



SPORTS | **FOOTBALL**

# Dee Hart no longer with Tide, arrested over weekend

Player charged with providing false information, marijuana possession

By Charlie Potter | Assistant Sports Editor

University of Alabama junior running back Dee Hart was arrested Sunday and charged with giving false information to law enforcement and second-degree possession of marijuana, Sgt. Brent Blakely of the Tuscaloosa Police Department confirmed to The Crimson White.

Hart, 21, was arrested by TPD, booked into jail and released on a \$1,300 bond.

Blakely said officers were notified of someone trying to use counterfeit money at the Texaco gas station on Greensboro Avenue in Tuscaloosa. Officers arrived at the gas station to find the person still in the store. The suspect gave the officers a false name but was later identified as Hart. Hart was placed into custody for giving false information to a law enforcement officer and taken to the TPD for processing.

When Hart was let out of the police car, the officers smelled a "very strong odor of marijuana" coming from the back seat. A ziplock bag with 8 grams of marijuana was beside Hart's feet. Hart was then transported to the Tuscaloosa County Jail.

Blakely said the investigation concerning the counterfeit money is still ongoing.

UA Athletics released the following statement Monday: "Dee Hart has not been a part of the football team since the bowl game and has not participated in any of the off season program. Hopefully he will learn from this mistake and continue to work toward completing his degree, which he is on track to do by the summer."

As a redshirt sophomore with the Crimson Tide last season, Hart rushed for 78 yards and one touchdown on 22 carries. He has carried the ball 43 times for 166 yards in his career at Alabama.

The Orlando, Fla., native also saw extensive playing time on special teams, where he accumulated a total of nine tackles and forced one fumble in the 2013 season.

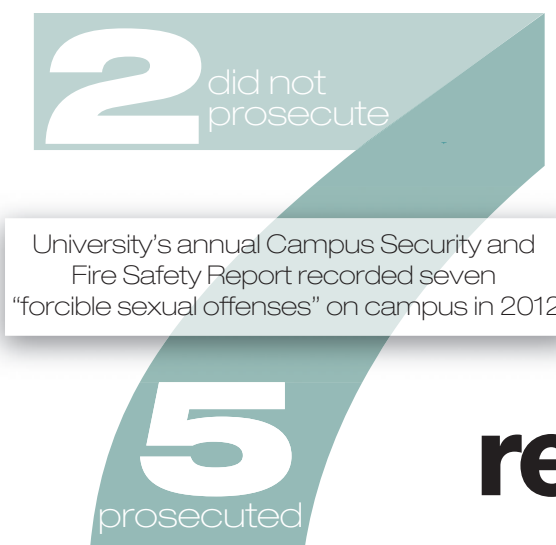
"If we had everybody on our team that was as competitive as Dee Hart, we wouldn't be too much worried about complacency or being selfish or accountability or any of that stuff that we talk about and worry about all the time because we have success," Alabama coach Nick Saban said in August. "The guy's willing to do anything you ask him to do."

Before the 2013 season began, Hart's teammates and coaches said he was the toughest player on the team.

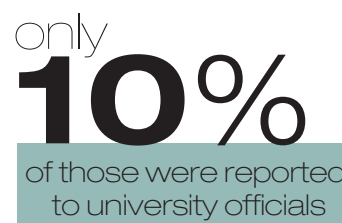
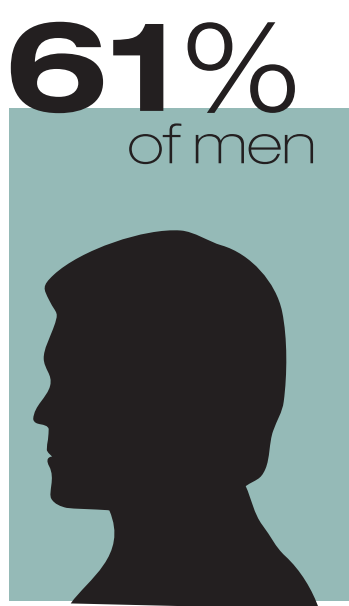
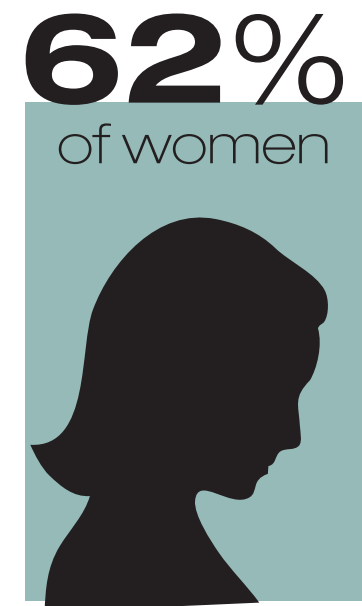
Hart's time at Alabama was plagued with injuries, as he sustained two separate ACL injuries in his tenure with the Crimson Tide. The first forced him to redshirt in 2011 while the second ended his redshirt freshman season early.

This is the second recent arrest of an Alabama football player, as early enrollee cornerback Tony Brown was arrested Jan. 19 on charges of failure to obey and resisting arrest.

NEWS | **CAMPUS SAFETY**



# The routes to reporting assault



Percentage of people who reported in a survey that they were sexually harassed in college

CW | Belle Newby

## Title IX fills voids created in annual campus report

By Emily Williams | Staff Reporter

In 2010, 20-year-old University of Missouri swimmer Sasha Menu Courey was raped at an off-campus party by a football player. She spoke of the assault to a doctor, an athletic department administrator and a rape crisis counselor but never officially reported it to the university. No investigation was ever made, no charges were ever brought up, and Courey began falling into a deep depression. In June 2011, 16 months after she was assaulted, Courey died by suicide.

The University of Missouri is now investigating the response to that case and the issue of confidentiality and reporting sexual assault on college campuses has become a major area of discussion.

"No one in America is more at risk of being raped or assaulted than college women," President Obama said in a speech Jan. 22, in which he announced a new initiative to investigate and combat sexual assault and harassment on college campuses.

According to a survey by the American Association of University Women, 62 percent of women and 61 percent of men report being sexually harassed during their time at a college. However, less than 10 percent of this group attempts to report their experiences to a university official.

The University of Alabama's annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report recorded seven "forcible sexual offenses" on campus in 2012. Under the Clery Act, all colleges are required to record and disclose information about crime on campus during the course of each year. These numbers, along with all incidents of fire in residential buildings, are included in the Campus

Security and Fire Safety Report. "UA publishes the Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety report to make all current and future students, faculty and staff aware of any potential safety or security issues on or around campus," said Sgt. John Hooks of the University of Alabama Police Department. "UAPD collects data from sources all over campus that are known as Campus Security Authorities. The individuals help to keep the campus safe by working with UAPD to make sure that any offenses have been properly reported and counted in our annual report."

Hooks said a "forcible sexual offense" includes "the crimes of forcible rape, forcible sodomy, sexual assault with an object and forcible fondling."

Hooks said any crime reported to the UAPD will be investigated and,

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NEWS | **FREE SPEECH**

# University apologizes to student group after poster controversy

## Bama Students for Life plans to put display back up at Ferg

By Mark Hammtree | News Editor

The director of the Ferguson Center issued an apology through email Monday afternoon to Bama Students for Life following the early removal of the group's anti-abortion poster board from a Ferguson Center display case that sparked a nationwide controversy.

"Please accept my apology that your display was removed without your knowledge two

days before your reserved time expired. You have two options available to you to complete your 30-day reservation," the email from Carl Bacon, director of the Ferguson Center, read. "The same display case will be available for two days starting February 22nd, or the case between the SGA office and the office of the Dean of Students is available this week for two days."

BSFL President Claire Chretien said the emailed apology, which also invited BSFL to return their display to the case, came in response to a formal complaint sent to Bacon from the anti-abortion student organization

after its display was removed before the end of the reservation period.

"We are very happy that The University of Alabama is siding with free speech, and we're very glad that they did the right thing," Chretien said Monday night.

BSFL reserved the case from Jan. 8 through Feb. 7, but when group members checked Feb. 6, a day before the reservation expired, the poster had been removed.

Chretien secretly videotaped a conversation she had with Ferguson Center staff, in particular Donna Lake, an event coordinator at the Ferguson Center.

The video, which helped propel the story to the attention of state and national media outlets, records Chretien and Lake discussing the removal of the display. Lake can be heard saying the poster was removed after Ferguson Center staff received complaints from students about "graphic and offensive" images on the display, which she said was part of the policy regarding use of the display case.

The display case policy posted on the Ferguson Center's website lists no restrictions concerning the content of displays.

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## TODAY ON CAMPUS

### Student performance

**WHAT:** Student Recital: Daniel Western, saxophone  
**WHEN:** 6 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Recital Hall, Moody Music Building

### Campus forum

**WHAT:** Black Masculinities: From Mandela to West  
**WHEN:** 6:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** 205 Gorgas Library

### Legislative impact

**WHAT:** Alabama Legislative Update  
**WHEN:** 7 p.m.  
**WHERE:** 120 Lloyd Hall

### Movie night

**WHAT:** Bama Art House: The Best Offer  
**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Bama Theatre

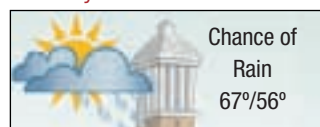
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## Peer Leader applications due

First Year Experience is taking applications for 2014-15 Peer Leaders. Peer Leaders are upperclassmen who serve as mentors and supplement the instruction in first-year student classes such as Freshman Learning Communities classes or Compass Courses. Applications are due Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. Students can apply online at [fye.ua.edu/peerleadersapply.cfm](http://fye.ua.edu/peerleadersapply.cfm).

## Film festival taking submissions

The Black Warrior Film Festival, a competitive showcase of student films from universities across the South, is taking submissions through Feb. 28 for the 2014 festival. The 2014 festival will be held April 11 through 13. Students may submit films under 30 minutes and documentaries under 40 minutes. Students interested in submitting can contact [blackwarriorfilmfestival@](mailto:blackwarriorfilmfestival@)

## Gymnastics team ranked No. 5

The University of Alabama gymnastics team remains at No. 5 nationally in the latest polls. It is the second-consecutive week the Crimson Tide has been ranked fifth in the country. The University is also ranked No. 4 on both vault and balance beam, No. 6 on uneven parallel bars and No. 7 on floor exercise.

## Women's golf team drops to No. 9

The women's golf team fell to ninth place Monday after the second round of the Lady Puerto Rico Classic. The third round of the tournament began Tuesday at 5:30 a.m. CST. Senior Stephanie Meadow became the first Alabama golfer to break par and sits at fifth overall in the tournament.

Compiled by Kayla Montgomery and Charlie Potter

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## SCENEON CAMPUS



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Residents Casey Scott and Ashley Brown play Yahtzee in the Presidential Village ballroom Monday as part of University Programs' Game Night.

## GO ON THE

### TODAY

**WHAT:** Black Masculinities: From Mandela to West  
**WHEN:** 6:30-8 p.m.  
**WHERE:** 205 Gorgas Library

### WEDNESDAY

**WHAT:** Reading College Textbooks workshop  
**WHEN:** 4-5 p.m.  
**WHERE:** 230 Osband Hall

**WHAT:** Ladies Night w/ Smile Empty Soul  
**WHEN:** 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Rhythm & Brews

### THURSDAY

**WHAT:** Technical and Engineering Career Fair  
**WHEN:** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Bryant Conference Center

**WHAT:** Poster Presentation of Research workshop  
**WHEN:** 6 p.m.  
**WHERE:** 324 Lloyd Hall

## MENU ON THE

### BURKE

<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>DINNER</b>
Crispy Asiago-Crusted Chicken	Stuffed Pork Loin with Pork Gravy
Chicago-Style Hot Dogs	Grilled Cheese with Bacon
Rotini Marinara	Baked Potato Wedges

### LAKESIDE

<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>DINNER</b>
Grilled/Crispy Chicken Tenders	Hamburgers
Rueben Panini	Pepperoni Pizza
Chicken Caesar Salad	Ginger Honey Glazed Carrots
Green Beans and	Herbed Wedge

### FRESH FOOD

<b>LUNCH</b>
Steak
Baked Potato Bar
Broccoli
Corn on the Cob
Cheese Pizza

## SGA Election Board announces candidates

Elections Board announced the certified candidates for the 2014 SGA Elections on Monday. Platform statements for each candidate will be posted at [vote.ua.edu](http://vote.ua.edu). Three candidates are currently unopposed for the positions of Vice President - External Affairs, Vice President - Financial Affairs and Executive Vice President. Campaigning will begin Feb. 24, and elections will take place March 11 on [mybama.ua.edu](http://mybama.ua.edu).

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## Campus group receives apology from University

BSFL FROM PAGE 1

"We are asking that you respond to us by Monday, February 17th and issue an apology for removing our pro-life display without any notice," the letter sent to Bacon read. "We would also like to put up our display in the Ferguson Center display case during the next available slot."

Following the incident, Bama Students for Life retained legal counsel from the Alliance Defending Freedom, a faith-based legal group out of Phoenix, Ariz.

While no legal actions were taken, Matt Sharp, the ADF lawyer representing BSFL, said Sunday that he and the group's leaders would plan their next steps if the

requests in the letter were not met.

Last week, the University released a statement saying it was reviewing the display case policies as a result of the controversy, but Chretien said Bacon's email did not mention any changes to the policy. Chretien said BSFL was pleased with the University's response and would not be pursuing any legal action over the matter.

"We're very glad that the University has helped us right this wrong," Chretien said. "The problem was always kind of with the bureaucracy of the administration. It wasn't any one particular employee that we were going after or trying to point out in any way. We were upset with the action of censorship, not with the people themselves."

To help the anti-abortion student group with their requests from the University, nationally known anti-abortion activist

Pat Mahoney was scheduled to arrive in Tuscaloosa on Wednesday for two days of public events and speeches. Chretien said now that the issue has been resolved, Mahoney will still be speaking at the group's meeting Wednesday night but will also take part in the return of the poster to the display case, which Chretien said will probably take place Thursday.

"He's still going to be speaking on Wednesday. I think he's going to be asking the University to make sure that this never happens again," Chretien said. "He will be celebrating this victory for free speech with us by putting the display case back up with us."

The meeting will take place in 107 ten Hour Hall at the 7 p.m. Chretien said she's happy with the outcome of the controversy and considers it a victory for free speech rather than just anti-abortion advocacy.

# Student groups promote diversity

## Campus organizations strengthen, emerge following Greek integration efforts

By Taylor Manning | Staff Reporter

In recent semesters, a plethora of new student organizations promoting diversity have sprung up on campus, and existing groups have found renewed purpose. These grassroots campaigns work to address specific issues in diversity alongside some of the longtime diversity organizations on campus.

"I believe these organizations [are] evidence of the passion and commitment [that] students at The University of Alabama have for moving forward on issues related to diversity on campus," Lane McLelland, director of Crossroads Community Center, said.

Some organizations have partnered through the Crossroads Community Center. The center implemented two initiatives this spring, Sustained Dialogue and Better Together, that encourage existing student organizations to collaborate and engage their differences and strengths for improving community life on campus and in the surrounding areas, McLelland said.

"Among the 11 Sustained Dialogue groups being conducted on campus this spring, one is specifically focusing on how student organizations can be more effective and collaborative," McLelland said. "We are looking forward to hearing the action ideas this group comes up with after dialoguing about this very issue."

Spread out across campus, new and well-established groups tackle diversity issues in various ways. They range from small to large, and most operate as separate entities with separate leadership.



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### 2+2

Founded last summer by a Student Government Association initiative, the program 2+2 also promotes campus-wide diversity. The first meeting will be Feb. 27 at Starbucks, followed by another meeting March 5. Participants will be encouraged to familiarize themselves with their peers without preconceived notions, Brielle Appelbaum, SGA chief implementation officer, said.

Participants will be introduced in pairs and will get to know each other with coffee as a common ground. Appelbaum said the coffee shop will act as a neutral meeting place for participants and remove some of the social anxieties that come with making new friends. SGA members, as well as students and faculty, will attend meetings.

"We cannot grow as a community unless we begin to define our community, and that starts by making new friends and forging meaningful relationships across our campus," Appelbaum said.



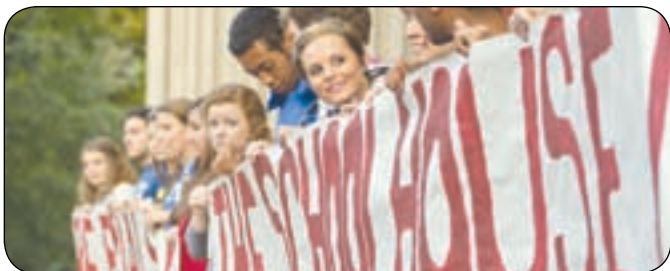
Courtesy of UA BLEND

### BLEND

BLEND also takes a new approach to address diversity on campus. The group hosts luncheons every Thursday that are open to all students, faculty and administrators. The purpose of the lunches is not to pair individuals together for conversation, but to allow willing participants to have meaningful, fun discussions on their own terms, secretary Velmatsu Lewis said. Four students founded BLEND last fall in a joint effort to help end sorority segregation, Lewis said. This focus later expanded to include bringing people from diverse backgrounds together.

"Blend lunches allow for students to meet and talk to people they may never have [had] the chance to meet on campus," Lewis said.

In the future, BLEND hopes to expand beyond the weekly lunches by hosting different events on campus, and partnering with other organizations.



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### UA STANDS

An immediate response to allegations about racial discrimination in the Greek system in the fall, University students organized a march from the steps of Gorgas Library across the Quad to the steps of Rose Administration. The event organized by UA Stands was a collaboration between Greek and non-Greek students.

Michelle Fuentes, a graduate student who helped advise the student organizers of the event, said she is proud of the undergraduates who came together for the march.

"UA Stands started a conversation which is being sustained by many other new organizations on campus," Fuentes said. "It's a good thing that new organizations have popped up to continue that conversation. The event was such a learning opportunity, and continuing to learn from that is the most that we can ask for, on a college campus especially."



Courtesy of Honors College

### DIVERSE DESSERTS

Diverse Desserts, which was established in 2012 through the Honors College Assembly, brings its participants together by mixing dialogue with sweets. The organization fosters conversations among diverse groups on campus. Co-founder Al-Karim Gilani said the fact that organizations promoting diversity are spread across campus is not a bad thing, as they can reach more people throughout the UA community.

"Organizations that have the same goals should actively collaborate to further their joint missions," Gilani said. "Such collaboration, especially on a campus of our size, is integral to successful initiatives."



CW | Lindsay Leonard

### SODEL

Students for Open Doors and Ethical Leadership was created last fall, and the organization acts without official leadership and without a specific agenda, executive director Ross Green said. Instead, SODEL provides a forum-type assembly for students, faculty and staff where they can create a dialogue about campus diversity.

Green said SODEL also seeks to reduce redundancies among the groups and often meets informally with representatives from other organizations to help ensure this. Having groups from several different sects of campus is a positive thing, he added.

"If there was just one conglomerate, there's no way that you'd be able to represent all the different sides of the issue," Green said.

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## Calls to boycott Israel based in false history

By Rich Robinson | Staff Columnist

While most students probably don't care much about what happens at academic conferences, we should probably start paying attention to one major development that is shocking and wrong. A few months ago, the American Studies Association passed a resolution supporting the boycott of academic institutions in Israel due to the "Israeli occupation on Palestinian scholars and students." Then last month, the Modern Language Association took a similar stance and voted to open the door toward a boycott.

These actions are the latest in a collective push towards turning Israel into a pariah state because of a professed solidarity with the Palestinian people. The larger front is called the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement, and it's a sad and misguided campaign. Look, I'm a liberal and a supporter of international law and human rights. I feel for the plight of many Palestinians who have suffered for years due to a seemingly endless conflict. But I'm also a student of history and understand that the situation is far more complicated than so many American academics believe.

As the ASA explained in a publicly-issued white paper, the "Israeli academic institutions are part of the institutional scaffolding of the Zionist settler-colonial project, and as such are deeply implicated in maintaining the structures of domination and oppression over the Palestinian people." The idea that Israel is an invading force is just not true. Zionism is



Rich Robinson

an important and justified reaction to nearly two millennia of Jewish persecution. No other groups have been so vilified and systematically oppressed as those of Jewish faith and culture. Dating back before antiquity, anti-Semitism has reared its ugly head in nearly every historical period and place. From the Roman conquest and destruction of the temple in Jerusalem to by-products of the First Crusade in 1096 to the infamous examples of Nazi and Imperial Russian cruelty, the oldest hatred has plagued humanity.

To be more blunt, the Holocaust killed nearly two thirds of all Jewish people in Europe. It destroyed centers of Jewish culture and forced an emigration of the vast majority of remaining Jewish people in Europe. Israel and its promise, which some feel is secured by God himself, is a safety value for Jewish people the world over. With that being said, there needs

to be a negotiated peace based on a two-state solution and a comprehensive plan to forever deal with thorny issues like Israeli settlements in the West Bank. This needs to be a political discussion between two sovereign nations, not a terms of surrender between an occupying force and a rebel group. American academics do no favors to their students when they cross the line in such a flagrant way as the ASA and MLA have.

We depend on professors to have their thoughts clear and resolute in imparting impartial truth to their pupils. Comparing Israel to apartheid South Africa and singling it out among the global community is historically wrong and, frankly, dangerous. Why do these groups not boycott Russia as Putin continues to pivot his nation to its Soviet past and destroy free speech and expression, or condemn Uganda for its law that makes homosexuality a criminal offense? Why does the ASA not look down their nose at France, which has banned the wearing of the burqa in society? Or China, which is currently conducting a real occupation in Tibet and is also a world-leading human rights abuser?

The only rational reason for this out-sized response to Israel is the fact that the ASA and MLA find it to be different – an "other" nation. This is a form of anti-Semitism and needs to be stopped in its tracks.

*Rich Robinson is a junior majoring in telecommunication and film. His column runs biweekly.*

COLUMN | SGA

## Low participation in SGA elections a disservice to UA

By Victor Cuicahua | Staff Columnist

2014 will be a big year for the University. During the past year, whispers across campus have focused on one message: change. SGA elections in 2014 will measure just how committed the student body is to making it happen.

The University of Alabama is a fine school. Thousands of students from across Alabama, as well as the nation, flock here to invest four years of their lives, and this commitment cannot be taken lightly. Students come here despite distance and rising tuition costs and are willing to take on whatever challenges necessary to remain here. Whether it be the student who works 30+ hours a week to make ends meet, the one willing to travel to a state he or she had never dreamed of moving to, or the student willing to take on thousands of dollars of debt for a University of Alabama education, the cost of studying at the University is paid in more ways than tuition, and students deserve the best the University has to offer. SGA is no exception to this. Those elected to SGA in 2014 must represent the university community – no exceptions – and actively work for them.

To make sure this happens, our voting culture has to change, and it has to change this year. Our university cannot only be known for our academics and athletics; it has to be known for our civic participation. The national spotlight was on us last semester, and while it was uncomfortable, it led to numerous beneficial conversations, and the formation of student groups willing to work towards a more participatory student body. SGA elections are a barometer to see where we stand.

Greek or non-Greek, it doesn't matter – the only worthy measure of a candidate should be his or her commitment to the concerns of all students. Politics affect real people, and real people can, will and should affect politics. Just because you don't take interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you. You can make a difference.

We must leave the University with more than a diploma; we must leave this school knowing that we did all we could to make the Capstone a better place than we found it for the students who come after us.

SGA elections – any elections, really – can be seen as abstract, as seasonal and nonsensical, but this could not be farther from the truth, and the University cannot export thousands of students jaded or disillusioned by the political process within a university because it sets a dangerous precedent for elections to come long after we leave University Boulevard. If voting did not matter, it would have never been restricted to a select few throughout history.

Every student has a voice to proactively address the issues affecting him or herself, and it's heard by voting. If we are unwilling to vote, we are directly ceding our power and acting against our interests. During my short time here at the Capstone, I've met students with big dreams for our university and the necessary vision to make it happen. Some of them are within the SGA already, and some of them are not. Students in 2014 should vote for candidates that directly represent their values and directly honor their hard work.

The University grows year by year, and voting turnout should be growing alongside it. A low voter turnout is a disservice to the University, and we cannot afford to let it happen. Five thousand votes cast out of more than 30,000 possible votes is unacceptable. Students deserve an SGA that directly works for them, and 2014 is an election year that will go down in history. Whether it's for all the right or wrong reasons is still in the air.

Make your voice heard in March. Let's make a stronger Alabama. We deserve it.

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## UA hinders student growth with faulty speech code

By Andrew Parks | Staff Columnist

A few days ago, Claire Chretien, president of Bama Students for Life, appeared on Fox & Friends, Fox News's morning program, to discuss the removal of her organization's poster from a display case in the Ferguson Center. When Chretien noticed that her poster had been prematurely removed from the case her organization had reserved, she approached a university official to discuss the issue and retrieve the poster. During that conversation, which was captured on video, Chretien was told that it was taken from the display case because of complaints and that the poster violated a Ferguson Center policy regarding "offensive or graphic material" in display cases.

In fact, no such policy exists. Research by both the author of this column and Fox News revealed no such policy in the list of display case guidelines, found on the Ferguson Center's website.

This is not the first time some arm of the University has stifled free speech in some way. A quick glance at thefire.org, the website for the



Andrew Parks

Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, reveals a long history of abuses on student free speech rights by the University, and such abuses span the political spectrum. In addition to this censorship of a pro-life organization, the University ended the Alabama Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Justice's attempts to hand out pro-choice fliers on the Quad, citing a

failure to apply for the appropriate grounds use permit. When AASRJ filed for that permit to continue their activities the following day, the University denied the request on the grounds that permits had to be submitted at least 10 business days prior to the event for which the permit was requested.

Sadly, the restriction of free speech rights extends even beyond the realm of legitimate political discourse. Many readers will remember a year ago to the day of this column's publication, when a Harlem Shake video was stopped shortly before filming in front of Gorgas Library for, interestingly enough, a failure to procure the necessary grounds use permit. Additionally, FIRE's archives reveal that in 2003, students were prohibited from displaying flags in the windows of their dormitories due to a vague regulation against window displays that do not fall within "accepted standards." When students and FIRE representatives alike attempted to redress their grievances with then-president Robert Witt, the solution was an attempted ban on all window displays. Thankfully, that proposal was

indefinitely tabled by administration officials after students protested by displaying American flags in their windows, but it showed nonetheless that the University was willing to ban expression altogether before loosening the standards.

This is a university. This is a place where points of view are supposed to be expressed, where our conceptions of society and the world around us are supposed to be challenged and where ideas are supposed to be freely exchanged. Any attempt by the administration to restrict that process without cause hinders our intellectual and social development as human beings, which is exactly what the University is supposed to facilitate. And holding back the students in turn holds back the University itself. It's time to allow our students to do exactly what students at every university across the country do every day: express themselves to each other. Anything less simply isn't fair to the individual student.

Wait, I can say all that, right?

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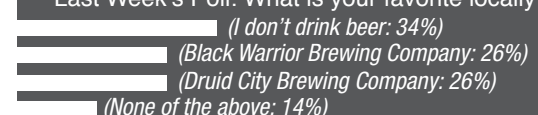
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# Half marathon celebrates Tuscaloosa's past, future

By Ashton Vamer | Contributing Writer

Tuscaloosa's half marathon returns in March, but it won't be the same 13 miles as last year.

Marketing Chair Kelsey Colglazier said last year's course allowed runners to see the progress made after the April 27, 2011, tornado. She said it also gave runners a chance to cope with the tragedy.

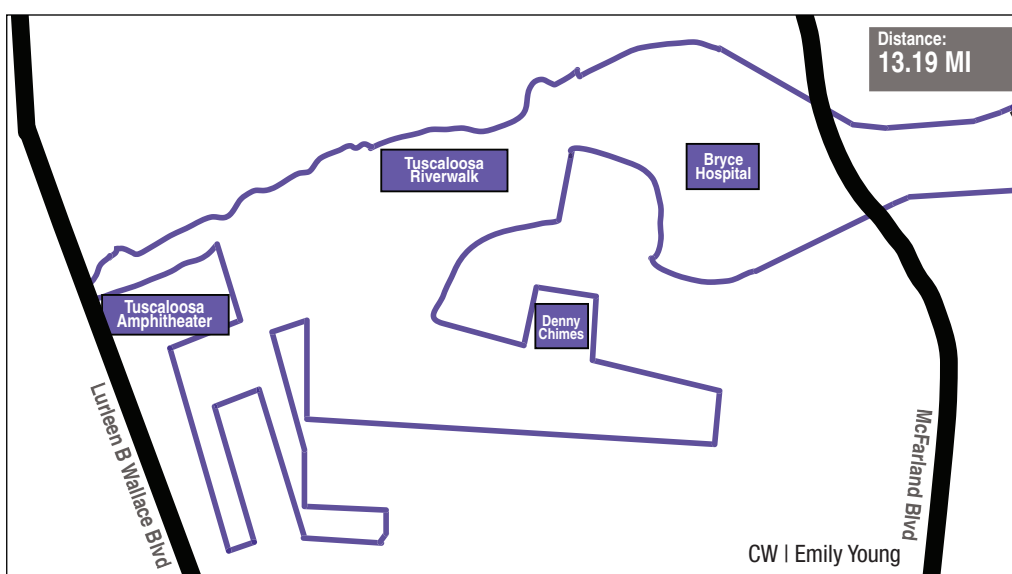
Brianne Kobeck traveled four hours from Jackson, Tenn., to run the half marathon last year. For five and a half years, Kobeck lived in Tuscaloosa and attended The University of Alabama where she completed her master's and Ph.D. in Spanish.

"Having been in the city during the tornado and having seen the destruction firsthand, the run was personal for me," she said. "I wanted to run the half marathon for those who were devastated by the tornado, and, in a way, it served as closure for myself after the tornado."

While last year focused on tornado recovery, the goals this year are different.

"Our focus this year, our tagline, has been celebrating the past, present and future of Tuscaloosa," Colglazier said. "And this course really allows that."

Instead of following the path of the 2011



tornado, this year's course starts at the Tuscaloosa Amphitheater, continues through historic neighborhoods and campus and returns to the Amphitheater for the finish.

Money raised by the event will go toward two local charities, ReadBAMARead and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Tuscaloosa. The

Kiwanis Club helps local children's charities while ReadBAMARead works to replace school library books destroyed by the tornado.

The founders of ReadBAMARead, Donna Benjamin and Dana Duckworth, are also involved with the half marathon. Duckworth works as sponsor chairman for the event, and

Benjamin helps with the children's training program and fun run.

Along with a different course, the Tuscaloosa Half Marathon has a new sponsor, UR Fed Foundation. The race is also offering a half marathon training program for children from kindergarten to fifth grade.

Colglazier said by spreading the word at area schools, around 100 children signed up for the training program. Meanwhile, another 250 participants are expected for the fun run.

"We want to encourage people to be healthy and get fit in any way that we can," she said. "Especially for our children."

Duckworth said the idea for a children's training program was simple.

"If you're going to have a reading goal in elementary school, why not have a physical goal as well?" Duckworth said.

Benjamin said the manpower donated by the city was crucial to last year's event. She said people who are unable to run are welcome to volunteer, donate or sponsor a child.

The Tuscaloosa Half Marathon is Saturday, March 8. Registration is open until March 5, and the price to enter is \$80. More information about the event is available online at [tuscaloosahalfmarathon.org](http://tuscaloosahalfmarathon.org).

# Green Bar event manager David Allen leaves local music scene

By Tara Massouleh | Staff Reporter

After three years of hosting rowdy rock shows, distributing countless fliers and booking dozens of bands, David Allen, event coordinator and booking manager at Green Bar, is throwing in the towel.

Allen, who first got the job after meeting the wife of the owner of Green Bar while coordinating Ladyfest, said although he loves Tuscaloosa, he is burnt out and ready to move on.

For Allen, "moving on" will be a 45-minute trip down I-20 to Birmingham, where he plans to work as a bus boy in downtown Birmingham's Café Dupont, in addition to booking and producing music.

"I'm just going to land in the city and find out, but I want to try to engineer a lot of albums," Allen said. "I think there's just more opportunities for that in Birmingham and more opportunities in general to work for larger venues and work with more bands."

To say goodbye to the town that has been his home and the bar that has been a part of his life for the past three years, Allen will host a farewell show Thursday at Green Bar. The show will feature two of Allen's favorite bands, Nightmare Boyzzz and Thee Crown Imps, both of which Green Bar has hosted before.

Hailing from music-rich roots in Huntsville, Ala., Nightmare Boyzzz, whose drummer is Allen's former roommate, will play its signature catchy garage rock. The band has gained attention from music-centered internet publication-Pitchfork and even received a shout out from Kiss legend Gene Simmons.

Thee Crown Imps, which plays Memphis-style garage rock a la The Oblivians, also has a special connection to Allen, as he recorded their debut EP.

Druid City Brewing Company will sponsor the show and sell its beer on tap to raise money for DIY Tuscaloosa to buy a new PA system. The show begins at 10 p.m., and there will not be a cover charge.

Allen said while he has really enjoyed working as a booking manager and event coordinator, it wasn't something he always dreamed of doing.

Over the years, Allen has seen a lot of bands go through Green Bar at his discretion, but he said one of the most memorable was a band called Christian Child Summer Sunset, which played music similar to that of Captain Beefheart.

"Folks actually really hated them," Allen said. "I would never book them again, but I was starstruck. I loved it."

Another big moment for Green Bar's booking was the Alabama Shakes and Shannon and the Clams show back in September 2011, right before "the Shakes" became a household name across the nation.

Allen said when booking bands at Green Bar, he tried to book bands that play original music, but at the same time, he had to be sure not to alienate Green Bar's fan base.

Adam Morrow, front man for local bands Callooh! Callay! and Della Ray said the success of his bands has been due largely in part to booking managers like Allen, who are devoted to original music and genuinely want those bands to succeed. He said support from people like Allen was propelled Tuscaloosa's music scene closer to where it needs to be.

"I think the most exciting thing going the last couple years has been whatever David Allen is involved in, from Green Bar to putting on house shows," Morrow said. "He's someone who seems to have an idea, then actually gets it done."

Andrew Dewar, who has been presenting jazz and experimental music in the area since 2008 and is now assistant director of the Sonic Frontiers concert series, said Allen has been crucial to keeping creativity alive in Tuscaloosa. "[He does] work that is crucial to sustaining an environment of creativity and curiosity that

encourages others to explore, take chances and make something new with their own voice," he said. "We should all be thankful for his hard work on our community's behalf."

In his time booking and promoting at Green Bar, Allen observed the music scene of Tuscaloosa change for better and worse. He said the cyclical nature of the students at the University makes it hard to sustain a vibrant music scene.

He said the key to keeping the music scene in Tuscaloosa alive is for people to keep hosting all-ages shows, like the monthly shows DIY Tuscaloosa has been doing at different locations around town, including the Mallet Assembly and private houses.

"As long as there are all-ages shows, I think that there will be more local bands starting to play," Allen said.

Allen said he has high hopes that the Tuscaloosa music scene will keep its head up even after his work booking bands at Green Bar comes to a close. Allen has booked shows for the month of February and will officially leave Tuscaloosa on March 2.

"I'm going to miss the culture the most," Allen said. "There's no pretensions in this town. There's no irony. Everyone's pretty up front and genuine about everything here."

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## Student markets earbuds

### Love for music prompts product inspiration

By Tara Massouleh | Staff Reporter

Thomas Condon walks into the SUPe Store. Among the aisles of textbooks, Nike shirts and Apple products, he can also find a pair of earphones that he developed himself.

For Condon, a sophomore majoring in marketing, a typical day consists of attending classes, studying for tests, going to hockey practice and working on new products for his company Boston SoundworX, which developed the earphones that are now being sold at the SUPe Store.

"I wanted to break into a market where there are not a lot of competitors, and I love music," he said. "I'm an athlete, so I listen to music probably more often than not. Whether I'm on the bus or before a game, it's something that really helps me get in the zone and focus. I wanted to create a product that could not only help me, but also help others."

Condon came up with the idea for developing his earphones last summer when he was interning for his family's company, Poly Products Co., in Hong Kong. He said the motivation he observed of the people there inspired him to develop a product of his own.

"It's one of those things where once you go there, it's night-and-day different than being in the States," Condon said. "Everyone there is so business-oriented and so receptive to new ideas. Everyone wants to succeed, because everyone wants to be the top dog, and I really like that ambition."

Condon spent his time in Hong Kong going to electronic fairs and meeting with more than 20 factories, searching for the perfect one to develop his product. He found his manufacturer in July and worked until November to design the product. Because he had to return to Tuscaloosa for classes in the fall, Condon had to continue working to finish his product thousands of miles away from his manufacturer.

"I was staying up until 3 or 4 in the morning Skyping and designing things with their engineers to try to create the final product," Condon said.

Condon's main goal for developing his earphones was to create a product that was durable and affordable and had great sound quality. He said he wanted to make a product that college kids could afford, so Boston SoundworX earphones cost only \$30. Condon thought there would be no better target audience than his fellow college students, so he set up a meeting with David Cowdery, assistant director of general merchandise at the SUPe Store.

"I thought it was a win-win because I think it's a great product, so it's good for them because they're selling a quality product, but they're also helping a UA student who really wants to succeed," Condon said.

Cowdery said he was extremely impressed with the professionalism and enthusiasm Condon brought to the meeting, but he needed to be sold on the value of the product. A few days later, Condon brought in a couple of samples of the earphones, and Cowdery was sold.

"I feel Thomas has the initiative to do whatever he sets his mind to," Cowdery said. "He seems very smart and focused for someone who is only a sophomore in college, and he understands the strong work ethic that it takes to be a successful entrepreneur."

Joey Rohm, a junior majoring in criminal justice, bought the Boston SoundworX earphones from the SUPe Store and said he has been impressed with their innovative design, quality and price.

"The fact that they have three different earbud sizes to find your own proper fit, a flat wire which makes them hard to tangle and also really durable is great," he said. "I like them because you don't have to worry about the sound quality nor do you have to spend \$200 to enjoy your music."

Since Condon's earphones launched just after Christmas of last year, he has sold almost 1,000 pairs through Boston SoundworX's Amazon account and the SUPe Store.

Condon's love for music and, consequently, his decision to develop his own brand of earphones stemmed from playing hockey since he was 2 or 3 years old, always listening to music before games and during practice. He played for a professional team in Canada at 16 years old and received offers to play professionally in Europe. However, after an injury, his focus moved away from hockey.

"By the time I was 18, I realized that what I wanted to do was get a great education and play some hockey along the way," Condon said.

So after spending his freshman year of college playing hockey at Saint Anslem College in New Hampshire, Condon transferred to The University of Alabama.

Now, more than a semester in, Condon is thriving in multiple areas at the University, including his new company. He is currently working on an application that links multiple Bluetooth speakers to create a surround-sound effect. He also has plans to add over-the-ear headphones to Boston SoundworX's list of products.

Condon said, while he has big dreams for the future of his company, right now he is focused on continuing to get people interested in Boston SoundworX earphones as well as its new products.

"What I would love to do is to have this blow up," he said. "I'd love to take the company to the next level where it could be the size of a Beats by Dr. Dre or Solo Republic. Obviously that's a few years down the line, but that would be the goal."



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Thomas Condon's Boston SoundworX earphones are available at the SUPe Store.

## CULTURE IN BRIEF

### Smile Empty Soul to play at Rhythm & Brews

By Kinsey Haynes | Contributing Writer

After six studio albums, Smile Empty Soul is back with their newest album "Chemicals." The Santa Clarita, Calif., band will make their way to Tuscaloosa on Wednesday to perform songs from the album at Rhythm & Brews.

The response to the new album has been good, drummer Jake Kilmer said.

"We are so fortunate to be doing this. I think it's a good contrast of Smile Empty Soul," Kilmer said. "We are still developing as musicians, and I think it comes out in the record."

Smile Empty Soul consists of Sean Danielsen on vocals and guitar, Ryan Martin on bass and Jake Kilmer on drums. The group has been playing together for more than 10 years and has toured the United States nearly 40 times.

"I love performing live, I love traveling, and I love the camaraderie of the tour," Kilmer said.

Having many struggles with past record labels, the band decided to self-release its sixth album on its own label, Two Disciples Entertainment. "Chemicals" came out less than

two years after the band's fifth album, "3's." The band completed the album in two weeks and started rehearsal as soon as it returned from the "3's" tour.

"It went by a little too fast, actually," Kilmer said. "We used our money and our time wisely. That's what we tried to accomplish: making a record as efficiently as we could and letting the real vibe of our playing and songwriting come out."

The touring element of a band has its ups and downs, but Kilmer said the ups usually win out, despite cramped living quarters.

Jeremy Wyatt, manager at Rhythm & Brews, said he booked the group because of their variety of songs on Octane Radio.

"The support on these shows is a lot of smaller rock bands trying to get their name out there," Wyatt said.

Kilmer said he prides the band on its ability to sound as close as possible to the record, but fans should expect a different set at every venue.

California nu-metal band Hed PE will open for Smile Empty Soul at Rhythm & Brews. Tickets are \$15, and attendees must be over 19 old.

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# Incorporate dairy products into daily diet for beneficial nutrients

By Katherine Metcalf

Grains, vegetables, fruits and even the fats and oils food groups are always on students' plates, but many students neglect having a serving of dairy in their three important meals every day. Students may forget about this nutrient because it is not highly emphasized in society. Dairy is just as important for optimal health as a salad or six servings of whole grains in students' daily lifestyle.

Dairy products not only provide rich sources of calcium and protein, but many sources also contribute to healthy amounts of vitamins A and D.

Every age group needs a certain number of servings of dairy per day, but how about college students? Amy Ellis, an assistant professor in the food and nutrition department, said optimal nutrition is especially important for teenagers because it helps their bodies grow at a sufficient rate.

"By age 30, [people] achieve peak bone mass, and we must accrue most of that peak bone mass by age 20, therefore, calcium and vitamin D are very important for college students," Ellis said.

Students around campus have mixed thoughts about the incorporation of dairy into their daily lives. Some students like the taste of different types of milk-based products.

Brittan Scruggs, a freshman majoring in nursing, and Sarah Chaffee, a senior majoring in food and nutrition, both said they love the taste of plain milk. They have been drinking milk since childhood and cannot go a day without it.

Other students are not fond of milk-based products because their bodies do not respond well to the digestion of the sugar lactose. These students find other ways to incorporate dairy nutrients into their diets by simply drinking lactose-free milk options like rice or soy milk.

There are many options for students to incorporate more servings of dairy into their diets.

**Yogurt:** Any regular or Greek yogurt without any added sugars is great for on-the-go breakfast, lunch or even a quick snack. A trick to making yogurt healthier is buying plain yogurt and adding fresh fruit instead of buying yogurt containers with the fruit already prepared. This will save many sources of added sugar in your diet.

**Low-Fat Cheese Sticks:** Cheese sticks are also perfect for



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on-the-go snacking. Pair your cheese stick with a piece of fruit or some whole wheat crackers for a good balance of carbohydrates and protein.

**Oatmeal:** Make oatmeal tastier by cooking it in milk or pouring a serving of milk on top and adding fruit. Milk provides a great protein source, adding to the fiber in oatmeal, and the powerful antioxidants in fruit provide an energizing, balanced breakfast.

For students who are lactose intolerant, here are some great ways to still get lactose and the nutrients from milk they need in their diets:

**Lactose-free milk:** Although this type of milk product is slightly more expensive than regular milk, they have the lactose enzyme added, and these products taste a little sweeter than milk-based products.

Other dairy sources may be okay. Some people who are lactose intolerant can still eat other sources of dairy that are not as high in lactose, such as cheese or yogurt. It is important to understand how much lactose is in a milk-based product before consuming it.

## Title IX department provides campus sexual assault support

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victim chooses, it can be prosecuted. Of the seven offenses that were reported in 2012, five chose to prosecute, and two chose not to prosecute.

For purposes of the Clery Report, only crimes that occur on campus are included; however, the University investigates all complaints reported by students, whether against faculty, staff, another student or a stranger, through the Office of the Title IX Coordinator.

Title IX Coordinator Beth Howard oversees all investigations and directs students to all available resources. Howard said while she doesn't think Alabama has a larger problem with sexual harassment than other similarly sized universities, she takes every case seriously.

"One case is a problem, that's the way we look at it," Howard said.

Howard said students are under the protection of Title IX for the entirety of their time as a student, regardless of whether or not they are on campus at the time of an incident.

"The way Title IX works, anything that has to do with a student, faculty or staff member, anything like that, it's in the jurisdiction," Howard said. "If it's two students or some other part of the faculty or staff and it

happens on spring break or on a class trip, then we can go through the regular student conduct process. If the accused person is a regular member of the school, it's just like if it happened here on campus."

An investigation through Title IX can include talking with both the complainant and the accused harasser, looking for evidence through email or text communication, providing alternative housing options or moving a student to a different class.

If a student were accusing another student, the case would go to the Office of Student Conduct for a hearing. If a student were accusing a faculty or staff member, the case would be handled by either Human Resources or the dean of the college.

In addition to Title IX, each college, school and academic division has a Harassment Resource Person who can investigate accusations. Lisa Dorr, the resource person for the College of Arts and Sciences, oversees the investigation of complaints of sexual harassment, racial and sexual discrimination and disability issues.

"I see everything under the sun, all permutations. I see women complaining against men, I see men complaining against women, I see staff against faculty, staff against students, students against staff, involving heterosexual harassment, homosexual harassment. I see it all," Dorr said.

Dorr's "complaint compliance team" works with Title IX and conducts a full investigation of all reports. Dorr said that fears of retaliation often prevent students from coming for-

ward to formally report instances of assault or harassment.

"As we tell people, the information is confidential and it only goes to people with an immediate need to know," she said. "We have a very strict policy prohibiting retaliation. If the complainant feels there is retaliation because of that complaint, it's actually almost a more serious offense against the target."

"I think you do have to come forward and say some hard things and be willing to trust the process to work," Dorr said. "The process, in our experience, works very well, better than many universities, and [students] need to trust the process."

Alternatively, students who want to receive support and counseling but do not necessarily want to have the matter investigated can seek help from the Women's Resource Center. The WRC provides counseling, support groups and victim advocacy.

Staff therapist Kathy Echols runs a support group through the WRC for women who have been assaulted or abused and also provides personal counseling to students. She said confidentiality is one of her main concerns. The WRC only turns over information to Title IX or the police if a student specifically authorizes it or in cases where a minor is involved.

"When they come in here, and let's say they haven't reported and they don't know what to do, they're confused and trying to figure it all out, what we do is actually lay out all their options," Echols said. "Any kind of legal options, office of student conduct options if it's another student, if they need protection from abuse orders or restraining orders, if they want to report to the police. We lay all that out for them, then we talk about things, this is how this would go possibly, these are some things that the police are going to ask you."

"They have a consent form they have to sign for us to talk to somebody so we wouldn't just go talk to somebody without them signing a consent form," she said. "We still want them to feel like they have control over the situation and what's being done."

Echols said one in four women will be sexually assaulted during their lifetime, but many are too afraid to tell anyone about it.

"The reasons that most people don't report are: They're afraid they won't be believed, they're in shock at the beginning of it and don't know what to do, they are scared of the legal system," she said. "They're worried about what people are going to think, they're embarrassed, they're ashamed, or even feel guilty or responsible when they're not. There's no way you're guilty of being raped."

She said that the police may ask victims uncomfortable questions in the process of the investigation, but that this is to help them understand the circumstances of the assault, and nothing that is said will reflect poorly against the victim.

"Some students are afraid to report anything that they think might get them in

trouble, but that's not an issue there. They're not going to get in trouble - the victim is not."

Echols stressed education is the only sure way to prevent incidents of assault and harassment.

"I think it would be a disservice to a victim to insist or encourage or try to force them to report. What I do think would help prevent some things would be bystander intervention," she said. "Educating people to stand up. Because they don't want to get involved. And also getting away from victim blaming. They'll be like, 'No, she shouldn't have gotten that drunk. It's her fault because she shouldn't have been there.' Educating people on that dynamic - it cannot be the girl's fault. It cannot be. She is not responsible."

This year, both The University of New Hampshire and The University of Massachusetts began implementing a Bystander Intervention education program, as mentioned in a Feb. 7 New York Times article. The program trains students to recognize potentially dangerous situations and to stop assault before it occurs.

Echols said many of her clients have lost friends after reporting being raped or assaulted, because often the victim and perpetrator are in the same friend group and other friends don't take the victim's side.

"[We need] society taking a stand that those things are not tolerated. Then maybe you would come forward as a victim if society was standing up saying, no, we won't accept this. Right now society's not saying that, so they're afraid. We've been trying to talk about this for years. We're still doing the same thing that I was reading about in 1970."

President Obama echoed this sentiment in his speech, in which he called for increased education about bystander intervention.

"This is not an abstract issue. It affects us all," he said. "I want every man in America to feel some strong peer pressure about how they're supposed to behave and treat women. That starts before they get to college."

Echols said although victims may want to keep what happened to them a secret, it can be empowering to reach out for help, whether or not they choose to have their case officially investigated.

"One thing I do know for sure in doing all this work is that victims can heal and coming forward, finding counseling, finding resources to help you work through this," Echols said. "You can get your life back; you can take back control of your life, even though in the moment you may not feel like it. Finding those resources and reclaiming your life and not living in fear and not letting that take over, I think that's a powerful message to send."

"One of my clients wrote, 'This will not define me forever' shortly after she was raped. I think that's really powerful because we can't stop what that perpetrator might do out here but you can help yourself. If this has happened to you, find resources and move forward."

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CLUB SPORTS | WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## Lacrosse team looks to build on success



By Danielle Walker | Staff Reporter

Last season, the Alabama women's lacrosse club team lost its first game of the season but went on to win its remaining games and earned its first spot in the Southeastern Women's Lacrosse League Championships. The team finished the season ranked fourth in its conference.

Last week, Alabama lost to Georgia in its season opener. Junior midfielder Sarah Sanderson said this early season loss isn't discouraging to the team.

"No one is discouraged by that loss at all. In fact, we are more pumped up by it just because we are playing them again," Sanderson said.

In the past two weeks, the team has not been able to practice much due to weather conditions and the recreation fields being closed. The team works around these problems and watches film to prepare for games.

In the first home game of the season, Alabama hosted Georgia Tech at the University Recreation fields. Bouncing back from their loss, Alabama dominated Georgia Tech with a score of 16-7. Alabama controlled the pace of the game,

with its first goal coming in the first two minutes of play by Jacquie Andreano.

Head coach Jason Sanderson said he loved the way his team played this weekend.

"They're a pretty interesting team. They'll spark up real quick. It's like oil and fire, really. As soon as you ignite it, they're gone," he said.

Alabama continued its quick pace, scoring nine goals in the first half and seven in the second. Emily Jaworski and Kelsea Serlin each had hat tricks on the day. In just her second game of her college career, Jaworski showed talent and effort on offense for Alabama.

"It was fun," freshman midfielder Jaworski said. "Hard work pays off, so I got to keep working."

But Alabama struggled with penalty calls throughout the game.

Penalty calls are dangerous in lacrosse games because they create a turnover or a free shot on goal, depending where on the field the penalty occurs. Four yellow cards were issued to Alabama players, and once a fourth card is issued, that team plays a man down for the remainder of the game. This happened to

Alabama with about 10 minutes left in the half. Georgia Tech was able to take advantage of Alabama's penalties, scoring twice.

Sanderson said he wasn't worried about the penalties because of his goalie between the pipes. Goalie Ashley Dennis saved 19 of 23 shots on goal.

"[Dennis] was atrocious out there. I loved it. It was just domination left and right," Sanderson said. "It was just nothing going in. In fact, every foul that was called, I didn't care because I knew she was going to save it. So she's just a quality goalie."

Club president Caley Curtis said the team is excited and ready to keep building on their success.

"We're just looking to continue our success from this game and keep playing as a team and playing how we're supposed to play," Curtis said. "Maybe clean it up a little bit more and maybe not get as many yellow cards."

Next Saturday, Alabama will take on Southern Mississippi and Emory University at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., respectively, at the University Recreation fields.

FOOTBALL

## Cornwell adds to UA quarterback competition

By Charlie Potter | Assistant Sports Editor

David Cornwell enrolled early at The University of Alabama in January as a four-star recruit. The 6-foot-5-inch, 240-pound signal caller was the No. 1 prospect in the state of Oklahoma and the No. 4 pro-style quarterback in the 2014 recruiting class, according to 247Sports.com.

But he has to start over at Alabama and learn an entirely new system and playbook.

Cornwell has to build a new reputation, as he went from being an Elite 11 quarterback to an unrecognizable freshman with no collegiate experience.

"My second day, I met with Amari Cooper," Cornwell said. "He didn't know who I was until we kind of started talking. Then it was like, 'Oh, okay. Maybe I should talk with this guy.'"

Cornwell's early enrollment places him in the thick of the competition to replace departing fifth-year senior quarterback

AJ McCarron.

But Cornwell is not the only quarterback who will join the Crimson Tide's roster for the 2014 season. Florida State transfer Jacob Coker will also be a part of this year's recruiting class.

Alabama coach Nick Saban addressed how important it was for him and his staff to add a player or two at this position of need.

"Quarterback, obviously, is a critical position in any program," Saban said. "And we're very excited about the two young men we have coming in to those positions."

Even with the addition of Coker and the other quarterbacks returning from a season ago, Cornwell said he has his eyes set on impressing the coaches this offseason.

"I came here to compete," Cornwell said. "[I'm] excited to go and compete with these guys, see what I've got. Each day, I'm going to get better, even if I don't win the job. But I'm here to compete, get better, help this team however I can."



Photo Courtesy of 247sports.com  
David Cornwell

But before Cornwell even thinks about starting on Saturdays in the fall, he will have to get his health back to 100 percent.

In his senior season at Norman North, Cornwell sustained a season-ending knee injury five games into the schedule. He attempted a punt, but it was blocked, and his right knee was injured in the scrum of bodies attempting to recover the loose football. He underwent surgery to repair his ACL in October.

Cornwell, however, said his knee is continuing to feel better with each passing day.

"Every day I'm progressing, doing better," Cornwell said. "Feels really, really good right now. Look forward to spring ball. Been throwing, just getting back to my own self. Looking forward to compete."

"I couldn't give you a percentage. I'm testing it every day to get back to where my other knee is. I don't know a percentage right now, but it feels really good."

His senior year may have been cut short, but Cornwell was playing at an elite level before his final year of high school. He threw for 2,742 yards and 27 touchdowns in his junior season and rushed for 755 yards and six scores.

Still, a player coming off a major knee injury is unsettling to fans. But Cornwell insisted his recovery is coming along smoothly, and he cannot wait to get onto the field.

"I think I'm very ahead of schedule, but obviously we'll find out in the spring," he said.

SWIMMING AND DIVING



UA Athletics

Kristian Gkolomeev is one of several Greek swimmers who will compete for Alabama.

## Coaches see raw potential

By Sean Landry | Staff Reporter

Kristian Gkolomeev stands on a starting block in the Alabama Aquatics Center while associate head coach Jonty Skinner looks on.

When the Greek Olympian launches himself into the Don Gambriel Olympic Pool, Skinner, former coach of 17 Olympic gold medalists, is less than satisfied. The freshman's form is apparently not perfect - which is not surprising, since the 31st fastest swimmer at the London Olympic games has had very little training.

At Alabama, however, the staff plans to maximize Gkolomeev's considerable potential.

"He was very smooth in the water," Skinner said. "He had good feel for the water ... obviously, he was fast. He has the height. He has all the basic tools. It wasn't until he got on campus and I could do some testing on him that I realized how good he really is. You don't come across people like him every day in the world of sport."

Alabama will rely on that raw skill in the SEC Championships, which begin Thursday in Athens, Ga.

"He'll go to the SEC Championships and probably be top-5," Skinner said.

Gkolomeev has been swimming since he was 5, and the freshman said he didn't realize just how good he could be until much later.

"At 17 years old, I realized I could do a lot of things in swimming," Gkolomeev said. "At age 18, I was second in the European Junior Championship and third in the World Junior Championship. At age 19, I went to the Olympics."

The London Olympic Games gave Alabama head coach Dennis Pursley and Skinner the chance they needed to begin the long process of recruiting Gkolomeev. At the time, Pursley was head coach of Team Great Britain, with Skinner as one of his assistants. Both knew they were headed to Alabama and wanted Gkolomeev to come with them.

"It was in some of the lead-up meets to the

Olympic games that I noticed him in the meet results," Pursley said. "The Olympics was the first time I made contact with him ... That was the start of the process, just an opportunity to get a feel for him."

Gkolomeev is far from the first Greek swimmer to compete for Alabama.

"We've got Greek tradition here at the University," Pursley said. "We've had a couple of Greek swimmers. ... At the time we started this process, we had two on the roster, and we've had Greek swimmers in the past. There is something of a pipeline there."

Gkolomeev said the chance to train at the highest level with coaches of a strong Olympic pedigree helped convince him.

"It was my decision to come Alabama because I know Jonty Skinner is one of the best sprint coaches," Gkolomeev said. "I wanted him to be my trainer."

The coaching staff and Gkolomeev are focused on the long term in their plans. Both said the long-term goals include national championships and even gold medals.

"He's very undeveloped," Pursley said. "For him to be competing at that level with as inadequate as his training development had been up to that time is very exciting. We just think he has huge upside and a lot of undeveloped potential."

Skinner also said Gkolomeev has a lot of potential.

"All the way through the spring, we'll be working on skills," Skinner said. "This summer, I'll teach him how to train. Next winter, maybe he'll be ready to train. The next summer will have to be the hardest training he'll have to do before the Olympic Games ... He has a chance to win a national championship for The University of Alabama."

Skinner and Pursley said if Gkolomeev trains well, there is a possibility that the anthem at the 50 or 100 freestyle medal ceremony in 2016 or 2020 will be Greek.

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## HOROSCOPES

**Today's Birthday (02/18/14).** Creativity infuses the atmosphere this year. Your career stays busy, and takes off in August. Balance the pace at work and home with discipline and communication. Develop your family's team spirit. Include regular restoration into your routine, with fun, play and peace. Romance heats up over summer and autumn. Focus on what (and who) you love.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** -- Today is a 9 -- You're entering a one-month review period, with the Sun in Pisces, in which you're extra sensitive. Maintain objectivity, a philosophical perspective, and stay flexible. Will yourself to success (and work with partners). Consider your bedrock values.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** -- Today is a 9 -- Favor private over public time. Peace and quiet draws you in. Get your main tasks handled so you can rest. You'll have more fun for the next month, with the Sun in Pisces. Save up energy!

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** -- Today is an 8 -- Use your secret powers. Don't be intimidated. Your emotions take a soft turn, and conditions seem unstable. Clean house. Re-arrange furniture for better use of space. Save money and watch a movie at home.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** -- Today is a 7 -- Travel conditions improve this month, with the Sun in Pisces, but surprises still lurk. Consider new developments. Make future plans and work out the itinerary. Schedule work and reservations carefully. Then enjoy the comforts of home.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Today is an 8 -- Stay out of a risky investment. Focus on the numbers this month, with the Sun in Pisces. Get creative. Finish what you've started. The natives are restless. Discuss a theory, and wait a few days for action.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Today is a 9 -- New information illuminates. For the

next four weeks with the Sun in Pisces, grow partnerships stronger. Allow time to rest and regroup. Avoid expense. Listen to your intuition before choosing. The situation can be transformed.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** -- Today is a 9 -- Check orders for changes. More research may be required. You're entering a philosophical and spiritual cycle. Work your own program with an optimistic view. Career takes priority this month, with the Sun in Pisces. Expand your network.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** -- Today is a 7 -- There's not enough money for everything you all want. Prioritize, and be fair. For about four weeks with the Sun in Pisces, you're lucky in love. Generate creative ideas. Contemplate, meditate, and recharge your batteries.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** -- Today is an 8 -- This month with the Sun in Pisces, home has a magnetic pull. Go into hiding, especially if you can work from home. You're especially sensitive and intuitive. Rest and recuperate. No need to spend. Invite friends over.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Today is an 8 -- Neither a borrower nor a lender be. Do without unnecessary expense. Study and practice what you love for the next month with the Sun in Pisces. Step carefully. Travel later. There could be some fierce competition.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** -- Today is a 9 -- For the next four weeks with the Sun in Pisces, you can do well financially, if you can keep from spending it all on good causes. Stay practical. You may not have what you think. Give appreciation.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** -- Today is an 8 -- For the next four weeks with the Sun in Pisces, you're gaining confidence, at the top of your game. Stay under cover. Think fast and solve a financial problem. Open your mind. Insecurities will pass.

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By Robert E. Lee Morris

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