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NEWS BRIEFS

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ARTS & LEISURE BRIEFS

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SCIENCE & TECH BRIEFS

On March 15th, 2010, UAH learned that Dr. Shankar Mahalingham will be the new dean of the College of Engineering at our school. Dr. Phillip Farrington has served as the interim dean since June 1st, 2008, and will continue until Mahalingham officially begins his position in August.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

The Chargers softball team is getting ready for a marathon of games coming up for the Gulf South Conference Crossover Tournament. The tourney will be held over a span of four days, April 8-11, in which UAH is slated to play seven games. UAH was selected earlier this year to host the tournament at the Wilson-Nelson Softball Complex in Decatur, Ala.

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Mandatory Meal Plan for All Full-time Undergraduates

JESSICA ROBINSON
Staff Writer

As many students are already aware, UAH recently announced plans to implement a mandatory meal plan for all full-time undergraduate students. The announcement released by UAH states, "Dining Services accepts the critical responsibility of enhancing our students' overall university experience and contributing to their overall good health."

Previously, a meal plan was only required for students residing in Central Campus Residence Hall, Frank Franz Hall and North Campus Residence Hall. Starting with the 2010-2011 academic year, all full-time undergraduates that live on- or off-campus will be required to purchase a minimum meal plan of \$400.00 (\$200 per semester). Exceptions to the meal plan will be made for graduate students and students who live in one-bedroom apartments in SECH.

The University offers eight options for students to choose from, ranging from \$200 per semester to \$1125 per semester. New franchises such as Chick-fil-A and Papa John's will add to the dining options available on campus.

Other university campuses have similar meal plan requirements. Auburn University also requires all undergraduates to participate in a meal plan. The cost for dining at AU is \$995 for students living on campus and \$300 for

those who live elsewhere. Currently eight out of 12 universities in the SEC require meal plans for students.

For more information on the mandatory meal plan visit: <http://www.uah.edu/dining/>.

Students interested in discussing the meal plan options and any other information pertaining to the UAH food service program can contact John Maxon at maxonj@uah.edu or call the Housing Office at 824-6108.

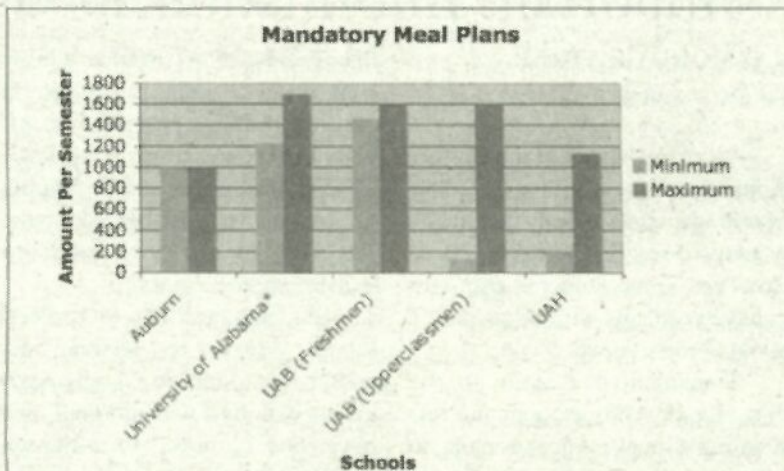
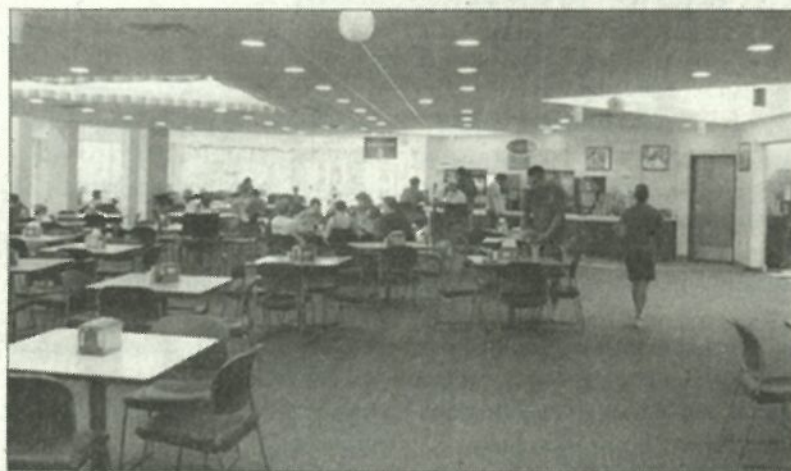


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Uncle Kracker in Huntsville



Photo courtesy of Atlantic Records

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

Uncle Kracker, a name known to all avid music fans, will perform live at Crossroads Café on April 16, with doors opening that evening at 7:00 p.m.

The stop is a part of his 2010 road tour. The band Rehab, a mixture of southern-rock, dirty south rap, reggae, alternative and '90s rock/rap will perform as well.

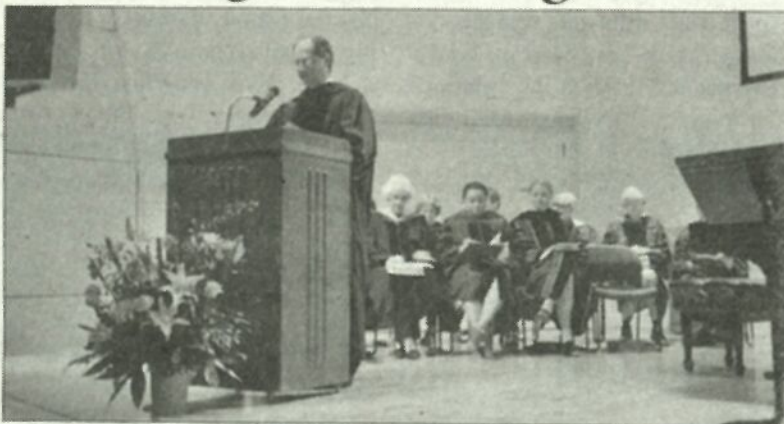
Uncle Kracker (born Matthew Shafer) started off his music career with a focus on rap and rock, but has since turned to a country style, especially with his latest works. He is best known for his hit single "Follow Me" and his cover of the song "Drift Away," both of which reached top-10 status on the Billboard Hot 100. He also appeared with Kenny Chesney in his famous

single "When the Sun Goes Down" and has previously toured with Kid Rock.

He released his fourth studio album, "Happy Hour," in September of 2009 after several delays. The album's first single, "Smile," was his first solo top 40 hit on a country chart. His first album, "Double Wide," has reached two-time platinum status in the United States, and peaked at number seven on the Billboard 200.

It is important to note that attendees must be 19 years of age or older to attend this show. Tickets are still available, but are expected to be hard to come by as the show draws nearer. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 the day of the show. They can be purchased by visiting www.crossroadsmusic.biz or by calling the box office at 256-513-6733.

Honoring Outstanding Students



Above: Dean Dasher addresses audience at the Liberal Arts Convocation. Photo by: Michael Barnes. Below: Dean of the College of Business addresses honorees. Photo by: Amber Rauschkolb

AMBER RAUSCHKOLB
Business Manager

All April 6 classes were canceled for Honors Day so that students could be recognized for their academic achievements. Faculty, staff and students attended the university-wide Honors Convocation at which honorees from each college, ROTC, the cooperative education program and the honors program were presented with cer-

tificates for their accomplishments. A reception for the attendees followed the event.

Students who achieved the highest excellence in their college were presented with Undergraduate Highest Academic Achievement Award. The winners from each college were as follows: Charles Jones, the College of Business Administration, Jennifer Crabb,

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How To Make Graduation Affordable

ASHLEY TROMBA
Staff Writer

At the end of each semester, graduating students spend hundreds of dollars on caps and gowns, invitations, graduation announcements and school rings. Graduation is a momentous occasion, but some students believe that it is becoming too expensive. This year, the price of gowns has doubled, making it hard for some to afford.

Graduation does not have to be marred by spending lots of money. There are ways to make graduation much more affordable and special in various personal ways.

After purchasing a cap and

gown, there are ways to make everything else less expensive. You can make your own graduation announcements. This puts a more personal touch on them, and it will show how much care you put into them. A pack of forty blank cards and envelopes ranges from five to seven dollars. Getting 40 wallet-sized pictures to put in the card is approximately \$10. After choosing what you want to put on the card's front and inside, all you have to do is pick out a pack of pretty paper and have them printed for about \$5 at Kinko's. It may take more time to create your own graduation announcements, but they are the less expensive route and really make

them a one-of-a-kind thing to commemorate your big day.

Once your cap and gown and the announcements have been taken care of, students would like to also have some sort of physical proof that they spent four plus years at college and graduated. This is usually manifested in the school ring. Buying school rings through the school is more expensive, because the purchase goes through a middleman, who goes to a jewelry store to purchase them.

Going straight to the jewelry store will cut out approximately a third to one half the price. You can get the exact same ring as you would have gotten, only straight

from the source at a better price. This is something to consider when trying to save money and still have the same desired experiences.

Graduation does not have to be an expensive occasion. It only has to be if you make it an expensive occasion. For everything that you want to have or to include in preparation for the big walk across the stage, there is probably a cheaper solution out there.

SGA Senate Report

JESSICA ROBINSON
Staff Writer

The Student Government Association held its weekly general meeting on April 05, 2010, in UC 131 to discuss past and upcoming events.

The senate discussed the Shirts for Change campaign. Members of the senate discussed the results they received from students about what they would like to see changed on campus. The senate narrowed down the list and will address the issues next year.

On April 21, SGA will sponsor Earth Day on campus in the UC from 12-1 p.m.. Free pizza will be provided.

The senate also discussed Student Appreciation Day, held on April 2. Over 130 people participated.

Next Monday will be the last meeting for this year's senate before new members are elected.

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the College of Engineering; Sarah Fisher, the College of Liberal Arts; Marjorie Arnston, the College of Nursing; and Nathan Meredith, the College of Science.

The colleges of Business Administration, Liberal Arts and Science held their own Honors Day ceremonies for their individual colleges that afternoon. At the individual college ceremonies, students were honored for various scholarships and other departmental awards.

Additionally, undergraduates with a GPA of 3.5 or higher based on a total of 20 or more semester hours and graduates with a 3.85 overall GPA after earning 12 semester hours since last spring term and a 4.0 GPA on the last 12 hours completed were recognized as members of the Dean's List.

Many of the UAH academic honor societies inducted new members, such as Alpha Epsilon Delta; Alpha Lambda Delta; Phi Kappa Phi; Beta Alpha Psi; Beta Gamma Sigma; Sigma Gamma Tau; Eta Kappa Nu; Alpha Pi Mu; Omega Epsilon; Tau Beta Pi; Pi Tau Sigma; Alpha Kappa Delta; Alpha Psi Omega-Xi Theta Cast; Kappa Delta Pi; Kappa Pi; Lambda Pi Eta; Phi Alpha Theta; Phi Sigma Iota; Pi Sigma Alpha; Psi Chi; Sigma Tau Delta; and Sigma Theta Tau.

The college of engineering will also host its Honors Day Program on May 14 at 3:00 p.m. in the Business Administration Building in the Chan Auditorium.

Important Information about Google Apps

RAYMOND GILSTRAP
Editor-in-Chief

Since the launch of the Google Apps e-mail system for UAH in March, the student body has mostly adapted well to the new system. However, some students continue to have problems with or questions about Google Apps.

Transitioning e-mails to the new Google Apps account and forwarding Google Apps e-mails to other e-mail accounts are a few of the problems that students are encountering.

According to Jeanne Vereen, the migration facilitator for Google Apps, the software service for ChargerMail has been officially terminated. However, i.t. solutions can migrate any ChargerMail data to the Google Apps account. To migrate ChargerMail e-mails, Vereen encourages students to contact

the Technical Assistance Group Help Desk, which is located in the library. After providing an official UAH e-mail account to TAG, ChargerMail e-mails will migrate to Google Apps within 24 hours. TAG and i.t. solutions can even transfer address books.

Students wishing to forward school e-mails to personal accounts must login to Google Apps at <http://google.uah.edu/mail> and click the "Settings" tab in the upper right hand corner. Go to the "Forwarding and POP/IMAP" section. Under "Forwarding," select the button for "forward a copy of incoming mail to" and enter the desired e-mail address for forwarding e-mails. There is also a choice to keep, delete or archive messages in the Google Apps inbox. After saving the changes, all e-mails will forward to the e-mail address entered.

Vereen also stresses the importance of students directing commonly asked questions to TAG.

"One of our biggest issues during the migration is problems with passwords and login information, and TAG can assist students, faculty and staff with this," Vereen said.

In addition to contacting TAG, i.t. solutions sponsors a campus news and information video podcast called The Charger Show. The web address for The Charger Show is www.uah.edu/chargershow. Each show contains a segment about tips for using Google Apps. There have been two episodes produced so far; a third episode will air this month.

To contact TAG, call 824-3333 or send an e-mail to tag@uah.edu.

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Need to Save Money? These Web Sites Can Help

JULIE RAMHOLD
Staff Writer

College students are routinely labeled as broke. No matter how much funding a student receives, whether through scholarships, student loans or jobs, money is always tight. Students may find it surprising that there are actually several discount programs out there for them to take advantage of. All it takes is a little research.

Computers: At least three of the major computer companies have some form of a student discount. Hewlett-Packard, Apple and Dell all have discounts available for students to take advantage of. Unfortunately, there is no written-in-stone discount, although an article at <http://www.student-buyingguide.com/2008/05/dell-student-discounts/> states that Dell discounts are usually in the range of 5-12 percent and will show up in the shopping cart.

All three companies require a user to sign up on their Web site to be able to see the discounted pricing. In addition to buying computers, students can also purchase accessories at discounted prices from the same companies.

Computer systems are not the only thing students can receive discounts on. The Web site www.campustech.com offers discounts on everything from software and hardware to books and bags. Their Web site states that discounts can be as high as 85 percent. For example, they advertise Microsoft Office Professional 2007 with a 2 gigabyte flash drive and a free upgrade to Office 2010 as having

a suggested retail price (SRP) of \$499.95. The Web site offers it for \$199.98, saving the buyer \$299.97. A Lenovo IdeaPad Notebook has a SRP of \$1,899.99; campustech.com is selling it for \$699.98.

Travel: Students travel all the time. For those who live out of state, buying plane tickets home can drain what little funds they have. The Web site www.statravel.com offers not only discounted flight services, but also help for that student who wants to study abroad. They can purchase train tickets, book hostels or travel tours, or even sign up to volunteer abroad. The front page advertises round-trip flights to London starting at \$430.00. A flight booked through www.travelocity.com to London with two layovers begins around \$1,900.

The Web site www.studentuniverse.com also offers discounts on flights, hotels, train tickets and various trips. A flight booked through them from Huntsville to Las Vegas starts out around \$460. They also offer the chance to volunteer through them and save \$500.

A program called FarePlay can give students ideas on where to go. A student inputs where he or she is leaving from and can leave the other spots as "Anywhere" and "Anytime." The Web site then pulls up a list of various locations and deals to get students there. A list of trips leaving from Huntsville pulled up 50 options, from Orlando, Fla., to New York, N.Y., and Raleigh-Durham, N.C., to Los Angeles, Calif. There were plenty of options for students leaving from Huntsville to visit all across the United States.

Groceries: No matter how great that meal plan is on campus, students are going to have to buy groceries. Sam's Club offers a collegiate membership. For \$40 a year, students gain access to all the Sam's Clubs and earn a \$15 gift card. When they renew the next year, they will receive another gift card. Even if all they buy is bottled water and Pop-Tarts, it will still save money over shopping at a smaller grocery store.

Cell Phones: When it comes to cell phones, there are no guarantees. Students who wish to receive a discount need to talk to someone within their provider. Verizon has a history of offering discounts; so does AT&T.

However, it is not a constant thing. Sometimes the discounts are in play; other times they are not available at all. It could pay to ask about the program, though.

Insurance and Vehicles: All major insurance companies offer a Good Student discount. State Farm requires at least a B average for students to qualify. Allstate also offers a Good Student discount. Their Web site states a student must be under age 25 and meet their GPA requirements, though they do not specify what they are. Geico has requirements similar to those of State Farm.

Even vehicle manufacturers like GM offer a student discount. The Web site <http://www.gm.com/english/corporate/offers/student-bonus-program/overview> states that students can save up to \$750 on "an eligible new GM vehicle." That may not sound like much, but when someone starts

paying a car off, every little bit helps.

Credit Cards: There are some companies that offer unique advantages to students with credit cards. The Discover Open Road Card for Students offers double cashback bonus at any gas station or restaurant. The Discover Student Card offers 5 percent Cashback Bonus in various categories. The Citi Forward Card for College Students offers 100 ThankYou Points each billing period that the student pays on time and stays under his or her limit.

The best site to see student cards is <http://www.studentcreditcards.com/>. This gives a list of available cards from all the major companies and breaks down the perks of each one.

The Web site <http://www.studentadvantage.com/discount-card/> offers discounts all across the board. They cover travel, dorm, technology, clothing, health (such as at Pearle Vision) and much more. Students can purchase the card in one, two, three or four year increments. A card for one year carries a fee of \$20. A card for two years is \$30. A card for three years is \$40, and a card for four years is \$50. Regardless of the time, all cards have a shipping fee of \$2.50.

The Web site <http://www.studentbuyingguide.com/> is great for buying tips. Occasionally, coupon codes are available to receive additional discounts. Their deals tend to rival the manufacturers.

If students are able to utilize discounts like these, they should be able to accumulate more than a little pocket change.

200 Female WWII Pilots Finally Receive Recognition

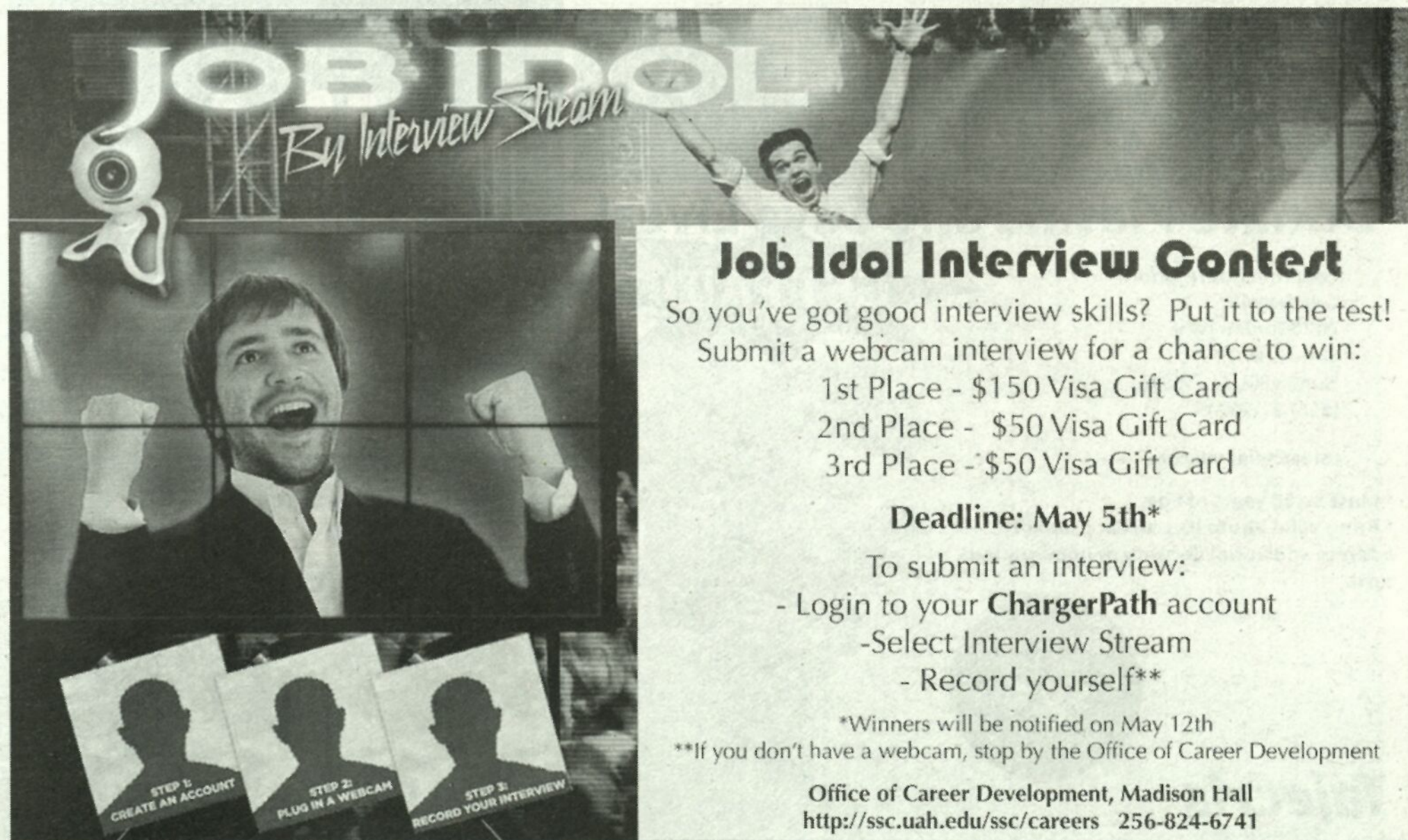
JESSICA ROBINSON
Staff Writer

On March 10, 2010, over 200 female World War II pilots received long-overdue recognition as they received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the highest civilian honor given by Congress.

WASPs, Women Airforce Service Pilots, served as civilian pilots in World War II in order to free up male pilots for combat services and duties. Although 38 WASPs lost their lives while serving in WWII (11 in training and 27 on active duty), they were not recognized as members of the military. When their service ended, they had to pay for their own bus tickets home. And the ones who died on duty were not given traditional military funerals.

Finally, after a long battle, the women veteran status in 1977. In 1984, each WASP was awarded the World War II Victory Medal. WASPs who served for more than one year were also awarded the American Campaign Medal for their service during the war.

It is estimated that only around 300 of the more than 1,000 WASPs are still alive. Some of the women pilots still living include Violet Cowden, Pearl Judd, Carol Brinton Selfridge, Jeannette Goodrum, Janet Lee Hutchison, Betty Wall Strohfus, Dolores Reed, Josephine Swift, Rose Penn Ross, and Ola "Roxie" Rexroat.



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<http://ssc.uah.edu/ssc/careers> 256-824-6741

Benefits of Walking: Better for your Overall Health and Attitude

AMBER RAUSCHKOLB
Business Manager

Always striving for that perfect parking spot close to the building, but always falling short because there is no available parking during main school hours? The perfect spot isn't near the door; it's the farthest away.

Multiple studies have proven that 30 minutes of walking every day has many important health benefits. According to www.mayoclinic.com, walking can lower low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, LDL (the "bad" cholesterol); raise high-density lipoprotein cholesterol, HDL (the "good" cholesterol); lower blood pressure and hyperten-

sion; reduces risk or manage type 2 diabetes; manage your weight; and even improve your mood. The list of benefits continues; walking can help prevent certain cancers like colon or breast cancers as well as reduce anxiety and depression.

How to get your 30 minutes of walking: start by parking farther away from the building, or even better, park your car in between the buildings that you visit on campus (chart below reflects 24 min./mile). This way you don't move your car, and you save on gas money.

Looking to lose weight walking, check this Web site <http://walking.about.com/library/cal/uccalc2.htm> to find out how much you're burning in between classes.

The Charged Up For Change! Expo

ASHLEY TROMBA
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, the Charged Up for Change! Expo was held in the University Center. The planners' goal was the promotion of community and student awareness of programs and projects they can get involved in. All those involved were there because their organizations promote social change in all sorts of ways.

Jugglers, singers, musicians, actors and many more entertained the fairgoers. Groups with booths included the Dixie Derby Girls, Habitat for Humanity, the UAH Student Sociological Association, the Clean Food Network and many more.

At 12:30 p.m., those who brought bikes rode around campus, led by the Huntsville Safe Streets Advocates. At 1 p.m., a panel discussed the topic of turning your dream for social change into reality. Panelists included Mimi Hughes, Evan Billiter, Hethalyn Godwin and Sarah Loller, all leaders in their respective organizations: Women Across the World, Lowe Mill Charity Events, Huntsville Green Coalition and the UAH chapter of Invisible Children United.

The successful event promoted social change as well as diversity. It is hoped that next year, the event will be bigger and have more students from UAH in attendance.

UAH Student Turns Tragedy into Healing Through Music

DAVID DANIELS
Staff Writer

In light of our recent tragedy, many of us have turned to different outlets in order to grieve and express our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims. Some students have turned to counseling, some artistic endeavors (painting, drawing), some have even grown more spiritual in their personal lives, whatever their beliefs may be.

One student has gained the attention of media outlets all over Huntsville for his works. His name is Naim Malik.

Naim is a junior at UAH who masters his craft of rapping in his downtime. "I try my best to reach a deeper level that relates to people through my music," Malik said.

Malik recalls his experience of the horrific day in his song "We

Will Survive," a fast-paced, electric guitar-laden roller-coaster of lyrics and beats, blended into a poignant and thought-provoking perspective expressed in a way only Malik can.

"We Will Survive" has captured the attention of local news outlet WAAY 31 News, the Huntsville Times, Valley Planet, and other media. They have interviewed Malik, asking him about his reasons for creating the song. He does give a disclaimer that while the song has no cursing or foul language, the beginning is a direct recorded sample of Dr. Amy Bishop saying the now famous phrase, "This didn't happen," so if listeners who are very sensitive to that should be aware.

The song has been posted on YouTube (search for "We Will Survive") and is also available for sale

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Charger Talk: Do You Think We Need Fast Food On Campus?

ASHLEY TROMBA
Staff Writer

The past week has been filled with anger and debate over the new mandatory meal plans now required of all undergraduate students, whether they live on campus or not. Many people believe that the increase in tuition and this new meal plan policy is due to the construction of the new residence hall and the two new on-campus restaurants, Papa John's and Chick-fil-A. Some students believe that they should not be forced to pay for things on campus that they do not need or will never use. This week's Charger Talk asks students whether or not these restaurants are needed on UAH's campus.

Do you think we need Chick-fil-A and Papa John's on campus?

"Well, since I can't eat at

Chick-fil-A, I really don't want it. I don't want to pay for food that I'm not going to have time to eat or can't eat. And as far as I know, neither of those choices are healthy like it says in Maxon's email."

-Kirby Viall, mechanical engineering, junior

"It's nicer than having just the cafeteria. It gives more variety of food choices." -Latrice Johnson, biology, junior

"Personally, I am graduating, so to me it is not a big deal, and I honestly think that \$200 is not that large of an increase. It's less than ten percent of in-state tuition. So, I honestly don't see why people are fighting this so bad. I would look at it as instead as just a \$200 a semester increase in tuition, but as I get to spend \$200 at the cafe or the new restaurants on campus, which I personally would use. And

the direct answer to that question is yes, we do need dining options on the south side of campus." -Joseph Ditto, aerospace engineering, senior

"It's not needed but it would be nice to have." -Andrew Cole, biology, junior

"Well, It's a great idea. However if we are required to buy a meal plan for it, it's not worth it."

-Ruedell Gulley, math education, junior

Popular opinion is that the restaurants would add variety to campus, but most wish that they were not being forced into going to them with the purchase of a meal plan. Those graduating do not care about it other than the fact that it will not affect them. Most colleges have restaurants on campus; it just may take some time to get used to the changes.

Just Move It Finale

ASHLEY TROMBA
Staff Writer

For the past 10 weeks students have been getting up, getting out, and trying to get in shape. Just Move It is a university-wide competition to see who can exercise as much as they pledge they will. It promotes healthy life styles and the importance of personal fitness.

There have been seminars on eating healthily and preparing for a 5K race. A ladies' self-defense class was also offered. Bonus points were awarded for eating healthily, wearing your seatbelt, living smoke-free, and for getting at least six hours of sleep.

This was the program's second year, and it has been even more successful than the last. More students have been involved. Entire

department faculty and students have participated.

Today starting at noon, the JMI Finale will take place in the University Fitness Center. There will be food and JMI T-shirts handed out, as well as water bottles. At the end there will be a one-mile Memorial Walk to honor the victims of the shooting. President Williams will be there to lead the walk and to give the President's Cup to the winner of Just Move It. Door prizes will be awarded as well.

This will be a fun event for all those who participated, as well for those who would just like to come for food or for the walk.

Last year's JMI competition featured lectures and awards presented to the winners of events that focused on fitness, nutrition, and general wellness.

Battle of the Buffalo Wing Contest 2010

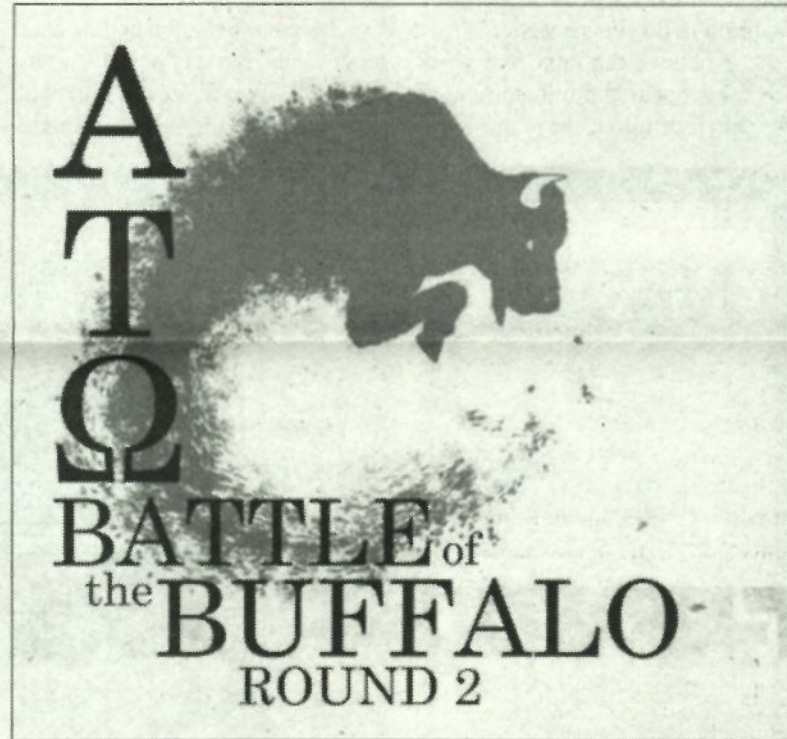
MATT SAYAR
Senior Science & Tech Writer

This Friday from 6-9 p.m., Alpha Tau Omega fraternity once again hosts its annual Battle of the Buffalo Wing contest on the top floor of the Intermodal Parking Facility.

The event pits the greatest wings in Huntsville against each other to see which will reign supreme. It is guaranteed to be bigger than last year, with Beauregard's, Hooters, Wings to Go and more coming out to stake their claim to the title of best wings in Huntsville.

Moe's Southwest Grill will be tentatively debuting its Mini-Buff Burrito. This will be its world premiere, so this is your chance to try it before anyone else! In addition, other buffalo-themed dishes will be served, including crawfish, chili, pizza and more.

The price of entry is only \$5 for all-you-can-eat wings. Live



Picture courtesy of Casey Kovach

music will be played throughout the night. All the proceeds will be donated to the Russell Hill Cancer Foundation in memory of Paul Salmon, a brother who lost the fight with leukemia.

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for \$2 from Malik himself. You can contact him at Aries_King28@yahoo.com.

And if you're wondering where your money is going, all proceeds will go toward the memorial funds of the families of the victims.

Event Calendar

April 7

- The reception for the annual student art show opens at 4:30 p.m. in the Wilson Hall gallery, located on the first floor, and ends at 6:30 p.m. Free.
- Lil' Ed and The Blues Imperials play at Humphrey's Bar and Grill. 8 p.m.
- UAH Theatre presents "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" on April 7, 8, 9, 10 at 7:30 p.m. and on April 11 at 2:30 p.m. Free to UAH students.

April 8

- A balloon-releasing ceremony honoring those lost in the heinous shooting tragedy on Feb. 12, takes place at 7 p.m. at the slab between the UC and the library.
- Kinvara performs at the Flying Monkey Arts Center. 7 p.m. \$5
- Seducing Alice plays at Crossroads Music Hall. 9:30 p.m. Free.

April 9

- The Ataris, Eyes Around, Or The Children's Crusade, and The Arrival play at the Multiplex. 7 p.m. \$12
- Roman Gabriel Todd, Thomas Function and Satan's Youth Ministers perform at the Flying Monkey Arts Center. 9pm. \$7
- Amos Lee performs at Crossroads Music Hall. Taking inspiration from soul greats Stevie Wonder and Bill Withers and fusing them with folk legends John Prine and Dave Van Ronk, Lee delivers a unique brand of soulful, folk music. 9 p.m. \$25. 19+
- Black Eyed Susan will be playing at the Station. 9 p.m. Free.

April 10

- The UAH Art Club hosts its annual Halloween in the Spring dance party. Imagine it's Halloween and dress appropriately. Prizes will be given to the spookiest. 8 p.m.-1 a.m. \$5
- Jimmy Wayne performs at Crossroads Music Hall. 10 p.m. \$15
- A Hoedown Party will be held at the ATO House at 10 p.m. There will be a mechanical bull, and a valid UAH ID is required. Free.
- UAH Student Rummage Sale will be held outside between the UC and Roberts Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

April 11

- Freddy Earl and the Blues Mercenaries host the weekly Sunday Blues Jam at Kaffeeklatsch. 9 p.m. Free.
- Devere Pride Trio play at Casa Montego. 9 p.m. Free.

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Dr. Phillip Farrington Speaks on His Time as Interim Dean of Engineering

MATT SAYAR
Senior Science & Tech Writer

On March 15, 2010, UAH learned that Dr. Shankar Mahalingham will be the new dean of the college of engineering at our school. Dr. Phillip Farrington has served as the interim dean since June 1, 2008, and will continue until Mahalingham officially takes the position in August.

A week passed from the time the former dean stepped down to the time Farrington stepped in to serve as the interim dean. Formerly, he served as the director of the college of engineering's Distance Learning Program and was a professor in the department of industrial and systems engineering and engineering management.

Despite his surprise at being placed in this position, Farrington "hit the ground running" and "focused on doing a good job." That included quickly assessing the most critical issues within the college to fix first. With a 7.5 percent budget cut the first year, followed by a 3.5 percent budget cut the next year,

his main focus was on "maintaining strength," with special attention to mitigating the damage budget cuts could cause in the future.

However, budget cuts were inevitable. They helped the interim dean prioritize the college's strong points, and the unfortunate removal of two staff positions resulted in their opportune placement in other roles at UAH.

Part of his effort to maintain strength consisted of improving the recruitment and retention of the college. Creating what Farrington calls a "supportive environment" of teachers helping students, as well as the Student Success Center, help keep students engaged in prospering within their fields of study. Farrington also streamlined communication, including a weekly staff and faculty newsletter to keep ideas flowing between everyone.

Faculty development was another large part of his goals, which included teaching them about the structure of Redstone Arsenal and their various organizations to help them compete for research grants. Urging faculty to apply for the Na-

tional Science Foundation's Career Award also helped a few staff members receive a generous amount of research funding, while simultaneously increasing UAH's status.

Most interim deans serve to maintain the status quo while the search for a new dean is underway, but Farrington approached the job without limiting himself.

Dr. Thomas Koshut, associate vice-president for research and a member of the search committee for the new dean, said, "Dr. Farrington's competence allowed us to take our time to find someone as qualified as Mahalingham." Farrington is proud to have allowed the search committee to "see what else was out there" in terms of qualified candidates.

"Mahalingham is going to be an excellent dean... [He] has a good feel for the expectations of the job," Koshut said. He feels Mahalingham's research background and fresh eyes will be a welcome addition to this university.

"I believe the next five years are transitional and transformation for this institution," says the inter-

im dean. He believes UAH will become a force in the national community, and the new leaders we have in place, including Mahalingham, will help guide us there.

On his way out, Farrington has mixed emotions. He will miss interacting with a broad range of people, from faculty to students to parents.

He admits the job had its challenges, but the support from his faculty and staff leaves him with only good memories. His imme-

mediate plan is to return to a faculty position in August, but his time served in the office has led to some other opportunities that he is currently exploring.

Farrington received his doctorate in industrial engineering and management from Oklahoma State University.

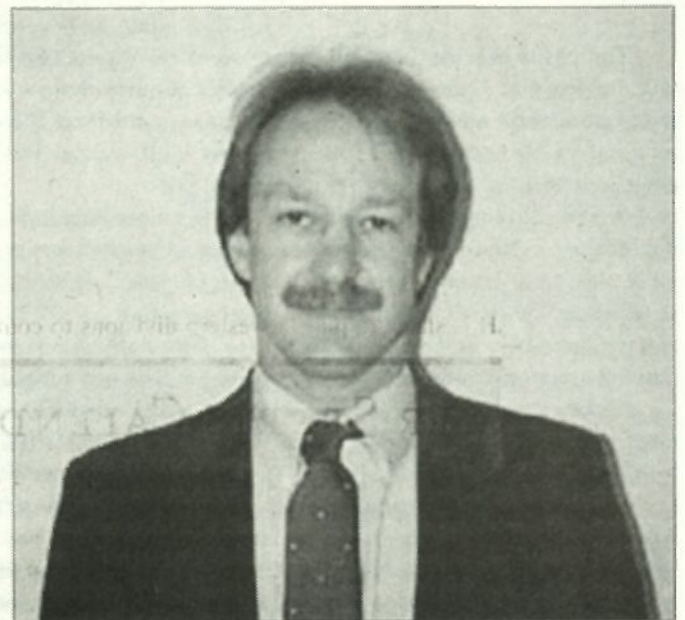


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This Week in History

ASHLEY TROMBA
Staff Writer

April 7:

- In 1827, John Walker, an English chemist, invents wooden matches.
- In 1959, radar is first bounced off the sun from Stanford, California.
- The first west-to-east transatlantic nonstop flight in a jet occurred in 1953.

April 8:

- John D. Lynde patents the aerosol dispenser in 1862.
- The first orbiting astronomical observatory, the OAO 1, is launched in 1966.
- In 1766, the first fire escape is patented. It consisted of a wicker basket on a pulley and chain.

April 9:

- This day marks the first flight of the Concorde 002 in 1969.
- The Endeavour is launched into orbit in 1994.
- In 1967, the first Boeing 737 is rolled out of the production line.

April 10:

- In 1930, synthetic rubber is first produced.
- In 1953, "House of Wax" becomes the first 3-D movie.
- The Titanic sets sail for its first and last journey in 1912.

April 11:

- Einstein introduces his Theory of Relativity in 1906.
- In 1960, the first weather satellite is launched.
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April 12:

- George Blickensderfer patents the portable typewriter in 1892.
- Harvard University patents a genetically engineered mouse in 1988.

April 13:

- In 1796, the first elephant arrives in the United States from India.
- In 1960, the first navigational satellite, the Transit 1B, is put into Earth's orbit.

Never Forget

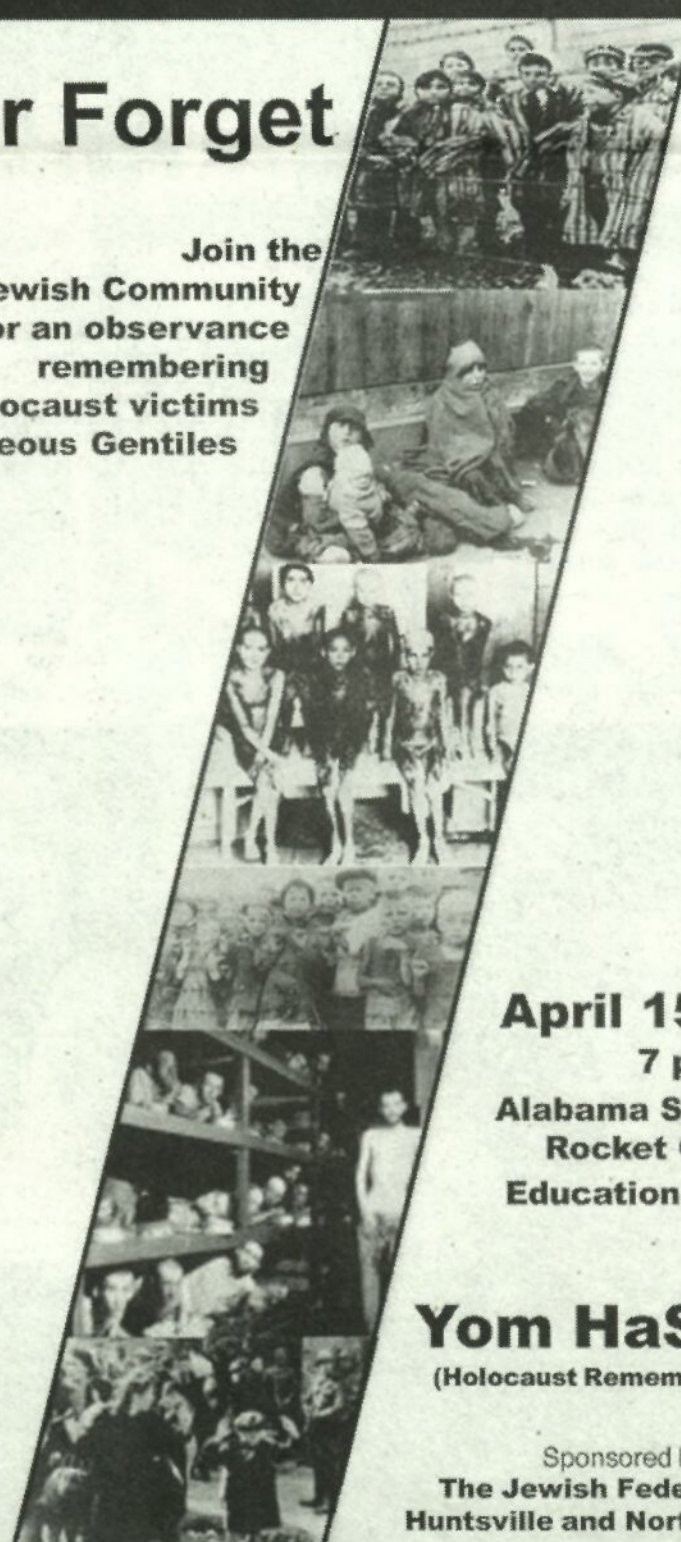
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Softball Set for Conference Crossover Tournament

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

The Chargers softball team is getting ready for a marathon of games coming up for the Gulf South Conference Crossover Tournament. The tourney will be held over a span of four days, April 8-11, in which UAH is slated to play

seven games.

UAH was selected earlier this year to host the tournament at the Wilson-Nelson Softball Complex in Decatur, Ala. All thirteen GSC teams will participate in the tournament.

The crossover tournament allows teams from the eastern and western divisions to compete with

each other. For example, UAH is in the eastern division, and faces every team from the east twice a year. The only time in the regular season they play a team from the western division is during the crossover tourney. They will play all seven opponents from the west during the four-day run.

The games in the crossover tourney will make or break the season for several teams, as they all count towards the league standings. The UAH ladies have looked impressive so far this year, and

continue to look to their success in this critical part of the season.

After the tournament, the Chargers have only four more games until the GSC Tournament in Southaven, Miss. They will be on the road against West Florida and Valdosta State and will finish up the year at home against West Alabama and North Alabama.

Directions and more information about the GSC Crossover Tournament can be found at the UAH athletics Web site, www.uahchargers.com.



Photos courtesy of UAH Athletics

Tennis Teams in Action Thursday

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

The men's and women's tennis teams face off against West Alabama this Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at the Charger Tennis Center. Both teams are coming off of their April Fools' Day matchup against rival University of North Alabama.

These games mark the second-to-last home games and the final conference matches of the year for the Chargers. This game is the last chance for the team to qualify for the Gulf South Conference Tournament, which is held in Montgomery, Ala., on April 16 and April 17.

The UAH teams have three consecutive road games before their final matchups of the year against Alabama A&M on April 14. This is the last game for six seniors who are graduating this spring.

The Charger Tennis Center is located just outside of Spragins Hall parking lot. Admission is free for students.

CHARGER SPORTS CALENDAR

Baseball

Record 22-10 GSC 3-3

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
April 10	West Florida	Pensacola, FL	2:00 p.m.
April 11	West Florida	Pensacola, FL	1:00 p.m.

Softball

Record 26-7 GSC 11-1

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
April 8	Henderson State	Decatur, AL	4:00 p.m.
April 9	Ouachita Baptist	Decatur, AL	12:00 p.m.
April 9	Arkansas-Monticello	Decatur, AL	4:00 p.m.
April 10	Arkansas Tech	Decatur, AL	12:00 p.m.
April 10	Southern AK	Decatur, AL	4:00 p.m.
April 11	Christian Brothers	Decatur, AL	10:00 a.m.
April 11	Delta State	Decatur, AL	12:00 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Record 6-6 GSC 0-3

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
April 8	West Alabama	Home	2:00 p.m.
April 9	Lemoyne Owen	Memphis, TN	T.B.A.
April 13	MartinMethodist	Pulaski, TN	2:30 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Record 6-7 GSC 0-3

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
April 8	West Alabama	Home	2:00 p.m.
April 9	Lemoyne Owen	Memphis, TN	T.B.A.
April 13	MartinMethodist	Pulaski, TN	2:30 p.m.

Track and Field

Date	Event
April 10	Ole Miss Invitational

CHARGER SPORTS SCORES

Baseball

Record 22-10 GSC 3-3

April 2	Lambuth	3
	Chargers	10
April 2	Lambuth	9
	Chargers	2
April 3	Lambuth	5
	Chargers	8
April 6	Lambuth	7
	Chargers	12

Softball

Record 26-7 GSC 11-1

April 2	West Georgia	0
	Chargers	5
April 2	West Georgia	0
	Chargers	6

Men's Tennis

Record 6-6 GSC 0-3

April 1	North Alabama	5
	Chargers	4

Women's Tennis

Record 6-7 GSC 0-3

April 1	North Alabama	5
	Chargers	4



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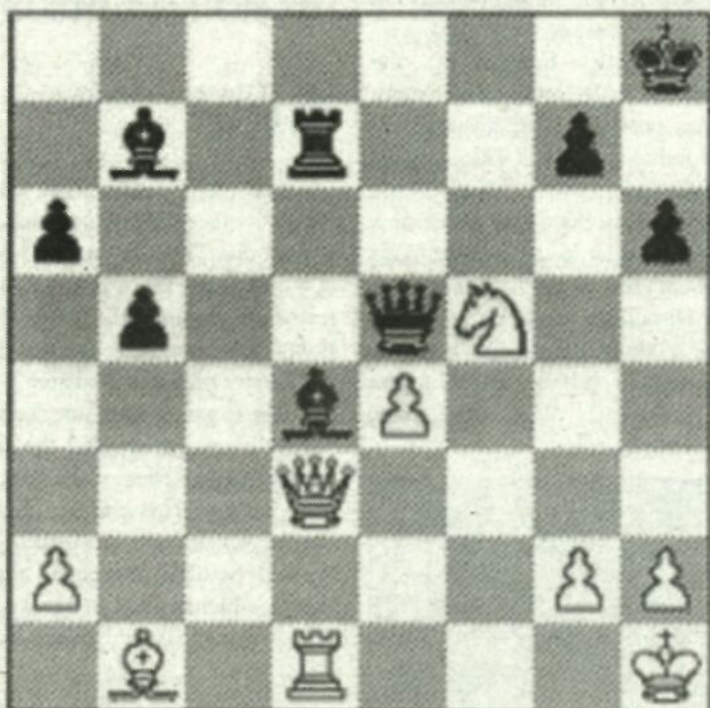
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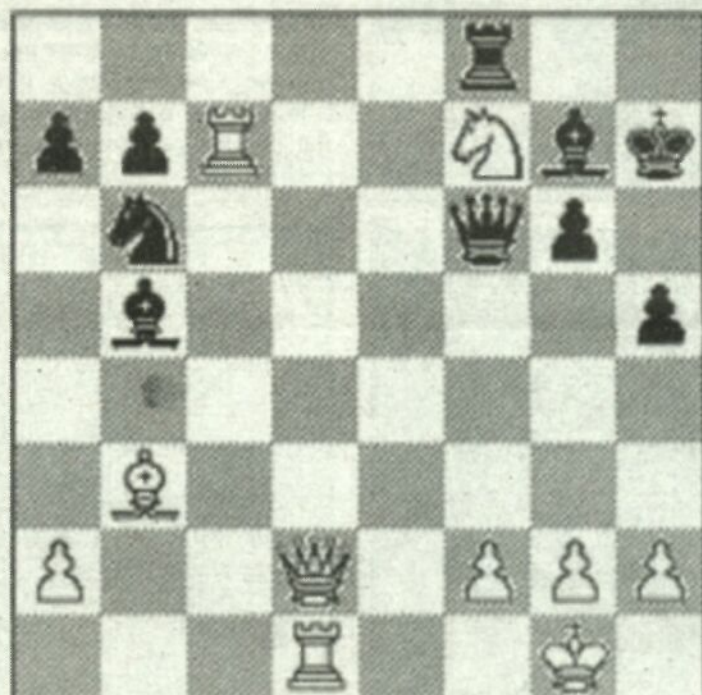
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Chess Puzzles

Puzzle 1: Black to Play and Win Material



Puzzle 2: White to Play and Checkmate

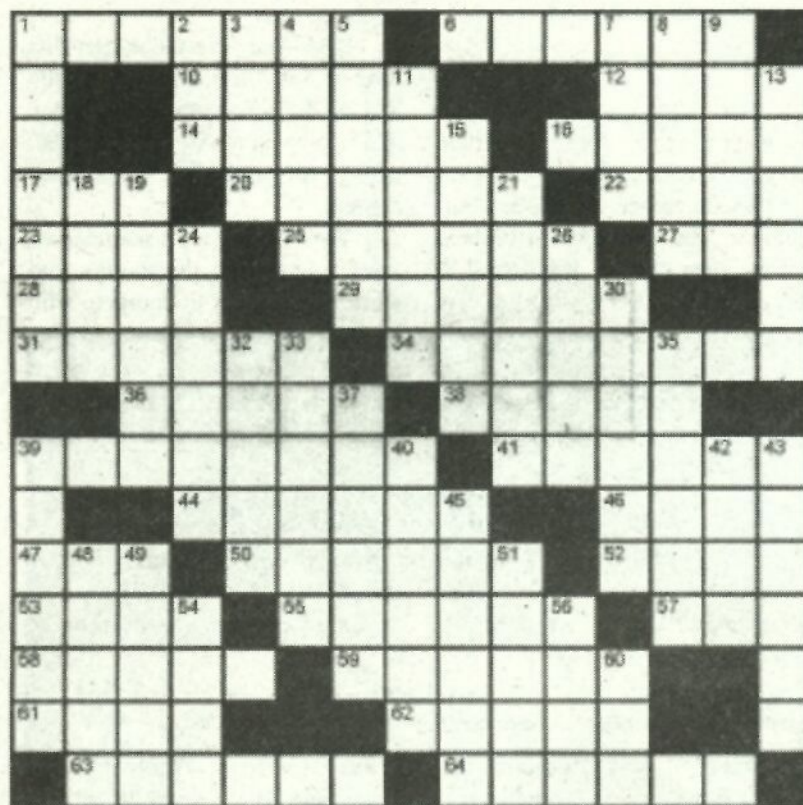


Puzzles courtesy of the UAH Chess Club. The UAH Chess Club meets every Monday from 6:00-10:00 pm at the Charger Express Cafe in the University Center. All levels are welcome!

Crossword

Across

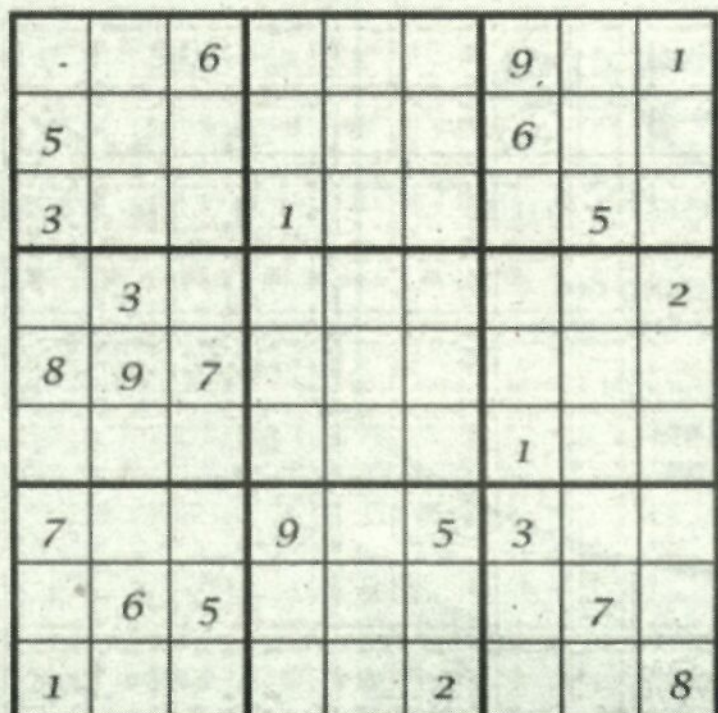
1. Noblest knight of the Round Table
6. Road around an obstruction
10. I'm doing the same
12. Ornamental fabric
14. Publishes
16. Controller of child thieves
17. Conclusion
20. Inactive mammals
22. Securely confined
23. Smoke deposit
25. Characteristics
27. Title of a knight
28. Small island
29. Heats to melting point
31. Choose
34. Passageway
36. Connecting chambers
38. Compact
39. Missile payloads
41. Revolve
44. Weirder
46. Wicked
47. Lever for rowing
50. Fiend
52. Lake or pond
53. Spoken
55. Plaintiff
57. Revolution
58. Church council
59. Cooking devices
61. Witches
62. Efface
63. Contraction of need not
64. Infected



Down

1. First book of the Bible
2. Current unit
3. Possessive pronoun
4. Tilted
5. Givers
7. Exclamation to express sorrow
8. Long stories
9. Science fiction
11. Capital of Canada
13. Vigor
15. Protect
18. Facial feature
19. Basic monetary unit
21. Less fresh
24. Grow teeth
26. Stenographer
30. Method
32. Set of beliefs
33. Head ornaments
35. Person who weaves
37. Farewells
39. Loud, rushing noise
40. Southwestern Asian
42. Make weary
43. Cricket team
45. Revolving airfoils
48. Of Nordic stock
49. Extent
51. Suddenly brightening stars
54. Mislay
56. Short respondent
60. Become firm

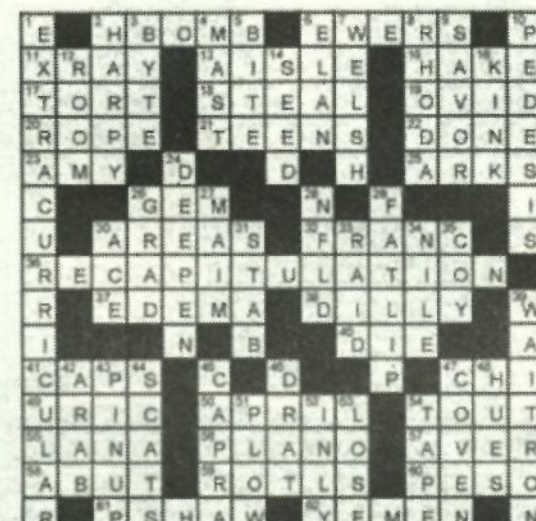
Sudoku



Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

Solutions to last issue's puzzles:

6	5	8	3	7	9	2	1	4
9	3	2	6	4	1	5	7	8
7	4	1	5	8	2	9	6	3
2	1	4	9	5	7	8	3	6
5	6	7	2	3	8	1	4	9
8	9	3	1	6	4	7	5	2
1	7	9	4	2	3	6	8	5
4	2	6	8	1	5	3	9	7
3	8	5	7	9	6	4	2	1



Chess Puzzles: Puzzle 1 - 1. Nxc7+ Kf8 2.Re8#
 Puzzle 2 - 1. Qxb4 Rxb4 (1...Re8 2.Qxe7) 2.Rc8+ Ng8 3.Rxg8+ Kxg8 4.Re8#