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OPINION BRIEFS

What do the following names have in common: Bruce Banner, Bruce Wayne, Clark Kent, Frank Castle and Elektra Natchios? They are all comic book characters and have been portrayed, good or bad, on the big screen. Growing up, my brother introduced me to everything delightfully nerdy. I was fascinated with comic books and graphic novels.

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ARTS & LEISURE BRIEFS

With tax season swinging into high gear, nearly everyone's mind is on money matters. For this week's featured student club, however, financial issues are more than just a matter of necessity. Beta Alpha Psi, formally known as the Financial Information Honor Society, is a blanket organization for students in accounting, management information systems and finance.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

The UAH baseball team trotted out on the field for its first-ever on-campus home-opener this past weekend and showed it was more than ready to begin the season by blasting Kentucky State in a double-header.

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Charging On: One Year Later

PIERRE NELSON
Staff Writer

Feb. 12, 2010. One single day changed our campus entirely, giving some students and faculty the realization that they had had a false sense of security while on campus. Many students were literally scared to come back to campus after Dr. Amy Bishop's alleged actions during a standard faculty meeting claimed the lives of three biology professors while critically injuring two biology professors and a staff assistant.

Our campus gained notorious national media coverage during our time of grief, giving the country a first-hand view of our pain, our three losses and our broken spirit. The following week, the administration decided to cancel school in order for pieces to come together and for questions to be promptly answered.

Volunteer crisis counselors from across the country came to UAH to assist those who were unable to cope with the tragedy. These professionals assisted students at other major shootings, such as the catastrophic Virginia Tech mass-

acre, as well as the Columbine High School shooting.

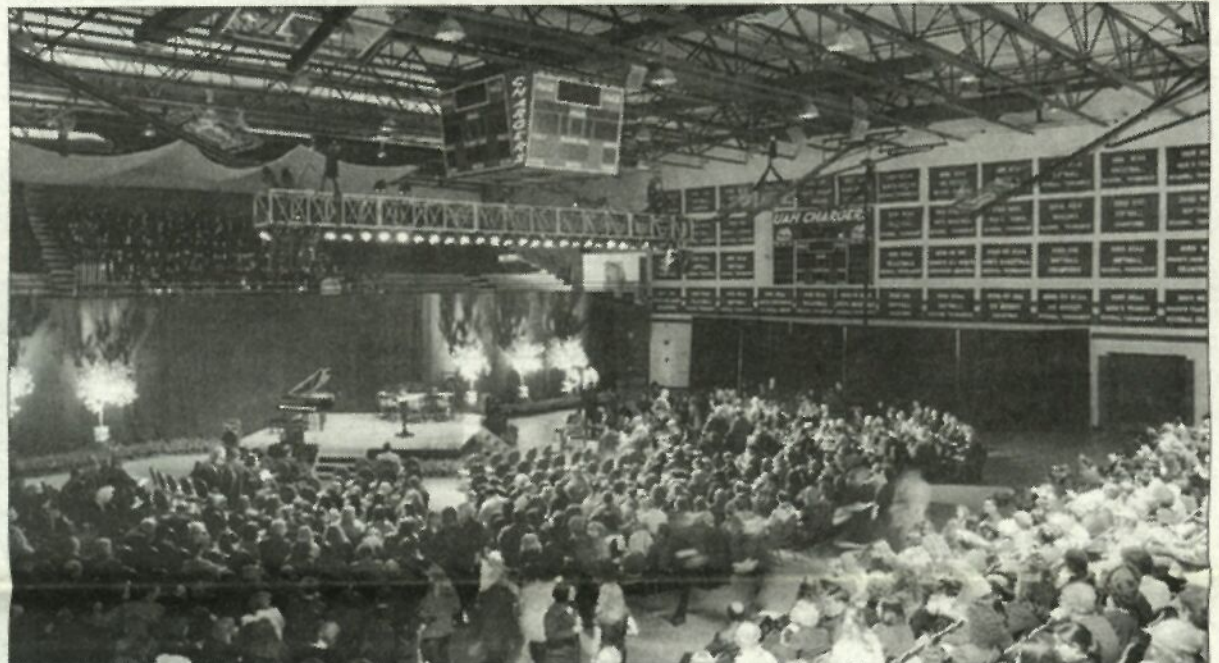
Immediately after the shooting, blue "Charge On" ribbon stickers appeared on many vehicles to honor the three biology professors who lost their lives on that day.

The most astounding fact is that our biology department will never be the same after our tragedy. The loss of Dr. Gopi Podila,

chairman of the biology department, will forever cripple the department. Drs. Maria Ragland Davis and Adriel Johnson Sr., two other biology professors who were killed instantly by the 9-millimeter handgun at point-blank range, exacerbated the problem. Unfortunately, the biology department was hurt the most.

Some may argue say that Bishop's

alleged behavior could have been prevented. A simple background check would have pulled up a resume that ranged from the accidental slaying of her brother to a domestic assault at a Massachusetts IHOP. Bishop's past raised a stream of red flags that our university failed to see, but nevertheless, we will forever "Charge On."



Victims of the shooting were honored at last year's memorial service.

UAH Provost Sued for Wrongful Deaths in Bishop Shooting

ASHLEY TROMBA
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Dr. Amy Bishop may not be the only one who could be held responsible for the shooting deaths at UAH last February. The UAH provost may also be held accountable for his alleged part in the shooting.

The families of Drs. Adriel D. Johnson Sr. and Maria Ragland Davis are filing wrongful death lawsuits against Bishop; her husband, James Anderson; and Dr. Vistap Karbhari, the UAH provost and executive vice president of Academic Affairs. The suit claims that Karbhari was well aware of Bishop's instability.

Prior to the shooting there were many complaints, concerns and petitions from students against Bishop. There were also numerous complaints cited from various members of the UAH faculty. The lawsuit blames the provost for not following appropriate procedures, not taking the complaints and concerns seriously and not dealing with Bishop accordingly.

The families assert that if the provost had acted appropriately and quickly, their family members could still be alive. The families hope that these

lawsuits will help change UAH's attitude and procedure for dealing with complaints and concerns in the future. It is hoped that no other families will have to suffer as they have had to suffer.

The university has issued a statement on behalf of Karbhari stating that UAH "does not agree that Dr. Karbhari, or anyone associated with the university, could have predicted or prevented this random act of violence. The university will vigorously defend this lawsuit and is confident that the outcome will exonerate Dr. Karbhari."

As the lawsuit progresses, the outcome still remains to be seen.



Photo courtesy of UAH

UAH to Host Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony Feb. 12

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Staff Writer

The UAH community extends an invitation to students, faculty and the public to attend an on-campus program entitled "Remembrance and Renewal" as an act of respect for the victims of last year's campus shooting. The event will take place Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. in Chan Auditorium, located in the Business Administration Building.

In addition to acting as a remembrance service for the three biology professors who lost their lives in the tragedy, its purpose is to symbolize a revitalization of the department of biological sciences at the one-year milestone since the incident.

The administration anticipates a substantial attendance, and news station crews from the major local networks are expected to be present. A number of students representing all departments within the university plan to honor the victims with their presence, but naturally, those affiliated with the biology department voiced a key interest in attending.

"I will attend the memorial service to show my support and commemorate the lives of those who were wounded and killed in

the tragic incidents," Nasiha Muna, a senior biology major, said.

For the UAH biology faculty, reflecting on the memories they have of the friends they lost a year ago at the ceremony will be bitter-sweet.

"The loss of my three colleagues has been very difficult for me," Lynn Boyd, a biology professor, said. "They continue to serve as an inspiration for me."

She went on to say that a new beginning for those in her department will be a difficult undertaking. "[Renewal] will be hard for many of us who still feel the loss quite acutely."

The administration and faculty strongly encourage those who have no prior engagements to take part in the program in remembrance of those we lost.

"We will always remember our fallen colleagues, the contributions they made to UAHuntsville and the impact that they had on the lives of many students over the years," President Dave Williams said. "The ceremony will not only honor them and preserve their legacy, but will also focus on renewal, which is what they would want us to do."

UAH Apollo Project Simulates Lunar Landing Module



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The mission statement of the UAH Apollo Project, a student organization to build the module from the 1960s that participated in the lunar landing, is "Design and fabricate our own Apollo Command Module flight simulator by Jan. 1, 2013." The project has an approximately \$55,000 budget.

The organization will build a full capsule enclosure, with four LCD panels running a simulation, 12 control panels, and three seats. Based on Apollo 11, UAH astronauts will be able to go through several Apollo mission profiles, everything from the launch to space through the landing.

The project consists of students who want hands-on experience in learning. They will design and construct an Apollo flight sim-

ulator, the one that NASA used to train the astronauts, and complete the physical modules as well as necessary programs.

"[The organization is] the largest single active student group on campus and growing," Zach Groff, the project lead, said. "We pride ourselves in our diversity, scope and the pure enjoyment of our project."

The second part of the project is the huge network it creates on the campus. The project has over 45 active members. With four-fifths of the university participating, from engineering majors to liberal arts majors, it is an interdisciplinary network that brings everyone to a single goal. It includes 20 faculty and staff members, as well as different programs that have awarded grants. But perhaps most impor-

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Opportunity to Study in Romania for Business Students

RACHEL PALAZZO
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Lately, UAH students may have noticed a table set up in the Business Administration Building with information pertaining to a certain Eastern European country. This table is being manned by Dr. James K. McCollum. For the past seven years McCollum has been taking a group of students to study business management in Romania.

The study abroad takes place at the Romanian-American University in Bucharest, Romania. Each student enrolled in the program will receive six credit hours in either business management 460/470 for undergraduate students (MGT 450 may be substituted for MGT 470) or management 570/650 for graduate students.

While in Romania the group will take a weekend trip to Transylvania to visit King Carol's summer palace in Sinaia and Dracu-

la's Castle (also known as Bran Castle). They will spend the night in the medieval city of Sibiu and will also visit cultural and business sites in Bucharest, such as the Casa Poporului Parliament building, which is the second largest building in the world after the Pentagon, the Patriarch's Church, the Romanian National Bank building and Romania's European Union headquarters.

In the classroom students will interact with Romanian students and managers in addition to their UAH peers. The classes will focus on the world economy, international trade and policies, European monetary policy, globalization, international business management, project management and organizational behavior.

The total price of the trip, which lasts from June 12 to June 25, comes to around \$4,000 per student. This price covers the cost of the Romanian-American Universi-

ty fees for hotel double occupancy, meals, ground transportation, and RAU instruction and classrooms. It also covers UAH tuition, airline travel to and from the country, and any other costs incurred.

To qualify for the trip one must have graduate or junior undergraduate standing. Non-business students are accepted as well as business students. Prior to departure, students must read one book on the list provided with the Romanian trip information handout and do a report on the selected book. Along with the book report, the student must attend four pre-departure orientation sessions.

Students interested in attending the trip should already have a passport or should obtain one as soon as possible. Enrollment for the program starts on April 4, 2011, at the Business Advisement Center (BAB 102).



Trip participants enjoying Romanian cuisine in 2008. Photo courtesy of Dr. James McCollum

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Theatre Club Presents Reading of New Play "Third Drawer from the Top"

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This Monday, the UAH chapter of the national theater society Alpha Psi Omega organized the first-ever performance of the play "Third Drawer from the Top."

The play reading was produced in conjunction with the university's theatre department and was filmed to be sent to the playwright Glyn Jones. It is possible that if the play is eventually published, the school's APO club will be acknowledged for its role in getting the play started.

This reading is the second attempt on the part of the APO to put together more laid-back theatre productions for students who might be interested in, but uncertain about, acting.

"We're always trying to get new people to come," play director and club President Megan Tomp-

kins said. "That's why we're trying to do more low-key stuff like this, so people who are nervous or don't want to commit to a major play can just come get to know everybody, get comfortable and maybe go on

"We're trying to set up a foundation that people can become a part of and grow from there."

~ Dominic Desta

to do bigger plays."

The play itself feels something like a sitcom. An older man comes to visit his younger girlfriend and attempts to get along in an apartment full of college-aged kids.

Tompkins feels that the play was particularly suited to the club's goals because it is so easy to enjoy. "With [the club's last reading] the

audience really couldn't connect at all," she said. "With this one, I wanted to do something that was a little closer to home. Any college kid can sit down and get it."

Being accessible to anyone interested in acting is one of the most important goals of the APO. Tompkins stressed the relaxed way in which she approached the direction for "Third Drawer from the Top."

"It's meant to be fun," she said. "It's not really helpful in any sort of artistic endeavor to control people. In acting, if it's unnatural, then it's not good."

Assistant Director and APO club Secretary Dominic Desta also feels the readings the club puts on are important contributions to the growing theatre program here at UAH.

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Forgot About Valentine's Day? Two Great Ideas to Save the Day

GARY FRAZIER
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Welcome to February, Chargers. It is an exciting month, packed with grand distinctions, such as being Black History Month, having Presidents' Day, and also being the month in which TBS plays "Groundhog Day" so many times you feel like you're reliving the same day over and over.

But needless to say, the most important holiday of the month, as demonstrated by the myriad pink and red chocolate boxes in the local grocery store since Dec. 26, is Valentine's Day. I believe the day was originally made to commemorate the death of a saint, or a naked, winged archer boy, or something like that.

But as we all know, the holiday is very different now. Now, of course, Valentine's Day is joyfully celebrated as the day that most guys frantically realize that they forgot to do something for Valentine's Day. Oh sure, we all have a friend or two who likes to show off by planning some elaborate hand-made gift, writing his girlfriend a love poem or painting her a life-sized portrait of the two of them. Unfortunately, chances are if you're reading a campus newspaper for dating advice, this doesn't describe you.

If you're like most guys at UAH, you will wake up on Feb. 14 at around 2 p.m. and realize that once again this year you've done absolutely no planning. You will then frantically slip on some shoes, throw on a coat, and speed to Target, hoping to buy the last half-dozen roses and \$5 worth of Russell Stover's Truffles. This will not impress anyone.

But just because you didn't spend three months planning the perfect gift doesn't mean you can't come up with something on the fly that still gives the [italics]appearance of effort[/italics]. Here are two of my best ideas, time-tested and guaranteed to work

100 percent of the time, or at least 60 percent of the time: That over-achiever boyfriend I mentioned above was on to something, but he went about it all wrong. Girls like reading personalized messages. The only problem is, personalization takes time. Lots of it.

Lucky, the fine folks at Dove chocolate have already done most of the work for you. Now most guys don't know this, but those heart-shaped Dove chocolates that girls love are your secret weapon. The insides of the foils are full of inspirational girl-power type phrases—for example, "Girl, you look beautiful right now," or "Girl, you're so confident," or "Girl, eat some more Dove chocolates, you deserve it." You probably see where I'm going with this already. Simply buy a bag of Dove chocolates, read all the inside wrappers, and copy the phrases onto small sheets of red or pink paper. You may also want to customize them a bit to say your lady's name, but give the letters to her one at a time throughout the day, and she'll think you spent weeks working on them.

Women love when guys cook. Although many girls are decent cooks, they're usually surprised to see their boyfriends make anything more difficult than Kraft Macaroni and Cheese (don't worry, we won't do that here). Chances are, you probably spend the majority of the time watching ESPN or playing Black Ops or the like.

Don't fret! A home-cooked meal is a lot simpler than you probably think. Start by going to the freezer aisle of your favorite grocery store. The brand you're looking for is Bertolli, makers of fine stir-fry pastas. Next, pick up some Sister Schubert Brown and Serve Rolls. Fifteen minutes before your significant other walks in the door, pop the rolls in the oven, then throw the pasta in a bowl and stir it every once in a while, being careful to dispose of any evidence

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2011 Sees Movies Based on Comic Books

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What do the following names have in common: Bruce Banner, Bruce Wayne, Clark Kent, Frank Castle and Elektra Natchios? They are all comic book characters and have been portrayed, good or bad, on the big screen. Growing up, my brother introduced me to everything delightfully nerdy. I was fascinated with comic books and graphic novels.

That is why I enjoy watching nearly every movie adaptation to see the director's, producer's, and actors' takes on the comic and story. Some titles that I am especially interested in seeing this year are "Green Lantern," "Captain America: The First Avenger," "X-Men: First Class," and "Thor." As long as these movies do not follow the typical Hollywood formula for disaster, there is hope for great success.

"Iron Man" and "The Dark Knight" are the two most recent examples of adaptations done correctly. They had great casts with actors who personified the heroes, appropriate screenwriting to fit the personality and setting of the original comic, campy costumes kept to a minimum while still pulling them off, and a lack of hot actresses thrown into the mix for the sake of distraction from the film's flaws.

That is the formula that every comic book movie should follow. According to the formula, "Green Lantern" and "Thor" appear to be the best bets in the group above. Let's break them down:

First of all, Hollywood did right by casting Chris Hemsworth as the title character in "Thor." He is an established actor, but not as widely known as someone like Ryan Reynolds. A fresh face for a major role usually means that he or she won that part with talent alone, and good looks were just a bonus.

Next, judging by the trailer and stills from the movie, the outfits were not taken too literally, as to avoid a campy look. Thor's costume still resembles the comic

version, but isn't as brightly colored. As for the rest of the Nordic costumes and scenery, everything looks stunning. Fans will definitely appreciate the art.

From the trailer alone, I cannot give a clear synopsis of what the plot will be. It appears to follow the comic series: Thor is cast down to Earth and forced to live among humans as punishment for his arrogant ways. Of course, conflict comes in the form of other-worldly enemies, and Thor rises to the battle for his new world.

Now, on to "Green Lantern." Ryan Reynolds is an interesting choice for Hal Jordan, because he will also be starring in the Deadpool adaptation, set to come out in 2012. I am not sure how it will work to have the same actor play two very popular characters in different universes. Still, Reynolds has acting range, so this should not be an issue.

What could be an issue are the computer-generated Green Lantern Corps' outfits. True, you cannot have the Green Lanterns without their signature bright green, but Hollywood has had a bad history with taking costumes too literally. Still, if it worked for "Iron Man," it can work for "Green Lantern." At least the planet of Oa, headquarters of the GL Corps, is equally fantastical-looking and resembles a futuristic Emerald City.

The trailer and online synopsis from IMDB.com reveal a plot in which Hal Jordan masters his new powers from a mystical ring given to him by another Green Lantern. If he can master those powers, then he might be the key to defeating the enemy, Parallax, who threatens to disrupt balance in the universe.

Well, there you have it: a breakdown of two of the most-anticipated comic-book films of the year. Both follow the formula for success and hopefully will not disappoint in theaters.

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tantly, it is a large-scale application of the degrees that students are working on simultaneously and perhaps their first experience of large team collaboration.

"We are learning, building professional networks, and gaining valuable experience in our fields without the pressure of internships," Aluda Saliashvili, assistant project lead, said. "And above all, we are having fun building a serious end product that will benefit our university."

The Honors Program, SGA and M&S Company have all awarded grants. The business group of the project is further working on major funding from large companies in the area.

The Apollo Project replication, or the whole mission which brought man to the moon, was conceived in the fall of 2009 by Zach Groff, a graduate student who also has his own company.

"The UAH Apollo Project stemmed from a lunch conversation for building a flight simulator," Groff said.

The project provides updates and documents the goals and progress of the project through their website. The first milestone approaches on March 1, at which point they will have the First Panel Demo. The project groups include Management, HR, Risk Management and Analysis, Computer Science, and Electrical and Computer Engineering.

The members of the project also share social events, such as a dinner at President Williams' house.

The UAH Apollo Project benefits the individual as well as the university and recruits continuously.

"We are looking for strong, self-motivated, upperclassmen students," Groff said. "Major is not important, only interest and experience or knowledge."

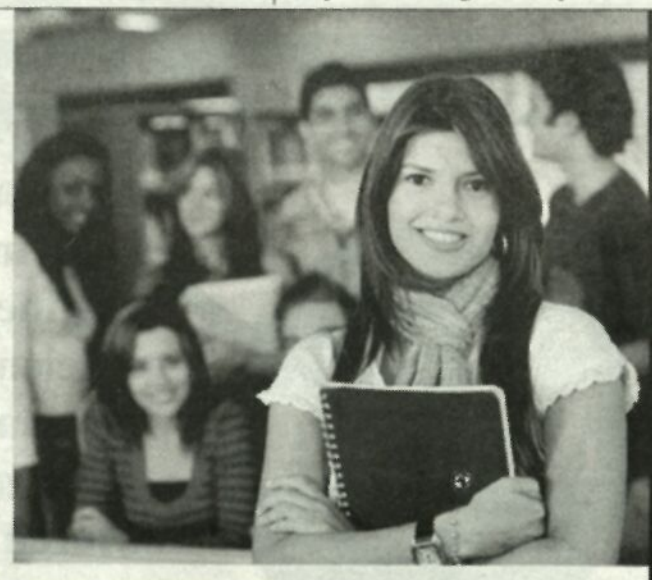
As Kacey Tyra said, "It is important for students to see what other students are capable of—it can influence them to do things they never thought were possible."

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Event Calendar

Feb. 11

- New Music Festival, in conjunction with the Huntsville Chamber Music Guild, presents the Jack Quartet. The show will be held at the Trinity United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m.
- Crossfade with special guest Within Reason perform at Crossroads Music Hall. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the show starts at 10 p.m. Ages 19+. Tickets are \$12.
- Pretty Things Peepshow, a vintage burlesque and sideshow act, comes to the Flying Monkey. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the show starts at 9 p.m. Admission is \$15.
- The Salmon Library is holding a Coffeehouse Writers series at the library. It features local writers reading their work. Featured writers are Susan Luther, Rosemary McMahan, Margaret Vann, Erin Reid, Debbie West, Rose Norman and Evelyn Hurley. It starts at 4 p.m.
- The Huntsville Havoc plays Mississippi at the Von Braun Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$12.

Feb. 12

- Phil Weaver performs a Valentine's Day concert at the Flying Monkey. The show starts at 8 p.m.
- The Huntsville Havoc play Fayetteville at the Von Braun Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. General admission is \$12.

Feb. 13

- Roberts Recital Hall is holding the Jazz Concert "Watters-Felts Project" with Ken Watters and Ingrid Felts. The show starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Feb. 14

- Burritt on the Mountain is holding a Valentine's Evening from 5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person.

Feb. 16

- The North Alabama Society of the Archaeological Institute of America presents the lecture "Art of Gandhara: Indo-Mediterranean Trade and New Buddhist Imagery," by Dr. Kurt Behrendt. The event starts at 7:30 p.m. in Wilson Hall room 001.
- ACE presents Maria Falzone in "SEX RULES" in the UC Exhibit Hall. The show starts at 9 p.m.

Feb. 17

- The North Alabama Society of the Archaeological Institute of America presents the lecture "India and Tibet: Cultural Interactions and the Spread of Buddhism," by Dr. Kurt Behrendt. The event starts at 12:45 p.m. in Wilson Hall room 168.
- Liberty in Embers and the Timebombs will perform at Crossroads Music Hall. Doors open at 8 p.m., and the show starts at 10 p.m.
- Jonathan Richman and Tommy Larkins perform at the Flying Monkey. The show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$12.

Charger Chic: Irene Georgiou

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"Fashion is a way to express your personality; it is a characteristic," Irene Georgiou, an acquisitions management major, said. The essentials of an outfit from the bottom up are as follows:

Shoes: something comfortable and easy to work with. Boots are the winter staple. Georgiou has brown boots on, an alternative to suede.

Jeans: When it comes to boots, go with the skinny. Jeans can be any color too, just make sure that it complements the outfit and isn't the center of it.

Shirt: It's all about simplicity and clean look. Solid white works here perfectly, especially the colors it's a background to.

Jacket: Knitted jackets should never be underrated; they are their own style. So laid-back and lay-

ered, the lack of shape makes it go with everything.

Accessories: Once upon a time they were gone, then they came back, and everyone had multiples of everything. But if you have one from a market in El Salvador that has multiple-colored beads everywhere, then you should put it on, no matter what.

Purse: All girls have them, and to be honest, it's a necessity. Even with just a wallet and keys, you can't really stuff them in your jeans pocket. People can get creative on choosing them. Irene's bag's got a style; it has a traveler's feel as someone who's seen a lot of the world, including Brazil and Greece. It's down-to-earth and has an earthy feel, especially paired with the necklace.

Hair: great cascading tresses for Irene, or short spunky hair for fun.

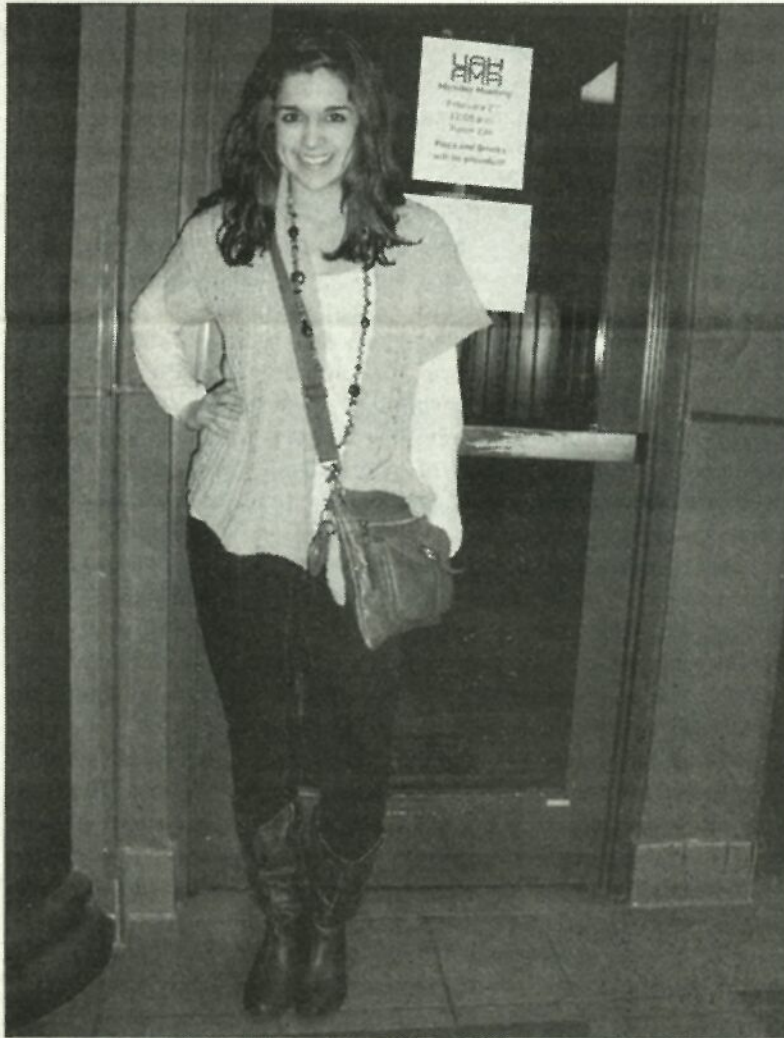


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Local Writers to Read Their Work Over Coffee

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The UAH Women's Studies Program and the Salmon Library will host the first Coffeehouse Writers Series event starting this Feb. 11 at 4 p.m. in the Salmon Art Gallery just next to Jazzman's Coffee Shop.

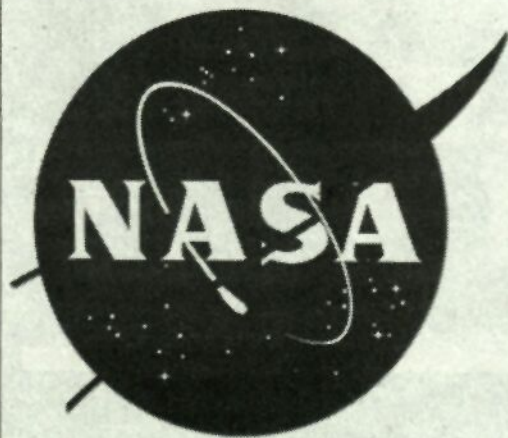
The series aims to provide a forum for local authors and poets to read and share their work with the community. Friday's event will feature the Coweeta Poets: Susan Luther, Rosemary McMahan, Margaret Vann, Erin Reid, Debbie West, Rose Norman, and Evelyn Hurley. The group got started in the 1990s at a retreat near Franklin, N.C., on the porch over Coweeta Creek. They will be reading from their new book, "Something More Solid Than Earth."

The series will continue on Feb. 22 at 6 p.m. with a program called "She Speaks," featuring poetry by Ruth Braswell, Katina Walton, Symonia Montgomery, Shawana Ariel, La'Shea Monique Johnson and Caneeka Miller. Johnson has a new book entitled "Paradigm: Poetry Through Life Lessons." Miller, whose work will be featured, also has a new book of poems, "Smear Eyeliner & Faded Lipstick."

On March 8, at 7 p.m., the series will celebrate International Women's Day with readings by the local writing group BWFFs: Susan Gorrell, Erin Reid, Susan Phelan, Kathie Butler, Marylyn Coffey, Heather Kilgore, Betty Clemens, Sandra Shattuck and Bee Barbara.

The Coffeehouse Writers series will continue throughout the semester, ending in late April.

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Honor Society Tau Beta Pi Active On and Off Campus

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The UAH chapter of Tau Beta Pi kicks off the spring semester with a spirit of activity and enthusiasm. Members of the engineering honor society have kept themselves busy conducting a blood drive, inducting new members and planning community projects.

Every semester, UAH's own Alabama Delta chapter of Tau Beta Pi organizes a Red Cross blood drive at the University Center. This spring the chapter is hosting two drives, the first of which took place Jan. 20. Nine members of the society volunteered their time throughout the day recruiting and orienting donors. They had a terrific turnout, and at the end of the day, 37 units of blood were collected and shipped off to help stock the national blood bank.

Tau Beta Pi has a strong vision of community service, and the UAH chapter is taking that mission very seriously this semester. In particular, they are working with local high schools to help support students' performance in technical subjects through the MindSET program.

Through this initiative, Tau Beta Pi members emphasize learning and career building in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. They lead hands-on

interactive modules, hold teacher training sessions, and inform parents about students' needs in these subject areas. At the first chapter meeting of the semester, the president appointed a six-member committee to set in motion and direct a local MindSET initiative.

In addition to actively serving UAH and the surrounding community, Tau Beta Pi recently inducted 18 new members. These students are among the best and brightest in the UAH college of engineering.

Invitation to join Tau Beta Pi is a great honor for these students, as the eligibility requirements are considerably strict. Undergraduate students must be in the top eighth of their junior class or top fifth of their senior class. Graduates who are in the top fifth of their class or who have made a significant contribution to the engineering profession also qualify for membership.

Founded in 1885 at Lehigh University, Penn., Tau Beta Pi is the second-oldest honor society in the nation. Its purpose is to recognize distinguished students majoring in the engineering disciplines and to foster an interest in pursuing careers in these fields. In 1980, UAH became the fourth university in Alabama to install a chapter and has inducted over 10,000 members since then.

Current faculty advisors are Dr. Don Wallace (mechanical and



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aerospace engineering) and Dr. Julie Fortune (industrial and systems engineering).

More information can be found at www.tbp.org and on the UAH chapter website, sites.google.com/site/taubetapiald.

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Are there experiences you've had on campus that can't faithfully be described as tasteful? Have you done something on campus that didn't quite fit into the parameters of legality? If you have answered yes to either, or both, of these questions, there is no need to fret—you have simply become part of a growing minority of students on campus. As many of you already know, the best part about these experiences are the stories that live on long after the event has taken

place. The only problem with telling these stories on a large scale is the possible backlash. Luckily, there is now an anonymous outlet for these stories to be shared with the public.

Dirty Laundry is a display of events that have happened on campus. Those who wish to submit their stories will be anonymous so that they can avoid any repercussions that could arise from their actions in said stories. This is the place to air out your dirty laundry so that everybody else can take a whiff.

The UFC Poo—Towel
Submitted By - Anonymous

Time - 12:30 p.m. Place - The University Fitness Center

I came in after my normal routine of morning classes and a sandwich for lunch, planning on simply changing into my gym clothes and lifting with my buddy. Little did I know that my intestines had their own agenda. So after I'd laced up my running shoes, grabbed my hand towel and neared the doors, I got that feeling and made a beeline toward the stalls. . . . [Then] I looked to my right and quickly learned that I chose the stall with no toilet paper! So there I sat, forced to make a quick decision—shout for help or use the lovely, soft UFC towel that they lend you at the front as my toilet paper. I think you can guess which option I picked. The UFC towel did the job, and I was glad the cleaning guy wasn't making his rounds as I threw it in the trash on my way out.

Club Highlight: Beta Alpha Psi

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With tax season swinging into high gear, nearly everyone's mind is on money matters. For this week's featured student club, however, financial issues are more than just a matter of necessity.

Beta Alpha Psi, formerly known as the Financial Information Honor Society, is a blanket organization for students in accounting, management information systems and finance. The club sponsors the IRS' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program, the on-campus branch of which is focused strongly on our international students. In addition, BAP works hand-in-hand with SaveFirst, an organization that provides tax assistance to low-income Alabama families.

Although focused on the college of business administration, the club holds monthly to bi-monthly meetings that are open to students of any major, during which professionals in our community speak on a variety of financial and business topics. It's a chance for interested students to establish local points of contact within the business world.

Benjamin Singleton, current president of Beta Alpha Psi, knows exactly how important those points of contact can become. "We don't help find jobs, but we do help make connections," he said.

In addition to its monthly



Faculty and students network at a Meet the Firm event. Photo courtesy of UAH Beta Alpha Psi

meetings, BAP holds members-only field trips each semester. Last year, the club visited ADTRAN. This semester's field trip venue has yet to be determined, but aside from their being a chance to socialize away from campus, these trips have in the past led to new connections and opportunities for aspiring accountants and financiers.

For more information about Beta Alpha Psi, check the club board located under the stairs in the Business Administration Building. The application for membership is available at www.mis.uah.edu/bap, and Singleton encourages students to contact him directly at bhs0003@uah.edu.

Those interested can also attend the next open meeting on Feb. 23 in the Business Administration Building room 121. Aside from the free pizza and drinks, the meeting will be an opportunity to see what Beta Alpha Psi has to offer and will feature a presentation by the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants' Young CPAs.

"It's a good educational experience for anyone who's interested in hearing [about it]," Singleton

said.

The UAH chapter of Beta Alpha Psi has been chartered with the national society since 1997. Beyond uniting financial information students and professionals, the ultimate objective of BAP is to encourage a sense of ethical, social and public responsibility. That's something that Singleton has experienced firsthand through his involvement with the club.

"[The] campus is changing," he said, "And [students] are the ones changing it."

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part of and grow from there," he said. "People who are interested in acting can get some pointers from people who direct and learn about acting and the theatre itself."

Both Tompkins and Desta agree that acting is a useful talent to have, regardless of what career students plan to pursue.

"It is useful," Desta said. "Acting is used in everyday life, especially in business deals. If you have to deal with people then you need to know how to act."

Students interested in becoming involved with the APO are encouraged to contact Tompkins at meganktompkins@gmail.com. Students can get on the APO mailing list, which keeps members up-to-date on audition calls, meetings and other club events.

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that the meal wasn't made from scratch. With any luck, by the time she gets home she'll applaud you for trying and take over from there (if you're not so lucky, just try not to let anything burn).

So there they are. Two sure-fire, great Valentine's Day ideas.* Remember, it's always best to do things in advance. But like my grandfather always says, "If you're lazy, you can always just cheat."

*This is statement is the opinion of the author, and does not necessarily reflect the views of The Exponent

CHARGER SPORTS SCORES

Ice Hockey Record 4-24-2

January 28
Nebraska-Omaha
Chargers 4
0

January 29
Nebraska-Omaha
Chargers 1
2

Men's Basketball Record 21-2 GSC 8-0

January 20
West Georgia
Chargers 58
72

January 22
West Alabama
Chargers 49
69

January 27
Lambuth
Chargers 74
76

February 3
North Alabama
Chargers 61
81

February 5
West Florida
Chargers 64
77

February 7
Valdosta
Chargers 64
82

Women's Basketball Record 10-11 GSC 5-3

January 8
Oakland City
Chargers 76
82

January 13
West Florida
Chargers 71
77

January 15
Valdosta
Chargers 62
56

February 3
North Alabama
Chargers 84
66

February 5
West Florida
Chargers 77
81

February 7
Valdosta
Chargers 65
69

Baseball Record 2-0 GSC 0-0

February 5
Kentucky State
Chargers 3
24

February 5
Kentucky State
Chargers 0
12

Charger Baseball Begins Season with a Bang with Double-Header Victory

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The UAH baseball team trotted out on the field for its first-ever on-campus home-opener this past weekend and showed it was more than ready to begin the season by blasting Kentucky State in a double-header.

The Chargers jumped out to a 13-1 lead by the end of the fourth inning and never looked back. Thanks to an offensive explosion of seven runs in the fourth and nine in the sixth, the Chargers ended the seven-inning affair in a blow-out 24-3 victory. The Chargers were only two short of the school's all-time record for hits in a game (27). Four Chargers had five hits: junior left fielder Mike Love, senior third baseman Jordan Parker, junior second baseman Joe McKinney and junior first baseman Grant DeBruin.

It was the defense's turn to dominate in the second game.

UAH chalked up seven runs by the end of the second and was able to cruise through the rest of the contest. The Chargers' pitching staff held Kentucky State to only one hit and struck out 15. Senior Dustin Bryant led the way with no hits and eight strikeouts during his four innings of work.

A ceremony to honor former pitcher Matt Jansen was scheduled to take place before the games, but was postponed due to travel difficulties for Jansen's family. The ceremony has been rescheduled to a later date. Jansen was killed in a tragic hunting accident last year. He was an Academic-All American, 2002 All-Gulf South Conference and All-South Central Region selection, and a vital part of the Chargers 2001 GSC Championship team.

UAH remains at home this Friday in a double-header against Martin Methodist starting at 11 a.m. Conference play begins March 5 at home against West Georgia.

Chargers Softball Loaded with Preseason Honors in the GSC



Photos courtesy of UAH Athletics

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

The UAH softball team is getting ready to gear up for the 2011 season with several awards and honors.

Senior catcher Krystal Johnson, senior outfielder Emily Roach and junior Kelli Long have all been named to the 2011 Preseason All-Gulf South Conference squad. All three were 2010 All-GSC picks as well, with Johnson and Long named to the first team. UAH is one of four schools (Valdosta State, North Alabama and West Alabama) with three players selected for the team.

UAH also enters the season in a two-way tie with Valdosta State in the GSC Coaches' East Division preseason poll. The Lady Blazers edged out the Lady Chargers by one vote for the Overall Champions pick. UAH is also ranked No. 10 in the nation in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II Preseason Top 25 poll. Valdosta State sits atop the poll despite only two first-place votes.

The Lady Chargers entered last year as the preseason No. 1 and hands-down favorite to win the GSC. Despite injuries and preseason adversities, the women were able to come together and put together another stellar season, finishing 41-12 and remaining in the top 25 throughout the entire year. Head coach Les Stuedeman achieved a career milestone by

picking up career win number 700 and once again was named GSC East Division Coach of the Year. UAH also had seven members named to the All-GSC team, including returnees Krystal Johnson, Kelli Long, Abby MacKay and Emily Roach.

UAH begins the season in the Decatur Softball Chillout hosted just down the road at the Wilson-Morgan Softball Complex Feb. 18-20. There will be a lot of talent showcased during this tournament, including No. 2 West Georgia, No. 5 Wayne State and No. 17 Arkansas-Monticello. The home-opener for the Chargers is a week later against Indianapolis Feb. 27 at 1 p.m.

Conference play kicks off for the Chargers March 11 at West Georgia before UAH participates in the North Georgia Tournament March 12-13. The team returns home March 15 to begin a five-game home stand, including the potentially huge matchup against Valdosta State.

It is expected to be an exciting battle between UAH and VSU throughout the season as they fight for the top spot in the East Division. The 2010 GSC West Champions No. 17 Arkansas-Monticello also competes for the GSC crown; the team earned its first-ever national ranking after a record-setting season last year. Ouachita Baptist also received a first-place vote in the West Division poll.

CHARGER SPORTS CALENDAR

Ice Hockey Record 4-24-2

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

Men's Basketball Record 21-2 GSC 8-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
February 12	West Alabama	Away	4:00 p.m.
February 17	West Georgia	Away	6:00 p.m.

Women's Basketball Record 10-11 GSC 5-3

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
February 12	West Alabama	Away	2:00 p.m.
February 17	West Georgia	Away	4:00 p.m.

Baseball Record 2-0 GSC 0-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
February 11	Martin Methodist	Home	11:00 a.m.
February 12	Concordia	Home	11:00 a.m.
February 15	Lincoln Methodist	Away	12:00 p.m.

Softball Record 0-0 GSC 0-0

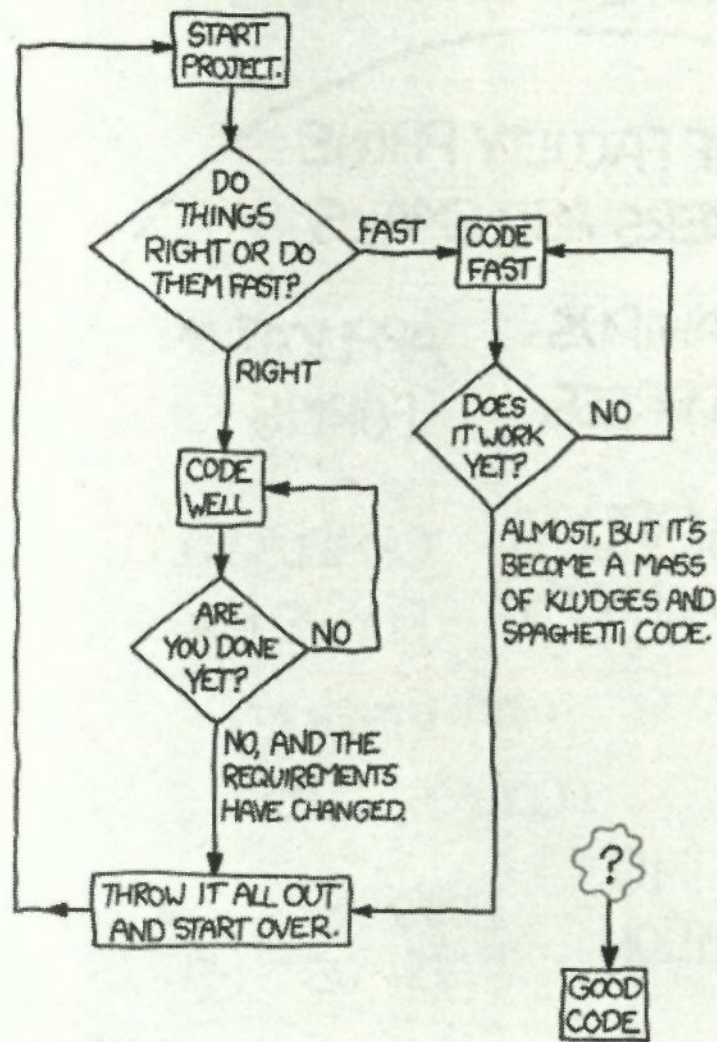
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February 18	Kentucky Wesleyan	Away	12:30 p.m.
February 18	Northern Kentucky	Away	2:30 p.m.
February 19	Augusta State	Away	12:30 p.m.

Track and Field

Date	Event
February 11	Indiana Hoosier Hills Invite

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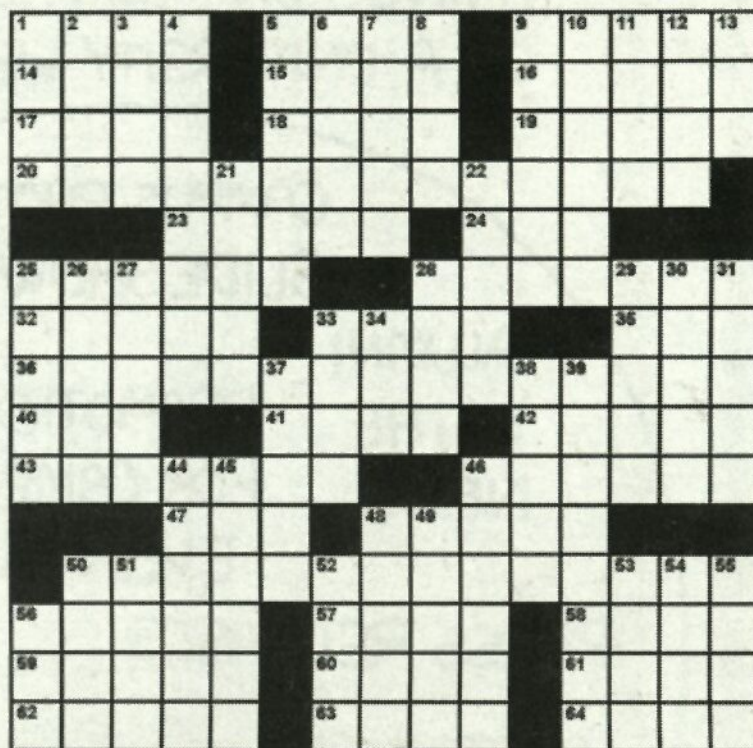
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Across

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5. Man, for one
9. Sports car feature
14. Centers
15. Mideast canal
16. From the top
17. Transgressions
18. *Lion King* villain
19. Singer Patsy
20. A sign that makes shopper's nervous
23. Olympic blades
24. It can be pale
25. Gem units
28. Barren
32. Wombs
33. Game name
35. Dover is its cap.
36. Highway worker's sign
40. Wrap up
41. Vegas numbers
42. Desist
43. Paraphrase
46. Queequeg, for one
47. Army unit?
48. Sounded content
50. A sign for the kiddos
56. Plaid alternative
57. Continental capital
58. Always
59. Give a keynote
60. On
61. Hawaiian root
62. Jerry or Jerry Lee
63. Morning moistures
64. Pre-cable woe

Down

1. Too
2. Slay
3. Teenager concern
4. Got it wrong
5. Forum topics
6. Sweetener, in Paris
7. Springs



8. Old Testament Book
9. Fishing gear
10. Harder on the eyes
11. Picnic concern
12. First name in crooning
13. *U2* hit
21. Some nerve
22. Like most movies
25. Good doctor
26. Make amends
27. Analyzes
28. Seeks damages
29. Perfect
30. Pad paper?
31. Respected one
33. Something cracked?
34. If you drop it, you may trip
37. Numbers game
38. Feels sore
39. Airline offerings
44. Exotic vacation spot
45. Some terminals
46. Cousin of "uh-oh"
48. Less than right?
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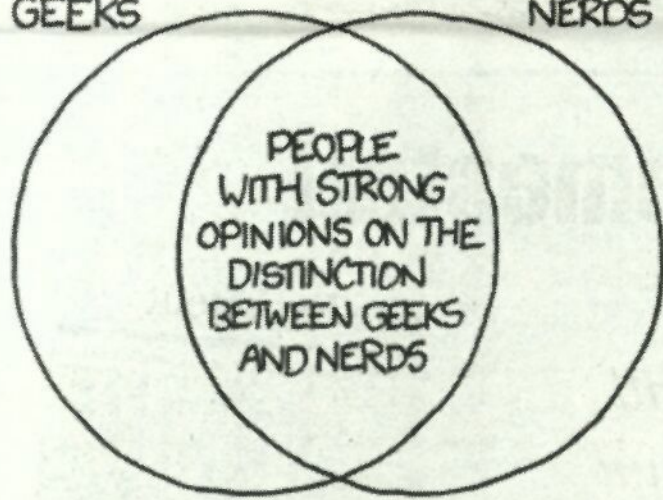
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The first sign of maturity is the discovery that the volume knob also turns to the left.

... Jerry M. Wright

GEEKS

NERDS



Sudoku

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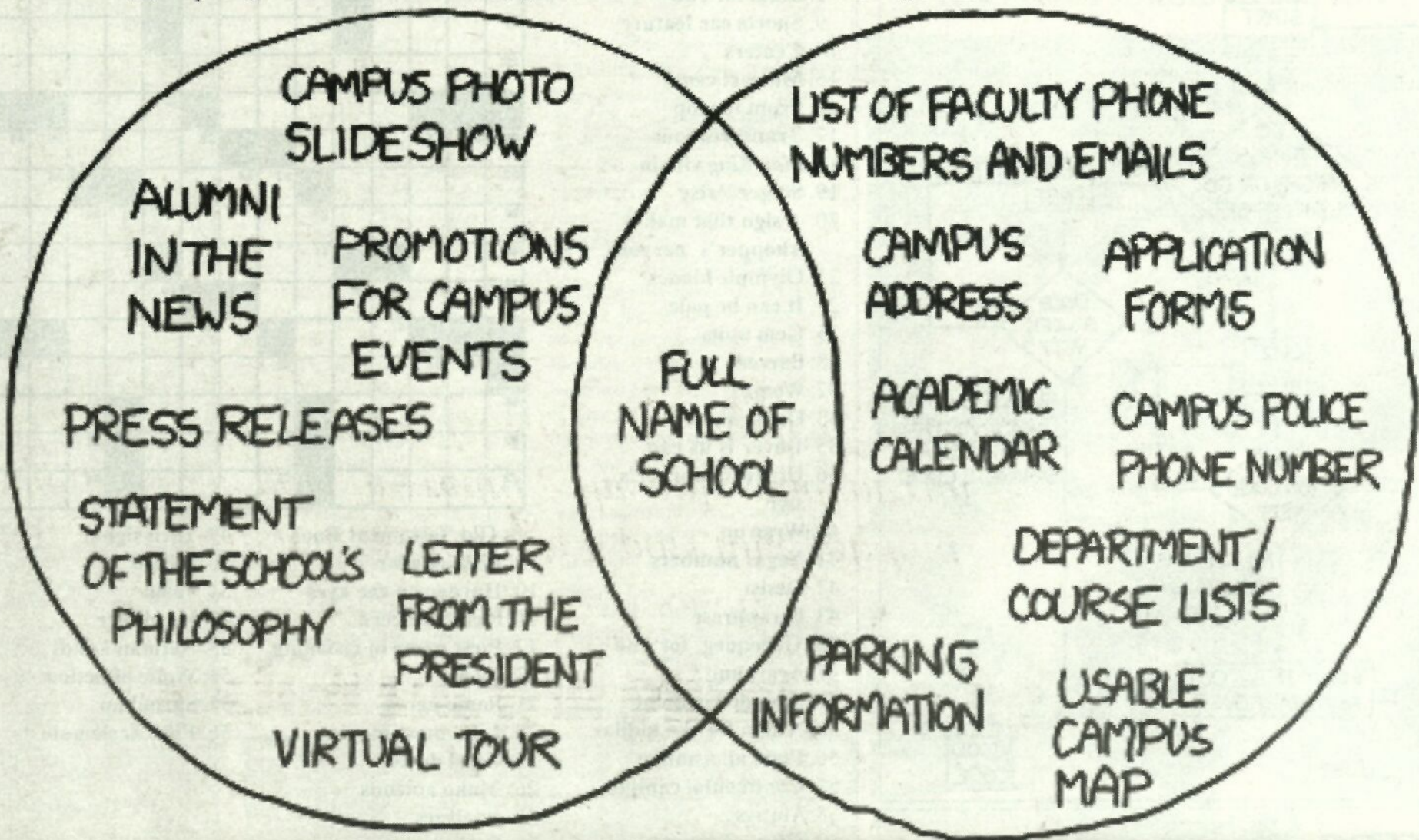
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