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Students petition against morning-after pill

By JOAN GARRETT
Senior Staff Reporter

Some UA students have rallied in opposition to the Russell Student Health Center officials' decision to carry the morning-after pill in their pharmacy as well as the SGA resolution that encouraged the move.

Joshua Taylor, a sophomore chemistry major, has been at the forefront of the opposition. He said he hopes to increase support against RSHC morning-after pill prescription by dispersing a petition among the campus ministries to reverse the decision.

He and others opposed to the

RSHC's decision handed out information Monday and Tuesday and sought petition signatures at the Ferguson Center.

Taylor said he was moved to oppose the policy change after he read the SGA Senate had already passed SGA Resolution 11-03. He said the purpose of the petition is for Christians at the Capstone to come together and inform the administration that they oppose morning-after pills.

"The morning-after pill is an abortion. They say it doesn't cause an abortion, but that depends on where you view life as starting," Taylor said.

A lack of education about SGA

Resolution 11-03 has motivated opposition to its availability on campus, Taylor said.

He said he wants students not only to know how it functions but also to examine their beliefs about life.

"[SGA Executive Vice President] Joshua Silberberg said the resolution passed because of education about the pill, but I don't know anyone who was educated," Taylor said. "So how could we make a comment on the resolution?"

Silberberg told *The Crimson White* for an Oct. 3 story that he believed the University avoided controversy and quickly changed its policy not to carry the drug because "everyone

involved was armed with the facts."

Taylor said he met with interim RSHC director John Maxwell on Monday to discuss the administration's decision for the center to carry the pill. Though Maxwell said he did not want widespread use of the pill, Taylor said, Maxwell maintained he felt it was necessary to provide the substance to students on campus and did not plan to reverse the decision.

RSHC officials could not be reached for comment on the meeting this week.

Taylor said it is unclear what step morning-after pill opponents will take against the policy next, but he

said they hope to keep the pill from being used and promoted at the University.

"I do not believe the University of Alabama as an educational institution should be distributing the morning after pill," Taylor said. "A public-funded institution does not have the ability to decide where life begins."

Senior biology major Justin Bagley, who signed the petition, said he voiced his disagreement with the use of the morning-after pill because he wanted his conscience to be clear.

"Whether or not the petition will have any effect in changing the administration's mind doesn't matter as much as it does that I voice my

KENTUCK CHARMS ARTS



Organizers of the Kentucky Festival hope to attract more than 30,000 people to Northport this weekend.

By LAURA BALL
Assistant Entertainment Editor

The 2003 Kentucky Festival will bring to Northport more than 300 artists, craftsmen, musicians, actors and writers Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival, in its 32nd year, offers a wide variety of

arts for the average of 30,000 visitors who come each year for this two-day festival. Anne Huffaker, assistant director of Kentucky, said she expects the turnout for this year's festival to be larger than last year because of the weather.

"Last year it rained," Huffaker said. "This year it's

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Courtesy of Kentucky Museum

Expansions create family-friendly Strip atmosphere

By CASSANDRA MICKENS
Senior Staff Reporter

Like Alabama football, the Strip has become a staple at the University. It's a place where students can relax, let loose and drink to their hearts' content.

Earlier this year, the campus and Tuscaloosa community witnessed the beginning of the Strip's transformation into a more family-friendly environment. Now, some say the Strip has dual personalities: wholesome during day and buckwild at night.

With the construction of the University Town Center, more families visit the Strip every day. Some eat

dinner at Qdoba Mexican Grill, Guthrie's or Firehouse Subs, leaving room for dessert at Cold Stone Creamery. Many continue to Movie Gallery to rent a couple new film releases. Some even drop into Bad Ass Coffee Co. to dose up with some caffeine.

But late at night, particularly on weekends, the Strip becomes less conducive to family outings.

Late one Saturday night, the Strip seemed to be where it was at. The bass blasted out of passing cars and trucks. Lil' John and the Eastside Boys' smash single "Get Low" was the song of choice.

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Student's vehicle burgled twice within 48 hours

By WILL NEVIN
Staff Reporter

While the rest of the campus was living it up with Homecoming activities and celebrating the Crimson Tide victory, John Loomis, a freshman from Atlanta, said he had one of the worst weekends imaginable.

Loomis' Jeep Wrangler was burglarized not once but twice, with more than \$2,000 worth of property stolen from his vehicle.

Loomis, a business management major, said Friday started out like just another ordinary day.

"Pretty normal day. Class, frat stuff," the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity pledge said.

Later that night, his normal day turned sour. When he walked out to

his car about 9:45 p.m., he discovered his Titleist golf clubs were missing: a set of irons, driver, putter and two woods had mysteriously vanished from his 1995 Jeep Wrangler.

Opening an unlocked door, the thief or thieves took the time to take the \$5 cooler also inside the Jeep Wrangler. All in all, the sticky-fingers made off with nearly \$1,700 in merchandise on the first pass.

"Golf is pretty much my life," Loomis said. "I had a pretty expensive set of clubs in there. They were my favorite."

Baffled at how someone could walk away with an entire set of clubs, he called his brother to find out what to do. His brother advised him to call the police.

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UA business school inducts five alumni as hall of fame members

By CAITLIN TUDZIN
Staff Reporter

The Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration inducted five of the state's top business and civic leaders into the Alabama Business Hall of Fame Thursday night.

The ceremony, held at the Bryant Conference Center, included a black-tie dinner and was followed by an address from keynote speaker Lewis B. Campbell, chairman, president and CEO of Textron.

Textron is a \$12 billion multi-industry company known worldwide for its brands, including Bell Helicopter, Cessna Aircraft, Kautex,

Lycoming, E-Z-Go and Greenlee.

Campbell addressed the group of more than 500 about the obligations business leaders have to deal with in unforeseen circumstances.

"Regardless of our position, there is one thing that always occurs whether we like it or not, and that's change," Campbell said.

He said the only things leaders can do in the business world to deal with change are to accept and embrace it. He said the Hall of Fame honorees knew about change and were experts in dealing with it.

Campbell asserted that each inductee exemplified confidence, execution and commitment and had the list of accomplishments to prove it.

"The Culverhouse graduates have to be so proud to read these people's biographies and think, 'Maybe I can do that,'" he said.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Hall of Fame, which is sponsored by the C&BA board of visitors.

Among the honorees was Frank H. Bromberg, president of the jewelry company Bromberg and Co. Bromberg, who graduated from the UA business school in 1954, opened many new stores and expanded the Bromberg family business.

Garry Neil Drummond Sr. is chairman and CEO of Drummond Co., one of the nation's leading coal production companies. Its annual

revenues of more than \$800 million have placed it on the Forbes 500 list of the largest private companies.

Drummond graduated from the University in 1961 with a civil engineering degree. He has helped his company succeed through extended negotiations with the Japanese steel industry.

Leroy McAbee founded McAbee and Co. in 1963. His small mechanical contractor and engineering company was incorporated in 1972 to become McAbee Construction, one of the Southeast's largest heavy industrial contractors.

McAbee earned a mechanical engineering degree from the University in 1962. His



the World IN Brief

CAMPUS

ACES student chapter to hold first meeting

The American Copy Editors Society student chapter will hold its first meeting on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Reese Phifer Hall Room 343. Holly Goff, internship coordinator for Southern Progress Co., will speak about resumé writing and portfolio construction for internships. Anyone who is interested may attend.

The American Copy Editors Society is a professional journalism organization for copy editors. The UA chapter is the first ACES student chapter in the nation.

For more information, e-mail alydahardy@yahoo.com or WindhamAK@aol.com.

Salt Mine student organization to co-sponsor Halloween trail

The Salt Mine student organization will co-sponsor "The Trail," a 45-minute Halloween horror trail, Oct. 28-31 at Camp Tuscola in Tuscaloosa. Gates will open at 7 p.m. nightly and close at 11 p.m. on weeknights, midnight on Halloween. Cost is \$8 per person. The Trail is not recommended for children younger than 12 or for anyone with heart problems. For information call 792-7012.

Public intoxication, theft dominate crime report

The University of Alabama Police Department arrested a suspect Thursday night on charges of public intoxication and giving false identification to an officer at the Riverside Amphitheater. A Quick Cam Pro 4000 was reported stolen from the McCorvey Drive area.

A suspect was arrested Friday on charges of public intoxication at the Theta Chi fraternity house. Also, a black denim purse with a checkbook, debit card, \$100 in cash and Nokia cell phone was reported stolen from the Ferguson Center food court.

Two cases of public intoxication were reported Saturday in the areas surrounding Gorgas Hall and Rose Administration Building, and a DUI arrest was also made. Two tents, totaling \$900 in value, were stolen from Nott Hall.

Also, a color television worth \$70 was reported stolen from the Ferguson lot behind Woods Hall, and an incident of harassing communication was reported. A blue wallet with a check card and two credit cards was stolen from the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house.

An overhead projector in Bidgood Hall was reportedly damaged Monday, and a car parked in the Julia Tutwiler Hall lot reportedly suffered \$750 in damages. A blue Trek bicycle, worth \$1,000, was stolen from the Biology Building bike rack.

A Bama Dining golf cart valued at \$1,400 was recovered Saturday at Rose Administration Building.

A \$320 Sony Ericsson cell phone was reported lost Sunday at the Ferguson Center, and a black leather Fossil wallet containing both a credit card and a debit card was reported lost at either 13th Street or Eighth Street.

A Verizon cell phone was reported lost Monday at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity house.

Will Nevin

CAMPUS

Shooting suspect still in jail, no information on investigation

Robert Jamaine Grice, the suspect in the shooting at an on-campus fraternity house early Wednesday, is being held at the Tuscaloosa County Jail on charges of attempted murder and shooting into an occupied building, a jail spokeswoman said.

Grice, who was arrested in Jefferson County after his mother turned him in Wednesday afternoon, is being held as a suspect in a shooting at the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity house on New Row. One fraternity member was injured in the altercation. The victim was treated and released from DCH Regional Medical Center on Wednesday.

Supervisor Lavon Jones from the Tuscaloosa County Jail said 22-year old Grice was booked Wednesday night and was being held on \$150,000 bond.

Megan Nichols

WEB POLL RESULTS

After the Phi Beta Sigma shooting, do you feel safe on campus?

- 63.2% Yes
- 36.8% No

Total votes: 19

One week later, the Warrior is all about some *Kill Bill*

By **GRAHAM FLANAGAN**

Despite the Warrior's nearly irresistible temptation to head west and kick it with all the chodes in the Grove in Oxford, he must remain in Tuscaloosa to tend to business affairs. But do not grieve; the Warrior finds all the solace he needs in the fact that *Kill Bill: Vol. 1* has finally arrived.

After three viewings, the Warrior believes the latest Quentin Tarantino masterpiece contains some of the tightest s— he's ever seen; could it be the tightest s— ever made?

Yo, read all about it next week in a Warrior-endorsed "Catching Flicks With Flanagan."

Not to say Tarantino's other pictures are inferior; the Warrior shows full respect. But have you seen *Kill Bill* yet? What? You haven't? Well, what the hell are you doing still reading the Warrior? Oh, yeah. He forgot. He's just got it like



THE WEEKEND WARRIOR
Graham Flanagan

because Paris Hilton just won't stop text-messaging him.

Kill Bill

What a special time it is for all Americans. With *Kill Bill: Vol. 1*, the movie-going world has the opportunity to witness something very special unfold before its eyes on the big, beautiful silver screen. The Warrior equates seeing *Kill Bill* during its initial theatrical run to what it must have been like to see *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* on opening

that. And how is that exactly? That is staying clean in his brand-new 999s and pimping *The Matrix Reloaded* DVD

night in 1977. It's a good feeling, and the Warrior wants to share it and spread it around.

No really... *Kill Bill*

I mean, have you seen the anime sequence? When Oren-Ishii, grown up since avenging her father's death, wore her skin-tight red jumpsuit and brandished an intimidating sniper rifle against the colorful backdrop of a dreamy anime utopia?

Take a wild guess...

For Tarantino, who has, with

Reservoir Dogs and *Pulp Fiction*, already conquered the cinema world two times over, to come out as hard as he does with *Kill Bill: Vol. 1* proves his status as the top man in his field.

The Warrior loves it all. From the Go Go Yubari flashback sequence to the heavy dissolves Tarantino uses when the Bride cases out Sonny Chiba's collection of samurai swords, it simply doesn't quit.

Graham Flanagan is entertainment editor of *The Crimson White*.

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After the police finished up, Loomis said he wanted to get his mind off the theft, so he went to a friend's house to relax.

Before he left, he made sure to lock his doors, thinking his Jeep would now be safe.

Unfortunately for Loomis, he was wrong.

When he went out to his vehicle the next morning, the sight left him dumbfounded.

His plastic, left-rear passenger window had been slashed open, and his amplifier and subwoofer, values totaling \$600, had been stolen.

"How could something like that happen twice within a few hours?" Loomis asked. "You'd think they'd stop after the first time."

Loomis again called the police and filled out a second report. The angry freshman said several thoughts were running through his head.

"These guys [UAPD] are getting annoyed with this. I don't feel like going through this again," he said.

Loomis said he was beginning to feel like a regular at the police station.

In the two-plus years he has owned his Jeep Wrangler, Loomis said only a bottle of cologne had turned up missing.

Even coming from a major city like Atlanta, nothing like this week's events had ever happened, he said. In all, Loomis lost \$2,300 last weekend.

A few days removed from his horrible weekend with duct tape now holding his window together, Loomis is busy canvassing local pawnshops looking for his clubs.

With little chance remaining to recover the golf clubs or stereo equipment, he remains optimistic.

He swore he would never leave something of high value in his vehicle again, and said he plans to purchase a hard top and car alarm to keep his Jeep Wrangler secure.

Asked what would happen if he found whoever made off with his stuff, Loomis said, "I don't know if I'd be able to say that for the newspaper."

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company has worked for many Fortune 500 companies, including those involved with power generation, automobiles and manufactur-

ing. Roy J. Nichols and partner Chris Horgen founded Nichols Research in 1976. Nichols Research, which specializes in sensor, missile and information systems, has become one of the nation's most prominent research

and development organizations. Nichols earned degrees in aeronautical and astronautical engineering from the University of Michigan. He is also founder and chairman of the board at Torch Concepts, which uses advanced pattern-recognition technology for the Department of

Defense. H. Pettus Randall III founded Tuscaloosa-based Randall Publishing Co., with H. Pettus Randall Jr., It is one of the biggest privately held trade magazine publishers in the country. One of the company's main publications is *Who's Who Among Students*

in *American Universities and Colleges*. H. Pettus Randall III earned a degree in history and English from the University. He died in 2002 after 27 years as the company's president.

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supposed to be beautiful all weekend. With all of the publicity Kentuck has received this year, we hope that we've piqued the curiosity of people in other cities, which will add to our attendance audience." One of the festival's lures is quilt artists who are nationally and internationally known. Traditional craftsmen will also be in Kentuck Park demonstrating the skills behind their artistic tradition to visitors. Demonstrations will include the basic forge and blacksmithing techniques, bark-bottom caning, colonial candle-making methods, letter-press printing, chair caning, basket weaving, cloth making and sawing.

Visitors can also listen to storyteller Kathryn Tucker Windham, who will share her experiences of growing up in the South and her ghost stories. Folk artists from as far away as Massachusetts will set up their artwork. For visitors who decide to shop for art, the Artists Market will offer jewelry, paintings, sculptures, photographs, quilts, pottery, blown glass, baskets, handmade paper and handcrafted furniture. In a change of pace from the folk artists, Kentuck will host a two-day, 10-Minute Play Festival. Performances will last from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Musicians will also take to the two stages. Saturday's performers will include Riverside Grit, Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys, C.J.

Chenier and an ex-Miss America. Kate Campbell, Hot Club of Cowtown, Steve Forbert and Lucy Kaplansky will perform Sunday. Kentuck will also continue the tradition of providing children's entertainment. Kentuck for Kids will offer puppet shows at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to make their own puppets to take home as a souvenir. At the Language Connection, visitors will learn the ancient art of calligraphy and will be taught to form Chinese and Japanese characters. The Clay Place will let children create their own work of art. While the Musical Petting Zoo will help them learn about the techniques behind playing instruments. Additional activities will include face painting, hands-on quilting, corn-shuck doll making and shirt tie-

dying. "Kentuck is very eclectic," Huffaker said. "There is really something here for everyone. Kentuck is really well known for the folk art, but we have a tremendous collection of contemporary art as well. It's a fun way to get up close to art and meet artists in a relaxed environment. A lot of people come and stay all day because there is so much to look at and it seems once they get here they make a day of it." The Kentuck Festival will take place in Kentuck Park in downtown Northport. Parking is available in downtown Northport or at the Northport Civic Center. One-day tickets cost \$5, and children under 6 are admitted free. For more information, call 758-1257 or visit www.kentuck.org.

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Conversation and cigarette smoke filled the air. Everyone seemed dressed to impress. Women wore painful stiletto heels and new outfits they purchased earlier that afternoon, and guys wore the best pair of pants in their closet. Jessica Davis, a Bad Ass Coffee Co. employee, has only been in Tuscaloosa for two months. She immediately noticed the family and party atmospheres of the Strip when she arrived. Despite the coffee company's controversial name, families bring a good share of business to Bad Ass. "There are more family-oriented businesses here," she said. "At Bad Ass we don't serve alcohol, so that encourages young people and families in." Davis said she does not particularly care for the Strip's nightlife. She tries to distance herself from it as much as possible.

Noland has his own phrase for the Strip. "Morning life calm, nightlife the bomb," he said. Unlike Davis and Noland, Bryan Sellers, assistant manager at Qdoba, said the Strip is a family environment 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Sellers said the night crowd is not as "rough" as people think. He thinks the loitering that takes place on the Strip during gameday weekends has given the area a bad reputation that it doesn't deserve. "To say it's un-family-friendly, and I wouldn't go there, [is ridiculous]," he said. "You can take your kid at 1 a.m. and pass by all these bars and not be accosted or molested." Sellers, a 2000 UA graduate, said the Strip was a lot "seadier" 10 years ago than it is today. Fights would fall out into the streets at 3 a.m. "It was still rockin' down here," he said.

Sellers said the Strip today is as sweet as it has ever been, and the new businesses have given it a makeover. "The University Town Center is an attempt to totally change the face of the Strip," he said. "I think there's room for both. There's room for package stores, there's room for bars, and there's room for restaurants. The change has been positive." Tuscaloosa City Council President Jerry Plott said the University Town Center and other businesses were not meant to overwhelm the Strip with dry establishments. "The Strip is the front door between the University and downtown area," he said. "The goal was not to attract wet versus dry. The goal was to beautify the area for locals and out-of-town people." Noland said city officials need to do only one thing for the Strip to continue being a staple at the University.



Gold Stone Creamery, a popular ice cream shop, is one of many new establishments on the Strip that does not serve alcohol. Bad Ass CoffeeCo., in the same building, also does not serve alcohol.

CW/ Lindsey Herring

The Sisters of Alpha Delta Pi wish the best of luck to our sister Sara MacInnis in the Miss Alabama USA Pageant!

"I see it, and I avoid it," she said. "It's too busy for me. I'm not used to being around so many college students that like to drink. [The Strip] is very calm during the day and it's like, 'Oh, a lovely little place to stroll through,' and then at night..." Davis shook her head. Amanda Foster, store manager at Movie Gallery, said the personality of the Strip is like day and night. She thinks people were ready for a more peaceful visit to the Strip. "People were getting sick of all the partying, drama and what-not going on," she said. Anthony Noland, a Cold Stone Creamery employee, said he loves the new additions to the Strip. He is not old enough to enter most of the bars, and he said the new Strip businesses give people his age something to do in Tuscaloosa. Like Davis, Noland has noticed the changes the Strip endures as night falls. "In the morning time, you got your family, you got your kids and you don't see the wild school people," he said. "But around 3 o'clock, you get your party people and your drinking people."

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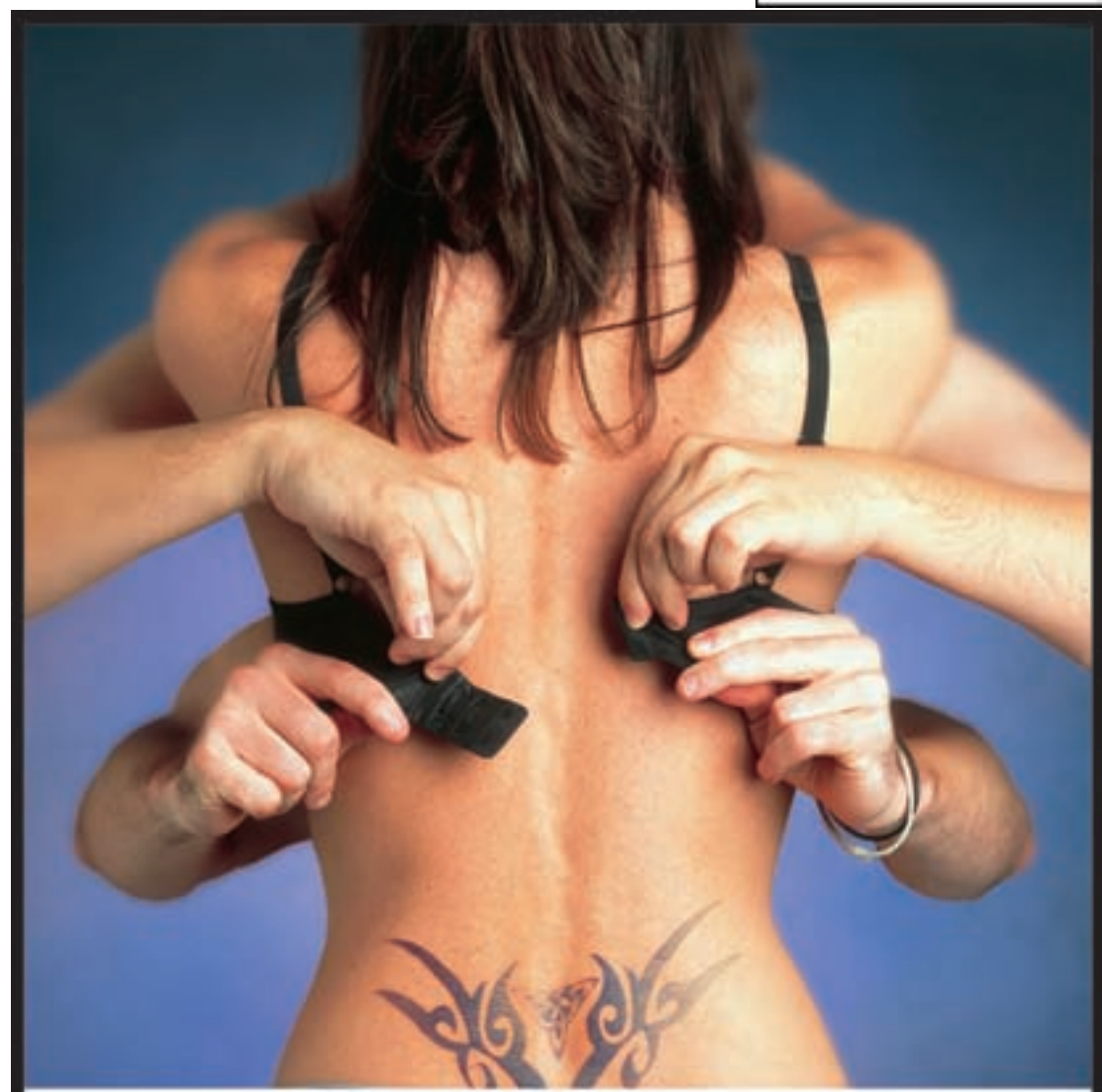
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Poll shows need for outreach

Legend has it that if you take a random sampling of those out walking the sidewalks of America, you'll actually come across a small, somewhat out-of-touch percentage of the population unable to name the current U.S. president (Dubya, in case one of them happens to be reading).

So one might assume the student population wouldn't have a perfect track record when it comes to recalling the names of the head honchos within the administration. And according to a poll published in *The Crimson White* on Wednesday, one would be very, very right.

Sure, UA President Robert Witt got a fairly high amount of recognition (79.5 percent knew him). His visibility could hardly be better since he led the University through the Mike Price debacle, threw his vocal support toward Amendment One and kept up former President Andrew Sorensen's habit of meeting with students on a fairly regular basis. But the student body was far less knowledgeable about the two other offices mentioned in the survey — vice president for student affairs and vice president for academic affairs. Only three out of 122 students correctly identified Judy Bonner in the academic affairs position. Three!

That isn't very many. Keep in mind we're not elitists; some of us editorial board members probably would have had as much trouble with the survey as the students subjected to it seemed to have. But it's hard to construe the lack of knowledge to which this survey alludes as a positive indicator for student-administrator relations here in Tuscaloosa.

After all, these are the bigwigs who make decisions that effect students every day. It makes it just a little harder to hold people accountable and provide them with positive or negative feedback on how they're doing their job when you don't even know who they are. Or, even for that matter, know what they do.

It's probably true some of the students with very little knowledge of executive positions probably like it that way and wouldn't pay much attention to any informative efforts.

But the rest of us would like to know who's calling the shots for us and what kind of shots they're calling.

Our View is the consensus of The CW editorial board.

Letter to the Editor

Emphasis on fraternity's background offensive

While reading *The Crimson White* on Thursday, I came across a story about the recent shooting that occurred on campus.

I found the story to be very informative, but at the same time, offensive.

When reading, I was shocked that something as severe as a shooting could happen on our campus.

Then, as I read further into the story, I noticed that reporter Nick Beadle placed an emphasis on the traditional culture of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity not only once, but twice.

In my opinion, the cultural background of this fraternity was not the issue.

The safety of our campus was not only threatened but also invaded by a dangerous individual and one of our fellow students was hurt as a result.

nothing to do with what happened.

I have not yet understood the need for mentioning the cultural background of this fraternity.

Before making such a comment, proper research should have been done. Research would show that this particular fraternity is very diverse.

In the same issue of *The CW*, there was a story that mentioned another one of the fraternities on campus, and not once was the traditional cultural background of this fraternity mentioned.

I don't know if it was just an oversight or if, just as with the other story, it was not relevant to mention. We are all students, and when something happens to one of us, there is a possibility that it can happen to any of us regardless of our cultural background.

Morrishane Horton
Senior, C&BA

Is the pond a wetland yet?

By MATTHEW MIRARCHI

It has been more than three weeks since the pond in front of Rose Towers was drained. No noticeable progress has taken place unless a few small pin flags count as progress.

As of now, the pond bed remains an eroded basin full of contaminants and a breeding ground for mosquitoes laying their eggs on the carcasses of the dead fish left behind. But don't worry, the pond supposedly needed to be drained, so it could be surveyed and determined a wetland.

Is it me, or is it odd to drain a supposed wetland to survey it and label it a wetland? Maybe I am just not experienced in this field, but if it is ultimately determined to be a wetland, wouldn't the act of drain-

ing it be a crime, since it did lead to the deaths of some of the species originally within it?

I am still appalled by the draining of the pond and am more so now since there has been no activity around it. The only item taken out of the pond was the large drain-pipe, and even it still sits alongside the road. I guess the numerous other pieces of garbage still in the pond bed are there for aesthetics.

I am curious as to why the drain was removed. My guess is that the drain once illegally transported runoff from the pond into the already pollutant-ridden Black Warrior River.

But as I said before, I guess I am just not experienced enough in this field to comprehend the reasoning behind this matter.

Though I was assured that the matter of the pond would be looked into, I am absolutely astonished to see that no one has replied or given me any further explanation or information on this subject. I guess that since the pond is an environmental issue instead of sports-related, it is easily overlooked by those in charge.

I'm sure if there were a football stuck in the muck in the pond, there would be much activity to get it out, but not for the living creatures that were once flailing about, dying a slow death.

As for me, I will not relent on this subject until I get a response, as is my right as a Rose Towers resident and a student of this university.

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CW/Ama Crabtree

The tiger mauled my hair to get Auburn tickets

By NICK BEADLE

Neat, well-kempt lovin'

Welcome to "Damage Control," *The Crimson White* column that prides itself on not being about who's in the right in conflicts in the Middle East (even if there's no doubt the Inuits are in the moral right).

Regular readers of the print edition of "Damage Control" (or as they call it in Hollywood, the "Control") will notice my beautiful mug (as seen on the Lithuanian national flag) is missing about 6 pounds worth of delicate, silky smooth hair.

Yes, I killed the hippie.

Don't fret though: unlike mighty Samson, I have not lost my strength, power or appeal now that I'm without my enchanted locks. Though the enviously beautiful hair is gone, the smartass underneath remains.

Eye of the tiger

Sometimes I see a story ripe with comedic potential that can be used in this column to readers' delight, but I don't do it because it's just too evil.

The tiger mauling of Roy Horn (of Siegfried and Roy fame) was one of those stories I planned to give in on, but in a less evil, more thought-provoking way. I planned to discuss things people joke about (a *Simpsons* episode had a Siegfried and Roy-esque duo getting mauled by their white tigers a few years ago) but never expected to happen.

Yeah, CW film critic/male chauvinist Graham Flanagan being burned at the stake by Malleeters and a militant feminist group was one of them.

But then the situation went from a brutal and surreal to really weird.

To begin, Bernie Yuman, Siegfried and Roy's longtime manager, told *Good Morning America* that the 600-pound Royal White tiger that attacked the entertainer was initially distracted by something in the audience — which I heard on CNN was a woman's large hair — before grabbing the magician.

OK, when your hair makes a white tiger want to kill, it needs to go. You probably need to make it look less deer-like or whatever white tigers eat (I'm not a zoologist) or take the meat and fixins' out of it.

Then there's Siegfried Fischbacher telling Larry King last week that the tiger was trying to save and protect Roy after the entertainer fell.

I know he might be in denial, but even though I'm no zoologist, I know that when a tiger bites someone by the neck, causing massive bleeding and a stroke, that's a mauling, not a heroic rescue to be displayed on Animal Planet.

Excrement other than a Casey Clausen-led offense

Auburn and Tennessee fans were publicly urinating in cups a couple of weeks ago — and not as a result of drunken bet.

According to *The Auburn Plainsman* — home of crude staff picks drawings and Bubba's weekend tractor pull calendar (sorry) — Auburn students and Tennessee visitors at Oct. 4's game between the SEC's overrateds were pulling an ol' Lt. Gov. Steve Windom out of necessity as Auburn police blocked portals at Jordan-Hare



DAMAGE CONTROL
Nick Beadle

Stadium due to overcrowding. That prevented them from leaving their seats, even for necessary excretory duties, and being allowed to enjoy a thrashin' of Clausen.

Tim Jackson, director of ticket sales for the Auburn athletics department, said the incident was mostly a result of students sneaking non-students into the student section.

Yeah, I imagine that after you get that cow over the fence, it's going to take up a lot of space.

Jordan-Hare's student section will be barricaded off in the concourse much like at Bryant-Denny Stadium, allowing entrance only to those with valid student IDs.

Also accepted will be any proof that your Auburn girlfriend is not an ogre.

Crude farm animal/ugly girlfriend quips aside, I have to say this time is one of the rare occasions when I'm siding with the Auburn student body, and not just because the Tigers were playing Tennessee. When you have to urinate in a cup and, as *The Plainsman* quotes one student as saying, that cup subsequently spills, that's pretty messed up.

Also, *The Plainsman* pointed out the ticket office oversold seats (even though it said it didn't) in the student section. I mean, where are Tennessee fans with student tickets going to put their straw hats, shovels and double-stacked televisions if someone's in the seat next to them?

And that's all the damage I can control for now. Yee haw.

Nick Beadle is student life editor of The Crimson White.

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impressed with James' effort, saying he had never seen a punt blocked in that fashion.

Shula also noted that James does a myriad of things well, not just block kicks. The Albany, Ga., native plays on every special team except the hands team. From day one, James' efforts have caused the coaching staff to take notice.

"I remember in the first game [against South Florida], he set up Shaud's punt return for a touchdown," Shula said. "After barely missing the block of the punt, he circled around and gave Shaud [Williams] a key block. He's been a guy that's performed well on special teams week in and week out."

But James is not the only special teams standout. After James' tackle of Southern Miss' punter Saturday, McLain scooped up the fumbled punt attempt and rumbled his way

24 yards down to the 1-yard line. McLain deserves credit for the touchdown (replays indicate he broke the plane), but the officials thought differently. Williams went on to score the touchdown, but most fans will remember the sight of McLain being escorted by his special teams entourage as the true scorer.

And finally, there's David Scott, the oldest and most traveled of the trio. After spending two years at North Carolina with former defensive coordinator Carl Torbush, Scott transferred to Jones County Community College in Ellisville, Miss., where he was a JUCO All-American. Scott signed with the Tide in spring 2002.

He has been a perfect addition to the unit, symbolizing what it takes to play special teams.

Scott has seen enough football to know how important special teams are to every game.

"All I know is, if it wasn't

important, it wouldn't be a part of football," Scott said. "It can make you lose a football game with one play."

Scott also knows what kind of attitude it takes to be successful in each play. Being a backup, he is forced to put a premium on every snap. Mistakes are magnified, but he tries not to let the lack of playing time get to him.

"I'm a firm believer in the philosophy that good things happen to those who wait," Scott said. "Yeah, [the lack of playing time] gets frustrating at times, but I have to stay humble and be patient. All I can do is work hard on every play and bust my butt, regardless of defense or special teams."

As long as Scott, James, McLain and company bust their butts on every play, no one will ever question whether special teams is cool.

And who knows? Maybe the next neighborhood game might see a punt or two, just for good measure.

MANNING

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Tide head coach Mike Shula, a former quarterback himself, described some of Manning's mechanics that help him avoid being sacked.

"He's accurate, got a strong arm, lighting fast release," Shula said. "He doesn't take a lot of hits. Because of that, he does a good job of getting rid of the ball versus pressure. He's playing with a lot of confidence. I can't say enough good things about him."

Manning's ability to get rid of the ball forces a defense to decide if it wants to chance a blitz and put its defensive backs in man coverage or if it wants to play a zone coverage scheme and try to put pressure on Manning with just four down linemen. Either way, Kines knows you have to get pressure on him somehow. The Crimson Tide will have to, because its pass defense is ranked 10th in the SEC, ahead of only two other teams.

"You can't let him sit back there all day and pick you apart," Kines said.

The Tide's defensive backs will also feel pressure as they try to fend off the SEC's top passing attack. The defensive backfield has been the only part of the defense not to be hit hard by injuries. Cornerbacks Charlie Peprah and Anthony Madison, along with safeties Charles Jones and Roman Harper, have started every game this year. Harper said the defensive backs must have a good game.

"I see they have been throwing the ball more this year," Harper said. "Eli's throwing for big chunks of yards. We're going to have to bring our A-game."

REBELS

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nine or 10 guys up inside, close to the line of scrimmage."

Manning is still at the top of his game, leading the conference in passing yardage. Together, the air and ground attacks have helped Ole Miss average almost 38 points per game this season while vaulting them to the top of the conference in scoring.

Defense is a concern for these Rebels; excluding blowout wins over small schools Arkansas State and Louisiana-Monroe, they've surrendered just over 29 points per game. But, they did hold Florida to 17 points on the road. Head coach David Cutcliffe said he sees that as a sign of improvement.

"We're much better," Cutcliffe said. "We've continued to improve each week. We haven't played as well as we'd like, but we've had some moments. We've become more consistent, which is what it takes to win in our league."

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Alabama's Greg McLain attempts to dive into the end zone following a blocked punt by Chris James in last week's game against Southern Miss. McLain was ruled out of bounds at the 1-yard line, but running back Shaud Williams scored on the next play. The Crimson Tide defeated Southern Miss 17-3.

CW/ Tom Neil

Special teams players contributing to recent Crimson Tide success

By **CRAIG S. WYSOCK**
Senior Sports Reporter

As children dreaming of future grid-iron glory play neighborhood football with their friends, paying attention to the special teams aspect of the game simply does not happen.

In fact, kickoffs are usually nixed for throw-offs, and things like punts and field goals are often scoffed at in favor of going for it on fourth down and a yard (literally an entire property) to go.

Even as young boys mature into middle school and high school, few understand the importance of the plays that aren't considered offense or defense. The stars of the team usually sit the bench on those plays while the less talented get a chance to shine. Growing up, it is just not cool to play special teams.

But tell that to Alabama Crimson Tide athletes like Chris James, Greg McLain and David Scott. These three athletes give every ounce of effort they have regardless of the classification under which the play falls.

James and Scott are defensive backups in the Tide secondary, and McLain is used sporadically on offense as both

fullback and tight end, but all three see significant action when the time comes for the third facet of the game.

"I'm willing to play anywhere to contribute to the team. I'll do whatever it takes," McLain said.

"Right now I'm on special teams and hopefully I can get back on offense and get a couple of snaps there, too."

Each athlete uses every opportunity to show what he can do. Up to this point, Alabama can thank them for some of the biggest plays of the season.

James has blocked two kicks this year and tackled the punter on another play. One blocks and one tackle came last week in the win over Southern Miss. James said the USM game was easily his best so far. The punt block was especially impressive as James managed to block the kick as he dove around the corner of the line.

When asked if blocking kicks hurts, he chuckled and casually said, "Nah, if you hit it right, it feels great."

"It all happened so fast though. It was a high snap and I got around the edge and reached down with my hand. One hand because I couldn't get both out. The guy tried to hook me out of the play, but I snuck around him and got to the punter."

Even head coach Mike Shula was

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Tide receiver emerging in final season

By **MAGEN HUGHES**
Senior Sports Reporter

The Taylor men have a knack for making big hits when it counts.

Senior split end Lance Taylor was busy trying to impress the coaches his freshman year in practice by giving a fantastic blocking performance. He impressed them by giving his own teammate, safety Tyler Harris, a concussion.

"It's kind of a two-way street," Taylor said.

"It felt great to get the lick; I didn't even know he had a concussion. It's then you start to feel bad."

Taylor has been a solid contributor by playing split end and special teams. So far this season he has had four catches for 35 yards, but Tide coaches and players love when the 5-foot-9, 187-pound player takes the field for special teams.

"For not a real big guy, he sure can go in there and bang on some safeties and DBs," special teams coach Dave Ungerer said.

While superb blocking doesn't always get tons of attention, the Mt. Vernon native had no problem getting the attention of Oklahoma last season.

Taylor returned a punt blocked by Leslie Williams 8 yards for a touchdown after blocking another punt himself earlier in the game.

Taylor's father, Jimmy, was a three-year letterman under coach Paul "Bear" Bryant from 1973-75.

The older Taylor played on three SEC Championship teams and played in one of the most memorable games in Alabama football history.

Jimmy was one of four backs to rush for more than 100 yards as the Tide logged 748 yards in a 77-6 win against Virginia Tech in 1973, but he was almost benched by Bryant.

As Lance explains it, his dad kept missing the block on an opposing linebacker.

"Coach Bryant pulled him to the side and told him that if he didn't make the block he would never play football again," Lance said. "Needless to say, he made the block the rest of the game."

The coaching staff has yet to reprimand Lance for failing to make a block.

"He's got good speed, good hands and a good change of direction," Ungerer said. "He's a great cover guy and punt blocker. He can do a lot of things for this team."

Besides good hands and change of

direction, Lance also has the Night of Champions' receiver record in the hang clean with a lift of 365 pounds and the squat with a 525-pound lift.

Lance's football career hasn't always been easy, but he wouldn't change it for the world. Lance walked onto the football team in 1999 and worked on the scout team as a redshirt.

At the end of the season he found his hard work had paid off. Not only had the team won the SEC championship with stars like Shaun Alexander and Chris Samuels, but Lance found a family away from home.

"I came in as a walk-on and my dad warned me that it would be the hardest thing that I would ever do," Lance said. "He told me that he wouldn't have ever done it. But there is no 'Hey, you're just a walk-on.' They count you as one of your own."

Lance wants to see what the NFL and possibly the Canadian Football League has to offer him after graduation, but he knows he would love it if his own kids wanted to play football at Alabama.

"I definitely want my son to know what Alabama football is all about, but the decision will be up to him," he said.



Alabama's Lance Taylor celebrates after making a tackle on special teams in a 34-31 loss to Arkansas earlier this season. Taylor is seeing his first significant action at wide receiver this year.

CW/ Tom Neil

Rebels run attack proving successful this season

By **CHARLIE GASNER**
Assistant Sports Editor

For about the past two years, writing a scouting report about the Ole Miss Rebels was easy — you talked about Eli Manning. Then you talked about Manning a little more.

But this year, the Rebels have added a new dimension. Their running game — a major weakness last season — ranks third in the SEC, averaging 170 yards per game (Alabama is fifth with 168).

They have several capable running backs, but Ronald McClendon and Vashon Pearson carried the load in the Rebels' biggest win of the season. It was a 20-17 upset of Florida in Gainesville. McClendon ran eight times for 107 yards, while Pearson took the ball 12 times for 48 yards.

Jamal Pittman, a promising redshirt freshman running back, sustained a torn ACL last week against Arkansas State and is out for the season. But Ole Miss still has McClendon, Pearson and Tremaine Turner, whose 278 yards lead the team so far.

"They've got some backs," Alabama head coach Mike Shula said. "They've got quickness and they've got speed. They do a nice job up front with their running scheme."

"At first you think they're just running the ball, setting things up for Eli, but that's not the case. They do a good job of moving it. They can win football games running the ball, and having Eli as a quarterback makes it that much easier because now defenses can't just put eight,

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Manning presents Tide defense with big challenge

By **BUDDY HUGHES**
Sports Reporter

The name Manning is very familiar to the Crimson Tide and its fans.

Combined, the Manning family — Archie, Peyton and Eli — has a 6-3 record against Alabama. Eli Manning will get a chance to add to the family legacy Saturday when the Tide hits the road to play Ole Miss.

Manning comes into the game with Heisman Trophy hype and the statistics to back it up. So far this season, he has passed for almost 1,900 yards to go along with 14 touchdowns. He leads the SEC in several offensive categories including passing yards per game and passing efficiency.

In his two previous games against Alabama, Manning has been Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Manning threw for 325 yards and a touchdown in his

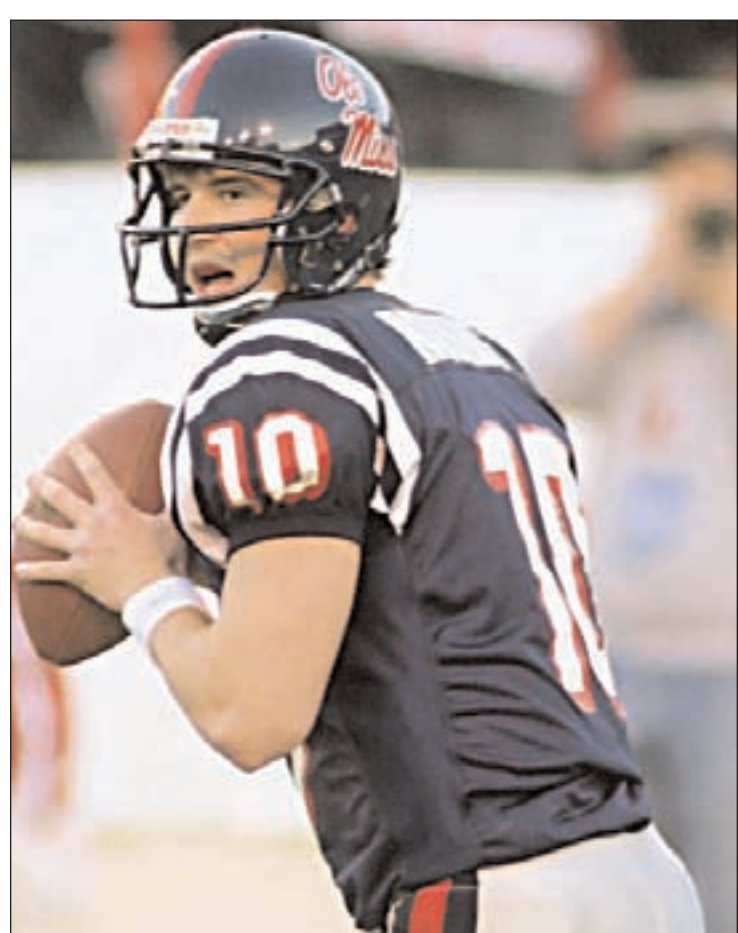
debut against Alabama as he led Ole Miss from behind to beat the Tide 27-24 in 2001. There would be no comeback a year later.

The Tide defense held Manning to 219 yards and intercepted him once as Alabama won the game 42-7.

"[Last year was] a combination of them playing extremely well and us not playing well, but it was a total whipping," Ole Miss head coach David Cutcliffe said at a press conference Tuesday.

Manning presents an interesting challenge for a defense. Despite being a pocket passer, he has been sacked only seven times this year. Alabama defensive coordinator Joe Kines said teams have "loaded up to come and get" Manning, but they haven't had much success.

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Ole Miss quarterback Eli Manning leads the SEC in nearly every offensive statistical category.

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