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The Career Fair, which will be held on Feb. 17 in the University Fitness Center, will bring all Huntsville-area recruiters with offers of co-ops, internships and both part-time and full-time positions. Even if you're not interested now, it's a chance to behave professionally and see out how the world out there actually works.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

The men's and women's basketball teams both used an impressive second-half performance to gain conference road wins on Jan. 27 against Lambuth. The men used a last-second shot to come away with the thrilling 76-74 win, while the women had a dominating second-half to take the win 61-51.

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Dr. Rhonda Gaede Appointed New Dean of Graduate Studies

SHELLY CARLYON
Staff Writer

Dr. Rhonda Gaede should be a familiar face to many engineering students. A former faculty president, she has been with UAH since 1992 and spent last year as the interim chair for the electrical and computer engineering department. This semester, however, she takes on even more responsibility as the newly appointed dean of graduate studies.

Gaede is hopeful that the transition into her new role will give her the opportunity to interact with more students and, in turn, learn more about our campus as a whole. Among her plans for the graduate studies department are a collaborative Ph.D program for aerospace engineering and a stronger focus on the interdisciplinary aspects of graduate-level training. She also wants to develop more co-op programs for graduate students.

"We want to be partners with

you in your career," she said.

If you're an undergrad who is interested in graduate studies, Gaede encourages you to seek opportunities to work in your chosen field prior to beginning grad school and to start getting ready to take the GRE as you begin your senior year. Your academic advisor can give you specific information about other prerequisites for the graduate program that most interests you.

Huntsville, as Gaede put it, has a unique concentration of educated individuals - putting us among the "educated top 10." She believes that our university should em-

brace the city's multi-faceted range of opportunities by encouraging students to explore disciplines outside their chosen major - to become what Gaede called "seekers of knowledge."

She believes wholeheartedly

that UAH is a major part of the diversity that the city is known for, and she is committed to encouraging interdisciplinary collaboration.

"We need to do a better job of telling our story," Gaede said.



Photo by: Shelly Carlyon

UAH's New Music Festival Celebrates Classical Music with Grant from National Endowment for the Arts

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Staff Writer

From Feb. 10-12, UAH hosts the 2011 New Music Festival. All concerts on campus are in Roberts Recital Hall and are free. There are Composer Concerts on Thursday at 9:30 a.m., 1 pm and 4 p.m., as well as a fourth concert Friday at 1 p.m.

Composers from all over the world are invited to submit their compositions to be performed at the festival. In its first two years, submissions doubled from 80 to 150. This year, that number has nearly doubled again, totaling around 280 submissions from all over the nation and beyond.

This year marks the third time that the university has held the event, and the festival has never been bigger. The school will host four concerts, performing the work of composers from New York to Miami, even including a couple of compositions from Germany.

The expansion of the festival this year has been helped, in part, by a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. UAH is also working with the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra and the Huntsville Chamber Music Guild to make some of the performances possible.

Both groups will perform their own concerts in conjunction with the festival. In addition to these events, Tayloe Harding will speak

on the subject of audience participation in music, while Ladd McIntosh will talk about film scoring.

Dr. Don Bowyer, chair of the music department, has been to similar events at other universities, but has never seen one with so much going on.

"It puts our music program on a map that we weren't otherwise on in terms of new music," Bowyer said. "We're already on maps for a really good choral program and a really good band program, but this gets some [recognition] for contemporary music and composition."

Bowyer feels that the festival is the equivalent to a research conference in any technical field: "It's the same kind of thing, only in this case it's music composition, instead of new discoveries with a telescope or a microscope."

But for Bowyer, the importance of such an event is greater than that. "When Beethoven was alive... a lot of people didn't like his music," he said. "It was different, it was new. Looking back on it now we consider it to be a vitally important part of our cultural heritage."

He continued on to say, "The world is always going to have pop music. Whether it's country or rock, those things are always going to exist. If we want our culture to always have 'art' music in a classically-based tradition we must always support what's happening

today."

Bowyer feels that Huntsville's openness to embracing art in all its forms makes it an ideal city in which to hold this type of event. Further, universities are ideally suited for exploring experimental forms of music.

There are sure to be a number of unique pieces for those attending the festival to hear. A concerted effort is being made to have a wide variety of musical styles as well as to trying out some new ideas.

"At festivals like this we tell people that if you don't like a piece, stick around, the next one will be completely different," Bowyer said.

One of the more creative offerings is a piece by Tayloe Harding and David Williams entitled "Grassroots," in which the audience participates by answering political questions with electronic clickers. The musicians on stage then play different music depending on the answers provided by the audience.

Another piece, which Bowyer expects to be the subject of much conversation following the festival, is titled "Amber Waves." Dr. Ragsdale and the UAHuntsville Wind Ensemble will perform this piece. On stage, all performers will have full bottles of beer and will blow into them to produce a note in unison. From that point,

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International Astronautical Congress Celebrates Its 62nd Year

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Staff Writer

The International Astronautical Congress is the single largest meeting of aerospace professionals, representing the governmental, academic and private sectors. 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 giving them a chance to learn and interact with fellow students, leading researchers, heads of space agencies and CEOs of major aerospace firms.

The 62nd International Astronautical Congress is scheduled to be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre in Cape Town, South Africa, from Oct. 3-7, 2011. It is hosted by the International Astronautical Federation and the local organizing committee.

In order to promote participation of UAH 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 lead author students.

"We encourage students of all majors to apply for participating in this project," said Dave Cook.

The IAC submission deadline

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Alpha Tau Omega Dribbles Basketball from UNA to UAH for Cancer Research

MATT SAYAR
Staff Writer

On Feb. 3, UAH's basketball team will face its biggest rivals at the University of North Alabama. Immediately following the game, the brothers of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity will dribble a basketball nearly 65 miles from UNA's campus to UAH's Spragins Hall.

The event marks the 21st annual edition of the ATO Basketball Dribble. The event has lately become a force for raising money

to donate to the Russel Hill Cancer Foundation in memory of Paul Salmon, a brother who lost his battle with leukemia. Last year, the event raised more than \$2,500, and this year the amount projected to be raised exceeds that.

Historically, the endeavor usually lasts into the early hours of the next day, concluding between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. The fraternity has police escorts as they run along US-72. The amount of effort is taxing, but it's worth every mile.



ATO Drew Cornelison runs the basketball during last year's event.
Photo courtesy of Alpha Tau Omega

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each performer will begin to drink at his or her own pace, blowing a new note each with drink.

Bowyer expects people to enjoy the fun of the performance, but also highlights the idea behind it: "It's really a serious concept of doing something a little bit looser than reading notes off a page, but it's still an organized sound."

All in all, the New Music Fes-

tival offers a great deal of variety. Information on other aspects of the festival can be found on the music department's website.

Everyone involved hopes that students will come out to experience the unique opportunity.

"We'd love for people to come out and just see what it's all about, see what new music sounds like," Bowyer said. "It's not all waltzes and polkas."

Paranormal Study Center: Exploring the Real X-Files

CASEY KALBER
Staff Writer

On TV, you've seen shows such as "Ghost Hunters" and "Ghost Adventures" come to Alabama's haunted sites for research on the paranormal. Sloss Furnaces is definitely a hot spot. Even here in Huntsville, the Paranormal Study Center, formerly the Parapsychology Study Group, has been around since 1972.

The pioneering work of Dr. James E. Bathurst paved the way for the foundation of the Parapsychology Research Institute and Foundation at Athens College (now Athens University), which was established in 1970 by Dr. Joe H. Slate. Bathurst was a clinical psychologist and former academic dean of the college. The institution component functioned for research and educational activities, and the foundation component focused on fundraising and endowment goals.

After its formation, the organization introduced parapsychology into the college's instructional program, a first for Alabama. Among

its early research activities was a contract to investigate external human energy patterns, sometimes called auras, using electrophotographic strategies. Another project, funded by the Parapsychology Foundation of New York, conducted groundbreaking research with innovative technology to monitor states of altered consciousness.

Then, the Institute established a state-of-the-art laboratory, and projects began to flow in. These projects included topics such as rejuvenation, pain management, psychic development and discarnate phenomena.

With parapsychology an ongoing part of the college's instructional and research program, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools recognized parapsychology as among Athens College's major strengths. However, in 1992, PRIF became an independent organization and the program at the college was disbanded.

Now a private organization with a new name, the Paranormal Study Center continues a vigorous program. Its ongoing research

projects include electronic voice phenomena (or EVP for the ghost enthusiasts), reincarnation, UFOs and out-of-body travel.

The organization also continues its endowment program. In 2004, it funded a \$10,000 scholarship at Athens State University. The scholarship is annually awarded to students of all majors, based on merit and need. Additional endowment projects at other universities are planned.

If you are interested in the paranormal, the PSC meets the fourth Friday of every month at the Radisson in Madison. On Feb. 25, the special guest is Adrianna Larkin. Larkin is renowned for her research in transitions, the pivotal points in our life, and the power we all have to transform and reinvent ourselves. Admission is \$12.

So, if the winter blues have got you down or if you are going through a "transition" in your own life, head on down to see the Paranormal Study Center meeting in February.

UAH Copy Center Offers Cheap Printing to Students and Faculty

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The UAH Copy Center offers discounted prices on printing virtually anything from thesis papers and dissertations to simple color printings. Printing one, standard black-and-white sheet is 6 cents compared to 10 cents at the library. Printing in color comes out to be three times less, at 35 cents. All

prices are discounted and better than anywhere on and off campus. There are few limits and there are further discounts if page count exceeds 1,000.

The Copy Center can print on different sizes and types of paper, as well as bind presentations. It can print labels, posters, resumes and even make signs for all the clubs and organizations that have events. The Center accepts credit cards, debit cards or cash, and most of the printing can be done immediately. You can bring a hard copy, e-mail them, or bring a flash drive with anything you want to print, or bring a document to transfer into PDF files.

The Copy Center is located

at the outskirts of campus across from Shelby King Hall. The Center seems even more appealing when you consider that this semester, the UAH-allocated printing account shrunk to \$5 from the previous \$7, and the cost of each piece of paper increased by 3 cents.

So for any type of printing, visit the Copy Center, equipped with mailing capabilities and laminating services. They do not have design options though—your design has to be ready for printing. Xerox operates the business, so the quality can be trusted. Their hours are 8 a.m.—5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Earth System Science's Panama Study Abroad Trip: One Student's Experience

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Recently, the earth system science program has gotten some much-deserved publicity due to its Panama Study Abroad Program. As many students have probably already noticed, there are many posters and flyers for the program circulating throughout the campus. It is a joint program between UAH and CATHALAC, the Water Center for the Humid Tropics of Latin America and the Caribbean.

The program consists of an eight-week trip to Panama in which students split their time between classwork, research projects and an internship that relates to climate change and sustainability. Students spend the eight weeks living with a Panamanian homestay family located in Panama City. The Panama Study Abroad Program is designed to give students the opportunity to explore the diverse effects of climate change on human and natural systems.

Amanda Bosserman is a senior majoring in earth system science with an emphasis on earth ecosystems and a minor in biological sciences. Amanda, a participant in the Panama Study Abroad Program last year, won the World Traveler photo contest, part of International Education Week. Amanda was kind enough to take some time to enlighten readers on some of the aspects of the program.

Tell us a little about the experiences you had in Panama. The biggest challenge was the language barrier. I went there knowing absolutely no Spanish—none. The first month we did have Spanish classes. Our homestay families didn't speak any English either, so we were kind of forced to learn it, and there was a lot of hand gesture/charades type of things.

I was in a house with two other girls; one of them was the only student not from UAH [Emma Norton, who was from Prince Edward Island, Canada]. We also spent the first month in environmental classes learning about global water shortages and environmental policy.

What was your favorite place in Panama? My favorite place was Boquete, an inactive volcano. We stopped at a coffee plantation one day, and then we got to stand in a 200-foot waterfall, all at Boquete. I would say that the most memorable aspect of the trip was hanging out with the locals. Because of the Panama Canal, a large number of them can speak English.

What was it like living with your homestay family? The homesickness part was pretty rough for me. There's no Internet, no TV unless you speak fluent Spanish, no air conditioning, no hot water. But I would definitely follow that up with the statement that you will get used to it after a week.

The homestay families were really welcoming and provided breakfast and dinner every day. Lunch was provided by CATHALAC. Also, my homestay mother was a retired professor.

What can you tell me about the

research you did? My research partner was Jason Pounders, a foreign language and international trade major. We did our research on Tobago Island. It's a small island off the coast of Panama City, and the only water resources they have are wells and the desalination plant. The desalination plant has been broken for two years; there is a lack of funding and knowledge about desalination on the island. [Also] more than half of their wells have salt-water intrusions. They [only] have water every other day. Our main purpose there was to understand the social aspects of the problem and see what type of solutions we could come up with. The main solutions we came up with were education and increase in revenue through taxation and tourism.

So, you would recommend the trip for other students? Absolutely, yes! You definitely come back a different person with a more accurate outlook on the world.

If you are interested in the program you can go to <http://nsstc.uah.edu/ESS/> to get more information.



Photo by: Alexander Hazelwood

Event Calendar

Feb. 4th

- The Huntsville Havoc versus Louisiana hockey game takes place at the Von Braun Civic Center. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$12.

Feb. 5th

- Chip Gulbro and Friends will play jazz at the Flying Monkey. The show starts at 9 p.m. Admission is \$6.
- The Huntsville Public Library holds their Annual English Author Tea from 2-4 p.m. Tickets are \$18. The tea features UAH Professor Joseph Taylor discussing the works of Chaucer.

Feb. 6th

- Bujinkan Budo Taijutsu Seminar, a martial arts seminar, featuring Dr. Michael Asuncion (15th Dan) will be held at 5 p.m. in the University Student Center Exhibit Hall. For more information, e-mail bujinkan@uah.edu
- An intramural 5-on-5 basketball game will be held in the University Fitness Center Basketball Court from 1:30 p.m.--4:30 p.m. Come support your favorite team.

Feb. 7th

- Is your Greek organization the UAH Chargers' biggest fan? We'll just see about that. Blue Crew is putting out a challenge to all Greeks to see who can get the largest percentage of their organization out to the Valdosta State game to be held in Spragens Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The winning organization will get a Spirit Trophy to show off during its next recruitment session. We need you Greeks to have Valdosta running scared! Come out and have a blast with your Chargers! Sponsored by Blue Crew.

Feb. 8th

- Please join the women of the UA Panhellenic Council as they present clinical assistant professor in the College of Nursing, Ann L. Bianchi, MSN, RN, as she speaks to the campus about dating abuse. The event will be held in Shelby Center 107 at 7:30 p.m. and lasts until 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 9th

- ACE Presents Movie Night at the UC Exhibit Hall. The movie starts at 9 p.m.

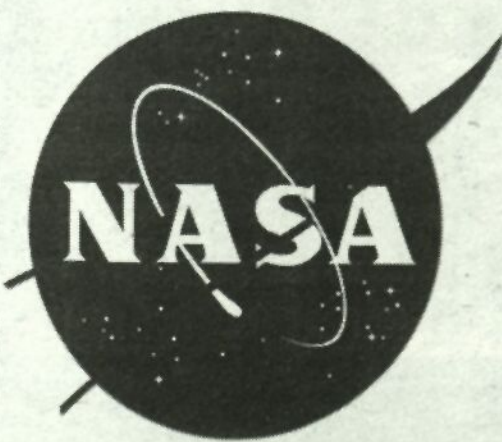
Feb. 10th

- Christopher O'Riley performs in concert at the Merrimack Hall Performing Arts Center. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. O'Riley is known as the host of NPR's "From the Top" and has gained recognition for his classical transcriptions of Nirvana and Radiohead.

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Q & A with Republicans Club Vice President Rebecca Little

RACHEL PALAZZO
Staff Writer

UAH is home to hundreds of different clubs, but one of the perhaps lesser-known clubs is the Republicans Club. I had a chance to sit down and talk to Vice President Rebecca Little and learn a little more about what exactly is the Republicans Club.

The officers of the Republicans Club are as follows: President: Chris Peatfield, Vice President: Rebecca Little, Secretary: Matthew Hitt

Where and when does the Republicans Club meet? We are actually going to be meeting with the Madison County Young Republicans until we can gain some more membership. You can join us on the third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Young Republicans Headquarters off of Airport Road.

Are the activities of the Republicans Club strictly political-related? They definitely are.

What are some of the Republicans Club's past events? During the 2010 campaign season we went from door to door for Bill Holtzclaw and Mo Brooks. Also,

Holtzclaw [spoke] at one of our meetings.

What are some of the events the Republicans Club is planning for this spring semester? Since we will now be meeting with the Madison County Young Republicans, there will be speakers and debates on significant issues.

How many current members are in the Republicans club? Our membership as of right now is quite low, but we are working on increasing our membership.

Are there any requirements to join? No, none that I know of.

Is the club strictly limited to Republican Party-affiliated students? Not strictly, but we are kind of hard on Democrats, so they don't usually like to come to the meetings.

What is the main purpose of the Republicans Club? The main purpose is to basically promote Republican candidates, legislation and ideals.

How can someone interested in joining the Republicans Club contact the club? We can be contacted through e-mail at uahcr1@gmail.com or find us on Facebook.

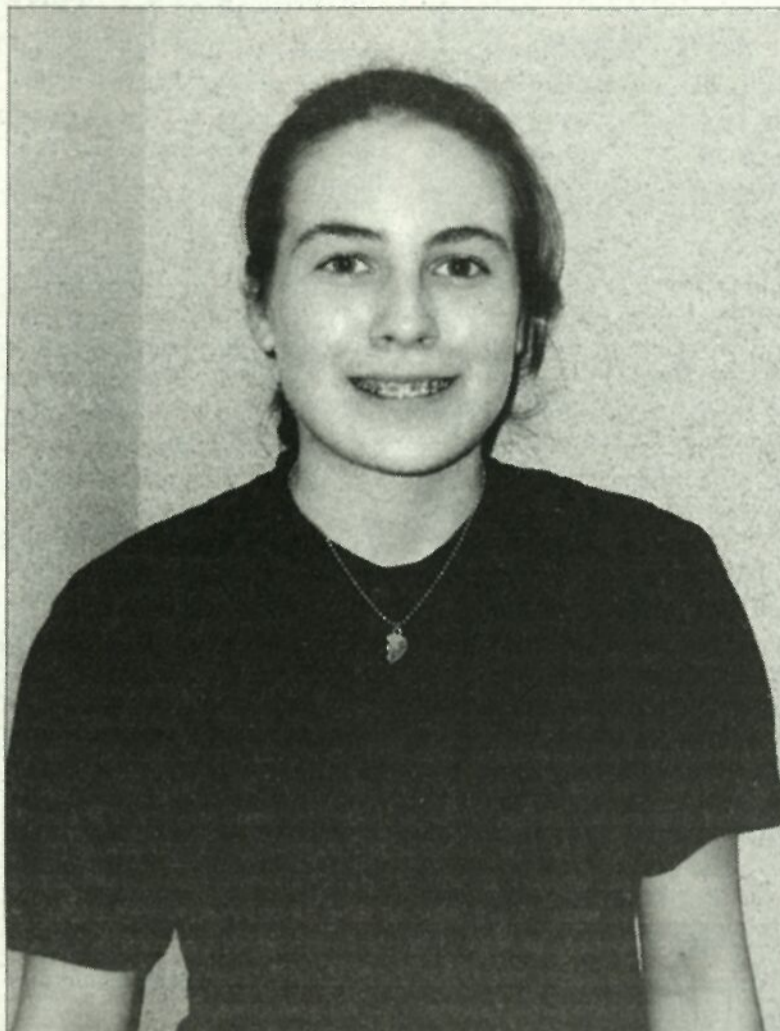


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Want to Lose Weight? Go a Little Longer Between Meals

HUIYING SUN
Staff Writer

Going four or five hours, or even longer, between meals will not affect your metabolism one whit. In fact, there are some good reasons to go longer than just a few hours between meals.

It takes about three hours for your body to finish digesting a meal. If you eat every two or three hours, as many experts now advise, your body will constantly be in what nutritionists call the "fed state." This simply means that you are always in the process of digesting food.

If, on the other hand, you don't eat again for a while, you'll go into the "post-absorptive" state after about three hours. Several interesting things happen in the post-absorptive state, which continues for another 12 to 18 hours if you don't eat again (for a quick tip about how beverages fit into this equation, read on).

First, you begin tapping into your body's stored energy reserves to run your engine. Your hormone levels adjust to shift your body out of fat-storage mode and into fat-burning mode. Staying in the post-absorptive state also reduces inflammation, increases the production of anti-aging hormones, and promotes tissue repair. Your metabolic rate also remains unchanged.

The biggest problem you are likely to experience is feeling hungry, and this is not as big a problem as many of us have led ourselves to believe. When you are used to always being in the fed state, you tend to panic the minute you notice that your stomach is empty.

In fact, feeling hungry is not a medical emergency. Often, if you simply wait 10 minutes, the feeling will go away. Sometimes simply having a cup of tea or a glass of water is all you'll need. Chewing

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L'intervista: A Chat with Foreign Language Professor Fiorenza Todaro

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Staff Writer

Here at UAH, we have many international students among us all the time. We have many teachers from outside the states instructing us as well. However, only of a few teach about their home culture.

Fiorenza Todaro is a professor in the foreign language department. She teaches Russian and her native tongue, Italian. I took Italian 101 last semester and returned to Fiorenza's 102 class for the spring. She is a patient, knowledgeable and fun teacher. Every time I go to class, I always come out with something that is not in the textbook, such as Italian culture, everyday life and even some slang. That is why I think all professors here can learn a thing or two from Todaro.

Where were you born? I was born in Siracusa, on the east coast of Sicily.

How was daily life there? I moved to the U.S. in 1993. Life there was wonderful, alive but hectic. Crowded streets, traffic, noise, smog. Silence only in the afternoon, after the stores close and everyone goes to lunch at home to take a nap.

What is your favorite Italian dish? My favorite is a Sicilian dish: it is pasta with fresh tomato sauce and eggplants. And a Sicilian dessert: cannoli with ricotta cheese!

What got you interested in foreign languages? When I was younger, I used to play the guitar and listen to James Taylor's songs. I loved to translate his songs from English to Italian. After middle school, I attended a private institute for five years to study foreign

languages, specifically, English, French and German.

Where did you go to college? I went to . . . UAHuntsville. I majored in Spanish and Russian. We have a wonderful foreign language department!

What are the biggest differences between an American and Italian university? I loved to study here in the U.S. because there is a different relationship between students and professors. Professors here are more down-to-earth, as in Italy they can be arrogant and try to make it very difficult to graduate, even if you are an excellent student. Also, it seems to me that professors here teach because they are capable of doing their jobs. In Italy, it's possible to teach only if you have a recommendation from an influential and powerful person, someone you know.

So, what made you choose to teach at UAH? I live in Huntsville. I have studied at UAHuntsville, so I decided to ask the dean to give me a chance to teach my own language, Russian and Spanish. Right now I teach Italian and Russian. I love to teach and interact with my students.

If you could learn and teach another language, what would it be? Arabic!

Which is more fun to teach: Italian or Russian? Italian, of course! I love to teach Russian also.

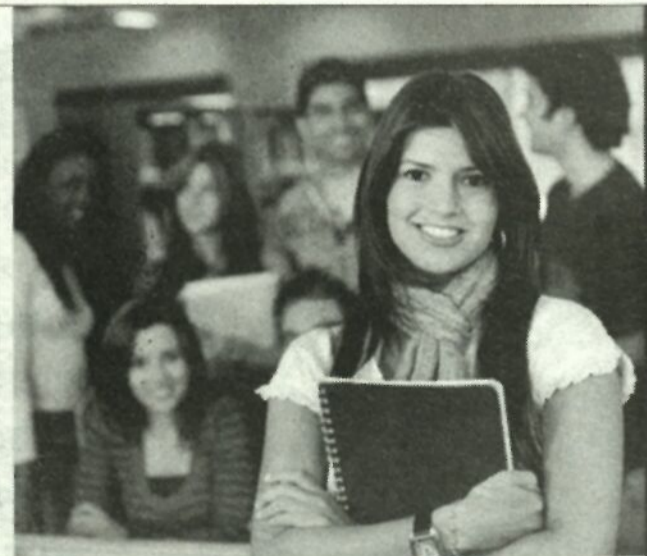
What advice would you give to college students backpacking in Europe? Studying in Europe can be a wonderful experience! Traveling is also wonderful. I would tell them to enjoy European culture intensively, as there is not a continent more beautiful than Europe!

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You Might Actually Not Have "Game" When is it Time to Throw in the Towel?

RACHEL PALAZZO
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College is a time for dating and finding out exactly what you like in someone, but for some people it's a stage of awkwardness and misconceptions. On too many occasions are there people who believe they have the best game in the world,

but who in reality don't have a clue to the right way to score a date with the person of his or her dreams. So out of fun and sadly, sometimes based on real-life incidences, this list of gaming don'ts has been compiled. Enjoy! **Note: There are some exceptions to this list and it is meant to be taken light-heartedly.**

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Every once in a while you will find yourself on a date or in a relationship when all of a sudden something she says or does turns your Date-Threat-Level from orange to red. It is important not to panic in this situation, but rather to

assess the danger level and act accordingly. If your significant other says or does any of the things listed below you should not hesitate to turn and run. **NOTE: This is not meant to offend anyone. If you ARE offended, that is most likely because you are guilty of one or more of the listed actions.**

YOU DON'T HAVE GAME IF . . .

- You play the sympathy card to get a girl's attention.
- You make a girl pay for you on a date when it's not your birthday.
- You call yourself ugly, unpopular, lonely or any other self-defeating words while talking to a girl.
- You brag about how far you have gone with other girls or how many girls you have been with.
- The first thing you ask a girl is if she has a boyfriend.
- You call a girl you just met babe, baby, baby girl or angel.
- You think you can get a girl by merely asking her to sleep with you.
- You wear socks when you wear sandals.
- You tell a girl she is pretty, gorgeous or beautiful within the first few minutes of the first conversation you have.
- You refuse to open the door for girls.
- You think the application of lip gloss around you means a girl wants to kiss you.
- Your pants are worn above your belly button.
- You have cried while listening to Enrique Iglesias with past girlfriends.
- You ask a girl you just met if a guy she hugged is her boyfriend.
- You creep up on a girl you do not know while she is dancing and grind on her.
- Your favorite conversation topic is about condoms.
- You have literally run away from a girl.
- You laugh whenever someone uses the correct anatomical word for male genitals.
- Every time you have been with a girl you have been drunk.
- You wear more than one Ed Hardy clothing item religiously.
- You tell a girl she looks like crap when she is sick.

YOU SHOULD RUN AWAY IF . . .

- She makes a fish face (or pouts) and throws the peace sign in every one of her pictures.
- She wears Confederate flag lingerie.
- She has enough lint in her belly button ring to start a fire.
- The word "like" finds its way into every one of her sentences. Like, more than a few times.
- She Photoshops herself next to famous actors and singers she has a crush on.
- She carries her dog in a designer carrying case.
- She has never gone to college, yet has a tattoo of her favorite college football team.
- Her excuse for wearing god-awful clothing is that she's "fashionable."
- Her spray tan makes her look like an Oompa Loompa.
- The only books she's ever read are the "Twilight" and "Harry Potter" series.
- She compares you to Edward or Jacob (or any other fictional character).
- Ke\$ha is her idol.
- She doesn't look any better after that eighth beer.
- Her stuffed animals have names, personalities and professions.
- She believes her muffin-top is an apple-bottom.
- Her pre-game involves Jager-bombs, while her post-game involves vomiting in your car.
- She complains about your beard, yet you're not allowed to comment on her mustache.
- She still has a crush on Vanilla Ice.
- She calls it a "secret recipe"; you call it "explosive diarrhea."
- Whenever her favorite song comes on the radio you secretly pray that she would lip-sync to it for once.

"Supernatural" Convention Comes to Nashville in June

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Southern fans of "Supernatural," the CW network's hit television show airing every Friday night at 8 p.m., are going to get a chance to encounter the show on a more personal level. The show "Supernatural" is normally in attendance with the more famous Comic Con convention held in San Diego, Calif., every year, but now in addition to Comic Con, the show gets its own convention, "A Salute to 'Supernatural,'" coming to Nashville, Tenn.

The convention will be held on June 4 and 5 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort. Special guests from the show include the actors Jensen Ackles ("My Bloody Valentine 3D") and Jared Padalecki ("Gilmore Girls"), who star as the two main characters Dean and Sam Winchester. Also attending will be actor Misha Collins, who plays the role of Castiel, along with a few other minor characters.

Tickets for the convention range from \$30 to \$489. For \$77, one will receive admission for both days, with autographs available through a separate purchase. The more avid fans may want the \$285 package. This expensive package includes autographs from all of the stars from the show, plus general admission to both days.

If autographs are not your forte, photographs with each actor will be available through a separate purchase. A photograph with both of the main characters, Sam and Dean, costs \$219. All tickets can be purchased online, along with other merchandise from the show.

Although this convention is pretty pricey, this kind of opportunity does not come very often for Southeastern "Supernatural" fans. The show itself, debuting in September 2005, is now currently in its sixth season. Later winning a People's Choice Award in 2010 for "Favorite Sci-Fi/Fantasy Show," the show's popularity has only risen over the years.

"Supernatural" follows the story of two brothers Sam (Padalecki) and Dean (Ackles) Winchester, who are on an expedition to hunt and kill demons and other paranormal creatures that

go bump in the night. Despite its rather dark storyline, the show provides comic relief through the brothers' dialogue, and it also includes an impressive classic rock sound track.

So whether one has been a "Supernatural" follower from the beginning or is just interested in a show that presents a mini-scary movie every week, this Nashville convention is definitely something to check out.

Charger Chic: Lori Ary Talks About Business Attire

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The Career Fair, which will be held on Feb. 17 in the University Fitness Center, will bring all Huntsville-area recruiters with offers of co-ops, internships and both part-time and full-time positions. Even if you're not interested now, it's a chance to behave professionally and see out how the world out there actually works.

Other than multiple resumes, you should bring your most professional style—but tastefully professional in order to add some character and not be bland.

Lori Ary, a studio art and Spanish major, gave a presentation on interview etiquette in Spanish class and represented it in a well-paired outfit. Lori's solid colored shirt has a nice cowl neckline with a simple yet elegant necklace, and she wore a very classic and fitted blazer.

How should I dress for an interview? Formal. Neutral colors are the best, but don't go completely monochromatic. Add some subtle and toned-down colors with [a] classic black, gray and white combination. Make sure that the blazer or the jacket is fitted, because that's

what makes it sophisticated and individualistic, not something shapeless anyone can borrow. A light color is best on a blazer. It's still traditional, but the switch of light and dark colors gives it an edge. It's the same for the light gray shoes.

What about a dress shirt? Yeah, you can never go wrong with a dress shirt, and if you want to play it safe, go for it. But the dress shirt is not that exclusive. A formal shirt of a sort is necessary—no prints or decorations, something simple enough to not grab attention. However, small details will add taste.

Why should I dress up for an interview? My credentials don't change, no matter what I wear. It's just professionalism. It reflects your views about the job and its importance. It's a goodwill statement that you go after what you want and do what it takes to get it. Jobsearch.com ranks "dress[ing] inappropriately" as the number two interview blunder. Number one is unpreparedness; dressing for the job is part of preparing. Straight, dark jeans with bit of a heel is very modern and confident look, but it all depends on [what sort of person the business seeks to hire]. It's just a big picture impression that counts.

Generally, but little things make up the big picture. Go with the obvious: no chewing gum, answering texts or smoking during the interview. All of these have been ranked in top-five interview mistakes in various polls.

So, interviews should not be stressful and things such as the UAH Career Fair give you experience, the only real guide to easy interviews. And remember, work clothes don't have to be boring—it's all what you make it.

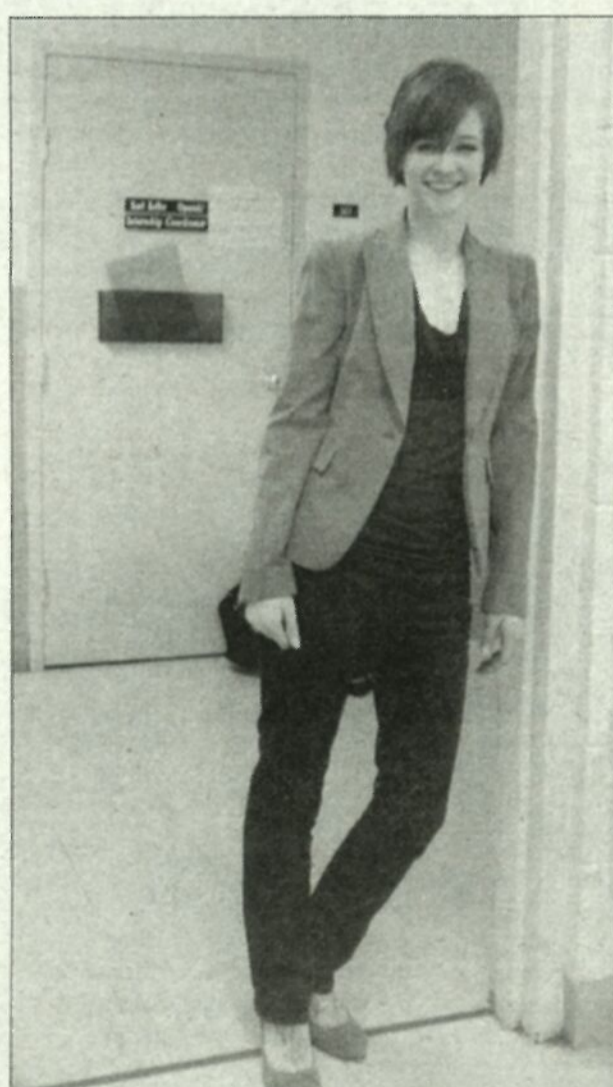


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CHARGER SPORTS SCORES

Ice Hockey Record 4-24-2

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| January 14 Merrimack Chargers | 5 4 |
| January 15 Merrimack Chargers | 7 0 |
| January 21 Colorado College Chargers | 7 0 |
| January 22 Colorado College Chargers | 4 1 |
| January 28 Nebraska-Omaha Chargers | 4 0 |
| January 29 Nebraska Omaha Chargers | 1 2 |

Men's Basketball Record 18-2 GSC 5-0

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| January 8 Oakland City Chargers | 58 81 |
| January 13 West Florida Chargers | 57 82 |
| January 15 Valdosta Chargers | 77 81 |
| January 20 West Georgia Chargers | 58 72 |
| January 22 West Alabama Chargers | 49 69 |
| January 27 Lambuth Chargers | 74 76 |

Women's Basketball Record 8-10 GSC 3-2

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| January 3 Arkansas-Monticello Chargers | 55 62 |
| January 8 Oakland City Chargers | 76 82 |
| January 13 West Florida Chargers | 71 77 |
| January 15 Valdosta Chargers | 62 56 |
| January 20 West Georgia Chargers | 62 61 |
| January 22 West Alabama Chargers | 74 78 |
| January 27 Lambuth Chargers | 51 61 |

Strong Second Halves Lead to Victories for Chargers

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

The men's and women's basketball teams both used an impressive second-half performance to gain conference road wins on Jan. 27 against Lambuth. The men used a last-second shot to come away with the thrilling 76-74 win, while the women had a dominating second-half to take the win 61-51.

The men began the game by taking an early lead and were up 10-4 a few minutes into the contest. The six-point lead was the biggest lead of the game. Lambuth and UAH then battled back and forth for the rest of the half. Sophomore Zane Campbell led the Chargers in the first half with 21 of his career-high 30 points. Despite Campbell's huge effort, UAH headed to the locker room in a 38-38 tie with Lambuth at the half.

The Eagles came out firing to start the second half and quickly took a five-point lead. Once again, the teams went toe-to-toe in a game that featured 13 lead changes and 13 ties. UAH took the lead on a layup by Zane Campbell late in the second half, but saw Lambuth come right back and tied it up after being down four with 35 seconds left.

Sophomore Jamie Smith was prepared to be the hero when all was said and done. UAH milked the clock as much as possible before setting up the potential game-

winning shot. Smith eventually got the ball, ran through the lane and hit a floater with 0.4 seconds left to win the game for the Chargers. The win moves the Chargers to 18-2 and still perfect in the conference at 5-0.

The Lady Chargers had hoped to continue their recent winning ways and pick up their second road win of the year. After the first half it looked as though the women had hit a snag in their plans. UAH and Lambuth both struggled shooting the ball, with the Lady Chargers hitting 9 of 28 and the Lady Tigers 8 of 30.

The women picked it up in the second half, led by Jasmine Hammon. Hammon had a fantastic night, scoring 25 points and snagging 11 rebounds. Candace Lee and Jordan Smith also scored double-digit points at 12 and 11, respectively.

The teams went back and forth for the first part of the final half, but the Lady Chargers wore down the Lady Tigers and went on a 15-6 run as the game went on. UAH led by as much as 13 on their way to the victory.

The Chargers' next game is the big rivalry against North Alabama this Thursday in Florence. It will open up the last month of regular season play for UAH as both teams look to continue their success and make a run in the Gulf South Central Tournament in March.

Senior Sports Profile: Candace Lee



Photo courtesy of UAH Athletics

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

Name: Candace Lee
Position: Guard
Number: 10
Major: Accounting

Why did you choose to play at UAH? My freshman year I attended Covenant Christian College. During the summer I decided to transfer to UAH. I didn't have full intentions of playing ball, however. The reason I chose UAH was because of its strong business/accounting department. My parents actually coaxed me into walking on the women's basketball team. I have played for the Lady Chargers since my sophomore year.

What has been your favorite thing about UAH? It's close to my house, only 35 minutes away, and I can go home pretty much anytime I want to.

What is your favorite thing about basketball? Being a part of something that is unique. Not a lot of athletes get the opportunity to play in college, so it's a unique experience. And I enjoy road trips.

What makes you a good basketball player? I have always been dedicated to work[ing] hard.

What are your other hobbies and interest? I love "NCIS." I enjoy spending time with my family, fiancé and my friends. I like to cook and sleep, and I enjoy canoeing with my fiancé.

What are your plans for after graduation? I am getting married in May. In the fall I plan on taking the rest of the courses required in order to sit for the certified public accountant exam, and then we will see what happens from there.

What would be your dream job? A housewife! But if it has to be a paid job I'd love to have an accounting position on the Arsenal.

Saunders' Huge Night Gives Chargers Big Upset

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

Freshman goaltender Clarke Saunders put together a record-breaking performance for the Chargers as UAH upset the No. 15-ranked Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks 2-1 in overtime this past Saturday.

The Chargers began the game hoping for redemption from the previous night when UNO shut them out and cruised to the 4-0 win. Once again it looked as if the offense would be in for a tough matchup against the Mavericks' defense, as the Chargers got off only 13 shots compared with the Mavs' 37 in the first two periods. Thankfully, Saunders was ready to put together the game of his life and set his first record of the night in the second period by blocking all 25 of UNO's attempts.

UAH decided to get aggressive in the third intermission, and freshman winger Mac Roy slapped in his fifth goal of the year to put

the Chargers up 1-0. The score came just 58 seconds into the period. Saunders would have another strong period, saving 21 more shots, but eventually the Mavericks would break through and get the equalizer. Both teams locked down on defense and sent the game into overtime.

Saunders didn't need to add to his record-breaking save total in overtime. The Chargers entered the overtime period fast and furious, scoring in 29 seconds and earning the big upset. Sophomore winger Sebastian Geoffrion took the assist from senior center Neil Ruffini to give UAH the split in the series.

Saunders' 58 saves are a UAH record since entering Division I, and his 25 saves in the second period were good for an all-time school record. UAH gets a much-needed break this weekend and will finish up the regular season Feb. 11-12 at Ferris State. The Chargers then play an exhibition match against the US National Development Team U-18 at home Feb. 25-26.

CHARGER SPORTS CALENDAR

Ice Hockey Record 4-24-2

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
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| February 11 | Ferris State | Away | 7:35 p.m. |
| February 12 | Ferris State | Away | 7:05 p.m. |

Men's Basketball Record 17-2 GSC 4-0

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
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| February 3 | North Alabama | Away | 8:00 p.m. |
| February 5 | West Georgia | Home | 7:00 p.m. |
| February 7 | Valdosta State | Home | 7:30 p.m. |

Women's Basketball Record 7-10 GSC 2-2

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
|------------|----------------|------|-----------|
| February 3 | North Alabama | Away | 6:00 p.m. |
| February 5 | West Georgia | Home | 5:00 p.m. |
| February 7 | Valdosta State | Home | 5:30 p.m. |

Baseball Record 0-0 GSC 0-0

| Date | Opponent | Site | Time |
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| February 5 | Kentucky State | Home | 11:00 a.m. |
| February 11 | Martin Methodist | Home | 11:00 a.m. |
| February 12 | Concordia | Home | 11:00 a.m. |

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 to get the most out of your workout
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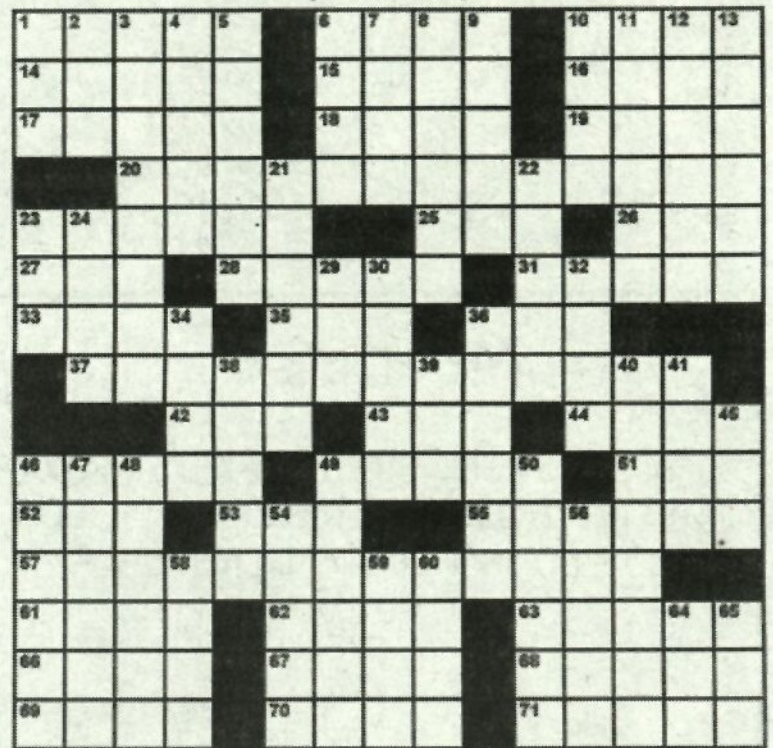
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Across

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6. "One more thing..."
10. Dog dogger
14. Die down
15. Plunder
16. Go ballistic
17. Iraqi port
18. A Simpson
19. Purim's month
20. Cyndi Lauper hit
23. 1948 Creation
25. Dander
26. Windows forerunner
27. IRS expert
28. Dorothy, to Em
31. Intelligent
33. Thanksgiving side
35. Sweet talk
36. "You, there!"
37. Jim Croce hit
42. Autumn mo.
43. Give the ax
44. Pile
46. Florida's Key
49. Lost on purpose
51. Manipulate
52. ___ Today
53. Meadow
55. One on a quest
57. Billy Joel hit
61. Gardening need
62. Cease
63. Plot anew
66. Toledo's lake
67. Five star
68. Prepare wings,
in a way
69. Rip apart
70. Oxen holder
71. Use a soapbox

Down

1. Bill
2. Lawyer's org.
3. Deli choice
4. Open courtyards
5. Mariners
6. Jessica of "Fantastic Four"
7. Dog it
8. Incursion
9. Playful critter
10. Kind of party
11. Pretentious
12. Captivate
13. Still
21. Draw out
22. Kind of button
23. Hardly cordial
24. Tiff
29. Ages
30. Not first-class
32. Legend
34. Urban blight
36. Upright and fair
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45. MPG part
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47. On leave, maybe

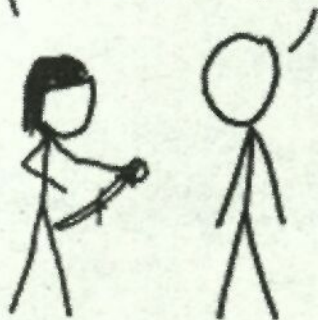


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MY HOBBY:
 INSISTING THAT REAL-LIFE
 OBJECTS ARE PHOTOSHOPPED.

THIS SABRE IS A
 19TH-CENTURY
 FAMILY HEIRLOOM.

HUH?
 IT LOOKS
 PHOTOSHOPPED.
 YEAH, THE REFLECTIONS
 ARE ALL WRONG.
 DEFINITELY PHOTOSHOPPED.



48. Cereal fruit
49. Kind of artist
50. Flake
54. Test option
56. Mideast V.I.P.
58. Lawn starter
59. Give a toot
60. Olympic blade
64. Make a scene?
65. This makes ink pink

Quotable Quote

*Evolution has devel-
 oped man to such a
 high degree that he
 builds zoos to keep his
 ancestors in cages.*

... Source Unknown

Sudoku

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Solutions to last issue's puzzles:

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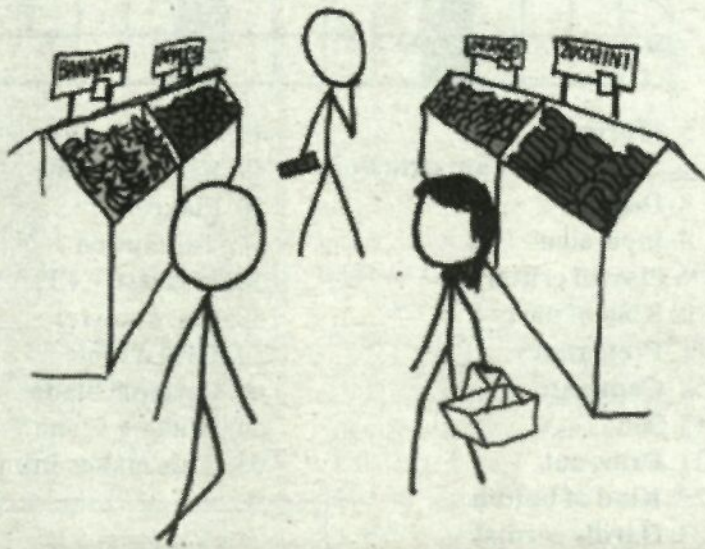
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MY HOBBY:

STANDING IN THE SUPERMARKET'S PRODUCE SECTION HOLDING A TUBE OF K-Y JELLY, LOOKING CONTEMPLATIVE



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