor exercise against the Broncos. It was Toussaint's first ever competition routine for the Tide, and she scored a 9.875.

Above: Freshman Kim Jacob competes on the vault. Twelve of the Tide's 24 routines came from freshmen

Stack-Eaton to land their rou-

"[DeMeo's] a freshman, there were some falls in front of her, and I think she felt like the weight of the world was on her shoulders," Patterson said. "I said, 'You can only do your beam routine.' She's a natural beam worker, and I just wanted her to feel confident."

DeMeo did not let her coach down, landing her routine and scoring a 9.825.

Stack-Eaton's score may have been even more 195 an intense amount of pressure on bars and beam last week challenges today, people

on DeMeo and junior Geralen against Arkansas, and she stepped up," Patterson said. followed DeMeo with a nearperfect 9.9 to save the Tide from getting into an even bigger bind. Stack-Eaton scored a 9.85 on vault and a 9.875 on bars against Boise State.

> "It was definitely a confidence booster," she said. "To make the routine and now to look forward from that, I'm really excited about it."

> Alabama finished the night with a season-high 49.35 on the floor exercise to pull away from the Broncos and win 196.325-

"When we had to face some

"We weren't perfect, but we're getting better.

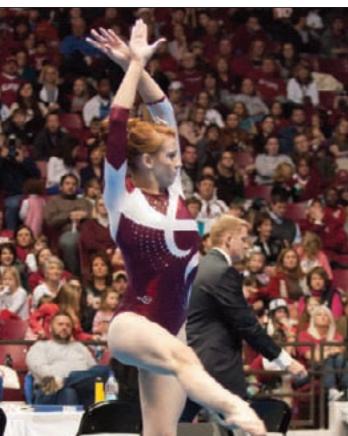
Sophomore Marissa Gutierrez did not compete Friday because of a hip injury. Patterson said her status going forward is unknown.

Alabama (3-0) will travel to Fort Worth, Texas, next weekend to compete in a multi-team meet with LSU, Nebraska and



see video coverage of the meet online





SWIMMING AND DIVING

Seniors post big marks for Senior Day meet

By Marilyn Vaughn Contributing Writer

For some Crimson Tide swimmers and divers, last Saturday was their last home meet of the season. But for 16 team members it would be the last home meet of their Alabama swimming careers.

This past Saturday was the men's and women's swimming and diving team's senior meet. The Tide honored nine women and seven men in what would be their last home meet in Don Gambril Olympic Pool. The seniors had their accolades read aloud and their pictures taken but for some the significance of the meet did not sink in right away.

"It's really strange. I don't think it sunk in that this is my last meet here and swimming in this pool collegiately anymore." said senior Kate Shannon Gray, who swims the freestyle and individual med-

Gray had a strong senior day and finished second in all three of her events the 100 and 200m breaststrokes, as well as the 200m IM [individual

However, the women were not able to claim the title at their senior meet and fell to the Florida State Seminoles 157-143. The men defeated the Seminoles 157.5-141.5. This victory brought the men's record to a perfect 7-0.

"This is the first time in a long time our men are undefeated," head coach Eric McIlquham said. "We've had some milestones throughout the course of the year, but the year's not over. We really judge things on how we finish at the conclusion of the year on how many All-Americans we put



score at NCAAs." One swimmer who has

consistently performed well for the Tide has been senior 1650m and 500m freestyle

"Catalin Cosma has been performing for us in the distance events for four years," McIlquham said. "We got freshmen stepping up on the guys' and girls' side. It's good to have depth, but we have a

ways to go." Though McIlquham feels

up and how many points we the freshmen have some grow-

to score points with their limited experience. The women had Alex Popa win the 100m Catalin Cosma, who won the breaststroke, Lauren Piper win the 200m IM, and Kristel Vourna win the 50m and 100m freestyle as well as the 100m butterfly. On the diving side freshman Paige McCleary took first on the 1-meter board.

"It's awesome being able to leave a team where you have freshmen that are performing at a level to be able to win an event," Gray said. "That kind of stuff makes me proud

ing to do, they were still able Left: Senior swimmer Daniel Armstrong competes in the breast stroke on senior day against Florida State. The men's team improved to 7-0 with a win over the Seminoles.

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Above: Junior Suzanne Schwee competes in the breast stroke against Florida State on Saturday.

and have confidence the team won the 100m freestyle. is going to be great once I'm

On the men's side, fresh-

"Over the years our recruit-

ing has gotten better and we've really filled in our weakman Alex Coci won the 100m ness in some of the events we backstroke and the 100m weren't strong in. We have

team's going to get better and better," said junior Joe Ziegler.

The next event for the women's and men's team will be an away meet against South Carolina and Georgia in butterfly, while BJ Hornikel a really strong future. The Columbia, S. C., this Saturday. CHEERLEADING

Tide wins second national championship

By Britton Lynn Senior Sports Reporter bmlynn@crimson.ua.edu

"Sweet Home Alabama" rang throughout the street as people yelled "Roll Tide!" to passers by. The UA cheerleading squad had captured the 2011 national championship and were the focus of the traditional Universal Cheerleading Association championship block party. But it wasn't only Alabama fans cheering and congratulating the team—it was the team's compet-

"After awards, at the hotel and the block party, you would have thought we were back in Alabama," said junior Caitlin Seabrook. "People were rooting for Alabama as soon as we stepped foot in Orlando. Other teams were so supportive and encouraging. They came to watch us practice, cheered for us while we competed, and congratulated us on our big win. It meant so much to us that people from all over the nation were rooting for Alabama."

Even before the competition results were announced, the other teams had already noticed Alabama's hard work, which earned them the respect of their adversaries. Teams at the competition encouraged the Tide throughout the week.

For the past two years, the UA cheerleading squad has placed second in the national championship, and for the past three years the University of Kentucky has won. The Tide was able to beat out the reigning champs by 0.02 points to take home the national championship trophy.

"When they called out second place was the University of Kentucky, it took us a second, then we realized we're the winners now," said head coach David McDowell. "We were all just in shock for a second or two. It was emotional. It was just an unbelievable experience. We've got such great kids and some kids in here who've been going

at this for four years.' This was the first time in 27



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Alabama competes at the College Cheerleading National Championship in Orlando, Fl.

years that Alabama cheerleading has won a national championship title. The last time the Tide Alabama's second cheerleading national championship.

But the win didn't come easily. In between cheering at all the Alabama football games, home volleyball games, basketball games and gymnastics meets, the team started preparing for the competition in October. In order to qualify to attend the championship competition, each a real good coach.' team must send in a tape of all their tricks—stunts, routines, tumbling—only the top 15 teams in the country are able to compete at nationals in January. Alabama placed first in October in the preliminary round, which meant that the Tide received a paid bid to compete in the championship.

The Tide then worked four days a week for at least two and a half hours for the rest of the year until December when two-a-days started. They then left for the Capital One Bowl game to cheer on the football team, but even while they were in Orlando they continued practicing an hour each day. While these practices became difficult, with the help of helping us lay the foundation."

their coach the team continued to stay focused.

"This year, we definitely had won was in 1984, making this win a different mindset," senior A.J. Buckner said. "We just started working more and wanted to be the best. McDowell brought that mindset into us he brought this program a long way. It was always a competitive team, but he just took it to a whole new level. Everybody looks up to him and respects him a lot. His talent levels, his coaching abilities, he's

Even though McDowell has been coaching at Alabama for four years, he's no rookie to the crimson and white. Back in 1998, McDowell also cheered here. which made the national championship mean even more to

"I'm most proud of our kids and making it through all the adversity," McDowell said, "but I'm also proud for all the alumni. [This win] is for all those people who worked for this team, who were so close all these years and worked so hard and it never paid off with a win. That's what we're all proud of—that we can give that back to those alumni as a way to say thank you to them for



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Simplicity key for new restaurant

By Ashley Chaffin Staff Reporter alchaffin@gmail.com

While most Tuscaloosa residents were worrying about staying warm in the snow, Cris Eddings and Charles Morgan were concerned about their newest restaurant's grand

Other places may have considered moving their opening to sunnier days, but Jan. 11 had a special significance to the coowners. The numerals, 1/11/11, add up to the number five, coinciding with the restaurant's name and theme.

Because of the snow, Eddings wasn't sure what to expect from FIVE's opening, but the buzz they created through advertising at their other restaurants provided them with a nice turn-

"We wanted people to come in here and think that we've been here for years," said Jeremy Hicks, FIVE's general manager. 'We didn't want people to come in thinking we had to work out kinks. Every restaurant is going to have their amount of complaints, but our operations have been running really smoothly."

Since opening night, they've noticed that complaints are at a minimum and people keep complimenting them on how different FIVE is from any other dining experience.

"This is just a different approach to a restaurant business, and the approach we want to take is based upon simplicity," Eddings said.

The simplicity starts with the menu. For each category, FIVE offers five dishes in an attempt to serve the best to every customer who comes in to eat. With the kitchen only keeping track of making five entrees and five snacks, Eddings said he believes all of the food that leaves the kitchen will consistently be the best food they can put out.

"Charles and I have done several restaurants together and the most difficult thing for us has been the nature of our menu," he said. "We have at Chuck's, and we've always a simple nature."





so many aspects to the menu talked about doing something of

This simple nature not only allows the kitchen and the bar to run smoothly, but Eddings said he thinks it enhances the dining experience for the customers who spend all day making decisions. The simple choice of five items allows diners to spend more time enjoying the experience rather than spending all their time thinking about what to order.

Another way Eddings and Morgan tried to enhance the and relaxing atmosphere. FIVE is in a space downtown that was built in 1904. They spent seven months turning it into a restaurant and finding the perfect decorations for the walls, which are covered in original paintings of musicians such as The Beatles and famous authors such as Kurt Vonnegut. Their goal was to make dining at FIVE fun, even when customers have to wait for a table.

"Customers get a really cool place to wait and hang out,' Hicks said. "We've got great bartenders. We've also got awesome music, different music than you've probably heard anywhere in Tuscaloosa."

Besides trying to offer the best food and the best environment, FIVE is also trying

experience is by creating a fun Five, a new restaurant downtown, focuses on the number five, carrying the theme throughout its menu and drink selections.

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> > — Chris Eddings

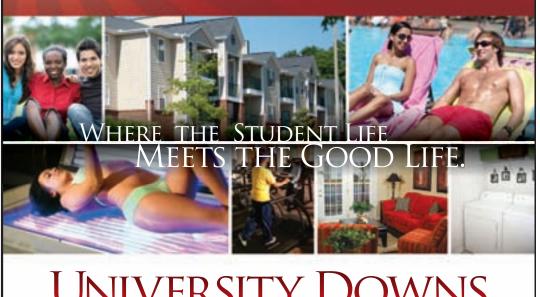
to have one of the best bars in community by offering their town. Andrew Smeed, the bar manager, was mentored by a bartender hailed as the best in New York City.

He has brought what he knows to Tuscaloosa, creating five signature cocktails. Besides the cocktails, they offer five red and five white wines, as well as five imported and five domestic beers.

In the future, FIVE hopes to give back to the Tuscaloosa

leftover food free by having food trucks drive around town. Everyone will be invited to enjoy the food, but they hope to raise donations in order to give back to the community.

Anyone who wants to enjoy a simpler but fun dining experience and what Eddings calls "stellar food" should give FIVE a try. The restaurant is open from 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday.



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'No Strings Attached' is just another casual affair

By Jordan Berry

The title should have tipped me off. Had I actually known that "No Strings Attached" was also reflective of the movie's connection with its audience, trust me, I would not have

Adam (Ashton Kutcher) and Emma (Natalie Portman) are the characters who decide to tackle the question "Can two people have sex without all that love stuff getting in the way?" The interesting thing here is that it is Portman's character who works 80-hour weeks and whose lack of commitment is the major impediment.

Despite the unconventional setup, there is little doubt in our minds where our characters are headed. It is how we get there, though, that is the film's main problem.

The characters know what they are getting into. The audience knows what we are getting into. So when the film encounters its various hiccups and diversions, the expectation is that they are at the very least grounded in the characters that are decently developed.

No such luck here.

One of the more frustrating characteristics of the film lies within Portman's character. Of course I understand that there have to be character-driven hurdles in this kind of movie. But the fear of commitment that troubles Portman's character seems contrived. This movie rarely allows the anxiety to come from our characters.

To be fair, the characters are established under very awkward circumstances. This awkwardness continues until it brings them to their first hook-up. There is something to this awkwardness that brings a sliver of reality to their

But along with Emma's fear enough social incompetency



Ashton Kutcher woos Natalie Portman in No Strings Attached.

of commitment, there are plen- to prevent her from acting on ty of other contrivances that whatever feelings she has for are ultimately the film's down-

a series not all that unlike why I wasted so much time having grown up around television as the son of a famous actor (Kevin Kline). In addition to the father's "Great Scott" thing running its course after the first two times, the scene at the hospital feels cheap mainly because the contrast between Adam and the one-dimensional girlfriend character is the only reason the film can claim any weight. Unfortunately, Kevin Kline, given his talent, does not have much to work with in this film, and as a result, many of his scenes fall flat.

There are some bright spots, though. Scenes with Emma's roommates, played by Greta Gerwig, Mindy Kaling and Guy Branum, are among the funniest in the movie. Another well-cast performance is that of Lake Bell, one of Adam's producers. (Although another charge of contrivance could be applied here, as we are asked to assume that she has just

Adam.)

Toward the end of the film, Adam is an assistant on we get this line: "I don't know pretending I didn't care." I almost laughed a little too loud in the theatre, as I spent the entire movie wondering the same thing. With a movie like this, I should have expected nothing less.

'No Strings Attached'

Runtime: 109 minutes MPAA rating: R

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Bottom line: Much like its premise, "No Strings Attached" tries hard to establish a relationship with its audience without getting too involved into the emotions. As a result, it feels too contrived.

Making changes through water

Student-led charity builds wells in Africa

By Karissa Bursch Senior Staff Reporter kabursch@crimson.ua.edu

It's one of those charity success stories you hear about in the news. A brother and sister, both University students, start and complete an entire fundraising campaign in three months, with amazing results.

Last September, Whitney

and Andrew Wash began a campaign with Charity: Water, a non-profit organization that provides clean drinking water to people in developing countries. Their campaign raised \$5,000 to build a well that would provide water for 250 to 500 people in the Central Republic of Africa.

The well is now in the process of being built and should be done by the end of the year. It will have a plaque on it that says "The University of Alabama."

A replica plaque will also be made and put on display at the University.

"[The well] gives the local people of the Central Republic of Africa not only water, but also jobs and valuable community-building skills," Whitney Wash, a junior majoring in fashion retailing, said.

Whitney Wash and her brother Andrew, a freshman with an undecided major, first got the idea for the campaign when their church from home participated in a campaign.

"My brother and I are from Alabaster, and our church at home started a big campaign to raise \$20,000 for the same charity, Charity: Water," Whitney Wash said. "Clean water is something that everyone could wrap their head around and get fired up about. The whole idea of \$20 giving somebody 20 years worth of clean water was easy to promote. It's something we're both passionate about."

Whitney Wash said she had high expectations for the University.

"Out of a school of about 30,000 people, if we can't raise \$5,000 then something is wrong,' Whitney Wash said.

They used a variety of tactics to raise the money for the campaign.

"There was straight up begging people," Whitney Wash said. "Me and my brother gave up our birthdays for the campaign. We collected money every up their birthdays or Christmas gifts for money. A main part of our funding came from private donations, and we had bake sales."

The bake sales were especially successful, she said.

"We make really good cookies," she said. "We had one cookie for one dollar. One dollar gives one person one year of clean drinking water. People would come and get one cookie before their lunch and come back after lunch and get three or four more. We had people come up to the bake sale and hand us a \$50 bill and not even get one cookie."

Fashion Inc., an on-campus fashion organization of which helped with the campaign. The Rock the Runway fashion show last October raised about \$600 for the campaign.

Maryalice Lazarus, a senior majoring in apparel and textile design,

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auctioned off her outfits after the event to benefit Charity: Water.

Whitney Wash recognized freshman Megan Whiting of else.

Whitney Wash said Charity: Water was the foundation she and her brother worked through. She said one benefit of working with Charity: Water was being able to have an interactive side to the campaign.

"Charity: Water is awesome," Whitney Wash said. "They have their own website and you can start a campaign on there. You can post messages, pictures and track your progress. It has a map that shows where the well will be. It's a really cool and interactive website. It was also a huge push because you can donate directly on the website."

"One of the greatest things about Charity: Water is that

Whitney Wash is a member, 100 percent of the proceeds go helped with the campaign. The directly to the well project," Andrew Wash said. "We can find out all about the well because they have GPS coordinates, photos and videos. It is absolutely amazing all the stuff they do so Fashion Inc. as somebody who you can find out. Maybe in a year "helped more than anybody we'll be able to look up the well on Google Earth.

After the well is completed, Charity: Water will send pictures and GPS coordinates for

the well. While Whitney and Andrew Wash may not be planning any more campaigns for this semester, they may have a trip to Africa in their future.

The siblings said they got a lot

out of the campaign. "For me it was very refreshing and invigorating to see all these people so passionate," Whitney Wash said. "It's hard to get people as excited about it as you are. Besides the obvious rewards of giving people water, [this campaign] restored my faith in humanity."



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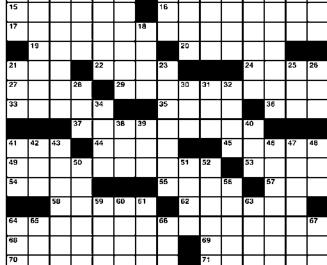


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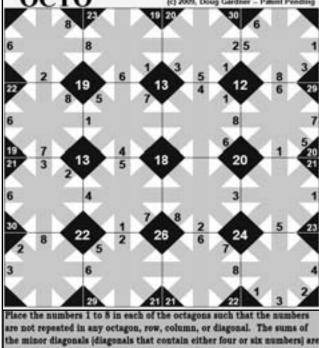
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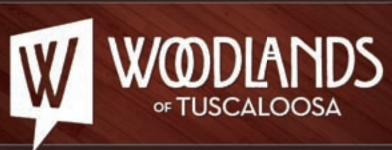


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