In Memory of Those We Lost

Remembering Dr. Gopi Krishna Podila

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Dr. Gopi Krishna Podila was born on Sept. 14, 1957, to the late Sri Surya Prakasa Rao, a Retired Reader at Nagarjuna College of Education, and Smt. Ramalakshmi Devi. He was born in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh.

Podila was the youngest of four brothers. He received his college education in biology, plant pathology, and soil microbiology at Nagarjuna University, obtaining undergraduate and master’s degrees.

Afterwards, he left India and came to the United States to advance his education. He received another master’s degree in plant pathology from Louisiana State University and later a doctorate in molecular biology from Indiana State University. Shortly thereafter, he began a postdoctoral fellowship at the Ohio State University.

In 1990, Podila became an assistant professor of Biological Sciences at Michigan Technological University. While teaching at MTU, Podila was named adjunct associate professor in the school of forestry. He remained in that post until 2002, when he was selected to chair the UAH Department of Biological Sciences.

During his tenure at UAH, Podila helped strengthen the biology program, worked with university researchers and interacted with biotechnology industries in Huntsville.

Throughout his career, he was recognized in the field of plant biology with specializations in the genomics of poplars and symbiotic mycorrhizal associations between trees and a beneficial fungus. He had published nearly a hundred

Tribute to Dr. Maria Ragland Davis

Dr. Maria Davis taught principles of biology and cell development at UAH.

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Dr. Maria Ragland Davis, associate professor of biological science, was very influential during her time at UAH.

Davis received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; a master’s degree in chemical engineering and a Ph.D. in biochemistry and plant pathology from North Carolina State University.

Before beginning her career at UAH, Davis worked as a scientist in the Plant Sciences Department at Research Genetics. Davis was also a chemical engineer at E.I. DuPont DeNemours in Chicago.

Davis began her career at UAH in August of 2002, where she taught cell development and gene silencing in fungi. In 2004 Davis received a mini-grant from UAH to support her research in plant defense responses to fungal pathogens.

Davis was also a professor at Alabama A&M University and authored several publications.

Davis was an extraordinary asset to UAH and will be missed. Former and current students remember Davis:

"I remember how genuinely excited she was for me when I told her of my participation in the REU program two years ago. During that summer I saw Dr. Davis in the hallway many times and she always had a moment to visit and see how

Life of Dr. Adriel Duland Johnson

Johnson was a member of the Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala., where he was a faithful member, rendering service in the bus ministry and the Boy Scouts. He was also a Mason and an Eagle Scout.

Johnson began his professional career as an assistant professor at UAH. He passionately instructed, mentored and encouraged students. He was colorblind when it came to advising students to pursue academic excellence and obtain professional/advanced degrees, particularly at the Ph.D. level. He taught numerous science courses including biology; introduction to the health professions; anatomy and physiology; cell biology; nutritional physiology; animal physiology; and medical terminology.

During his tenure as an associate professor, he demonstrated his growing passion and purpose for preparing young people to be productive and successful by his leadership roles with the Alabama Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, Bridge to the Doctorate, and Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate programs.

He also served as faculty advisor for the Minority Graduate Student Association; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Rho Chi Chapter; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, UAH Chapter; and Alpha Epsilon Delta Medical Careers Club. He was chairperson of the Pre-Professional

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Health Advisory Committee and was actively involved in the Council of African-American Faculty. Nearest and dearest to his heart was clarifying the Harold J. Wilson Scholarship Committee, honoring his late mentor.

Johnson was the recipient of numerous awards in recognition of his community, scholarly, and academic achievements, including the Silver Beaver for Active Adult Volunteerism in Scouting; the Whitney Young Jr. Award for his involvement and mentorship role with urban youth; NASA/ASEE Award for research contribution in the Summer Faculty Fellowship Program; Who's Who Among America's Teachers; Alabama Alliance for Science and Engineering Education Summer Research Mentor Award; AGEP Principal Investigator of the Year Award; and the UAH Student Government Association Outstanding Faculty Award.

He was a Silver Life Member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; a Lifetime Member of the National Eagle Scout Association; and a Lifetime Member of the Alabama Academy of Science, as well as holding memberships in the American Society for Cell Biology, the American Society of Animal Science, the Chinese Society of Animal Science, the Poultry Science Association, Sigma Xi, and the Scientific Research Society.

His community service involvement included serving as assistant scoutmaster and coaching baseball. Baseball was always a part of his life, whether playing or coaching the sport or watching the Atlanta Braves on television—in person, when time permitted. He was passionate about his faith, his family, food and sports. He enjoyed going fishing with his family, cooking on the grill and having fellowship with friends and neighbors.

Johnson loved the Lord; his wife, Dr. Jacqueline Umstead Johnson; his two sons, Adriel Duhon Jr. and Jeriel Leland; father, William A. Johnson Jr.; two siblings, Deborah H. Johnson and Chama D. Johnson; father-in-law, Leroy Umstead; and a host of sister and brothers-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, students, scouts, baseball coaches and players, colleagues and very special friends.

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things were going. With her heart being so dedicated to research, you could see the sparkle in her eyes with my own small advances in my research. She carried that sparkle everywhere she went. Even in her long lectures. But we love her for that now because that was just that much more time we got to spend with her. Our department professors are our second parents, and we want to make them proud. I am sad that Drs. Davis, Johnson and Podila will not get to see us walk. We will miss them all very dearly.

-Stefanie Greenleaf

"She never wasted one minute of class! Literally! My class was MWF and it was from 9:10-10:05 a.m. She started on time but didn't of class! Literally! My class was of class!" -Shaquetta Young

In continuing to honor the lives of Dr. Podila, Dr. Johnson, and Dr. Davis, the Exponent would like for students to share their memories of these professors. Please email comments to exponent.editor@gmail.com.

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research papers and three books and owned four patents. He served on the editorial boards of various journals, such as "New Phytologist," "Physiology and Molecular Biology of Plants," and "Journal of Plant Interactions" and "Global Science".

Podila's areas of research included the following: Engineering tree biomass for bioenergy, functional genomics of plant-microbe interactions, plant and molecular biology, and biotechnology. For more information on Podila's research, visit www.uah.edu/biology/podila.html.

MTU has established the Gopi K. Podila Research Award in honor of Podila's efforts to involve students in research. The award will be given each year to undergraduate or graduate students demonstrating outstanding potential for scientific inquiry in biological sciences. Donations can be made online through the Michigan Tech Fund.

Dr. Podila is survived by his wife, Vani; two daughters, Bindu and Anika; his mother; and three brothers, Sivarananjeyu Sarma, Ravi, and Siva Subrahmanian.

Fifteen Minute Rule: Fact or Fiction?

JULIE RAMHOLD Staff Writer

Everyone has heard of the late teacher rule. It varies from campus to campus, but the most commonly believed form is that if a teacher is 15 minutes late, students have every right to leave. The version circulating around UAH is that the time students must wait depends on the status of their teacher. For instance, if the teacher is just a graduate student, students have to wait only five minutes. A professor warrants a 10-minute wait. If the instructor has a doctorate, students have to wait 15 full minutes before they can call it quits.

This rule is not unwritten—it just is not true. A quick Internet search reveals that several college newspapers across the country have published articles about the rule. They all come to the same conclusion: it does not exist on their campuses.

No one really seems to know how this one started, and as far as college urban legends go, it is not often cited as one of the more popular ones. This could be because it is still believed by so many.

More than likely, it is due to the fact that this "rule" seems to materialized out of thin air and is carried on through the years by good old-fashioned word-of-mouth, rather than by any written proof. Though http://www.urban-dictionary.com has an entry for the "10-Minute Rule," there is no origin listed there either.

The decision is ultimately that of the student's under circumstances such as these. Students have paid for the class, so they may find it in their best interests to hang around a little while. Odds are they would have to wait only five minutes. A professor warrants a 10-minute wait. If the instructor has a doctorate, students have to wait 15 full minutes before they can call it quits.

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How UAH Students are Helping After the Tragedy

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In the wake of the tragic event occupying every student’s thoughts, UAH has seen a surge of student activity in remembrance of the victims of the incident. From overwhelming support on sites like Facebook, to donations from philanthropic events, the outpouring of love from our community is immense.

The night of the shooting, all the Greeks on campus made their way to the Pi Kappa Alpha house, where they invited a minister to guide everyone as they prayed for the victims and their families. This was the beginning of what has become a massive wave of support from the students.

On Saturday, the day after all the activity, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity had plans to perform their annual Basketball Dribble, which involves dribbling a basketball from the UNA gymnasium along US-72 to Spragins Hall after the UNA vs. UAH basketball game. The brothers raise thousands of dollars for the event and donate it to a local charity. The basketball game was canceled, but the fraternity carried out the event anyway, promising to donate a portion of the proceeds to help the victims and their families. With the sad news circulating around the school, this proved to be a bright spot in the media, showcasing how the students at UAH will “charge on” and support the school they love.

Facebook has been a source of a lot of activity. Many students have changed their profile pictures to a blue ribbon with the words, “Please Pray for UAH.” Groups were created shortly after the event on Friday, including “Pray for the victims of the UAH shooting Feb. 12 2010,” “Pray for UAH students and faculty,” and “Praying for UAH,” each with thousands of members.

Students at Northern Illinois University, who experienced a similar event almost exactly a year ago, created a Facebook group called “Huskies for Chargers,” and held a Moment of Silence at their student center on Feb. 22.

Brittany Wood has used Facebook to help set up a UAH Department of Biological Sciences Memorial Scholarship, created to honor the memory of three victims. She has helped coordinate donations and ribbon-selling drives. On Feb. 22, Wood reported through the Facebook group that they have received lots of donations!

While everyone was still recovering from the whirlwind of information in the days following Feb. 12, Rosco Hays and James Parkes sat down and brainstormed some ideas to help capture the emotions about campus. They came up with a phrase that summarized what everyone was thinking: “Charge On.”

With the Facebook group appearing that Saturday night, the words can now be found everywhere: on signs around campus, on decals and in everyone’s mind.

“I wanted to help the campus come together under one main message and goal,” says Hays. “I focused on trying to help the university fight.”

Shirts with the phrase will soon be available at no cost as well.

Letterboxing is Rapidly Growing, Even in Huntsville

The goal of hunters is to get their stamp in as many letterboxes as possible. Some serious “letterboxes” will even travel to other countries in search of adding to their collection. There are plenty of opportunities for the more casual player as well.

Letterboxing is closely related to another seek-and-find pastime, geocaching. While geocaching focuses on using a high-tech piece of equipment (a GPS is virtually required for many of the harder clues), letterboxing is more of a thinking game. Hiders are encouraged to make creative clues leading to their box. Several clues involve taking pieces out of a story or poem the hider has written, or using a compass heading to figure out which way to go.

Letterboxing is expected to continue its rapid rise in popularity, especially once the summer months roll back around. There are already several clues about those boxes hidden in Huntsville, along with the one that is sitting somewhere on campus.

To view these clues and get more information, visit the official letterboxing Web site at http://www.letterboxing.org.
Editorial: Career Fair Invaded by Non-Students

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Staff Writer

Feb. 3, 2010, was supposed to be a very important day. I was up all night preparing for it. I searched every company. I wrote down information about each company, things that interested me about the company and questions I would like to ask representatives of that company. The Career Fair was going to be the place where I finally landed a co-op or internshi—

I made sure my clothes were perfect and professional. I needed to have a perfect resume. I needed to be prepared, and I needed to talk to every company that could be possibly be interested in me and what I could offer a company. I actually put on makeup and high heels—only to find the day an utter disappointment.

I arrived at the University Fitness Center at 8:20 a.m. I wanted to be there early enough to be one of the first people through the doors, so that I could get through all the companies and still make it to my classes that day. But there were already 30 or so people in line for an opening. I was second, since I had a test.

I took me five and a half hours to finally land a co-op or an internship. My time went up past 10 minutes per company. The doors did not open until 9 a.m., they were lining out of the doors, so that I could get through all the companies and still make it to my classes that day. But there were already 30 or so people in line at the doors ahead of me, and by 9 a.m., they were lining out of the doors.

By 10 a.m. there was hardly room to move. By noon it was unbearable in the gym. The sun was a magnifying glass attempting to melt me with its rays. The rows of tables were so close together you could barely walk between the rows without hitting someone. There was no space to breath without bumping into someone or having your personal bubble invaded and popped. The lines began to increase at all the companies. Wait times went up past 10 minutes per company.

But the absolute worst part about the whole day was that it took me five and a half hours to make one circuit through the entire room—and I still did not even get to talk to all the companies I wanted to. I had to eventually leave because after missing my first two classes, I could not afford to miss the third, since I had a test.

The amount of time I had to spend in the unbearably hot, crowded room; the fact that there were so many people I began to feel claustrophobic; and the fact that I did not even get to talk to all the company representatives were all due to one ridiculous reason. I was THE INVADER! I waited behind a certain gentleman for 10 minutes, not including the time it took to get to be second in line, only to hear that he was not a UAH student, he was not a UAH alumni and he had no affiliation with UAH at all. I wasted 10 minutes of my life listening to him tell the recruiter how much he hated his job, why he wanted a new job, how he thought this career fair was the place to enact such a change and why he would be a better choice than any of the students, even though he was seemingly uneducated.

I tried to fight back my irritation. I tried to let my anger slide. I stood before the recruiter. I thought it might just be one person who snuck in after hearing about the career fair, but I was wrong.

There was an unhappy police officer looking for more job fulfillment from a job like the FBI. I heard a mother of three who has a degree from some college somewhere, but has never used it, nor does she have any sort of experience at all in the field of technical writing, try to convince a company that she would be the best choice for a job. They were everywhere. The career fair was not only open to so many people. It was tainted by a total disregard for the students, even though he was still a student. The Career Fair was supposed to be UAH's chance to gather soon-to-be graduates and students looking for internships and co-ops and potential companies that are looking for just those kinds of people. Instead, the career fair was poorly planned and poorly laid out.

Charger Cards were swiped at the tables, but pictures were not even looked at. Anyone could have stolen one or picked up one and went to the career fair. The tables were not blocking the entrance. Anyone could have walked in without stopping at the tables and gone to the career fair.

UAH has a duty to help its students achieve greatness by helping them with job placements for their futures. Instead, that future was tainted by a total disregard for UAH students by allowing these job vagrants to enter the career fair and by having it in a place that was open to so many people.

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experience in the professor's class, which offers the professor a chance for rebuttal.

For example, as a profes­ sor who without doubt will break havoc with students' final grades, Sonja Brown-Givens' page on Rate My Professors includes comments such as the following: "I didn't really learn anything..."; "... prone to tantrums and fits..."; "Don't be fooled!"; "... a — on a power trip"; and "... speaks hardly to white males", as well as this comment: "Dr. Givens is an awesome professor and is an asset to the communications department at UAH."

However, as accurate as these comments may or may not be, the newest comment on her page dates from the year 2008. Many of the comments on other professors' pages are similarly aged. Due to the apparent unpopularity of Rate My Professors here on the UAH campus, word of mouth is arguably a better way to keep current on bad and good professors. This leaves out-of-state freshmen with no re­ source to determine the adequacy of a professor to suit their learning needs.

Despite outlets such as Rate My Professors, word of mouth and class evaluations, some professors continue adhering to their own agenda, and go so far as to neglect hard work from one student or an­ other. Some professors appear to believe students walks in the class­ room the first day of class with letter grades stamped upon their foreheads, and that the subsequent semester's worth of classes is nothing more than turnings of the cogs in the tenure machine. Woeful no more, Exponent readers, because this newspaper is your way to be heard. Send your classroom horror stories to arron.jones@gmail.com, and they may appear in the paper, anonymously, of course. Perhaps after weeks of reading the extent to which stu­ dents are dejected, the bad profes­ sors here at UAH will improve.
Diary of a Fat Person: You've Lost It, Now Keep It Off

ASHLEY TROMBA
Staff Writer

My diet is in no way over after 26 pounds lost, as I am still 40 pounds away from a normal weight. You, however, may be at your ideal weight—but now that you have lost the extra pounds, the hard part has just begun: keeping it off!

I have so far lost 26 pounds and I felt pretty accomplished. I thought that since I have been doing so well, I could eat a few things that I really wanted because I deserved them after a job well done.

And I wanted cheese fries from Lone Star. If you have ever had Lone Star’s cheese fries, then you know that it consists of a plate piled high with fries covered in melted cheese, topped with bacon. And of course the entire episode was followed by no exercise. Thus, exactly what I eat and how many calories I allow myself, because they are just plain amazing.

I am not even going to describe everything about it has been hard. Eating healthily is very hard. Exercise regularly is hard. Keeping up with and writing down everything about it has been a very interesting learning experience—and only a delusion. The only way for me to keep the weight off and continue losing weight is to make a conscious effort to continue eating healthily and exercising as often as possible.

This goes back to calorie intake. If you weigh 160 pounds, then you have to take in 1600 calories every day to maintain that weight. If you eat more than that every day, you will gain weight. If you eat less than that, you will lose weight. I want to get down to a healthy weight, and for my height and body frame, that healthy weight range is between 140 and 160 pounds. This means that I should eat between 1400 and 1600 calories a day. This becomes difficult when a restaurant meal contains the total amount of calories allowed in one day.

And this is where exercise comes in. Every activity burns calories. Walking to classes, walking up and down stairs, and sitting and reading a book all burn calories. There are many calorie counters online which allow you to enter your daily activities, and they will tell you exactly how many calories you burned that day. These are very helpful tools when keeping up with your calorie intake.

The past month and a half has been a very interesting learning experience, since I have never dieted before. I have never needed to. I played sports for the first 18 years of my life, and thus as a generally muscular person stayed at 180 pounds. Once I stopped playing sports and met my boyfriend, who feeds me like a king, I began to gain more and more weight.

Eating healthily is very hard. Exercising regularly is hard. Everything about it has been hard. Keeping up with and writing down exactly what I eat and how many calories I am eating is hard. However, if dieting were easy, the United States would be filled with very healthy, very active, happy people.

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Event Calendar
Feb. 24
• ACE presents Mission Improvable, a comedy troupe that can best be compared to “Whose Line is it Anyway.” 9 p.m. UC Exhibit Hall.
• Webbie performs at Crossroads. This Baton Rouge rapper has collaborated with many artists. His hit singles include anthems such as “Wipe Me Down” and “Gimme That.” 10 p.m. $12

Feb. 25
• The UAH basketball team plays UNA at UNA. The women play at 6 p.m. and the men play at 8 p.m.
• Barnstormers, Sam Does, Hurray for the Riff Raff and the Posey Peep Show perform at the Flying Monkey. 8 p.m. $7

Feb. 26
• Dead Heroes, Dreams of Flight, Fighting Off Heroes and Ponyboy will play at Java Jaay’s in Decatur. 6:30 p.m. $5
• Gritzfest II, a benefit show for Gritz charities, will be held at Crossroads Music Hall. Portions of the revenue will go towards Haiti relief. 10 p.m. $15

Feb. 27
• Coffeetree Books and Brew will have its weekly open mic night. 7 p.m.
• Husky Burnette performs at the Voodoo Lounge, located downtown on the square. 10 p.m.

Feb. 28
• Neeve and Friends will be performing at Bandito Southside. 7 p.m.
• Freddy Earl and the Blues Mercenaries will be performing at Kafeeklatsch. 8 p.m.
Governor Bob Riley Supports a Center for System Studies at UAH

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Senior Science & Tech Writer

UAH is a school especially known for its robust engineering programs, and the university is adding a new dynamic to complement the technical work force it creates. With a new Center for System Studies, UAH will help develop better ways to manage the many real-world complexities of a project that need to work together to create a solution.

"System studies involve research to understand the many complex ways that technology, nature, people and society interact so that the workings of an engineered solution are more predictable and more desirable," the press release stated. Systems Engineering is related to field. Instead of focusing solely on engineering, issues of logistics and coordinating teams of people become overwhelming. A project's success involves more than just the engineering process behind it, which is what the new center hopes to address. "This center plays to the strengths of [the Huntsville] area," Mike Griffin, former NASA administrator, said, referring to the large government presence on Redstone Arsenal. The ability to smoothly interact with the government and help streamline the process of engineering development would be an "enormous advantage," and the new center "will be a key part" in strengthening UAH's importance to the community. This program is unique to academia and is essential if we want UAH to be at the "forefront of research and technology," as Governor Bob Riley stated during his campus visit on Feb. 11 in a show of support. "We don't want to have to leave the state for talent," he added.

Bill Newton, the Alabama acting director of finance, commented that while the economy is down, we're "not out," and finding money to help with the new center is a "top priority.

Center for System Studies planners intend to build its new structure beside the duck pond.

SAE Builds Amphibious Vehicle

CHRIS BLACKWELL
Baja Chief Engineer

The UAH chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers seeks students interested in participating in its annual Baja event.

Baja is an extreme off-road challenge presented by the SAE International. The task is to design a high performance off-road amphibious vehicle that can be sold on the everyday market. Not only does the vehicle have to float, it must be able to propel itself across deep water, as well as be fast on land, go over large jumps, through mud pits and up and down very steep terrain.

The vehicle will be entered in the SAE regional collegiate Baja competition. "[The purpose of the competition] is to simulate real-world engineering design projects and their related challenges," SAE stated. "Engineering students are tasked to design and build an off-road vehicle that will survive the severe punishment of rough terrain and sometimes even water."

The UAH chapter of SAE hopes for participation from all students, not just engineering majors. Baja has a high demand for computer science, psychology, business and art majors, not to mention civil engineering, electrical engineering, liberal arts, nursing and all other students.

Baja presents the opportunity to take what you learn in class and do something with it. The competition can give practical, work-related experience in almost any field. No shop experience? No problem: a major point of this entire project is to educate students on the processes involved in product design and project management.

Don't want to work in a machine shop? No problem; Baja has many needs outside of the shop that are just as important as those inside the shop.

Interested? Come check out a meeting. They take place in Technology Hall SI04 around 7:15 p.m. every Thursday night.

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Space Applications
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Materials and Structures
Space Power and Propulsion
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IAC is the single largest meeting of aerospace professionals, representing government, academia, and the private sector. The strong student and young professional component to this conference makes it an exceptional opportunity for students to bring visibility and exposure to their research, as well as a chance to learn and interact with fellow students, leading researchers, heads of space agencies, and CEOs of major aerospace firms.

In order to promote participation of UAHuntsville students, the Office of the Vice President for Research with support from the Office of International Programs and Services will consider full financial sponsorship for a limited number of students, whose papers are accepted, to travel to the conference for the purposes of promoting their research and enabling them to present their papers.

Any graduate or undergraduate students who have questions regarding participation in the congress as a presenting author can contact Dave Cook in the Office of International Programs and Services at (256) 824-6055 or at david.cook@uah.edu.
Successful Return for Charger Athletics

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Nobody would blame UAH athletes for being a bit rusty after a week off, but several UAH teams showed true heart and courage in their battles on the playing field this past weekend.

The hockey team was back in action after its second game in a two-game series at Niagara was suspended. Things looked bleak for the Chargers as they entered the third period, since they were down two goals to Robert Morris. But the team pulled off an amazing rally, taking the game from the Colonials, 4-3.

The softball team finally played its first game on Saturday after having six games postponed or canceled. Expectations for the team are high, since it entered the season ranked No.1 in the nation. The Chargers did not disappoint, and they dominated the Barry Bucs, 8-0. The team continued to impress and currently stands at 5-0. The team’s next game is this Friday at 1:00 p.m. at home against Auburn-Montgomery.

The men’s basketball team may have pulled off the biggest game of the weekend as it took down No.4 ranked Valdosta State. The win clinched a spot in the Gulf South Conference tournament for the Chargers, who currently stand in a tie for first place with Valdosta State in the division. The Chargers have two games left in the season before heading to Southaven, Miss., for the GSC tournament in March.

The baseball team split a two-game series with Harding, losing 5-0 in the first and winning the second 5-4. After a rough first game in which only four players reached base, the Chargers offense found life in the second game. Junior Byne Gooden and sophomore Corry Trapp led the way for the Chargers, with two hits and one RBI for each. Senior Chase Earl earned the win after giving up only one earned run in his five innings pitched. The save went to junior Dan Lazzaroni.
Updated Academic Calendar Spring 2010

April
6 Honors Day - No classes
30 Last MWF class
May
3 Last MW class
4 Last TR class
5 Last Wednesday only class/final exam
May
5 Study Day/Weather Day
6 - 12 Final Examinations

To view schedule visit
http://www.uah.edu/calendars/springIOfinal.pdf

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3 Last MW class
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Important Date for Spring Graduates

March 2, 4 to 7p.m.
March 3, 11a.m. to 2p.m.
Grad Fair (formally known as Grad Finale) is to assist degree candidates (undergraduate and graduate) with all aspects of graduation, including cap and gown ordering, degree checkout and Commencement details. The fair will be in the University Center Book Store.

March 4-26, 2010
Students may login to their student services account and answer a graduation survey. By answering "Yes" to this survey, students will automatically be added to the ticket list and guest tickets reserved on their behalf.

March 31, 2010
The number of guest tickets available to each graduate will be determined.

April 26-May 7, 2010
Guest tickets will be made available at Charger Central, University Center Office 118 during their business hours. (Commencement candidates will need to show I.D. to receive their guest tickets)

May 13-14, 2010
Additional tickets, if any, will be available at Charger Central, University Center Office 118 during their business hours.

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

Crossword

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4. Broke rank quietly, but in confusion
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10. Spread traces round junction
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23. Breathe hard where no king has zeal without a late start
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28. Service characters reach suit
30. Wobbly stomach - some chopped entrails inside
31. Offend a powerful militia
32. Pleasant fish takes time to start gladhanding

Down
2. Horselaugh sounds negative
3. Report a European nobleman verbally
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