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By Mary Yatrousis, Staff Writer

The Daily Free Press, Boston U. via WUIRE

The first question from Schaffter focused on the death of an American ambassador in Libya after an attack on the U.S. Embassy in Benghazi, a topic that has put Obama in the spotlight in previous debates.

Romney and the country are seeing a "pretty dramatic reversal" of the hope the U.S. had for that region. "We've seen in nation after nation a number of disturbing events," Romney said, referring to the death of the Libyan ambassador as well as the killing of Syrian civilians by their own government.

Obama countered by defending the nation's military strength and feats as Republican candidates focused on the Middle East. "We end our war in Iraq," Obama said. "And, as a consequence, an al-Qaeda core leadership has been decimated."

UAH student responds to Alabama immigration policy

By Laura Bates, Staff Writer

On Oct. 17, the 11th Circuit Court rejected Alabama's request for a reviewing two elements of the controversial immigration law that were initially blocked in August.

Alabama is contesting two lawsuits that came from the U.S. Department of Justice and a group of 36 plaintiffs that included various advocacy groups, unions and individuals. In the first case involving the Department of Justice, the court said that "Alabama could not establish a ban on contracts with illegal immigrants and could not criminalize harboring and transporting illegal immigrants."

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Second presidential face-off by Nicholas Neely, Staff Writer

President Barack Obama and John McCain debated Oct 17, at Hofstra Universi­ty in Hempstead, NY. This was the second presidential debate after the conventions against Mitt Romney during the convention.

Obama lived this time around, actively engaging, a lot more than his rival and is able to refer to a lot of his sup­porters. During the town hall debate, moderated by Martha Raddatz, the em­phasis alternated un­easily between a group of undecided vot­ers and questions from organiz­ations supporting the embattled Senate.

The two men often sup­port each other in the debate, interspersing a mother with CNN contributor Alex Castellanos. It is a "high school jock who didn't do very well." During questioning about the Obama administration's "biggest national security threat," Romney declared, "We need a strong energy policy.

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The Marketing Association invited the students as part of their Speaker Series. Tasia Malakasis graduated from UAH with a degree in Literature. During her presentation she recalled the first time she asked, "What are you going to do with that degree?" Malakasis graduated, then worked for an Internet tech firm. She said she started working with startup companies. "I really loved the energy," she said. She then detailed how everyone involved loved her or her job and worked 10 hours a day, seven days a week.

Her experiences allowed her to network with business executives and that was when she discovered the Belle Chevre creamery in Elkmont, Ala. The creamery makes internationally recognized goat cheese.

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History and Philosophy of Goat Cheese

By Leon Kennedy, Staff Writer

The “Philosophy Guild” at UAH is a unique club that is sort of the cross between a Philosophy Club and a Goat Cheese Club.

"We have a philosophy club that meets every other Monday in the University Center, Room 131," said Amanda James, Student Government Association President. "The next meeting will be Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. See you there!"

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Crystal Castles
By David Vail, Staff Writer

Although Huntsville offers an abundance of good live music, sometimes a trip outside of Huntsville is necessary to experience live music that is not available in the Huntsville area. Nashville is generally a primary destination for such an endeavor. Recently I made the two-hour pilgrimage to see Crystal Castles at one of Nashville’s newest venues, Marathon Music Works.

Crystal Castles is an electronic band formed in 2004 in Toronto, Canada. The main members are producers Ethan Kath and vocalist Alice Glass. Crystal Castles however, is not the average electronic band. Though they generally adhere to some classic synthesizer sounds and somewhat dance-orientated drum lines associated with the genre, they are really in a category of their own. Within some of the familiar sounds and rhythms lies an extraordinary emotional complexity that is overwhelmingly melancholy and sometimes just plain dark. Take these elements and throw in some-bit crashes, seemingly out-of-place bleeps and Alice Glass’ desperate screams, and one might begin to understand the intense hysteria their music can evoke.

Seeing Crystal Castles live is no exception to these characteristics. In fact, if one listens to their music and does not completely understand their uniqueness, seeing Crystal Castles live will help make sense of the arguably intentional confusion.

The band wasted little time exploding on stage. It started black, an eerie synthesizer line began and then a pounding dance beat emerged while Alice began to sing. Before long, Alice jumped into the audience and began crowd surfing, all while still singing every haunting line. As the lights flashed and music blared, she became ethereal.

In a nutshell, Crystal Castles is one electrifying, enigmatic band. That being said, a trip to Nashville every now and then can be well worth the gas money.

Bright New Boise Shined
By Reggie Allen, Staff Writer

Can you handle in your nose acting? Are you insane to professor? Do you like a good story? If the answer is yes, you would have loved "Bright New Boise." The play ran from Oct. 16-22 and was directed by Dr. David Harwell.

Bright New Boise proclaims a set of lives of employees in an Idaho Hobby Lobby. Will is a new employee who turns out to be a fellow co-worker’s biological father. Will tries to cope with his round son, Alex, while trying to keep some skeletons from his past life a secret. The play dives into the toxic topic of religion. This was done very well, a storyline that will delve deeper into the corruption that seems to be rampant in Starling City.

The premise involves Oliver Queen, the son of two very successful and very wealthy parents. Queen grows into adulthood as a womanizing person. When Queen is eventually captured and confined in an imprisonment on an island as the sole survivor.

Before Queen’s father’s death, the elder Queen cursed the son that led to his prosperity, as well as the names of those who continue to use devious methods to obtain and maintain their wealth in Starling City. Shockeyed into sobriety and responsibility by the ordeal, the Queen is eventually restored and returns home with thoughts of retribution and justice no Robin Hood-like Arrow is born.

Stephen Amell plays Oliver Queen/Arrow and is usually my go-to actor in his portrayal of the inquisitor. However, instead of holding up a mirror to the audience, Amell is too busy playing with his bow and arrow in an otherwise flat script. As such, he fails to deliver the performance that would make him an interesting character, far from the superhero that we know him to be.

The fight scenes are great, the dialogue is mediocre and the casting is basic. If it were not for Neeson, the movie would be in the same category as a Spike TV movie. Neeson was the only thing that made it decent. "Taken 2" is easily a hype film, but it was definitely a letdown. It is good for one watch, and will most likely not be re-watched in two to three months. "Taken 2" gets a round house kick out of 5.

“Arrow” Whizzes onto the Small Screen with a Bang
By Garrett Holmes, Staff Writer

The CW is once again in the business of bringing super heroes to the small screen with the recent launch of its new show "Arrow.”

The show’s predecessor, “Smallville,” ran for ten seasons, won multiple television awards and was nominated for even more. Many people concerned that the CW is planning on recording the formula that made “Smallville” such a hit can relax. This telling of the Green Arrow story is certainly not in the same vein as "Smallville." A more accurate comparison would be the recent Dark Knight films. "Arrow" is dark, gritty and appears to be set up for some big things to come.

"Arrow" is set in the 2008 thriller starring Liam Neeson as ex-Special Agent Bryan Mills. The family members of those that Mills killed in the line of duty are out for revenge. Their plan is to take his family and kill them, and it is once again up to Mills to save his family. What the film lacked most was pacing. Even though the film is a good length, a lot of time is spent on the two, the central conflict in the film was established in the first five minutes of the film. The film lacks an exciting and unique way of introducing the lead character. The film is actually pretty decent.

It was not enough to construct a character, but enough to make them think. The play was performed in the small space of Morton hall studio 106, which allowed the audience to literally share the stage with the actors.

The set was superb and left their hearts on the stage with the actors. The play is unfortunately not fast-paced, which offers an abundance of good character development for the audience. The audience is interested in instead of showing what viewers really want to see, which is Liam Neeson breaking anyone who looks at him as a superhero. The film finally breaks in, the film becomes watchable.

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Baseball Coming Soon
By Jeff Carr, Sports Reporter

The New Orleans Saints have five players listed among the top 100, but the Chargers saw West Florida win over the Buccaneers in a matchup that resulted in a 0-2 loss. Several new players have been added to the team, including quarterback Justin Fields, who scored the only goal. The Chargers will travel to Livingston, Ala., on Saturday to face Union tomorrow at 1 p.m., but the GSC Championship is currently ranked No. 5 in the GSC standings, with the only route for the Lady Chargers to earn one of the top three spots in the conference is to win their last home game of the season. The Lady Chargers will face Union on Saturday to try to reach for their last home game of the season. The Lady Chargers will face Union on Saturday to try to reach the top three spots in the conference.
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by Rachel Palazzo

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Global Studies Abroad Info Session 12-1 p.m. @ Morton Hall 343
Connecting with SHRM Members 5:30-7:30 p.m. @ MB 204
UAH's Got Talent 7-9 p.m. @ Business Administration

Friday, 10/26
Backpack to Briefcase: WP Edition 7-2 p.m. @ Shelby Center 201
Career Planning Services Business Etiquette 2 p.m. @ Babcock 311
WSOC vs Union 3:30-5:30 p.m. @ Charger Park Complex
 inauguration Park Complex "Park in the Top 4-6 p.m. @ Charger Johnson Parking Deck roof level 3"
ChargingCon 11:15 a.m. -11:30 a.m. @ UC Exhibit Hall
Midnight Mystery Dinner 7-11 p.m. @ Student Union
Squidlings Brother Circle Scholarship with Regional Guests Halibut 8-9 p.m. @ The Pump Monkey

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