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UAH civil engineers win southeastern regional title

The UAH civil engineering team paddled its concrete canoe, "Fastrack," to victory on Saturday, April 4, giving UAH the overall championship at the American Society of Civil Engineers' Southeast Regional Conference in Tampa.

UAH, the defending champion, has won the title in four of the last five years. The team from the University of Florida finished second in the overall competition. As regional champion, the UAH team qualifies for the national concrete canoe championships in Fort Collins, Colo., in June.

The team went into the canoe races in fifth place in the overall competition. The UAH paddlers swept all five student races and finished second in the faculty sprint, giving the Chargers the canoeing and overall championships.

The canoeing effort was anchored by John Murphy and Bernardo Batong, who paddled to victories in men's sprint and men's slalom, then teamed with Raquel Brown and Nora Sassenfeld to win the Co-ed relay. Ellis Roshau and Brown won the women’s slalom, while Roshau and Sassenfeld won the women’s sprint. The faculty paddlers were John Gilbert and Christie Hendren.

In addition to the concrete canoe contest, UAH finished second in the concrete strength competition, third in technical paper, and fourth in geotech or "will strength."

The concrete strength team was Kim Meacham, Lance Taylor and David Grimwood. The technical paper, "Smart Technology for Seismic Control," was written by Christy Womack and presented by Nora Sassenfeld. The geotech team was Tim Barnett, Meacham and Bernardo Batong.

The UAH team was handicapped in the overall competition by not fielding a surveying team.

In a separate competition that did not count toward the overall score, a UAH team won for fastest construction time by erecting a student-designed, 20-foot-long steel bridge in just over 12 minutes. The steel bridge team included Barnett, Barry Fagan, Batong and Raquel Brown.

UAH RESEARCH INSTITUTE RECEIVES ALIAS ANIMATION SOFTWARE DONATION

Alias, Inc., has donated a 100,000 dollar software package to the Research Institute’s Visualization and Simulation (V&S) Laboratory. This unique software incorporates a completely integrated system for 3D modeling, rendering and animation. Raytracing, Natural Phenomena, Character Animation, Texture Mapping, Video Paint and Video Integration let the user create and display affordable, dynamic and sophisticated 3D animation. This Alias software was used in the creation of recent movies, including The Abyss, Hunt for Red October, Terminator II, and Lawnmower Man.

One of the terms of the gift is that the Alias software will be incorporated into the undergraduate and graduate curriculum. In this regard, the Research Institute is collaborating with faculty in the College of Science, College of Engineering and College of Liberal Arts Arts, plus the UAH Student Exploration and Development of Space organization. Application of the Alias software include visualization, animation, and photorealistic modeling for educational, scientific, engineering, and artistic purposes. The software is especially useful since animations and images can be output to video tape, slides, and prints.

The software package is currently located in the V&S Laboratory in the Research Institute Building, Room C-15. Any student or member of the faculty or research staff interested in using the Alias Animation Software or a demonstration of its capabilities should contact David Brill or Shane Strickland at 895-6955.
STUDENT LEADERSHIP BANQUET

by symmetria Jefferson

The Student Leadership Banquet and Awards Ceremony was held on Tuesday, April 7, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Exhibit Hall. This was presented by the Division of Student Affairs.

Dr. John Yost, Provost, opened the ceremony with an inspirational welcome. "Leadership amounts to vision and values... Let your work reflect a sense of ideas...Caring individuals assume social responsibility." These were just some of the inspirational themes Yost spoke about during his welcome.

Awards were given to outstanding student leaders and organization advisors. Student Leader Awards were given in the following categories: Academic Honor Clubs/Organizations, Fraternities and Sororities, Other Clubs & Organizations, Student Government Association and Recreation/Fitness/Athletics.

These awards were given to persons who have achieved and maintained great leadership skills. Their skills, personality, and outstanding achievements have had a large impact on the student body and the various organizations. The leaders in each of these categories are as follows:

- **ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS**
  - Dawn Cross
- **FRATERNITIES & SORORITIES**
  - Christie D. Dale
- **OTHER CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**
  - James Michael Silas
- **RECREATION/FITNESS/ATHLETICS**
  - Timothy D. Cobb
- **STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOC.**
  - Timothy D. Escob
- **MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER**
  - Melvin D. Jones, II
- **MOST OUTSTANDING GROUP ADVISOR**
  - J. Thomas Wren

The keynote speaker for the awards banquet was Everett E. Brooks, Jr., graduated from the University of Alabama in Huntsville with a BS degree in Electrical Engineering. In his speech, Brooks gave the audience several valuable tips on success. "Strive for excellence, develop selectively, emphasize on innovations, be a positive image and dream big or don't dream at all."

FACULTY FORUM

"Potency Restored" Support Group
Sponsored by Humana Hospital-Huntsville

"Potency Restored", a support group for impotent men and their partners, meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Humana Hospital-Huntsville cafeteria. The group is designed to educate and provide an understanding atmosphere for those individuals dealing with impotence.

The meeting will convene on Thursday, April 16, 1992. The topic will be "The Role of the Sleep Disorders Center in the Diagnosis of Impaired Functions, Including Impotence" presented by Juanita Bishop, Registered Polysomnographic Technologist. More information about the "Potency Restored" support group at Humana Hospital-Huntsville, call 532-5895 or 1-800-999-9431.

Portfolio Workshop To Present Needed Tools
For Today's Job Market

by Karen Shelton

It seems that the perfect job is getting harder than ever to get.

Especially with today's competition we all face along with the cutback economy.

Though, The UAH student chapter of PRCA (Public Relations Council Of Alabama) is holding it's second annual Portfolio Workshop this Friday, April 17th from 1:00 until 3:30 PM at the University Center's Exhibit Hall.

For a small $5.00 cost in advance or $10.00 at the door, students can get that added advantage in needed information on getting that perfect job.

According to PRCA President Rita Graham, "The workshop will cover everything from what to expect on job interviews and what to wear along with addressing today's job economy. It will also tell you what class's you need to be taking for that particular job".

Graham, continued, "It is a perfect opportunity whatever your major is, business, marketing communications, it will have representatives from all job area's showing portfolio's.

"Not only will the workshop allow students to see and find out everything they need to include in their portfolio, the company representatives will be available to talk to you about anything you need to do to get the job you desire!"

Graham, added.

Among the speakers will be Lisa Henderson, Branch Manager of Manpower and Johnny Edwards, Manager of College and University Relations for Intergraph.

Among representatives displaying portfolio's and talking to participants will be from Teledyne Brown, Space And Rocket Center South Central Bell along with UAH. "The Portfolio Workshop will cover all area's from video portfolio's to photography portfolio's, including technical writing to portfolio's for marketing," according to Graham.

The schedule for The Portfolio Workshop is as follows:

- Friday April 17th U.C. Exhibit Hall
  - 1:00 till 3:30 PM
  - 12:30 to 1:00 is check in and registration.
  - 1:00 to 1:15 is the introduction
  - 1:15 to 1:45 is Lisa Henderson Branch Manager for Manpower
  - 1:45 to 2:30 view exhibits of portfolio's
  - 2:30 to 3:00 Johnny Edwards Manager of College and University Relations for Intergraph
  - 3:00 to 3:30 view exhibits of portfolio's

Registration forms are available at the Communications Arts office Morton Hall room 319.

For additional information call Dr. Carol Roach faculty advisor, 895-6645 or Rita Graham PRCA President, 830-2764.

On Friday, March 6, 1992, U.A.H. will be honored by a visit from one of the foremost experts in the field of medieval German art. Dr. Henry Mayr-Harting of Oxford University in England will address students and faculty on the subject of Ottoman Art. This forum will begin at 4:00 p.m. and is being held in Roberts Hall, Room 419. Refreshments will follow a question and answer session.

Dr. Mayr-Harting is a visiting professor at the University of the South. A Slade Professor of Fine Art at Oxford 1987-88, he is the primary historian publishing in English on this period, focusing on history and art. Dr. Mayr-Harting examines German illuminated manuscripts from a historical point of view. He concentrates especially on the focus of art to Ottoman political ideology and society. He has written several books on this subject, his latest is Ottoman Book of Illumination: An Historical Study.

This forum is sponsored by the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta.
Online Computer Services have much to offer

by april millican for the exponent

The world of telecommunication is growing by leaps and bounds, and computers are no longer the exclusive playing field of the extreme techno-dweeb.

You are just as likely to find a housewife looking for meatloaf recipes as you are one of the legendary hackers of the early seventies. You will find luminaries of the computer world, from Byte Magazine's Jerry Pournelle, who maintains his own area, or RoundTable, on GEnie, to John Dvorak, who hangs out primarily on CompuServe.

The interesting twist is that Suzie Homemaker has a chance to interact with Jerry Pournelle, and Joe College can learn something from both of them.

One of the services is GEnie, the General Electric Network for Information Exchange, General Electric Information Services. GEnie offers a $4.95 a month flat rate for what they call Basic Services.

The first page on most boards on GEnie are the SRFR's, Science Fiction and Fantasy Round Table and Writers Ink. Publishers, authors, editors, actors, screenwriters, poets, and assorted celebrities from all walks of life make themselves available to all who pass that way. It is not uncommon for Suzie Homemaker to stop in for a message exchange with Super Celebrity, totally classic as to his fame, for, on the networks, the ideas are the thing, not the person behind them.

An interesting thread on one service recently was an online argument between a software publisher, three science fiction authors, an editor, a couple of undergraduates, and strangers of no particular celebrity.

For the student, the opportunities for personal growth are limited only by the number of hours of sleep required. There are also specific areas where a student might find that they don't wish to share with everyone else. GEnie has a rather intense learning curve. New users may find that they are welcomed with open arms, or they may find that they are met with pretty much no help at all. It depends on which RoundTable, or neighborhood, they initially spend their online time visiting.

The trick with any service is to visit the places where you might have a particular interest, and begin interaction with the occupants, or users, of that area. For those students with a more serious, academic interest, there are neighborhoods, chat rooms, and Liveuwire Chatlines. The difference is that the RCT is attached to the RoundTable, and the Chatlines are not specific to any interest group. Writers hang out in the writers' RCT rooms, motorcycle riders hang out in the motorcycle RCT rooms, and techno-wizards hang out in the different computer specific RCTs. In addition, there is a service called Locate and Notify. If you want to find out about a friend, you can pop out to a "pay" page, and Locate J.DOE6 or whatever. The service will search for him, and tell you that J.DOE6 is in Page 5 of the Public Forum. This tells you that your friend, John, is probably reading the Polities Category, where he is known to hang out. You might Notify J.DOE6 if you were to suggest... RCT Page 1065 Tell John you want him to meet you in the California RCT rooms. He notifies you back that he is willing, you can both move to the RCT.

When you arrive, things get more interesting. There are four ways to have a conversation in the RCT. The first is in public, where all other users in the room can see your conversation, and join in.

The second is Scramble mode, where 2-5 users might want to have a conversation that they don't wish to share with others, and a code key is used, and the Scrambled users can see the conversation of the others around them, but the others can't read it.

The third is Private mode, which is for two users who do not wish to be distracted by the communications of others. Nobody else can read their conversation, nor can they read that of others. Users in private mode can be communicated with by way of the / message, which is the fourth communication method.

You can engage in a private conversation while in "public" mode by specifying that the line you type is sent only to a particular user. This can be interesting, as one character mistyped at the beginning of a sentence can result in the infamous "Dropped /Ins. In other words, what you meant to send privately is up on the monitor for everyone else to see.

America Online has an even more interesting "Chat" option. When you enter their People Rooms, you can actually choose an option that you see who is in each room, and request information about those people. If they have entered a User Profile, it will then come up on your screen. The Profile will usually include name, hometown, hobbies, age, perhaps birthday, or some other message the user wished you to see.

Sending a private message is a little less precarious on America Online. You highlight the member name with your mouse, and click on Send to make sure they get it. For this reason, AOL live chat is one of the most popular features of that service. AOL's People Connection Rooms are connected with another network, PC Link, doubling the number of people you can meet on one service. Delphi and CompuServe have similar live chat areas.

-Prodigy-

Thousands of new computers are bundled with a free trial of Prodigy, a network that offers messaging and Electronic Mail, in an entirely different format from all the others.

Prodigy is the child of Sears and IBM. The emphasis is on shopping and other consumer services online. All of the major networks offer shopping, along with their communication features, but Prodigy has a another approach. They offer messaging along with their shopping.

As you appear at the bottom of your screen, continuously challenging, inviting you to "LOOK" at what they have to offer.

Prodigy has online banking, stock market information, and a Politics Database, as well as weather and sports.

-Software Libraries-

All of the networks, except Prodigy, have software libraries. You can download games, utilities, even photographs directly into your home computer. There are hundreds of thousands of files available on the networks.

All of the networks scan files in their libraries for viruses. During the recent Michaelangelo virus scare, for example, your computer was more likely to catch a virus from software or hardware purchased over the counter than you were from one of the networks.

-Joining a Network-

Some networks require specific software in order to access their systems. Others allow you to use your own communications software.

For more information on joining one of the networks, ring America Online's customer support phone. America Online: (800)827-6364
Compuserve: (800)848-8199
Delphi: (800)695-4005
Prodigy: (800)458-8532
PC Link: (800)458-8532
Prodigy: (800)822-6922
The message to college students from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, is a powerful one: "Do Drugs and You May Lose Your Student Loan." Under a new initiative called the "Denial of Federal Benefits Program," courts around the country have now been given greater sanctions when sentencing drug users and traffickers: the ability to revoke an individual's more than 450 government benefits, including Federally-funded student loans.

"Most drug offenders never serve prison terms," noted Jimmy Gurule', Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, adding, "and simple probation or fines are often not sufficient as punishment." Mr. Gurule' pointed out that the Denial of Federal Benefits Program has imposed new and more meaningful punishments to use against drug offenders. He continued, "We want the public to know that there are serious consequences for drug use as well as trafficking." These punishments are possible through the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. Following President Bush's 1990 Implementation Plan, the U.S. Justice Department informed state courts about the provisions of this law and provided them with guidelines to implement it. Significantly, the Office of Justice Programs has recently put in place a multi-tiered program to further alert/certicate courts and government agencies about the new sanctions and how they work.

With the system now fully operational, the Office of Justice Programs is mounting a nationwide awareness campaign throughout 1992, to inform the public of these added consequences for convicted drug offenders. The Program is expected to impact college campuses since nearly one in three American undergraduates attends school with the help of Federal financing. Additionally, more than half of all college students have experimented with illegal drugs.

The Program currently targets college students, the law affects all U.S. citizens and encompasses more than 450 Federal benefits, including contracts and professional licenses.

"This means that physicians stand to lose the right to prescribe, pilots or maritime captains can lose their licenses and small businesses could forfeit their loans," explained Gurule. "We're convinced that the drug user is an important link in the nation's drug problem. All users must be held accountable for their actions if the problem is to be eradicated. This Program is part of the Administration's National Drug Control Strategy, which is designed to attack the nation's drug problem on multiple fronts, in a comprehensive manner," he added.

The Denial of Federal Benefits Program was successfully tested in Rhode Island in 1990/91. The Program reportedly broke new ground in the judicial system of that state, achieving its goal of both denying Federal benefits and providing proof that implementing such a program is possible at the state level.

The Office of Justice Programs will continue to conduct tests of the program at selected colleges and universities, while building public awareness of the sanctions throughout the country.

Assistant Attorney General Gurule' summed up the Program with this simple, but unmistakable message to all Americans: "Before You Use, Consider What You Can Lose."
Judy Franz Receives Vanderbilt Outstanding Teaching Honor

Huntsville, Ala. (April 7, 1992) - Dr. Judy Franz, UAH Professor of Physics, delivered the 1992 Guy and Rebecca Forman Lecture in the Teaching of Physics at Vanderbilt University. Her address was “Key Issues in Undergraduate Physics Education.” It focused on ways of improving introductory physics courses and attracting more students, particularly minorities and women.

The endowed lecture series was established in 1986 to honor outstanding accomplishments in the teaching of physics at the undergraduate level. The honor, which includes an engraved cup, is named for Guy Foreman, who served on the Vanderbilt physics department faculty for 19 years. Rebecca, his wife, taught in public schools for 28 years. The award is given annually.

Franz joined the UAH faculty in 1991. She is past president of the American Association of Physics Teachers and chair-elect of the Division of Condensed Matter Physics of the American Physical Society.

NSBE Sponsors Awards Banquet

Alabama A&M and UAH chapters of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) are co-sponsoring the first annual Community Awards Banquet, Saturday, April 18, at 6 p.m. Jerry Crocker, President of SciTek, will be the guest speaker at the banquet, to be held at the Non-Commissioned Officers Club at Redstone Arsenal.

NSBE is one of the largest student managed organizations in the country. It is dedicated to the realization of a better tomorrow through the development of intensive programs for increasing the recruitment, retention, and successful graduation of minorities in education.

Ticket information can be obtained by calling Lel-Leni Parks at 852-3001, or Michelle Cartwright at 859-2761.

UAH Hosts Poetry Workshop and Lecture

Heather McHugh, writer in residence at Alabama-Tuscaloosa, will present a public lecture, drawing examples from African poetry, at 12:15 p.m. in the AdSci building auditorium, Thursday, April 16. McHugh will give a poetry workshop at 12:15 p.m., Friday, April 17, followed by a reading of her work at 3 p.m., in the UC.

The author of several collections of poetry, including Portraits, Shades, and To The Quick, McHugh has been a Guggenheim Fellow, and has received several grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

The poetry residence is sponsored by the UAH Honors Program and the University Center, and is free to the public.

Religion and Philosophy Forum

UAH will hold a public forum on philosophical reflections on the religious life at 8 p.m. in room 100 of the Nursing Building, April 20. Professor Lou Nordstrom, professor of philosophy at Wesleyan University, will present “Reason and Mystical Experience in Zen Buddhism” as guest speaker for the forum. The forum is co-sponsored by the Alabama Humanities Foundation and the UAH Philosophy Department, and is offered free to the public.

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Speech Given to the University of Alabama
Board of Trustees

by ben masters
SGA Student
Representative to the
Board

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board,
it is my sincere pleasure to welcome
you again today to our fair campus, and
indeed an honor to speak before you
today. I shall attempt to keep my re-
marks brief. This morning the univer-
sity displayed many of its recent
achievements and unveiled many of its
aspirations for the future; and that is,
from what I have been able to ascertain,
what institutional presentations are de-
signed to accomplish. That task being
accomplished, I will try to explain to
you what excites me about UAH.

As many of you may know, I have
a passion for history and the study of
foreign languages. A group of students,
faculty, and interested members of the
community was formed some time ago
to foster the study of ancient languages.
The Society for Ancient Languages
excites me. The seemingly odd mix of
engineers, historians, philosophers, and
students are able for a brief time each
week to cast off the ties of modernity
and discuss the ideas of the ancients in
their own tongue. There is no thrill I
know that matches picking up a copy of
a letter written by Pliny to his colleague,
Tacitus commenting on the political
machinations in Rome and understand-
ning it as it was written. Not translating
the letter, but rather letting the marvel-
ous Latin prose slip into one’s con-
scious thoughts. I was trained in the
rudiments of Latin grammar and pro-
nunciation in high school. At UAH, I
was trained to not only read the lan-
guage and translate it, but to read the
language and understand it without
translation. Those of you fluent in a
foreign tongue surely have felt this joy
of accomplishment.

I am excited by the academic inter-
est and accomplishments of those
around me. One morning, very early in
the term, while I was trying to awaken
with a cup of coffee in the Charger
Cafe, I was fortunate to overhear the
corner of two students who were
seated in an adjacent table. They were
discussing an argument used by Socrates
in one of Plato’s dialogues. I quickly
recalled when I had taken the same
introductory philosophy course, under
the same professor as it happened. I did
not turn and butt into their conversa-
tion, but rather was content to listen to
them as they struggled to grasp the
ideas set forth in the work and in their
lecture. They were not philosophy ma-
jors (I asked them if they were when
they left later), but you would never
have been able to discern that fact by
listening to them discuss the dialogue.
Their enthusiasm and interest in a sub-
ject that they might never have encoun-
tered except in the course of their core
studies inspired my confidence in the
system of education at UAH, and re-
mined me that I ought to dust off my
copy of Plato and re-examine its con-
tents.

I am excited by the prospects for
the future. I am convinced that Presi-
dent Franz and Provost Yost are com-
mitted to preserving the academic in-
tegrity of the university while bringing
the campus into a fiscally secure posi-
tion. I am confident that with careful
management and the continued support
of a united campus, that growth, though
perhaps it will be very slow for a time,
will continue.

I am excited about technology. Yes,
even a student of classical languages
and ancient history can see the value of
technology. In particular, the use of
computers and CD-ROM storage ca-
pacity could greatly enhance the ability
of our faculty and staff to conduct re-
search in the library. I hope that vast
tracts of materials, both primary and
secondary, can be acquired at a rela-
tively modest cost to supplement our
continuing acquisitions of hard vol-
umes for the library shelves. Without
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by doug brewer

News from Under my Bed

We Americans have so many rights that we tend to take some of them for granted. But have you ever thought about what it means to be able to go to the library, ask a question on any topic and find the answer with the help of your librarian—all at no cost? It's your "right to know" in practice. And National Library Week, April 5-11, is a good time to remember this right by going to the library.

As Americans, we all have a right to free access to information, without regard to age, sex, status or income. This is what Benjamin Franklin had in mind when he developed the concept for the first free public library more than 200 years ago. But the right to know is like a lot of other things—you use it or you lose it. And too many people are unfamiliar with this right, which is so basic to informed citizenship, personal success and enjoyment.

Unfortunately, we may all lose our libraries by the turn of the century because the national funding crisis has forced libraries all over the U.S. to cut back hours, eliminate programs, close children's rooms and request that libraries be funded adequately. Learn more about your own library and what other forces have affected the availability of information in your community. And of course, visit your library and exercise the right to know.

It's ours to use or lose.
Dear Editor,

OK! Enough is enough, and I think most of us have had enough. In the April 8th exponent, Mr. Moon and Nub-Nub was ridiculous, distasteful, and downright blasphemous.

Mr. Moon and Nub-Nub has been distasteful for several months. I realize this is a public institution of higher education and many students enjoy the strip; but this paper continually does things and prints articles (and comic strips) that offend. Enough is enough, guys.

The latest Mr. Moon and Nub-Nub ridiculed the Lord Jesus Christ and what he did almost two thousand years ago. The strip showed a hideous looking savior writhing in pain. Nothing in scripture indicates this.

Scriptures show a compassionate savior who prays for the ones who condemned and executed him. A savior who instead of reviling, loved. One who offered hope and a promise to a thief crucified next to him. The cross was an instrument of death on which a loving savior paid for all of our sins so that we would not have to spend eternity in hell.

You may not agree with me or you may even ridicule; that is fine. But, don't ridicule Jesus until you look at what he said and did.

Easter is about a risen savior who died and was resurrected three days later. Look at Jesus before you scoff.

Mr. Guthrie, you are an excellent satirist, but please refrain from trying to offend almost everyone.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas W. Argert

"Wanna try again?"

Dear Editor,

Some time back I ran an ad in the exponent that began "SWF, 29, attractive, outgoing, amusing, hates head games..." I received a reply to that ad that began with something like "SWM, 33, also bored and lonely..." I then proceeded to make a fool of myself in an intense but short-lived "relationship" with someone who could be described as "SWM, 26, paranoid, psychotic, generally into head games." In my period of delusion, I hastily retracted my ad. To make a long story short, I am eating my heart out that I not only never replied to "SWM, 33," but I stupidly lost his letter, and thus may have missed out on meeting someone who sounds very interesting. If anyone at the exponent knows who the "SWM, 33" is, please let me know! (I can't afford to run another ad at this time.) If you don't know who he is, let me please say this:

HEY, SWM, 33! Are you still out there? Are you still bored and lonely? Do you still read the exponent? Wanna try again? If yes to all of the above, please write to me again! I am so sorry I didn't call you before!!!

SWF, 29

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SUWTAN LoTiorJ
Previously in Andy 1918: Jimmy is floating on a British seaplane in the north sea. Among his companions are two German officers who came aboard after their U-boat sank. The seaplane takes off as a German cruiser fires on it. Then they are attacked by a Fokker.

Let's see you drink your lager with your gut full of holes, you swine! RATA-TAT

I can't fire on him, Percy. He's a comrade, a fellow German officer! Damn, it Wilhelm! It's him or us!

How dare he fire on a Prussian officer? He must be a Bavarian!

Well, that's the last of the oil pressure! But I'll shut off the motor and we can glide down! Just so we land safe!

Sir! There's a seaplane heading right for us! Impossible, Lieutenant! It's one of ours!
THE WHITE HOUSE 3:16 P.M.

OKAY GENTLEMAN, THEN IT'S DECIDED. WE WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE CONFIRMATION THAT THE MISSILE HAS IMPACTED. ONLY THEN WILL WE MAKE A DECISION CONCERNING NUCLEAR RETALIATION.

MR. PRESIDENT, THIS JUST CAME IN!

WELL GENTLEMEN, 'LOOKS LIKE WE GOT LUCKY. I THINK WE CAN BREATH A LITTLE NOW EASIER. FOR NOW, THE THREAT HAS PASSED.

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LOVE SECRETS: THROWING YOUR BEAD-OFF BAG имя EMOTIONALLY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF THIS FRUITLESS RECONCILIATION...
Ordinary Heroes
by M. Lee Newman

First of all, I represent this comic strip, "Ordinary Heroes." My name's Eric, and (unlike the rest of these dweebz) I'm rare. That we're all two-dimensional scribbles of India ink. I e-pynyovguessed it. I'm the. "

As for the rest of the cast, we've got heroes and villains and assorted others whittling backstage... people like Half Moon, the Wrecking Bums (Passic, Neutrons, and Spectar), the Freedom Squad (the Fro, Tow, Wiz, Earth Fist, and others), and the Dark Bears.

Then we jumped right into a story featuring Toby Williams and Michelle (his fiancee), who shares the powers of Half Moon.

Toby rushed into a fight with a mechanical creature that looked like a rolling scrapyard. The creature flattened him with one punch from its steel arm.

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Crossword Companion

ACROSS
1. Group of chucks
4. Western state (abbr.)
6. Ring-shaped roll
13. Without morals
15. Rubs out
16. Roman road
19. Feast
21. Encourage
22. Direction (abbr.)
23. Whitney
25. Reed instrument
29. Got out of bed
30. Tall tale
31. Slippery fish (pl.)
32. Celestial body
34. Eat (poetic)
35. 2-year degree (abbr.)
36. Egyptian sun god
37. Additional
38. Use a seat
39. Alright
40. Iridium symbol
41. Canned fish
43. Sheltered side
45. Direction (abbr.)
47. Body position
48. Boring
49. Get together
51. Correction (abbr.)
54. Old world wild goat
55. Have courage
56. Do over
58. W. Indies republic
60. College degree (abbr.)
61. Opposed
63. Steers a boat
65. Mistake
66. Errors excepted (abbr.)
67. Sharp tool

DOWN
1. Liberal
2. End of prayer
3. Start
4. Diamond weight
5. Excuse
6. Insects
7. Southern state (abbr.)
8. Get ahead
9. Oleic acid
10. Robert E.
12. Red Cross (abbr.)
13. Sealer (abbr.)
15. Allot
16. Lake
20. Neutral (abbr.)
21. Reed instrument
22. Get out of bed
23. Central
29. Midwestern state (abbr.)
30. Tall tale
31. Colorful body
32. Eat (poetic)
33. Additional
34. Get one
35. Lead (p.t.)
36. Older
42. Out to sea
44. Lead (p.t.)
46. Boring
47. Body position
50. Correction (abbr.)
52. Sea bird
53. Complete
54. In error
55. W. Indies republic
56. College degree (abbr.)
57. Opposed
58. Stone a bowl
59. Middle eastern state (abbr.)
62. Thes
63. 6th scale note
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