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The second of the spring sports team to get under way after Track and Field opened their season at the end of January, the UAH Chagers baseball team had a thrilling opening day, defeating Drury in two games. After opening the season with a 2-0 record, the Chagers faltered during the doubleheader games the next afternoon against Drury once again to bring their record to an even 2-2.

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Volunteer Services Puts Students To Work

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"College students are always short on two things, money and time," said Taralya Caudle, the current UAH volunteer services and service learning coordinator. But whether you are looking for a constructive way to spend your Saturday, a feeling of accomplishment, or just a line on your resume, Caudle has a volunteer program for you.

Volunteer services links UAH students to volunteering projects. Volunteer services’ website at www.uah.edu/student_affairs/development/contains frequently updated information and descriptions of volunteer opportunities. The hardest part of the job, according to Caudle, is getting the information out to the student body.

One upcoming information session is the annual “Cookie Swap.” The Community Agency Fair “Cookie Swap” will be on February 13 from 11:00-2:00 in the UAH Fitness Center. Numerous organizations from around Huntsville will bring information along with their favorite cookie to distribute to the public.

What sort of volunteer opportunities are out there? The Adult Learning Center helps adults work toward their GED. Save First helps low income families file tax returns. Hospice provides comfort to terminally ill patients, and Focus First provides vision screening to lower income children. Habitat for Humanity begins the spring build in late February/early March. Many more programs are available on the web site.

Caudle stressed that although some of these volunteer positions require long term commitments, others require only a few hours of time. Hospice provides comfort to terminally ill patients, but these patients need more than just personal care. Hospice patients often need someone to pick up a prescription or run a small errand, which are relatively simple tasks. Another great program is Habitat for Humanity. Habitat workers can show up for a few hours to lay sod or paint rooms.

Regardless of money and time, Caudle wants to make sure all UAH students know the volunteering is not a huge time commitment. Instead, donating a few hours of volunteer work might provide some balance and direction for the volunteer’s life, but a few hours certainly has the potential to make a difference in someone else’s life.

SGA Wants Students To Know What Is Next

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Walking around the campus, especially the University Center, it is easy to see all the changes that are being made within the University. Everything from a Starbucks opening in the University Center, to new Resident Halls with dining facilities planned for construction within the next two to five years. It seems that UAH student body has a lot to look forward to.

Zak Bandy, SGA STARS director, announced the plans for Higher Ed Day. Higher Ed Day takes place on March 5th on the steps of Alabama State Capital in Montgomery. Students from Universities across the state will show up to help remind the state legislation why Higher Education is so important. This coming fall semester tuition is projected to increase by roughly 20%. This is why Bandy wants students to come out for Higher Ed Day. Students will leave around 7:00 am on March 5th, ride down to Montgomery and rally for a few hours.

The entire trip is free, and students will be provided with transportation, breakfast, and a t-shirt to wear at the actual event.

Another project in the works is the new Resident Halls. The Board of Trustees approved the plans this past week. The dorms will be built next to the parking garage behind the Shelby Center. The plans include a new dining facility for the possibility of the fast food chains coming to campus. Projections speculate that the first of the two dormitories will be built by Fall 2010.

President Andrew Huzen met with President Williams to discuss how to improve the SGA. President Williams informed Huzen that he valued and appreciated the SGA’s input in regards to issues affect the University. These issues could range from meal plans, class size, coin machines in the laundry rooms, and others. If students have any other issues with the school, they should contact a SGA representative to get their voice heard.

Keeping an open dialog between the students and the administration is key to bringing about improvements to this campus.

The details for the Niagara trip were announced this past Wednesday. The entire cost of trip is $100.00. That includes the cost of the hotel, transportation, and T-shirt. How­ever, only a down payment of $40 is needed at the time of ticket purchase. The entirety of the amount due must be paid off by March 3rd. If a student fails to pay the required amount then the ticket will be sold to another student at a cheaper price. It was also announced that students DO NOT NEED A PASS­PORT for the Niagara trip this year. All that is required is a photo ID and an original copy of a birth certificate.

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Sarah Chapman Silent Auction Exceeds Expectations

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The first play, directed by Gilles Block and described as "the perfect family show," is Shakespeare's shortest play, "The Comedy of Errors." The slapstick comedy relies on mistaken identity, telling the tale of two sets of twins, Antipholus of Syracuse and Antipholus of Ephesus, and Dromio of Syracuse and Dromio of Ephesus. In the play, the twins, who were separated at birth, are reunited as adults, with farcical results. The play will be performed on Feb. 18.

For the troupe's second performance on Feb. 19, the Center has chosen "Hamlet," one of the more well-known Shakespeare classics. "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," billed as a "companion piece" to Hamlet. In an interesting take on the Shakespeare play, the absurdist comedy presents the story of Hamlet from the point of view of two minor characters, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, who, in the original play, are dispatched to shepherd Hamlet to England, where his father's murderer—his own stepfather—plans to have him killed. Stoppard's vision, however, makes the pair's mishaps the central action of the play.

The scenes from "Hamlet" in which the characters of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern appear also find their way into Stoppard's play; however, the actors of Hamlet will reprise their roles for the second play, Says director Jim Warren, "Our productions were directed, designed, and rehearsed together to make the most out of the shared scenes and situations."

In addition, Dr. Jerry Mebane, UAH English professor, will give pre-show lectures in room 126 of the University Center each night at 6:30 p.m. Mebane will give a general introduction to each play which he says "emphasize the ways in which Shakespeare and Stoppard write plays with many levels of interest, from broad comedy and sensationalized violence to consideration of serious ethical, political, and spiritual issues."

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Exhibit Hall. Tickets are available at The Coffee Tree, from The Arts Council, in the UAH English Dept., and at the door. Prices are $12 for students, $15 for Huntsville Art League members and senior citizens, and $20 for the general public.

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The silent auction had personal items of Sarah's up for bid including her TV, couch, dining room set, washer and dryer, clothes, and jewelry. Of the larger items, the highest bidders were Sarah's closest friends. Bean even beat out the competition for the dining room set which she and Sarah once shared in their apartment.

"It has a lot of memories attached to it," says Bean, who talked of eating dinner together and celebrating Sarah's 20th birthday around it. Though the majority of the money came from the auction, Bean thinks that as much as $500 came from donations.

The Sarah Chapman Scholarship Fund, which Bean hopes will be offered by the 2010-2011 school year, will be available to all UAH students, not just Kappa Delta members.

The unused items remain in storage and are slated to be brought out for a garage sale put on by all the Greeks this spring. Proceeds for that event will also benefit the Sarah Chapman Scholarship Fund.

APH Sells Chocolate Covered Strawberries

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If you're looking for a nice gift for your significant other this Valentine's Day, Lambda Pi Eta is currently selling boxes of chocolate covered strawberries. You can purchase a half-dozen chocolate covered strawberries for just $15. Each order will be packaged in a lovely decorative box.

You can buy the strawberries now, and pick them up later. The fundraiser is designed for your convenience. The pick-up date for orders will be Friday, February 13 (just in time for Valentine's Day!) For more information, contact Deborah Adams at dap0004@uah.edu.
Valentine's Day Treat

With Valentine's day coming up and many students venturing out without a lot of money we at the Exponent put together some ways to help, even if you're single.

Skip the Fancy-Shmancy Dinner and Stale Chocolates, Opt for Together Time

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Valentine's Day: the chintzy red foil on the front door, doilies cluttering every flat surface, and enough pink and glitter to make even Barbie nauseous. Dinner and a movie is the go-to date, and drug store-brand boxes of chocolate are handed over heartlessly. This time around, the lovers' holiday doesn't have to be over-the-top or underwhelming.

Skip the clichés and try for something a little less pricey and even a bit silly. Even though this may be just a hyped-up Hallmark revenue-booster, go with the flow and get a little lovey-dovey.

Rent a movie. I know that it seems a little boring, but there are some good picks out there. A recent hit with the ladies is "Love Actually." If you can bear reminders of your awkward phase, revisit middle school years with Heath Ledger as you thought, at least you have the sweets to make the day better.

Cook or bake together. It's much more frugal than dining out, and you don't have to fight for parking or against the incessant red lights on University. Hit up cooking sites like allrecipes.com and cooks.com to find a recipe. These sites also have recipes for cooks with limited appliances, like say, just a microwave. Even a pre-packaged sugar cookies or brownie mix is a great way to spend time. It works out great for two reasons. Even if you're not a good baker, they still turn out perfectly. And, if you're not as keen on the significant other as you thought, at least you have the sweets to make the day better.

Head outdoors. Since V-Day is a Saturday and the weather outlook shows above-normal temps, outdoorsy folk should definitely check out local parks and green areas. A ten minute drive east on University leads to a portion of the Huntsville Land Trust and ends at the top with Monte Sano State Park. The Trust is free, but the park asks for a few bucks donation. Still, it's a cheap date, great exercise, and an active way to enjoy each other and nature. It's surprisingly close to the city, but if you want to stay in town, try Big Spring Park downtown. It seems boring, but maybe it's more about spending time together than going to a fancy restaurant. Plus, it's hilarious to watch the geese, ducks, and fish all fight over bread crumbs.

Revisit your childhood. Imagine what it was like to fill in your favorite coloring book back in kindergarten. Now you can do it with someone you love. Take a trip to the isles of Wal-Mart, Target, or my personal fave, Toys R Us. It feels completely ridiculous because you'll be the oldest people (besides the parents) in the store, but it's awesome to play with all the toys and to compare them to the ones from your childhood. Even better, pick something out to take home. Try finger paints, coloring books, or Legos. A little bubbly and Dora coloring book? I can't think of anything better.

Hit up a hockey game. Take your honey to one of the two hockey games Saturday, or you could make it a double-header. The Chargers take on Niagara at 3:05 p.m. followed by the Havoc match against Columbus at 7:35 p.m. Maybe a little rough-housing is all you need to spice up your V-Day. Lay under the stars. It is still a little too chilly to lie out underneath the open skies, but you can get a glimpse at the celestial wonders at the Monte Sano State Park Planetarium. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the program, which is about the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first head up to the heavens, begins at 7:30 p.m. Nothing like twinkling stars and planets to ponder the vastness of love.

Whatever you end up doing, do not depend on the same-old, same-old. Try something new, even if it sounds silly or a bit different than your everyday routine. And keep in mind: it's Valentine's Day. Forget how commercialized love has become and enjoy the special day together.

Seven Layer Salad

5 cups of torn romaine lettuce in bottom of large serving bowl. Coarsely crush 1 pkg of ramen noodles; discard seasoning packet. Sprinkle noodles, 2 cups of cooked diced chicken, 10 oz pkg frozen corn (thawed and drained), 1 diced tomato, 2 green onions (finely sliced), and 1/4 cup of chopped peanuts over lettuce in bowl. Then in a small bowl, combine 2 tbsp of sugar, 1 tsp of salt, 1/2 tsp of grated ginger root, 1/4 tsp of curry powder, and 1/4 cup of milk. Heat over medium heat to a gentle simmer, and cook for 2-4 minutes; do not let the soup boil. Add grated cheese and stir until melted and the soup is blended.

Difficulty: ***

Cauliflower Chicken Ramen Noodles

Sautee 2 boneless diced chicken breasts in one tbsp of olive oil, 1 small diced onion, soy sauce, 1 tsp of minced garlic, 1/2 tsp of garlic powder, and 1 tsp of hot mustard. In another pot, boil 1 bag of any flavor ramen noodles and the flavor packet and cook for 5 minutes. Add 1 can of creamed corn, 1 cup of frozen corn, 1/4 tsp ginger, 1/2 tsp curry powder, and 1/4 cup of milk. Heat over medium heat to a gentle simmer, and cook for 2-4 minutes; do not let the soup boil. Add minced cheese and stir until melted and the soup is blended.

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Ramen Corn Chowder

In a large saucepan, bring 2 cups of water to a boil. Add 1 pkg of any flavor ramen noodles and the flavor packet and cook for 5 minutes. Add 1 can of creamed corn, 1 cup of frozen corn, 1/4 tsp garlic, 1/2 tsp curry powder, and 1/4 cup of milk. Heat over medium heat to a gentle simmer, and cook for 2-4 minutes; do not let the soup boil. Add minced cheese and stir until melted and the soup is blended.

Difficulty: ***

Beef- o- Ramen

Sautee 1 clove of minced garlic, 1/4 cup of white onion with olive oil until onions are clear. Add Beef to brown, drain fat. Then add seasoning and mix 1 package beef ramen noodles.

Difficulty: **
Want to Cook Something Good AND Cheap for February 14th?
Check Out These Recipes

AMBER RAUSCHKOLB
Staff Writer

Why not go with my all-time Favorite Ramen NOODLES! I come from an Asian Cuisine background and I can’t get enough of that noodle goodness! It’s fast and simple as well as easy on the budget. Did you know that in Japan, it is common to find Noodle Shops almost on every street corner in major cities?

So for this Valentine’s Day or National Single Awareness day, let’s splurge and get that $0.60 ramen and cook up a feast! I recommend Sapporo Ichiban who makes a mean oriental noodle over any ten cent ramen.

Note: For these recipes you will need to cook noodles according to package directions and drain all water (unless otherwise stated in recipes).

Antipasto Salad
1 pkg any flavor ramen noodles. Add 1/2 cup of sliced pepperoni, 1/4 cup of black or green olives and 1/8 cup of green sliced or red chopped onions. Sprinkle an Italian dressing (or olive oil/mustard with freshly sliced basil) and toss.
Difficulty: **

Vegan Mexi-Ramen
1 package any flavored ramen noodles. Add 1 can of Rotel, 1/2 cup of black or green olives and 1/8 cup of green sliced or red chopped onions. Sprinkle an Italian dressing (or olive oil/mustard with freshly sliced basil) and toss. Sour cream optional.
Difficulty: **

Ramen Thai
2 pkgs Ramen Oriental with flavor packets. Do not drain. Add 2 Tbsp. soy sauce, 2 Tbsp. peanut butter, 1 Tbsp. brown sugar, 1/2 tsp. lemon peel or lemongrass, and 1/2 tsp. cayenne or hot sauce. Mix well. Garnish with chopped peanuts and a few chives.
Difficulty: **

Steak, Broccoli and Cheese Ramen
Cook 2 pkgs of beef ramen. Add 1 cup chopped cooked broccoli. Mix 1 cup cooked chopped steak with 1 flavor pkt. and 1/2 jar Cheese Sauce. Add 1/4 tsp. garlic. Microwave for 20 seconds. Mix all ingredients.
Difficulty: **

Scallop Ramen Stir Fry
Heat 1 tbsp of olive oil in wok or large nonstick skillet over high heat. Add 3/4lb asparagus (cut into 1” pieces), 1 red bell pepper (cut into strips), 1 chopped onion and 2 cloves of minced garlic. Stir-fry 2 to 3 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Add 1 lb of sea scallops (cut in half) and stir-fry until white. Then Stir in (mix seasonings packet, 1 tbsp of soy sauce, 2 tbsp of lemon juice, 1 tsp of sesame oil and 1/8 tsp of hot sauce and noodles).
Difficulty: ***

The Cheesiest Love Songs of All Time

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Valentine’s Day is this Saturday, which means we’re all going to be assaulted by syrupy love songs on the radio, on jewelry commercials, and on mix CDs or iTunes playlists made for sweethearts. But what are some of the absolute cheesiest love songs of all time? Tastes and ability to withstand large amounts of vocal Velveeta vary, but there are some songs that have to be considered—Celine Dion’s My Heart Will Go On (or any Celine song, really) for example. A comprehensive list of cheesy love songs would be hard to make, but if one just asks around, they’re bound to get plenty of feedback.

First, what makes a love song cheesy? Well, most love songs could be considered cheesy by virtue of being love songs, but the absolute cheesiest need to be sung with over the top sincerity, with over the top lyrics—which makes defining them pretty difficult.

There’s nothing too wrong with cheesy love songs, though some would beg to differ. Dolly Parton fans can tell you that Whitney Houston’s overdose of cheese ruined I Will Always Love You.

Since objective standards are almost impossible to come by, this list used straight-up opinion as criteria, which resulted in plenty of discussion worthy nominees. Can an Elvis tune, Fools Rush In or Love Me Tender for example, count as cheesy? What about a Beatles song? Is I Want To Hold Your Hand above cheesiness, or did it set the gold standard? Some songs’ positions as cheesiest of all time simply can’t be debated—just try listening to Lionel Richie’s Hello, Bette Midler’s Wind Beneath My Wings, or Barry Manilow’s Mandy without getting a hankering for a grilled cheese sandwich. Other songs are hotly contested. Baby Love by The Supremes is classic! But does that just mean it is classic cheese? How about To Love Somebody by the Bee Gees? And, if you’re thinking that cheesy songs are limited to the 80s, well, there’s plenty of debate on that too. Ed- win McCain’s I’ll Be could certainly be considered cheesy, and Taylor Swift’s Tearjerkers On My Guitar has some Knft sprinkled on it.

Perhaps the best thing to say is that while we might not be able to define cheesy love songs, most of us know them when we hear them. The list here has been put together based on opinions from all over UAH, and has cheesy classics mixed with more contemporary ditties.

Where To Eat Out For One or Two?

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Counting your change but don’t want to eat in this Valentine’s day? Try some of these restaurants suggested by our staff instead. Each one was chosen due to its uniqueness, family ownership or individualness compared to mainstream food chains you might have considered. Prices may vary, taxes and tip not included in these estimates.

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A Guide to a Successful Singles’ V-Day

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Amongst all the hoopla surrounding Valentine’s Day it is easy-to-forget the lesser known but equally contrived holiday that shares the same date: National Singles Awareness Day. For those not in a romantic relationship this time of year, February 14th can be used as an opportunity to paint the town with your single friends and commemorate your love for each other. Take advantage of the day and create your own National Singles Day holiday traditions this year.

Celebrate the greatest love of all, self-love, and treat yourself to a day of relaxation and rejuvenation. Book a spa day with your friends and indulge in treatments you wouldn’t normally get. The Day Spa at Paramount Place offers Valentine’s Day specials on everything from massages to pedicures. Many spas offer treatments catered to both genders; being a man does not mean you have to skip the pampering! If a spa trip is not in your budget get together with your friends and perform at home beauty treatments yourself. The Day Spa at Paramount Place offers Valentine’s Day specials on everything from massages to pedicures.

Celebrating the most romantic day of the year doesn’t have to include the traditional symbols of romance. While the restaurants are filled with couples, take the opportunity to to test your culinary skills and cook a dinner for your friends. Allorecipes.com has some great Valentine’s Day meal ideas and even includes how-to-videos. If you are not up for cooking a full meal, pick up some chocolate, strawberries, and champagne and pop in your favorite movie, as long as it is not a romantic comedy!

If all else fails, make it a girls or boys night out and hit up your favorite bars and clubs downtown. Go dancing, enjoy the music, order your favorite cocktail or mocktail, and toast the single life! The Day Spa at Paramount Place offers Valentine’s Day specials on everything from massages to pedicures. Many spas offer treatments catered to both genders; being a man does not mean you have to skip the pampering! If a spa trip is not in your budget get together with your friends and perform at home beauty treatments yourself. The Day Spa at Paramount Place offers Valentine’s Day specials on everything from massages to pedicures.

Love Blunders: What Not to do on Valentine’s Day

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Valentine’s Day is supposed to be the most romantic day of the year. It is a time to express your love and affection for that special person in your life. For those who ascribe to the ideals of this day there can be a lot of pressure to manufacture a perfect date. There are ten simple tips that can help keep you in her heart and out of the doghouse.

1. Don’t be an e-wimp: When asking someone to spend the day of love with you it is only appropriate to do it in person. If that is not possible a phone call is the next best option. Never request a Valentine’s Day date via text message, Facebook, IM, or any other impersonal electronic medium.

2. Don’t be a vague valentine: Whether you are asking out a new flame or making a date with a longtime love, make specific and definite plans so your date knows what to expect and when to be ready. If you want the date to be a surprise, let her know how formally she should dress and whether you will be indoors or outdoors.

3. Don’t be a party animal: Valentine’s Day is not the time to show your date your famous boozing skills. Doubles beer pong is not romantic. A one-on-one date will be much more appreciated.

4. Don’t be a dinner date dud: Traditional dinner and a movie dates have their place but Valentine’s Day should be special so get a little creative. The restaurants and theatres will be overcrowded anyways so take her to your favorite coffee shop, go to a live performance, or pack a picnic and enjoy the view from Monte Sano.

5. Don’t channel Merv the Perv: Crude jokes and sexual innuendo may get a laugh on most days but air on the side of caution and save it for a more casual occasion. Also, just because your date agreed to spend the special day with you doesn’t mean you have a free pass to let your hands wander anywhere they haven’t been before.

6. Don’t go overboard: KISS is not just what your love will give you after a great Valentine’s Day together. It is also a helpful reminder when planning a date: Keep It Simple Sweetie. Flowers, candy, jewelry, and candlelight are nice but don’t cave into the pressures to be extravagant. You don’t need to max out your student credit card to show someone a good time.

7. Don’t Propose: It is not necessary to make a grand romantic gesture just because it is Valentine’s Day, especially if it is not sincere. There is no need to make a relationship official, pull out the promise ring, or get down on one knee before you are ready. It may make the day more memorable but not in the way you were expecting.

8. Don’t spend your paycheck at Victoria’s Secret: Despite popular belief lingerie is not a romantic gift. Buying lingerie that fits and flatters is difficult enough for a woman to do for herself so you should not even attempt it; there is a dangerous potential for offense if you buy the wrong size or style. Plus, everyone knows that lingerie is more a gift for the giver than it is for the receiver.

9. Don’t be thoughtless: Unless she spends her weekends at the shooting range don’t take her to the gun show. If she can’t skate to save her life skip the ice rink. It sounds obvious but Valentine’s Day is not the time to drag your significant other to the monster truck rally you’ve been dying to see. Take your date into consideration and involve her in planning the day.

10. Don’t do nothing: Whether you buy into Valentine’s Day or not, don’t spend the day at home on the couch. Your boycott of the holiday will do nothing to dispel the sight of heart and cupid window displays and corny Hallmark commercials. Celebrate your love for the people in your life, with or without the giant teddy bear.

How to Start a Date 101

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During the Valentine Season, many people find themselves without a date or not knowing what to do with their date. This reporter would like to give a couple of hints as to what you could do on Valentine’s Day. A few questions that this article will answer are: How do you ask someone out for Valentine’s Day? What should you do if on a first date? Do you even know this person that you would like to ask out?

Now the most frustrating question for most readers is “How do you ask someone out for Valentine’s Day?” The secret is simple: men and women appreciate directness. Especially with dating, the best advice anyone can give you is to simply be direct and honest about your emotions, wants, and needs. Do not tip-toe around the point, just make it. With that said, find the time to just ask her out. If she’s with her friends, pull her aside. If you have class with her, stop her after the lecture. You do not have to wait to “get her by herself.” Step up and just do it. The same should be said for women as well. If you like him, just ask him out. It is not the end of the universe if he or she says no. However, it is suggested that you get to know the person before you put your full emotions on your sleeve. There truly is a world of opportunities out there for Valentine’s Day.

Now as for the date any number of possibilities exist. If it is a first date, meeting in a public place is not uncommon, for example meeting at a coffee shop. The mission is to “get to know” each other. If you do not know each other, you cannot have feelings for each other. Just remember the old phrase, “It takes two to tango.” This is true of love and many other things in life. If it’s a second date, picking her up for a nice dinner and a movie is very common. By the third date, you should know a little bit about the other. Figure out what hobbies each other have and involve her in planning the day.

Love Blunders: What Not to do on Valentine’s Day

1. Don’t be an e-wimp: When asking someone to spend the day of love with you it is only appropriate to do it in person. If that is not possible a phone call is the next best option. Never request a Valentine’s Day date via text message, Facebook, IM, or any other impersonal electronic medium.

2. Don’t be a vague valentine: Whether you are asking out a new flame or making a date with a longtime love, make specific and definite plans so your date knows what to expect and when to be ready. If you want the date to be a surprise, let her know how formally she should dress and whether you will be indoors or outdoors.

3. Don’t be a party animal: Valentine’s Day is not the time to show your date your famous boozing skills. Doubles beer pong is not romantic. A one-on-one date will be much more appreciated.

4. Don’t be a dinner date dud: Traditional dinner and a movie dates have their place but Valentine’s Day should be special so get a little creative. The restaurants and theatres will be overcrowded anyways so take her to your favorite coffee shop, go to a live performance, or pack a picnic and enjoy the view from Monte Sano.

5. Don’t channel Merv the Perv: Crude jokes and sexual innuendo may get a laugh on most days but air on the side of caution and save it for a more casual occasion. Also, just because your date agreed to spend the special day with you doesn’t mean you have a free pass to let your hands wander anywhere they haven’t been before.

6. Don’t go overboard: KISS is not just what your love will give you after a great Valentine’s Day together. It is also a helpful reminder when planning a date: Keep It Simple Sweetie. Flowers, candy, jewelry, and candlelight are nice but don’t cave into the pressures to be extravagant. You don’t need to max out your student credit card to show someone a good time.

7. Don’t Propose: It is not necessary to make a grand romantic gesture just because it is Valentine’s Day, especially if it is not sincere. There is no need to make a relationship official, pull out the promise ring, or get down on one knee before you are ready. It may make the day more memorable but not in the way you were expecting.

8. Don’t spend your paycheck at Victoria’s Secret: Despite popular belief lingerie is not a romantic gift. Buying lingerie that fits and flatters is difficult enough for a woman to do for herself so you should not even attempt it; there is a dangerous potential for offense if you buy the wrong size or style. Plus, everyone knows that lingerie is more a gift for the giver than it is for the receiver.

9. Don’t be thoughtless: Unless she spends her weekends at the shooting range don’t take her to the gun show. If she can’t skate to save her life skip the ice rink. It sounds obvious but Valentine’s Day is not the time to drag your significant other to the monster truck rally you’ve been dying to see. Take your date into consideration and involve her in planning the day.

10. Don’t do nothing: Whether you buy into Valentine’s Day or not, don’t spend the day at home on the couch. Your boycott of the holiday will do nothing to dispel the sight of heart and cupid window displays and corny Hallmark commercials. Celebrate your love for the people in your life, with or without the giant teddy bear.
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Tennis Starts February 15th

RAYMOND GILSTRAP  
Senior Sports Writer

This weekend, while couples are falling in love or celebrating their love on such a sacred holiday as St. Valentine's Day, saying things like "Will you be mine" or "I love you"—words that may or may not have true feelings behind them—the UAH tennis teams will be preparing for their season opening match against that "other" school from the local area.

On Sunday, February 15th the Chargers and Lady Chargers tennis teams will open their season at home against Alabama A&M. The last of the spring sports to commence, following track and field, baseball, and softball, the tennis teams will be looking to improve upon their last year's performance. The men's finished the 2008 season with a 4-11 record and no victories in Gulf South Conference (GSC) contests, while the women's team had a record of 6-12, along with a 1-4 record in GSC games.

Yngrid Alviz, a junior this season, led the Lady Chargers with 10 wins in singles play last season, receiving double-digit wins in the final match against the Martin Methodist Redhawks. Alviz was not only the leader in singles for the Lady Chargers, but also in doubles, winning nine games with her partner, Stacy Wetmore, who was a senior at the time.

This Sunday, Alviz will be the one to watch as the tennis teams take it to the court against the Bulldogs of Alabama A&M, starting at 1 pm.

CHARGER SPORTS CALENDAR

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Lady Chargers Vying for Ninth Championship

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Senior Sports Writer

In an impressive victory against Arkansas Tech in the Gulf South Conference (GSC) Championship game last season, the Lady Chargers softball team claimed their eighth GSC title. This year, they will be seeking to capture their ninth title and for the fifth straight season, they are the favorites to win it all.

At the end of January, the Lady Chargers received five out of six first place votes in the GSC East Division Poll, and is expected by coaches to dominate the east division and win the GSC championships this season. Going into the 2009 campaign, the Lady Chargers are also ranked 22 in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NPFCA) preseason poll.

“I don’t feel that it is motivating because a poll is a poll,” junior Krista Prater commented. "The preseason rankings will factor into the team’s overall play this season. “Polls don’t really matter.”

Continuing with preseason selections, six Lady Chargers softball players were chosen to represent UAH on the All-GSC team: Senior hurler Sage Woodham; juniors Prater, Krystal Johnson, and Beth Lawson; as well as sophomores Alex Lewis and Catrin Lee. Also, Whitney Hawkins and Kathryn Whitlock were named to the GSC Top Newcomers List. Hawkins is a transfer student from Wallace-Dolan Community College and brings versatility to the Lady Chargers squad as a utility player and pitcher. Whitlock is a freshman who is waiting to make an instant impact at the shortstop position for Ninth season.

Last year, the Lady Chargers had a magnificent record of 52-9, their season ending with a heart-breaking 1-0 loss to the University of Tampa in National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division II South Region tournament. This year the Lady Chargers will also be trying to advance farther in the NCAAs tournament and claim a national championship.

“All of the players want to win,” said Johnson, who unfortunately will be missing this season due to a knee injury but is supportive of her team nonetheless. "It's just a matter of coming together.”

The 2009 season begins for the Lady Chargers this Friday afternoon against Barry in a double-header match that is apart of University of West Florida Valentines Invitational tournament.

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The second of the spring sports team to get under way after Track and Field opened their season at the end of January, the UAH Chargers baseball team had a thrilling opening day, defeating Drury in two games. After opening the season with a 2-0 record, the Chargers faltered during the doubleheader games the next afternoon against Drury once again to bring their record to an even 2-2.

Last Saturday was opening day at Joe Davis Stadium, the complex that UAH shares with the Huntsville Stars minor league program. UAH batted, pitched, and fielded their way to a 7-6 and 4-2 victory in two close games against the Panthers.

In the second inning of the first game, UAH scored two quick runs on a double by junior centerfielder Jevon Pickett, who knocked home freshman Chris Parkman and senior left fielder Luke Putnam, who previously swiped second base to get into scoring position. The 2-0 lead that the Chargers had would last until the fifth inning when Drury would retaliate with three runs of their own. Then, in the bottom of the fifth inning, junior first baseman, Ryan McCrory, hit the game up with a solo blast to right field, belting his first homer of the young season.

The Panthers would go on to score three more runs in the sixth inning and when things were beginning to look dismal for the Chargers, the seventh inning brought a bizarre comeback. The old beanball reared its silly face as Parkman, junior Josh Bolan, and Putnam were all hit by pitches, which tied the score up once again. Then, a single by Pickett would bring home the go-ahead run, securing a win for the Chargers.

The second game was also a close game but not as strange as the first. A single from junior second baseman Nick Hackaby in the first inning would lead to two runs for UAH as sophomore third baseman Jordan Parker and senior right fielder George Washington scored on the base hit. The Panthers scored in the second and after the 2-1 lead for the Chargers endured until the sixth inning, McCrory jacked his second homerun in as many games to bring the score to 4-1. The Panthers would score another run in the next inning but it was not enough to stop the Chargers on opening day. Unable to thwart UAH in the first two games, something must have happened to the Panthers overnight or the following morning, because they came out the dugout firing on day two, defeating the Chargers 11-6 and 10-5. Despite the losses, UAH continued to receive brilliant play from Washington and Hackaby. Washington batted 3-for-4 in the first game and hit his first homerun on the year, while Hackaby had 3 runs batted in (RBI) in game two.

Trying to shake off the two losses, the next game for the Chargers was supposed to be an away game tonight Miles College but the game was postponed due to the possibility of inclement weather. With the cancellation of tonight’s game, the Chargers will be back in action at home this weekend with two afternoon doubleheaders against Kentucky Wesleyan.

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and Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dayton Cole, the head coach of the UAH hockey team, Cheryl Plaza, the Dean of Business Administration, and DeLois Smith, Vice President for Student Affairs. Fox 54 will be covering the Cook-Off.

If you think that your chili dish or side dish has what it takes to win, e-mail Professor Kristin Scroggin at KTS0001@uah.edu, call at 824-2303 or sign up in the Communication Arts office, located in room 342, Morton Hall. Chili can be submitted to the Cook-Off until February 17.

Drop-off will be from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on February 18. Participants must bring their own crock pot and serving spoon, and take their dishes with them when they leave. So if you are looking for an excellent meal and a chance to make new friends, be sure to attend!

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a bargain price—only 15 cents a paper. The expense, though the amount of papers seems excessive, only totaled $375. Originally, only students were able to obtain a paper, but by the second day, faculty and staff were allowed to purchase them for 15 cents.

Tallies held by the Information Desk staff suggest that at least 350 newspapers were distributed. Whether UAH students’ interest in history is minimal or Smith overestimated student demand, the numbers are a little disheartening.

Taralyn Caudle, Coordinator of Service Learning and Volunteer Services, is turning the oversight into something productive. She is taking the remaining papers to public school children in the Huntsville area. So far, the papers have been dropped off at University Place Elementary School, Terry Heights Elementary School, and Ed White Middle School. Other hopeful recipients include Girls Incorporated of Huntsville and the Boys and Girls Club of Huntsville/Madison County.

Caudle’s reasons for donating them to school children is that the event is historically significant and those students whose families do not read the newspaper now have the opportunity to read it.

Smith, too, is making efforts to distribute the remaining papers to residence halls. She hopes that students who had not heard about the inaugural gift will still be able to obtain their own piece of presidential history.

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certificate. A Facebook group has been created, and an email will be sent out to the entire student body if there are any further questions.

Finally, five new members were sworn into SGA on Monday night. They are Garrick Sams - Correspondent, Nicholas Slaton - College of Science Senator, Jeremiah House - College of Business Administration Senator, Austin Davidson - Special Events Coordinator, and Calvin Lomogin - Fresh Mosh Director. It will be interesting to see what these men bring to the table in regards to continuing to improve the core of SGA.
**GREEK SPEAK**

**ATΩ**

On January 30th, more than a dozen Alpha Tau Omega brothers descended on the Ice Plex to play broomball, a seasonal favorite sport. As brother Derrick O’Rear once said, “It’s not a real game of broomball if nobody goes to the hospital.” Unfortunately for this editor and his now-broken collarbone, that tradition continues.

ATΩ was proud to host a tailgating event on February 5th to boost morale for our UAH Chargers as they faced a tough match against Montevallo. The event began like any traditional tailgate outside of the ATΩ fraternity house, but the bitter winter air quickly drove everyone inside. After everyone had a chance to indulge on some 50-lb. wings, two monstrous boxes of chips, and two gallons of salsa, we voyaged across the street to Spragins Hall to cheer on the home team.

In the coming weeks, ATΩ is planning a Greek mixer with the Kappa Deltas, and on February 20th will host a “Black and White” themed party. Bring your student ID, dress up in black and white, and come have fun!

**ΑΦΑ & ΔΣΘ**

The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Ladies of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will be presenting LET’S TALK ABOUT SEX! An educational workshop concerning the hot topic of SEX with a diverse panel of men women who would like to hear from you and any questions you might have been afraid to ask. It will be held in the University Center room 127 at 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 11th, 2009.

**ΚΑΨ & BSA**

The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. & Black Student Association will be holding a workshop, SHADES OF BLACK. This event is intended to spread the awareness of common misconceptions and stereotypes held by the African American community. It will be held at 7:30pm on Thursday February 12th at the University Center room 127.

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