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Budget slashes Alabama funds

State, non-state agencies lose revenue in budget for fiscal year 2003-04

By SAMANTHA HALL
Senior Staff Reporter

Alabama's government must begin operating under a smaller budget, effective today.

State and non-state agencies alike will deal with cuts in revenue for fiscal year 2003-04. Legislators say they believe that will result in layoffs for some state employees and a limit in services offered by nonprofit organizations.

Regular state agencies are receiving cuts up to 18 percent, while service organizations are seeing as much as 75 percent of their funds taken away.

Local state representatives believe the changes in state funding will have lasting effects on Tuscaloosa. State Rep. Allen Layson, D-Reform, said legislators did make a compromise in the budget.

He said they agreed to continue funding 25 percent of most non-state agencies, instead of completely eliminating those groups from the budget. He said that was done so groups could find other means of revenue or could reorganize to function without state money.

Layson said some of the concerns his constituents had were about cuts made in education and other services that enhanced the state.

"They are naturally concerned about the cuts in the schools," he said. "They are worried that their children will not receive the materials they need to prosper."

Layson said that in addition to the cuts, another source of revenue for schools was deleted from the budget.

"The elimination of discretionary funds that legislators were allowed to bring home will hurt our schools," he said. "That money goes directly to a classroom. It goes to supplies, books and computers in the schools."

Layson said the money was carefully monitored and

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TPD investigates off-campus brawl

By MEGAN NICHOLS
Senior Staff Reporter

The Tuscaloosa Police Department and the Office of Student Judicial Affairs are investigating a disturbance involving several UA students that occurred last month on the 1500 block of Eighth Street.

TPD Capt. David Hartin said officers were summoned to the site of an off-campus house party at 2 a.m. on Sept. 11 after several men started a fight with people at the party.

Earlier in the night, two men arrived at the party and a house resident asked them to leave. When they refused, a fight ensued and the men left, Hartin said.

Then, at midnight, several vehicles pulled up at the party and a number of men got out, allegedly including the ones who were earlier asked to leave, Hartin said. He said the men

"It's about physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, stalking, intimidation."

—Tim Hesson
Director, Office of Student Judicial Affairs

went to the back of the house, kicked the door in and started punching the resident and another man in the face.

A woman who was attending the party heard the commotion and came to see what was happening, Hartin said. When she walked to the back of the house, she too was punched several times in the face.

Hartin said neither the resident nor the woman wanted to file a report, and he would not disclose their identities.

The TPD has possible suspects because someone at the party reported the tag number of one of the vehicles, Hartin said. He said people at the party alleged the aggressors were from at least one of the University's fraternities, but since the case is pending, he said he could not say which one(s).

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The SGA Senate passed a resolution Thursday recommending the morning-after pill be made available at the Russell Student Health Center. *CW/ Photo Illustration/ Luisa Morenilla*

Control Concerns

UA health center considers carrying morning-after pill in SGA Senate resolution's wake

By JOAN GARRETT
Senior Staff Reporter

Russell Student Health Center administrators are considering how to respond to last week's SGA Senate resolution suggesting the center's pharmacy carry the emergency contraceptive known as the morning-after pill.

RSHC head pharmacist Lori Drake said the pill, which can prevent 75 percent to 89 percent of pregnancies if taken within 120 hours after unprotected sexual intercourse, is not available at the RSHC pharmacy. Doctors at the health center do, however, write prescriptions for the drug.

Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration Sen. Maridi Thompson, SGA Resolution 11-03's author, said the drug can only be obtained through two of 35 pharmacies in the Tuscaloosa area.

She said RSHC administrators told her

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Parking options differ at SEC schools

Students on equal parking footing with faculty, staff at some regional universities

By CASSANDRA MICKENS
Senior Staff Reporter

The University is not alone in the battle of the parking crunch.

Other schools within the SEC are in the same boat as the University and have had their share of parking problems on their respective campuses. While some schools are finding solutions to help their parking situations, other schools are adopting new parking systems they hope will ease their problems.

Three years ago, the University of Georgia implemented an online priority parking registration system.

At Georgia, parking registration is not on a first-come, first-served basis; permits can only be purchased through the Internet.

Both students and faculty have 61 lots to choose from on the UGA campus, and priority is given to those who have more credit and service hours. Students and faculty are assigned to the highest area available according to priority guidelines, but UGA motorists might not receive their first choice in parking preferences.

Everyone who registers for a permit is assigned one parking space for the entire school year but can change a permit assignment at any time. Under this new system, the school's parking services has limited the number of permits it sells each year.

Alternative transportation incentives are available for UGA students who opt not to purchase a parking decal. If students enroll in the

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|  <p>Auburn University (2003) Faculty: Spaces: 3,534 Faculty permits: 5,150 Students: Spaces: 7,800 Student permits: 12,500 Total: (faculty, students) Spaces: 11,334 Permits: 17,650</p> |  <p>University of Georgia* (2003) Total: Spaces: 19,250 Permits: 21,500 *UGA does not distinguish between student, faculty and visitor parking spaces.</p> |  <p>University of Florida (2002) Faculty: Spaces: 7,891 Faculty permits: 11,136 Students: Spaces: 11,704 Student permits: 16,550 Total: Spaces: 19,595 Permits: 27,686</p> |
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Area developer discusses his past, anti-tax plan ads

By NICK BEADLE
Student Life Editor

This story is the first part of a two-part profile of Tuscaloosa developer Stan Pate.

He is the man who brought Alabamians "A Message From Elvis" to deter them from voting for "Billion Dollar Bob's" \$1.2 billion tax and accountability package.

He is Tuscaloosa developer Stan Pate, and he attests he is still not — and never has been — very fond of Gov. Bob Riley.

The origins of Pate

Asked how he came to own what Pate Flagship LLC estimates is about 500 acres of commercial property in Alabama, Pate credited such things as hard work, committed work ethic and good friends.

"I'm a product of the American dream," he said.

Pate, 46, was born and reared in Tuscaloosa County.

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Developer Stan Pate, seen here in his office, was a major opponent of Gov. Bob Riley's \$1.2 billion tax and accountability package. He was involved with the "Billion-Dollar Bob" and "A Message from Elvis" campaigns. *CW/ Lizzie Heard*

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Marr's Field Journal accepting submissions

Marr's Field Journal, the University's undergraduate literary and art journal, is accepting submissions for its fall 2003 issue. *MFJ* accepts entries of poetry, fiction, nonfiction, essays, artwork, photography, illustration and graphic design. Any artistic work that lends itself to print is welcome.

Submissions can be e-mailed to mfjsub@sa.ua.edu. They should be formatted as a Microsoft Word document and include the author's name, local and permanent address, e-mail address, local telephone number and college of enrollment.

A submission drive will be held at the Ferguson Center and Morgan Hall on Oct. 6-10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call editor Bonita Weaver at 348-7264.

Bankhead Series to host Pushcart winner, exiled Chinese poet

The Bankhead Visiting Writers Series will host poets Ralph Angel and Bei Dao on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in 205 Smith Hall. The event is free and open to the public. Both Dao and Angel will also lead an informal question-and-answer session in 301 Morgan Hall at noon Friday.

Angel's most recent honors include a Pushcart Prize and awards from the Fulbright Foundation and Poetry magazine. He teaches in the writing program at the University of Redlands in California.

Dao, considered the most influential of the Chinese "Misty Poets," has lived in exile since the 1989 revolt in Tiananmen Square in Beijing. He is an honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and the Meckey Poet in Residence at Beloit College in Wisconsin.

For more information, call the creative writing program at 348-0766.

E-Day to give high-schoolers taste of college life

The College of Engineering will host Engineering Day, an open house for junior high, high school and community college students and their families, Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

E-Day will give prospective students a closer look at the College of Engineering, said Alicia King, the college's student recruitment coordinator, and participants will receive a realistic view of how engineering skills are used in everyday life. All interested students, counselors, teachers and parents are invited to attend.

E-Day registration will be in front of H.M. Comer Hall beginning at 8 a.m. Department tours, starting at 9 a.m. and lasting until noon, will be followed by a complimentary lunch for all guests. For more information, call 348-2547.

Alabama Archaeology Week offers several events

Alabama Archaeology Week is scheduled for cities across the state and will present a series of public lectures and events on historical and archaeological topics. Events will be held in Tuscaloosa at the Alabama Museum of Natural History in Smith Hall every day except Friday and in Birmingham on Tuesday from 6 to 7:45 p.m. at the Lynn Hawley Research Library.

Alabama Archaeology Week is sponsored by the Alabama Historic Commission and the Alabama Archaeological Society. The events of Archaeology Week are designed to correspond with the Moundville Native American Festival.

For a schedule of events, contact the museum at 348-7550.

Alex Waddell

Blood drive to target greek donors this week

United Blood Services is sponsoring the first of two blood drives on campus today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. targeting greek students to donate blood.

Students may donate at two locations on campus. One bus will be located on Colonial Drive and another on Jefferson Avenue. The second blood drive will be Monday and Tuesday at the Ferguson Center. The SGA is sponsoring the drive and is asking all students and faculty to donate.

The blood drives are a competition between the University and the University of Southern Mississippi as part of Homecoming week activities. Blood collection from both drives will be included in the University's total blood donation.

CORRECTION

Due to incorrect information on a University Programs press release, Friday's edition of *The Crimson White* incorrectly gave the date of the Homecoming concert. The concert will be Friday, Oct. 10.

WEB POLL RESULTS

What is the best way for the University to address its parking situation?

- 52.9% Build more decks
- 31.8% Ban freshman parking on campus
- 7.6% Use trolleys and shuttles
- 4.7% Add bike and walking trails
- 2.9% Do nothing; parking is fine

Total votes: 170

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Some still distasteful of meal plan, despite rising use

By LORIANNE HINE
Senior Staff Reporter

Though 2,100 meal plans were purchased this semester as compared to last year's total of 1,455, some students say they still find the service unsatisfactory.

While only three types of meal plans and one locale for using the plan were available last year to students, Bama Dining has opened up its market by offering a total of six plans and more places to eat this year, Bama Dining director Tim VanderMeersch said.

Instead of offering only meals at Commons Dining Hall in Mary Burke Hall, Bama Dining now offers meals at Paty Hall's 24-Hour

Diner, Fresh Food Co. and the Ferguson Center food court. VanderMeersch said he hopes the rise in meal-plan purchases stems from the better variety offered in the plans and the better variety in food. "We look forward to communication back from the students so we know what to give them," he said.

Students who discussed use of their meal plans, however, cited various reasons for not liking the plan.

Freshman Marley McKenzie said she feels her meal plan is too inconvenient.

"It's too regulated; they don't tell you that you have to use it at certain times of the day when they sell it to you," McKenzie said.

McKenzie said her parents supported the meal plan because they thought it would be more convenient and cheaper than her shopping for food each week. She has the Bama Silver Plan, which allows her to eat 10 meals a week.

"The food's OK," McKenzie said. "The guys like it, but the girls are pickier."

Freshman Justin Candelaria said he has the Bama Gold Plan, which allows him to eat 14 meals a week. Candelaria, who eats at Burke Hall roughly two times a day, said the food is good, and he likes the fact it is all-you-can-eat.

Candelaria feels the cost of the plan is worth it since Dining Dollars go so quickly.

He does not like the food offered at the Ferguson, but said the Fresh Food Co. is OK.

Zach Baker, a sophomore majoring in business management, said he eats at Burke Hall about three times a day but feels there is not much variety with the meal plan.

"You learn to stay away from some food," Baker said.

Baker, who lives in an apartment off campus, said the plan saves money, but he feels he is making a compromise to eat at Burke Hall each day.

Baker also feels the time constraints at Burke Hall interfere with his schedule. Baker's math lab interferes with Burke Hall's dinner hours of 5 to 7 p.m.

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was the only extra cash many schools would see for classroom materials.

He said several other areas cut, including industry and transportation, should never have seen decreases in their funding.

Layson named the Alabama Development Office and the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Development Authority as two agencies too important to be overlooked.

"Those two agencies should have not been touched because they allow for the possibility of a growing industrial sector within the state," Layson said.

The ADO works to recruit industries to the state from other areas of the nation and foreign countries, while the waterway development authority provides an alternative means of transportation for goods made in Alabama.

Sen. Phil Poole,

D-Moundville, said cuts in organizations such as the Association of Retarded Citizens, the Tuscaloosa Health Department, the Tuscaloosa Children's Center and many others will see changes in the services they provide. He said these changes would greatly affect programs provided to low-income families and the elderly.

"The ARC programs are some of the most important programs in the state," Poole said. "That is one reason I did not vote for the budget, because they were not fully funded."

Poole said he also disagreed with the funding of state museums. He said most of them should have been cut out of the budget and the money used for priority programs instead of making cuts across the board. He said the agencies that saw 75 percent of their state appropriations are not dependent on the state as much as other organizations.

Rep. Bryant Melton,

D-Tuscaloosa, agreed that the General Fund saw cuts across the board. He said that would cause layoffs throughout the state, especially in state agencies.

"In the General Fund budget, it was a different story," Melton said. "I think just about every agency was cut except for corrections. State employees across the state in all of these particular areas are going to see some layoffs effective Oct. 1."

He said it might not affect all departments, however, because many have reserves. But Melton stressed it would be one of many negative effects.

Melton said detrimental cuts were also made to the Kidney Foundation, AIDS Outreach and the Retired Citizens Program. He said these programs were cut to zero under the governor's proposed plan but were given the opportunity to look for new sources of revenue so they did not have to immediately close doors.

"This was one of the positives of the budget process," Melton said. "Allowing those programs to remain open will mean a lot to many Alabama residents who depend on them."

"We did the best we could in fashioning both budgets. But there will be problems because of the shortfall."

He said cutting the non-state agencies was a necessity to guarantee enough funding for state agencies.

"They are not state agencies, I understand, but they do provide a great service, and without them the state will suffer," Melton said.

He said voters had an opportunity to keep these cuts from happening, but even though Amendment One was voted down, it gave everyone a good look at changes that need to be made.

"It was a possible step in the right direction in order for us to look at doing the right thing for our citizens as we move into the 21st century," Melton said.

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alternative transportation program, they will receive one free packet of 12 parking coupons and can use them for various parking lots on campus. UGA parking services suggests students use the coupons when they have no choice but to drive to class.

Diane Hale, parking manager at Georgia, said the new parking system is limiting in some ways, but it is also safer for everyone involved.

"When we just sold everybody a permit, we found it to be a traffic nightmare," Hale said.

Students and faculty are seen as equals under Georgia's parking system, and neither group takes precedence over the other. Hale said each parking space at Georgia is "just as much the students' as it is staff and faculty's." Because of the new system, Georgia's parking demand and decal oversell ratios have decreased significantly.

For the 18,000 parking spaces at Georgia, 22,000 permits have been sold. Compared to the number of decals issued in previous years, Hale said Georgia is "not overbooking very much."

Hale said Georgia has also introduced a carpooling program this fall to help decrease traffic. If students join the carpool program, they will have access to better parking spaces on campus, and students who carpool can split permit costs among themselves.

David Vedder, parking services manager at Auburn University, said Auburn has a parking problem similar to Alabama: more decals than parking spaces.

Auburn is considering a new parking system that would be enforced in five to 10 years. Parking would be limited to the outer perimeter of campus, and all AU motorists would take the transit services to the central part of campus.

Vedder said the campus will eventually "lend itself to pedestrianization." A plan to build five parking deck structures to alleviate traffic is also under way.

Students at Auburn think

they are given the short end of the parking stick, but Vedder said the faculty has an even harder time hunting for spaces.

"There are at least 500 spaces available for students at any hour of any day, but faculty and staff are really crunched," he said.

As at Georgia, no one at Auburn is guaranteed a space.

At the University of Florida, parking is sparse. At Florida, they have not come up with new plans for parking, but instead are offering new solutions.

Danny Rigby, manager of transportation and parking services at Florida, said the university is working to improve Florida's parking crisis.

"We are working to keep the UF community informed about transportation and parking services programs here," Rigby said.

Rigby said UF parking services is planning to improve campus and regional transit services and is encouraging people to find alternatives to driving.

Students long for more parking spaces on their college

campuses, but parking officials at SEC schools say the construction of more lots would be a difficult and costly task.

Most SEC college parking services are a part of an auxiliary department, which does not receive money from the state and relies solely on park-

ing decal consumers for profit.

Hale said adding more parking lots would be daunting for several universities.

"If you want more parking, then we would have to reduce the number of academic buildings on campus and buy more land," Hale said. "That is expensive for any college."

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Smuggled liquor is secondary

If you only have to pay \$5 for a chance to see the greatest tradition in college football, maybe there's not much reason to whine when you're invariably splashed with reeking mixtures of cola and bourbon.

Because, let's face it, whining about one stray cup sent flying to empty its contents upon your new pair of socks probably isn't going to do that much good anyway. Those renegade cups, holding secret, taboo mixtures of hard liquor and softer drinks, are everywhere. And they've been occupying Bryant-Denny Stadium, masquerading as normal cups, for as long as any of us can tell.

So that kind of almost makes it a tradition, doesn't it? And as long as the worst to come from it is a couple pairs of smelly socks, along with a handful of students and various other fans who've gotten a bit of a naughty buzz, it's probably not a tradition that needs to be fought with too much gusto.

The University already has an anti-alcohol policy that, despite the number of fans who sneak liquor in via their bras, purses or David Copperfield, works pretty well at keeping drunken hooligans from running amok. Since alcohol isn't allowed in the stadium, surly fans who try to get a little out of hand can find themselves thrown out without any room for retaliation if they have liquor on their breath.

But the vast majority of fans, even those who bring in a little bit of contraband, aren't interested in causing any trouble. They just want to watch the Crimson Tide roll on to victory. And if that's not possible, they'll settle for watching the Tide roll on to defeat. And party afterward either way.

The point is that the smuggling of alcohol into Bryant-Denny Stadium isn't actually causing too many problems. Security's main focus should be on preventing violence and keeping the peace, and at that they're doing a pretty good job.

Our View is the consensus of The CW editorial board.

Healthy campus? Let's start with healthy food

By JOAN GARRETT

Dear Provider of Campus Sustenance (commonly known as Aramark),

I just wanted to thank you for keeping me consistent. For some unknown reason, Tuesday was the day I chose to deviate from my consumption of food from Burger King and whatever that place in the Ferguson Center is that serves quesadillas, but you, Aramark, wouldn't have it.

From the minute the idea to eat fruit came to my mind, I was discouraged from the notion. The prices alone are a huge deterrent. But I was further made skeptical after I saw the bananas were rotting off the hinges as I reached to put one on my tray.

Somehow, though, I found one that looked normal, while recognizing the irony of my search as I walked under the glaring Fresh Food Co. sign.

I picked up an apple as well and was

thoroughly pleased with myself having finally done what my mother has been telling me to do for years.

I wish that were the end of my story, but it was only a matter of moments before the memory of the tainted fruit I had fervently tried to avoid was in my mouth. The banana, contrary to the opinion I first held, was rotten, and the apple tasted a bit like a household cleaner I got into when I was a kid.

I am writing you, Aramark, to inquire why fruits can't be included among your other touted fresh food, especially since you only carry two fruits (three if you include the dry and often fermented "fruit cup").

I was willing to overlook the small-yet-



Joan Garrett

expensive portions of food Home Zone serves because there was a huge piece of cornbread to look forward to. Then I was gracious enough to overlook the fact that the cornbread is now a wedge a fourth of the size previously given.

But I cannot accept that the sad and dismal amount of fruit you provide is not even edible. How does anyone expect this campus to be healthy when very little "healthy food" is provided? The vegetables, outside of the outrageously expensive salads, are reason enough to give up any kind of search for a healthy meal on campus.

So, my sweet Aramark, I want to end by saying you have helped me find consistency, and regardless of my attempts to break away from Bama Dining's fast food, I have found that anything that claims to be more is nothing other than an illusion.

Joan Garrett is a senior staff reporter for The Crimson White.



CW/ Anna Crabtree

Letters to the Editor

Rose Towers pond draining abrupt, harmful to wildlife

In regard to Friday's *Crimson White* story, "No fish left behind after pond drained," there were, in reality, many fish and other species of wildlife abandoned by workers draining the Rose Towers pond.

And despite Associate Vice President of Facilities Dale Taylor's statement that he had not seen students maintaining the pond in the past or making attempts to relocate the displaced wildlife, many students have taken it upon themselves to keep that area clean of trash.

Last spring the Alabama Environmental Council

worked in a joint endeavor with the National Society of Collegiate Scholars to clean the pond. More recently, a group of Rose Towers residents have been maintaining it.

After stumbling upon the destruction of the pond last week, many other students chose to devote their time to saving the stranded wildlife. The relocation of animals continued throughout Wednesday and Thursday to ensure as many creatures as possible were saved.

There was an attempt by University Facilities to relocate the larger fish, but if they had been more forthcoming with their intentions to drain the pond, students would have had a chance to mobilize

themselves and help.

Mr. Taylor said he believed the resulting student uproar was due to the lack of understanding about the draining. That is absolutely true and could have been avoided by posting the upcoming action.

Clarifying the administration's plan of action is what would serve the campus population best during this time of expansion. The pond is being assessed for construction of residence halls that will likely be built where the Riverside Pool is now located and at the wooded area circling the Presidential Pavilion. These plans were not part of the original campus Master Plan, the campus plan developed in the late 1990s to determine how

the UA campus should grow in the 21st century.

Parking problems on campus may be what many students are most vocal about, but many are not interested in seeing a tree replaced by asphalt. If the administration's goal is to attract more students to live on campus, it must remember how the quality of life would be affected for residents on the north end of campus if it paves everything between them and the Quad.

Fortunately, the fate of the north end of campus is not yet certain. Now is the time for students to take action and demand a voice in the decision-making process.

Heather Blackwell,

Co-president, AEC Senior, A&S

Administration faces worst pest problem ever

It's not bats, cats or squirrels. This time it seems the biggest pest problem the administration here is facing is the student body.

With the school focusing on issues such as reducing the party school image and finding football coaches, the students have gotten a bit uppity, so much so that they're demanding outrageous things like a better student identification number system, or a way to get to their now more expensive classes.

The University has done its

best to say, "We already have your money, now shut up," but amazingly, the students won't get the clue. When the University has to decide who gets parking spaces during home games and decides it's not you, you'd think the message couldn't get any clearer.

Well, wake up, everybody; if we don't hush up quick, the University might be forced to deal with us. You know, care about our view, not just everyone else's.

So sit down, shut up and try to smile, or else the administration might have to listen to what you have to say, or failing that, fumigate a few dorms.

Derek Tokaz Junior, A&S

Whisenhunt: Federal drug provision illogical, restricts education from those who need it

By DAN WHISENHUNT

It's a shame UA students have not been more vocal about the hypocrisy of the Higher Education Act Drug Provision. It effectively prevents anyone with a drug conviction from receiving financial aid. In theory, you could be a rapist, arsonist or murderer and still get a degree. But if you're caught with illegal drugs, you are somehow unworthy of a college education.

Does that make sense to anyone else? If it does, I challenge him to explain it to me. Explain, for instance, how someone smoking a joint is more of a threat than someone trying to rape and kill you. One might argue that drug use creates situations in which people are prone to violence.

Yeah, well, so do hockey games. And redneck bars.

People have told me drugs ruin lives. If that's true, then how is denying someone an education by putting him in jail supposed to make his quality of life better? Drug laws ruin lives because they are unnecessarily cruel. In Alabama, mandatory minimum sentencing for drug convictions keeps drug users in jail longer than convicted sex offenders. Something is seriously wrong here.

We shouldn't advocate drug use any more than we should encourage people to be violent felons. But as long as this disparity in sentencing exists in our state and others, we will never be safe. Even if we locked every drug offender in prison for life, there would still be violent crime. Using

methods of deterrence like suspension of financial aid and prison time is not the answer.

The answer is organization and education. College students know that as long as there is a demand for something, there is always a supply.

Anyone out there recall learning about Prohibition? It was illegal to consume alcohol in this country. Did that stop anyone from getting plowed on his ass if he wanted? Or to look at it another way, does banning alcohol from Bryant-Denny Stadium keep people from duct-taping a Flexi-



Dan Whisenhunt

Flask to their crotches?

Hell, no. And as long as there are things out there that will alter our states of mind, we will have to deal with them in a fair and effective way. Substance abuse is a health problem. The only way to combat it is through education, not by taking the opportunity for an education away. The Drug Enforcement Administration should be replaced by health professionals and social workers who understand the painful cycle of addiction on a level that does not involve metal cuffs.

Soon U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., will introduce legislation that does away with the hypocritical Higher Education Act Drug Provision. It's a necessary step in the right direction, and it could help to

end the drug war. At the very least, it will restore some sense of social justice in this country by allowing the people to move ahead by getting a college degree instead of keeping them subdued because of a social taboo.

We should encourage U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., to support Kennedy and help make our state and others a better place to live. Students can write Sessions at 335 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-0104 or e-mail him at senator@sessions.senate.gov. Let's let our senator know that UA students support sensible drug policies.

Dan Whisenhunt is a senior in the College of Communication and Information Sciences.

UA Greek Links to support Kid One, other charities

By **KATHRYN TUGGLE**
Staff Reporter

UA Greek Links kicked off its third annual fundraising campaign Monday night at the Ferguson Center Plaza.

The Panhellenic Association has supported the Kid One Transport System for two years. UA sororities and fraternities have raised more than \$300,000 for various charities in the past two years, with Kid One being presented with more than \$45,000.

Kid One assists thousands of Alabama children, diagnosed with various illnesses, who are unable to attain medical care because their families have little or no means of transportation to and from doctor visits.

The organization provides the medical-care rides for more than 4,000 children and expectant mothers in more than 27 Alabama counties. The money raised by the University will allow Kid One to increase services in west Alabama, including Bibb, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Pickens and Tuscaloosa counties.

The campaign kickoff was an enormous success, Interfraternity Council President Brad Wilson said. He said he was surprised about the turnout of more than 200.

"It was a huge success," Wilson said. "We were very impressed with how much interest there was. Now that contributors see the results and can see where their money is going, more and more people are realizing what a great thing this is."

In attendance was Russell



CW/ Elliot Knight
Sigma Chi pledges Patrick Moore, Kevin MacDonald, David Taylor, Jack Allen and Shelby Sanford listen to speakers Monday night at the Ferguson Center Plaza at the Greek Links fundraiser meeting.

Jackson, the former Hoover firefighter who founded Kid One in 1997. Speaking to UA students about their philanthropic efforts, Jackson addressed the importance of involvement in charitable organizations.

"There are needs everywhere for partnerships with charities such as Kid One, and the University of Alabama does so much for this state as a whole," Jackson said.

Also in attendance were UA President Robert Witt and Kathleen Cramer, vice president for student affairs.

"The efforts made on behalf of the Greek Links campaign are incredible assets to the University and the state as a whole," Witt said.

Wilson said the annual support raised through the Greek Links campaign is especially important now that the University has partnered with Kid One to help fund the

expansion of its services in West Alabama.

"It's this kind of thing that shows the University as a research-oriented organization that does everything it can to support others," Wilson said.

"Greek Links activities are the kinds of things we want to help UA get the grants we need as an organization."

Greek Links plans to expand its goals this year, now that it has gained backing from more sponsors.

"We hope to raise over \$200,000 this year alone for various charities around the state, eventually working toward doubling our totals from the years past," Wilson said.

Greek Links sponsors more than 25 charities throughout the state, and organizers plan to continue raising charity revenues each year by working closely with the University.

Officials yet to decide if pond is wetland

By **LORIANNE HINE**
Senior Staff Reporter

Associate Vice President for Facilities Dale Taylor said Tuesday the Army Corps of Engineers has yet to assess whether the Rose Towers pond, which was drained last week, is a wetland.

Last week a representative was supposed to visit the site Friday, but Taylor said he cannot verify that the representative came. The pond will remain drained until the Corps makes its assessment, he said.

All the work for which his department is responsible in association with draining the pond has been completed, Taylor said.

McGiffert and Associates of Tuscaloosa will soon begin topographical studies of the area east of Hackberry Lane up to the area around the Health and Safety Office and around Seventh Street and McCorvey Drive, Taylor said.

These studies, along with the assessment made by the Army Corps, will determine what measures need to be taken to prevent excess storm water from building up in the area

where new residence halls will be built during and after the construction process.

A contract has been drawn between the facilities department and McGiffert and Associates, and Taylor said that if the plan is approved in November, construction work in the area will then begin.

Once the Corps of Engineers advises the facilities department on whether the Rose Towers pond rests in a wetland, a storm weather retention plan will then be drawn up along with any environmental action that must be taken to preserve the wetland if it is one, Taylor said.

He said the Corps of Engineers must make the assessment because the Rose Towers pond area is larger than an acre.

A project to realign Campus Drive will begin soon, going hand in hand with the residence hall construction, Taylor said.

Khalilah Aleem, a senior majoring in anthropology, said the Alabama Environmental Council is talking with UA administrators and trying to seek a compromise about the pond's

future. The Rose Towers pond, before being drained, served as a catch basin, a lowland area that helps filter toxins out of water before it meets a larger body of water, said Aleem. She said water that would normally transend to the catch-basin area is instead traveling directly to the Black Warrior River, thereby polluting it.

Fellow AEC members are also concerned about the aesthetics of the Rose Towers area and feel the pond was the only pleasing scenery in the area, Aleem said.

"If the pond is gone, it will be like a concrete jungle at Rose Towers," Aleem said.

Aleem said she has talked to Taylor about the draining of the pond, but she feels she is not getting the full truth.

She said she was told last week the pond was only being drained to a certain level, but instead it was completely drained.

She said she has contacted a representative of the local chapter of Riverkeepers, a national group headed by environmental activist Robert F. Kennedy Jr.



CW/ Elizabeth Frenkel
The Rose Towers pond was drained last Tuesday to begin plotting land to build parking decks and dormitories. The workers emptied the pond of water and most big fish. The Army Corps of Engineers is assessing whether the area is a wetland.

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they do not carry the drug because of lack of demand and shelf space.

"If you already have contraceptives stocked, then they should also carry the morning-after pill," Thompson said. "I feel that lack of demand is because of a lack of availability."

Throughout the year, the SGA has received student complaints about the unavailability of the morning-after pill on campus, Thompson said.

She said SGA Resolution 11-03, which passed unanimously, has received positive feedback from students and organizations such as Students for Gender Justice.

"We as a Senate felt like there was an issue that needed to be addressed," Thompson said. "If [Russell Student Health Center] is going to write prescriptions they need to have the drug available."

The morning-after pill has been a source of controversy; some religious organizations such as Focus on the Family consider it an abortive substance.

One of the drug's functions is to slough off the lining of the uterus to prevent the fertilized egg from implanting itself in the uterus wall, but according to the Morning-After Pill Web site, www.morningafterpill.org,

it cannot terminate or harm an existing pregnancy.

SGA Resolution 11-03 says that through making emergency contraceptives available in RSHC, the University does not take a stance on abortion.

Thompson said Resolution 11-03 is not a moral debate but instead a stated desire for RSHC to realize its responsibility to students.

"Whether [students] agree with the morning-after pill or not they agree with the fact that Russell Student Health Center needs to provide care and make sure the prescriptions they do write are filled," she said.

Thompson said she believes arguments over the drug arise over misinformation and said the Senate did not want to neglect the issue due to lack of understanding about the drug.

"Students that don't support [the pill] might not understand," she said. "If they are upset, then they need to realize it's not an abortive substance."

Melanie Miller, director of the Women's Resource Center, said she was told SGA Resolution 11-03 would be aimed at providing support for victims of sexual assault. She said she believes having the drug available would be a good service to women on campus.

"When you have students raped, one in five get pregnant," she said. "To have a substance that addresses that

would be helpful."

Drake said the RSHC administration has not been presented with a copy of the resolution, and the drug is not stocked because it is not in the health center's policy to carry it.

She said the medical community does not consider the morning-after pill a regular form of birth control but condones its use in emergency situations such as condom breakage or date rape.

"It is not something people should use on a regular basis," Drake said.

RSHC physicians can write a prescription for any drug a patient needs, but the health

center pharmacy only carries the most commonly prescribed acute care drugs.

Drake added the RSHC pharmacy had not considered carrying the morning-after pill because it had not been

given a special price for the drug like it had on the other available contraceptives.

Drake said it plans to take what it knows of the SGA resolution seriously.

"I have been here a few

years and this is the first time it's come up," she said. "I think the administration will review what other universities in the area are doing, and a group of people will evaluate what is best for the University."

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Tide's mental lapses, fouls inexcusable

What happened to the football team Alabama fans can be proud to support?

When Alabama lost its hard-fought battle with Oklahoma three weeks ago, the players walked off the field to a cheering crowd, one that was proud of the valiant effort put forth by its beloved team.

But those same fans must have gone home Saturday wondering why they had bothered to cheer in the first place

after watching their team commit three personal foul penalties for a total of 45 yards, including one in overtime that cost Alabama a valuable field position.

With the Razorbacks facing a fourth-and-impossible in the first overtime, Razorbacks quarterback Matt Jones heaved the ball into the end zone, only to be intercepted by Crimson Tide safety Charles Jones. Rather than getting off the field and celebrating on the sideline, several Alabama players decided to throw a party right there in the end zone. One referee even tugged on Charlie Peprah's jersey, but to no avail. The party continued until a small yellow flag showed up.

Each of those players owes Brian Bostick a sincere apology, because what could have been a chip-shot field goal ended up being a 38-yarder that sailed wide left.

Physical mistakes happen every game and are to be expected of any football team. Mental mistakes, while more discouraging, are also a part of every game and must be dealt with on a weekly basis in practice. But the complete disregard for sportsmanship displayed by several players in the Arkansas game is inexcusable.

Alabama cornerback Anthony Madison gave the Hogs a first down after throwing punches at an Arkansas player.

Alabama safety Roman Harper threw a ball at an Arkansas player well after the play was over, donating 15 more yards to the Razorbacks' cause. Harper's explanation after the game: "I thought it was a pretty bad call."

Yes, Mr. Harper, throwing a ball at an opposing player is a pretty bad call ... on your part!

But the most dispiriting aspect of the entire episode is

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Bama's true freshmen get immediate playing time



True freshman Dominic Lee fights Arkansas offensive linemen for position during Alabama's 34-31 double-overtime loss Saturday. Lee made three tackles in the game, the first of his career. *CW/Tom Neil*

Alabama head coach Mike Shula raved about true freshman defensive tackle Dominic Lee's ability throughout fall practice.

But for the first four games, Lee paced the sideline, watching upperclassmen Ahmad Childress, Anthony Bryant, Jeremy Clark and Kyle Tatum take all the snaps at that position.

Saturday resulted in a change. The coaches decided to take the redshirt off Lee — and not just for minimal duty.

With Childress and Clark out due to injury, Lee saw action in 52 plays in a 34-31 loss to Arkansas.

Defensive coordinator Joe Kines said the decision to play Lee, along with true freshman linebacker Terrance Jones, was easy.

"We've been saying all along that we don't have much depth," Kines said. "We won't until we play them, which is what we did. The only thing we can do is concentrate on the youngsters that were out there, and I thought they did a nice job."

Jones had played on special teams in every game this season, but saw his first extensive time at linebacker. He was on the field for 23 plays on defense and 12 plays on special teams. With an injury to starter Derrick Pope, Jones could play even more this week against Georgia.

"He might as well get baptized now," Kines said. "He's going to play a lot more down the road."

In Lee's first game, he recorded three tackles. Kines said he felt Lee would still be in the rotation this week, but he also feels good that Childress and Clark should be available.

"We've got to feel a little bit better," Kines said. "We went ahead and bit the bullet last week and played a lot of people."

Another true freshman who saw action for the first time this season was wide receiver Tyrone Prothro. Unlike Lee, Prothro saw only one play, a reverse in which he failed to gain positive yardage. Coaches said Prothro's role should increase each week.

"We've been trying to get him in every week,"

offensive coordinator Dave Rader said. "We finally said, 'We have seven games left, so we'll get him in there.'"

"He's learning the offense better than the other young guys, and he's catching the ball very well."

Younger Britt suspended

One reason Lee got to play so much could have been because sophomore defensive tackle Taylor Britt, younger brother of tackle Wesley Britt, was suspended indefinitely after a run-in with police after the Crimson Tide's loss to Northern Illinois on Sept. 20.

Taylor Britt was arrested at 2 a.m. on Sept. 21 for two misdemeanor counts of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

"The officers asked them to move along, and he walked up at a fast pace and head-butted the officer. He buried his head in the officer's stomach and reached around his waist, taking him off his feet," Capt. David Hartin, Tuscaloosa Police Department spokesman, told *The Tuscaloosa News* on Tuesday.

Britt was released on bail at 8 p.m. on Sept. 21.

No change at punter

Bo Freelend has boomed a 50-yard punt this season. He had kicks of 22 and 26 yards late in the loss to Arkansas. It's the inconsistency that has everyone concerned with the position.

Freelend's 37-yard average on his punts ranks him 11th in the SEC, only ahead of Arkansas' Jacob Skinner, but special teams coach Dave Ungerer said the job is still Freelend's.

"We've got to work on mechanical things and

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AM I WRONG?
Alex Merritt

Probst's scoring key to soccer team's success

By CRAIG S. WYSOCK
Senior Sports Reporter

When Alabama's sophomore offensive standout Libby Probst gets the ball, her motto is simple: Shoot first and ask questions later. But even though she hails from pseudo-Wild West Utah, Probst has not always had the gunslinger mindset.

Probst said that in her first year at the Capstone, she was much more pass-happy than she should have been.

But she spent a lot of time in the off-season working on taking shots when available, and the benefits of that hard work are already showing. Coach Don Staley has been very impressed with her progress.

"Libby's just a no-nonsense, tackle-you-hard kind of player who has got a nose for the goal," Staley said. "She has been getting forward often. I'm extremely

happy to see her scoring goals like she has been. She's been putting numbers on the board all season."

Ten games into the season, Probst has scored seven goals, already eclipsing her entire season's total of five from a year ago.

In fact, with nine games left, Probst is only five successful shots away from tying the school record for goals in a season.

Those nine games will all be against SEC teams, though, and the level of play will have to improve against tougher, more talented opponents if a new standard is set.

"It is nice to be able to say something like I'm the leading scorer," Probst said. "I always like scoring. But it takes a team to score goals, and my teammates have done a great job setting me up."

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New swim coach McIlquham hopes to lead Alabama to glory

By BUDDY HUGHES
Sports Reporter

When Alabama needed a new coach this summer, the University reached out to a member of the Alabama family to step in and fill the void. But this is not another Mike Shula homecoming story.

In July, after four seasons at Alabama, then-swimming and diving coach Don Wagner resigned his post to look for coaching opportunities closer to his family. After a nationwide search, former Crimson Tide assistant coach Eric McIlquham was named as Wagner's replacement.

McIlquham returns to Alabama after a four-year head-coaching stint at West Virginia and a three-year stop

in Virginia as an assistant.

While at West Virginia, McIlquham led the Mountaineers to their first men's Big East championship. The team won back-to-back ACC titles while McIlquham was an assistant coach. He said he is happy to be back at Alabama.

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Tournament to honor women's sports pioneer

From staff and wire reports

On the 40th anniversary of Roberta Alison's barrier-breaking steps on behalf of female athletes, the University will honor her with the Roberta Alison Fall Classic on Friday through Sunday.

The SEC made an unprecedented decision in winter 1963 to allow women to compete on its men's varsity athletics teams. It was the first official move toward opening a door to women's varsity athletics at SEC member schools.

It was an Alabama coach, Jason Morton, who pushed toward the historic decision.

Morton had found an ace in Alison, a player he had discovered in Tuscaloosa, where she was training for the U.S. Women's Tennis Nationals. Morton enticed Alison, 19, into becoming the first woman to play on a varsity men's team at Alabama.

Not every opposing coach was as enthusiastic as Morton was about a female playing on a traditionally all-male squad.

But Morton and Alison's teammates stood by her, and she carried through with some of the best tennis performances of that time, including becoming an SEC quarterfinalist.

Once she joined the team, the curious flocked to Alabama's home matches, with attendance rising from an average of 50 in 1962 to 400 in 1963.

"I just go out there to win. I don't care who I play, man or woman," Alison said at the height of the controversy.

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"I always wanted to come back to Tuscaloosa," McIlquham said. "I always felt right at home here."

McIlquham is not only a former Tide assistant; he is also a former student. McIlquham earned his master's degree in exercise physiology at the University in 1994 to go along with his psychology degree from Oakland University.

Coaching allows McIlquham to use both of his degrees. McIlquham said he uses a lot of the physiological principles he has learned to help with the team's training. His psychology degree also plays a big part in his coaching style. Competing against the high-level talent of the SEC, McIlquham said having the edge mentally gives the team a better shot at winning.

McIlquham also brings Olympic experience to Alabama, having coached the Egyptian National team at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia.

"It was a great experience for me to have the opportunity to walk in the opening cere-

monies," McIlquham said.

"I have learned something from every coaching stop I've made to every kid that I have dealt with to every coach I have worked with."

That Olympic experience may prove to be a valuable resource this season with some of the Tide's swimmers and divers redshirting so they can focus on training for the Olympics. McIlquham said as the Olympics draw closer, he will talk more to those competing about the atmosphere surrounding the Olympics.

"We will get into what to expect with all the media hype," McIlquham said. "A lot of these kids have been competing at a very high level in international competitions."

There is a distinct international flavor to this year's team, with competitors coming from around the globe to compete at Alabama.

The Tide's foreign legion consists of competitors from such diverse locations as Greece, Zimbabwe and Ecuador.

With international competitors becoming more prevalent in intercollegiate sports, McIlquham said that though there will be some emphasis on international recruiting, there will also be strong emphasis on recruiting local talent.

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Her teammates have helped her out off the field as well.

Probst said she came to Alabama for a change of scenery and to try something different, but the hardest adjustment to make has been being away from her family.

"[My teammates] have definitely made the adjustment easier for me," Probst said.

On the field, the Crimson Tide (7-3) has made adjustments in the first half of the season to fit the team's personality.

Staley said he feels the proper adjustments have finally been made.

"Defensively, I've been very impressed over the last few games," Staley said. "But we have got to start clicking offensively, especially on restart situations. Our percentages are not where they need to be, and we need to begin capitalizing on those opportunities."

Staley also said that early on in the season his team made a couple of mistakes, costing them goals that resulted in losses. He feels the Tide has tightened those loose ends, though, and said his team is anxiously awaiting the challenges of SEC play.

This weekend Alabama will travel to Gainesville, Fla., to face nationally ranked Florida (8-1) on Friday night, then Columbia, S.C., on Sunday afternoon for a match with the Gamecocks of South Carolina (7-3-1).

"Florida's one of the best teams in the nation, and South



Alabama forward Libby Probst has been a catalyst for this year's Crimson Tide soccer squad. Probst leads the team with 7 goals and 16 points. The Tide has started this season 7-3.

Carolina is no slouch either," Staley said. "But we are not going to back down from either one of them. We're going to come right at them all game long."

Words like that should draw the attention of opposing coaches but will probably cause the ears of Tide players such as Probst to perk up as well.

"I'm ready to get the SEC season going," Probst said. "And I'm hoping to keep the scoring going this weekend."

Fans and coaches alike agree that goals from Probst would go a long way in helping the Tide's chances of an SEC tournament berth.

Just don't expect her to pass if the shot is there.

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get him straight," Ungerer said.

"We've just got to get him more consistent."

Jeff Aul, Jeremy Schatz and Patrick Eades are the other punters on the roster, but none have shown in practice that they can do the job, Ungerer said.

"I wish I could say that I had a guy that was close [to replacing Freeland], but I don't think we do," Ungerer said.

Welcome home

At the end of the loss to Arkansas, Shula was upset. Five hours later, he was overjoyed.

Brooke Dorothy Shula was born at 1:54 a.m. Sunday to Shula and his wife, Shari.

Brooke weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

She came home Tuesday, not long before Shula's weekly press conference. Shula said his wife and newborn daughter, as well as Brooke's 3-year-old big sister, Samantha, are doing fine.

"It's an exciting week for me," he said.

Drew Champlin is sports editor of The Crimson White.

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not the loss to Arkansas; it is the bigger picture. Is this the Alabama team for which Crimson Tide fans are supposed to root? Is this the team head coach Mike Shula wants representing him — one that flexes in the end zone after a touchdown (Dre Fulgham), throws punches at opposing players and beats its chest in the midst of its third loss in five games?

Fans are usually understanding of mistakes, even in football-crazed Tuscaloosa, and will return to cheer for the players the next weekend. But it is more difficult to root and be proud of a team that

shows a lack of character as the one Saturday did.

Alabama defensive coordinator Joe Kines said in the Sunday teleconference that the coaches were going to send the video of the celebration to the SEC office.

"They were within themselves, and they didn't run to the other sidelines," Kines said. "If there's not some emotion to that, then you're dead. You don't have any blood running through your veins."

With all due respect to Mr. Kines, that is a pathetic excuse. The Razorbacks scored three touchdowns in the final 17:03, including one with 27 seconds remaining in regulation, and after each one the Arkansas player dropped the ball and ran to the side-

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He lived on a farm until his father died when Pate was 10 years old.

Pate would eventually be moved into foster care because of his mother's physically and mentally abusive tendencies.

Pate said he worked at multiple jobs in his teenage years while attending Tuscaloosa County High School and graduated from the University in 1983 with a degree in chemical engineering.

Pate made his first foray into real estate in 1986 when he became landlord of a Good Year Service Center on Lurleen Wallace Boulevard.

He said he wanted to broaden his financial ability beyond his chemical engineering job, and the service center — a passive investment based on his no-management, high-yield business model — looked fairly attractive.

Pate said his goal was to invest in one property each year.

"I wanted to invest in something tangible," he said.

Pate became an active investor in 1991, he said, when he realized how much time he put into his real-estate investments.

He said he moved from freestanding investments to larger investments like the Lowe's on Skyland Boulevard and started expanding around Tuscaloosa and into other cities like Anniston, Oxford, Bessemer, Fort Payne and Gadsden.

Pate said he holds land as far north as Brooklyn, Ohio, and as far east as Athens, Ga.

Elvis lives

Notable among Pate-backed, anti-tax plan advertisements were billboards that equated Riley with higher taxes, signed as "a mes-

sage from Elvis."

Pate explained why he chose Presley to deliver his anti-tax plan message.

"Elvis has a tune about suspicious minds and being all shook up, and I believed that [is the right attitude to have toward state politics]," he said. "Everybody in the state of Alabama should be 'all shook up' because they've been lied to by their governor."

"Elvis is still alive, so it was a good message for him to deliver," Pate joked. "I mean, he's somewhere."

Pate said creativity is key to energizing the public in a campaign like the one against the tax plan.

"[The Rileys] are arrogant. The governor is arrogant. His son Rob Riley has been threatening the Legislature, and his daughter Minda's record speaks for itself."

—Stan Pate
Tuscaloosa developer

parodying various proponents of the Riley plan.

Cartoon caricatures of Riley — drawn riding on his horse Sandman with excessively filled money bags — and Partnership for Progress head Bill O'Connor — drawn as a jester-like puppet to special interests — are the deck's jokers. *The Mobile Register*, *The Birmingham News* and Riley press secretary David Azbell are among others in the deck.

Pate initially denied to *The Decatur Daily* in May that he was involved in backing "Billion-Dollar Bob" radio advertisements in north Alabama, but later admitted to donating money to make the ads.

The Alabama Coalition Against Tax Increases, not Alabamians for a Better Plan, backed those advertisements.

Comments by Azbell alluding that Pate was involved with radio advertisements that aired in

Birmingham calling for Riley's recall have angered the developer.

In a press release from his company last week, Pate denied involvement with such a campaign.

"The governor's office has reached new lows when they start calling innocent citizens names and making unfounded outlandish accusations. Azbell and Riley owe me an apology!" Pate said in the press release.

Alabama does not have a recall provision.

The 'arrogant' Rileys

Pate spoke in depth about his involvement in public policy when asked why he opposed the tax plan.

His first and seemingly key reason was his mistrust of Riley, which Pate said began during the 2002 gubernatorial campaign.

"I was on record saying quite candidly I didn't think we had much to choose from in that race," Pate said. "It was either the devil we don't know [Riley] or the devil we do [former Gov. Don Siegelman]."

Riley deputy press secretary Jon Matson said he could not comment on the feelings of the governor's camp toward Pate.

Repeated efforts to reach Azbell for comment this week were unsuccessful.

Pate himself started a campaign committee for the 2002 Republican gubernatorial nomination but dropped out before the primary.

He said the time was not right for him to run for governor, but he said he is involved with getting others into politics.

Pate said Riley gave little to no message during his gubernatorial campaign. He said Riley's only message — one of trust and a desire to obliterate corruption in Montgomery — was misleading.

He cited Riley's State of the State address in February, in which the governor said the state needed no new taxes, as proof of his distrustfulness.

Pate said the governor's distrustfulness stems from the Riley family's background.

"They're arrogant," Pate said. "The governor is arrogant. His son Rob Riley has

been threatening the Legislature, and his daughter Minda's record speaks for itself."

Asked what he meant by his comments on Minda Riley, Pate referenced her claim that supporters of the Machine assaulted her when she ran for SGA president in 1993 without the consent of the select coalition of traditionally white fraternities and sororities designed to influence campus politics.

The incident led to a three-year suspension of the SGA.

"The truth is she is responsible for what happened," Pate said. "She wasn't the victim; she was the instigator."

Pate also accused Riley of practicing the spoils system by putting trial lawyer Jere Beasley, whom he said has a business relationship with Rob Riley, on the state's lawsuit against ExxonMobil.

"He just leveraged his son's friend onto the bill [for the case]," Pate said. "It certainly does have a distinct smell to it."

FIGHT

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Officers then went to a UA fraternity house and talked to members.

Lt. Beth Turner of the University of Alabama Police Department said she could not comment on the investigation, because even if it did involve fraternities, the UAPD would not be involved.

Judicial Affairs director Tim Hebson said his office is also pursuing an investigation into the matter. He said, however, that though he had heard of a woman being involved, she was not part of the investigation.

Some of the aggressors are members of a fraternity, Hebson said, but they are being investigated individually and not as a fraternity because some independents were involved as well.

He said his office is actively pursuing the case and will hold those responsible accountable for their actions.

"It's about physical abuse,

verbal abuse, threats, stalking, intimidation," Hebson said. "We have to look at every individual case. If we know someone hit someone else, obviously that's physical abuse. If we know they were over there yelling, that's verbal abuse."

"If we know it was a crowd, gang-type thing, that's intimidation. If there was some damage done, that's damage to property of a member of the University."

The minimum UA punishment for those involved with physical abuse would be probation in addition to a large number of community service hours or referral to a counselor, Hebson said. He said the punishment would depend on each case.

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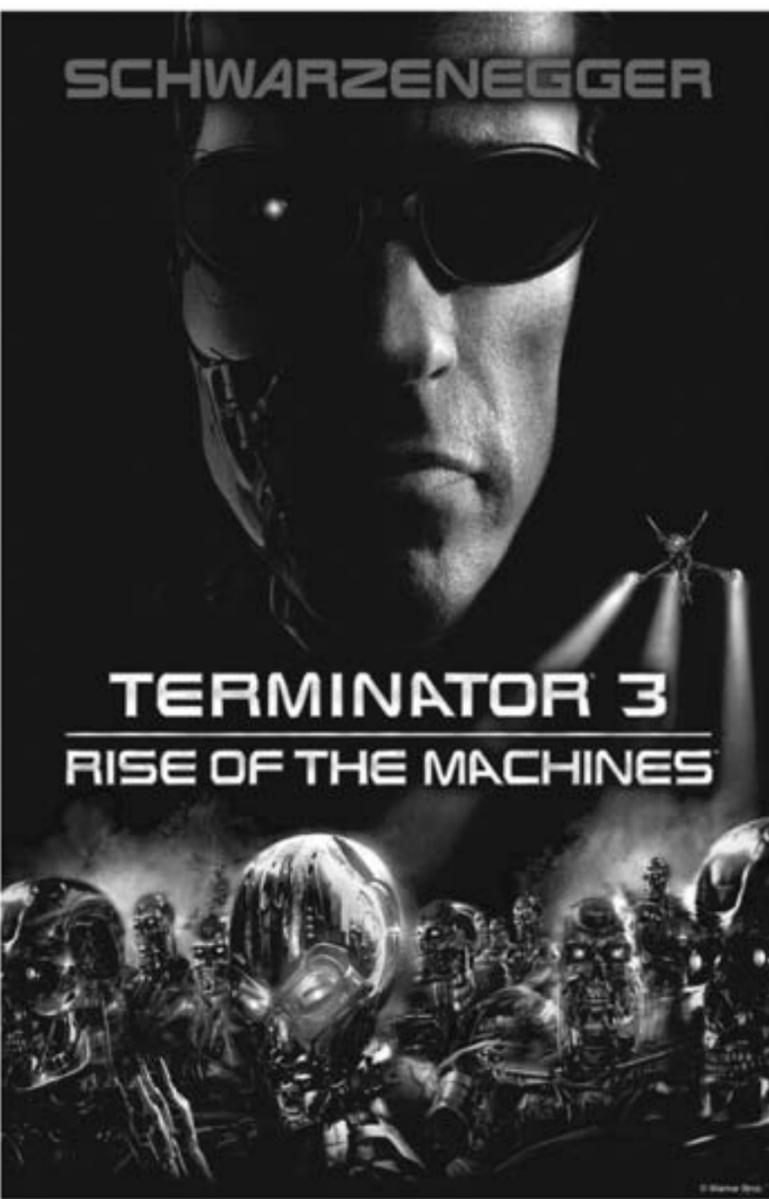
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CHEESE

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original "My Latin Tune," a classic exercise in the school of the Latin Samba groove.

After performing two more crowd-pleasing numbers ("Born on the Wrong Planet" and "It Is What It Is"), the first set ended, forcing a few members of the official "Head Rush" entourage and me to interact with some of the "glowstick tools" who insist upon using the music as a catalyst for their creativity in coming up with new ways to spin around a rope with a glowing piece of plastic at the end.

Cool people. Very cool people. Psyche.

Little did we know that the second set held in store the most memorable music of the night, as various members

of the group The Motet took the stage for the first three songs, beginning with a superb rendition of Paul Simon's "Under African Skies."

After having heard SCI play the tune at its previous Alabama show (Birmingham, April 19, 2002) I made it clear to my posse before the show that it held a top spot on the list of songs I wanted to hear.

Needless to say, I didn't think I'd get to hear it, let alone hear it performed with a saxophone and an extra percussionist. The version was nothing less than splendid; it subsequently segued into a drum solo by SCI's Michael Travis and the percussionist from The Motet. A few more members of The Motet came onstage for one more song: the Miles Davis jazz classic "Freedom Jazz Dance."

However, if you referenced my heady setlist notebook, you would see that, due to the equally excited and

deranged psychological states of the members of the "Head Rush" entourage, we mistook the tune for the SCI original "Galactic." Oops.

The rest of the second set lived up to the magic that preceded it, but the gauntlet was truly thrown down during the aforementioned techno epic "Valley of the Jig," the highlight of the evening.

How could they top the power of "The Jig?"

"Head Rush" co-host Brendan Moore instantly answered that question after picking up on teases of the Cheese classic "Restless Wind" during the jam out of "Jig."

And right he was. SCI closed out the set with an energetic version of "The Wind," a tune that, until Sunday, I had not had the pleasure of hearing live.

After the encore, which saw the performance of the unusual new song "Sirens" (which I am officially down

with) and a rendition of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way" as only Cheese can do it, it became apparent why SCI holds its position as one of the best acts in the jam band pantheon.

SCI has played at venues as awe-inspiring as the Fox Theatre in St. Louis and Red Rocks in Colorado. For it to play a show of this caliber in such a non-appealing location, (literally a sea of gravel where, only yards away, 18-wheelers whizzed by on the interstate), proves SCI holds an undying devotion both to having fun on stage and to satisfying its audience, no matter the conditions.

I honestly believe Sunday's "Incident" could be my favorite one yet.

Rating: ★★★★★

Music critics Brendan Moore and Paul Martin contributed to this review.

MOUNDVILLE

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and throwing an Indian football. Children can also make a shell bead or play a musical instrument.

"This is a really special cultural event," Wheeler-Griffin said.

"A lot of children have never seen a real Native American."

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Wednesday's Horoscope

MYSTICSTARS By Lisha Senek

Aries (March 21-April 20). Public debate will bring closure to a recent social or group disagreement. Key relationships need to evolve. Carefully consider the doubts and long-term ideals of family members.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Team negotiations and accountability are themes over the next eight days. Older colleagues ask for your leadership or approval. Pay attention to rules, daily regulations or employment standards. Accuracy and precision will prove vital to the success of group projects.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Close colleagues may be critical of fast improvements or new team suggestions. Fear of workplace change is an ongoing concern for younger co-workers. Reassure others of their importance.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Social wisdom and sudden intuitions may provide unique information. Private business dynamics or hidden workplace politics will be made public. Long-term loyalties and history between colleagues are key issues. Watch for valuable clues and expect ongoing tensions.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Romance may be draining. Expect unusual requests, comments or observations from loved ones. Intimate discussions, public affections and long-term promises will be difficult to avoid. Stay alert and demand clearly defined priorities.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Business and romantic partnerships may experience minor tensions. Negotiated goals and long-range promises will require added dedication. Reaffirm established rules or expectations.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Workplace projects may be quickly postponed. Areas of concern involve disrupted communications, lost ambition or the recent failures of a colleague. Team promotions, financial plans and corporate funding will prove unpredictable.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). A long-term friend may provide unique insights into the actions of a loved one. Subtle hints and messages will bring clarity to family or romantic disputes. Study the advice of friends, relatives and colleagues.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Home relationships may begin a brief but intense phase of social conflict. Group dynamics and deeply felt family needs will require serious discussion. Be supportive but avoid emotional triangles.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Unexpected overtures from potential lovers may create an atmosphere of sensuality and tension. Before midweek, nonverbal communications are unusually compelling. Pay close attention to the complex social and romantic signals of others.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Ownership, long-term possession or financial documents are important to loved ones. Let others find clarity in small details. At present, your efforts are best used to foster creativity or inspire group participation in the workplace.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Unique social invitations may prove unusually complicated. Romantic triangles and mildly unethical attractions are ongoing themes. Trust your first instincts and study hidden motives for valuable clues. Remain true to established values.



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Guest musicians, 'glowstick tools' highlight String Cheese show

By **GRAHAM FLANAGAN**
Entertainment Editor

HUNTSVILLE — Jam band dynamos The String Cheese Incident played a surprisingly stellar show Sunday night as part of the Big Spring Jam, an event similar to, though much cooler than, CityFest in Tuscaloosa.

The Colorado-based quintet took advantage of the gig to treat the very enthusiastic crowd to samples of musical genres familiar to Cheese fans such as bluegrass, rock and funk. It was also a chance to explore some until-recently unexplored territory: the world of electronica-influenced, pulsating, trance-techno beats.

When the group broke into a rendition of "Valley of the Jig," one of the standout tracks from its new album *Untying the Not*, the crowd became immediately aware that Cheese had mastered yet another musical style to incorporate into its seemingly infinite range and repertoire.

Despite the stage on which Cheese played being located near a busy highway, and despite fans watching the show while standing in a sea of chalky, gray gravel, SCI thankfully abstained from turning the show into a forum for "getting out of the way" a number of standards about which the fans might have complained.

On the contrary, Sunday's Cheese show (the sixth attended by yours truly) will most likely be remembered by all those in attendance as one of the best "Incidents" of 2003. Why is that? Well, the proof is in the pudding, were the set list pudding, but that would be really weird... or tasty.

SCI opened the first set with two standards: the funky "Lost" and the newly rearranged (for *Untying the Not*) "Wake Up."

The show was thrown into high gear once the boys began to tackle what they are known for the most: bluegrass. They couldn't have picked two better numbers to perform, as the highly appreciated, back-to-back coupling of "White Freightliner Blues" and "Panama Red" successfully satisfied the bluegrass quota that is pretty much a guarantee at every Cheese show.

The quintet continued to prove its status as one of the most versatile groups in the business by performing an inspired rendition of the SCI



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Idol worship

Remaining two Capstone Idol finalists excited about next week's final showdown

By **LAURA BALL**
Assistant Entertainment Editor

The top five finalists had a warm welcome from a cold audience at Monday night's Capstone Idol.

Looking out into an audience wearing fleece and North Face jackets, Capstone Idol host Hal Mooty asked, "Is everybody ready?" From 20 to 10 to five, the contestants had celebrity status as they took the stage to cheers from their fans below in the Ferguson Center Plaza.

"We were blown away tonight," said Hillary Burke, director of fine arts for University Programs. "It's been getting bigger and bigger each time, and that was what we were hoping for."

A crowd of about 500 came out to support Melanie Bridgeforth, Lauren Hauser, Carlee Means, Candice Neal and Kathryn Taylor. Singing songs with the theme of "hits of today," each contestant performed one song and then came back onto the stage to hear the results of the audience vote.

The audience vote was taken by the collection of sheets of paper on which the audience members circled their favorite singer. Cleveland Ewing, a junior theater major, said his favorite singer was Bridgeforth.

"She had an awesome voice, and she was without a doubt the best singer up there," Ewing said.

Ewing's friend was quick to agree that Bridgeforth had also become his favorite.

"I think she had the best voice," said Gabriel Warren, a junior marketing major. "She has a whole bunch of attitude and she looked good."

The voters did not agree, though. The two finalists remaining after the audience vote were Means and Neal.

"It's just overwhelming; it's great, [and] it's incredible," Means said as her fans crowded around her to congratulate her.

Still recovering from being sick, Neal said she thought her performance was awful and was not happy with the song selection. Though not thrilled with the night overall, Neal said she was excited about next week's performance, in which she could choose her own song.

"I'm hoping that we get to sing our first songs," Neal said.

For some of the past contestants, the Capstone Idol experience will be relived one last time as the audience favorites are invited back to sing.

"We're asking the crowd favorites to come back," Burke said. "Melanie



Candice Neal performs "Heartbreaker" to gain her place in the top two in Capstone Idol.

GW/ Elliot Knight

Bridgeforth, Sam White and Terrance Anderson."

For Ewing and Warren, Bridgeforth's return to the stage may be the highlight of their evening. With attendance numbers increasing for each show, Burke said the next show could go either way, but with the video footage of the two finalists getting their makeovers, their performances and the performances of past favorites, she hopes for a large audience.

Means and Neal will have the opportunity to sing two songs of their choice next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Ferguson Center Plaza. In addition to their personal song choices, the finalists will get their selection of clothing at McRae's for the evening performance, in addition to hair and makeup by The Colour Group.

The winner of Tuesday's performance will go away with \$1,000, Burke said. After Capstone Idol, Means and Neal will perform one last time on the Homecoming stage on the Quad on Oct. 10.

“We were blown away tonight. It's been getting bigger and bigger each time, and that was what we were hoping for.”

— HILLARY BURKE
University Programs director of fine arts

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GW/ Luisa Morenilla

LEFT: From left to right, Raven, 16, a Creek Seminole, Tumissah Lindsey, 17, a Creek, and Amy Hill, 22, a Creek, demonstrate a Native American stomp dance at the Moundville Native American Festival last year. **ABOVE:** Caleb Billings, 4, plays with his new bow and arrow at Moundville last year.

Indian descendants gather at Moundville festival

By **LAURA BALL**
Assistant Entertainment Editor

Beginning today, Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Seminole descendants from across America will trek to Moundville for a homecoming to the land of their ancestors.

The 15th annual Moundville Native American Festival, held today through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, will draw together people from all cultures in a celebration of the South's rich Native American heritage. Attracting 16,000 visitors annually, the festival is recognized as a Cultural Olympiad Event and one of Alabama's top 20 tourism events by the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel.

Kristi Wheeler-Griffin, marketing director of the Alabama Museum of Natural History, said the diversity of events each year continues to draw interest from people of all ages from across the South.

"Moundville is a 320-acre historical landmark," Wheeler-Griffin said. "There are about 20 Indian mounds. Moundville, at one

time, was the largest city in North America."

According to moundville.ua.edu, Moundville was America's largest city north of Mexico 800 years ago. Referred to as the "Big Apple of the 14th century," the once-glorified city will come to life as visitors are educated and entertained by Native American performing artists, craftsmen and musicians.

Crafts will include watching and learning how the Choctaws made pottery and river cane baskets. Demonstrations with the spear and bow and arrow will be held at the Target Range.

The Native American stage will feature live concerts Friday and Saturday. Musical guests Mary Youngblood and Darryl Tonemah are scheduled to perform. Youngblood is recognized for her use of audience participation, and Tonemah plans to surprise the audience with his rock-folk-country style. The stage will also host dancers, storytellers and musicians.

Children will also have the opportunity to explore Native American culture by playing stickball, playing the shell- or bean-toss game

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