Exponent, Vol. 41, Iss. 16, 2010-03-03

University of Alabama in Huntsville

Follow this and additional works at: https://louis.uah.edu/exponent-2010

Recommended Citation

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Exponent (1969-2012) at LOUIS. It has been accepted for inclusion in 2010 by an authorized administrator of LOUIS.
Editorial: Does Living on Campus Really Affect GPA?

RAYMOND GILSTRAP
Editor-in-Chief

Recently, the housing policy requiring all freshmen and sopho­
morest to live on campus here at UAH has sparked a lot of debate.
The faculty senate challenged the administration about the policy,
concerned parents were worried about increased economic burdens.
Rep. Howard Sanderford proposed a bill to revoke the housing policy
and even studies of the correla­
tion between living on campus and higher GPA found their way into
the debate.

So, the big question is, does living on campus really affect a
student's GPA?

In September 2008, the Col­
legian, the student newspaper of Fresno State, published an article
about the topic after reviewing studies conducted by the Uni­
versity of Georgia. The title of the article was "Living on campus could raise
GPA" and the article discussed two main points—other students help
form study habits and academics
becoming a part of dorm life.

The keyword in the title of the article is "could," meaning that it is
a possibility that if a student resides on-campus he or she will have a
better GPA than if he or she lived off-campus. One student com­
mented that peer influence helped him study more, because whenever
he saw his friends studying, he
would study too. Fresno State has
also implemented living-learning communities where students take
of the same general education
classes as other students. The goal
of the living-learning communitys is for students to support each
other academically while living to­
gether.

Despite having interesting discussions, the Collegian article
was full of uncertainties. The opening line of the article was a
repeat of the title with the word "change" transforming into the
word "might." The author of the article also claims that according
to research, there are many reasons
why living on campus raises GPA,
yet only two reasons are addressed
in the article. There is even a claim
that students living closer to class­
rooms and the school's library do
not have to worry about grocery
shopping and cooking meals, a
statement that is irrelevant to the
purpose of the entire piece.

In 1993, Michael Delucchi
published an article called "Aca­
demic Performance in College
Town." In his article, Delucchi
discusses the factors that are con­
sidered when making comparisons
between commuters and dormitory students and particular studies he
has researched. Based on studies, Delucchi states that living on cam­
pus fosters academic performance,
because there are more opportuni­
ties for integration into academic and social systems. He gives exam­
amples, such as interaction with facul­
ty, frequency of peer conversations
and informal social activities, be­
fore proceeding to discuss the data
collected from a two-year study at
an unnamed US university.

The study consisted of 500 students selected randomly in
1985 and 1986. The participating
students completed questionnaires
anonymously and 220 students responded to the 1985 survey,
while 251 students responded to the
1986 survey. The results from both studies were compiled and
analyzed. Analyzing data from studies conducted about the rela­
tionship between on-campus living
and student's grades is essential to
backing up bold claims that a stu­
dent residing in dorms will make
better grades, yet those making
those claims do not seem to ana­
lyze data from studies beforehand.
Superficially, claims about how
factors affecting grade point
averages are invalid without sup­
port and evidence. This is similar
to a process of trying to convict a
case without making a case in
court. Delucchi and other scholars
like him are the few exceptions to
this. Delucchi states his argument
and then provides evidence to sup­
port his argument.

Delucchi concluded that living on campus did have a significant
effect on academic performance; however, there were other variables
such as age, race and educational objectives that also affect academ­
ic performance as well. The study
also included a wide range of other
factors that contribute to academic
performance, such as alcohol and
drug use or a student's membership
in a fraternity or sorority.

In 2006, the Campus Connec­
tion, a news and information source
for the University of Wisconsin-La
Crosse, published an article stat­
ing that on-campus living equals
higher GPA for students. Like the Fresno State article, the informa­
tion contained in the Campus Con­
nection article was interesting, but
unlike the Delucchi article, the
Connection Connection piece lacked
solid evidence to support claims.

The students in dorms at U-W-La
Crosse are encouraged to study by
peers, and several residence halls
offer rewards for students with the
best grades; however, encourage­
ment and rewards does not support
the belief that on-campus living
equals higher GPA.

The article discusses statistics compiled by Residence Life stud­
ies during the last 20 years based on various categories. The stud­
ies concluded that students living on-campus had a higher GPA than
those students living off-campus.

There are several problems with the Campus Connection story.
For starters, the author failed to provide all of the statistics gathered
from the studies and does not even
mention the categories the studies comprised.

See GPA on Pg. 2

Library Showcases Slave Labor in WW II

JULIE ROBERTS
Staff Writer

From Feb. 21 through March 12, the Salmon Library gallery fea­
tures an exhibit showcasing the use of
slave labor during World War II. The show focuses on the Dora
concentration camp near Nordhausen,
Germany.

According to the Web site (http://dora.uah.edu), the exhibit
tells the stories of the victims of
Dora who were forced to assemble
the V-2 rocket. Renowned rocket
physicist Werner von Braun led
the team of scientists developing
the V-2. On Sept. 7, 1944, a test
rocket was launched, hitting Lon­
dome, prompting von Braun to say
"[i]t worked perfectly except for
landing on the wrong planet."

Engineers are always men­tioned in the history of the V-2, and
their work is almost commented on,
whether it be praise for its de­
velopment or disdain for its use. However, historians rarely men­
tion the prisoners who suffered
or died while held captive in the
 camps and were forced to work on
"the weapons of revenge." The
exhibit pays tribute to those prison­
ers and educates people about the
forced labor they endured so that
the world around them could wage
war.

The exhibit is unique as it is the first time in the United States,
that work from two European mu­s
seums has been shown. There are
two noted pieces from La Coupole,
History and Remembrance Cen­
ter in Saint-Omer, France. These
are color photos that were actually
taken by Hitler's "favorite pho­
tographer," they depict the forced
labor on the V-2. The other piece
is artwork created by victims and
survivors of the Dora camp.

The other European pieces come from Mittelbau-Dora Mu­
sen and the Department of biological sciences, in critical condition.

The families of Leathy and
Monticciolo are blogging about the current conditions and progress of
the victims.

According to the blog posted by Leathy's family, Leathy is mak­
 ing good progress. He is receiv­
ing breathing treatments and has
been able to stand and is able to
talk through a tracheostomy collar.
Leathy will be transitioning from
Huntsville Hospital to the Shep­
 herd Center in Atlanta, Ga., for
further rehabilitation. The Shep­
 herd Center specializes in brain

See LIBRARY on Pg. 3

Updates on

Shooting Victims

JESSICA ROBINSON
Staff Writer

Last month's tragic shooting left two UAH staff members, Dr.
Joseph Leathy, associate professor of biological sciences, and Stepha­
nie Monticciolo, staff assistant to the
department of biological sci­
ences, in critical condition.

The families of Leathy and
Monticciolo are blogging about the current conditions and progress of
the victims.

According to the blog posted by Leathy's family, it is mak­
ing good progress. He is receiv­
ing breathing treatments and has
been able to stand and is able to
talk through a tracheostomy collar.
Leathy will be transitioning from
Huntsville Hospital to the Shep­
 herd Center in Atlanta, Ga., for
further rehabilitation. The Shep­
 herd Center specializes in brain

See UPDATES on Pg. 4
Editorial: The Real Power of UAH’s Student Government Association

ZACH POPE
Staff Writer

When students start their school year in the early fall as freshman, they bring all kinds of new ideas to the university. As the semester goes on, they may wonder how to get those ideas implemented. Soon they realize the SGA is the way to do it. Therefore, they start looking for UAH’s SGA. One may start by going to http://sga.uah.edu, and then the next best option is to look for the SGA presence on campus. Soon they notice there is a somewhat outdated SGA Web site. While this may seem like a hindrance, for those who really want to implement their ideas, it is not.

Next, they look for the SGA presence on campus, and they do not see much. They may wonder where the SGA is. Why are they in the UC—Room 131 to be exact? How would one know that, since it is next to impossible to find their location on the Web site? Now they really wonder: why are they so invisible?

Well, because there is no student involvement. “One of the SGA’s major problems is student involvement,” SGA President Andrew Hazen said. “We have around 40 slots to be filled and only about 20 are filled.” He added, “We would like to do things sometimes, big scale activities, but we just don’t have the man power, or the student backing.”

The majority of SGA’s power comes from student backing and involvement. If all of UAH’s approximately 7,000 students back the SGA, the administration will listen. That means they will have to listen to the students, which is what most students want. Support your SGA and let them know you mean business, —with this backing the SGA can then show the administration we mean business.

The SGA has not been hiding all this time; students just have not been looking. While SGA has some work to do to get in mune and location across, we students have more work to do. We must stand firmly behind our SGA; we are the biggest powerhouse on campus and must help our representatives get their ideas and problems across to the administration.

There are two major ways we can do this. First, attend the SGA meetings every Monday night at 8:45 p.m. in the University Center’s Room 131.

Lastly, join the SGA; there are around 40 slots to be filled. Some positions are even paid a salary.

Remember, if you want things done, you must go through the correct route. Support your SGA.

Have you done your taxes yet?

Dr. Charles Hickman and UAH staff as well as students, in conjunction with the Impact/Alabama’s SavE2s’s VITA program, provide a free tax prep service for UAH students. If you need help with your taxes this season, come by the Business Administration building in the first floor computer lab (across from Jazzman’s) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on any of these dates.

- March 6
- March 13
- March 20
- March 27
- April 3
- April 10

The Exponent
Editor in Chief: RAYMOND GILSTRAP
Copy Editor: KATE BLAKE
Managing Editor: LISA BARBELLA
Layout Editor: HONOKA EGUCHI
Advertising Manager: TATTO EGUCHI
Business Manager: AMBER RAUSCHKOLB
Senior Science & Tech Writer: MATT SAYAR
Staff Writers:
ERIC MORGAN ZACH POPE PIERRE NELSON ARRON JONES DAVID DANIELS ANNA SHAVERS JULIE RAMHOLD ASHLEY TROMBA JONATHAN KEENUM JESSICA ROBINSON
Staff Photographer: MICHAEL BARNES
Circulation: KESELY THACKER
Copyright © 2010 The Exponent
All rights reserved.
Next Issue: Wednesday, March 10, 2010
E-mail: exponent.editor@gmail.com
Website: http://exponent.uah.edu/
Font: University Center H104, Huntsville, AL 35809
Phone: (256) 824-6090

From GPA on Pg. 1

However, the author does provide data comparing the GPAs of sophomore students, and comments that the statistics of freshmen are skewed because almost all freshmen live on-campus; nonetheless, is this enough data to say that living on campus really does affect GPA? The bottom line is that those who are willing to claim that living on campus means a higher GPA should make sure that he or she has the proof to support the claim. Even with support, however, studies and research on the correlation between campus living and grades may look enticing on paper, but may or may not work when applied in the real world.

A student living on campus may have a high GPA, but may also have a low GPA. The same could be said about a student living off campus. There are many factors that contribute to how often a student chooses to study or how often a student elects to attend classes and all of these factors vary from person to person.

Because there are many variables to take into account when determining academic excellence, living on or off-campus does not guarantee a higher GPA by itself. It is only a small factor to consider.

Letter to the Editor: “The Blame Game”

Exactly what are the rules of “the Blame Game”? We certainly know how to play the blame game. It is an old, oft played little game we adults often play at times like this — in the midst of tragedy — rather than accept responsibility, we adults begin to blame as if we were once again carefree sixth graders on a playground somewhere, dodging and deflecting a kickball throw at us.

Games, however, are as much for adults as they are for children, and perhaps more so, because in learning to be an adult we should have learned the rules of this game: playing, operating, we come to understand strategies, tactics and how best to utilize opportunities — things and events — that come our way. Essentially, it is “the hand that is dealt us.” Hopefully, we learn how to be gracious losers, and equally humble winners, understanding also that no one always wins, and that our time is coming.

Yet, it is game-playing at inappropriate times that characterize and differentiates children from adults.

Granted, jostling and covetfulness can be, and is a part of any emotional intelligence process. “Everything has its own time, and there is a specific time for every activity under heaven,” so says “The Provercher,” in Ecclesiastes 3:1 (God’s Word Translation).

Reeling from two horrible campus tragedies that struck our community in exactly two weeks, first at Madison’s Discovery Middle School, then at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, we are again attempting to return to a setting out on a trip of a thousand miles, only now, it’s not time for game playing. It’s time to “man up,” to be an adult, to act your age, to accept responsibility, for and in the aftermath of tragedy.

It’s been said that the seven most important words in the English language are, “I made a mistake, and I’m sorry.” The corollary to that is that respect is earned when humility is demanded.

So I ask rhetorically... “Will the REAL leader please stand up?”

Kevin L. Bando, RN
BSN, BS, AS, NRM-T, ACLS
Certified Volunteer Firefighter -1
First Responder
KG4RCP
Huntsville, Alabama
United States of America

News
Editorial: Doing Something Epic

ASHLEY TROMBA
Staff Writer

A significant challenge for a human being is finding his or her place in the world. Where do I fit in? What am I truly best at? What is going to be my claim to fame? Finding your niche is often the main theme in books and movies.

I am currently reading a book by A. J. Jacobs called The Year of Living Biblically. It’s about a man who explores religion and its hidden meanings by following the Bible as literally as possible for a year. He kept a daily record of his journey down the religious pathway and it became a book that hundreds have read. I also recently re-watched Julie & Julia, an absolutely amazing movie about the life of Julia Child and a woman named Julie who cooks her way through Julia Child’s cookbook in a year.

This of course made me realize that I have no real accomplishments. Yes, I graduated from high school, I graduated from high school. Yes, 1 graduated from high school. And yes, I'm a senior in college attempting to get two degrees in five years but, I have at least another year left before I can consider myself a college graduate.

So what have I truly accomplished in life so far?

I began to think about what could I challenge myself with that would take a year, that I could write about, that others would want to read about, and that at the end of it I would feel like I had truly accomplished something. I searched the internet for challenges that people could take for a year and found none. One blogger challenged his readers to create a list of 365 things to do in 365 days. This was it. So, I decided to make a list.

After a week of relentlessly trying to come up with things that I wanted to do, things that I wanted to learn, and things that I wanted to do for others, I realized that I simply could not come up with 365 things. It took me a week to get to one hundred and fifty.

What is my epic and unique challenge? To complete all one hundred and fifty items on my list. Some of my goals have to do with hobbies I already have. For example, I like to do crafts so I plan to learn how to make jewelry, decoupage a jewelry box, and make a scrapbook. There are also things aimed at self-improvement.

Raymond Glitsrap
Editor-in-Chief

Committers traveling home from UAH down South Parkway may have noticed that the former Copeland’s restaurant has been turned into a new venue. The venue is called Club 222 and it’s bringing the party atmosphere of Hollywood to Huntsville.

The club is located at the corner of Airport Road in south Huntsville and caters to women older than 23 years old and men 25 and up. Because of these age limits, most students at UAH will not be allowed entrance; however, those fortunate few grad students, teachers and staff members old enough to get in should know that a strict dress code is enforced at Club 222.

The Web site states that the dress code is in place in order to create a ‘professional atmosphere.’ The club’s MySpace page states that patrons are encouraged to “come with a clean and sexy look.”

The club has a wide selection of alcoholic beverages and promises to treat guests like celebrities. The club offers 14 VIP sections available via reservations; two dance floors; valet parking; DJs; and live entertainment weekly. The cover charge is $22. The club is open 7 days a week from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Club 222 has an invitation-only premiere party March 5. VIP sections are still available for reservations. Individuals or parties interested in attending the event should call (256) 652-5047.

For more information about the new Club 222, visit www.huntsville222club.com or www.myspace.com/twotwentytwoclub.
Event Calendar

March 3
• The UAH baseball team plays Martin Methodist at Joe Davis Stadium. 2 p.m. Free.
• ACE will show "Boondock Saints 2: All Saints Day" at 9 p.m. in the UC Exhibit Hall.

March 4
• North Mississippi All-Stars will perform at Crossroads with special guests City Champs. 9 p.m. $20

March 5
• The Flying Monkey holds its first Friday open house. Local artists sell their jewelry, vintage clothing and art. 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Free
• The Flying Monkey holds its monthly open mic night. 7:30 p.m. $5
• Eyes Around, Stars Below and Local Orbit play at Whiskey's. 9 p.m. 19+. $5

March 6
• "Any One of Us: Words from Prison" will be performed in Morton Hall in the black box theater (room 106). 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. $5
• Cardale, A Better Hope Foundation, The End of April, Some Mistsakes, Fighting Off Heroes and Insurgency will play at The Venue, located at 411 Hughes Road. 6:30 p.m. $7
• Michelle Malone and Zapatos Perdidos will play at the Flying Monkey. 8 p.m. $10
• Lucero will play at Crossroads, alongside special guests Glossy. 9 p.m. $15

March 7
• Freddy Earl and the Blues Mercenaries will play at Kaffee-klastch. 7:30 p.m.
• Neeve and Friends will play at Bandito Southside. 8 p.m. Free.

From UPDATES on Pg. 1

and spinal injuries and is able to accommodate ICU patients. Leahy will undergo therapy daily at this building.

Open 24 hours a day, students would get a swipe card access system that would only students would be allowed in, and the library could not be opened 24 hours a day to cater to every student's schedule.

What do you think about the swipe card system the library is soon to initiate?

"I think it would be inconvenient for students who actually go there, but it would keep people who are not students or alumni out of the library. It should have extended hours but 24/7 that would mean that someone would have to stay in the library 24/7, just in case."

Flossing regularly has always been a problem for me as it takes up so much time considering I have a permanent retainer on my bottom teeth. So, I hope a week of flossing everyday might get me more in the habit of flossing more often. I also want to get whiter teeth. I always brush my teeth at least once a day but I think that if I spend a week, brushing my teeth three times a day that I may be more inclined to do it at least twice a day. Besides dental care and self-improvement, I also devote many list items to learning skills and random things. I want to learn how to make balloon animals and at least ten different origami shapes. Calligraphy can be a very useful skill and so I want to learn it. I want to be able to write my name in fifty different languages. Morse code is something that may not be necessary to learn anymore but could come in handy so I plan to learn it this year. There are also things such as learn how to carve wood, learn about the history of Tibet, and learning how to Feng Shui my room.

I also want to devote some time to helping others. I want to do things such as volunteer for at least twelve hours, donate money to a charity, put pennies in the give-a-penny, take-a-penny jar, and make presents for my friends. Showing my boyfriend that I care or getting beer and zombie movies for him and his friends are things that I can do to make life more about others than myself.

I have also followed in the footsteps of Julie Powell, from the movie, and created a blog to keep record of my epic year. It can be found at http://ashleypicyear.blogspot.com. This year is about bettering myself, learning new skills, and doing for others.
The Meaning of Everyday Phrases and Where They Came From

ASHLEY TROMBA
Staff Writer

The human language becomes more involved and intricate as time passes. Words lose their meaning. Words take on new meanings. New words emerge. Certain phrases have been passed down from generation to generation without any thought to where they originally came from or what they mean originally. In 570 CE, the bubonic plague raged throughout Europe and Asia and was dying in on Rome. Fearful and desperate, the Romans did not want to take any chances at becoming the next victims and tried to sort out the source of the disease. Sneezing was believed to be an early symptom of the plague. Saying "God Bless You" was thought to completely halt the disease and save a person from death. Other peoples believed that your heart stopped every time you sneezed and that they had to ask God to bless them so that they would be able to continue living past the sneeze. A more popular belief was that your soul would be thrown from your body during a sneeze making you prone to being taken over by demons and evil spirits so that you must be blessed to keep your body safe from possession. Others believed that every sneeze was an evil spirit trying to escape and thus by saying "God Bless You" the demon would not leave the sneezor and enter someone else. Some believed that sneezing meant the God was smiling down upon the sneezer and their prayers would be answered and saying "God Bless You" recognized their good luck. In modern times, the meaning behind this everyday phrase has been lost. It is generally considered to be a common greeting with no underlying meaning. Also, because of the secular shift in society, "God" part of the statement has been dropped for the sake of political correctness. "It's raining cats and dogs" is another common phrase still in use today. In 1817, Thomas Haliburton used the phrase in recorded history. However, it is unclear if he came up with the phrase on his own. In 1652, Richard Brome wrote a play called "The City Witt." In this play, one of the characters, Sarpego, has the lines: "From henceforth...The world shall flow with dunces... And it shall rain... Dogs and Pol tecats, and so forth." This is the most likely source of the phrase. The original meaning of the phrase is still unknown and is used now frequently, but without knowledge of what it really means, when it is raining. The phrase "as mad as a hatter" has a more interesting history. English hat makers, used mercury in the manufacturing of felt hats. They would in turn come into contact with mercury quite frequently and thus experienced long term exposure to mercury poisoning. One of the symptoms of mercury poison is insanity. So, they were called mad hatters. In 1865, Lewis Carroll wrote about a Mad Hatter in his book "Alice in Wonderland." This is the most famous and well-known reference to the phrase. However, even earlier, in 1817, Thomas Haliburton used the phrase in his "Small Island." Today, this is generally used to describe a crazy person or an angry person. "I don't give a damn" was actually originally "I don't give a durn." A durn was a coin made mostly of tin that was minted in India by English businessmen during the English occupation of India. The coin was basically completely worthless in the English market and anything that you could not trade even a durn for was considered absolutely worthless. Thus if you were telling someone that you did not care, it was too worthless to even bother with. Today, the phrase has no such meaning and generally just means "I don't care" or "I could care less." The phrase changed from "damn" to "durn" once the coins had been phased out and "dammie" the formal way of damning someone, was replaced with "damnation." A very common phrase used in everyday life is the phrase "cat nap." Most people today believe that it refers to a cat's tendency to sleep at short intervals throughout the day. Thus taking a quick nap would be a "cat nap." However, the phrase actually goes back to the old West and the time of stagecoaches. A cat burglar would get on a stagecoach and pretend to sleep, lolling the other passenger or passengers into a false sense of security so they would also go to sleep. Once the passengers were sound asleep, the thief would rob everyone and get off at the next stop. By the time the passengers awoke, they realized that they had been robbed, the thief would have already escaped. Have you ever been "saved by the bell?" Today this might mean that your professor singles you out and asks you a question that you cannot answer only to have him rephrase the question that you
UAH Introduces New Major – Modeling and Simulation

MATT SAYAR
Senior Science & Tech Writer

One of the greatest forces driving technological advancement is the ability to express ideas cheaper and faster, and the demand for people capable of doing so is rising. UAH's Dr. Mikel Petty, director of the Center for Modeling and Simulation, is helping the university answer the demand by pioneering a new graduate program called Modeling and Simulation.

Modeling and Simulation involves two distinct parts, which is evident from the name. The student must first create a model of something he or she is interested in. Then, using the model, the student creates a simulation to determine the outcome of the system without physically doing it. An example is making a model of a traffic system, complete with algorithms that compute traffic flow based on real data.

The student can then add a bridge to the traffic system model and simulate the change in traffic flow. With the simulation, he or she can determine if building a bridge in a certain location would affect the traffic situation.

Simulating these experiments on a computer would save countless dollars, compared to actually building a bridge and discovering its placement does not alleviate traffic problems.

The time spent creating the simulation would also be significantly less than creating a bridge in the real world. Many scenarios are possible, including models of combat, assembly lines and shipping in a port. With modeling and simulation, one can "work in so many different domains," Petty said.

Modeling and simulation is becoming commonplace in the workforce today. "It's impossible to find an engineer or scientist who doesn't do modeling and simulation," Petty said. Without the benefit of an M&S education, however, it is more difficult for these experts to get results. Despite the necessity of an undergraduate engineering or science degree to become an M&S major, M&S isn't necessarily bound to either discipline.

M&S can't train every student to become an expert in a subject first before creating a simulation, but it does help teach students to work with experts in the domain to produce reliable models and simulations. With more and more businesses having M&S departments, this kind of flexibility is highly desirable.

With a science or engineering degree and an M&S graduate degree, Petty said, one would have "zero trouble finding a job." With relatively few M&S programs in universities, obtaining a job as a professor would be the only challenge.

Petty has a Ph.D in computer science and was the advisor to the first Modeling and Simulation major, John Sokalowski, in 2003. This relatively new program is only available in a handful of universities, and Old Dominion University is the only school with an undergraduate program. Petty helped create the graduate program at the University of Central Florida, and he used his experience to model UAH's program after UCF's programs. UAH's catalogue already has the majority of classes necessary for the major, and only seven classes were added to round out the program.

The Modeling and Simulation graduate degree program was officially approved on Feb. 5, and the first classes will be available this summer, with the program getting underway in the fall. The long-term goal is to produce three to five Ph.Ds per year, which aligns with Dr. William's "Power of Ten" goal to graduate 100 Ph.Ds per year.
Chargers Clinch Gulf South Conference East Championship

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

The UAH Chargers have been playing their best basketball as of late, and their hard work has paid off. The men's basketball team clinched the Gulf South Conference Eastern Division Championship and a No. 1 seed in the GSC tournament after an 86-66 win over Valdosta St. in January, but the Chargers returned the favor most impressive performances of the season.

The Divisional Championship is the first in seven years for UAH. Coach Lennie Acuff credits the team's consistency for their performance this year.

"We've been remarkably consistent," Acuff said. "Even the five games we've lost, we had a chance to win all of them and had the lead in the second half in every one of them."

The next game for the Chargers will be the last of the Quarter-Final games in the GSC Tournament. UAH will play No.4 seed Harding; a team the Chargers beat as 'life without oxygen' — an idea enjoyed by the teams' consistency for their performance this year.

All games in the GSC Tournament will be played at the DeSoto Civic Center in Southaven, MS. Students can purchase single-day tickets for $80, or an all-tournament pass for $200. Parking is $30 at the Civic Center for the entire tournament. Tickets can be obtained at the box office or by calling (662) 470-2131. Mailing information, including directions, hotels, is provided by the GSC at http://www.gulsouthconference.org.

CHARGER SPORTS CALENDAR

Ice Hockey
Record 10-16-2 GSC 6-9-1

Date Opponent Site Time
March 5 Bemidji State Home 5:35 p.m.
March 6 Bemidji State Home 3:05 p.m.

Men's Basketball
Record 21-3 GSC 9-1

Date Opponent Site Time
March 4-7 GSC Tournament Southaven, MS

Women's Basketball
Record 4-20 GSC 1-9

Date Opponent Site Time
March 4-7 GSC Tournament Southaven, MS

Baseball
Record 6-5 GSC 0-0

Date Opponent Site Time
March 3 Martin Methodist Home 1:00 p.m.
March 6 Arkansas-Monticello Monticello, AR 12:00 p.m.
March 7 Arkansas-Monticello Monticello, AR 12:00 p.m.
March 9 Montevallo Home 2:00 p.m.

Softball
Record 10-1 GSC 0-0

Date Opponent Site Time
March 3 Georgia Southwestern Carrollton, GA 3:00 p.m.
March 5 Barry Carrollton, GA 5:00 p.m.
March 6 Florida Southern Carrollton, GA 12:00 p.m.
March 8 Anderson (SC) Carrollton, GA 2:00 p.m.
March 7 Rollins Carrollton, GA 12:00 p.m.
March 9 Augusta State Carrollton, GA 2:00 p.m.

Track and Field

Date Opponent Site
March 6 Alabama A&M Bulldog Relays Normal, AL

Men's Tennis
Record 2-1 GSC 0-0

Date Opponent Site Time
March 5 Alabama A&M Home 3:00 p.m.
March 6 Cumberland Home 10:00 a.m.
March 7 Western Kentucky Home 2:00 p.m.

Women's Tennis
Record 3-1 GSC 0-0

Date Opponent Site Time
March 5 Alabama A&M Home 3:00 p.m.
March 6 Cumberland Home 10:00 a.m.
March 7 Western Kentucky Home 2:00 p.m.

New Research Contests Primordial Soup Theory

ASHLEY TROMBA
Staff Writer

Since 1929, it has been generally accepted that life began in a "primordial soup" filled with gases and organic molecules before "primordial soup" theory is slowly outdated. "Far from being too long-accepted theory to crumble in the light of new research.

New scientific technologies and more precise research have enabled scientists to understand the nature of the world and how it works in better detail than ever before. This may only be the first long-accepted theory to crumble in light of new research.
Chess Puzzles

Puzzle 1: White to Play

Puzzle 2: Black to Play

Sudoku

Solutions to last issue's puzzles:

Chess Puzzles: Puzzle 1 - 1.Ra6 bxa6 2.bl+4
Puzzle 2 - 1.Qxf8+ Rx f8 2.Nh6#