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## UA junior wins car show



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J.R. Frey, a junior majoring in accounting, won first place in the Honda division of the NOPI National car show in Atlanta. He won against 30 other cars with a 1996 Midori green Honda Civic hatchback.

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Some people have been to a car show, but few actually compete and win. J.R. Frey, a junior majoring in accounting, can say he's done both.

While some of the campus was enthralled by the Alabama-Arkansas game Sept. 15, Frey was in Atlanta at the Number One Parts Incorporated Nationals car show. Frey, who competes with a 1996 Midori green Honda Civic hatchback, gave up seeing most of the game, only catching the end of the fourth quarter.

During the show, Frey competed against about 30 other Honda owners in his division and came out on top of the pack.

Frey said sometimes people at the car shows don't give as much respect to Honda competitors.

"Many people just look down on Hondas. They call them 'rice rockets.' Sometimes I get lumped into that 'cheap car' group, which never gets taken seriously," Frey said.

For most people, a car is merely a means of transportation, but for others, Frey said, it can be so much more. He said with all sorts of modifications, he can take any car and, given time, make it nearly unrecognizable. This has been a hobby of Frey's since he was about 17, he said.

"Eventually I'd like to get an old muscle car to fix up and compete with. I love all cars, which is really what got me into this. For right now, though, I'm into Hondas."

- J.R. FREY

junior majoring in accounting

Frey said it took lots of hard, time consuming and expensive work, involving all sorts of modifications, to win in his division at the NOPI Nationals car show. The secret behind his success, he said, is making the car look as Japanese as possible. The object is to make the car look as close to a domestic Japanese Honda as can be, without the car actually being from Japan.

"I try to put as many J.D.M [Japanese Domestic Market] parts on my car as possible," Frey said.

Everything from the engine to the paint helped Frey win. The green paint he chose is a rare color, he said.

"They only painted these cars Midori green from 1996 to 1998," Frey said. "Sure, lots of people have the color now, as you can have it painted that way, but very few cars actually had the color originally like mine."

During the competition, Frey was invited to display his car in the Speed, Style and Sound magazine booth. Frey said he thought this was a major contributor to his

success but certainly not the only factor.

This wasn't Frey's first time at a competition. In January, he participated in another competition with a different car. The field of competition was smaller, with only about three other Hondas competing, and Frey still managed a win.

Some of the larger car shows offer prizes for the winners, which are sometimes large cash awards. Frey said he has only won trophies so far but hopes to keep up his winning streak.

This is a hobby that Frey said he intends to continue, especially after getting a taste of victory in the two competitions he's already been in. He said he plans to attend more contests in the future and said he has hopes to rack up more wins and eventually better cars, once he can afford them.

"Eventually I'd like to get an old muscle car to fix up and compete with," Frey said. "I love all cars, which is really what got me into this. For right now, though, I'm into Hondas."

## Wireless Internet available on Quad

First step in Walker's wireless platform

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As cooler weather arrives and students spend more time outdoors, they now have the option of enjoying wireless Internet while on the Quad.

SGA President R.B. Walker, whose campaign platform included a wireless campus, said as of the summer the Quad is 100 percent wireless.

"We were 20 percent wireless on the Quad in April of 2006," Walker said. "And they were mainly signals off of academic buildings that had it."

Walker said the University's standing committee on



CW/ Emily Rowe

SGA President R.B. Walker uses wireless Internet on his laptop on the Quad. By next fall, all campus residents should have wireless access.

resources and priorities has voted to make wireless Internet a priority, and the provosts and the Office of Information Technology have been cooperative in getting the project off the ground. He also said from a symbolic

and practical standpoint, the Quad seemed like the best place to start.

Jaclyn Whitehorn, the user support services coordinator at the UA Help Desk, said the

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## Former dean to discuss UA segregation history

Clark talks about his book, 'The Schoolhouse Door'

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When E. Culpepper Clark and his seventh grade friends were chanting against integration 40 years ago, Atherine Lucy was trying to become the first black student to attend the University.

"I had no idea who she was," Clark said.

Clark, former dean of the College of Communication and Information Sciences, said he did not learn her story until 1971 when he came to work for the University.

"Here I am, maybe I'll figure out who she was," he said.

Thursday, Clark spoke at Gorgas Library about Lucy and his book "The Schoolhouse Door."

Clark is currently dean of the University of Georgia's

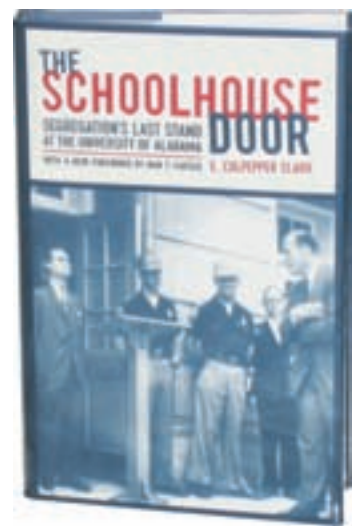
Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The book chronicles the University's role in higher education segregation up to Gov. George Wallace's Stand in the Schoolhouse Door in 1963, when he tried to deny enrollment to two black students, Vivian Malone Jones and James Hood.

In 1983, Clark met Lucy when she came back to the University. He said he found out that Lucy first applied to the University in 1952. On her application she decided not to check anything for race. She met all the qualifications and was admitted to the University until "they discovered the color of their mistake," Clark said.

He said society has to remember and to retell the stories about the struggle to overcome segregation as it continues to work toward racial equality and justice.

Several people who attended Clark's lecture said they



enjoyed his book.

"This book is absolutely extraordinary. He was courageous to write it," said Cathy Randall, former director of the Computer-Based Honors Program.

Jessica Lacher-Feldman, public and outreach services

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## Two sororities host race relations forum to discuss Jena 6 case

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The events that took place in the small town of Jena, La., have formed thousands of emotional bridges, spanning the nation and touching the heart of many communities.

Among these communities are college campuses, and as sentiments toward the issue continue to run high, students looking for a medium to make their voice heard will have that opportunity on the UA campus this week.

Delta Xi Phi multicultural

sorority, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will be co-sponsoring a forum concerning race relations Tuesday at 7 p.m. in 34 Bidgood Hall.

The forum will deal with race relations in general, including the relevance of the Jena 6 to the discussion of race relations, and race relations at the University. It will consist of a five-person panel including three professors and two students.

Kim Goins, a first-year law student and president of Delta Xi Phi, said she came up with the idea of the forum and encourages students

**If you go**

**Who:** Delta Xi Phi and Alpha Kappa Alpha  
**What:** Open forum on race relations and Jena 6  
**When:** Thursday at 7 p.m.  
**Where:** 34 Bidgood Hall

to attend.

"The only way we can deal with these issues is first by coming together and really talking about them," she said.

Goins said the forum will generate a conversation led by what questions the audience members ask the panel, with

a focus on the current state of race relations.

"This is going to be a unique opportunity for people to have an open discussion for anything they feel is pertinent to racial issues or racism in a comfortable environment," Goins said. "It's an extreme

circumstance, but is it something that could possibly occur at this university?"

Ambria Lankford, a senior majoring in microbiology and Spanish and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, helped plan the event. Lankford said the forum would begin with a brief summary of the events that took place in Jena. The forum hopes to take the events and use them as a catalyst into a broader discussion about race relations, Lankford said.

"I know everyone isn't for the Jena 6 or everyone doesn't support them, but it's

important for all of those people to come out also because we want it to be an even exchange of ideas," Lankford said.

Lankford said she doesn't want the forum to center completely around what has happened in Jena but around the open discussion and hopes those in attendance are able to express their own opinions and concerns.

Justin Zimmerman, a junior majoring in philosophy and political science, is the president of the UA chapter of the NAACP and will be one of

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## CORRECTION

In the "Health Center hires dietician" article that ran in Friday's edition of The Crimson White, Lori Greene's name was spelled incorrectly. Also, nutritional appointments with Greene will cost \$20, but the dietician-on-the-go stand in the Ferguson Center will provide free information. The Crimson White regrets the error and is happy to set the record straight.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CW looking for multimedia editor

The Crimson White is looking for applicants for a multimedia editor. The multimedia editor is responsible for developing and coordinating Web-only audio, video and photographic content, as well as manage online forums. The position is paid. Anyone interested in being a multimedia editor should contact CW Editor Mike Faulk at [faulk@cw.ua.edu](mailto:faulk@cw.ua.edu).

### Sororities sponsor forum on race relations

Delta Xi Phi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will co-sponsor a forum about race relations in 2007 and the Jena 6 case on Tuesday at 7 p.m. The event is tentatively scheduled to be held in the Ferguson Theater.

The forum will address many issues, with an emphasis on race relations, the relevance of Jena 6 to the discussion of race relations and race relations at the University.

### Contra dance to be held Saturday

The monthly contra dance for September, sponsored by the International Folk Dancers and the Tuscaloosa Contradancers, will be from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Sept. 29 at the University's Arboretum. A lesson will be given from 7 to 7:30 p.m., and the dance will follow. Music will be provided by Fiddlin' in th' Parlor with Kenny and Suzy Spencer. The caller will be Jeff Hodges.

A donation of \$7 for general admission, \$5 for students and \$12 for families is suggested. No experience is necessary, and dancers can come with or without partners. For more information visit [www.contradancers.org](http://www.contradancers.org).

### Corolla Pageant applications available

The 71st annual Miss Corolla Pageant will be held on Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Bama Theatre. Applications for contestants are available now and can be picked up on the first floor of the Office of Student Media Building located beside Reese Phifer Hall. The application fee is \$100. Both application and fee are due by 5 p.m. Oct. 5.

All student organizations and sororities are encouraged to participate. For more information, contact the Corolla office at 348-8032.

## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"All I can say is I've known people throughout my life who have been affected by [MS], and I know anything I do is for a worthy cause. This is something worth training the weekends for. Riding 150 miles is the least I can do."**

— Sarah Kate Sullivan, UA graduate, on the 150-mile Bike to the Bay cycling race.  
See "UA grads bike to fight MS," Page 5.

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# UA Jena 6 protest draws crowd

## SDS holds demonstration Friday at Gorgas Library

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Among the preparations for tailgating and game day on the Quad, a small crowd of protestors tried to stand out on the steps of Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library.

"They say Jim Crow," one voice chanted.

"We say hell no," several other voices chanted in response.

The protestors were there to draw attention to the case of the Jena 6, said Alyse Deller, chapter secretary for Students for a Democratic Society.

Deller said they wanted to educate those who did not know about the case to get more people to care about the issue.

"If they know and care, that's what gets the most people," said Deller, a senior majoring in biology.

Deller said they planned the protest on Friday because some of the SDS members went to Jena, La., on Thursday.

She said they thought they would have the most impact on Friday.

As the protestors waited for the speakers to arrive, Santoria Cutts, a senior majoring in social work, explained some of what has created the issues around the case of the Jena 6.

Cutts said there were several other fights and major incidents in Jena after three nooses were hung in a tree, but only the six black male teenagers had been arrested, she said.

"This was just a schoolyard fight, and such injustice has happened," Cutts said. "We can't just let events like this go."

Cutts was at the protest with other members of Social Work Association for Cultural Awareness, a group that organized the protest along with SDS.

Vicky Carter, SWACA president, said about 15 students made signs with the group the night before the protest.

"It's what our organization is all about," Carter said. "We focus on social justice issues, so this is right up our alley."

Bryan Fair, a law school professor, spoke during the protest. He said he thinks it is important for faculty to support students, so he was happy to speak during the protest.

"When students called, I answered the call," Fair said.

Jena serves as a microcosm for small towns across the U.S., Fair said. The majority of prosecutors are white, so he said it creates an opportunity for them to use their power to perpetuate a personal bias or stereotype.

"It is sad that in 2007 in towns across the U.S. some crazy people will tell others what their place should be," Fair said. "People like



CW/ Matt Abbey

Protestors sit on the steps of Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library at the Jena 6 rally on Friday. Bryan Fair, a professor at the UA School of Law, spoke to the students who sat on the steps in protest.

[Jena District Attorney] Reed Walters run on issues like this — how tough they are on black people."

Fair said he was glad to see some students at the protest but wished the University's president, provost and more faculty members had attended the protest.

Jennifer Pervis, a professor in the women's studies department, also spoke at the protest.

She said the conversation about social and racial inequalities needs to continue. By acknowledging and discussing the issues, Pervis said society can fix the problems.

Candice Portis, SGA deputy chief of staff, spoke during the protest. She said the issues that are important to students are what need to

stay on people's minds.

"We are going to make sure that issues like this stay in the forefront," Portis said. "This is what we stand for."

Justin Zimmerman, president of the UA chapter of the NAACP, went to Jena on Friday, and he told the protestors and the onlookers about what the demonstration in Jena was like.

The crowd was larger than the media reported, he said.

And he said the issue is the unfairness about the trials and the charges, not that the teenagers should not have been arrested. A change of attitude and a fair system is what they want, Zimmerman said.

"Jena 6 doesn't need to be the end of fighting for fair justice systems," Zimmerman said.

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coordinator for W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library,



Former Dean of the UA College of Communications and Information Sciences E. Culpepper Clark speaks at Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library Thursday. Clark is the author of 'The Schoolhouse Door: Segregation's Last Stand at the University of Alabama.'

CW/ Mike Lacy

helped organize the event. She said the book is powerful because of the topic it covers.

"It is really important not only to Alabama history but

world history as well," Lacher-Feldman said.

She said it is great that Clark spoke on campus again about his book.

"He is an incredibly important part of our history, because he helped to shape so many minds and lives," Lacher-Feldman said.

Sarah McDermott, a graduate student, said she wonders why there are so many Civil War monuments everywhere and so few to commemorate the struggles of Lucy, Jones or Hood.

"This book is a way not to let it go under the radar, they are just really important things to remember," McDermott said.

Dan Ross, the director of the University Press, said people should remember what happened in the past because it relates to the present.

"This is the life we are still living, you have to use your history. To truly understand this campus, you have to read

this book," Ross said.

Clark said he never felt intimidated while writing the book even though it focuses on a troubling time in the University's history.

By writing about what happened, Clark said it frees people to deal with the problem openly.

Clark said he would like to see improvements to Foster Auditorium, where the Stand took place.

He does plan to write more books, and he considers it a privilege to have written a story about a piece of UA history.

Clark is proud of his roots at the University and the book.

"If I could give anything back, it would be this book," Clark said.

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University is working on getting wireless Internet where it would be most useful, such as residence halls, as well as places like the Ferguson Center and libraries where it is already available.

She said there are currently four residence halls that have wireless Internet in individual rooms: Bryant Hall, Lakeside Community, Ridgecrest Community and Paty Hall. All residence halls should have access in public areas such as lobbies and study rooms, she said.

"By next fall, all residents' rooms should have it," Whitehorn said.

Emily Crawford, SGA press secretary, said moving towards a wireless campus is a huge recruiting tool for the Capstone.

"It really is a big deal," Crawford said. "It makes life so much easier. And knowing a campus is getting as close to completely wireless as possible would really sway me if I was deciding on a school."

Walker said the first step of the process involved taking a signal detector to the Quad and finding the spots that weren't getting a signal. Then, he said, a lot of research went into finding nodes that would be weather resistant and could handle a lot of traffic, especially with football season coming.

Whitehorn said students should still use the Ethernet when it's available, since

it is more secure and faster. However, students should contact the Help Desk at [helpdesk@ua.edu](mailto:helpdesk@ua.edu) or at 348-HELP if they can't get a wireless signal from somewhere they are supposed to.

"We can tell you where we're supposed to have wireless," Whitehorn said. "We can't go out and fix it though if we don't know there's a problem."

Walker said he is pleased with how smooth the process

has gone.

"It's really great for our students to be able to have access to these services," Walker said. "Just like the Internet itself, the Quad should provide time and space for the balanced student."

A list of all the locations where wireless Internet access is currently available can be found at [http://helpdesk.ua.edu/internet/wireless\\_locations.html](http://helpdesk.ua.edu/internet/wireless_locations.html).

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# Program planned to help elderly parents

HOPES will help parents of adult children with mental illnesses

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Helping Older Parents Engage Successfully is the name and the goal of a new study being conducted by researchers at the UA School of Social Work.

The study is for caregivers who are 60 years old or older with adult children who have schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder.

Parents do not have to live with their mentally ill adult child to qualify for the study.

"Being the parent of a schizophrenic person has to be tough," said Ashley Atkins, a junior majoring in secondary

**HOPES project**

- Study to help parents of adult children with schizophrenia or other disorders
- School of Social Work is conducting the study
- A grant from the National Institute on Aging is funding the study
- Participants are being recruited from a multi-county area in West Alabama

education. "I've never thought about it, but I'm sure these parents need plenty of help, especially as they get into their senior citizen years."

The study is being funded by the National Institute on Aging.

According to the institute's Web site, NIA's mission is to improve the health and well-being of older Americans through research and to

support and conduct high-quality research on aging processes, age-related diseases, special problems and needs of the aged.

HOPES Principal Research Investigator Allan Kauffman submitted a proposal to the federal agency four years ago. It was reviewed and eventually revised. The revision earned him a two-year grant.

"It is very rare for a proposal

to receive funding after the first draft," Kaufman said. "It takes a while. They give guidelines for revising and strengthening proposals."

This study is testing a 10-session home delivered problem-solving intervention aimed at reducing caregiver stress and burden.

It also aims to improve the emotional well-being and the life satisfaction of older parental caregivers of adult children.

"The intervention teaches them how to problem solve, and it provides information about mental illness and medication," Kaufman said. "It also explains how to relax and deal with stress."

The intervention protocol uses a skill building, problem solving intervention model.

Specific intervention modules target identified problems associated with the caregiver's

emotional well-being, difficulties related to the parent's management of their child's problem behaviors and the parent's concerns associated with planning for the future needs of their mentally ill adult child.

"Hopefully the intervention study will show improvements in the quality of life for these elderly people," Atkins said. "It's great that researchers are concerned with this issue and that the School of Social Work is involved."

Four doctoral level students are helping staff the research project, and two doctoral level students travel to the homes of the participants and conduct the intervention. They then assess whether the intervention is having any kind of effect.

"We will not know the results of the study until it is completed," Kaufman said.

Participants are being recruited from a multi-county area in west central Alabama with the assistance of area community mental health centers, area chapters of the National Alliance of the Mentally Ill, the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Tuscaloosa and through a publicity campaign designed to encourage self-referrals and referrals from community organizations.

"The services are free to those who meet the requirements," Kauffman said. "We are welcoming referrals and encouraging those interested to contact us."

All participants will receive a \$25 Wal-Mart gift certificate for completing each of the planned pre- and post-intervention assessments.

For more information contact Kaufman at 348-3941, or project coordinator Josh Wimberly at 348-7419.

# UA Law School to preview U.S. Supreme Court cases

Professors to discuss upcoming significant court cases

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Students will have an opportunity to hear about upcoming U.S. Supreme Court cases at the UA School of Law Supreme Court Preview on Tuesday at 11 a.m.

Some of the cases that will be discussed include the International Court of Justice and disputes involving Guantanamo detainees. The court's session begins Oct. 1.

Hattie Kaufman, senior assistant dean for advancement in the law school, said law professors would discuss cases the court has agreed to hear.

"These are very significant cases, cases that are important for the American judicial system," Kaufman said.

Kaufman said this was the first year for the law school to host the event, and she said they hope to make it an annual event open to students, faculty and administrators.

Leland Unruh, a first-year law student, said he is interested in the event because it pertains to his studies and interests.

"I am absolutely interested, especially being a law student and this being the

highest court in the land," Unruh said. "It is important to keep abreast of these issues."

Jamie Drodgy, a first-year law student, said she finds the event interesting because of its relevance in current legal society.

"We spend so much time looking at things that have already been done, so it is interesting to look at current cases," Drodgy said.

Some students said they were especially interested in specific cases such as *Medellin v. Texas*, which involves Mexican nationals who have been convicted of crimes in Texas.

President George W. Bush said the United States will comply with the International Court of Justice's decision to give the individuals reconsiderations of their convictions.

The Texas Court of Criminal

Appeals ruled that Bush has overstepped his powers.

"*Medellin v. Texas* is important because it deals with the International Court of Justice, and it deals with American sovereignty as well as questions of presidential power," Unruh said. "It is significant because the states are shaking their fists at the federal government."

Drodgy said the case will be interesting to hear in the preview because it involves the president and immigration as well as questioning the limitations of federal power.

"Bush is harped on a lot for exceeding his authority constitutionally, so it should be interesting to see how it all shakes down," Drodgy said.

Another case in the preview

includes *Boumediene v. Bush*, which will address whether the Detainee Treatment Act of 2006 blocks access to habeas petitioners at Guantanamo.

The presentation will highlight other cases with relevance to domestic current affairs involving issues such as the child pornography statute and employment discrimination.

The presentation will be held in the Bedsole Moot Courtroom and will be available on the law school's Web site, [www.law.ua.edu](http://www.law.ua.edu).

On the Web  
[www.law.ua.edu](http://www.law.ua.edu)

**If you go**

**What:** UA School of Law Supreme Court Preview

**When:** Tuesday at 11 a.m.

**Where:** Bedsole Moot Courtroom of the UA School of Law

**Cost:** Free

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the student panelists at the forum. Zimmerman was part of the group of students the NAACP took to the rally in Jena on Thursday.

"The time of apathy being cool is over, and the time for standing up for social justice is now," he said.

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Our View

## Focus on health too

We're all guilty of it — eating Taco Bell at 3 a.m. on a Saturday morning or ordering Domino's for dinner for three days in a row. Coming to college is difficult for a myriad of reasons, one of them being that you have to feed yourself.

Whether because you don't have time to eat a healthy meal or because Dining Dollars are all you have left, it seems more often than not college students choose the quicker, easier and less healthy option when it comes to dining. The Student Health Center, however, is now trying to help students make better, healthier eating decisions by hiring a full time dietitian.

The editorial board of The Crimson White applauds the SHC for this hiring and suggests that everyone make an appointment or at least go by the dietitian-on-the-go stand in the Ferguson Center.

We, as students, are in definite need of a dietitian. Some of us may not know exactly how unhealthy the food we are eating really is. Research shows that late night eating plays a big part in weight gain in college. When Mom and Dad aren't there to keep you in the house, you'll be grabbing some Jimmy John's and a Coca-Cola at midnight before you know it.

However, many researchers say freshman aren't the only ones at risk for gaining weight. According to an Associated Press story, students are less likely to gain 15 pounds their freshman year but are more likely to experience a gradual weight gain throughout their college years.

With the addition of a dietitian to the SHC staff, we hope UA students will educate themselves on how and what to eat. Visit the dietitian. You're only hurting yourself if you don't.

*Our View is the consensus of the CW editorial board.*

### Letters to the Editor

#### Show some class, south endzone

"When it was over, 89 plastic cups lay upon the grass in the southeast corner of Bryant-Denny Stadium. A few dozen crimson and white pom-poms, too. And two airplane bottles of booze — one Jim Beam, one Seagram's."

So begins Pat Forde's account of the Alabama-Georgia game on ESPN.com.

That's right: the first three paragraphs of a national news outlet's description of Saturday's game describe the "atrocious display of fan petulance" that emanated from the south endzone.

Neither Alabama's two 10-point comebacks nor Georgia's brilliant overtime play-call and execution are mentioned until the ninth paragraph of the article. One hundred thirty six words are devoted solely to the classless behavior of the students in the south endzone.

LSU in 2005, last year with Auburn, and now with Georgia — every game the students in the south endzone litter the field and the other team's players with cups, liquor bottles and shakers on national TV.

Now, in my third year at the University, I've had enough. Alabama fans are the best in college football for three reasons: passion, pride and class.

I would never question the pride or passion of Bama fans, but I haven't seen a lot of class lately. It's embarrassing for students, alumni and Bama fans everywhere to see a few students in the south endzone act like rabid European soccer fans on national TV.

To the cup-throwers, I'll repeat something everyone else heard before the game

(but maybe you were too drunk to understand).

"Show class, have pride and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself."

*Steven Scoggan  
Junior, philosophy and political science*

#### Jena 6 should not be freed

To say that I was extremely disturbed by the articles in The Crimson White on Friday would be an understatement. The "articles" written by this paper were some of the most biased I have read and appeared to be the work of people who get their news from Facebook groups instead of a credible source.

If you would take the time to look at the laws of the state of Louisiana you would know that the district attorney has followed the law perfectly in this case.

Did the school board mess up by not expelling the kids who hung the nooses from the tree? Yes, they sure did.

Is the D.A. wrong for prosecuting six thugs for attacking a defenseless student? Absolutely not. To suggest that racism played a factor nearly makes me want to throw up.

Where was this outcry when a real miscarriage of justice was being done in Durham, N.C., while the "Reverends" Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson condemned three innocent young men?

There was none. It is disappointing to see this campus and paper overreact to this situation without even beginning to have the facts straight.

So yes, let me join in saying "Go Jena 6!" Go straight to jail where you belong.

*Zane Willingham  
Sophomore, political science and history*

## Friday's 'integrity' is at stake

Last week, when Mayor Walt Maddox vetoed the nearly-approved resolution that would have shifted Tuscaloosa's bar hours all of one hour. Thursday would have been extended until Three a.m., and Friday cut off at the same time.

"We can't do it at the risk of sacrificing the integrity of Thursday night," Maddox said.

While I feel Maddox has represented this city favorably thus far, he may have gotten this one wrong. Personally, extending Thursday's partying by one hour would have been a fair compromise given that Friday would have been cut short. Three a.m. is late enough for anyone and everyone. After the mayor's veto, I encountered a number of people who shared a similar sentiment along the lines of, "Nothing good ever happens past 2 a.m."

For my money, the same can be said about midnight, or even 11 p.m. The Strip (along with downtown's Temerson Square area, to an extent) is a compromised booby-trap nearly anytime after 10 p.m. once the bars start filling up.

True, Thursday night's extension only increases the already substantial amount of alcohol consumed on a given night; but Friday night



That's What She Said

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tensions will remain just as high into the wee hours of the dark. Regarding students, who were once again ranked in the proudest poll on the planet (biggest party schools), arrests, fights, car accidents and all sorts of drama are all inevitable facts of life that sometimes just can't be prevented. This resolution may have sparked the right kind of noise in reducing risks on and around campus.

Students want to party and party hard on Thursday night even if they have classes, which they're more than likely skipping the next day. But it's on their shoulders to utilize that adult responsibility their parents kind of gave them when they let them live on their own.

While I don't qualify as a bar-fly, hopper or connoisseur, it's normal to enjoy

the occasional adventure in Tuscaloosa's ranked nightlife. It's important to support local music, and bars just happen to be where it that local magic happens (sans Swayze's, Pour and other significant venues in town). But when I'm sitting on the patio of what I thought was a pretty classy joint, and some psychopath hurls a rod-iron chair at someone in my direction, I can't help but look at the watch and think, "Maybe it's a little late to be out." The idea is reinforced when the red and blue lights flash and the sirens sing their song for the intoxicated youth of America hell-bent on stirring up trouble.

If the University wants to establish a family-friendly environment, safety must become the absolute forefront of any ideals it may have. As I drove down University Boulevard Thursday night around 10 p.m., I was reassured when I saw a Tuscaloosa Police Department car strolling on the same street, and further down, two officers on foot walking from Alabama Express in the University's direction. Their presence is welcome and appreciated.

While plenty of underage, fake card-carrying frosh kids might not share the open arms, it's extremely important that they're there keeping

things in order. Perhaps we can be proud that there hasn't been a shooting in months — though I often refer back to our nation's leaders reassuring us that our country is safer having not been significantly attacked since 9/11.

I didn't file into the City Council meetings along with the mostly greek droves of students — clad in stickers that read, "3/3" — because I'm wasn't as passionate about the issue, and I still don't think I am. But the Friday adjustment was necessary, and I'm afraid that future incidents that may or may not have been prevented will make for sufficient exhibits.

Mayor Maddox was faced with a difficult decision, and he did what he felt was right. The integrity of Thursday night may still be intact through his eyes, Friday's the real problem child. Grown folks are expected to act grown minus any restrictions that would have prohibited them from acting on their best behavior by themselves. But once that liquor takes hold, our city is introduced to a mighty different beast.

*Ben Flanagan is a senior majoring in telecommunication and film. His column runs Mondays.*



If you are interested in drawing cartoons for The Crimson White, contact Callie Corley at corley@cw.ua.edu.

CW/ Zach Summers

## SGA works to make students safe

By R.B. WALKER

Sexual assaults and armed robberies have occurred near our campus and are a direct threat to one of the largest concentrations of students in Alabama. This is where we live, learn and play as residents of this city. As SGA president, I find this kind of activity to be horrifically unacceptable, and I pledge to you all of my resources, energy and devotion to finding a solution or solutions to this problem.

From now on, the safety of our students is the top priority of your student government. The SGA has been able to have a front-row seat in this process, and I can honestly say that the commitment to your safety and the partnership among the University, the City of Tuscaloosa the University of Alabama Police Department and Tuscaloosa Police Department has never been stronger.

I have got to say, you should be especially proud of your UA Police Department. Chief Steve Tucker and his team think outside of the box and are willing to do anything that could possibly benefit the safety of our student body. The UAPD is a fully accredited law enforcement agency and has jurisdiction all over this state — just like a state trooper. In cooperation with TPD, UAPD has

started a fringe patrol in the area where 70 percent of our students live — off campus. This is the ultimate example of how these men and women truly honor the commitment they have to protecting students.

Since students must also play an active role in safeguarding their own safety and security, what is the SGA doing? The answer is everything we possibly can do. Like you, folks in the SGA are not policemen and women. And we are in the same shoes as you trying to learn how to protect ourselves and each other. Thankfully, we have a student body willing to do something to make this campus and surrounding neighborhoods safer.

The student government, with the generous assistance of the student affairs leadership council, has blanketed this fringe area with safety tips for the weekend. In another week, the SGA will distribute more information regarding student safety. And then, another week will bring something else to your front doors. This layered campaign to raise awareness of our surroundings will hopefully put students back in the driver's seat of their own personal safety.

Your student government is also taking advantage of the UAPD's new fringe patrol to launch a program called

Crimson Watch. Crimson Watch will divide the fringe patrol area into districts and each district will be represented by a district captain. These captains will be responsible for communicating with law enforcement and student residents in the area to enhance safety. Communication is key to this empowering approach to safer neighborhoods. I would encourage each of you to become active in your neighborhood's Crimson Watch.

In partnership with the Alabama Panhellenic Association and the Women's Resource Center, the SGA will be providing key chain safety whistles free of charge to provide students with additional safety tools.

In addition, students, faculty members and law enforcement officials will be taking a nighttime safety tour this week to identify areas that are not well-lit or potential areas that would be susceptible to crime. This hands-on method of crime prevention is so imperative to the nuts and bolts of student well being.

We are lobbying administrators to have safety courses, such as how to make your home secure, become part of our academic curriculum at the University. Health classes are taken for credit hours — why not safety classes? Also, we are looking to co-sponsor a

day of self-defense learning on campus.

The student government is also exploring reporting methods for non-emergencies through the SGA Web site or possibly a student-led and anonymous hotline of some sort. Sometimes, it is just easier to talk to a fellow student in these cases.

I am also assembling a commission, composed of students and representatives of law enforcement agencies, to look at all the ways we can work together to help reduce crime in student living areas.

The bottom-line is this: no one is never 100 percent safe. If I could wave a magic wand and make Tuscaloosa the safest place in America, you know I would. There isn't one program or method that is the answer to our hope for a safer Alabama. As a campus community we need to rely on each other to continue to make the University as great as it is. We rely on the police to keep us safe. The police rely on us to make good decisions and, in a college town, that can be a pretty demanding job. Let's work together on this. Being safe is something each and everyone of us should — and must — be actively involved in, now and always.

*R.B. Walker is the SGA president.*

# IN CAMPUS brief

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Beat Auburn Beat Hunger gearing up

The Beat Auburn Beat Hunger campaign is right around the corner. This year the Community Service Center has divided the student organization competition based on the Coordinating Council for Student Organizations categories, allowing organizations to compete within their own category, increasing an organization's chances of winning recognition and awards. Organizations can e-mail CSC representatives Paige Poole and Lindsay Griffith at [BeatAuburnBeatHunger@gmail.com](mailto:BeatAuburnBeatHunger@gmail.com) to set up an appointment for a brief overview of the 2007 Beat Auburn Beat Hunger Food Fight.

### Power Shift to be held Nov. 2 through 5

Power Shift, the first-ever youth global warming summit, is happening Nov. 2 through 5 at the University of Maryland at College Park. Youth leaders from across the country will hear from invited leaders and experts on global warming including invited speakers such as former Vice President Al Gore, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and Carol Browner, former head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Interested students should register at [www.powershift07.org](http://www.powershift07.org). The cost to register is \$20 prior to Oct. 1 and \$40 afterward. E-mail Julia Cherry at [julia.cherry@ua.edu](mailto:julia.cherry@ua.edu) for additional information.

### Tuscaloosa Winds to practice tonight

The Tuscaloosa Winds will rehearse tonight from 7:30 to 9:30. The band rehearses only on Monday evenings at the Moody Music Building and performs several concerts throughout the school year.

The Tuscaloosa Winds is seeking university faculty, staff and students as well as community members who play or played flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, tuba, euphonium, oboe, bassoon or percussion.

Last year more than 100 faculty, staff, and students played in the Tuscaloosa Winds. For more information, please visit <http://www.tuscaloosawinds.ua.edu>.

### Grad student open house is this Thursday

The Graduate Student Association and Graduate Student Services are holding an open house for graduate students looking to get involved on campus or who have questions or concerns.

The open house is for graduate students only. The Graduate Student Association general body meeting will be held on Thursday, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Ferguson Center in the Anderson Society Room 313.

Graduate Student Services will host an open house from 5 to 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Ferguson Center in the TV lounge.

## NEWS

### Gorgas Library closed Sunday

Gorgas Library was closed on Sunday because of a plumbing problem that started late Saturday afternoon.

UA spokesman Bill McDaniels said the library was closed so crews could fix the plumbing problem that caused a sewage backup, and so they could clean the affected areas.

"The library will be reopened once the problem has been fixed," McDaniels said.

At press time, McDaniels said he did not know if the library would be open Monday. He said they were hoping it would be but were not 100 percent certain.

— Amanda Peterson

### SEC food drive to benefit West Alabama

Alabama's soccer and volleyball teams are co-sponsoring a SEC food drive until Sept. 30 that sends all donations to the West Alabama Food Bank. The drive, which began Sept. 21, will benefit people in the nine counties served by the food bank.

Every SEC school will participate at various matches throughout the week.

Students can donate by bringing canned goods to volleyball and soccer games. There will be four collection receptacles at each game.

Soccer matches will be held Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 30 at 1 p.m. Volleyball games will be held Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. and Sept. 30 at 1:30 p.m.

The West Alabama Food Bank is a nonprofit, hunger-relief charity. The WAFB collects, stores and distributes food to agencies that feed the hungry in nine West Alabama counties: Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Marion, Pickens, Sumter and Tuscaloosa.

For more information about the food drive contact Stephanie Godfrey at 348-7952.

— Charity Scott

### NY Times admits it violated policies over MoveOn ad

WASHINGTON — After two weeks of denials, the New York Times acknowledged it should not have given a discount to MoveOn.org for a full-page advertisement assailing Gen. David H. Petraeus.

The liberal advocacy group should have paid \$142,000 for the ad calling the U.S. commander in Iraq "General Betray Us," not \$65,000, the paper's public editor wrote Sunday.

Clark Hoyt said in his column that MoveOn was not entitled to the cheaper "standby" rate for advertising that can run any time during the following week because the Times did promise the ad would run Sept. 10, the day Petraeus began his congressional testimony.

"We made a mistake," Times spokeswoman Catherine Mathis was quoted as saying.

MoveOn, saying it had no reason to believe it was paying "anything other than the normal and usual charge," said Sunday it would send the Times \$77,000 to make up the difference.

The Times also violated its own advertising policy, which bars "attacks of a personal nature," Hoyt reported. He wrote that the episode "gave fresh ammunition to a cottage industry that loves to bash The Times as a bastion of the 'liberal media.'"

On Thursday, President Bush called the ad "disgusting," saying that "most Democrats ... are more afraid of irritating (MoveOn) than they are of irritating the United States military."

# UA grads bike to fight MS

By **BRETT BRALLEY**  
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Sarah Kate Sullivan and Brittney Ingalls have a long trek ahead of them Saturday and Sunday. The recent UA graduates, now living in Washington, D.C., will ride in the 150-mile Bike to the Bay bicycle race to help in the fight against multiple sclerosis.

They will be two of hundreds of cyclists participating in the race around the western coast of the Chesapeake Bay to raise money for research for a cure for MS. The National MS Society will host the race.

MS is an autoimmune disease that attacks the brain, spinal cord and optic nerves, leaving damage that keeps nerve cells from sending signals to each other. Those affected by MS may experience vision problems, loss of balance and muscle coordination and fatigue, though these symptoms vary from person to person.

Sullivan, who graduated in May with a degree in journalism, said the race will take two days. She said they will bike 75 miles one day and 75 the next.

Sullivan said she and Ingalls wanted to be sure they could handle the long race, so they took themselves for a test ride.

"We rented bikes and rode from Georgetown to Mount Vernon," Sullivan said. "Before we went, we thought it was going to be really exhausting, but it was actually really soothing and relaxing and there was a lot of scenery."

The ride was about 20 miles there and back.

"After that we saved up money and bought our own [bikes]," Sullivan said.

Sullivan said she learned about the race from co-workers at her job working for



Sarah Kate Sullivan, left, and Brittney Ingalls, both recent UA graduates, are participating in a 150-mile bike ride put on by The National Multiple Sclerosis Society to raise money for MS.

congressman Artur Davis.

"When I was growing up in Birmingham, I had a lot of friends whose parents were afflicted by [MS]," Sullivan said. "I do understand how it can affect a family, so that is one reason I started to do this."

Ingalls, who works in D.C. for Sen. Richard Shelby, said she and Sullivan have been on bike rides each weekend as a part of training for the upcoming race. Ingalls said she is a bit nervous because of the length of the trip, but said she has confidence she and Sullivan will do well.

"We're prepared for it," she said. "Knowing what the cause is for kind of makes you push through."

Ingalls said even though no one close to her has suffered

from MS, it's something many people face.

"[MS] affects more people than you realize," Ingalls said. "And it's not just older people. Younger people are affected by it too."

Sullivan said her experiences training for the race have helped her find something she enjoys doing.

"There's a really large cycling community in Washington that I wasn't exposed to," Sullivan said. "It's something really fun and engaging and healthy."

Ingalls said she has raised about \$100 and Sullivan said she has raised about \$250. The fundraising will continue through the end of the race, she said.

Sullivan said the University has been helpful during her

fundraising. Both she and Ingalls were members of the Blackburn Institute at the University. Sullivan said the first funds she raised were donations from faculty members from the Blackburn Institute.

"All I can say is I've known people throughout my life who have been affected by [MS], and I know anything I do is for a worthy cause," she said. "This is something worth training the weekends for. Riding 150 miles is the least I can do."

To learn more about MS, visit [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org). Donations can be made to Sullivan or Ingalls by visiting the site, searching for the Delaware chapter, clicking Donate/ePledge and searching for participants.

## ■ NATIONAL NEWS

# Candidates poised to launch attack ads

By **MARK BARABAK**  
The Los Angeles Times

DES MOINES, Iowa — As summer turns to fall, the presidential race is heating up: Candidates are slinging elbows in debates, flaying each other in speeches and siccing media people on their party rivals. The question is which candidate takes the next step — airing the first negative advertisement of the 2008 campaign.

"We've seen swiping and sniping," said media analyst Evan Tracey. "The natural progression is to take that to the airwaves and put it in an ad."

But it's not that straightforward. While voters may assume negative campaigning is the natural order of things, the launching of an attack ad is one of the most difficult and important tactical decisions a campaign can make.

With the balloting in the presidential race less than four months off and the holiday season looming, the timing has become acute.

In a two-person race, a negative spot runs the risk of backfiring, damaging a candidate as much or more than the intended target. The dynamic is trickier in a crowded contest, like the presidential primaries. The cycle of attack-and-response can lead to the political equivalent of murder-suicide, killing off the candidates fighting on the airwaves while boosting those watching.

Examples abound, including the 2004 race, when Democratic Iowa front-runners Howard Dean and Richard Gephardt turned the state's airwaves into a free-fire zone and finished third and fourth, respectively, killing their White

House hopes.

The calculations are especially fraught for a handful of top-tier candidates. Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York and former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani on the Republican side already are seen as combative polarizing figures; lashing out on the airwaves might simply feed that image, to their detriment.

For his part, Democratic Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois has railed against the politics of negativity and division — something the Clinton camp points out any time he is critical of the former first lady.

So given the downside, why air a negative ad in the first place?

Because elections are about choices, and to make a choice voters need to compare and contrast. A glossy, self-promotional adver-

tisement — the type that front-running candidates typically air about themselves — may offer only part of the story.

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# 'GameDay' rolls into Tuscaloosa



CW/ Alex Gilbert and April Williams

ABOVE: Nick Saban waves to the crowd as he makes an appearance on the set of GameDay. RIGHT: A fan holds a sign referencing former coach Dennis Franchione's team motto at Alabama. BELOW LEFT: A fan makes a sign outside of the set of ESPN's "GameDay." BELOW RIGHT: A throng of fans surround the set of "GameDay."



TOP LEFT: Terry Grant runs down the sideline on a 30-yard gain as Lee Corso reacts in the background. Grant had 11 carries for 80 yards. TOP RIGHT: John Parker Wilson celebrates as he runs into the end zone for the game-tying touchdown with 1:09 left in the fourth quarter. It was Wilson's second touchdown of the game, and the second week in a row he has led a fourth quarter comeback.

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## ■ MOVIE REVIEW: 'IN THE VALLEY OF ELAH'

# Film examines emotional toll of Iraq war

New film from 'Crash' director shows subtler emotion

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"In the Valley of Elah," the new film from director and frequent collaborator Paul Haggis, is made with a much defter hand than his 2005 Academy Award-winning "Crash."

As blatant and didactic as that film was — a handful of truly great scenes notwithstanding — Haggis has proven extraordinary growth as a filmmaker, taking a few pages from Eastwood's playbook to craft a film of maximum emotional impact, one that rivals Eastwood's "Million Dollar Baby" (which Haggis, of course, wrote).

And for all you "Crash" fans, don't worry, this film has a social message too — one more timely than "racism is bad," in my opinion, but no less important.

The film tells the story of Hank Deerfield (Tommy Lee Jones), a Vietnam veteran, staunch conservative and father of two boys who went on to join the military. One was killed in a helicopter exercise before he ever saw combat. One, Mike (Jonathan Tucker), now serves in Iraq, though as the film begins, Hank receives a call from his son's commanding officer informing him that his son has gone absent with-

### 'In the Valley of Elah'

**Director:** Paul Haggis  
**Starring:** Tommy Lee Jones, Charlize Theron and Susan Sarandon

**MPAA rating:** R  
**Release date:** Sept. 21  
**Length:** 121 minutes  
**CW critic rating:**



**Bottom line:** "In the Valley of Elah" is a masterful film, with amazing acting and an important message about the emotional toll of the Iraq war.

out leave, having just returned to America.

Hank is unsure why Mike would have returned home without telling him, so he makes the drive to his son's base to do some digging around, finding a military bureaucracy unable to tell him anything (represented by Jason Patric and James Franco) and a local law enforcement even less willing to tread on the jurisdiction of the military.

But (and this would be considered a spoiler, I suppose, if every plot summary and review I've read didn't give this away) Mike turns up dead in

an extremely brutal way, and soon, a sympathetic detective (Charlize Theron) lends a hand to Hank to find out how and why his son was killed. The best guess is that the murder was drug-related; Hank, of course, refuses to believe it.

What follows is a procedural murder mystery by way of "The Deer Hunter." Hank, ever the military man, finds out some startling truths of the Iraqi conflict and its toll on the men we're sending over there.

What strikes a viewer immediately is that Haggis's script is as fair to both political parties as such a story can be. Numerous characters give numerous justifications to being in Iraq throughout the film, almost as an obligatory afterthought; this film is, in fact, not at all concerned with the politics behind the war (though it is conveniently set, for no apparent reason, during the 2004 elections).

What Haggis is concerned with is the emotional toll on our soldiers. As Theron's character points out, these men are in Iraq one day and in America the next with no time to adjust and no time to be evaluated for any emotional disorders caused by the trauma of combat.

Haggis's message is not even necessarily anti-war. It may be anti-Iraq war, though. What Haggis is most clearly saying, as he shows in the titular metaphor telling the story of David and Goliath, is that we should make sure that what we're fighting for is worth it before we send our men into



Tommy Lee Jones and Susan Sarandon star in the latest film by "Crash" director Paul Haggis. "In the Valley of Elah" is film with an important message about the emotional toll of the Iraq war.

battle and to make sure we're fighting a just war, because the emotional toll may be too much for our country to bear.

What prevents this from being a sermon is Haggis's deft, sympathetic screenplay and some unbelievable acting.

This is quite clearly Jones's best performance; as Hank, he plays a man who has been so committed to the service for so long he was more than willing to let his sons serve, until he was presented with the dehumanization of Iraq. As Hank's façade crumbles, Jones plays

off his typically stern countenance to deliver an absolutely heartbreaking performance.

Theron shows, again, why she is one of our best actresses by delivering a performance devoid of any sex appeal; her detective character is a professional doing her job, yet throughout the film we get glimpses into what makes her who she is and why she has decided to help Hank.

And Susan Sarandon has a minimal but powerful amount of screen time as Hank's wife. Sarandon packs quite a punch into her small role.

"In the Valley of Elah" ends with a literal, expected but no less powerful final shot that communicates quite clearly Haggis's themes. Some will find this heavy-handed; I imagine these will be people going into the movie expecting it to be as pandering as "Crash." It is not. "In the Valley of Elah" actually has something significant to say: that we have lost our way, and that good men like Hank are paying the ultimate sacrifice for it.

This is an important film that begs to be seen, and one of the year's best.

## PROMISES

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members of the Russian mafia, the "vory zakone," and as Anna soon learns all three have an unusual interest in the baby now in her care, all for very different reasons.

One might wonder why, considering the recent glut of mobster movies, Cronenberg has decided to do another one. The answer lies in these characters and their very clear motivations. The movie takes its time to build to a climax, dwelling on these characters so that we learn everything we need to, and so we have an idea of what secrets these characters are hiding.

This is a credit to Steven Knight's screenplay; however, both the screenplay and Cronenberg seem more interested in the story of the Russian mob and Nikolai than Anna. Watts is very good in the role, even though the

### 'Eastern Promises'

**Director:** David Cronenberg  
**Starring:** Viggo Mortensen, Naomi Watts, Vincent Cassel and Armin Mueller-Stahl

**MPAA rating:** R  
**Release date:** Sept. 21  
**Length:** 100 minutes  
**CW critic rating:**



**Bottom line:** "Eastern Promises" is a deeply disturbing psychological thriller from master director David Cronenberg.

character seems a bit abandoned by the film in the second half — that is, until the ending ties things together.

But the portions about the Russian mob are where the film really shines. Mortensen is superb, at least equaling his performance in "A History of Violence" here as the layered, enigmatic Nikolai. Cassel communicates the most important aspects of his character through body language and subtext in a fantastic performance. And Mueller-Stahl is simultaneously warm and frightening. With Watts' great performance, this is one of the most consistent ensembles of the year.

Knight's screenplay throws in a twist near the end of the movie that is both frustrating and the clear reason why Cronenberg is making this movie. I still have mixed feelings about it, even though it's not a twist in the typical sense of the word, merely a character revelation that I wasn't quite sure I bought. It doesn't derail the movie, but it works to serve the themes rather than the story, and I'm not the

biggest fan of it.

Cronenberg very cleverly puts his spin on the mobster genre by overtly playing up the homoerotic undertones. The bathhouse scene I mentioned, by the way, is a fight in which Nikolai is ambushed in

a sauna by two men and must fight them off completely in the nude. It's brutal, it's disturbing, it's horribly violent and erotic at the same time, which makes the whole thing ridiculously uncomfortable — which is, of course, exactly

what Cronenberg is aiming for.

And that's perhaps the perfect way to describe the movie as a whole. You will shift in your seat the whole time, but you won't be able to look away. God, I love David Cronenberg.



Viggo Mortensen stars in "Eastern Promises," the new film from director David Cronenberg. The film opened at the Cobb Hollywood 16 on Friday, and co-stars Naomi Watts, Vincent Cassel and Armin Mueller-Stahl.

## Homecoming Week 2007

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### Banner Competition

Pick Up Materials at Ferguson Center SGA Office 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Bowling Tournament 9:30 p.m.  
Location: Bama Bowl

### Tuesday, October 2

Homecoming Queen Elections 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Location: Ferguson Center, Student Recreation Center

Basketball Tournament 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Student Recreation Center

Special Show: Urban Comedy Show 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Ferg Plaza

### Wednesday, October 3

Homecoming Queen Run-off (If Necessary) 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Dodgeball  
Location: Student Recreation Center 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday, October 4

Banner Competition Judging 5:00 p.m.

Choreography Contest 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Coleman Coliseum

Battle of the Bands 9:00-12:00 a.m.  
Location: Coleman Coliseum

### Friday, October 5

Lawn Decorations and Paint the Town Red Judging 12:00 p.m.

NPHC Step Show 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Rec Center

Pep Rally/Bonfire 7:00 p.m.  
Location: Quad

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## ■ INTERVIEW: SETH AVETT

# Avett Brothers to play at Jupiter Thursday

Band recently appeared on 'Late Night with Conan O'Brien'

By JOSH MALLORY  
Contributing Writer

The Avett Brothers, the South Carolina-based band that has been blending a rock attitude and sound with traditional bluegrass instruments like the banjo for six years now, are often asked what they call their music.

"We still haven't come up with an adequate answer," said guitarist Seth Avett, adding that genres only exist for record stores to know where to put the albums.

Like many bands, their style is influenced by several kinds of music and artists.

"We don't have a word for it," he said as the band traveled to a show in Richmond, Va. "We leave that to you writers."

Writers have given them such insufficient labels ranging from "thrash-grass" or "punk-grass" to "post-Civil War modern rock." Perhaps the best label for The Avett Brothers, also consisting of

**If you go**

**What:** The Avett Brothers

**When:** Thursday at 9 p.m.

**Where:** Jupiter Bar & Grill

**Cost:** \$15

banjoist Scott Avett and bassist Bob Crawford, is simply hard working.

The band, which returns to Tuscaloosa Thursday night to perform at Jupiter Bar & Grill, is almost constantly on the road or recording. Their well-reviewed new album, "Emotionalism," shows the band reaping the rewards of their work.

They are currently nominated in three categories at the Americana Honors and Awards in November, including album of the year against such heavyweights as Patty Griffin, Lucinda Williams and Bob Dylan. They tie with Griffin and Williams for the most nominations this year.

"We're clearly in great

company," Avett said of the nomination.

Only a few years ago, The Avett Brothers played in Nashville, Tenn., for small crowds, and now they have an opportunity to play an awards show, he said.

The Avett Brothers recently played their song "Paranoia in B Flat Major" on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," an experience Avett described as both fun and surreal.

Awards and national television exposure are not the only successes "Emotionalism" is bringing the band. Larger crowds are coming to their shows. According to Avett, audiences have been steadily increasing for years, but their most noticeable increases have been since the new album.

Thursday night will be The Avett Brothers' third show in Tuscaloosa, a market Avett mentioned as an easy place to draw crowds. That is probably the result of playing in the state of Alabama, specifically Birmingham and Huntsville, several times before.

Their frequent touring does not mean they get to be tourists. Avett said he thought the band gets to sight-see only about five percent of the



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Guitarist Seth Avett, above, is one-third of the genre-defying The Avett Brothers, who will be playing at the Jupiter Bar & Grill Thursday at 9 p.m.

time. In that rare instance when they have time to explore, they like to check out a museum or a great restaurant. Unfortunately, they usually have to leave immediately to make it to the next show

on time.

Avett said the band does not want the reputation of "No-Show Jones," a nickname given to George Jones when he frequently missed concerts.

"We want his abilities," Avett

said, "just not his liabilities."

Avett said he attributes the band's work ethic to their parents and simply growing up.

"In your twenties, you make big decisions about what kind of man you will be," he said.

## ■ MOVIE REVIEW: 'EASTERN PROMISES'

# Cronenberg returns with thrilling, brutal crime film

Director revisits similar territory in intellectual thriller

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There isn't really as much blood spilled in "Eastern Promises" as in director David Cronenberg's previous film, 2005's excellent hit "A History of Violence," but the scenes of violence in this movie stick with you just as much, if not more.

One of them happens as the movie begins, and may cause more than a few squeamish viewers to give up on the movie. The other, a fight in a bathhouse, is the most thrillingly staged, brutal fight scene in a long time and will be long known as a hallmark of the genre, the sort of fight scene that people look back upon in 20 years as being one of the greatest fight scenes of the decade.

I bring this up not to say that these scenes of violence are all the film has going for it, but they do rather overshadow the other great things this movie has to offer. Honestly, that's kind of been a hallmark of Cronenberg's stuff. Most people remember his film "Videodrome" as "the movie in which James Woods puts a videotape into the giant vagina that has grown on his chest," not as the commentary on the increasing isolation brought on by technology that it is. And yes, Woods does grow a giant vagina on his chest, but there was a point to it.

And anyone who has seen "Dead Ringers," "The Fly," 1996's "Crash" or "A History of Violence" knows that each of these films have shocking scenes of sex and violence that more or less permanently scar the psyches of its viewers, along with some comments on identity, the distinction between machine and flesh and the relegation of man to a primal, naturally deviant being. Yes, Cronenberg messes with us, but it has a point, damn it.

I guess this is all an unnecessarily long way of saying that "Eastern Promises" is an

obvious addition to Cronenberg's oeuvre, with its themes of identity, the destruction and reconstruction of the body and deviance. It actually feels like a very natural book-end to "A History of Violence," exploring similar themes that

(at the risk of being an obnoxious spoiler of movies ... again) I will not talk too much about.

The story begins as a teenage Russian prostitute is delivered to a hospital, gives birth and dies. The midwife, Anna (Naomi Watts), finds a diary

on the girl, incomprehensibly written in Russian. She finds a business card within, which leads her to a Russian restaurant run by a seemingly kind but ominous grandfatherly-type named Semyon (the excellent Armin Mueller-Stahl).

Semyon offers his services to translate the diary in a way that suggests he is not asking. Anna agrees and soon finds herself dealing with Semyon's son Kirill (Vincent Cassel) and his driver Nikolai (Viggo Mortensen), a mysterious

sort of man who speaks little but puts cigarettes out on his tongue, as to communicate that you really don't want to mess him.

These three men are all

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**SOCCER**

# Corken, Bernier lead Tide to wins

BY CHRISTOPHER MCKAY  
Sports Reporter

The Alabama Crimson Tide soccer team wrapped up its non-conference schedule during the weekend with wins over Southern Miss and Mississippi Valley State.

Outside midfielder Kailey Corken scored three goals and had two assists, while freshman goalkeeper Justine Bernier recorded two more shutouts to help bring the Tide's record to 7-2.

Friday night the Tide rolled over the Golden Eagles 3-0. Freshman midfielder Kelly King crossed up Southern Miss goalkeeper Anna Fisher with a pass to Corken, whose shot rolled just inside the post to give the Tide a 1-0 lead.

"I screamed like crazy when Kelly got the ball, and I just tried to keep my composure and slide it back post," Corken said.

In the second half, captain Jordan O'Banion finished a Corken cross with a flying header to extend the Tide lead to 2-0. Minutes later, forward Alex Butera set up freshman Carly Mygrants for an easy goal in front of the Golden Eagles net, which sealed the victory for the Tide and gave Mygrants her team-leading fifth goal of the season. For Butera, it was her fourth assist in two games.

Friday night was the second time the Tide implemented its new 4-4-2 formation after



LEFT: Sydney Barker dribbles the ball up the field during Alabama's 5-0 win over the Mississippi Valley State Delta Devilletes Sunday afternoon at the Alabama Soccer Complex. Alabama scored eight goals during the weekend. RIGHT: Jordan O'Banion stays with an attacker Sunday. Alabama did not allow a goal in the two games during the weekend, improving to 7-2 on the season.



CW/ Alex Gilbert

beginning the year primarily in a 4-3-3.

"[Friday], the way they played we were able to play with one of our center midfielders free so that gave us a lot more support on the ball," captain Hayley MacDonald said.

On Sunday the Tide defeated the Mississippi Valley State Delta Devilletes 5-0. Freshman forward Victoria Frederick

intercepted a pass between two Devillette defenders in the box and opened the scoring with an unassisted goal in the fourth minute of the match.

Later in the first half, Corken crossed up the Devillette's keeper Maria Del Guercio with a pass to forward Rosaly Petriello. Petriello took one dribble before blasting a shot past Del Guercio.

After the half, another fresh-

man forward, Brooke Rogers, toe-poked a Susie Beard pass under Del Guercio to give the Tide a 3-0 lead. Later Corken continued the thumping of Del Guercio, delivering two more goals after assists from Frederick and midfielder Ashley Scheidt. Corken came off the bench for the Tide and played her 28 minutes of playing time into five individual points.

"Luckily when I go in, I get to go in with some of my favorite people in the world, and we just have really good chemistry on the field," Corken said.

Alabama head coach Don Staley said he was pleased with the leadership of his captains, O'Banion and MacDonald, and the development of his freshmen.

"Today wrapped up a good non-conference season for

us," Staley said. "We have a lot of confidence heading into Southeastern Conference play this weekend. We really had a great week of soccer with three wins this week. As we start SEC play we know as a team we have to step it up a notch."

Alabama will kickoff SEC play on Friday against undefeated Kentucky before hosting Vanderbilt on Sunday afternoon.

**VOLLEYBALL**

# Crimson Tide remains undefeated in SEC play

BY WILL BARRY  
Sports Reporter

The Crimson Tide opened SEC play at home on Sunday with a three game sweep of the Arkansas Razorbacks.

"I think it's so important that our team understands how hard they have to fight on every point that we play," head coach Judy Green said. "That's been probably the most resurgent thing that we've seen."

The Tide started off strong taking the first game 30-23 with a winning kill by team co-captain Crystal Hudson.

It was a team effort, however as Bridget Fuentez, Lindsay Buteyn and Brooks Webster all had three kills. Fuentez and Brigitte Slack had two digs.

In game two, the Tide was led by freshmen Mary Catherine Aune, who had three service aces, and Slack, who had 15 assists.

The Razorbacks were hampered by three service errors in game two which helped an Alabama team that was in control almost the entire game.

The Tide was able to get a win in game two with a kill by sophomore Brooks Webster that gave Alabama the 30-25 victory.

Alabama went into game three looking to complete their third sweep in its last four tries, and they did exactly that.

Alabama won game three 30-23 as they continued to out-perform the Razorbacks in every aspect of the game.

For the afternoon, the Tide was led by Crystal Hudson, who had 16 kills; Brigitte Slack, who had 41 assists; and Amy Pauly who had 20 digs.

The win at home was important for the Tide, which had some making up to do after going 0-3 at its home tournament.

"We appreciate our fans, but it's more for us," Green said.

"We had some making up to do to for ourselves, and I think they showed that today. They put on a pretty powerful offensive performance today."

A win against the Razorbacks has not come regularly for Alabama, as they

went into the match Sunday trailing Arkansas 3-25 in the series.

The Tide has a 7-6 overall record and is undefeated in SEC play at 4-0.

"I feel like that's a good start for us, especially starting off 3-0 on the road and then winning at home in three [games]," senior Crystal Hudson said.

"I think that's going to carry us into next week and for the rest of the year, because we have high expectations for ourselves, but we know that we have to work hard and play hard on the road and at home."

The Tide's will play the South Carolina Gamecocks in Tuscaloosa Friday at 7 p.m.

## Ring ceremony



CW/ Matt Abbey

Alabama gymnasts Morgan Dennis and Terin Humphrey received their individual national championship rings at halftime of Saturday's game against Georgia. Dennis, a freshman in 2006, won a national championship in the floor exercise as she awed fans and judges with her routines. Humphrey, a junior last season, won her second uneven bars national championship. She also increased the difficulty of her routines. Head coach Sarah Patterson shows off the rings with the gymnasts after the ceremony.

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- Staircase type
- Grace ending
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- Novelist LeGuin
- Raucous party
- Cry like a baby
- Flabbergast
- Major ISP
- Notes of scales
- Take a fall
- Lively pace
- Fast crowd
- Crown colony until 1997
- Point: pref.
- Sweet, sticky liquids
- Scent
- Day of songs
- William Tell's canton
- Like me
- Abel's nephew
- Winter vehicle
- R-V connection
- Petula Clark's big hit
- Can opener
- Spanish snack
- Eugene O'Neill's daughter
- Flow out
- Your, of yore
- Inert medication
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- Helter-skelter
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By John Underwood New York, NY 9/24/07

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## INbrief

from staff reports ...

**CBS to televise FSU game at 4 p.m.**

The SEC announced Sunday that CBS Sports will televise the Alabama-Florida State game to a national audience beginning at 4 p.m. from Jacksonville Municipal Stadium.

Alabama (3-1, 2-1 SEC) and Florida State (2-1, 0-1 ACC) are meeting for just the fourth time in history this weekend, and the game will be the first meeting between these two Southern football powers in 33 years.

The teams last played on Oct. 12, 1974 when No. 3-ranked Alabama, playing without its starting quarterback Richard Todd, survived a scare from Florida State 8-7 at Denny Stadium in Tuscaloosa.

Bucky Berrey's 36-yard field goal with 33 seconds left in the game provided the winning margin.

The Florida State game will mark Alabama's first neutral site regular season game since beating Ohio State 16-10 on Aug. 25, 1986 at the Kickoff Classic in the Meadowlands.

Other SEC games to be televised on Saturday, Sept. 29 include LSU at Tulane (espn2), Mississippi State at South Carolina (Lincoln Financial Sports) and Auburn at Florida (ESPN).

**Tide men's golf team finishes fourth**

The Alabama golf team shot 2-over par in Sunday's final round to move up three spots and finish fourth at the 2007 Ping/Golfweek Preview.

The two-day tournament was held Saturday and Sunday at Purdue's Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex-Kampen Course. Alabama shot 301-290-290/881 on the par 72 course to finish 17-over par in its third tournament of the season and third in three weeks.

Three Crimson Tide golfers finished among the top 20 individuals, led by Gator Todd. The senior shot 1-over par in the final round to finish 2-over for the tournament and Todd tied for ninth with round scores of 73-72-73/218.

He birdied three holes in his final round. Junior Matt Hughes finished a shot back and tied for 11th at 3-over par for the weekend. Hughes shot 76-70-73/219.

Senior Mark Harrell birdied six holes in his final round Sunday to post a 3-under par 69 for his last day. Harrell finished tied for 19th, shooting 78-74-69/221.

Matthew Swan finished tied for 37th at 9-over par, shooting 74-76-75/225, and Joseph Sykora finished tied for 59th at 15-over par. He shot 81-74-76/231.

Charlotte's Stefan Wiedergruen shot 4-under in the final round to take the individual win (70-71-68/209) and lead Charlotte to the team championship in a tournament where 13 of the 15 teams were ranked.

After playing three tournaments since its opener in Japan September 4-6, Alabama now gets a short break in its schedule.

The Tide returns to the course against yet another strong field when it hosts the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate at Birmingham's Old Overton Club on October 8-9.

## FOOTBALL ■ GEORGIA 26, ALABAMA 23

# Georgia knocks out Tide in OT

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When Georgia and Alabama squared off Saturday, it was more like a heavyweight title bout.

Georgia landed tons of punches on Alabama for most of the fight, but the Crimson Tide fought back just when their backs were against the ropes.

In the deciding round, Alabama got a solid shot on the Bulldogs, but Georgia delivered a vicious uppercut that sent the Tide reeling to the mat and gave Georgia a 26-23 overtime win.

Trailing 20-13 late in the fourth quarter, John Parker Wilson led the Tide on an 88-yard drive to tie the game. Wilson scampered into the end zone from six yards out for the tying score.

Usually reliable Georgia kicker Brandon Coudu missed a 47-yard field goal as time expired in regulation to force overtime.

The Tide's offense was unable to move the ball in the overtime session, resulting in a 42-yard field goal by Leigh Tiffin. However, Georgia put any ideas of jubilation for Tide fans to rest when Matthew Stafford connected with Mikey Henderson on the first play of their possession for the dramatic win.

"I think there are a lot of lessons to be learned about



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Georgia receiver Mikey Henderson hauls in the 25-yard game-winning touchdown pass in overtime from Matthew Stafford. Lionel Mitchell was in one-on-one coverage, and Henderson had a step on him for the big catch. It was the third consecutive time that Georgia has beaten Alabama.

how we played in the first half of the game," Alabama head coach Nick Saban said.

"I was concerned about the intensity, focus and concentration we had this week in practice, and I think it

showed in the first half performance of the game. I think that was the worst we played all year long."

Alabama's offense struggled to consistently move the ball down the field the

entire game, amassing just 349 yards.

The Tide only had 145 yards of offense in the first half, but Georgia had the ball nearly 20 minutes to Alabama's 10.

"We just weren't executing," quarterback John Parker Wilson said.

Wilson completed 17-of-35 passes for 185 yards.

Georgia scored on its first possession of the game as the Bulldogs converted three third down opportunities on screen passes. Stafford connected with Sean Bailey on a screen pass for 20 yards and a first down.

Three plays later, Stafford threw a screen to Knowshon Moreno, who rumbled 14 yards for a first down. Another three plays later, Stafford flipped a screen to Thomas Brown for a 10-yard touchdown.

Brandon Coudu connected on a 45-yard field goal in the second quarter to give Georgia a 10-0 lead.

With 44 seconds left in the half, Wilson and the Tide marched down the field to put a dent in the scoreboard before the half. Alabama went 46 yards to setup a 40-yard field goal by Tiffin to make it a one-score deficit at intermission.

The second half started inauspiciously for the Tide as Jonathan Lowe fumbled the kickoff, but the defense held, and the offense got a spark.

Terry Grant had two big

carries down to the 1-yard line where Wilson tied the game with a sneak. However, Georgia answered right back to take a 17-10 lead with a nine-play, 73-yard drive that was capped by a 6-yard run by Moreno.

After a Coudu field goal to make it 20-10, Alabama mounted a drive at the midway point of the fourth quarter. Wilson found DJ Hall for a 21-yard gain near into the red zone. The play was initially ruled incomplete, but it was reversed after a video review.

Alabama couldn't put it in the end zone, however as Tiffin booted a 22-yard field goal to make it 20-13.

After a punt pinned Alabama at the 12-yard line, Wilson marched the Tide 88 yards to tie the game. The big play came when Wilson hit Keith Brown for a 43-yard gain into Georgia territory.

After a couple of big runs by Glen Coffee and Roy Upchurch, Wilson found the end zone on a scramble from six yards out.

The ending, however, was not as sweet as last week for the Tide.

"It hurts, but you've got to move on," Tide defensive back Simeon Castille said. "It's like last week with Arkansas. I mean, it was great, but you've still got to move on because you play a good team next week. That's what we're going to have to do this week."

## FOOTBALL ■ GEORGIA 26, ALABAMA 23

# Alabama offense struggles to stay on field

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Alabama overcame it last week. Those who watched closely knew it would return. A team can rally on fourth-quarter comebacks only so many times to offset it.

Saturday's loss to Georgia boils down to three words: time of possession.

"We weren't able to keep key drives going," head coach Nick Saban said. "We had too many circumstances where we didn't keep the ball for seven, eight or nine plays and change field position like they did."

"That affects how many points we can score. That was disappointing."

The Crimson Tide had the ball for just more than three minutes in the first quarter. The offense managed 32 yards on seven plays and only one first down. On the strength of the defense, the Tide escaped with only a seven point deficit.

"We put ourselves in a hole, and we couldn't overcome it," Saban said.

In the second quarter, a more equal division of playing time resulted in an even split in points. Georgia held the ball for eight minutes to Alabama's seven, and each scored three points.

Alabama lost the possession battle in the third quarter but matched Georgia on points thanks to Rashad Johnson's interception.

The Tide won only the fourth quarter in terms of time of possession. Matching the pattern perfectly, Alabama won the scoring battle as well, 10-3.

Eight of Alabama's first downs — roughly half — came in that final quarter. A lingering problem, the offense's inability to sustain drives sets



CW/Matt Abbey

Alabama defensive end Wallace Gilberry chases Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford during the second half of Saturday's game. Gilberry did not record a sack of Stafford, but he kept Stafford on the run several times in the game.

up opponents with favorable field position against a tiring defense.

The defense allowed Georgia to convert nearly 50 percent of its third downs. It was on the field for almost nine minutes longer than Georgia's.

"That kills a defense, especially some of the big guys like myself," Lorenzo Washington said. "Staying on the field ... killed us."

Even if the offense doesn't score, stringing together a few first downs before punting gives the defense some much needed rest.

"I think the biggest difference in the game in terms of time of possession and their ability to keep the ball was they were 9-of-19 on third down conversions ... We were only 3-of-13," Saban said.

A week after setting multi-

ple personal passing records, John Parker Wilson completed a season-low 49 percent of his passes.

A pinpoint aerial game that helped Alabama mount first downs and points against Arkansas went noticeably missing.

"We didn't execute in the passing game like we need to," Saban said. "Sometimes it was a little bit of protection, sometimes we missed a few throws, sometimes we didn't throw it to the right guy and sometimes they did a good job of covering us."

"But we had opportunities, and we need to cash in on more of those opportunities and have more consistency in the passing game."

Center Antoine Caldwell thought the protection was good overall.

"Their defense was good. But I feel like we did a good job up front. [Wilson] had a lot of time to throw the football," he said.

Wilson said he agreed. "The two-minute offense looked great," Wilson said. "We just have to stay out of situations like this. I think we had a couple passes we could have hit. But that's the way it's going to be every game."

Alabama's inability to piece together medium gains to produce first downs reared its head in overtime.

Not only did they fail to move the chains, but the ball didn't budge through three plays. A Leigh Tiffin field goal shifted the burden to the defense like so many times before.

After eating up as many seconds as possible in regulation, Georgia only needed a few to seal the game.

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