SGA President Smyth said rumors of public voting records are false.

BY AMANDA PETERSON
Senior Staff Reporter

"Our Machine candidate sat us down in the chapter room and said that we have to vote in that way or else they’ll find out national as part of our values system," said the student, who has since dropped her membership. "It freaked everybody out." She said an older member of the sorority pulled her aside and explained that it is completely impossible for anyone to know for whom someone votes. So she voted how she wanted, and she said nothing happened.

"People know you are still here, but they don’t care if you vote," Smyth said. And then she said that if you vote, and you don’t vote for Hillary Clinton in Alabama, if they sit down and think about it just a little bit, they are smart enough to realize it’s a complete impossibility.

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No online voting will happen this year.

By Marcus Mckee
Staff façug

In their speeches, both candidates repeated similar ideas in their speeches.

"It’s extremely important for Alabama to have people who are going to bring the economy. They also have people that’s never been able to bring in the jobs," Smyth said.

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The CW poll last fall also found 64 percent of the students surveyed wanted online voting, which was first used in 2003. Homcoming queen election and may have contributed to increased voter turnout by 50 percent. Students wanted to see online voting available. “It’s a real work in progress,” he said. “I want to make sure of the logistics. Is it a step in the right direction.”

He said the tampering of the 2003 online election brought online voting under a cloud of uncertainty.

“I think that we can get a system that is more secure than last time, then online voting is definitely the wave of the future,” he said.

He said many other schools across the country are using online voting, and it would make it easier for students to vote.

“A lot of times students don’t vote because they don’t want to stand in line or it just takes too much time out of their day,” he said. “But with online voting, students can just vote before they leave their dorm room or their apartment on their way to class.”

Online voting would be less expensive and would eliminate the need for faculty members and student workers to collect deposits. “I think the sooner online voting is available, the better it will be for Bama,” he said.

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The students’ area just off campus was once home to a Pizza Villa, a once home to a Pizza Villa. Flanagan said that the only thing that has changed is the attitudes. When people ask about the drinking scene, they are met with dates instead of letting the girls go out with their friends. Flanagan said that the drinking was not paramount to drink and go to bars, he said. There also were not as many drinking at first. Flanagan, who went to the University from 1974 to 1976, then from 1978 to 1980, said before The Booth was a bar, it was an Orange Julius, a soda shop-like place, and The Legacy was once home to a Pizza Villa.

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Our View

So they threatened her... for top job

Walker wins

In the race for SGA president between Robert Walker and Ryan Harris III, the Crimson White editorial board endorses R. B. Walker.

We recognize that Walker did not win without reservations, however. There was some discontent with Walker's first choice, but we ultimately chose Walker.

That applied to some members of the board of Harris is that he represents a growing portion of UA students who are completely dissatisfied with the way the SGA runs. We think that no matter who wins this race, which is a reflection of the fact that the SGA could be better than it is.

We've expressed our opinions on thisNitilies times as well. We agree with Harris that the SGA does not always have to involve students, but in this case it matters. Harris' plan is one of disrupting the status quo which is necessary in order to make a difference. We think Walker could make a difference in this race.

Others who argue that the previous two SGA administrations have failed. While Walker may have things to show during his term, he doesn't seem to be as effective because many of them currently overlap. Harris has the opportunity to change SGA committees and try to create a more cohesive and organized plan of what he wishes to accomplish during his term. Harris' plan for the SGA would be more focused and comprehensive and structured.

We also think Walker's previous experience and connections with administrators and on-campus and off-campus leaders would help with our plans, but we acknowledge that he may seem like a token politician to people who have become cynical to the current array of students who are governed.

The most important thing for Walker to have to overcome is elected president is to separate himself from the system and show he could make a difference. If Walker has been able to make a difference, he must be able to do so without the support of a majority of the board.

Walker has already been in contact with UA administration and has met with various groups and campaigns to discuss the upcoming elections. This allows him to be better prepared for the upcoming elections as well as have better understanding of what is happening on the campus.

One of the highlights of Walker's platform is his plan to make wireless Internet available during the summer. This would be a huge improvement for students and other people who are interested in having access to the Internet.

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In conclusion, we think Walker is the best candidate for SGA president. We urge students to vote for Walker in the upcoming election.

Editor's note: This is part one of a two part retrospective on the SGA. Part two will appear on Wednesday.

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So she ran, using brains and

The Voter Participation

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Nicholas Beadle is a junior journalism major. He was a member of The Crimson White, Alabama, and the Southpaw.
Renowned folk dancer to visit Capstone

Students across campus can put on their dancing shoes this week to enjoy the blend of another culture when professional folk dancer and musicologist, Daniela Ivanova, stops to workshop various aspects of folk dance.

The event is sponsored by the UA Academy-Classico Club, the Chihua University Program, the Capstone International Programs, the School of Music and the Tuscaloosa and Birmingham International Folk Dancers.

Steven Ginzbarg, a member of the Tuscaloosa International Folk Dancers, said Ivanova is making the trip partly because of her desire to bring Bulgarian culture to areas that wouldn’t normally experience it.

"Normally folk dance teachers coming from Europe to the U.S. [to teach dance] typically go to New York or Chicago, where folk dancing is very big," Ginzbarg said. "Our group is very small. We have less than 10 regular dancers."

The event begins today in a folk and dance workshop led by the Tuscaloosa International Folk Dancers in the Fellowship Hall of the First Christian Church at 6:27 Paul W. Bryant Drive from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight.

It will conclude Tuesday with a visit to the UA campus for two sessions on Greek and Bulgarian folk dance and music.

The first session is a trip to the music in world cultures class at Moody Music Building at 8 a.m., and the second session is to a workshop at the Student Recreation Center at 3:30 p.m. in Studio B.

All events are free and open to the public.

"Monday’s portion of the workshop is during regular dance night for the Tuscaloosa International Folk Dancers," Ginzbarg said. "It could have been something unusual, but it’s a really good way to connect a student to any aspect of folk dance.

"Right now, people aren’t making their own decisions, and that’s not what elections are all about," she said. "I think raising awareness of the fatality of the rumor can make a big difference."

The source said her encounters with the Machine, and the voting record rumor, has caused her to lose a little faith in the credibility because it’s all predetermined, not centered around who’s best.

"It’s completely anonymous," Smyth said. "The ballots are not numbered, and you don’t sign your name to the ballot. I know people say anything’s impossible, but it is impossible for someone to see how you vote."

The former senate pledge said she thinks it’ll make a difference for people to believe they could see how they voted.

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State routs Alabama to win SEC West

BY JESSIE PATTERSON  ■  Sports Editor  ■  patterson@cw.ua.edu

With junior point guard Ronald Steele out of uniform and on the bench for the second game in a row, it became evident just how different a team Alabama is without him. "That’s stating the obvious," said Crimson Tide head coach Mark Gottfried. "We’ve beaten that dead horse to death. He’s a first team All-American. We’re not going to fold up the tent and go home, though. We’ve got to keep playing."

The Tide racked up 21 turnovers with a couple of five-second calls, errant passes and double plays in a 91-67 blowout loss at Mississippi State’s Humphrey Coliseum Sunday afternoon to end the regular season on a sour note at 20-10 overall and 7-9 in SEC play. The Bulldogs improved 17-12 and 8-8 in the SEC with the win to claim a share of the SEC Western Division Championship with Ole Miss. "They were too much for us to handle today," Gottfried said. "They should feel good about being Western Division champs. I thought they played great today."

Sophomore forward Richard Hendrix spent most of the first half on the bench after picking up two quick fouls. "That hurt," Gottfried said. "For about 10 minutes in the first half without him, we hung with them. It’s tough. First we were without Steele, then we were without Hendrix. It’s tough and it got back to two, despite the fact that Richard didn’t play a lot in the first half."

After being down 41-29 at the half, Alabama cut the Bulldogs’ lead to two points at the 17-minute mark on a field goal by Hendrix. Mississippi State fought back and dominated the later part of the second half, outscoring Alabama 24-12 in the paint. The Bulldogs led by as much as 32 points with 4:33 left in the game. Alabama never bounced back after falling so far behind.

Mississippi State’s junior center Charles Rhodes led all scorers with 18 points. Rhodes left the game for the final time with two minutes left to play after stepping to kiss the Bulldogs’ logo in celebration at mid-court before going to the bench.

Alabama senior center Jermareo Davidson led the Tide with 16 points. Sophomore forward Alonzo Gee added 13, while sophomore guard Brandon Hollinger scored 11. Hendrix and freshman guard Justin Tubbs each had 10 points. "It’s just a bad way to go out," Hendrix said. "Yeah, we’re beat down, beat down in a lot of ways, but it’s just a thing you have to overcome, and we’re having a hard time overcoming right now."

When asked about his team’s post-season fate following the loss, Gottfried wouldn’t talk about NCAA tournament hopes. Instead, he talked about what Alabama needs to do. "I’m concerned about my team," Gottfried said. "We’ve got to get tougher — mentally tougher, physically tougher and playing better basketball. It’s post-season. We wipe the slate now and go to Atlanta. We’ve got to get things corrected, and it will start with the level of toughness we have to have."

"We didn’t have it today. They were tougher than we were."

Mississippi State's Detric Slater cuts the last part of the net off the rim after the Bulldogs defeated Alabama to capture a share of the SEC West championship. Alabama dropped to 7-9 in SEC play with the loss and will enter the SEC Tournament as the No. 5 seed from the Western Division.

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For a moment Sunday afternoon, it seemed as though the Tide softball team's perfect record would be no more. Then Kellie Eubanks stepped to the plate.

During the seventh inning in the final game of the Eastern Spring Fling against Louisiana-Lafayette, Eubanks blasted a line-drive home run over the left field wall in the seventh inning to send the game to extra innings.

"At that point, I was just trying to hit it hard so Jordan could score," Burford said.

Burford ended the day going 2-for-4 with two runs and five RBI. Parker added two runs, three RBIs and a three-run walk-off homer, and put the game away with a fly ball to left field that was dropped by Desi Barsalona.

"ULL is a great team, and we knew we were going to be tested this weekend, so it was really nice to come away with two wins from a great team," Burford said.

Burford also sparked the first run of the game with a two-run shot over center field in the first inning, scoring Parker.

Pat Murphy said. "We wanted to give Charlotte a shot," head coach Don Staley concurred.

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Solid beam performance paces Tide

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After the first two rotations Friday night, No. 4 Alabama and No. 2 LSU were tied at 98.6. At that point, the Crimson Tide was facing its biggest challenge of the evening. Its enemy was not LSU's elite gymnasts Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, Nicki Butler or Kelly Phelan. The Tide's enemy stood still but all the more intimidating. At 6 feet long and 4 inches wide, the balance beam stood between Alabama and the victory. However, it appeared that the Tide's struggles on the apparatus were far removed from their minds. Alabama walked, flipped and tumbled their way into the meet. However, LSU responded by scoring just three hits and striking out seven batters in six innings of a run. With a scoreless tie through five innings, what began as a quick pitcher's game exploded in the Tide's first run of the day. The Cowboys barreled up in response to start the seventh. A double sent the Tide to the bullpen for Josh Copeland, who didn't last long — only a third of an inning. State's Patrick Kelly then replaced Stroup, and McNeese State's Josh Cholley laced a two-run single for the Tide's first run of the day. After a strikeout, Copeland gave up a single and his spot on the mound. Alabama went to southpaw Will Stroup, who was good for a strikeout. His performance on the floor by freshman Ricki Lebergern, who had career-high scores on vault and floor exercise to complete its second-highest beam of the season. After an inning in which four Tide pitchers saw action, the Tide trailed 3-1. "When a guy doesn't get to the eighth inning, we're going to have to run a bunch of guys out there," Wells said. "That's similar to what we'll do that wasn't just something we did to get through this game." Alex Arola placed the ball just inside fair territory for a double to begin a seventh-inning rally for Alabama. Arola advanced to third on a ground out, and Matt Bentley took a free base after being struck by a.inning. A stolen base and another walk loaded the bases. Arola tallied a run on a wild pitch to close the deficit to 3-2. Bases loaded again, Paiml narrowly avoided a double play, reaching first on a fielder's choice and driving Bentley in to tie the game at three.

The extra-inning victory was good for a strikeout. Patrick Kelly then replaced Stroup, and McNeese State's Josh Cholley laced a two-run single for his first hit of the season. After an inning in which four Tide pitchers saw action, the Tide trailed 3-1. "When a guy doesn't get to the eighth inning, we're going to have to run a bunch of guys out there," Wells said. "That's similar to what we'll do that wasn't just something we did to get through this game." Alex Arola placed the ball just inside fair territory for a double to begin a seventh-inning rally for Alabama. Arola advanced to third on a ground out, and Matt Bentley took a free base after being struck by a
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