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UAH housing gets a helping hand

By Mike Anderson
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SGA Executive Vice President Anthony Holden has placed upon his senators the task of investigating various problems and concerns around campus that range from a club web server to the UAH class ring to freshman orientation.

Senator Chris Alexander (Soph.) is striving to make on-campus housing experiences better. The SGA Senate has passed several resolutions regarding campus housing, and Alexander will be spending the next several weeks following up on those resolutions.

Among these is a resolution regarding University Housing staff entering resident suites. Currently, if no

residents are present, University Housing staff may enter a suite after knocking twice and announcing themselves as staff.

The resolution proposes many changes, including one that Housing staff should never be allowed to enter a suite if no residents are present except in emergency situations.

It also proposes that staff should be required to call ahead when they intend to make "unannounced" visits, and leave voicemail and printed material explaining the scope and reason for such visits.

Health and safety inspections, the reason for such visits, is another point of emphasis for Alexander.

The Senate is not asking University Housing to get rid of the inspections, but rather to restructure the charge and

appeals process.

"Currently, University Housing has neither the time nor the resources to support the appeals process," said Alexander.

The appeals process is currently with John Maxon, Director of University Housing; a man who many students feel can often difficult to get in touch with.

Also, students have expressed concern with the way charges are split when they are assessed. According to Alexander, the charges are based on quotes from an outside contractor.

Alexander isn't just concerned with who can come into your suite, but also with how long you can stay there.

A Senate resolution has also passed concerning the opening and closing of NCRH and CCRH for holidays. Alexander is pleased

with the prospects of this, and feels that change may occur as early as Spring Break.

It will take time to get more changes accomplished. According to Alexander, "we talked about keeping (the residence halls) open for the Winter break, however it was the opinion of housing that it caters to such a small minority of residents that it was not worth pursuing."

Alexander is looking in to other issues as well. "I'm also looking into the lighting in the 700 buildings at Southeast Housing," mentioned Alexander. "All they have is incandescent wall lighting right now, and it's just not up to standards."

For more information regarding the SGA or this article, please email Mike Anderson at andersms@email.uah.edu.

Job market worse than last year?

By Lauren Eiter
News Writer

The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) recently conducted a survey concerning the job prospects for the 2002-2003 graduates and what they found was disheartening: "Employers expect to hire fewer new college graduates in 2002-2003 than they did in 2001-2002".

Now if you know someone who graduated last year and *still* hasn't found a job, you realize the severity of this job famine. Nationwide, employers "expect to hire 3.6 percent fewer grads" this year.

What does this mean for all you anxious college seniors who have spent years preparing for a job that may be a long time coming?

According to *USA Today*, students are considering alternative options such as: taking part-time positions, turning to advocacy, accepting internships, beginning graduate school, and traveling.

If those options do not meet your expectations, then another option is to register with Career Services in EB 117 as soon as possible. By registering early, perhaps you will get a heads up on any job placements available. And let's face it, now is not

the time to be picky. For all of you out there with student loans lingering over your heads, that six-month grace period won't last long.

Good news however, according to USA Funds, college loan payments may offer relief.

"The student-loan program offers deferment and forbearance options to help graduates who are unable to make their monthly loan payments because of temporary financial difficulties," stated Carl C. Dalstrom, USA Funds president and CEO.

Concerning U.S. regional job markets, it looks like the Midwest is your best bet as employers are predicting an

11.2 percent increase in college grad hiring.

Where the West is probably the worst choice as employment is plummeting 15.7 percent for 2003. Here in the South, employers expect a 1.5 percent decrease and in the Northeast an 8.1 percent decrease is probable.

Not all looks bleak. There are options, and if you are willing to be flexible, then you will make it through these dry times.

It's good to keep a positive outlook and realize that you may not end up doing exactly what you thought, but it may be better than what you planned.

Spring phonathon ready to launch

By Carter G. Johnson
News Writer

The UAH Annual Fall Phonathon held last semester was a huge success and raised \$46,389 to support UAH colleges and Athletics.

This year, the Office of University Development hopes the Spring 2003 Phonathon will be just as successful.

The Office of University Development holds two Phonathons each year, one in the Fall Semester and one

in the Spring Semester.

The Phonathons help raise funds for a variety of university-related purposes. Money is raised by student callers who contact UAH alumni for donations.

The Fall Phonathon, raised money to "support the individual needs established by the Dean, chairs and faculty of the college. This can be used for equipment, emergency student aid or whatever the college designates" according to Connie Gerlach, Director of University Development.

Phonathons also update alumni on the changes occurring on campus and provide students an opportunity to network with alumni.

"Phonathon callers have the opportunity to speak with a broad cross section of alumni—this is an excellent opportunity to network, gather information and possibly make a contact for a future career.

Students also have the opportunity to develop job and communication skills in a fun and low key environment," stated Gerlach.

The Spring Phonathon will be held March 3-April 3. Proceeds will benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund and other programs and services provided by the Alumni Association.

Student callers will be paid \$6.15/hour and will work 6:30 - 9:00 pm Monday thru Thursdays.

Look for advertisements in *The Exponent* for more information or call the Office of University Development for more information at 824-4438.

Greek Speak

By Jason DeVine

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Greetings my fellow Greeks! My name is Jason DeVine and I'll be your new Greek Speak Correspondent. I'm a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and a senior majoring in Computer Science. Well, enough about me, let's get on to what our campus Greeks are up to in the coming weeks.

- Community Service

Alpha Tau Omega will be working the WHNT Channel 19 News Kids Expo on February 1. The Expo will be held at the Von Braun Center. Delta Chi is having a charity canned food drive that will be running for the next few weeks. So, if you have any spare cans of beans in your cupboard, drop them by the Delta Chi house (SECH 606).

- Social Activities

Delta Zeta will be hosting an Alumni Luncheon on February 8. Also, the Delta Zetas have an upcoming mixer planned with the ATOs for February with the date still to be announced. Keep reading for details regarding the date.

- Intramural Sports

This past Sunday the Sigma Nus picked up a win over the Pikes in basketball while the ATOs had a tough loss against the Alpha & Omega's. The ATOs and Sigma Nus will play this Sunday at 2:00 pm in the final IFC basketball game. It appears that the IFC points race will go down to the wire for the second straight year. With soccer and softball left, the IFC title could very well come down to the last softball game. The current standings are as follows (record): Sigma Nu (4-1), ATO (3-2), Pikes (3-3).

- Announcements & Reminders

The Kappa Delta sorority would like to remind all of their members that National Scholarship applications are due this week. The Delta Zeta sorority will be sending members to their National Recruitment Conference in Dallas, Texas in the coming weeks. The Delta Chi fraternity would like to congratulate all of their new initiates. The Delta Chi's took their initiates to Washington DC this past week for an initiation trip. Also, the Delta Chi's have their pledging ceremony this Thursday. The ATOs would like to congratulate all of their new brothers. Alpha Tau Omega initiated nine new brothers this past Thursday. Also, ATO will be holding their formal pledging ceremony this Thursday.

On a final note, some of the Greek organizations did not appear in this week's Greek Speak because their weekly meetings were cancelled due to last week's "blizzard". In writing this column, I desire to give all of the Greek organizations, which submit information, weekly exposure in this column. In truth, this column will be most effective when all of the Greek Organizations submit information weekly. So if your Greek organization has an up coming event and would like it posted in Greek Speak, then email me at devinej@email.uah.edu. All email submissions must be sent to me by 8 p.m. on Sundays in order to be in the next week's Exponent.

DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION
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ACROSS THE CAMPUS?
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IPT works in conjunction with NASA

By Ande Boyer
News Writer

One of the really great things about going to UAH is Huntsville itself. How many universities in the nation can boast having such companies as Lockheed-Martin and Teledyne-Brown right across the street?

One of the huge advantages to having such a plethora of such companies in such close proximity are the cooperative partnerships so easily formed between UAH and industry.

The Integrated Product Team, under the direction of Dr Robert Frederick, is an example of a university team working in conjunction with industry for the benefit of both. In cooperation with the US Army's Aviation and Missile Command and



NASA-Marshall, the IPT has taken on several design challenges over the last few years. These have included a student designed Crew Return Vehicle (CRV) for the International Space Station and a VTOL (vertical takeoff or

landing) armored fighting vehicle.

This year's task is for the student group to design a guided rocket based on the weight, form factor, and fire control of the venerable "Hydra 70" 2.75 inch rocket. With

the exception of the warhead, the IPT must design every system on the weapon including guidance, control, and propulsion.

Another key learning point to this project is the interaction required among the various teams working together. Unlike most senior design projects, the IPT is made up of several majors and even a group of students from a French university.

To help kickstart the project into high gear, a "Tactical Missile Design Symposium" was held at the Bevill Center on January 14. "The purpose of the symposium was to introduce tactical missile design issues to meet the notional mission requirements and to outline the motivations and objectives for the ATM (Advanced Tactical Missile) IPT (Integrated Product Team) for the 2003 project," according to ESTACA liaison Renea Ellison.

At the symposium, speakers from UAH and AMCOM made presentations on design specifications including aerodynamics, propulsion, and avionics. The team of French students gave a presentation on the software tools they would be using (CATIA & Matlab) in their task of designing the avionics systems.

A team of UAH CPE/EE's will design the power distribution and guidance sections of the rocket. There are three teams of MAE's. Each of these teams will design unique airframe and propulsion systems. At the conclusion of the project, a winning design will be chosen and the winners announced. There is also a possibility of the winning design getting fabricated and tested.

For more information on this project, go to the IPT website at www.cb.uah.edu/ipr.

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Across the Campus

Which did you enjoy more this past weekend:
The Super Bowl or the commercials?



Brad Lawrence
Biology
Freshman

"Definitely the commercials.
Terry Tate: Office Linebacker."



Suzette Czura
Finance
Junior

"I'll say the commercials, because teh Buccaneers had such an insurmountable lead that it was pointless to watch."



Leslie Zurowski
Education
Freshman

"Commercials were awesome, especially all the Budweiser ones."



Katherine Tyler
Biochemical Engineering
Freshman

"Definitely the commercials. I loved the one with the afro dog."

Snowstorm shuts down university; students ask why

By Sarah Fluhler
News Writer

When students awoke to snow and ice on Thursday morning, January 23, most of them continued in their daily routines. UAH is certainly not known for canceling classes, especially not for the weather.

After interviewing nine students from freshmen to graduate level, most of the responses were the same, "No classes?"

John, an Atmospheric Sciences graduate student told us that he had never known UAH to cancel

classes before and he was "shocked" to find that almost no one was on campus when he arrived.

Students living on campus were also amazed that classes were cancelled as many students shared their confusion about the school's decision, especially in light of the fact that UAH failed to close on September 11, 2001.

Unsuspecting students were in classes on the morning of the attack while others were around the televisions watching the events unfold.

Calhoun cancelled all of their classes at each location along with most of the colleges here in Huntsville, yet UAH decided to remain open

and keep everything as it was in order to give students a sense of normality in a time of chaos.

One student recalled watching the local news channel at home before her history class that morning and said, "I continued to watch the list of closings scrolling by at the bottom of the screen and was quite surprised that UAH was open. On Thursday, January 23, I watched the news to find out if there would be more snow that evening and found out that UAH had cancelled classes!" stated Elizabeth.

Simon, a third year student at UAH, said that he too had attended classes on Sep-

tember 11 and never hesitated about driving to school in the snow. "Why would UAH cancel class for less than half an inch of snow and not for an attack on our country?" exclaimed Simon.

When questioned about the university's decision to close this past Thursday, Public Relations Director, Joel Loneragan stated, "The decision to close is never an easy one, but we were being told that the roads are unsafe and (UAH) has students and faculty driving in from other counties"

When asked why UAH had chosen this time to shut down and had not closed its doors on September 11,

Loneragan remarked, "It's like comparing apples to oranges."

On September 11, 2001, TVs were set up in the University Center and around the campus for the students who wanted to keep track of the events. The classroom remained, in most cases, the same as the day before.

On this past Thursday, the driving conditions made roads unsafe for students to traverse and the bitter cold temperatures made it unsafe for students to walk or ride their bicycles very far in the conditions.

Lyndie, a Psychology major stated, "I am from Chicago and thought it was hilarious."

Charles, an Engineering Student, said "I am used to the snow but I enjoyed the break...I caught up on all of the homework I had left for the weekend."

Most of the Students agreed with Charles, the snow day proved to be great for studying, relaxing and "catching up".

According to Bethany, a freshman from the College of Nursing, "I got to sleep in, sip on hot cocoa and snack on my latest fiction novel...everyone needs a snow day once in a while!"

In the case of future canceled classes or bad weather, log on to the UAH website at www.uah.edu.



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for more information

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Do you have a crush on someone?

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A BRIEF UPDATE ON UAH ATHLETICS

Hockey

January 24 Northern Michigan L 7-3

January 25 Northern Michigan L 2-0

Upcoming Games:

January 31 Air Force (Colorado Springs, CO) 8:05 p.m.

February 1 Air Force (Colorado Springs, CO) 8:05 p.m.

Men's Basketball

January 20 Montevallo W 80-64

Upcoming Games:

February 1 Lincoln Memorial (Home) 7 p.m.

February 3 North Alabama (Florence, AL) 8 p.m.

Women's Basketball

January 25 Montevallo W 62-56

Upcoming Games:

February 1 Lincoln Memorial (Home) 5 p.m.

February 3 North Alabama (Florence, AL) 6 p.m.



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Sports

Chargers' winning streak ends at 13

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The longest unbeaten streak in the nation was snapped last weekend, as the Chargers couldn't take the measure of the Northern Michigan Wildcats, and fell by the scores of 7-3 and 2-0. Northern Michigan 7, UAH 2 (Jan. 24)

Friday night saw Scott Munroe in net for the Chargers squaring off against Craig Kowalski's Wildcats. Play was even in the first period until a Karlis Zimis's checking penalty turned into a major and game misconduct at the 12:38 mark.

With one of their premier special teams' player back in the locker room, the Chargers would allow three goals in the five-minute power play. Dirk Southern's fifth of the season found the back of the net at 14:22.

Terry Harrison would fol-

low it up 19 seconds later with his ninth of the year. Harrison put another behind Munroe at 17:05 before the power play expired. Kevin Gardner closed out scoring in the first period, netting his second of the year with just 41 seconds remaining in the opening frame. The Chargers, back on their heels from the five-minute disadvantage, were out-shot 20-8 in the period.

The first period was all Munroe would see of the ice Friday, as Coach Doug Ross elected to put senior Mark Byrne between the pipes to try and shake things up for the already-down Chargers.

Things didn't quite go to plan, as Bryce Cockburn would put the Wildcats' first shot of the period past Byrne at the 0:29 mark to keep the rally alive for the Wildcats. All told, Northern would score all seven of their goals before the Chargers erased the goose egg.

Cockburn found the twine again at 8:24, and Harrison completed the hat trick, the first of his career, on the power play at 15:28.

Jared Ross finally answered back for the Chargers with his tenth of the year in the closing minute of the second period with assists from Ryan Leasa and Craig Bushey.

The Chargers began getting their legs underneath them, out-shooting the home team 13-9 in the second.

The third period was all Blue, as they refused to quit down the stretch. Jason Tinwick put home a Tyler



An early major penalty netted three Northern Michigan goals, and the Chargers never recovered, dropping both contests 7-3 and 2-0. The losses snap the Chargers' 13-game unbeaten streak, the longest in the nation.

Butler rebound at 6:28 to score his first goal of the season.

Things got choppy towards the end, and Wildcat defenseman Juta Alen spent almost half of the final frame in the penalty box, taking a couple of roughing double-minors.

The Chargers took the spark to put another past Kowalski, as Jeremy Schrieber's blast from the blue line would find a home on the power play at 16:48. It wasn't enough though, and the Chargers fell by that 7-3 measure.

Munroe took the loss for the Chargers with 16 saves in 20 minutes of work, dropping to 9-3 on the season with Byrne had making 13 stops in relief. Kowalski got the win for Northern Michigan. The Wildcat power play was too much for the Chargers, netting four goals in seven attempts. The Chargers were 1-6 with the man advantage.

Northern Michigan 2, UAH 0 (Jan. 25)

Saturday night's contest smacked of "here we go again," as Munroe would again be in net for the Chargers, with Kowalski coming out for a second helping of the Chargers.

Northern struck early, as Gardner put home his second of the weekend and third of the season just 55 seconds into the contest. Munroe would settle down after that, and stop the remaining five shots of the period to send it to the locker room down 1-0.

The second period provided no fresh air for the Chargers, as Gardner put another rebound past Munroe's leg pad at 11:06. It would be all the Wildcats would need, as Kowalski saw fit to stop all 25 Charger shots to get his eighth career shutout, a Northern Michigan school record.

The shutout was the second. **HOCKEY page 11**

Charger baseball downs University of Montevallo

By Antoine Bell
UAH Sports Information

The Charger men's basketball team did little wrong against the visiting Falcons of the University of Montevallo.

The Chargers shot 53 percent (24-of-45) from the field, including 52 percent (12-of-23) from 3-point range, and 80 percent (20-of-25) from the free throw line en route to a solid 80-64 win. With the win, the third straight, the Chargers improve to 10-6 overall and remain perfect in the GSC

at 4-0.

Junior forward Zach Carpenter led the way for the Chargers with 24 points. He was 6-for-12 from the field and 11-for-11 from the charity stripe. Will Gardner and Jamie Gardner tallied 13 points each for the Chargers.

Daniel Melo, Kenneth Cooper and Bert Mosley each finished with 12 points for Montevallo, who fell to 3-15 and 1-5.

The Chargers led 35-28 at halftime after leading by as much as 10 in the first half. In the second half, the Charg-

ers lead ballooned to 19 points, a 3-pointer by Donnell Carthon gave UAH a 61-42 lead with 8:49 left.

Montevallo cut the lead to 11 late in the game, but back-to-back bombs by Jamie Gardner and Kyle Copeland killed the Falcons rally.

The Chargers travel to Pensacola on Tuesday night to take on West Florida, before returning home next Saturday to face Lincoln Memorial at Spragins Hall. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN1450-AM Radio, and the Internet.



Valentine's Day Give-a-way

Are you in love?

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Submit Poems, Love Letters, Dedications to friends or loved ones to win free prizes provided by local vendors.

All submissions must be in by 12 p.m. on February 10, 2003. Submissions can be submitted by email to Jennifer Hill at hilljr@email.uah.edu, or delivered in person at The Exponent office located in the University Student Center, Room 104.

Lady Chargers spurt to win at home

By Ronak Patel
Sports Editor

The UAH Lady basketball Chargers came into last Saturday's contest with conference rival Montevallo in hopes of continuing their strong early conference play.

UAH, which the help of some clutch free-throw shooting, managed to hold off a feisty Lady Falcon squad 62-56 in front of the home faithful at Spragins Hall.

The free-throw was something that has plagued UAH recently in some close contests, but not on this night.

For the game, the home standing-squad shot a remarkable 25-out-of-28 at the charity stripe for an incredible 89 percent.

LaKendra Hogg led the way for the Chargers with 20 points and she nailed all eight of her free throw attempts.

Junior newcomer Andrea Davis and Chrystalle Duncan each chipped in with 10 a piece.

Davis and Duncan were both perfect from the stripe.

Davis went 4-for-4 from the line while Duncan went 2 for 2 from the line.

Cara Melton lead Montevallo with 15 points, 8 rebounds, and swatted away eight would-be Charger shot attempts.

The Lady Chargers trailed for most of the first half before regrouping to tie the contest at halftime at 24-apiece.

The second half was nip-and-tuck for the most part and with just under four minutes left in the contest, UAH was down by a point, 46-45.

Then the spurt came from the Chargers.

UAH went on a game winning 13-0 run. Davis led the way through the run with 6 of the 13 points.

Point guard Katie Caldwell finished the run with a minute left with a pair of free throws to give UAH a commanding 58-46 lead.

Montevallo did manage to get it back to six points, but UAH were able to hit their free throws to put the game away.

The tough man-to-man defense that UAH implemented in their last two home



Charitah Jarrett goes up for a shot in the contest against West Alabama at Spragins Hall. Jarrett has become one of the leaders of the Lady Chargers squad.

court victories, was their again for them on this night.

They forced Montevallo into 29 turnovers and converted most of those chances to free throw attempts.

The win kept UAH's home court record perfect at 7-0.

Their next home game will be on February 1 at Spragins Hall at 5 p.m. The opponent will be Lincoln Memorial.

Come out and support your Lady Chargers as they continue on in their march towards Tupelo, MS.

Ro's Take



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Congratulations to the following

Congratulations to the Tampa Bay Bucs for their impressive 48-21 rout of the Oakland Raiders in Super Bowl XVII in sunny San Diego, California.

Buoyed by the best big play defense I've seen, the Bucs confused and befuddled the league's MVP, Oakland Raider quarterback Rich Gannon. The normally calm veteran threw five interceptions as the Silver and Black had no answer for their cover-two defense.

Is it me, or was the Bon Jovi concert after the game was most bizarre thing ever seen at a Super Bowl. I mean, I get the halftime performances, the long pre-game show, but why was the post-game concert of Bon Jovi implemented into the game.

How bizarre were the circumstances pertaining to Oakland Raider Pro Bowl Center Barrett Robbins?

Reports out of San Diego said he suffered from bipolar disorder and some of his teammates mention he was down in Mexico. He missed the Saturday walkthrough the stadium and was not to be seen till early Sunday morning.

Raider coach Bill Calahan did the right thing in sending him home. If he does out to have a disorder, then I hope he gets well.

But if this turns out to be another Stanley Wilson (before Super Bowl 23 started, Wilson snorted crack and did not play for the Cincinnati Bengals) or Eugene Robinson case (in Super Bowl 33, Robinson was arrested of trying to solicit a prostitute, who turned out to be a undercover cop), then he will go down in Super Bowl lore.

Now that the Super Bowl is over, College Basketball takes to the spotlight.

The Arizona Wildcats look like the best team in the country as of right now. What they did in Lawrence, Kansas against a nationally ranked Kansas Jayhawk squad was nothing short of remarkable.

The Jayhawks went out in front by the score of 44-24 in the first half behind the play of their sophomore swingman Keith Langford, who poured in 22 first half points.

But in the second half, lead by the sweet shooting of Salim Stoudamire, Arizona came roaring back to take the contest 91-74. That is a 37-point turnaround.

Arizona has only 1 loss on the season. And that came down in Baton Rouge, Louisiana to LSU when 'Zona was without the services of their All-American, Luke Walton.

And take a look at UAH Chargers, both men's and women's.

They are both off to great starts in their conference races as both continue their march towards Tupelo, Mississippi.

And I would like to commend the jobs that coaches Lennie Acuff and his staff have done with the men's squad and the same goes out to Coach Andy Blackston and his staff with the women's squad.

And at last and certainly not least, I would like to congratulate the incredible jobs done in by the "Boys in Blue" as they brought UAH onto the National map with their amazing 13-game unbeaten streak, which was recently broken by Northern Michigan University.

It was a truly honorable achievement for a great group of guys.

IMPORTANT SGA INFORMATION

February 3:
Applications are given out.
February 14:
Applications are due.

February 18:
Campaigning begins!
March 18-19:
SGA Elections

Academic Honors List for Fall 2002 Honorees

Cross Country

Andrew Hodges, Jr., 3.63,
Pre-Med (2nd)

Volleyball

Cathryn Sterling, Sr., 3.85,
Engineering Management
Kristian Kleminsky, So., 4.00
Biological Science

Men's Soccer

Mark Griffin, Jr., 3.25,
Engineering
Women's Soccer
Jennifer Buck, Jr., 3.89,
Biology

Honor Roll

Men's Cross Country

Brandon Eubanks, Jr., 3.54,
Mathematics

Women's Cross Country

Lesley Davis, Jr., 3.42,
Marketing
Courtney Hurst, Soph., 3.60,
English

Amy Phillips, Jr., 3.18,
Spanish

Jessica Walters, Sr., 3.61,
Biology/Environmental
Science

Women's Soccer

Kristin Freeman, Jr., 3.39,
Physics/Atmospheric Science
Kara Pearson, Soph., 3.92,
Undecided

Cory Vilders, Jr., 3.31,
Nursing

Volleyball

Mary Beth Key, Jr., 3.21,
Chemistry

Whitney Mock, Sr., 3.42,
Chemical Engineering

Ashley Otwell, Jr., 3.54,
Biology

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In the Spotlight

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80's nostalgia: it makes some of us cringe but for the past couple of years the 80s have been creeping back into fashion and popular culture. It is inevitable really as trends tend to be cyclical. Even I have to really rack my brain to bring back a lot of those memories out because it seems I've blocked out a lot of that stuff from the 80s, but every now and then I get a reminder.

The other day I turned on CNN and learned of the death of Nell Carter. For those of you still blocking most of the 80s out, Nell Carter is most famous for her role as Nell Harper on the popular 80s sitcom *Gimme A Break*, which ran from 1981 to 1987.

I can remember watching the show back in the day with my Mom. It was a favorite of ours, so hearing about Miss Carter reminded me of her and for a moment I flashed back to the 80s. Sitcom stars of the past seem to fade away after their shows lose popularity and sometimes you wonder just what happened to these people. These days, you might only recognize Nell Carter for the commercials she did to bring about awareness for those with diabetes, which seems like a pretty unglamorous thing for a star of the past to do. But her life was much more important and significant than that.

Nell Carter was a native of Birmingham. I have a friend who worked with someone who used to do her hair. (There really is no such thing as "six degrees of separation" in Alabama I guess.) Nell was also the mother of two adopted sons.

Nell started out her career in the gospel circuit before moving to New York to pursue her career as a singer. Before she ever became known as a sitcom star, she won Tony and Obie awards for her powerhouse performance in *Ain't Misbehavin'*. She also won an Emmy when the musical was adapted for television.

After *Gimme A Break* went off the air, Carter starred in a national tour of *Annie* as the wicked Miss Hannigan. She also found roles in a few films, such as 1995's *The Grass Harp* and 1996's *The Proprietor*. She was also a tireless gay rights and AIDS activist, after her brother succumbed to the disease.

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Entertainment

Quirky Adaptation has some twists

By Jorge J. Raub
Entertainment Editor

Adaptation is a clever comedy that takes us into the angst-ridden mind of a writer (something those of us here at *The Exponent* know a little bit about.)

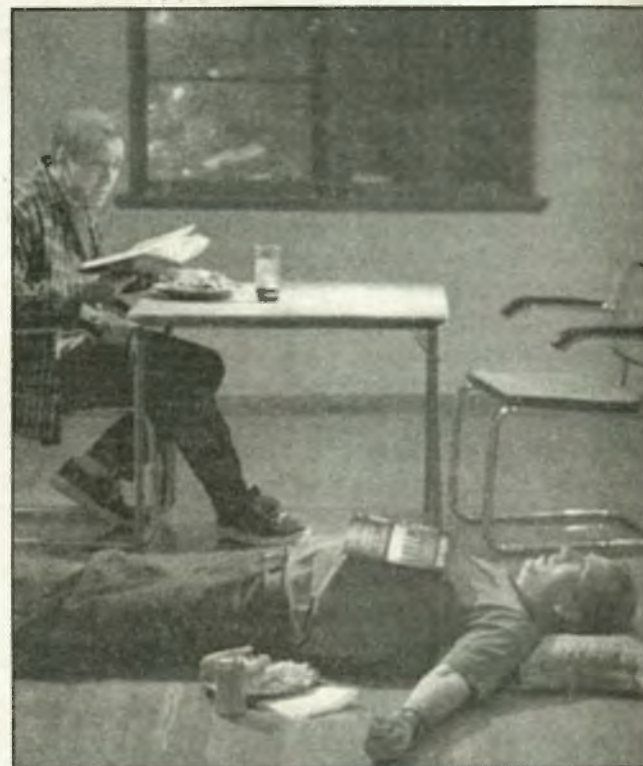
The film is the second film by the team of director Spike Jonze and writer Charlie Kaufman who were lauded for their debut effort *Being John Malkovich*. If you are into quirky, offbeat films that border on the surreal this is one film you might want to check out. Without giving too much away, I want to start off by saying the alligator scene alone is worth the price of admission.

Apparently, some of *Adaptation* is real. One of the main characters, Charlie Kaufman, is based on the writer I mentioned above. In the film, Charlie has a twin brother Donald. Both characters are played brilliantly by Nicolas Cage (and I normally don't attach that word to

Nicolas Cage.)

Adaptation starts off on the set of *Being John Malkovich*, where we meet Charlie, the brilliant screenwriter of the film. Introverted, self-possessed, and more than a bit obsessive, Charlie agonizes over what will be his next effort. He is given the job of adapting Susan Orlean's (Meryl Streep) novel *The Orchid Thief* into a movie and is thrilled at the prospects.

The film follows Charlie's struggles with adapting the script versus Donald's seeming ease at producing his own screenplay for screenwriting seminars he begins taking when he decides to follow in the successful footsteps of his twin. Interspersed throughout the film is the story of how New Yorker writer Orlean comes to be obsessed with this real life person John Laroche (Chris Cooper), who steals rare orchids from Florida's state parks and raises them, and we see how their friendship develops and the novel



Nicolas Cage stars in this quirky film that is partly based on reality. The directors make their second attempt at greatness from their debut in *Being John Malkovich*.

comes into being.

Donald's screenplay is supposed to be a psychological thriller that is a cross between *The Silence of the Lambs* with *Psycho*. What is

interesting is that all these crazy concoctions that he puts in his script soon become part of the actual movie. Meanwhile, Charlie

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MTV-approved bands ride bandwagon

By Jim Farber
New York Daily News

Every media outlet needs to flog new trends to keep fans riveted. Given the gnarly attention span of its audience, MTV needs to hawk more than most.

Now the network seems to have hooked into a doozy. All

five groups MTV picked to click during its "Spankin' New Bands" week saw a huge sales spike on this week's Billboard Album chart.

The numbers: Simple Plan shot up 71 percent, the Donnas rose 70 percent, the Used went up 51 percent, Good Charlotte added 46 percent and New Found Glory rose 26 percent.

All these anointed groups can be roughly described as neo-punk-pop acts—clearly MTV's idea of the sound of now. According to programming czar Tom Calderone, the network decided to back this music, to the exclusion of all others, "to overstate the case that rock is back."

It showcased the bands on the popular "TRL" call-in show to prove that "the old 'TRL' image of Justin Timberlake and the

Backstreet Boys is changing."

The bands were also plugged on the Infinity Broadcasting radio network, which, like MTV, is owned by Viacom.

"Between the TV and radio exposure, this was a massive assault saying 'these are the band you should check out,'" notes Ron Shapiro, vice president of Atlantic Records, which pushes the Donnas.

MTV didn't pluck the acts out of nowhere. Good Charlotte had already sold gold with its debut CD, "The Young and the Hopeless," which stands at No. 12 in Billboard's Top 200. The other groups had been getting heavy buzz on MTV.com, MTV2 and the road.

But with MTV's endorsement last week, Simple Plan went to No. 44 from No. 59 on the Top 200 and the

Donnas to No. 67 from No. 117. Expect the Donnas to take another leap next week, when sales will reflect their appearance on "Saturday Night Live."

Calderone believes the favored wave will turn out to represent the true "new rock," as opposed to the groups picked by the media last year, like the Strokes, White Stripes and Vines. He says the former acts have more male than female fans and enjoy most of their followings in major cities. The MTV-backed bands draw both sexes and have as much support in midsize markets as in big ones.

To Calderone, the new acts have the potential to lead the biggest rock wave since the rock-rap days of Limp Bizkit, Korn and Kid Rock three years ago.

But what does this say about MTV's commitment to hip hop? Calderone says the network will push a new clutch of rappers down the road. And, no, he doesn't think the new rock spells the end of teen pop.

"It just shows that it's more diverse," he says.

Meaning, at this point, you need no longer be a teen idol to make teens scream.

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Rock-a-Billy's dishes out 50s flair

By James Fluhler
Restaurant Critic

This new and exciting restaurant is a plus that Huntsville needed. Rock-a-Billy's has good prices, great taste, short waits (for food and service), a location close to campus (3.2 miles) and a lot of room for groups.

The entire restaurant is based on a 1950s theme, with a jukebox and pictures of 1950s bands and country-western stars. The jukebox at Rock-a-Billy's is a little bit loud, but you can still have a normal conversation with your friends or watch the overhead TV. Instruments hang from the ceiling in the large dining room that also has panoramic windows 180 degrees around the building.

The fact that the restaurant is built on an elevated foundation also helps to create the atmosphere. The 1950 style chairs, tables, and booths give this restaurant a

very classic look. It is hard to convince yourself they have only been open a little over a month.

The meals range from \$2.49 for a cup of soup to \$10.15 for the Rib Combo with two sides. The menu has sub-groups such as: From the Pit (BBQ), From the Grill, Swinging' Wings, Stuffed Potatoes, Soups & Salads, Family Packs, Sides, Combo Plates, Kids Stuff, and Just for Kicks (appetizers).

The selection of appetizers is unique, with such offerings as parmesan cubes, apple sticks, stuffed olives, drag strip onions, chick fries and more. We selected the drag strip onions and chili cheese fries, both of which were very good in taste and ample in serving size.

The drink products consist of RC Cola, Nehi Orange, Lemonade, sweet & unsweet Tea, Diet Rite (sodium free!), 7Up, and Dr. Pepper in fountain drinks. For the "die-hard" Coke fans they had 20 ounce

bottles available in a refrigeration unit that also housed bottled water and fruit drinks. Domestic beers are also sold.

I went there with my parents and a friend. We all had a great time and never felt rushed. We ordered from a large, lighted overhead menu that was easily readable. The staff was very friendly and eager to answer questions about items on the menu.

I ordered the Bayou Chick-a-Billy sandwich with only the Cajun spices on it and the BBQ sauce "on the side". My meal came with a choice of one, two, or three sides. I chose to have only one side and I selected the fries. The oversized chicken sandwich was seasoned to my liking and tasted great. Even the fries were seasoned to match and were good. My meal cost only \$4.80 and was well worth it.

My Mom ordered the Char Chick-a-Billy sandwich with drag strip onion rings. She thought the sandwich

was "huge" and loved the fried onions. My Dad had a combo plate of half a chicken and two sides, which were potato salad and the drag strip onion rings. His meal was only \$5.80 and he was very pleased with how well it tasted.

My friend had the chili cheese fries and a cup of Vegetarian soup. She thought the soup was best and tasted fresh. She also really liked the hush puppies they served and the Chili Cheese Fries. We all had fountain drinks which are \$1.25 each, but with free refills. For dessert, they offer a variety of pies such as Lemon, Chocolate, and Pecan, and the selection changes daily.

Rock-a-Billy's is located at 255 Pratt Avenue between Meridian Street and Andrew Jackson Way. The phone number is 489-1831 for further information or directions.



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discovers that the key to adapting the novel is putting him and his own story into the screenplay. Mayhem ensues.

Watching Cage play the dual roles of twins Charlie and Donald is hilarious. They are complete opposites; where Donald is a hit with the ladies, Charlie is not. Charlie struggles to write his new screenplay and Donald seems to complete his first effort with relative ease.

Originally hesitant to go see the movie due to my dislike of Nicolas Cage and a personal problem I have with Meryl Streep being in about

every film released this season, I quickly got over myself and was pleasantly surprised and amused. *Adaptation* is at times comedic and very dramatic, a bit of a thriller and also somewhat

moving.

"Adaptation" not only means adapting the novel into a film, but also becomes this Darwinian metaphor for these characters adapting to their lives. And it appeals to

that sick, dark sense of humor that we all have somewhere within us. So if you decide to go check it out, remember to keep your eyes peeled for that awesome alligator scene.

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Outside of being a television and Broadway star, Carter dealt with a lot of difficulties in her life. She suffered from diabetes, survived two operations to repair damages from aneurysms, struggled with alcohol and drugs (overcoming those obstacles too), and was divorced twice.

Still nothing could keep her down. The 4'11" Nell Carter was a powerful presence onstage matched by mighty voice. Seeing her in that clip on CNN, gracing the stage in a shimmering purple gown, sporting a big purple flower in her hair, I paused for a moment fondly remembering her and the 80s. I thought that I'd mention Nell Carter and give her a moment in the spotlight. Maybe some of you will remember her too.

nized but often don't get their much-deserved due. So try and check out the Crossroads show (I'm sure there will be more fundraisers in the future), to support a Muse who has been good to local artists, including a few UAH students and alums, and helps keep our small but enthusiastic arts community alive here in Huntsville.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Calendar of Events for the City of Huntsville

Tuesday January 30

The Princess Theatre presents: The Travelogue Series - Tahiti & Fiji-Pacific Paradise at 7 p.m. at the Princess located on 2nd Avenue in Decatur. For tickets and more information call 350-1745 or visit <http://www.princesstheatre.org>

Music Event: Faculty Concert with Friends, vocal duet. At 7:30 p.m. Central Presbyterian Church, located at 406 Randolph Ave in Huntsville.

Saturday February 1

Bank Street Players announces auditions for *Plaza Suite* by Neil Simon at Ft. Decatur, downstairs, in Decatur beginning promptly at 10 a.m. Director Jeanette Chaney is looking for ages 20-25 and up for 4 women and 4 men. Production dates are Friday and Saturday, April 18 and April 19 (this is Easter weekend) at the Princess Theatre call 353-1200 in Decatur for more details.

Huntsville Symphony Chamber Orchestra presents its second concert of the season at 7:30 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church on Airport Rd. General seating is \$15 and \$10 for students.

Beginning February 1

Department of Art and Art History and the Office of Multicultural Affairs present an art exhibit.

Saturday and Sunday February 1-2

Fantasy Playhouse Children's Theatre is holding auditions for *The Land Of the Dragon* A Chinese Fairytale. Auditions will be February 1 and 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Fantasy Playhouse Arts Center 3312 Long Avenue, Huntsville. Ages 8 and up needed. Directed by Gary Knight. Show Dates are April 18-27. For more information contact 539-6829 or visit <http://www.letthemagicbegin.com>

Monday February 3 through February 14

Senior Art Show: Nick Passino. Union Grove Gallery and Meeting Hall.

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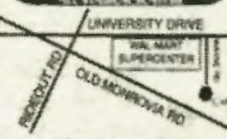
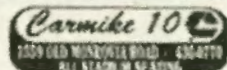
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Biker Boyz' stars say motorcycle movie shows

By John Monaghan
Knight Ridder Newspapers

DETROIT—Star Derek Luke had never even sat on a motorcycle before he started filming "Biker Boyz," a new action drama about the world of motorcycle racing.

And while he jokes that he now rides better than his co-stars, including Kid Rock, he developed a genuine respect for the American biker subculture that he says is rarely shown on film.

"It (the movie) exposes the way people live, what drives them, the adrenaline,"

says Luke, 29, in town last week to promote the movie, which opens Friday. "There will be a different awareness that there's a humanity, a fraternity, a community to these people brought together by a love of bikes."

Last week's preview brought members of that local community out to Detroit's Phoenix Theatres, as much to see the bikes in the movie and the display bikes in the lobby as to see stars Luke, Brendan Fehr and Rick Gonzalez.

Colin Filthaut, 28, an engineer at Chrysler, attended the screening with friend and co-worker, Senthil Rajan, 27.

Both own Yamaha R1s similar to the bikes used in the film.

"You mention to people that you ride a bike, and they say, 'You're clean-cut. You dress nice. What are you doing on a motorcycle?' They immediately assume that you're doing wheelies and causing trouble," Filthaut says.

"Biker Boyz" co-star Fehr agrees. "You see six, seven, 10 bikes outside a restaurant and you think, 'I don't want to go in there; it's dangerous.' But think about it—you can only fit so many guys on a bike. You want six guys to go hang out, you're going to need at least five bikes."

Luke, Fehr and Gonzalez spent a weekend at motorcycle boot camp to prepare for their parts as the charter

members of a Southern California club. The action centers on Kid (Luke), who challenges Smoke (Laurence Fishburne), the unbeaten King of Cali, in a motorcycle drag race.

The first feature from director Reggie Rock Bythewood, the movie has been called "The Fast and the Furious" with motorcycles, but the actors think it has heart along with the high-octane thrills.

"Take away the bikes and you still have a story," says Luke, who was last year's biggest Hollywood Cinderella story when he landed the starring role in "Antwone Fisher," Denzel Washington's directorial debut. Standing in the lobby at the Phoenix, he smiled as patrons filing out of an "Antwone Fisher" matinee did "Is that really him?" double takes.

Not everyone is excited to see "Biker Boyz" come to town, though. Ron Sangster, president of the Michigan Motorcycle Dealers Association and owner of Honda-Suzuki of Warren, says any movie about street racing is bad for the motorcycle industry.

"Even if there is some good surrounding it, like the family relationships, it will only work for me if it says to make illegal racing stop," he says.

But Luke prefers to view the movie as a chance to dispel myths.

"If anything, it will make people more conscious," he says. "Biker gangs in real life aren't about color, race or creed. It's about getting together for the love of the bike, the thrill of the ride. It's about camaraderie, getting together for a little slice of heaven on earth."

TOP 10

The Exponent's Weekly Top

Top Ten Hits from

www.billboard-online.com

Top Ten Movies from www.mdt.com

Top Ten Hits

1. B2K "Bump, Bump, Bump"
2. Christina Aguilera "Beautiful"
3. Justin Timberlake "Cry Me A River"
4. Avril Lavigne "I'm With You"
5. Jennifer Lopez "All I Have"
6. Jay-Z "03 Bonnie & Clyde"
7. Nelly "Air Force Ones"
8. Ja-Rule "Mesmerize"
9. Eminem "Lose Yourself"
10. Aaliyah "Miss You"

Top Ten Movies

1. Darkness Falls
2. Kangaroo Jack
3. Chicago
4. Just Married
5. National Security
6. The Two Towers
7. Catch Me If You Can
8. Confessions Of A Dangerous Mind
9. About Schmidt
10. The Hours

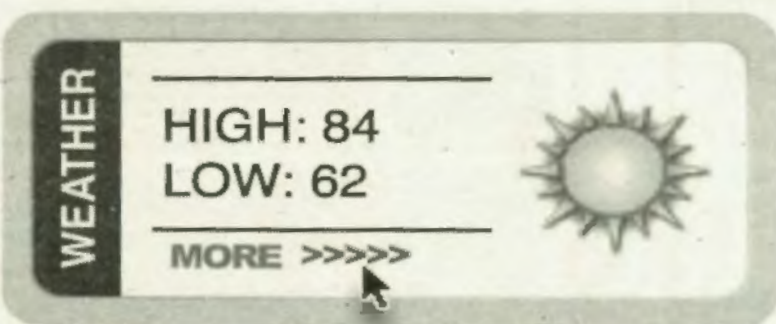
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LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of the Exponent there appeared a guest column by Shiloh Whitney and Natalia Baeza called 'Raising the issue of NewSpeak.' While I am not a fan of our beloved president (nor was I an Al Gore fan for the record), the columnists seem to think that supporting or celebrating diversity must mean supporting Affirmative Action.

Incidentally, they also failed to recognize the effect of Bush's efforts in Texas on the Hispanic population, which dwarfs the other minorities in that state and has recently become the largest minority in America. Supporting diversity of all kinds, whether GW Bush really stands behind that statement or not, should not mean supporting a program that hopes to end discrimination by ac-

tively engaging in discrimination.

Whether Affirmative Action proponents admit it or not, they are in effect penalizing some students (or prospective employees) based solely on their race or ethnic background. This is precisely what we should all be striving to avoid. White kids and kids from minorities such as Asians that don't get any help from Affirmative Action aren't responsible for any injustices of the past and shouldn't be punished for them now. The unfortunate truth is that Affirmative Action is not even helping those it aims to empower. It fosters an attitude among the minorities it supposedly aids that they are unable to compete on a level playing field with others or that they can't succeed without help from a government program.

This attitude is summed up by something a female minority employee said when asked about her job duties - "I can fill a quota." I personally am a partial member of a minority that is under-represented in this issue, and I would be fighting mad if anybody told me that because of my ethnic background I would need help to be competitive at school or in the workforce. I would be fighting mad if anybody said that someone of my race must have come from a low-class neighborhood (or ghetto if you will) and it meant more if I did well on the SAT because of my race.

Affirmative Action gives short-term help to a few, while causing long-term damage both to the groups it intends to help and to the groups it robs. If Affirmative Action were really effective, would

we still be talking about increasing diversity after so many years under this program? The truth of the matter is that Affirmative Action is yet another example of big government charging in to solve a problem it has no business solving, and failing miserably at doing so. The government need only maintain that all men are created equal, with certain unalienable rights. As the Alabama Constitution says, "The sole object and only legitimate end of government is to protect the citizen in the enjoyment of life, liberty, and property, and when the government assumes other functions, it is usurpation and oppression."

Sincerely,
Chris Brown

Deadline for having letters of 300 words or less turned in is 2 p.m. on Friday. The Exponent reserves the right to edit all materials submitted for publication.

Racial diversity should still remain as the spice of our campus living

By Mark Patinkin
The Providence Journal

As far as I recall, I was neither a minority as a youth, nor poor, but I'm guessing I once benefited from a form of affirmative action. I'm guessing I was accepted to college in part because they needed a form of diversity I had to offer.

In 1970, I applied to seven or eight schools. Several told me they weren't interested. Fine. I didn't want to go to Harvard anyway. But let's talk about two that are worth comparing: Middlebury College in Vermont, and Oberlin in Ohio.

I think they had roughly the same selectivity rate.

Oberlin told me no. Middlebury, yes.

I ended up going to Middlebury. Great school. Glad I went. Can't say enough about it.

But I look back today and wonder if one reason I got in was affirmative action.

No, they weren't giving special consideration to upper-middle-class white males. Middlebury had plenty of those. They didn't, however, have a lot of something else that I was. They didn't have

a lot of people from the Midwest.

I grew up in Chicago. And I wonder whether Middlebury gave me an additional look because they liked the idea of increasing their Midwestern ratio.

Of course, I could be dead wrong.

But Oberlin, being in Ohio, had plenty of applicants from the Midwest, so I wouldn't have stood out. And I didn't get in. At the time, Middlebury drew mostly from the Northeast, but wanted a national student body, so in some small way, the geographical accident of my birthplace may

have helped.

Which brings me to what many say is the most important Supreme Court case on race in years.

It's a suit by some white students who say the University of Michigan discriminated against them. They say they didn't get in because Michigan unconstitutionally uses racial preferences when it accepts students. The school has admitted that it does give extra "points" to applicants who are minority.

The issue made the news last week when President Bush weighed in against the Michigan admissions point system.

But it's a bit complicated.

Bush also said he's in favor of diversity. He'd like to see more minorities in the nation's colleges. But he's against affirmative action, where minorities are specifically singled out for advancement due to race.

Man, would I hate to be a college admissions officer these days.

On the one hand, important voices are telling you to get more minorities on campus.

But when you set up a system to make that happen, you get sued. And the president himself backs the suit.

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By Zev Chafets New York Daily News A peace movement that's going nowhere

"A broad cross-section of America." That's how National Public Radio's reporter described the anti-war demonstrators who converged Saturday on the Mall in Washington.

The New York Times agreed. Its editorial page called the gathering "impressive for the obvious mainstream roots of the marchers."

I watched the march on C-SPAN, and I saw a different event — a thin crowd of cold white people cheering on an assortment of America-hating radicals, second-rate demagogues and plain weirdos.

The rally was kicked off by a Native American activist, Moonanum James, who set the day's tone by accusing the United States of genocide and ended his oration with this exhortation: "In the spirit of Crazy Horse, no more war!" (I'm not making that up.)

James was one of 11 speakers from the rally's organizing group, ANSWER—Act Now to Stop War & End Racism. ANSWER is intimately connected with the Workers of the World Party, an outfit that is, according to David Corn of the hard-left The Nation magazine, a "small, revolutionary-Socialist sect." Is there anyone on Earth more maliciously stupid than a revolutionary Socialist?

Other featured speakers included the Revs. Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson, former Georgia Rep. Cynthia McKinney, ex-U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark, Ron ("Born on the Fourth of July") Kovic, two silly actresses, a few folk singers and a very distressed British member of Parliament, Jeremy Corbyn.

There were also a great many Arab and Islamic apologists for Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein among the orators: Elias Rashmawi of the Free Palestine Alliance; Mansoor Khan from "Peace TV"; Ashraf el-Bayouni, an Egyptian "intellectual"; Esam Omeish of the Muslim-American Society; Imam Mousa (who made an appeal for convicted cop-killer H. Rap Brown and called for a "revolution" to bring down the "American system"); Ismael Kamal representing the Muslim-Student Association; and, at the end of the rally, a poet from the Council on American-Islamic Relations who delivered his indictment of Yankee aggression and repression in doggerel verse.

A White House spokeswoman, asked about the rally, called it an example of American free speech, which, of course, it was. And I have no doubt there were some well-meaning mainstream people in the crowd. But public rallies, like public lynchings, are normally judged not by the quality of the crowd, but by the character of the people staging the event.

That's why calling Saturday's demonstration mainstream misses the point. So much so, in fact, that a suspicious type might even detect a certain amount of ideological dissembling in the coverage.

Too bad, because there was a real story on the Mall in Washington over the weekend. The rally revealed that the anti-war movement, since its last meeting in October, has gone precisely nowhere. Saturday was, in fact, a carbon copy of the October effort—same speakers, same B-list celebrities, same small crowd. An hour into it, Rashmawi conceded this last point, announcing that half the buses were still on their way. Afterward, ANSWER claimed 500,000—a hilarious exaggeration.

But exaggeration won't help the anti-war movement as it is currently constituted. Neither will disingenuous reporting. ANSWER and its fellow travelers clearly want to turn Iraq into another Vietnam, but they are being frustrated by a technological irony. A generation ago, network television showed the American public the truth about a bad war. Now C-SPAN, with its unmediated, unblinking cameras, is doing the same for a bad "peace" movement.

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I hope everyone is having a great week here at UAH. We're getting close to midterms once again, so I wish everyone the best of luck in all their classes.

Looking for something to do in the near future? Tickets for "Rent" are now available at a reduced price at the UC info desk and if you want to go, purchase your tickets early as they typically sell out.

Next week, tickets will go on sale for this year's Homecoming Dance, which will be held at the Space and Rocket Center Marriott on March 1. Tickets are only \$10 dollars per couple, and \$7 per individual. The dance is semi-formal, and we have tons of stuff to give away. Don't miss out! There will be various other activities throughout the week, including Housing's annual Homecoming Bonfire, so be on the lookout for updates on the week's activities and come out to support Charger Athletics.

SGA is currently looking at sponsoring a hockey road trip to Niagara for this semester. We are trying to gauge student opinion on this trip, so if you think this is something you may want to take part in, please inform your SGA representatives or feel free to attend a House of Representatives meeting (which takes place every Monday night at 8:45 in the UC) to voice your opinion. SGA is also looking for ideas on how to raise money for this trip to lower the cost to students, so if you have any ideas on what you would like to see your representatives do for money, contact Ms. Gena Gibbs, SGA programming chair, or any of your representatives.

SGA applications also go out next week. There are 37 total positions up for grabs, including 35 positions in the House of Representatives, and also President and Vice President, who run together on a single ticket. Applications are available at the UC info desk and the SGA office. To see the requirements on each position, go to <http://sga.uah.edu/constitution.html> and for general information on SGA itself. This is an excellent opportunity for students to get involved on campus, and I highly encourage everyone to run for a position. I encourage anyone who is interested in running to stop by Monday nights at 8:45 p.m. in the UC to attend one of the SGA meetings to see what it is all about.

Nomination forms are also coming out for Homecoming King and Queen. Be sure to check your club mailboxes in the UC for more info, or drop by the SGA office for a packet. Voting for Homecoming King and Queen will be held Wednesday and Thursday, February 26-27 in the UC. Crowning of the King and Queen will take place at this year's homecoming dance.

Last of all, don't forget that this is the last week to turn in scholarship applications for the 2003-2004 academic year, as the deadline is February 1. Application packets are available in the University Center. It doesn't take much to apply, and I know everyone can use the extra help on tuition. Good luck to everyone in the upcoming weeks!

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Opinion

College freshmen experiencing a political awakening nationwide

By Gary Smith
Executive Assistant
to the President

Four-year college freshmen are showing a renewed interest in current affairs and political activities according to a recent report from *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. This 'political awakening' follows decades of declining interest by college students who generally felt that politics weren't relevant to their lives.

The report is based on an annual survey conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California in Los Angeles, which has been conducting the survey for more than 35 years.

Linda J. Sax, associate director of the institute, expressed optimism about the possible end of political apathy on the part of college students. The percentage of students who consider following politics as "very impor-

tant" or an "essential" goal is far from the level of students in the mid-1960s when the Viet Nam war was at its height. However, the numbers are increasing, which researchers find very encouraging. The annual survey indicates that 32.9 percent of freshmen are more politically engaged, a significant increase from the results in 2000, the last election year, when the numbers hit an all-time low of 28.1 percent.

Peter Quaranto, freshman at the University of Notre Dame, was quoted in the *Chronicle* as saying, "We have to be politically informed." He concluded, "We'd be idiots not to be informed."

Political involvement is especially important to college students in Alabama. Since 1999, Alabama public college tuition has jumped nearly 43 percent. In 1992, college tuition alone cost an average Alabama family 4.3 percent of their income and this year it consumes 6.86

percent. Since 1989, tuition and fees in Alabama have risen from 23 percent of budget to more than 31 percent of budget for public colleges and universities. Nationwide, the *Chronicle* reports that over 65 percent of freshmen worried that they will not have enough money to pay for college. Over 47 percent said they would have to work to help pay for college.

Furthermore, many of our best and brightest faculty are leaving Alabama for other states where salaries far outstrip what we can afford to pay, thereby depriving Alabama students of the opportunity to learn from the best teachers? **Good minds can work anywhere, and they don't have to work cheap!**

Are you aware of the miserable failure of the State of Alabama to provide adequate funding to our university? For the University of Alabama System's three campuses, the state provides less than 20 percent of our total budget and we have to find

the remaining 80 percent elsewhere? Guess where a significant part of that 80 percent is coming from! To pay for teaching, providing labs, computer access, library books, etc., there are two major sources of revenue — state appropriations and tuition. When the state fails to provide, tuition is the only other resource available.

How can you get involved? Join the Higher Education Partnership. Participate in Higher Education Day in Montgomery, scheduled for March 13. Free transportation and lunch will be provided. Your SGA office has information or you can contact me at smithgd@uah.edu. Visit the Government Relations web site at www.uah.edu/admin/govrel. The university needs your help. **YOU** will be the direct beneficiary of that help. Be informed! Get involved. **Politics is not a spectator sport!**

President George Bush cannot afford to discount war protesters

By Rena Pederson
The Dallas Morning News

As the rumors of war grow stronger, the rumbles of discontent do, too.

Outside NBC's "Today Show" studios in 20-degree weather last week, several people in the crowd held a peace banner in mittened hands.

A TV ad sponsored by a peace group echoes the girl-picking-the-daisy-petals ad of the 1960s. It says, "The war in Iraq may end quickly. ... Maybe not. ... Maybe extremists will then vent their hatreds with nuclear war. ... Let the inspectors finish their work."

British author John le Carre wrote a stunningly vitriolic column for *The Times* of London in which he imagined a bedtime conversation about the impending war:

"But will we win, Daddy?"

"Of course, child. It will be over while you're still in bed."

"Why?"

"Because otherwise Mr. Bush's voters will get terri-

bly impatient and may decide not to vote for him."

"But will people be killed, Daddy?"

"Nobody you know, darling. Just foreign people."

"And afterwards, will everything be normal again? Nobody will do anything horrid any more?"

"Hush child, and go to sleep."

Thanks to the Internet, the le Carre piece was a hot item on e-mail lists last week as peace marchers were congregating in the nation's capital. Congregating is an apt verb because many of the marchers were church people who were protesting for the first time. That's a discomfiting situation for President Bush, a very sincere church guy himself. But he struck the right tone by saying the protesters were all "part of the process" of democracy.

The anti-war sentiment still is a minority view—polls show that 63 percent to 68 percent of Americans say they support a war to stop Iraq from having nuclear weapons. But more than half

of those say the president has yet to explain why the use of force is necessary right this very minute. And a Newsweek poll showed 60 percent want to take more time to explore other options.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist David Halberstam, speaking at the Nasher Lecture Series in Dallas the other day, expressed the kind of anxiety that is percolating as the clock ticks on the inspection process. He recalled the words of former Kennedy adviser George Ball that "events are in the saddle and ride mankind."

Like le Carre, the former war correspondent said he would be glad to see Saddam Hussein gone, but he worried that attacking Iraq would be like "smashing our hand into the largest hornet's nest in the world"—and that we might pay for it for years.

Halberstam said the United States has been hugely slow in seeing how the rest of the world sees us. "And if we do not see the rest of the world, it sees us, and if we do not find the rest of the

world, it will find us." He emphasized that we must be wise and patient as well as strong in the war on terrorism.

And, I would add, more constructively involved with the rest of the world.

That should mean more, not less, support for the new Office of Public Diplomacy in the State Department. That office, you may recall, was created after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to improve our image in the Middle East. Since then, the office's research has shown that Muslims overwhelmingly see our Western ways as decadent. Comparisons showed that Americans ranked faith as the fifth most important factor in their lives, while Muslims ranked it first. They tended to believe that Muslims in the United States were mistreated.

In order to "get our story out," the State Department has created TV and newspaper ads showing American Muslims who are business owners, teachers and

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Some say good riddance to following with blind loyalty

By E.R. Shipp
New York Daily News

Black people disagreeing with each other is nothing new, but disagreeing with their boss so publicly is. And so national security adviser Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of State Powell taking issue—even if only somewhat—with President Bush's position on affirmative action, and with each other, has been a bit thrilling to watch.

Rice sides with Bush in the University of Michigan case before the Supreme Court, though she differs with him on how race should be considered. Powell outright disagrees with the president and fully supports affirmative action.

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No affirmative action allowed.

Let's be honest here. Affirmative action has long been allowed in plenty of ways. When accepting students, almost every college practices 10 forms of it. You get special consideration if you offer geographical diver-

sity. Or athletic talent. You get a leg up if your parents are alumni. Or big donors. And here's an interesting one. I'm told that admissions departments often "grade" students in two categories—academics, and extra-curricular achievement.

The second category

used to say, you can put lipstick on a pig and call her Monique, but it's still a pig. We aren't going to convince the Muslim people that the movie "Chicago," great fun that the sexy dancing and singing are, is actually a tribute to the American justice system. We aren't going to convince them that TV shows like "Sex and the City"

measures whether the kid is an involved type who would add to campus life as a musician, volunteer, student leader, you name it.

The most competitive schools end up getting their share of "10-over 1's", which is to say, fabulous grades, but little else.

So there's another area of affirmative action: colleges give extra weight, sometimes on a point system, to, well, personality. What's next? Rejected straight-A students with bland personalities suing over that?

I know, race is different. It may well be a slippery slope

In academics, dissent is common. Perhaps the most famous fissure was the one between Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois. Washington, the former slave who became president of Tuskegee Institute and the GOP's favorite black spokesman in the early 20th century, and DuBois, the New England Brahmin who was the first black to earn a doctorate from Harvard and went on to become a leading intellectual, differed over political strategy and on the approach to educating blacks recently freed from slavery.

Washington was trying to make the best of a segregated society, and DuBois challenged the validity of segregation.

We've rarely seen that

sort of principled disagreement played out on a national stage. Usually, dissidents from the mainstream of black thought are cowed into silence—or, perhaps, discretion—so the race seems unified.

When the Revs. Martin Luther King Jr. and Gardner Taylor and other activist members of the Baptist ministry rebelled against the established leadership, that was news to churchfolk, if it was not the lead news story of the day. Now the Net expands the reach of opposing ideas.

Take the Harry Belafonte flap. It's all the talk on Web sites devoted to black affairs. In the fall, he criticized Powell and Rice, likening them to house slaves who'd sold out

their people to ingratiate themselves to their master. He continued the charge last week in Chicago. "In fact and practice," he said of Powell and Rice during a King Day observance, "you are serving those who continue to design our oppression. That is villainy, and I insist you look at it."

Blacks are conflicted over Belafonte's outspokenness, seeing some truth in his analysis of Bush policies deemed anathema to their causes but pained at the more personal nature of the comments about two blacks who are the first to hold the positions they do.

"Because they are black, there is this expectation that they should operate in the interest of black people and

that race is a controlling factor," one civil rights leader who calls Belafonte's comments "unfortunate" told me.

Rice is not exactly representing black folks in her role, he said. "Powell is trying to walk a finer line," said this insider, who asked not be named.

Whether the issue is affirmative action or public schools, war or the draft, reparations for descendants of slaves or the president's faith-based initiatives, discussion is much more robust and public.

Some no doubt disagree, but I think that's a healthy development. Usually, solutions emerge only after debate.

to give extra "points" if you're a particular color.

But colleges sure would be dull places if grades alone determined who got in. What makes them vibrant is diversity in a dozen areas, from geography to race to personality.

In the future, affirmative

action may have to be done with winks instead of points. But it's been done that way in non-skin-color categories forever. So it shouldn't be hard to do it that way with race, as well.

every alternative to more violence, those who want a clear and convincing case for action. The truth is that we may "win" in a military engage-

ment in Iraq, but lose in the long run, if we don't use this moment to demonstrate the values we claim we believe in.

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homeowners. Radio programs with American music and a little news are being pushed as a way of winning over teenagers. And a program along the lines of "Sesame Street" is being explored to reach the very young before they become incorrigibly anti-American.

It is a tough sell. As that great sage Ann Richards

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and the Chargers have taken this year. There first being a 7-0 defeat at the hands of Denver on October 26. The Chargers' weekend sweep takes them to 13-9-2 on the season, while Northern Michigan climbs to 13-10-1. As the Chargers end their non-conference schedule on a sour note, finishing with a 5-8-1 record outside of CHA play, they now focus their attention to the Peters Cup.

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prove that women are more respected in our culture.

But we can show that we aren't entirely made of cotton candy, that there is a place for religion in our culture, that democracy sometimes listens to something besides money. The president deserves great credit for stepping up to The Iraq problem, while others winked. Like they say in "The

Hours," the movie of the moment, "You cannot find peace by avoiding life."

One way or another, he may nudge that part of the Middle East closer to democracy. When he makes his case to the nation Tuesday, he should keep in mind those who are protesting out of sincere religious conviction, those who want to explore

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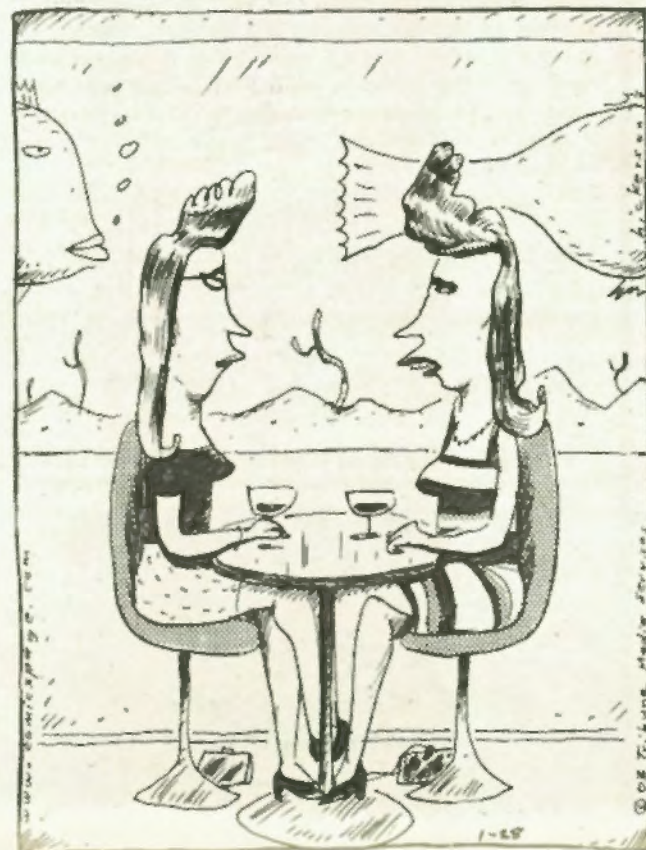
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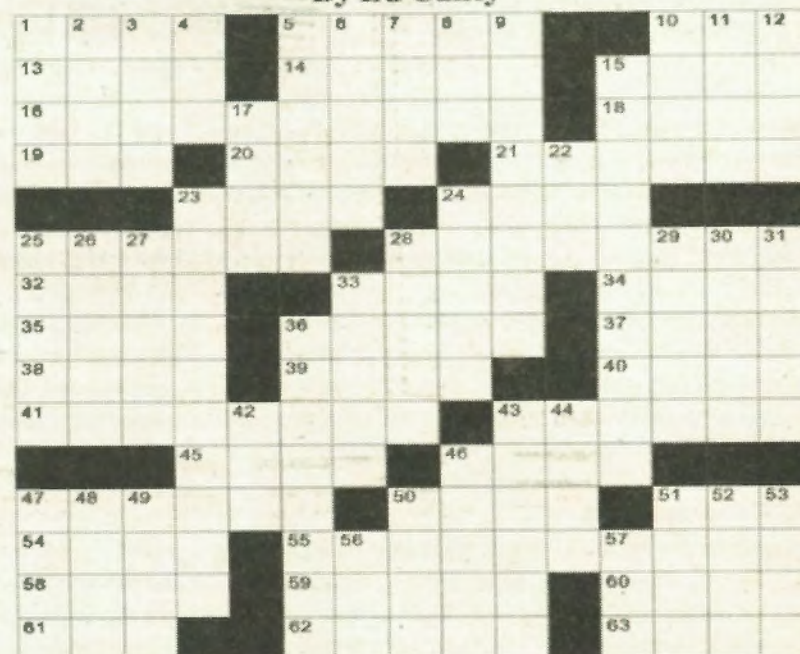
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By Ed Canty



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