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SPORTS BRIEFS

The UAH softball team continued its red-hot season over the weekend with a seven-game sweep in the 2011 GSC Crossover tournament. The sweep also set a school record for most consecutive wins with 22. The defense was stellar throughout the tournament as the Lady Chargers outscored their opponents 34-6 throughout the seven games, including four consecutive shutouts. UAH got things rolling with a 3-1 victory over Henderson State in their first and only game for day one of the tourney.

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3OH!3 Performance During Homecoming Week Draws Big Crowd

RACHEL PALAZZO
Staff Writer

The line for the April 7 3OH!3 concert was wrapped around the left side of Spragins down the sidewalk, almost reaching the front of Roberts Hall before the doors even opened. 3OH!3's tour bus was parked only feet away from the eager crowd. Reportedly, over a thousand tickets were given out or purchased and additional tickets were also for sale at the door.

When the doors opened the crowd rushed into Spragins with seating on both sides of the gym and standing room in front of the stage.

The opening band, Ella Riot, formerly known as My Dear Disco, got the crowd pumped before 3OH!3. The vocals of Ella Riot were superb, but the music itself was not much for dancing. Ella Riot performed numerous songs including a new one off of its CD. The band performed for about an hour

and 10 minutes before the Homecoming Court was announced. By the time Ella Riot's last song came around and their drummer had thrown his water bottle into the standing audience, the crowd was more than ready for 3OH!3's performance.

3OH!3 opened its act with the popular song "Starstruck" as a background of an American flag with their famous logo, the two hands with a circle and three fingers on each side, unfolded behind them. Members of the crowd held their hands up with the logo in response. As an electric pop group one would not have expected the band to be very good live, but 3OH!3 proved that conception wrong, and the crowd was overall pleasantly surprised by their performance.

The band's performance was



3OH!3 on stage during concert. Photo courtesy of Nikki Goode

very energetic, and members knew how to work the crowd, getting the audience to jump at their count of three. They even included a game in their act which involved throwing the glow sticks handed out at the door at singer Sean Forman. In addition to their game, the band also had some of UAH's students

come on stage to dance with them. Overall, the crowd seemed to be very pleased with the 3OH!3 concert. It was an exciting night for Homecoming, and possibly one of the biggest events to take place at UAH so far. The concert gets two thumbs up, and can be considered a success.

Dr. Bruce Yandle Lecture Discusses the "Knowledge Economy"

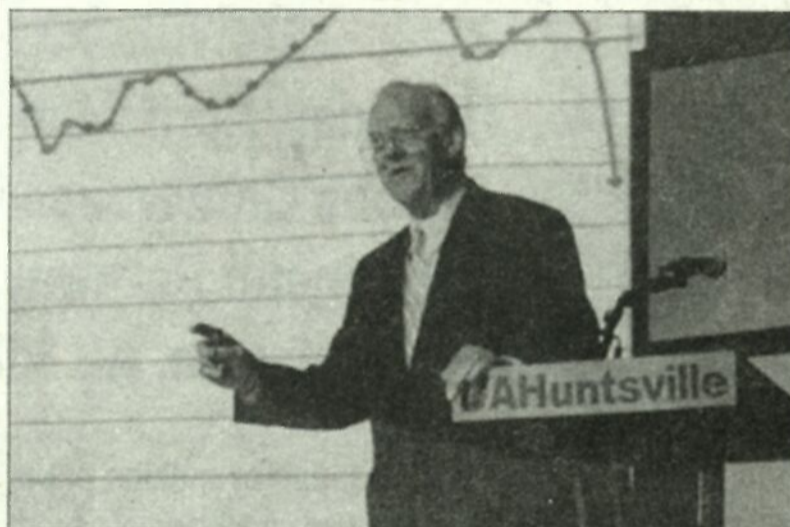


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REBEKAH MOHR
Staff Writer

Dr. Bruce Yandle lectured a group of students, faculty, and community members on April 7 about the "knowledge economy."

Yandle is a distinguished adjunct professor of economics for the Mercatus Center's Capitol Hill Campus program and the dean emeritus of the Clemson College of Business and Behavioral Sciences.

He is the author and co-author of numerous books. He also served as a member and chair of the South Carolina State Board of Economic Advisors.

From 1976 to 1978, Yandle was a senior economist on the staff of the President's Council on Wage and Price Stability, where he reviewed and analyzed newly proposed regulations. From 1982

to 1984, he was executive director of the Federal Trade Commission. Before entering a career in university teaching, Yandle was in the industrial machinery business in Georgia for 15 years.

Yandle earned his Ph.D and MBA from Georgia State University and his AB degree from Mercer University.

In his lecture, Yandle talked about the ways in which the "knowledge economy" is the key to future economic success. The sector of jobs called professional business services, which includes accounting, payroll, office management, software, health care and education jobs, is growing and will be around for a while.

Huntsville, he said, is one place that is doing well, despite the national recession, because it

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UAH Students Travel to Montgomery for Higher Education Day on April 7



Photo by: Huiying Sun

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Higher Education Day is a day set aside by the governor for students, faculty and other people who work in the education field in Alabama's 15 public universities. Those who participate visit the capital, Montgomery, and take part in a huge Higher Ed Day Rally that allows rally participants to voice their support for higher education in the state.

The Higher Education Day Rally is Montgomery's largest annual advocacy rally. The theme for this year is "Creating Opportunities: systematic change=meaningful results." In legislative session 2011, which will still be a tough financial year, the Higher Education Partnership requests for university appropriations to return to the two-thirds for K-12 and one-third for

higher education split of the available funds in the Education Trust Fund. So "one-third" was the main slogan for this year.

On April 7, about 60 UAH students were officially excused from classes to load into buses. Participants left at 7 a.m. and arrived in Montgomery at 11 a.m. With bands from Alabama State University and University of West Alabama playing and energetic speakers, such as the governor and Gordon Stone, the day has become a day on which rally participants have the opportunity to advocate for the importance of more funding for higher education face-to-face with policy makers.

After the free barbeque lunch in front of the State House, participants headed back to Huntsville and arrived at 4 p.m., hoping that our voices could make a difference and contribute to higher education.

UAH - The Most Popular University?

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As UAH students, alumni and teachers, we all have our own perceptions of everyday life and experiences at this university. Some may look at it as a stepping stone to a dream career and self-improvement, one that includes meeting potential friends for life and enjoying the events that are held here until they graduate.

Others may consider UAH an academic penitentiary; for those who wish to improve their financial status, a mandatory sentence that drains their wallets, time and mental health with the hope that their hard work and student loan induced-debt will contribute to a positive and materially plentiful fruition that leads them to a dream job and not to an economically unstable environment.

No matter which side of this fence you're on, it is safe to say that we can all appreciate and agree that UAH is useful and recognized for its contribution to our personal improvement. If not, why else would we be here, and why would you be

reading this?

Enough about what we think. How do others view our university, and how does it stack up to the competition? Compared with some other universities, UAH may not seem too special; in fact, it may seem a bit plain. As it turns out, UAH landed at #17 (out of a much larger number) on "U.S. News and World Report's" "Most Popular Universities" in the nation list. Beneath all the mumbo-jumbo that encompasses the statistical analysis that created the popularity dynamic, which is calculated for this ranking, lies an explanation. Popularity is analyzed by comparing the number of students who are accepted at the university to those who actually enroll, which practically means that the students who are accepted at UAH are also intent on going here. This is as opposed to a second- or third-choice school that a prospective student may apply to just as a backup in case his or her first choice falls through. Many different factors may contribute to our popularity, such as

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Master's in Flight Test Engineering to Be Offered

ASHLEY TROMBA
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In response to current research demands at UAH and predicted demands following the relocation of BRAC to Huntsville, UAH will be developing a new master's program in the field of flight test engineering.

This field of study is currently in high demand from the obvious military applications to the research of UAH's Rotorcraft Systems Engineering and Simulation Center. The center has use of both rotary and fixed-wing aircraft for the purpose of gathering test flight

data. They have also recently hired two test pilots and have begun to fly research payloads.

Currently UAH only offers specialized short courses in the continuing education program, such as the Introduction to Flight Test Engineering. The curriculum for an entire program is still being decided upon, but flight test engineering will be a specialty that students can apply for in the college of engineering in the near future. Other schools that offer similar degree programs are Mississippi State University and the University of Tennessee Space Institute.

UAH Hosts Earth Week with Contests and Lectures

GARY FRAZIER
Staff Writer

Starting April 18, UAH will host Earth Week, an event spanning five days and designed to "inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment," according to the official website. Central to the week's events are its many competitions intended to pique the interest of many different kinds of students, not just those normally inclined to be environmentally involved.

Earth Week kicks off April 18 at noon in Charger Village. The first 50 people in the doors will receive a small plant in a recycled coffee mug. At 12:45 p.m., door prizes will be given out, including a one-year membership to the Huntsville Botanical Garden and a \$20 gift card to the Little Green Store on Monte Sano.

On April 19 the focus will be on recycling, with events taking

place in the Intermodal Facility's parking lot. Students are encouraged to bring old electronics (computers, monitors, cell phones, microwaves and stereos), shoes, and cans to be recycled. A "Litter Walk" will run from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. with a chance to win a gift certificate, and local vendors will be set up with giveaways.

April 20 will be all about energy conservation, including a Chevy Volt electric car, which will be on hand for students to inspect and learn about at the University Center slab. Also on the slab from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. will be the "Off the Grid" Smoothie Design competition, in which teams of one to four students create machines using only renewable power to make strawberry smoothies. Students not part of a team can still come out to enjoy a free smoothie.

At the University Center on April 21 at 11 a.m., students can hear a lecture about water conser-

vation in the home. There will also be an opportunity to win more door prizes.

On April 22, the first 30 students to reserve a spot will be allowed to tour the National Space Science Technology Center at 320 Sparkman Drive. The tour will be followed by a lecture on climate change at 10 a.m., followed at 10:45 by ideas for ways to build a "green" home.

The final event of the week is a tour and presentation of the Mobile Integrated Profiling System Fleet, which was designed for storm chasing.

Earth Week is sure to be one most exciting events on campus this semester. A week full of activities means that students can have fun and win some great prizes, all while learning about how to be a little more earth-friendly. More details are available at the event's official website, <http://earthweek.uah.edu/>

Paper Cranes for Japan

Relief Effort to Aid Earthquake and Tsunami Victims

Join the North Alabama Society of Women Engineers as we team with Students Rebuild, DoSomething.org, and Architecture for Humanity to help victims of the disaster in Japan.

Thursday, April 14 at 5:30pm
Jacobs Conference Center
1500 Perimeter Parkway, Suite 100
Huntsville, AL 35806

Help Japan by making paper cranes.

Learn about Japanese culture and the art of origami (traditional Japanese paper folding) while creating paper cranes for the victims in Japan. **Students Rebuild will donate \$2 for each paper crane submitted!** The money raised by these simple yet powerful gestures will be donated to Architecture for Humanity's reconstruction efforts in Japan. Once 100,000 cranes are submitted, they will be woven into an art installation — a symbolic gift to Japan from people around the globe.

Great way for the entire family to get involved!

Visit studentsrebuild.org/japan or contact AsukaYuyama@gmail.com for more information.



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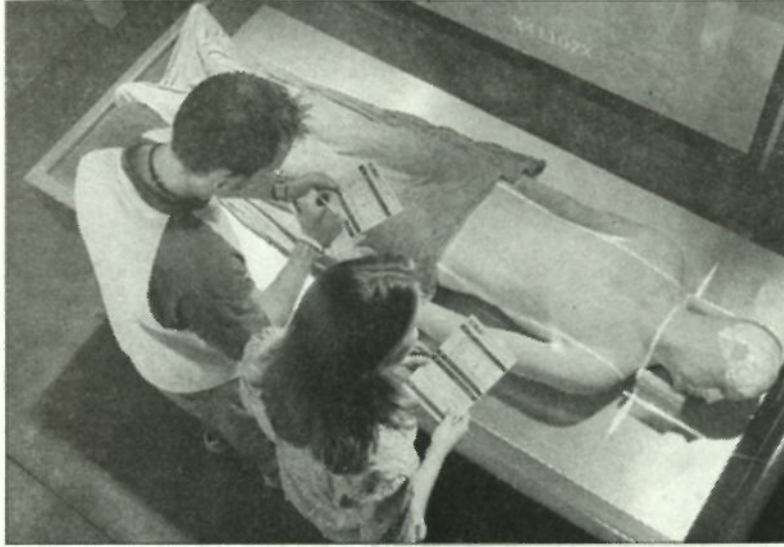
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"CSI: The Experience" Allows Participants to Become a CSI for a Day



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A darkened alleyway. Distant sounds of car alarms and loud music. Somewhere down the street, a cat wails. Through the dim light of tired streetlamps and the smog-obscured moon, you can just glimpse an immobile human hand hanging limply over the rim of a rusted dumpster...

And then, you hear the cheerful opening strains of the 1978 pop hit, "Who Are You?"

It must be time for "CSI"! A favorite Thursday-night ritual for many, fans of the show can now get a taste of this unique crime drama first hand - right here in Huntsville. It's the newest attraction at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, barely five miles from the UAH campus. This fully immersive, multi-room exhibit takes you right into the world of "CSI" - quite literally.

"CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" has been a household name almost since its creation. Since its original air date in October 2000, the popular CBS® show has become one of the most successful franchises on TV - and it's easy to see why. Although the subject matter is dark, the show is ultimately about achieving justice - through science.

Creator Anthony Zuiker shadowed actual crime scene investigators in preparation for drafting the series and its characters, witnessing

the aftermath of assaults, vehicular accidents and even real-life murders. Gruesome though this experience was, it did teach Zuiker one of the most important tenets of forensic science: "The human body," he tells us via video at the beginning of our investigation, "is the perfect specimen."

Next, Gus Grissom himself gives us our instructions. You can choose to investigate one of three crime scenes. Your task: to notice everything, to leave no minute piece of evidence unearthed. Fans of the show might see this as a matter of course, but one step into each of the crime scenes and even the most seasoned "CSI" fanatic can see - it's not as easy as it looks on TV.

Whether you've chosen to investigate the 2-year-old skeleton lying half-buried in the desert, the young girl left lying in an alley, or the man slumped over the wheel of a car that's been driven into a neat, suburban living room, the evidence is all around you - but much of it is nearly impossible to see.

From tiny pillow fibers to blood spatter to insect larvae, the three crime scenes are as meticulously constructed as any scene on "CSI." The realism goes all the way down to framed photos and knick-knacks on the mantel of the crashed-through living room. With so many life-like details to take in, it's difficult to separate evidence from scenery - which, of course, is



Photos courtesy of U.S. Space and Rocket Center

the challenge.

After investigating your crime scene, you enter the CSI buildings, passing the show's iconic "Crime Solve Score Board" along the way. With your preliminary report in hand, it's time to hit the labs. Stations are set up for each case, all of which provide additional evidence and interactive lab activities. The rooms so closely emulate the show's lighting, layout and décor that it's easy to get caught up in the spirit of the investigation.

The labs also feature in-depth information about the real-life processes involved in forensics, which utilize aspects of biology, chemistry and physics. Facial reconstruction - the process of recreating a person's face from nothing more than a skull - is illustrated via a set of props that were used in "CSI: New York." Actual forensic equipment such as a ballistics firing chamber and a thermal cyclor for use in PCR (the amplification of DNA) are on display, and videos from both "CSI" characters and real-life forensic experts add to the overall experience. For anyone who has ever considered a career in forensics, this additional information is the icing on the cake.

After completing further investigation, including fingerprint analysis and toxicology reports, the next stop is the autopsy table. "CSI" Medical Examiner Dr. Al Robbins performs a holographic (but highly realistic) autopsy on

life-size models of each of the three victims, giving us his take on the causes of each death. This part of the tour is definitely not for the squeamish, but it's a crucial part of the investigative process. If you're daring enough, you can even examine a beaker of a victim's stomach contents.

At this point, you have enough on paper to solve your chosen mystery and identify the perpetrator. You must now review your findings on interactive "crime computers." If you've pieced together all your evidence correctly - congratulations! Gil Grissom will confirm your theory and you'll get to see a re-enactment of how your crime might have occurred. If you've chosen the wrong perpetrator, Grissom will voice his displeasure with his usual candor and instruct you to take another look at the evidence. On your way out, you'll pass a perfect replica of Grissom's office - complete with the classical music.

"CSI: The Experience" will be on display at the Space & Rocket Center until May 1. The exhibit is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 7 days a week, and it's a unique way to pass an afternoon, even if you're not a fan of the show. If your brain needs a break from cramming for finals, consider channeling that energy into solving a murder. Admission is only \$10 with your Charger ID, a

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Huntsville Symphony Bids Conductor Prieto a Fond Farewell

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On April 16, Huntsville will say goodbye to a man who had become a symbol of the youth and artistic energy that the city, at its best, represents. Carlos Miguel Prieto was appointed principal conductor of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra in 2003, and his tenure has been marked by a dynamism and vigor that reflect his personality. Prieto has long been seen as a fast-rising star in the conducting world, and many correctly suspected that a city the size of Huntsville could only contain a man of his ability for so long.

A native of Mexico, Prieto is also an accomplished violinist and a member of the Prieto Quartet, an acclaimed ensemble consisting of four generations of family members. Prieto originally attended Princeton and Harvard universities, receiving both engineering and business degrees, but was later drawn to music professionally, a passion since his childhood.

As conductor, he studied under Jorge Mester, Enrique Diemecke, Charles Bruck and Michael Jinbo. Through exemplary while conducting some of Mexico's most prestigious orchestras, he quickly found appreciation in the U.S., and besides his position in Huntsville, he is the music director of the Louisiana Philharmonic, as well as serving as the associate conductor of the Houston Symphony.

Additionally, he has accepted invitations to conduct dozens of American and European orchestras, perhaps most notably with Yo-Yo Ma and the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Prieto has long been an advocate of contemporary music and new compositions, and to date has conducted more than 50 world premieres, often commissioning the

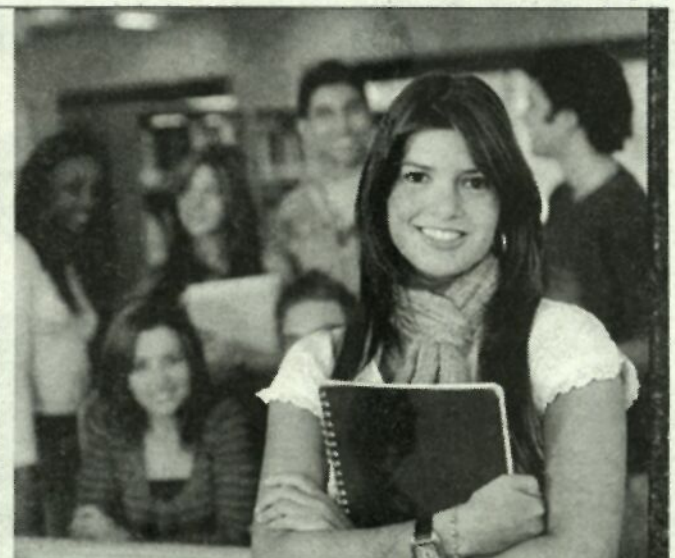
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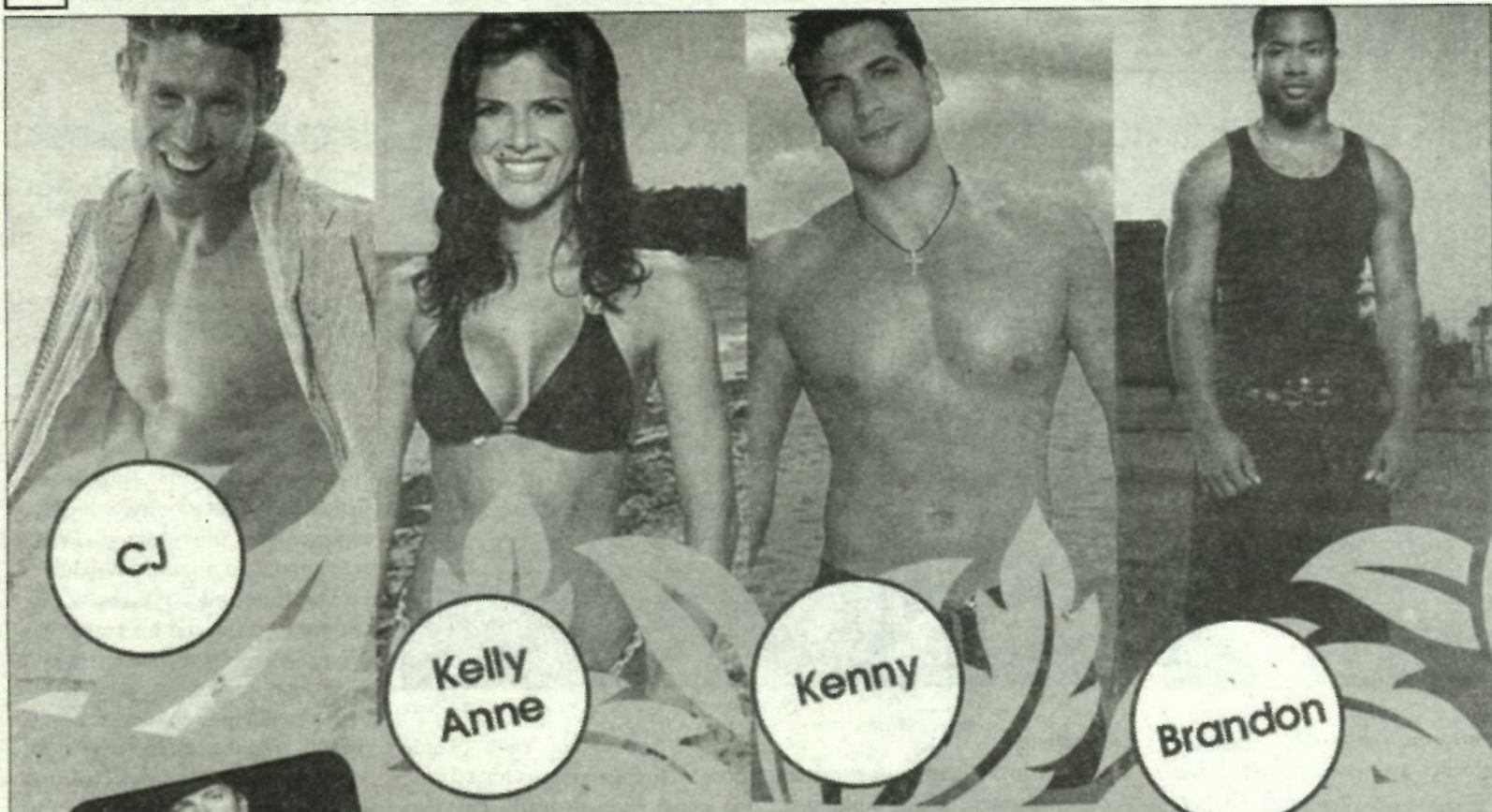
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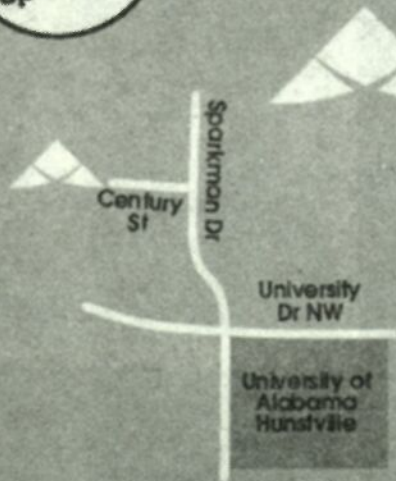
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has a lot of these professional business services jobs. Yandle predicts that Huntsville will be back to pre-recession levels of employment and production by 2012. This is good news for Huntsville.

The rest of Alabama and the Southeast do not look so fortunate. Huntsville's strong economic position has been created by a large amount of professional business services and government jobs that are located here.

The lecture was sponsored

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UAH's being located so close to Huntsville, the Rocket Capital (in case you ever wondered why every other building is named Von Braun) and job metropolis (we hope) of northern Alabama.

No matter what the reason is, we should enjoy our impressive ranking before they come up with a reason to revoke our statistically dominant spot. To sum this up, no matter what reasons bring us all to this campus, it can be seen in our students and in the statistics presented by our popularity ranking that when students decide to go to UAH, they are intent on getting their education.

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works himself. In addition to recent compositions, Prieto has demonstrated in his program selections an affinity for the works of the late Romantics.

It is fitting then, that his farewell performance features pieces by Johannes Brahms and Gustav Mahler. Brahms' "Song of Destiny" and Mahler's 7th Symphony, also featuring the Huntsville Community Chorus, will be performed April 16 during a program aptly entitled: "A Fond Farewell." Tickets range from \$28 to \$69 for the public or \$14 to \$34.50 for UAH students and are available at the HSO ticket office or online at www.hso.org.

Carlos Miguel Prieto has become one of Huntsville's favorite adopted sons over much of the last decade, and he will always be welcome here, a place he has often described fondly as "a true world-class city."

From CSI on Pg. 3

savings from the regular rate of \$15 per person. It typically takes about an hour to complete the tour, but a few temporary CSIs have completed it in 30 minutes. A real challenge would be to beat your friends' investigation times.

Whether you remember the Space & Rocket Center from grade school field trips or you've never visited at all, "CSI: The Experience" is definitely worth checking out - especially at its discounted student rate.

Charger Chic: Megan Foster



Photo by: Salome Saliashvili

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Staff Writer

After running into Megan Foster in the University Center, the Exponent decided to ask her a few questions regarding her fashion sense. Foster, a junior majoring in English and secondary education, gives us her take on Uggs, skinny jeans, her go-to outfit and Jennifer Aniston.

Tell me about your outfit. Jeans - The Limited brand, but purchased from Marshall's. Shirt - Black long sleeve T from Old Navy, with DZ embroidery. Jacket - Young Essence brand, purchased from the Delta Zeta Marketplace.

How would you describe your style? It's all over the place. I really do dress depending on my mood. My closet has everything from vintage band T's to preppy cardigans. I think my unique personality shows through my diverse attire.

What kind of styles do you see these days that you particularly like? I can't get enough of

the skinny jeans. My favorite outfits usually consist of skinny jeans and some type of cute over-sized T-shirt, button-down, V-neck, anything, really. Now that it's getting warmer, I've also been a big fan of jumpers the past few years. I think it's very cool when old trends come back into style...for the most part.

Where are your favorite places to shop? The Gap, Mountain High, Target, Marshall's, and DSW.

What's your go-to outfit if you're going out and want to look hot? Something form-fitting but conservative. Either skinny jeans with a cute top, vest and heels, or a dress.

Crocs. Yay or nay? The original style isn't very attractive, but the flip flops aren't too bad. I think stuff like that is really made for comfort, and sometimes (at a job for instance) that's all that matters.

Who is your style icon? I really admire Jennifer Aniston. I think that she's a strong, talented woman

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Club Profile: The Association of Nursing Students

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Staff Writer

Many of our on-campus clubs offer a break from the books, with social events that allow students the chance to relax, make friends and celebrate common interests. Many other student organizations, however, exist for one important purpose: to help prepare you for your career.

The Association of Nursing Students is a strictly professional organization focused on the needs of nursing majors. It is open to nursing students of any year - freshmen and sophomores who have declared the major can join the ANS even before they begin the nursing curriculum of their last two years. It's free to join the UAH chapter, but there is a fee to register with the national parent branch of ANS.

Zach Lewter, the club's president, feels that the membership fee is well worth it. Through the club's participation in national-level programs and competitions, he's been able to line up numerous job offers, from right here in Huntsville to Nashville and Atlanta - and even in the exotic cities of Hawaii. Lewter will graduate with his nursing degree this May, but he's already working at Huntsville Hospital - and he's got the ANS to thank for it.

"[The club] got me my first job," he said.

Although registration with the ANS's national counterpart allows students to participate in the club's primary goals, non-registered students can still benefit from membership at the local level.

"We address local issues also," Lewter said. "Our big goal is the national stuff, but we do address stuff within the college."

For example, nursing students who may be having issues with a professor or the curriculum can avoid a potentially difficult discussion with the dean and go to the

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Event Calendar

April 15

- The 30th Black Maria Film Festival will be held at the Flying Monkey. The focus of the tour is on short, original, independent films. Admission is \$7, and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.
- UAH Theatre presents "Crumbs from the Table of Joy" by Lynn Nottage. The performance is at 7:40 p.m. in the Wilson Hall Theatre. Others showings will continue on April 16, 20, 21, 22 and 23.

April 16

- Crossroads Music Hall presents Todd Snider, the Storyteller. Admission is \$20, and the show starts at 10 p.m.

April 17

- UAH Concert Choir presents Dr. Eric Colwitz and Men's Chorus, Rev. Billy Orton, at Roberts Recital Hall. This event starts at 3 p.m.

April 18

- The Flying Monkey presents Body Heat Queer Femme Tour, a nationally touring group of queer femme erotic writers, authors and performance artists. The show starts at 9 p.m. Admission is \$10.
- Grant Imahara from "Mythbusters" will be "Debunking the Myths" on April 18 at 8 p.m. in Spragins Hall. Tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis to students and are free with a Charger card. Faculty and staff tickets are \$10, and the general public is \$15. Tickets will be available in University Center 104 April 14, 15, and 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact jlg0018@uah.edu.

April 19

- Crossroads Music Hall and Rocket 95.1 present Drowning Pool with special guests Pop Evil, A new revolution and Static Cycle. Admission is \$20, and the show starts at 7 p.m.
- UAH celebrates the 41st anniversary of Earth Day all week; a Solid Waste/Recycling Day starts this off. Take your old electronics to the intermodal parking facility. There is also a "Litter Walk" at 10 a.m. The events will go from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 20

- Continuing on with the Earth Day celebrations, UAH will hold an "Off the Grid" smoothie design competition at the University Center Slab. It begins at 10 a.m.

April 21

- Sammy T's presents the Hard Drive Live Spring Fling Tour featuring Saliva with special guest Rev Theory, Madam Adam, Seven Day Sonnet and Emphatic!. Tickets are \$20. The doors open at 7 p.m.
- UAH will hold Water Conservation Day as a part of the Earth Day celebration. This day will highlight water quality and quantity issues. The events start at 11 a.m. and go until 1 p.m.

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CHARGER SPORTS SCORES

Baseball	
Record 22-13 GSC 6-4	
March 30 Montevallo Chargers	2 7
April 5 Faulkner Chargers	8 3
April 9 Valdosta State Chargers	4 5
April 9 Valdosta State Chargers	9 4
April 10 Valdosta State Chargers	12 16
Softball	
Record 35-1-1 GSC 19-0	
April 7 Henderson State Chargers	1 3
April 8 Ouachita Baptist Chargers	0 8
April 8 Arkansas-Monticello Chargers	0 2
April 9 Arkansas Tech Chargers	0 5
April 9 Southern Arkansas Chargers	0 4
April 10 Christian Brothers Chargers	3 8
April 10 Delta State Chargers	2 4
Men's Tennis	
Record 10-5 GSC 3-2	
April 1 Lambuth Chargers	0 9
April 5 North Alabama Chargers	4 5
April 9 LeMoyne-Owen Chargers	0 9
Women's Tennis	
Record 8-10 GSC 2-4	
April 1 Lambuth Chargers	0 9
April 5 North Alabama Chargers	5 4
April 9 LeMoyne-Owen Chargers	0 9

Softball Sets School Record, Sweeps Crossover Tournament

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Staff Writer

The UAH softball team continued its red-hot season over the weekend with a seven-game sweep in the 2011 GSC Crossover tournament. The sweep also set a school record for most consecutive wins with 22.

The defense was stellar throughout the tournament as the Lady Chargers outscored their opponents 34-6 throughout the seven games, including four consecutive shutouts. UAH got things rolling with a 3-1 victory over Henderson State in their first and only game for day one of the tourney. UAH began their shutout streak the next day in an 8-0 thumping of Ouachita Baptist followed by a tight 2-0 contest against No. 20 Arkansas-Monticello that saw impressive pitching performances by both teams.

UAH picked up two more wins the next day to tie the school record for most consecutive wins. Krystal Johnson knocked in the first run of the game early, and the score remained 1-0 until the seventh inning. The Chargers saw opportunity and struck when Abby MacKay



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drove in two more runs. Finally, Kathryn Whitlock laid down a perfect bunt to drive in the final run of the game. The 5-0 win allowed Whitney Toler to pick up win number 14 in the year and Alex Lewis to reach double-digit saves.

The second game of the day was again dominated by great pitching and good defense by the Chargers. UAH struck early once again, but only needed a few good hits as the Chargers shut out Southern Arkansas 4-0. Whitney Gilbert improved to 11-1 on the years and

Lewis picked up her 11th save.

The shutout streak would come to a close in the final two games, but once again the Charger bats would more than make up for the few runs the opposition could get. UAH jumped out to another early lead against Christian Brothers in an eventful first inning that included two batters hit by pitches. UAH scored three runs and left three runners on base and only had one hit. It was cruise control for the rest of the game, and the Chargers had no problem closing this one 8-3.

The Chargers were actually behind for half an inning in their final game of the tourney when Delta State pulled ahead 2-1 in the second inning. The Chargers promptly scored two runs of their own in the bottom of the second to go ahead for good. Stephanie Needham, who also belted a solo home run in the first inning, provided an insurance RBI in the fifth inning as the Chargers finished the game 4-2 and were perfect once again in the tourney. Gilbert struck out 10 and picked up her 11th win of the year.

The perfect tournament moves

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Basketball Teams Receives Several All-Academic Honors

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Not only was the men's basketball team impressive on the court this season, it was just as impressive in the classroom as well.

The Gulf South Conference has released the 2010-11 winter All-Academic awards, and four Chargers were selected for the men's basketball All-Academic Team. Senior Josh Yost received his third All-Academic award with a 3.77 GPA in civil engineering. Senior Elliott Jones and junior Josh Magette are two-time honorees. Jones earned a 3.70 GPA in finance while Magette has a 3.23 GPA in business. Sophomore Xavier Baldwin was named to the team for the first time with his 3.49 GPA in biomedical/chemical engineering. The UAH men's basketball team made up four of the 10 honorees for this award.

In all, 10 UAH student athletes were named to the winter All-Academic Honor Roll: eight men's and two women's basketball players. Senior Andrea Bennett and freshman Jordan Smith were the two Lady Chargers to receive the honor. Senior Srdan Boskovic, freshman Arni Ragnarsson, sophomore Jaime Smith and sophomore Brett Wester were the other four Chargers to be honored on the men's team.

The winter All-Academic Team is selected by the Gulf South Conference Sports Information Directors and Faculty Athletic Representatives in a joint vote. Nominees must meet all three of the following qualifications to appear on

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CHARGER SPORTS CALENDAR

Baseball			
Record 22-13 GSC 6-4			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
April 16	West Florida	Home	1:00 p.m.
April 17	West Florida	Home	12:00 p.m.
April 20	Montevallo	Home	1:00 p.m.
April 22	West Georgia	Away	1:00 p.m.
April 23	West Georgia	Away	12:00 p.m.
April 30	North Alabama	Home	12:00 p.m.
May 6	North Alabama	Home	1:00 p.m.
Softball			
Record 35-1-1 GSC 19-0			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
April 17	Lambuth	Home	2:00 p.m.
April 22	Valdosta State	Away	2:00 p.m.
April 23	West Florida	Away	2:00 p.m.
April 30	West Alabama	Home	2:00 p.m.
May 1	North Alabama	Home	2:00 p.m.
Men's Tennis			
Record 10-5 GSC 3-2			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
April 16-17	GSC Tournament	Away	
Women's Tennis			
Record 8-10 GSC 2-4			
Date	Opponent	Site	Time
April 16-17	GSC Tournament	Away	
Track and Field			
Date	Event		
April 15-16	War Eagle Invitational		
April 23	DII South Region Championship		

UAH Baseball Nearing End of 2010-11 Season

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It is a critical time for the UAH baseball team as it approaches the end of the season, with several important conference games on the horizon.

The Chargers are currently 6-5 in conference play and third overall in the east division, behind nationally ranked No. 3 West Florida and No. 15 North Alabama. With six of their next seven games against conference foes, UAH has a great opportunity to nail down its current position and possibly fight its way up to the number two spot in the division.

UAH is home this weekend against a West Florida Team that is on fire and has shown flashes of offensive dominance in several games this year. UWF is currently 10-1 in the conference, the one loss in a 3-2 defeat at Valdosta State, and fighting with North Alabama

(9-4) for the top overall seed in the East Division. The Chargers get a break from conference play and take on Montevallo April 20. UAH then ventures to Carrolton, Ga., to take on a very up-and-down West Georgia team before coming home to close out the season against North Alabama.

It will be a tough fight for the Chargers as they take on Valdosta State and North Alabama, but it is hoped the friendly confines of home for these games will be enough to give them the boost they need to pull out the upsets. The Chargers can still jump UNA for the two spot in the East Division with several conference wins and some help by the UNA opposition. The top overall seed is hot completely out of reach, but would require a complete meltdown by West Florida and a near-perfect rest of the season for the Chargers.

The GSC Tournament begins May 6 in Millington, Tenn.

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who can look sexy but classy at the same time.

What are some articles of clothing that you consider essential? I work with children at a gym, so yoga pants are a necessity. As a college student life can be pretty hectic, so you have to keep it comfy most of the time. For casual days, I love V-necks, comfortable jeans, cardigans and scarves. I wear a lot of solid colors because I think accessories can make an outfit. Beanies are fun, but there are unique scarves for all seasons.

Do you think wearing numerous colors make you stand out more? I do. I love to mix and match colors. I think people's personalities really show through what they wear. For instance, yesterday I wore black denim skinny jeans with a long-sleeved gray T-shirt, purple cardigan and yellow patterned scarf with black converse.

If you see a guy in class or something, what's something he might be wearing that would

make you immediately attracted to him?

I like it when guys dress more maturely rather than like a young adult. For example, Ed Hardy and Affliction isn't so appealing to me. I'd rather date a guy in jeans, sneakers, a T-shirt and a baseball cap. I also couldn't date someone who dressed up often, because I'm definitely one for comfort on most days. I think a guy can be just as attractive in casual clothes; it really depends on how he carries himself.

What are some things you see women wearing that you just hate? I don't get the Uggs with shorts look. I can wear some pretty different stuff, but that's a drastic mix of seasons.

What about some absolute deal-breakers when it comes to guys? I wouldn't say it would be a complete deal-breaker if a guy wore a certain thing, because I'm definitely no fashionista, but I really don't like baggy jeans. I like for guys to wear clothes that fit.

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ANS directly – and rest assured that the club will mediate and address the issue in a professional manner. This provides a kind of safety net for nursing students – advocacy for students, by students.

The club's primary event of the year is the development of a healthcare-based resolution which will be presented to a crowd of up to 5,000 people from all over the country. Last year, this Congress-style event was held at Disneyworld; this year, the ANS is headed to Salt Lake City. These resolutions can deal with a variety of issues in the healthcare and healthcare administration fields.

Last year, our own chapter of ANS proposed a new education system for children with ADHD. This year, they have drafted a resolution dealing with vaccinations, as well as a proposed education program for parents that would address the pros and cons of vaccinating their children and the alleged connection between vaccinations and certain diseases. Despite helping students understand and address these types of issues, this

annual convention provides a singular networking opportunity – a stepping stone toward a successful career in the field of nursing.

Interested in learning more about the ANS or the nursing program in general? The ANS will host an open house on March 3 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. in Wilson Hall 330, and Lewter would like to invite interested students from any year. You can also get more information by visiting the nursing department's website at <http://nursing.uah.edu>.

Involvement in this career-oriented club has greater potential than one might realize. Many former members have gone on to hold prestigious roles in a variety of professional organizations – a former faculty advisor, for example, is now the president of the Association of Nurse Practitioners at the national level. This kind of advancement has its roots in the kind of support and networking that the ANS provides.

Lewter, as president, has experienced these benefits firsthand. "It's a great thing," he said. "I just don't think people utilize it enough."

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the Chargers to 35-1-1 on the year and a glistening 19-0 in the conference. The Chargers have only five more games this year starting with a home contest against Lambuth on April 17. The Chargers hit the road to take on Valdosta State and West Florida on April 22 and 23 and

then finish out the season at home against West Alabama on April 30 and North Alabama May 1.

The Gulf South Tournament begins May 6, and the Chargers would like nothing more than to keep adding to their school record win streak heading in to the most important tournament of the year.

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the ballot: 1) nominees must have an overall GPA of 3.20 or better on a 4.00 scale for the entire academic career, 2) nominee must be a starter or significant contributor to the squad, and 3) nominee must display leadership, academic cur-

riculum and community service. Freshmen are not eligible for this award.

The Chargers had seven members on the 2010 GSC Fall All-Academic team and an additional 29 student athletes on the GSC Fall Academic Honor Roll earlier this year.

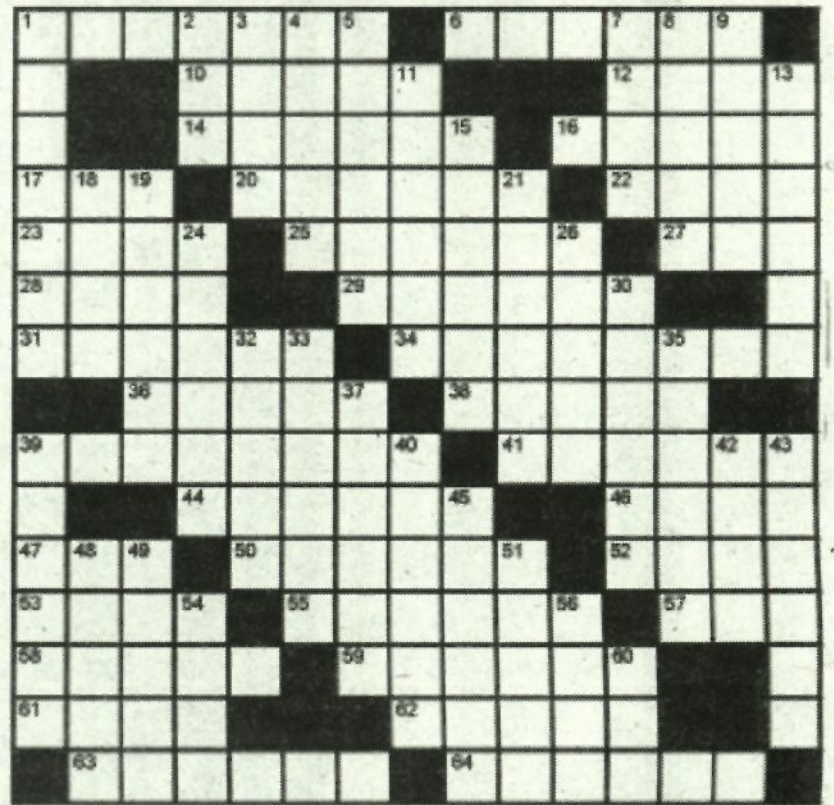
Crossword

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

Quotable Quote

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less.

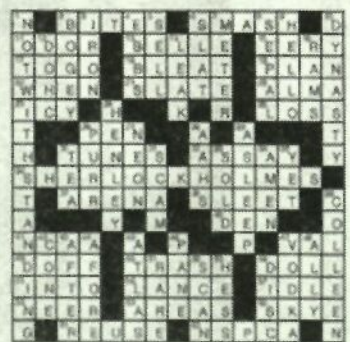
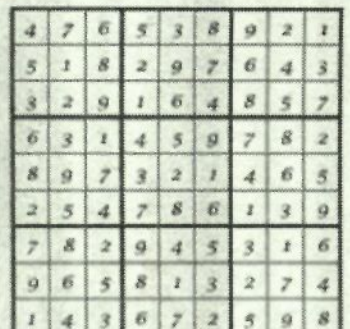
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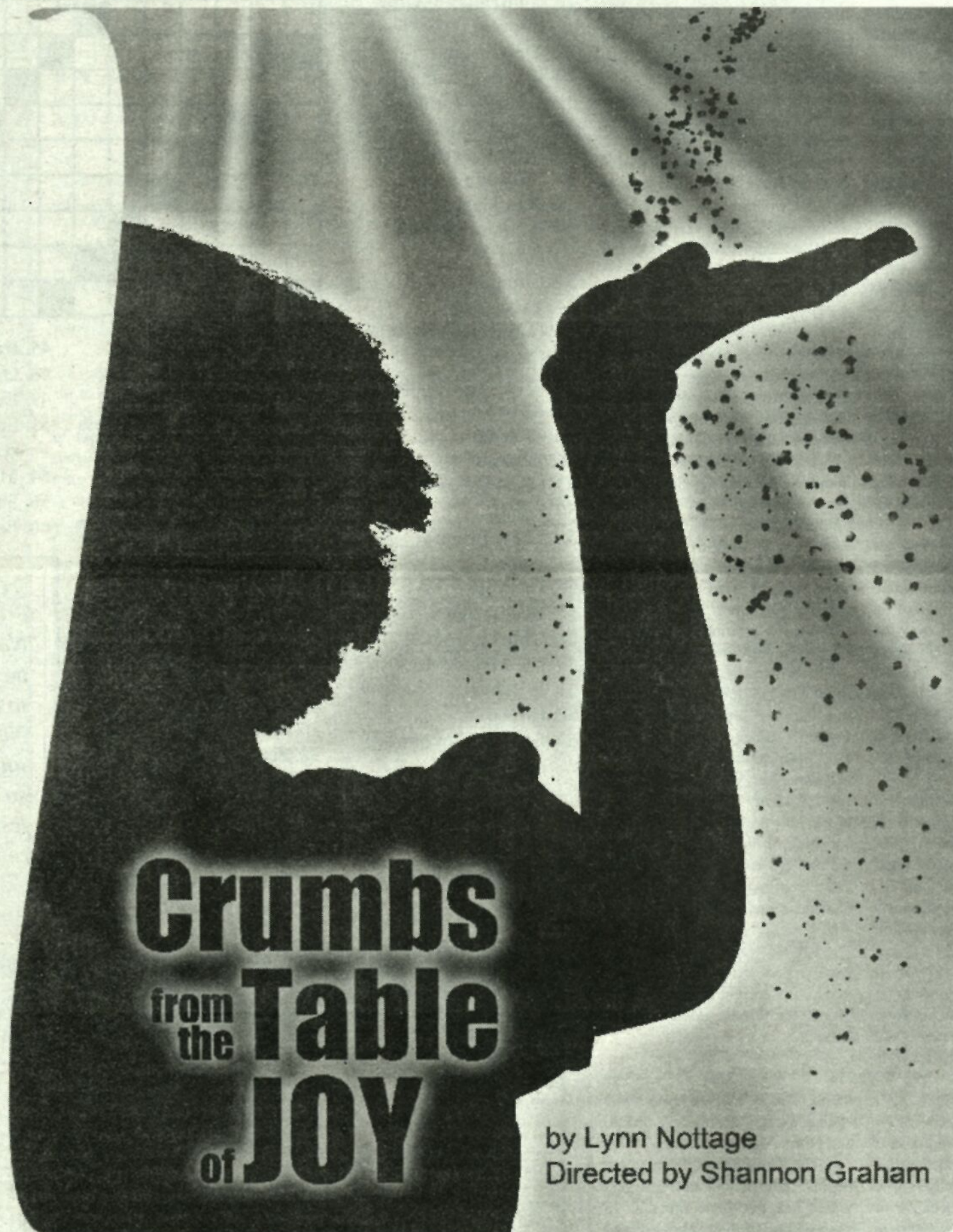
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