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SPORTS BRIEFS

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Running Mates Counteract Candidate Weaknesses

SARAH FISHER

News Writer

"I was just your average hockey mom," touted Sarah Palin during her vice presidential acceptance speech, "who signed up for the PTA." Sarah Palin may be inexperienced, but she can certainly relate to ordinary Americans and give a flowery speech. But is nominating this self-described everyday-mother-of-five-children enough to vitalize the core socially conservative Republican base that has been key to Bush's electoral success? And, perhaps more im-

portantly, what about those highly coveted undecided voters?

James Dobson, the godfather of Focus on the Family, who said previously that he would not vote for John McCain, apparently resolved his internal conflict and said, "If I went into the polling booth today, I would pull the lever for John McCain." If Dobson's conversion is any indication of the larger evangelical base Republican decision-makers have reenergized a highly influential set of voters.

According to Pew Research Center, in 2004, white evangelicals constituted 23% of the US population and 37% of the Republican Party. For many of these potential voters, social issues, especially abortion, are an unbreakable standard of moral accountability for political figures. If McCain's less than pro-life history put off some voters, Sarah Palin's seemingly unshakable pro-life views and lifestyle might serve as a rallying point for the reluctant evangelical base.

Would these voters, who grumbled about McCain during the primaries, have voted for McCain without Sarah Palin? Probably. But Sarah Palin's reputation as a reformer may draw undecided voters over to the Republican side. Though her past political life is just now coming under national scrutiny, Palin, in an attempt to convince moderate

voters, stresses her ability to stop corruption, earmarking, and wasteful spending in Alaska. Will this be enough to garner independent



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A Short Life But Lasting Legacy

TRISHA HANCOCK

Freelance Writer

September 15, 2008 will be remembered for different reasons: the dreaded beginning of the week, a hard test, or even a lost sports match. However hundreds of people will remember it because this was the day that UAH lost one of its own. This past Monday, third year UAH student Sarah Chapman was killed when she was riding her bike and a SUV struck from behind. She was promptly taken to Huntsville Hospital where she passed away a brief time later. The University quickly offered its full and entire backing in helping students cope and come to terms with what had happened. The school provided several ways in which to help students, including allowing students to talk to counselors, excusing Wednesday classes so that students could go to the funeral, and hosting a candlelight vigil in remembrance of Sarah's life.

Sarah was a student who was a hard worker as well as deeply involved with University activities. She was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority, Communication Arts Honor Society, Honors Program,

and the Lancers. She was also involved with community service in which she participated in Up Till Dawn, COMPASS as well as numerous other activities. The director of university relations at the UAH Joel Lonergand said, "She represented the best of UAH."

When asked only two days before her accident how she wanted to be remembered if she had to leave this life early Sarah replied, "I want to be remembered as a ray of sunshine that brightened everyone's day". Her wish is coming true.

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UAH Students on Global Excursions

BETH FAULK
News Writer

This past summer, 57 students traveled abroad as part of the UAH Global Studies Program. Students from diverse majors - Aerospace engineering and nursing to history and foreign language - studied in Germany, Mexico, Italy, and England over summer break. In addition to improving language skills, getting a few more credit hours, and listening to lectures outside the

classroom, those who participated in global studies also had a chance to learn in a hands-on global setting. Students discovered the satisfaction of navigating through the foreign transportation systems and the excitement of meeting a historical figure.

Elisabeth Spalding traveled to Germany as a part of Legacies of the Third Reich class. Spalding's

favorite memory, before her feet got blisters, was of a lazy day in Munich, wandering around "taking pictures of everything that stood still long enough" and learning to "appreciate the [German] language aesthetically." Spalding also noted that the trip inspired her to take up the German language.

The Legacies of the Third Reich class spent lectures in Huntsville discussing the rise and fall of the Nazi regime as well as how Germany has dealt with that history. Spalding noted that the class excursion to Dachau, a concentration camp, made an enormous impact. She commented that walking around the prayerful memorial to a horrific piece of human history made her even more aware that "sixty years ago something very different had been going on there."

Another student on the Germany trip, Jennifer Staton, said that the highlight of her trip was meeting Franz Müller, a surviving member of the White Rose, a famous student resistance movement in Nazi Germany. Staton

said "I did my research paper on the White Rose, and it was amazing to actually meet a surviving member of the group."

On the opposite side of the Atlantic, Tiffany Sledge, a Psychology and Spanish major traveled to Mexico. "Everyone in Mexico was amazingly sweet," Sledge

said. "I had never met such kind people." Sledge commented that her favorite memory of the trip was when she and her roommate got lost and had to navigate through the Spanish speaking bus system to get back to their lodging. Sledge said that the late night excursion was an "adventure" that forced her to use her Spanish skills and navigate on her own. She noted, "Even though I

had never been there, I felt a sense of security. I definitely plan to go back next year."

Dr. David Johnson, director of the Global Studies Program at UAH, said that he was looking for-

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College Presidents Rally to Lower the Drinking Age

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A movement of college and university presidents and chancellors to reexamine the legal drinking age was launched in July. Since its instigation 129 presidents and chancellors of colleges around the country have signed the Amethyst Initiative in hopes of sparking discussion on this controversial topic.

The initiative was started by John McCardell, President Emeritus of Middlebury College in Vermont and Founder of Choose Responsibly, an alcohol safety awareness group.

The Amethyst Initiative takes its name from the ancient Greek myth that the amethyst stone protects people from the harmful effects of drunkenness.

The National Minimum Drinking Age Act of 1984 effectively established a national drinking age by

reducing the annual federal highway apportionment of any state who allowed residents less than 21 years of age to purchase or publicly drink alcohol. The high drinking age in the U.S. is an anomaly; the vast majority of nations who have legal drinking ages give alcohol consumption rights to either 16 or 18 year olds.

The Amethyst Initiative does not explicitly advocate changing the legal drinking age to 18 although they do point out the hypocrisy of the current law. In their official statement the group asserts that "Adults under 21 are deemed capable of voting, signing contracts, serving on juries and enlisting in the military, but are told they are not mature enough to have a beer."

McCardell uses his background

in U.S. history to support the initiative's goal by asking "How many times must we relearn the lessons of prohibition?" The group claims that the higher drinking age has the effect of producing more clandestine drinkers rather than stopping consumption, just as it did when alcohol was outlawed altogether. This in turn leads to more dangerous drinking behaviors and causes young people to engage in other illegal activities such as using fake I.D.s. According to the initiative these "ethical compromises" made in order to obtain alcohol generally "erode respect for the law."

The initiative has garnered much criticism from alcohol awareness groups and bureaucrats alike. Its most vocal detractor is Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) who issued a press release in August denouncing the initiative as irresponsible. MADD claims that the group "uses deliberately misleading information to confuse the public on the effectiveness of 21 law." MADD cites statistics from the National Institute on Alcohol and Alcoholism to support their claim that the 21 drinking age has helped decrease alcohol related traffic fatalities by as much as 60%.

Other critics accuse the university leaders of trying to pass the underage and binge drinking prob-

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Political Science Chair Shares Personal Insights on Iraq

LISA BARBELLA
News Writer

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Dr. Hawk began her presentation by discussing the emotional and practical hardships of a soldier being deployed to Iraq. Her mobilization made her see her private life and the larger political life of this country in a new light. "After I got the call that I was being mobilized," explained Hawk, "I remember driving around town and I would sit at a stoplight and look over at the next person and think what if you were told all of the sudden you are dropping everything, changing all your plans, and you are going over there? How would this affect the way you participate in the political debate?" Hawk's deployment emphasized the importance of not being a mere recipient of news on the Iraq War and other political issues but rather an active contributor to the national dialogue. "Intelligent people can disagree on this topic. In many ways the strength of our society and our government system is that you hear different perspectives and you talk them through," stated Hawk.

Hawk also had to deal with the everyday impracticalities of leaving behind her job, her husband, and her eleven year old son. Among the lessons learned from her deployment was that her supportive family could carry on without her, even if they struggled. "I have found you can survive on pizza and donuts for seven months," joked Hawk, "My son was a good sport."

When Hawk arrived in Iraq she had to adjust her sense of normalcy. "You would hear gunfire or the mortar sirens and by the end you feel a little cavalier. You think what's the likelihood that the mortar is going to land within ten feet of where I am walking? When you are there you get a perverse way of looking at the world."

During her tour in Iraq Hawk's background in political science helped her construct a scholarly analysis of what she saw. Although she is often asked what needs to be done to bring stability to the country Hawk insists that there is no simple answer. "What is going on in Iraq is not rocket science," Hawk stated. "It's harder than rocket science. In a lot of scientific communities you can do an experiment, change a couple variables and see what happens. You can't invade Iraq, see what happens, then go back and uninvade Iraq and see what happens when you don't."

Hawk contested the common perception that Iraq is on a steady road to stabilization and recovery due to last year's troop surge. "It's likely that violence will reoccur," claimed Hawk, "The challenges in many ways haven't been resolved although the violence has certainly gone down" because of the surge.

In her conclusion Hawk summarized her analysis into five observations about the current state of Iraq.

1. The surge was reasonably effective in reducing violence but the overall goal of bringing political reconciliation has not been achieved.

2. The conflict is evolving. In the last five years the U.S. was primarily fighting the Sunni insurgency. Now the focus is intra-Shi'a competition. The Kurd's desire to control their own destiny may present the next conflict.

3. The upcoming provincial elections are a major decision point. Local level politics are more effective at resolving conflicts. This election needs to be a better representation of the people. The people must believe it is a legitimate election for it to be effective.

4. U.S. policy options are narrow. Outside forces have limited power in forcing cooperation within Iraq. 20-40 thousand non-combat troops such as support staff and intelligence workers could be removed from Iraq and work from the states. Troops can be drawn out at a rate of about 5000 a month until 250,000 are left.

5. Generals need to call the shots on how to fight the war. Congress, informed by citizens, must decide how important Iraq is versus other challenges facing the U.S.

Although Hawk presented her thoughts on what should be done in Iraq she admitted that there are no easy solutions to this politically and socially complicated situation. However, she encouraged everyone to participate in the discussion about Iraq and advised students "Don't abdicate from the debate just because you are young."

Back-Pedaling Progress

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Have you wondered why you haven't heard anything out of Student Government Association in awhile? Curious as to what happened to the progress? There is a reason for that. SGA hasn't been meeting for the past three weeks. While a group of about ten or so students have gathered in the University Center on Monday nights, they have not been able to hold a formal meeting. This is because students who are a part of SGA aren't showing up to discuss and vote on the issues that face this campus. In order for a formal meeting to be held, fourteen members of senate must be present. However, if last night is any example of the lack of participation present in SGA then there are going to be several seats to fill when elections come around in the next two weeks.

Sam Parks, SGA President, remarked that over the next two meetings "attendance will quadruple" because it is election season. But does this seem like the kind of people you want to have running your school and who make decisions that affect your everyday life? People who only care about being elected but do not give any effort when it comes to the job. On the minutes for September 22, 2008, SGA was voting for the removal of the following ten people: Jeremy Beard, Derek Crum, Auston Davidson, Lakisha Gustave, Jessica Hyde, Kimberby Willis, Eric Morgan, DJ O'Quinn, Cale Thompson,

and Joshua Walters. Some of these students had a class or lab, while some had to work. But if they know in advance that they won't be able to come to meeting ever, why are they still allowed to participate? On top of that, what about the students that were just too lazy to show up? Since a formal meeting wasn't held last night, the few members of SGA that were there decided it would be best to call these ten people and ask them to formally resign.

The lack of participation is affecting multiple areas of UAH's student life. The charter shelf-life of any club or organization is one year. Therefore, they must be rechartered every year. This is where the problem sets in. If not enough members of senate show up to the weekly meetings, then they can't vote to recharter a club. If a club can not be rechartered, then they can't formally meet. If they can't meet then they aren't able to plan any events. As of now, the list of clubs trying to be rechartered has reached fifteen.

With elections close at hand, what will happen to the SGA? Will it continue to spiral downward due to lack of members participating or will a new crop of bright-eyed, politically unscathed students come in and try to run the organization? Applications are currently available in the University Center, and the deadline for them to be turned in is Friday September 26.

Earth Still Here, Collider Not... For Now

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September 10th, 2008 saw the first beam successfully steered around the entire twenty-seven kilometer circumference of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research. Since you are reading this article we know that it did not create a black hole or other catastrophic event that destroyed the Earth. However lack of problems with the planet did not mean a lack of problems with the LHC. In a press release on September 18th CERN explained that a failure with one of the transformers providing power to a section of the cooling system for the magnets set back further testing while it was

replaced. On September 19th a large helium leak further set back testing of the LHC for a minimum of two months. CERN reiterated in a press release on September 20th that "at no time was there any risk to people."

The LHC is a particle accelerator that will be used to study the building blocks of the universe. To do this, scientists will use two beams of subatomic particles traveling in opposite directions around the circumference of the LHC to impact one another with great energy.

Turning on the LHC is a bit more complicated than wiring your home for lights and flipping the

switch. The initial test conducted on September 10th is just the first step in a long list of tests. This first test was to move the beam of matter along the ring of the collider. The first day of testing saw beams being sent both clockwise and anti-clockwise. The next step of testing was to capture the beam and contain it into a fine thread of matter approximately eleven centimeters long using another set of magnets. On September 11th the anti-clockwise beam was successfully captured and circulated for over half an hour. Despite the setbacks encountered, however, the scientists at CERN are committed to their tests, and will begin again once the



"Engineers checking the electronics on a LHC dipole magnet. (Image by: Maximilien Brice; Claudia Marcelloni copyright CERN)"

LHC is repaired. For more information regarding the LHC please visit CERN's website <http://public.web.cern.ch/public/en/LHC/LHC-en.html>.

UAH Art Club to Participate in Brew Street Art Fair

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If you've got nothing to hang on the walls of your new dorm room but those old Pokémon posters from junior high, come out to Bridge Street Town Centre's upcoming Brew Street Art Fair, which will be held outdoors at the Bridge Street Town Centre on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2008, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. There you can browse paintings, drawings, and prints offered for sale by the UAH Art Club—and you'll be sure to leave with a few original artworks.

"It's a great way to support the art community on campus," Art Club president April Llewellyn said, adding that many students may not even know about the Art Club. The event will put the club in the limelight and publicize individual student artists, as well as help to broaden Huntsville's cultural offerings.

Llewellyn also said that a portion of each sale will go to fund the club's planned New York City museum trip, set for spring 2009. In addition, each print sold will help benefit the UAH student printmakers' excursion to the Frogman Print and Paper Workshop, held each year at the University of South Dakota, in Vermilion, S.D. Individual artists will keep the rest of their profits.

The UAH Art Club is one of only thirty applicants deemed outstanding enough to be awarded space at the fair, which will be jur-

ied by the Huntsville Arts Council. Fairgoers can also expect entertainment by Rolling Jazz Revue, a prize drawing, a scavenger hunt, short skits, songs and dances. Additionally, there will be an international beer tasting, with beer supplied by Olde Towne Brewing Co. in conjunction with Supreme Beverages. Admission to the fair is free

STEPHANIE KALOI
Senior News Writer

You may not know this, but by virtue of enrolling in classes at UAH you have automatically become a member of the UAH Dance Club. Of course, membership doesn't really mean anything unless you choose to act on it, and fortunately, you're going to have a lot of chances to do so this fall semester.

The UAH Dance Club has existed for quite a few years and "exists to promote dancing!" explains club Vice-President Leighanne.

"We provide a place for students and members of the community to learn and enjoy dance. The club holds dances, lessons, and workshops, which are provided free of charge to all UAH students. We are a student-centric organization, and 100 percent student-run."

The UAH Dance Club works with numerous dancer organizations, one of which is the Huntsville Swing Dance Society to allow students to experience many aspects and form of dancing. Students at

UAH are allowed into Huntsville Swing Dance Society events for free, and also receive reduced rates for workshops and lessons.

Afraid to break out those dancing shoes for fear of, well, not being that great? "You do not have to know how to dance to join the club or attend our dance events—if you have interest, we will get you started!" stressed Leighanne. The club regularly holds beginner lessons and workshops in a variety of styles of dance.

The club typically holds one dance per month in the Exhibit Hall in the University Center. September's dance has come and gone, but the next will be Friday, October 24. If you're interested in attending, the club will also hold a workshop on Saturday, October 18 for Beginner Swing, and another on Saturday, November 1 for Beginner Latin.

"The only other thing I would like to stress is that we are here primarily to benefit UAH students—UAH students have access to all of our workshops, lessons, dances, etc. absolutely free of charge. The Rocket City Jazz will be playing live at our November 14 dance, which should be fabulous," said Leighanne. "UAH students who don't dance would even have a ball just coming out and treating the dance as a concert, enjoying the band and the great music!"

If you are interested in more information about the UAH Dance Club, feel free to email Leighanne Dauro at vali@hiwaay.net.



The UAH Dance Club poses around a motorcycle.

Flying Monkey Arts offers films, concerts, and more

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If you're new to town, or just have yet to explore all of what Huntsville has to offer, you may be intrigued by the variety of musical acts and film screenings at the Flying Monkey Arts Center, located at Lowe Mill, 2211 Seminole Drive. The Flying Monkey is a non-profit community arts collective that "encourages, supports, and promotes events, workshops, and studios featuring but not limited to music, film, theater, dance, puppetry, visual and performance art with a focus on experimental works for mature audiences."

Sounds intriguing, does it not?

The Flying Monkey has consistently encouraged and presented a variety of innovative, artistic performers and exhibits, and is truly a haven for all who are remotely interested in anything beyond the usual. The end of September is positively buzzing with numerous events to suit various types of artistic curiosity.

On Thursday, September 25, Jay Clark and Kort McCumber will grace the stage at Lowe Mill. Admission is \$8, and the concert be-

gins at 8 p.m. Clark, a Winchester, Tennessee native who currently lives in Hazel Green, has been honing his brand of singer-songwriter since 1992. He has an academic background in Wildlife Science, (he completed his Master's in the program at the University of Tennessee in 1999), but a musical background rooted deeply in issues of the mind and soul. Clark will be supporting his second album, *Progress*, which was released in February 2006. McCumber, who hails from Gold Hill, Colorado, is also of the singer-songwriter-musician stock, (in addition to writing and singing his songs, he plays guitar, mandolin, banjo, harmonica, piano, bouzouki, cello, electric bass, and upright bass—the name a few!). McCumber plays self-described "Bentgrass" music, which he says "grows from a love of both golf and Americana roots music."

The following day, Friday September 26, the Monkey will be screening the cult classic *Forbidden Zone*. The science-fiction musical, which was directed by Richard Elfman, was first released in 1980. The film

is centered on the Hercules family, who might be described as not-so-"normal" by quite a few. The family moves into a new house in Venice, California, and discover their basement contains a door to the Sixth Dimension. Naturally, chaos and adventure ensue, especially once the daughter in the family, Frenchy, opens the door to the for-

bidden zone. The Huntsville-based band, The Counterclock Wise, will be playing live the same evening. The band boasts that "awful strings abound [with] enough clammering and thunder claps to bring down the walls!"

Saturday, September 27, sees the return of Chip Gulbro and Friends, a wildly popular swing-violin band

that plays jazz from the 1930's to the present day. The group has played the Monkey numerous times, and also had spots at the downtown favorite Sam and Greg's. Band members include Nick Walker, (on the upright bass), Mark Copeland, (on guitar), Soloman Grable, (drums), and Chip Gulbro, (on violin).



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votes in key battleground states? Or will her social record in line with the Christian Right alienate centrist voters?

The Obama campaign, mindful of Republican accusations emphasizing Obama's inexperience, chose Senator Joe Biden, the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, as Obama's vice presidential nominee. While Democratic leaders hope that Biden will reassure voters that the Obama ticket is ready to deal with national policy, those who once criticized Obama for his youth and inexperience now point to Joe Biden as the 'Washington establishment' against which Obama has campaigned. However, Richard Holbrooke, a former UN ambassador, points out that Biden "knows the world leaders, he knows the Congress, he knows the issues and he passes the first test — he's qualified to be president."

Regardless of his qualifications, the media has not given Biden a fraction of the coverage Sarah Palin received. Both Palin and Biden hope to compliment their running mate in the general election in November but even after the marathon primary campaigns the political nitpicking has just begun in earnest. Republi-

cans have been quick to point to Obama's recent "lipstick" comment as rude and sexist, but Sarah Palin may soon realize that just because she is a woman does not mean that die-hard Clinton supporters or undecided women will vote for her. Indeed, when liberal minded women truly examine the issues, they often see Palin's nomination as overt pandering to female voters.

Thomas Watts, a UAH political science and philosophy major, commented, "If you want to talk about a candidate that will push for women's rights, then Biden has pushed for more legislation for equal pay for equal work and to protect women against domestic violence . . . For people to assume that Obama's ticket is sexist is contradictory to their voting record. But it is silly season in politics, and I hope people wake up and notice the issues that concern all Americans and not just wedge issues that a President can't pass anyway."

**DRINKING AGE
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lem off on high school principles. If the drinking age was lowered to 18 virtually all college students would be legally allowed to drink and universities would not have to spend time and money enforcing what has proven to be an almost

unenforceable law.

The initiative has gained national attention despite the small number of presidents and chancellors who have signed it since its inception. This is due in part to the prominence of some of its signatories which include the presidents of Duke, Clark, Colgate, Tufts, and Syracuse. Whether or not the initiative will influence lawmakers remains to be seen. However, the media and scholarly attention the group has garnered makes it clear that they have already achieved their main objective: bringing the national drinking age debate back to the forefront.

**GLOBAL
FROM PG. 2**

ward to the global studies opportunities this coming summer. Future classes include a nursing class in England, photography class in England, intensive French course in France, Russian culture in Russia, a class in Rome, and Spanish language course in Mexico. In addition, Dr. Mebane and Mr. Harwell will be traveling to England with a joint English and Global Studies class.

Interested? Be sure to check out the UAH global studies website at <http://www.uah.edu/colleges/liberal/global/> and be on the look out for study abroad opportunities!

UAH's Sarkis Baltaian Plays to Sold-Out Crowd at Carnegie Hall

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News Writer

On Sept. 20, UAH Assistant Professor of Music Sarkis Baltaian performed classical and Armenian piano works on stage at New York City's Carnegie Hall. He shared the stage with a number of other classical musicians, all selected for the event as alumni of the scholarship fund of the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), which organized the event.

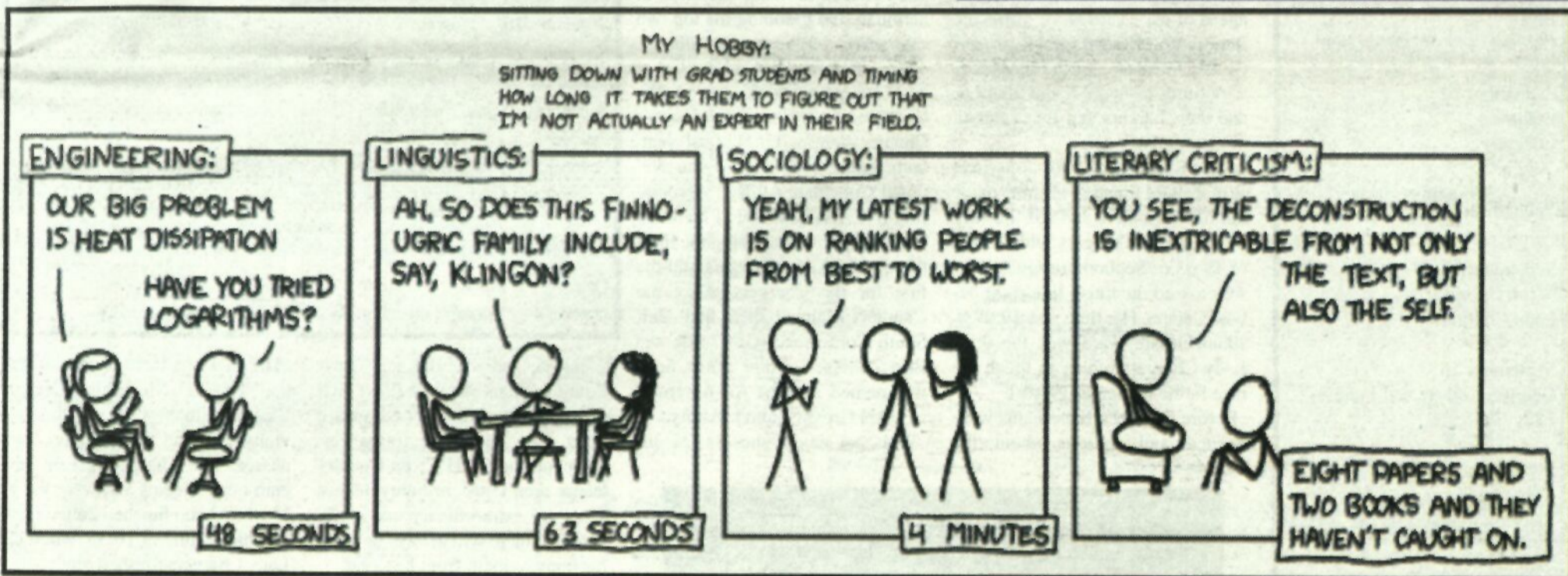
Dr. Baltaian was chosen to perform as a multiple recipient of an AGBU scholarship, which are given exclusively to individuals of Armenian descent. Other performers included Alexandr Nazaryan on viola, Raffi Dimoian on French horn and mezzo-soprano Lilian Solange Merdianian. The recital was an alumni celebration of sorts, bringing the performers together for the first time to play classical and Armenian compositions. Featured works included Armenian songs, pieces by Gabriel Faure and compositions by the Armenian composer Babadjanian, which Dr. Baltaian played

with cellist Ani Kalayjian and his own sister, the violinist Aroussiak Baltaian. The energy of his fellow performers, he says, "contributes to great music making."

Of course, the audience agreed. "The hall was sold out," Dr. Baltaian says. "The capacity crowd rewarded me and my colleagues with standing ovations." As for the nine-foot Steinway Carnegie Hall provided for the performance, he enthuses, "It's the most magnificent instrument—it played on its own."

But this isn't the first time Dr. Baltaian has graced Carnegie Hall. He debuted there in 1999, and says of the famed venue, "The walls are filled with music." World-renowned for his talent — one reviewer, Professor Vasil Kazandjiev of Bulgarian National Radio, says of him that he is a "perfect master of the instrument" — one suspects this won't be his last performance there, either.

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Cross Country Claims Victory At Home

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Last Saturday, the UAH Chargers and the Lady Chargers Cross Country teams competed in their first and only home meet of the season, the Fleet Feet Sports/Earl Jacoby Memorial Race, and both teams came out on top.

The meet was held at Sharon Johnston Park on a Saturday morning that saw steady, but light rain, and a nice, cool breeze. The weather was perfect for a cross country meet and the 15th-ranked women's team edged out Division I opponent University of Evansville to capture first place with 53 points to Evansville's 56 points, while

the men's team blew away the competition with a spectacular 29 points—second place Evansville had 40 points—and was led by junior Mark Temple, who finished first out of 71 runners.

"The race worked out fine for us," Temple commented after running the eight mile course about how the Chargers ran to victory. "We opened up just real nice and easy and controlled and then, we worked together as a team to stay up front."

The individual meet champion, Temple finished with a time of 26:11.1. Sophomore Josh Moshier continued to have a great start to the season by finishing third and just three seconds under his career-high 8K mark with a time of 26:36.3.

"Training went well over the summer for me personally," Moshier commented before the race on how he has improved tremendously since last season when he was a freshman. "For a lot of the guys too, [training] went well, the season has gotten off to a good start, and I think we have a good season ahead of us."

Juniors Will Rodgers and Kameron Ulmer finished fourth and sixth with times of 26:39.8 and 26:44.6, and the Chargers had four runners in the top ten.

In the 5K race, senior All-American Erin Zellers finished in third place out of 97 runners and led the way for the Lady Chargers with a time of 19:05.6. Sophomore Gwen Kyser crossed the finish line right behind Zellers. Her time was 19:07.8. Junior Jessie Ward was the third Lady Chargers runner to finish the race in the top ten at 19:40.1

Before the meet, both teams were excited and anxious about the

home meet. Last year, both teams placed first and they were looking forward to taking the top spots in the men's and women's event once again because they had an advantage because they knew the course well.

"We've been training hard all summer and we go out to Sharon Johnston to practice so we got to know the course really well," Zellers commented after an early morning practice run around the campus of UAH last week. "We've got really good teams on both sides this year and hopefully we can defend out titles."

Speaking of defending titles and getting back to nationals, Rodgers offered his opinions.

"I think that on the nationals scene, we'll be better than we were last year. Harding, who is in our conference, have a very good shot at winning nationals this year because they brought in a bunch of new guys and they're going to be really tough. They're definitely the favorites but you never know come race day. I think that we have a very good chance of doing very well at nationals and grabbing the top two spots in the region that qualifies."

The Chargers and Lady Chargers are coming off one of the most successful seasons in Cross Country here at UAH. Last year, both teams qualified for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II National Tournament, with it being the third trip for the Lady Chargers and the first for the Chargers. Also, the Chargers claimed their first Gulf South Conference (GSC) title and Erin Zellers, a junior at the time, was named the first All-American in UAH Cross Country history.

With as much success as the

CHARGER SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Men's Soccer
Record 0-7

September 12	North Georgia	1	Chargers	0
September 14	Barry	1	Chargers	0
September 20	Belhaven	1	Chargers	0

Women's Soccer
Record 3-4

September 12	North Georgia	1	Lady Chargers	0
September 14	Georgia College and State	3	Lady Chargers	0

September 19	Columbus State	3	Lady Chargers	1
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September 21	Lady Chargers	5	Georgia Southwestern	0
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Volleyball
Record 1-13

September 19	Henderson State	3	Lady Chargers	1
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September 20	Ouachita Baptist	3	Lady Chargers	0
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September 20	Harding	3	Lady Chargers	0
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September 23	North Alabama	3	Lady Chargers	0
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CHARGER SPORTS SCHEDULE

Men's Soccer
Record 0-7

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
September 27	Ouachita Baptist	Home	1 pm
September 30	Concordia College	Selma, AL	5 pm
October 3	Martin Methodist	Pulaski, TN	6 pm
October 8	Shorter	Home	1:30 pm

Women's Soccer
Record 3-4

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
September 27	Ouachita Baptist	Home	3:30 pm
October 3	North Alabama	Home	3:30 pm
October 5	West Georgia	Carrollton, GA	2:30 pm

Volleyball
Record 1-12

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
September 26-27	Valdosta State Tournament	Valdosta, GA	
September 26	Rollins		12 pm
September 26	Lynn		5 pm
September 27	Saint Leo		11 am
September 27	Florida Tech		2 pm
September 30	Montevallo	Home	7 pm
October 6	Lee	Home	6 pm
October 8	West Alabama	Livingston, AL	7 pm

Cross Country

Date	Meet	Site
October 4	Greater Louisville Classic (5K, 8K)	Louisville, KY



teams had last year, ordinary Cross Country teams would believe that it would be difficult to improve upon last year's performances; however, the UAH Cross Country teams aren't just ordinary teams. They are extraordinary and confident that there will always be room for improvement from last year.

When asked about the difficulty of improving, junior runner Jessie Ward, a transfer student from a community college in Oregon, had this to say:

"I think that it will be difficult because we lost a couple of top runners and some of the girl's top runners being injured over the summer. But during the course of the season, we will have to step up training a lot to be as good as last year."

Senior Anne Rush, on the other hand, was a bit more confident.

"I don't think that it's going to be that hard to improve. We have a lot of really good new people. So it should be pretty easy."

The first meet of the season was the Brooks Memphis Twilight Classic, which was held the previous weekend in Memphis, Tennessee. The Chargers placed seventh out of 29 teams and were led by Moshier, who finished 26th overall and had a time of 26:33, while the Lady Chargers finished ninth out of 36 teams. Zellers also led the way for the Lady Chargers in that race, placing 37th and posting a time of 19:45.

After great performances at the Memphis Twilight and the Fleet Feet Sports/Earl Jacoby Memorial Race, both cross country teams seem to be well on their way to besting last year's performances.

"It's always our goal to get better," freshman Ashley Hays said. "And with different workouts and new people this year, we probably will be better."

Next up for cross country is the Greater Louisville Classic in Louisville, KY on Saturday October 4th.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept. 24

- ACE Movie: "Sex and the City," UC Exhibit Hall, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27

- Soccer vs. Ouachita Baptist, Charger Soccer Field: Men's Game — 1 p.m., Women's Game — 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

- Honors Forum: "How Politics REALLY Affects Your Life...and How You Can Make a Living in the Business," Doug McKinnon, Syndicated Columnist and Political Commentator, Franz Hall, 11:10 a.m.
- Volleyball vs. Montevallo, Spragins Hall, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

- Society for Ancient Languages presents "Rome and the Good Life," Union Grove Gallery, 7:30 p.m.
- Grad Finale (for December 2008 graduates), UC Exhibit Hall, 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
- Art collection by Brandon Gardner, Salmon Library Gallery, through Oct. 31

Thursday, Oct. 2

- OMA Leadership Roundtable Forum and Social, Madison Hall 133, 5:30 p.m.
- Music Forum: Karen Young Recital Preview, Roberts Recital Hall, 9:35 a.m.
- Archaeology Society presents "Mycenaean Coastal Worlds," Dr. Thomas T. Tartaron, U. of Pennsylvania, Chan Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 3

- Women's Soccer vs. North Alabama, Charger Soccer Field, 3:30 p.m.
- Omicron Delta Kappa Induction Ceremony, UC 126, 3— 5 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 5

- Faculty Recital by Karen Young, voice, Roberts Recital Hall, 3 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 6

- Volleyball vs. Lee, Spragins Hall, 6 p.m.
- Art work by Barron Hall and Robmat Butler, Union Grove Gallery through Oct. 17

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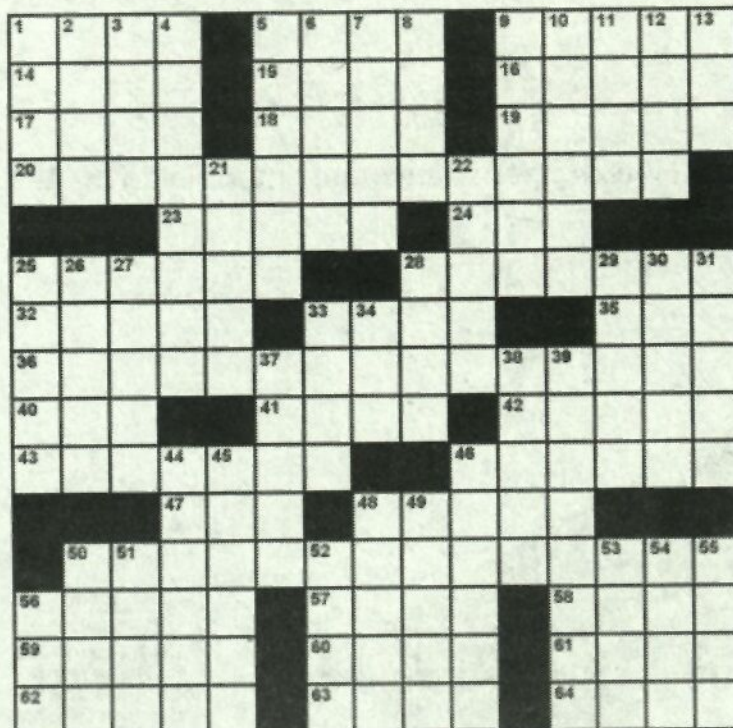
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Across

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5. ___ Hari (spy)
9. Severe
14. Saturn or Mercury
15. Megastar
16. Misplaces
17. Latch (onto)
18. Boor
19. Remote target?
20. Band of nutty siblings?
23. Topic for Hoyle
24. Part of H.M.S.
25. Like Van Gogh's night
28. Gab
32. Puget sound site
33. Father
35. Greetings
36. TV's Paternal bookie?
40. "The Greatest"
41. Stately trees
42. M*A*S*H setting
43. Urban play area
46. Crunchy vegetable
47. Scale notes
48. Swears
50. Cone-headed family singers?
56. "Psycho" motel
57. Game delayer
58. Latin 101 verb
59. Liqueur flavoring
60. "Picnic" playwright
61. Talk wildly
62. Trials
63. RR employee
64. Eats

Down

1. Epic story
2. Ship's frame
3. Proton's place
4. City in Genesis
5. Gently
6. Clay brick
7. Guided trips
8. Choir member
9. Gibson of tennis
10. Hidden
11. U.S. ally in W.W. II
12. Tiger's props
13. Inexact fig.
21. Clara Barton, for one
22. Passed
25. Couches
26. Song syllables
27. ___ good faith (2wds)
28. All in favor
29. Cry of accomplishment
30. Pop quantity
31. Op-ed piece
33. Ella's forte
34. Publicity
37. Perch
38. Distorts
39. Reinforces
44. Most parched
45. Contacts, e.g.
46. Originated
48. Hersey's Bell town
49. Churchill's gesture
50. Glass piece
51. Mayberry sot
52. Newsmen Severeid
53. Jacob's twin
54. Reply, briefly
55. Dates
56. Cave dweller



Quotable Quote

Smartness runs in my family. When I went to school I was so smart my teacher was in my class for five years.

— *George Burns*

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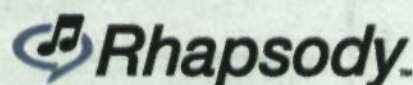
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