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Possible changes to Fall Break

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Fall Break will be one day shorter and cheaters may find it harder to get off the hook if two measures proposed by the Educational Affairs Committee Monday are approved by the full University Committee.

Students may have one less day to party — or prepare — before the Georgia/Florida game, after a measure passed unani-

mously to shorten Fall Break to Friday, Oct. 31, 2008.

Instead, students could receive an entire week off during the Thanksgiving holiday, said Rebecca Macon, registrar and a member of the Fall Break Task Force, which was in charge of making the recommendation.

Macon said the revised schedule was a compromise between students, faculty and administration.

“A lot of faculty didn’t even

like having one day for Fall Break,” she said.

But the task force feared the dangers of students rushing down to Jacksonville, Fla., on Friday night or the day of the game, she said.

Katie Bowers, president of the Student Government Association, said removing Fall Break would have forced students to choose between athletics and academics.

“I think it was a good compro-

mise,” said Bowers, who voted for the change at the meeting.

Honesty is the best policy

The Educational Affairs committee also proposed changes to the University’s academic honesty policy that would allow students who violate the policy a second time to remain at the University.

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Tennis men win indoor competition

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There are no history majors on the roster, but Leconte Hall would still be proud as history repeated itself Monday when No. 1 Georgia (8-0) won its second straight ITA National Men’s Team Indoor Championship on Monday with a 4-0 victory over No. 2 Ohio State (10-1).

The match started out well for the Bulldogs as the more experienced players clinched the doubles point with two 8-4 wins.

The No. 1 duo of John Isner and Luis Flores drew first blood by taking down Ohio State’s Drew Eberly and Justin Kronauge.

“At number one doubles, they demolished a very good Ohio State team,” said coach Manuel Diaz.

Soon after that win Matic Omerzel and Travis Helgeson followed up by defeating



ISNER

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Alternative Mardi Gras celebrations

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Crowds of revelers will enhance their jewelry wardrobes tonight as metallic plastic Mardi Gras beads become the hot accessory.

Although Athens is not as devoted to Mardi Gras festivities as New Orleans, the party is sure to live on.

By celebrating Mardi Gras, which literally means “Fat Tuesday,” many students will prepare for the long, grueling 40 days of Lent.

Traditionally celebrated as the feast before the fast, Mardi Gras has gained a modern reputation as the biggest party of the year.

Having begun the celebrations last Thursday, both Harry Bissett’s New Orleans Cafe and Oyster Bar and Bourbon Street are continuing the festivities tonight, luring the crowd with their decorations and costumes.

At Harry Bissett’s, “We have a King and Queen of Mardi Gras every year,” said Heather Hoechst, a graduate student of women studies from Athens. “They get up on the bar and throw beads.”

At Bourbon Street, patrons can catch beads thrown by a jester from the bar or from other bar-hoppers from the balcony. The staff will be in costume for the celebration, and the bar will play New Orleans Zydeco music. Featured drinks include Hurricanes and Hand Grenades.

Besides the bars downtown that will be hosting drinks and beads, getting away from the madness may be a sweeter deal.

Celebrating Britain’s National Pancake Day, their version of pre-Lent celebration, IHOP will be giving away one free shortstack of pancakes to all guests from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Donations will be accepted for the Children’s Hospital of Atlanta.

For festive, family fun, Lay Park is celebrating the day with a Mardi Gras festival from 6 to 8 p.m., complete with beads, crafts, dancing and a traditional New Orleans King Cake.

MEN AT WORK



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▲ Construction workers Dexter Grantt (left) and Dave Larson install a footing to Candler Hall on north campus Monday. The footing prepares the building for waterproofing.

ImagineAir chooses class for marketing

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An Atlanta-based airline with a new concept of air travel chose a University marketing class to prepare its advertising campaign.

Haroon Qureshi, director of public relations for ImagineAir, said the company chose Jooyoung Kim’s Advertising Campaigns class to create a marketing campaign featuring “creative styles for a smaller budget.”

Kim, an assistant professor, said he is excited to work with ImagineAir.

In the class, student groups create a marketing book which details market data and advertising techniques, to increase awareness about the company and the air taxi industry, he said.

Like their professor, Kim’s students said they are pleased to be working on the corporate project.

Roger Baldowski, a senior from Atlanta majoring in advertising and new media, said he is enjoying creating a communication campaign for a major business.

“I really like having free roam on what we can do,” he said.

Baldowski said he appreciates being trusted with such a significant task.

Kim said he believes ImagineAir chose

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Severe weather drill preps Univ. for threat of tornados

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Even if the University is not hit by a tornado Wednesday, students and faculty are expected to have a severe weather safety plan when sirens ring.

The severe weather sirens will be part of the University’s participation in a state-wide severe weather drill on Wednesday morning.

The goal is to promote awareness among students and faculty concerning what to do if severe weather strikes, said Steve Harris, the Emergency Operations Manager of the University’s Office of Security and Emergency Preparedness.

“We want students to understand one of our greatest threats is a tornado,” Harris said.

Students should know if there is a

tornado warning they need to seek shelter in the basement or lower floor of a building, he said.

Marshall Shepherd, an associate professor of geography, said February is a great time for students to think about preparing for storms.

“Spring is the most active season for severe weather,” said Shepherd, who studies meteorology.

Tornados are our biggest worry, he said, but Athens also is threatened by other types of severe weather such as hail and severe wind gusts.

The University does a lot to make itself ready, he said, especially by participating in the severe weather drill.

Because students are not always in front of a TV or radio,

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Southeast awards ‘Big Dawg’ with ‘Super Fan’

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For the Bulldog Nation, Mike Woods represents more than just a fan — to many he is the model UGA fan.

Likened to Santa Claus by fans on multiple occasions, the Athens native is now mostly known as “the Big Dawg” or “Bulldog Man.” But even if people do not know his name, they can almost always recognize him.

Across the southeast, Mike “Big Dawg” Woods is so known and loved that he was presented with the Lincoln Financial “Super Fan” award last week. Though he was named the winner of the award in December, he didn’t receive his trophy until last week.

The avid fan, who has his wife paint a bulldog on his head for each home event, thanked the student body and everyone who voted for him online.

He said he knew of one person who voted more than 500 times and said he was told people from every state in the southeast voted for him over the other options, including the Alabama Twins and a fan from Wake Forest.

Woods’ following is not limited to fans. Woods



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▲ Athens native Mike Woods, sometimes known as the “Bulldog man,” poses with his Lincoln Financial “Super Fan” award last week.

said he has already received letters from a baseball coach and from basketball head coach Dennis Felton. He has also had a meeting

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Play this game alone or find out whether it has the potential to turn you into the most popular among your friends.



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The Red and Black now will be selecting an Athlete of the Week who exemplifies the pride of the Bulldog nation. Check out this week’s inside.

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