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Co-op to host open house sale

Creative Co-op to sell art, T-shirts, other crafts

By Angela Thomas | Contributing Writer

For those looking for something different than the standard movie and celebrity posters found in the Ferg poster sale, Creative Co-op will host their Second Annual Open House on Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. in 206 Woods Hall.

The event will not only celebrate the organization's birthday month, but also serve as an opportunity for students to meet current members and learn more about Creative Co-op. All items for sale are handmade by students at the University. Works at the open house will range from traditional art pieces to T-shirts and dream catchers. Almost all pieces will be priced to meet a college student's spending budget.

This campus is full of makers and an incredible amount of talent just waiting to be explored.

— Lori Taylor —

Once rooted in Creative Campus, The University of Alabama's art advocacy organization, Creative Co-op is now an independent organization that provides an outlet for creating, selling and purchasing artistic works between students. According to their website, the goal of Creative Co-op is to provide

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CULTURE | HOUSING



Students like Anne Catherine Luckett, whose house is pictured above, see benefits in living in standalone houses off campus. CW / Hanna Curlette

Students find benefits in off-campus living situations

By Katie Shepherd | Staff Reporter

When Sam Parker leaves each morning for his short walk to campus, he typically sees long lines of students in cars, all struggling to find parking and get to class on time. But he never has that problem. Like a number of other students, Parker lives in a standalone house just off campus.

Instead of having to pay for

parking, Parker makes money by allowing people to park at his house, which is located behind Tutwiler Hall. While most students are packed into student apartment complexes or cramped dorm rooms, Parker has enough room in the front yard of his house to make hundreds of dollars on gameday parking.

"We make almost enough money from one game to pay our rent for the month," Parker, a senior majoring in political science, said. "It's awesome."

It is fairly common for upperclassmen students to move into off-campus housing after their freshman year. A

large number of these students choose to live in one of the various student apartment complexes that are located near campus. But for those students who instead choose to live in an independent house, life is a little different. Parker and his roommates said living in a house gives them independence, but not to the extent that they feel isolated from on-campus activities.

"We are far enough away that we are not in the middle of everything, but close enough that we don't miss out on

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SCENE ON CAMPUS

Rachel Deeb, left, a junior majoring in advertising, Geena Marshall, center, a junior majoring in public relations, and Mickey Garth, right, a sophomore majoring in nursing, discuss study abroad options at the study abroad fair. *CW / Lindsey Leonard*

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Flu shots

WHAT: Free Flu Shots
WHEN: 7:30-11 a.m.
WHERE: 12A Law Center

Art gallery

WHAT: Redefining the Multiple
WHEN: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
WHERE: Sarah Moody Gallery of Art

Art exhibit

WHAT: Alabama National Jury Exhibition
WHEN: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
WHERE: Sella-Granata Art Gallery

Lunch

WHAT: Blend Lunch
WHEN: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
WHERE: Dining Area, Ferguson Student Center

Language Info

WHAT: Boren & Critical Languages Info Session, Undergraduate
WHEN: 12:15-1:15 p.m.
WHERE: 300 Mortar Board Room Ferguson Student Center

Study help

WHAT: How to Study for Multiple-Choice Tests
WHEN: 4-5 p.m.
WHERE: 230 Osband Hall

CAMPUS BRIEFS

University to unveil Sarah Patterson Champions Plaza addition

The University of Alabama will unveil new additions to the Sarah Patterson Champions Plaza this Friday at 4:30 p.m. with a ceremony recognizing several Crimson Tide championships from the 2013-2014 school year. Gymnastics, softball and women's tennis all won the SEC Championship in 2014. The conference titles marked the eighth for gymnastics, fifth for softball and first for women's

tennis. Men's golf also won its third consecutive SEC title and fifth total, en route to its second consecutive NCAA Championship. Coaches and student-athletes from each sport will be present at the ceremony and the public is encouraged to attend.

Compiled by Sean Landry

National Book Award-winning author to read from novel

On Thursday, Jaimy Gordon, this year's first Coal Royalty Chairholder, will do a reading from her novel "Lord of Misrule," winner of the 2010 National Book Award. Gordon will be speaking from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Jemison-Van de Graaff Mansion. Gordon is the winner of the Academy-Institute Award, awarded from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. Gordon is also one of the teachers in the Prague Summer Program for Writers. "Lord of Misrule" tells the story of Tommy Hansel and Maggie

Koderer, horse trainers who plan to run four horses at the Indian Mound Downs horse race. All of the horses are better racers than they appear on their papers, and the two plan to cash their bets on the horses before anyone can suspect what's occurred. "Lord of Misrule" will be available for sale at the Jemison-Van de Graaff Mansion, courtesy of the SUPe Store.

Compiled by Reed O'Mara

UA enrollment tops 36,000 to set all-time record

Enrollment at The University of Alabama has reached a record high of 36,155, with out-of-state and international students together outnumbering in-state students. Compared to fall 2013, 1,303 more students enrolled at the University, an increase of 3.7 percent. In-state students made up 49.3 percent of total enrollment, with out-of-state students accounting for 46 percent, international students accounting for 4.6 percent and a small number of military overseas and other students from the United States rounding out the University of Alabama's student body.

international students, but those students do not take spaces away from qualified Alabamians."

The freshman class includes 6,856 students, a 5.8 percent increase compared to last year and had the highest average ACT score in the University's history at 26.1. The class also had an average high school GPA of 3.65 and includes 135 National Merit Scholars and 20 National Achievement Scholars.

"We are so pleased that these outstanding students have chosen [the University] to pursue their goals," Bonner said. "We look forward to working with them as they reach their potential both inside and outside the classroom."

"As the state's flagship institution, providing an excellent education to students from Alabama is a top priority," said UA President Judy Bonner in an emailed statement. "We welcome out-of-state and

Compiled by Andy McWhorter

College of education to host lecture series

As a part of the Sport Management Lecture Series hosted by the College of Education this fall, Tom Patterson will speak Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. in 330 Lloyd Hall. Patterson is the senior director of

consumer marketing and ticketing at the Talladega Superspeedway.

Compiled by Reed O'Mara

Mellow Mushroom to raise money for hunger

By Alessandra Delrose | Contributing Writer

In an effort to help combat child hunger, Mellow Mushroom teamed with the No Kid Hungry Campaign to raise awareness and money for children without a means to receive meals.

In 2010, the No Kid Hungry Campaign was launched in the United States to shine a national spotlight on the crisis of child hunger in America.

"No child should grow up hungry in America, but 1 in 5 children struggle with hunger," Andy Villabona, associate for the No Kid Hungry Campaign, said.

He said the No Kid Hungry Campaign sees a future where kids have access to the healthy food they need.

"Our hopes for the future is rather than kids feeling the stress of food insecurity, kids will one day be able to be kids," Villabona said.

Since the launch of the campaign, 107 million hungry kids have been connected to meals.

Over 10,000 restaurants across the country are involved in this campaign, and the Mellow Mushroom of Tuscaloosa is one of them.

"Last year, we raised nearly \$8 million for No Kid Hungry through

initiatives like dining out with participating restaurants like Mellow Mushroom," Villabona said. "We hope to reach \$10 million this September."

Annica Kreider, vice president of brand development for Mellow Mushroom, said she thinks childhood hunger is an unacceptable and solvable problem.

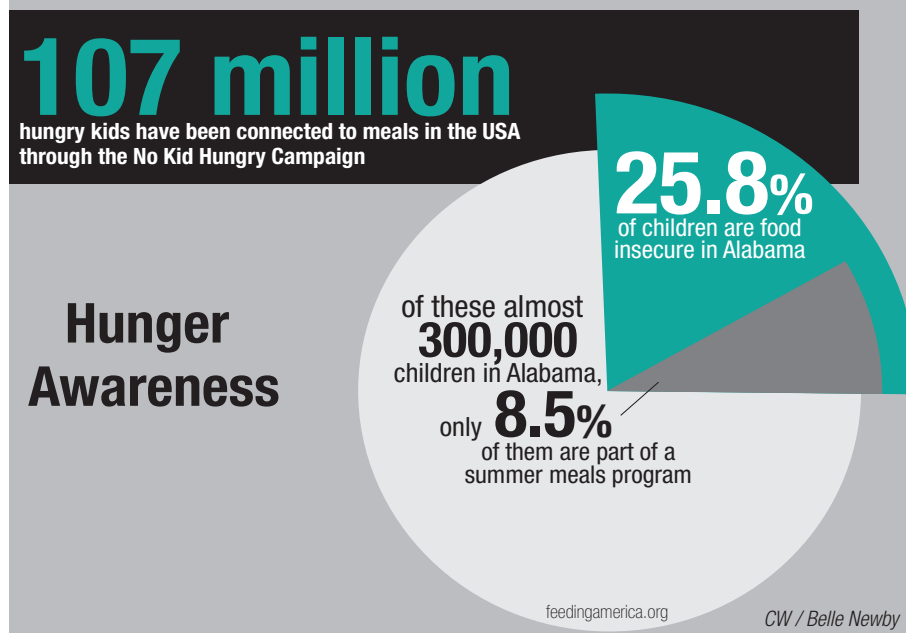
"In Alabama, the percentage of children that are food insecure is 25.8 percent, meaning they don't know where their next meal is coming from," Kreider said. "Of these almost 300,000 children in Alabama, only 8.5 percent of them are part of a summer meals program."

Kreider said this is Mellow Mushroom's third year participating in this campaign and their contributions have grown each year.

"This year our goal is to raise \$100,000, which would connect hungry kids to a million meals," she said.

Kreider said this year Mellow Mushroom has three different ways they plan to help raise funds.

When a guest purchases either a buffalo chicken pizza or an order of oven roasted wings, \$1 will be donated. They will cap the donating at \$5,000. If a customer donates \$1 or more, he or she gets a mushroom



"pin up" on the wall. Anyone can make an online donation at nokidhungry.org/mellowmushroom.

If a guest donates \$10 or more, they are entered to win a VIP all-expenses-paid experience to their choice of either an international all-inclusive Hard Rock Resort in Costa Maya, Cancun, Puerto Vallarta or Punta Cana, or a trip to the New Belgium brewery in

Fort Collins, Colorado, where they will brew beer with a master brewer.

Anders Baker, kitchen manager at Mellow Mushroom, said he is proud to be working with such a charitable organization.

"This cause is something that will not only help families in Alabama, but also children and families nationwide," Baker said.



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NFL subsidies come with high moral cost



LEIGH
Terry
Staff Columnist

The National Football League has been in the headlines for several weeks because of controversies that have arisen far away from the gridiron. Ray Rice's domestic abuse conviction and Adrian Peterson's child abuse allegations have reignited the culture wars along many traditional, ideological lines as well as sparked a national conversation on whether or not professional sports leagues should take a stance on hot-button issues.

Public comment on these controversies has come from some unlikely sources. Sen. Kristen Gillibrand has suggested NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell should resign if he knew the NFL was lying during its escalating responses to Ray Rice's crimes. On the other end of the spectrum, conservative firebrand Rush Limbaugh has suggested Gillibrand and those who agree with her are "chickifying" and "feminizing" football.

These voices have argued we either shouldn't care about the social ramifications because of the possible cost to professional football or we should care

about the NFL's actions because of the cost to the moral fiber of our country. Unfortunately, not enough of the conversation has focused on the cost of the NFL and its moral stances to American taxpayers.

The real reason Americans should care about both of these concerns is because we invest in the NFL. Whether or

not we see it, our taxpayer dollars subsidize the cost of the NFL's infrastructure both directly and through tax incentives. If your home is in a city with an NFL team or you have simply paid sales tax in New Orleans during Mardi Gras, your money has likely already helped the NFL defray the cost of building new stadiums, hiring staff and paying the police, fire and paramedics teams that ensure games run smoothly.

We may not always see the bill we pay for the NFL, but the sheer fact that it exists gives us an unavoidable stake in the NFL's decisions on these hot-button issues. The American public has strong stances on domestic violence, child abuse and racist language. Subsequently, the NFL should either view those issues as seriously as the taxpayers that subsidize it do, or cease to solicit and accept public funds.

The NFL should wake up and realize that taxpayer dollars come at a price. Our subsidies to the NFL are the price we pay for economic investment in our cities and to watch riveting, highly competitive football games. Responsiveness to the public conscience is the price the NFL pays for our taxpayer money.

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COLUMN | FOOTBALL

NFL is not setting example it should



KYLE
Simpson
Staff Columnist

This September, many exciting changes are happening. Schools are in session, the weather is getting cooler (unless you live in Alabama, apparently) and the most exciting season of the year is beginning – football season. College football is king in the South, but the NFL is unrivaled in popularity nationwide. Regular season games trump almost all other television programs on a weekly basis, and according to The Nielson Company, over 111 million people watched Super Bowl XLVIII, making it the most watched television program in American history.

The NFL is enjoying unprecedented success, and football has aspirations of not only being America's sport of choice, but growing a fan base all around the world. Although we should have been celebrating the kickoff of the 2014 season, events in the NFL last week showed the NFL has some serious problems that will affect their growth in America and abroad.

As fans flocked to their teams'

stadiums for the first time this season, controversy was marring the spectacle. Instead of a week celebrating football, we had a week that made us question the integrity of the league. Ray Rice, a popular running back formerly on the Baltimore Ravens, was cut by his team and indefinitely suspended by the NFL last week after a gruesome video surfaced of him twice punching his fiancée, now wife. Indicted for aggravated assault in March, Rice had already been suspended for two games for the incident by the NFL before the video surfaced. However, an Associated Press report says the video had been sent to the NFL office in April, a full three months before the two game suspension, and almost five months before the indefinite suspension. This revelation came just one day after Roger Goodell, NFL Commissioner, said that his office had not seen the video until it was made public in September.

This raises two questions. First, why was a two-game suspension deemed enough punishment for an incident of domestic violence, whether there was a video or not? Second, why did the NFL only take action after the video became public if they had all the information they needed in April?

A cultural force as large as the NFL has a responsibility to society to set

a good example. At the very least, it should exhibit an appearance of trying to do the right thing. Sure, the NFL has created a new "VP of social responsibility" and hired four women to "shape policy in the matter of domestic violence." These attempts are welcome, but it is obvious that it is a publicity stunt. The revelation that the NFL only took action after the public was made aware of the video is damning, and it shows that the NFL is not truly concerned with the issue of domestic violence.

If it is true officials as high as Goodell were complicit in the cover-up of the video, serious steps need to be taken. Obviously, the NFL would need to fire Goodell and other administrators responsible. Unfortunately, the group of 32 owners that would vote on such an upheaval is fiercely loyal to Goodell, and some have come out in his defense. The NFL seems to have one foot in the social justice arena while firmly remaining in its comfortable "boys club" with the 32 wealthy owners that make the decisions.

To remain at the forefront of American entertainment and culture, the NFL needs to address these structural issues.

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National homeland security starts through improving border security



**ANDREW
Parks**
Staff Columnist

Late last month, a situational awareness bulletin obtained by Fox News from the Texas Department of Public Safety warned all Texas law enforcement agencies of the following:

“A review of ISIS social media messaging during the week ending August 26 shows that militants are expressing an increased interest in the notion that they could clandestinely infiltrate the southwest border of U.S. ... Social media account holders believed to be ISIS militants and propagandists have called for unspecified border operations, or they have sought to raise awareness that illegal entry through Mexico is a viable option.”

The bulletin, which goes on to direct all Texas law enforcement personnel to be on the lookout for possible terrorist activity, was underscored by a report from watchdog organization Judicial Watch, which concurrently stated on its website that personnel for a number of

federal agencies were put on high alert at the report of ISIS agents operating in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, located directly across the Rio Grande from El Paso, Texas. Further, a bulletin distributed jointly by the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation just a few days prior cited some 32 separate social media posts by agents believed to be associated with ISIS advocating the exploitation of the largely unsecured US-Mexico border for infiltration purposes.

Located directly on the Rio Grande, the El Paso Metropolitan Statistical Area is home to just over 830,000 residents, and includes Fort Bliss, the nation’s second largest military installation. Located further downriver is Laredo, Texas, another major entry point on the US-Mexico border which is home to more than 250,000 residents. Further southeast along the border from Laredo is the Brownsville-Harlingen MSA, with more than 415,000 residents of its own. All three cities are within a day’s drive of Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Austin, which are the nation’s fourth, fifth, 25th and 35th largest MSAs, respectively, and collectively contain roughly 17.3 million residents. Additionally, Fort Hood, the world’s largest military installation and the

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site of Islamic radical Nidal Hasan’s 2009 mass shooting, finds itself only an hour’s drive further from the border than Austin.

On the border’s western end, the situation looks no better. In California, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Riverside and San Diego, the nation’s second, 11th, 13th and 17th largest MSAs, respectively, with approximately 25.2 million residents in total, all find themselves within a day’s drive of the nation’s border. A number of U.S. naval and marine bases, including the infamous Twentynine Palms, California, do as well.

It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to figure out that the mouth of ISIS is salivating at just the thought of carrying out an attack in areas so densely populated and strategically important. With the sheer volume of drug cartels who

utilize our southern border’s insecurity to their advantage each day, it is no stretch of the imagination to see those thoughts becoming actions.

During his address on the evening of Sept. 10, President Obama outlined the steps his administration is taking to “degrade and ultimately destroy” ISIS. Even as a Republican, I admit I thought the speech was strong, and it was certainly a welcome change of pace from the president’s soft-handed approach to issues of defense and national security.

I could not help but notice the president left out the critical element of securing our homeland: the border. Despite having a golden opportunity to call for expedited, bipartisan action from Congress to secure our woefully porous border, the president said nothing on the issue. One is left to speculate whether such an omission is intended for political reasons, or if the president fails to see the connection between border security and national security in general. But in either case, of this there can be no question: the president had an opportunity to lead on an issue of vital importance to our nation’s safety, and he didn’t.

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Students take advantage of campus ring week

By Katie Shepherd | Staff Reporter

For many students, receiving a class ring is an important part of the college experience. Though small, it represents four or more years of hard work that have gone into finally being awarded a diploma. This week, known as "Ring Week," representatives from Balfour will be available in front of the SUPE Store to assist students in choosing and ordering their class rings.

Susie Bosch, a Balfour representative, said getting a class ring is important because it is representative of the dedication that was put in to receiving a degree.

"It signifies the tradition of Alabama and the accomplishment," she said.

Samuel Turner, a senior majoring in finance, said that he was planning on getting a class ring during Ring Week because it is a good way to show pride in his school and in his achievements.

"You want to have something you can look back on," he said. "This is my school."

Turner said that having a physical ring on his finger from The University of Alabama is a symbol of his school spirit.

"If someone asks 10 years from now where I went to school, I am a graduate from Alabama," he said.

Meredith Huey, a junior majoring in kinesiology, said that she is interested in purchasing a class ring when she graduates because of the tradition that surrounds it.

"I wear my high school class ring all the time," she said. "It will be nice to have one from college too."

Megan Coddington, a junior majoring in elementary education, said she is still not completely sold on purchasing a class ring, but is definitely interested because of the significance that they hold.

"I think it's a nice way to commemorate graduation," she said.

Though Ring Week is a great time for students to order their class rings, there are other options during the year. Bosch said there will also be opportunities during the graduation fair later in the year and at graduation. Furthermore, students also have the option to participate in the ring ceremony in the Spring.

Balfour representatives will be available from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. through Friday to commemorate Ring Week.



Nursing student Patrick Joswick gets consulted for a class ring at the Ferg. CW / Lindsey Leonard

Constitution Day comes to campus

By Alana Norris | Contributing Writer

Constitution Day, Sept. 17, is a day to honor the document that acts as the supreme law of the United States.

Constitution Day was made a national holiday in 2004 to honor the day when 39 delegates signed the document at the Constitutional Convention on September 17, 1787. Created through an amendment to a spending bill, Constitution Day requires all publicly funded institutions of education and all federal agencies to provide educational programs on the history of the American Constitution.

Joseph Smith, an associate professor of political science, is working with Rich Robinson, a senior majoring in telecommunication and film, on a 'Special Report: Constitution Day 2014' edition of Capstone News Now, airing Wednesday from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Smith said three issues will be examined during the show: the authority of Congress to regulate the effect of money in political elections, the authority of the president to use the American military against the Islamic State and free speech on campus.

The show will feature interviews with campus experts on constitutional law, a discussion of these issues by the leaders of campus political groups and interviews with students, he said.

"The Constitution is what separates The United States of America from the vast majority of the world, in that we have a set of laws that has been with us fairly consistently since our founding that bind our leaders to a social contract," Robinson, news director for WVUA-FM, said.

Bob McCurley, a professor in the Honors College, former director of the Alabama Law Institute and draftsman for the Alabama Constitution Revision Commission, said he sees Constitution Day as a good way to bring student minds back to the privileges we have in our country.

"There's probably less confidence in government than any time during any college student's career, and maybe most people alive," McCurley said. "We've sort of lost faith in government in the fact that 'If you don't agree with me and what I want, then I'm

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CW / Belle Newby

not going to agree with whatever you want'. Instead of sitting down and discussing with each other, we've got polarized politics. We didn't have polarized politics to that extent [when the Constitution was drafted]."

Robinson said he loves the fact that the Constitution is a flawed document, and the men who wrote it weren't superhuman. He said although he knows it's not perfect, it creates a path to grow freedom.

"What makes America so special and important is in the end we can have a bad president, we can have a terrible Congress, we can have a bad governor, but our rule of law always limits what they can do," he said.

McCurley said he thinks students should be aware the Constitution has existed since 1787 and has endured so long with few changes. There are 27 amendments to the U.S. Constitution, while the Alabama Constitution has 880 amendments.

"Students should know that the Constitution affects their lives," Smith said. "Just in the last few years, the Supreme Court has applied the Constitution to questions like whether police can search a person's called phone without a warrant, whether Congress can limit the influence that very wealthy people and organizations have on politics, and whether the government can use a tax to penalize people who don't buy health insurance."

Tuscaloosa City Council votes on Jinsei location

By Ben Jackson | Contributing Writer

Tuesday night's City Council Meeting ran unusually long as representatives and supporters of Jinsei, a high end sushi restaurant chain, battled with the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society and other local residents over the approval of the restaurant's first Tuscaloosa location at 1715 University Boulevard.

While the lot under consideration is not technically designated as a part of the historic district, it is surrounded on all sides by historic sites, remarked a representative speaking on behalf of the Tuscaloosa County Preservation Society. The preservation society claimed the design of the restaurant would "stick out like a sore thumb."

Jinsei President Jennifer Mims and the store's architect Brandon Smith were present on behalf of the restaurant and stressed the importance of architectural diversity to the health of the district.

"We're taking an empty lot and building a visually engaging store that will last for a long time; we're not trying to recreate a turn-of-the-century warehouse where there wasn't one," Smith said.

Director of City Planning John McConnell noted to



The Tuscaloosa City Council met for its weekly meeting Tuesday. CW / Layton Dudley

the council that several single story, modern buildings already coexist in the district.

"Having different styles of buildings in the area helps draw a variety of people in," McConnell said.

Mayor Walter Maddox addressed the chamber shortly before the vote.

"Different people have different preferences for buildings," he said. "I personally like the design of this building. The important thing to remember is that we want this new store to be a high quality investment for the citizens of Tuscaloosa so that when we look at this store 10 years from now, we'll know we made the right decision."

The council passed the building application unanimously.

Startup Weekend to bring business pitches

By Emmalee Molay | Contributing Writer

Eager to encourage entrepreneurial ideas, The University of Alabama will host the first Startup Weekend, a global event, from Sept. 26 to 28, open to all students and members of the community.

Startup Weekend is a 54-hour event aimed to assist hopeful entrepreneurs with any ideas they might have and want to pursue. The Culverhouse College of Commerce, College of Engineering and the STEM Path to MBA program, are welcoming people with ideas for a startup. Rob Morgan, the executive director of innovation initiatives for Culverhouse College of Commerce and a marketing professor, said since this is their first time, he is curious to see how it all plays out.

"It's kind of a nervous excitement," he said. "We are hoping we'll have around 35 this first time."

Throughout the weekend, people with startup ideas will pitch them to their peers and form teams. Once the teams are established, participants will receive guidance from local entrepreneur leaders to build on their ideas by doing things such as designing, coding and market validation. Bringing Startup Weekend to the University was the idea of



Several events will be held in the South Engineering Research Center when The University of Alabama hosts the first Startup Weekend on Sept. 26 to 28. CW File

fourth-year STEM program student Melissa Jenkins, a senior majoring in computer science. Jenkins thought it would be a good opportunity for UA students after she saw how successful the same program in Tennessee had been for her father. After her father attended the weekend and then later organized one near her hometown, Jenkins said she saw the

potential and immediately mentioned it to Morgan.

"Three years later and here we are," Morgan said. "It's one weekend to focus on just this. I think students can gain skills of understanding how to work with other people."

Sign-ups will be open until the day before the event, and it will be \$25 for any student to participate.

PLAN TO GO

WHAT: Startup Weekend
WHEN: Sept. 26-28
WHERE: South Engineering Research Center



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Football jerseys sit on display at the SUPe Store. CW / Layton Dudley

SUPe Store convenient for a cost

By Holley Long | Contributing Writer

University of Alabama apparel at the SUPe Store on campus is often priced higher than apparel sold at other stores in Tuscaloosa, such as Walmart or Target. Mandy Johnson, associate director of general merchandising for the University Supply Store, said this is due to the brands the store carries.

"Our prices are not higher than prices for the same merchandise at other stores," she said. "The supply store sells only licensed merchandise."

The SUPe Store handles the decision of prices for goods based on their judgement of possible revenue. Owned and operated by the University, the SUPe Store also returns its profits back to the University in the form of scholarships and by sponsoring student services, Johnson said.

"The Supply Store sets the price based on suggested retail from the wholesaler or

manufacturer and on the margin we need to earn on the merchandise," she said.

Some students feel the convenience and quality of the merchandise in the SUPe Store excuses its higher prices. Elizabeth Cook, a junior majoring in chemical engineering from Houston, Texas, said she isn't able to find Alabama merchandise easily.

"It's really hard to find Alabama goods in Texas, but if I do find any they're going to be lower priced because it's not a local team," Cook said. "Every once and a while, like after the national championship, I could find some at Academy and Walmart, but usually it's not easy to find them."

Jordan Tucker, a senior majoring in marketing, said he thinks the convenience of the store makes up for its prices.

"People can be on campus and decide to get Alabama goods here instead of somewhere else," Tucker said. "You give up that lower price for convenience."



Alternative Break organizes service trips for students who wish to use their school break for community service. Photo courtesy of Taylor Wood

Alternative Breaks provide new experiences

By Emily Williams | Staff Reporter

Kyle Glisson, a senior majoring in biology, spent the first five days of his winter break in 2013 serving others in Auburn during his first Alternative Break trip.

"It's a good mix of service projects and vacation," Glisson said. "It's a great way to meet people you wouldn't normally have a chance to be exposed to. Some of the best parts about the trip are the relationships you build with other students and the people you meet on the work sites."

Glisson said he enjoyed the Auburn trip so much he decided to sign up for the spring break 2014 trip to Oklahoma. He worked with Habitat for Humanity on both trips.

"We got to visit the memorial for the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing on one of the last days of the spring break trip,"

Glisson said. "I was only three years old at the time of the bombing so I had never really been knowledgeable on what had happened, and I think the memorial did a good job of taking you through the before and after of the situation. It's definitely the kind of place that leaves a lasting impact on you."

Alternative Breaks, which organizes service trips for students who wish to use their school breaks for community service, is now accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year.

"We provide students with the opportunity to serve the community locally, nationally and internationally during the different University holiday breaks," said Center for Sustainable Service & Volunteerism Student Director Taylor Wood, a senior majoring in economics.

This year's Alternative Break trips are a service project with the Freedom

Foundation in Selma, Alabama, during fall break; Habitat for Humanity in Tuscaloosa along with Auburn students over winter break and two spring break trips: an international service trip to Nicaragua and a domestic trip, the location of which has not yet been determined.

Applications can be found on the CSSV website. The fall break application is due Thursday, winter break is due Oct. 2, and the international spring break deposit is due Sept. 29.

Wood said the trips usually accommodate about 15 to 20 students, and the CSSV works to keep them as affordable as possible. Past trips have been to places such as the Dominican Republic and the Gulf Coast.

"International service trips are just a great way for students to delve into another culture," Wood said. "One of my

other favorite trips that I've been on was the Dominican Republic service trip we did two years ago. That was just awesome because you're traveling, you're seeing a different country, but at the same time you're able to help people. You find that you're impacted by it just as much as they are."

Lauren Matthews, a sophomore majoring in chemical engineering, went to Moore, Oklahoma, last spring break to help Habitat for Humanity with tornado relief efforts.

"It was one of the best experiences that I had all of last year," she said. "I love community service. I like taking the time to get to know people and their different lives and also getting to meet random people who love doing what I do. I was completely unsure – going with 18 completely random people that I'd never met, and I ended up loving every minute of it."



The University of Alabama's United Students against Sweatshops hosted the Human Rights in Global Garment Factories event Tuesday. Photo Courtesy of Alessandra Delrose

Alta Gracia supports factory workers

By Alessandra Delrose | Contributing Writer

The words "garment factory" are often associated with poor conditions, terrible pay and possible disasters. United Students against Sweatshops hosted the Human Rights in Global Garment Factories event Tuesday to open students' eyes to the realities of these factories and to introduce them to a newer and safer factory, the Alta Gracia factory.

The Alta Gracia opened in 2010 and is located in the Dominican Republic. Alta Gracia is the only clothing factory in the developing world to pay their employees a living wage according to their website.

Yenny Perez and Ednavirgen Castillo, two workers from Alta Gracia, made it their life mission to travel around the world and talk about their experience and how the Alta Gracia factory changed their lives.

Before Alta Gracia, there was a factory in its place called the BJ&B

Factory where both Perez and Castillo worked, and both women said it was a nightmare.

"You had to get permission for everything, even for something as simple as using the bathroom," Perez said.

For Perez, these conditions made life difficult because she was also pregnant, and conditions for pregnant women at BJ&B were dangerous.

"They would throw stuff at us while we worked or if we messed up. It was an emotional and physically toxic environment," Perez said. "Many pregnant workers had miscarriages due to the harsh conditions at BJ&B."

According to Castillo, when BJ&B finally closed, the company tried to leave without paying workers their missing pay.

"Thanks to the help of students and all the workers, we were able to get compensated for all of our lost time and money," Castillo said.

Perez said once Alta Gracia

opened it was a huge change. Alta Gracia not only cared about their workers, but the workers were finally able to grow as people.

"There's an old Dominican saying that we use to describe this, and it's the difference between Earth and Heaven, and that is exactly what this was," she said.

AJ James, a junior majoring in microbiology and Spanish and a member of USAS, said the organization was able to get Alta Gracia clothing on campus after a year of campaigning.

"Last year [USAS] ran a campaign to get Alta Gracia apparel in the SUPE Store, and we won," James said. "So now there's a small display of Alta Gracia clothing in the SUPE Store."

James said this is one step closer to the University having an apparel-safe campus.

"When students and visitors go to the SUPE Store and buy Alta Gracia, they can be 100 percent sure that it was made sweatshop free," he said.

Student interns with White House program

By Lindsey Parrish | Contributing Writer

During the all-too-familiar scramble to secure the perfect internship, few would think to expect a chance to bowl in the Truman bowling alley or attend a private meeting with a Supreme Court justice, but for Dana Sweeney, a sophomore majoring in English and political science, the reality of one summer internship in the nation's capital became that and much more.

Sweeney's experience began with an email sent to all pre-political science students informing them of an opportunity to intern with the White House Associates Program. Although a freshman at the time, Sweeney decided to apply for the internship. After submitting the application, Sweeney received an invitation for a phone interview and was shortly after accepted into the program.

"For any other student, I would be surprised that a freshman would receive such a prestigious internship, but I was not surprised Dana was selected," said Richard Fording, a professor of political science at the University. "He is one of the best students I have taught in 18 years."

Sweeney credits much of his success with the application to Fording, who first notified the students of this opportunity and encouraged him to apply even when Sweeney said he felt his own chances as a freshman were unlikely.

During the internship, Sweeney lived the entire summer in Washington, D.C., working in the White House Office of Presidential Correspondence. Sweeney also participated in UA in D.C., a program for UA students interning in the capital, created and directed by UA professor Michael New.

The interns for the Office of Correspondence were tasked with sorting through emails and letters sent to the White House from American citizens and assisting people who called the office to share how they are affected by political situations and policies. Interns spent their time reading these personal accounts and sending out appropriate responses on behalf of the office.

Beginning at 8 a.m. and ending many times after 6 p.m., Sweeney's work was largely consistent day-to-day.

"Most of [the work] was typical office work – sorting things, scanning things, keeping records – but also having the opportunity to look at some of the mail coming in and making sure the people were getting the responses they were looking for," Sweeney said.

While the work settled into a routine, Sweeney said he was quick to find meaning in his position.

"It's definitely something I am still processing today," he said. "Reading the unfiltered concerns of the American people, there were some very raw experiences that would come from the people through the Office of Correspondence. I think it definitely recommitted me to the idea that

government has the capacity to really make a difference in people's lives – for better and for worse."

Twice while working, Sweeney was invited to see the president speak – once to give remarks on the crisis in the Ukraine and another time on infrastructure and spending bills at Georgetown University. While attending the Georgetown University speech, Sweeney seized the opportunity to shake the President's hand.

"That moment that I got to shake his hand was certainly not something I'd ever expect when I went there," he said. "That was – I don't know – just a moment that I'm not going to forget for the rest of my life."

In addition to encounters with the president, Sweeney had the chance to engage with Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan in a private meeting arranged by New. Justice Kagan gave a testimony, and participants had a chance to ask her questions. Sweeney asked a question he said he often asks people he admires: "What's a book that has been really influential in your life?"

The justice said she did not have an answer, and in turn, asked Sweeney for his recommendation. Sweeney recommended the justice read "Cloud Atlas" by David Mitchell.

Also while in D.C., Sweeney went on behind-the-ropes tours of the West Wing, including the Oval Office, Cabinet Meeting Room and the White House Press Room and saw Marine One, the president's helicopter,

take off from the south lawn of the White House. Sweeney also bowled at the Truman Bowling Alley in the White House.

From an early age, Sweeney said he has had an interest in politics. As a second grader, he subscribed to Time Magazine. Sweeney's interest in English and politics is fed by a variety of sources.

"I study English to better understand people, and I study politics to better understand how people interact and organize themselves," Sweeney said.

Sweeney hopes to join New College with intentions to create a major focusing on international security and sustainability. He is a participant in 57 Miles, a Spark mentor and a Creative Campus intern. This summer he designed a curriculum for seventh graders in underprivileged parts of Alabama on theater and creative writing. He said he hopes to expand the program this year to include regional poetry slams for high school students across the Black Belt.

Sweeney said he is not completely certain where his interests are taking him, though he said he feels his summer experiences have impacted his future greatly.

"I don't think it has narrowed my search for what I want to do with my life, but I think it gave that search a great deal more context," he said. "It's definitely a search that I'm still on, but I think a search that has become better for having this incredible experience."



Sophomore Dana Sweeney spent the summer in Washington, D.C. working in the White House Office of Presidential Correspondence. Photos Courtesy of Kevin Sweeney

It's definitely something I am still processing today.

— Dana Sweeney —

Creative Co-op motivates student artists to create

SALE FROM PAGE 1

student artists and crafters with opportunities to connect with potential buyers while learning how to market themselves in a community.

Sarah Gardiner Johns, a sophomore majoring in interdisciplinary studies, said Creative Co-op helps keep her and her art in check.

“Co-op has been beneficial for me as an artist because it has provided a supportive community to keep me accountable for making something every day,” she said.

Members of Creative Co-op plan shows, sales and lectures throughout the year in order to build experience while still in college. Their events are set both on and off campus for students to sell and display their art and creative wares.

Lori Taylor, a senior majoring in studio art, has been a member of Creative Co-op since its formation in 2012 and is serving as the organization’s president this year. She said Creative Co-op is important, not only to its members who gain experience as working artists, but to the entire campus.

“We hope to teach students that creativity and art exists in our community and is accessible to everyone and every budget,” she said. “This campus is full of makers and an incredible amount of talent just waiting

PLAN TO GO

WHAT: Creative Co-op Open House art sale

WHEN: Thursday

WHERE: Woods Hall 206

to be explored.”

Gardiner Johns said Creative Co-op encourages its members to find new ways to create on a regular basis.

“Since joining Co-op, I’ve been more active in my art-making,” she said. “Even if it isn’t for selling, I’ve been inspired by other members to branch out and try new mediums and styles of art-making.”

Aside from creating a comfortable environment for students to publicly showcase their work, Creative Co-op periodically invites guest speakers to lecture on topics like sustaining an art career or how to best package and price their work based to specific audiences. Workshops are also provided on proper framing techniques before any gallery show. Taylor said the group hopes to expand this year beyond just sales and exhibition of student work.

“This year we plan on creating some relaxing D.I.Y. weekends to build friendships among our newest members and be a nice break for this group of creative students,” she said.



The Creative Co-op will host their Second Annual Open House Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m. in 206 Woods Hall. Photo Courtesy of Ibrahim Adhnan Al Bannai

Students living in houses can maintain individuality

HOUSE FROM PAGE 1

anything on campus,” Nick Van Otterloo, a senior majoring in biology who also lives in the house with Parker, said. “Though we aren’t technically on campus, we don’t feel disconnected at all.”

Van Otterloo and Parker’s third roommate, James Lewis, a senior majoring in operations management, said living in their own house allows them to maintain individuality.

“I’m happier living off campus because there’s more freedom,” Lewis said.

Students who live in houses can also find they are spending less money per month on living expenses, such as rent and utilities, as compared to on-campus housing or student living complexes.

Depending on the size and condition of the house and its distance from campus, rent for a three-bedroom house can be as low as \$350 per person per month. This is how much Lesley Smits, a senior majoring in telecommunication and film, pays for rent each month for her house, which is located off Veteran’s Memorial Parkway. Smits also said her utilities would normally never exceed \$200 per person each month.

This is compared to off-campus student apartment complexes, such as the Woodlands, for which a student can expect to pay about \$605 per month on a three-bedroom flat, according to their website.

Anne Catherine Luckett, a senior majoring in public relations, said living

in a house close to campus significantly reduces the amount she spends on gas.

“I never fill up my car pretty much, maybe once or twice a month,” she said.

Not only does Luckett save money on gas by living close to campus, she said the location of her house also saves her and her roommates from having to pay for parking.

“None of us have a parking pass,” she said. “We just walk.”

However, for students who live in houses, everything is not always so easy. Unlike students who live on campus or in off-campus student housing communities, students who live in houses have to deal with issues like lawn care and general maintenance on the house.

“We’ve had some maintenance problems – it’s an old house. But with the money we are saving on rent, it’s not that big of an issue,” Parker said.

The attitude towards living in houses tends to be the same for students who live farther from campus. Corey Cameron and his roommate John Savell, both seniors majoring in mechanical engineering, live in a house off Hargrove Road and said they also enjoy living there more than their time on campus or in student housing complexes.

“I chose to live in a house because it is independent from a housing community, so I’m not immediately connected to the

people above and around me, physically or socially,” Cameron said.

He said he enjoys living in a house compared to his time living in an off-campus student housing complex.

“I lived [in the off-campus housing complex] for three years, and it reminded me so much of my dorm,” he said. “Now in this new house, it’s less claustrophobic. It allows me to be more productive in school. Having a unique floor plan makes you feel like you’re not in a cubicle. It’s our house.”

In neighborhoods farther away from campus, it is more likely neighbors will be families and less likely they will be students.

“We have families near us, so we can’t be throwing huge parties at night,” Savell said. “But it’s nice to break away from the cluster of campus, traffic and noise. It’s good to be kind of secluded.”

However, being farther from campus, Cameron and Savell said they always have to deal with the uncertainty of where they will be able to leave their cars when they go to class, especially with construction happening on and around campus.

“I do worry about parking,” Savell said. “But the pros of living out here still outweigh the cons.”

Cameron said living a significant distance from campus does not leave him feeling isolated from University life.

“I still spend the majority of my time on campus every day,” he said. “I still

I'm happier living off campus because there's more freedom.

— James Lewis —

read The Crimson White every morning, I still get coffee from Java City and I still do my homework in Gorgas. It’s just nice being able to go home off campus to relax so I’m not overwhelmed by being on campus all day.”

One additional concern for living in an off-campus house is the occupancy limit that is placed on houses by the Tuscaloosa City Government. Tuscaloosa City Planner Megan Brantley said it is against the law in the city of Tuscaloosa for more than three unrelated individuals to live in a single dwelling unit.

“We do control occupancy limits, but that’s really the only thing that we do,” she said.

According to Brantley, there are some zones closer to campus that allow more than three unrelated people to live in one dwelling, but this is the result of a trade-off limiting occupancy in historic areas to no more than two unrelated people in a single dwelling unit. If more than three unrelated people are found to be living in a single dwelling, the city of Tuscaloosa would hold the rental company at fault, not the tenants. Brantley said this is because it is the rental company’s responsibility to uphold the laws.

For some students, the idea of being in a community surrounded by fellow students sounds appealing. But for others, like Cameron, Savell, Van Otterloo, Lewis, Parker and Smits, living in their own house is the best option available.

“If there is anyone thinking about making the move from a dorm or apartment into a house, it’s worth looking into,” Parker said. “I highly recommend it. Especially during football season.”

COLUMN | MUSIC



Gram Parsons' 'cosmic American music' remains relevant 41 years after his death.
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Gram Parsons continues to exemplify country rock

By Jordan Cissell

Gram Parsons died 41 years ago Friday. As Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards once said, although we have no idea of what Parsons would be doing were he still alive, he made enough beautiful music in his 26 years to keep us talking about him now. But here's the most important thing about Gram Parsons: We're still listening to him.

Many consider Parsons a catalytic forerunner, if not the creator, of country rock. Parsons didn't like the term, and preferred instead to deem his work "Cosmic American Music." Regardless of what you choose to call it, Parsons did it, and he did it well.

He began shaping his signature sound with his work in the International Submarine Band, an act he formed during his one semester as a theology student at Harvard University. Then, during his brief stint with the Byrds for their 1968 record "Sweetheart of the Rodeo", he converted their sound from jangly psychedelic pop to authentic country folk. He was the lead singer of the Flying Burrito Brothers and into his solo career, he recorded and toured heavily with Emmylou Harris.

If you sing along full-blast when Eagles' "Peaceful Easy Feeling" comes on during your morning drive or if you dig Wilco's early recordings or if you like John Mayer's 2012 and 2013 releases "Born and Raised" and "Paradise Valley," then

you're already a fan of the genre Parsons pioneered.

English writer and translator Alexander Pope said to be human is to be flawed. Parsons wrote flawless music about being human.

The people of Parsons' songs are dusty and worn out, either from holding down nine-to-fives or holding down stools at the local dive. Maybe they drink a little too much. Maybe they smoke a little too often. Often the men are doing all this drinking and smoking because their lady friends are giving them grief. (See the Burrito Bros' cover of Merle Haggard's "Tonight the Bottle Let Me Down" on "Sleepless Nights.")

While Parsons' people face trials and tribulations, neither his music nor his lyrics come across as self-pitying or whining, either for himself or the people he represents. Parsons didn't have an impressive range, but his soft, soothing twang was impeccable nonetheless. In masterpieces like "Hot Burrito #1," also from "Gilded Palace," his vocals summon the intangible magic of powerful emotion no voice coach can conjure. His duet with Emmylou on "In My Hour of Darkness" from "Grievous Angel" is everything music is supposed to be.

Which is a pretty good way of describing the man's entire catalogue. 41 years after his death, Gram Parsons' distinct conception of the American soul is as authentic and beautiful (and cosmic) as ever.

Campus hall provides community

By Katherine Metcalf | Contributing Writer

Located across the street from the Angelo Bruno Business library, just on the other side of the Strip, is Friedman Hall, a largely unknown building, home to over 100 students.

Friedman Hall is a co-educational residence hall open only to commerce and business administration students.

Matthew Eurton, a sophomore majoring in operations management and German, said he took advantage of the building's location during his freshman year to get to class.

"It was a three to five minute walk to most of [my classes]," he said. "Plus, Bruno Library was right there for when I needed to pull a late-night studying session."

Eurton said another benefit of the building is its small number of rooms. Friedman Hall houses 128 students, while Ridgecrest South is home to almost 1,000 students and Presidential Village houses almost 2,000.

"It was a very college-like atmosphere," he said. "We had our small community within the



Friedman Hall is located across the street from the Angelo Bruno Business library.
CW / Lindsey Leonard

borders of the campus."

This year, Eurton is a resident advisor in Ridgecrest South.

"Even though I haven't lived in Ridgecrest South for very long, I am really enjoying the community, and having a room to myself is definitely a plus," he said.

Because Friedman is an older building on campus, residents don't get to enjoy all the conveniences the newer dorms offer, like carpeted floors and elevators. Jenny Guffy, a freshman majoring in general business, said the lack of an elevator has proved problematic.

"My roommate had to climb up the stairs when she sprained her

ankle," she said. "Even though there are only three flights of stairs, students need to climb to get to their rooms. Elevators are a must on some days."

For Guffy, she said the decision to live in Friedman was a tough one due to the pressure from her friends to live in one of campus's newer dorms. Despite its negative perception, she said she and many of the building's other residents are proud to call Friedman their home.

"Everyone gives it the cold shoulder because it is not like the new dorms," she said. "We are a little family. There is not one person in this building I don't like."

Students host international dinners

By Yun Yu | Contributing Writer

Every Tuesday night Toria Hedrick, a senior majoring in social work, opens her home to students from all over the world for the simple purpose of sharing a meal.

"Both of my roommates, Meghan Walker and I have spent time overseas, and we were welcomed in by locals," Hedrick said. "It was life-changing that they helped us when we were internationals in their home. We both know we needed to do the same in our country and university."

Hedrick started organizing Tuesday dinners with her roommates in their house last August. Hedrick said she saw the need for international students to become acclimated to American university life, so she decided to start hosting dinners. She invited international students she met in class, coffee hours or anywhere else to come to her home.

For Hedrick and her roommates, the task of cooking



UA students offer their home kitchens to international students for dinners. Photo Courtesy of Katherine Jordan

dinner, giving rides and coordinating so many different students was difficult but rewarding.

"Every week when we would prepare, it was always chaotic," she said. "But it was the most joyful chaos to be part of."

As for the process of preparing the food, the work is always a joint effort between Hedrick, her roommates and her friends from church, who often prepare the meals and then drop them off for the weekly get together. Hedrick's international guests

often bring dishes native of their countries like dumplings, spring rolls and sushi.

Suyi Yan, a senior from China majoring in accounting, said the weekly dinners were a great way to learn about American culture.

"Without joining these dinners, I wouldn't make so many international friends," she said.

Hedrick said her favorite memory of Tuesday dinner is always at the last dinner of each semester when everyone at the dinner sits in a circle to share what they enjoyed, appreciated and loved about the previous weeks together.

"It is a beautiful and sentimental time," Hedrick said.

Hedrick said Tuesday dinners are a good chance for her and her fellow American hosts to learn more about different cultures directly from the people who are a part of them. She said she has even learned some basic phrases in Chinese and Japanese to greet.

"All I know in Chinese is 'ni hao ma' [how are you]," she said.

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How to: ties, bow ties for gameday, church or work

By Henry Barnes | Contributing Writer

Whether for church, a ballroom dancing class, an internship or even just a classy gameday look, ties are a staple of any well-dressed guy's wardrobe. Now that we're all away from home, the duty of tying our own ties has fallen on our laps, so it's time to get this life skill down once and for all. Follow these simple steps and you'll be looking sharp in no time. Hint: You'll want to start out trying these knots in front of the mirror for easier tying.

HOW TO TIE A WINDSOR KNOT



1
Start with the wide end of the tie on the right, extending 12 inches below the narrow end.



2
Cross the wide end over the narrow end.



3
Bring the wide end up through the loop you made and bring it back down.



4
Pull the wide end underneath the narrow end and to the right, through the loop and to the right again.

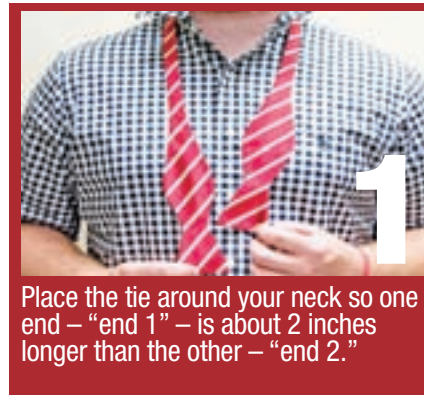


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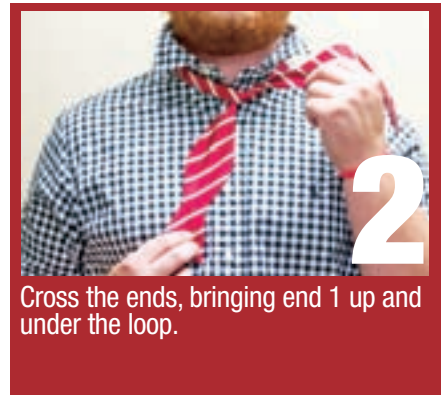


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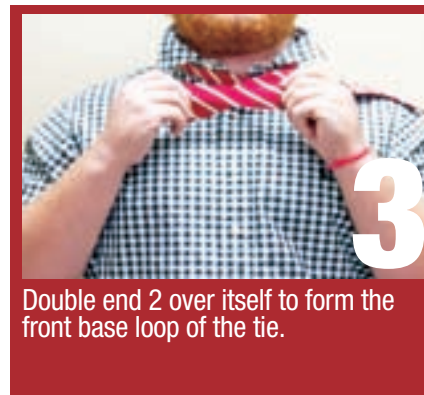
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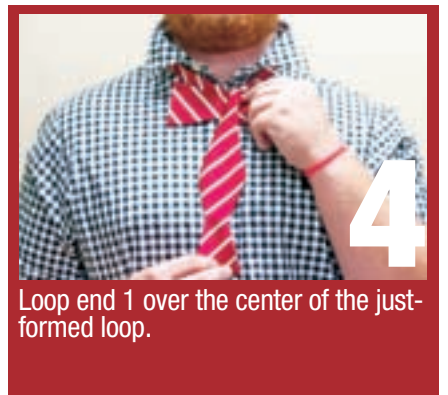
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Place the tie around your neck so one end – “end 1” – is about 2 inches longer than the other – “end 2.”



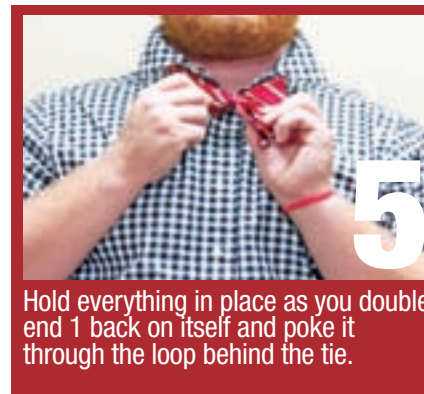
2
Cross the ends, bringing end 1 up and under the loop.



3
Double end 2 over itself to form the front base loop of the tie.



4
Loop end 1 over the center of the just-formed loop.



5
Hold everything in place as you double end 1 back on itself and poke it through the loop behind the tie.



6
Adjust the tie by tugging the ends and straightening the center knot.

COLUMN | **FOOD**

Past niche dessert trends soon to be replaced by gourmet donuts

By Katharine Buckley

For many, the perfect way to end a good meal is with a little something sugary to satisfy your sweet tooth. Dessert staples like ice cream, cake and cookies are found in every grocery store in the country, but every once in a while less conventional desserts can rise to popularity with just a little bit of love from the public.

Remember the cupcake fad that lasted for years? It seemed like everyone was talking about where the best cupcakes could be found and what the craziest flavors were. Cupcake boutiques popped up in every major city serving nontraditional flavor combinations like maple bacon and cinnamon roll. There were even TV shows dedicated solely to cupcakes, like Cupcake Wars and DC Cupcakes.

Eventually cupcakes fell to the

wayside and frozen yogurt, commonly known as “froyo,” had its heyday. While frozen yogurt had been popular for years in major cities like Los Angeles and New York City, in 2012 frozen yogurt shops opened on every street corner in America.

Chains like Gigi's Cupcakes and Yogurt Mountain allow for these dessert trends to be enjoyed in Tuscaloosa years after they reached their peak in popularity. Tuscaloosa may be catching up to the world of dessert trends with its relatively quick pickup of the gourmet popsicle trend. University Boulevard saw the opening of the Birmingham-based Steel City Pops last year. Especially popular in the South where any relief from the heat is welcome, these gourmet pops boast all-natural ingredients, and are very different from the popsicles of childhood.

Coming up on the horizon is the wonderful trend of gourmet donuts. Not your typical Krispy Kreme glazed, these donuts are large enough to require utensils to eat them and have experimental flavors like olive oil and chicken and waffle. This trend has already made its way to Southern cities nearby like Atlanta (Revolution Doughnuts) and New Orleans (Blue Dot and District Donuts).

They boast atmospheres comparable to everyone's favorite local coffee shops where people lazily spend their mornings – only with gourmet donuts rather than hot cups of coffee. Keep your eyes open, because these donuts may soon make an appearance on menus in Tuscaloosa. However, if the trend never makes its way down to us, we can only hope Dunkin' Donuts and Krispy Kreme can fill the void.



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Calendar of local sports



The Alabama women's volleyball team advanced to a 9-2 overall record Tuesday. *CW / Lindsey Leonard*

Volleyball team sweeps home opener

By Kayla Montgomery | Staff Reporter

After three weeks on the road, the Alabama women's volleyball team swept the UAB Blazers in its home opener Tuesday night in Foster Auditorium, advancing the Crimson Tide to a 9-2 overall record and a 21-11 lead in the all-time series against UAB.

"I think they were really excited to get a chance to play at home," Coach Ed Allen said. "Anytime you get the chance to open at home with a talented team, they want to get a chance to showcase their abilities, and that's what they did."

The Crimson Tide jumped out to a 6-2 lead in the first set. Although UAB battled back, a kill by freshman Leah Lawrence advanced the Crimson Tide to an 18-12 lead before a UAB timeout. Alabama kept the Blazers at arm's length for the remainder of the first

set, with a kill by redshirt sophomore Krystal Rivers, her fifth of the set, securing the first set 25-16. Freshman Kat Hutson also notched 5 kills in the set, with sophomore Brittany Thomas recording two of her own.

Despite trailing early in the second set, the Crimson Tide battled back and took a one to two point lead for much of the early action, until a kill by Rivers widened Alabama's lead to 10-7. A service ace from junior Sierra Wilson put the Crimson Tide up 17-9 before a UAB timeout, and a kill by Thomas secured the second set for the Crimson Tide 25-11.

Wilson, who Allen said has become a strong leader on the team, recorded 19 assists in the set alone, going on to notch 33 total in the sweep.

"She's starting to play like a kid that's started here for two years," he said.

"She's really becoming very comfortable with directing the offense, and more importantly becoming comfortable with directing the team and organizing the team through rotations."

Three straight kills by Rivers tied the score at 6-6 early in the third set, and Alabama led 12-7 before a UAB timeout. The Crimson Tide again kept the Blazers at arm's length for the remainder of the set, and a kill by Hutson secured the sweep for the Crimson Tide.

Rivers said she was pleased with the team's performance night, citing a growing level of team chemistry; something the young team that started four new players is continuing to work on.

"On the floor, everything just clicked," Rivers said. "We felt like one team, one unit. At times this season, we haven't been that way, so it was great to do that for the entire match tonight."

VOLLEYBALL:



CW / Lindsey Leonard

WHAT: Alabama vs. Florida International
WHERE: Foster Auditorium
WHEN: Friday at noon

Alabama volleyball finishes up its week at home with the Crimson-White Tournament. After this weekend, the Crimson Tide starts its conference play at Georgia.

SOCCER:



CW File

WHAT: Alabama vs. Alabama State
WHERE: Alabama Soccer Stadium
WHEN: Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Alabama soccer team welcomes No. 7 Florida to start SEC play. On Sunday, the Crimson Tide finishes its non-conference schedule with Alabama State.

COLUMN | NFL

Ray Rice, Adrian Peterson not held above the law

By Matthew Wilson

The NFL has been a topic of recent controversy among the general public. Several of its star players – Baltimore Ravens' running back Ray Rice and Minnesota Vikings' running back Adrian Peterson, for example – have been the source of public outrage. It seems some athletes think themselves to be untouchable and above the law.

Earlier this month, Rice was charged with domestic violence after after a well-publicized incident in which the running back punched his wife in a Las Vegas elevator. After the public release of the video of the incident, Rice was suspended indefinitely by the league and cut from his team. The video showed savagery, violence and anger that shocked the world.

Likewise, Peterson became the subject of criticism when allegations of child

abuse surfaced earlier this month.

These two cases are just several in a long list of athletes acting outside the boundaries of the law. Some athletes think they can do whatever they want without consequence. While everyone is fallible, athletes act as role models to millions of fans and should be held accountable.

The eyes of the world have fallen upon the NFL, and the future of sports may depend on its actions and choices. The NFL has to make a tough decision: Does the League choose talent or humanity? A precedent must be set that certain actions will not be tolerated. Rice and Peterson, should they be found guilty of their actions, represent the dark and rabid underside of fame. On gameday when millions of fans are cheering, the players on the field seem like legends – modern day gods reminiscent of Ancient Greece – but off the field, they are only men.



Ray Rice
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FOOTBALL:



CW / Pete Pajor

WHAT: Alabama vs. Florida
WHERE: Bryant-Denny Stadium
WHEN: Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

The Crimson Tide starts its SEC schedule with Florida who narrowly avoided a loss to Kentucky last Saturday in triple overtime. Alabama leads the series 23-14.

Compiled by Kelly Ward



Collins to play against brother on Saturday

By Nolan Imsande | Staff Reporter

Alabama safety Landon Collins said he will do whatever it takes to play against his younger brother when the Crimson Tide takes on the Florida Gators. He said he would even try to lobby to play on the kickoff coverage team, and said the two have done a little bit of trash-talking before this weekend's game.

"There has been nothing but talking noise to each other," he said. "I'm trying to get on kickoff return to see if I could block him one time."

Collins' half-brother, Gerald Willis, is a freshman defensive lineman for the Gators. Willis, who chose Florida over Alabama, LSU and Florida State, to name a few, has played one of the Gators games and has registered three tackles.

Collins said the two brothers have never faced each other before this weekend's game.

"We were always on defense at the same time. I've never got the chance. We've never hit each other."

Collins said the fact that it is his little brother wouldn't stop him from hitting Willis.

"No, hit him harder," he said. "There is no letting up"

Collins said their mom, April Justin, will be in attendance for the game but

WHAT TO KNOW

- The team practiced outside in helmets and full pads.
- Freshman cornerback Tony Brown took reps as the first team corner opposite of Cyrus Jones. Eddie Jackson, who has been nursing a quad injury, watched the first team from the sideline.
- Geno Smith worked as Nick Perry's replacement. Perry will have to sit out the first half of Saturday's game after he was ejected for targeting during the game against Southern Miss.
- T.J. Yeldon practiced in all the drills during the media viewing period but his calf was wrapped.
- A scout from the Cleveland Browns attended practice.



Freshman defensive back Levi Wallace snags a ball during practice on Tuesday, Sept. 16. CW / Shelby Akin

would be cheering for both of them.

"She is not rooting for nobody," he said. "She said she got a split household. She said she's just going to be in the middle of the field and try to cheer for me and Gerald at the same time."

Alabama women's golf team looks for new leadership

By Elliott Propes | Staff Reporter

The Alabama women's golf team finished ninth at the 2014 NCAA Championships, but to the team that's not enough.

The team is hungry, and wants to take the next step this season. To get to that next step in the spring, the women have to prepare themselves during the critical fall season beginning this weekend, Sept. 19 to 21, when the Crimson Tide will be in Franklin, Tennessee for the Mason Rudolph Championship

"Well, the thing I'm looking for is for us to continue to improve," said coach Mic Potter. "It's a long season, having both a fall and spring segment, and a championship segment being in the spring. Every tournament is a chance to prove ourselves, of course, but it is also a chance to find out where we are and what we need to improve on."

The team will be looking for a new leader this year. All-American Stephanie Meadow graduated at the end of last season, so now the reins have been passed on, likely to junior Emma Talley.

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— Mic Potter —

"Emma Talley is a junior, and she had a fantastic summer, making the cut in the U.S. Open, clinching the winning point for the U.S. Curtis Cup team and winning the Amateur at the British Open," Potter said. "They're definitely credentials worthy of being a college team leader. So we expect a lot from her, and she expects a lot from herself."

Talley played alongside Meadow for the United States in the Curtis Cup, the top trophy for women's amateur golfers. The championship came down to Sunday, when Talley clinched the match for the U.S. with a 4-3 win over England's Bronte Law. Talley's performance befit the winner of



Over the summer, junior Emma Talley made the cut in the U.S. Open, clinched the winning point for the U.S. Curtis Cup team and won the Amateur at the British Open. UA Athletics

the 2013 U.S Women's Amateur Championship.

"It really was just a great experience for me," she said. "Everything that happened this summer I hope will make me a better player for this fall and spring, and a better player in the future."

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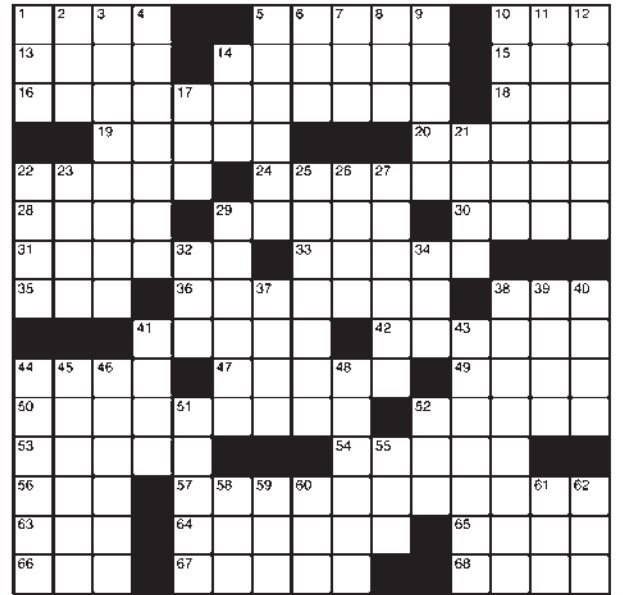


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- 15 Arctic explorer John
- 16 "Butcher's appliance
- 18 Not just some
- 19 Square peg, socially speaking
- 20 Sharp-eyed hunter
- 22 Time for fools?
- 24 "Frankster's balloon
- 28 Ride the wind
- 29 Lip applications
- 30 Persons
- 31 Ready to be driven
- 33 "Cagney and ___": '80s cop show
- 35 Newspaper filler
- 36 Fruit that can be the source of the starts of the answers to starred clues
- 38 "No more details, please!"
- 41 "Right?!"
- 42 Ruined, as hopes
- 44 Picture on a screen
- 47 Fast food package deal
- 49 Sock part
- 50 "Allowance for the cafeteria
- 52 "A Change Is Gonna Come" singer/songwriter Sam
- 53 Catch on the range
- 54 Time to attack
- 56 Bass brew
- 57 "Monet work
- 63 Pewter component
- 64 Sings like Rudy Vallee
- 65 Biblical reformer
- 66 Hazardous curve
- 67 More than unpopular
- 68 Start a hand



By Gareth Bain

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- 6 Operated
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- 9 Tree-damaging insect
- 10 Catherine's home
- 11 "I hope to hear from you"
- 12 People people
- 14 Dr. with Grammys
- 17 Salon supply
- 21 "About ___": Hugh Grant film
- 22 Oman locale
- 23 Fishing spot
- 25 "It'd be my pleasure"
- 26 Eliot Ness, e.g.
- 27 Pre-euro Iberian coin
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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- The coach motivates the team. Associates find the right slogan. Keep moving on your project. Finish what you started. Watch out for mechanical problems. Find love and happiness at home and in nature.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Express your love, here and now. Don't worry about tomorrow. You're gaining authority. More confidence leads to more work. Share inspirations. Play with someone fun, and practice your game. You can realize a dream.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Elusive images pervade your dreams. Emotional tension demands release. Reach out farther than ever before. New evidence moves you. Take what you get, with thanks. Someone has what you lack, and that's attractive.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Go ahead... get dreamy and romantic. You have what you need, or you can get it. Postpone financial discussion. Create a work of beauty. Rub shoulders with someone you admire. Get lost in the present moment.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Find a quiet place to gather with your partner and share some peace. Weave a romantic fantasy, and invite collaboration. Rest, relax and grow stronger. You're gaining confidence. Nurture each other with kindness and good food.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Follow your heart. Group participation could provide surprises. Find what you need close to home, and don't worry about long-term issues. Focus on here and now. Work with friends to find solutions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- A career dream seems within reach. Throw yourself into a creative effort, and blend passion into the mix. Sync schedules with the team, and tap another source of funding. Postpone chores. Work from home. Imagine perfection.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- A calculated risk could work out; take extra precautions against potential losses.

Prioritize caring for family. Curtail spending and pay bills first. Use what you have at home. Go with the ones you love.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Handle family paperwork and filing. Maintain awareness of cash flow. A step on your career ladder lies within reach. Don't worry about the future. If you love it, go for it. Don't get stopped.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Love is the answer. If it's missing in a relationship, find out why. Together you can realize dreams. Don't get daunted by roadblocks and naysayers. Your status rises, from previous work. Wow them with the new stuff.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is an 8 -- Direct your efforts in service of a dream. Don't get stopped by past failures. Allocate the necessary resources to get the job done. Tell friends you'll get back to them. Run errands. Travel to or over water.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Do what you love. Include a water element. Imagine swimming in the ocean. Prepare for change coming soon. Assume authority. Admit if a pet idea won't work. Unexpected results could prove beneficial. Get social.

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