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SPORTS BRIEFS

The UAH soccer teams both enjoyed success in their first matches of the season, but both also ended their second contests in heart-breaking fashion. The Chargers opened the season in spectacular form by crushing Talladega 7-0 behind a fantastic debut by freshman defender Kyle Simmons. Simmons picked up a hat trick after scoring in the 76th minute off a penalty kick and helped swarm Talladega defensively.

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National Science Foundation Ranks Huntsville Fourth Geekiest US City

CLAUDE BRIDGES
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The National Science Foundation has given Huntsville high marks on one of its intellectual honor rolls. In its latest ranking of "America's Top 20 Geekiest Cities," the federal science research-funding agency listed the Rocket City in fourth place. The NSF released the full list in early August.

Huntsville Mayor Tommy Battle cited the fact that engineering, science and technology are essential driving forces behind our nation's economy, and Huntsville's proficiency in those fields is what puts the city forward among prominent U.S. cities.

"The geekiness is a good thing," Battle said.

It is little surprise that the NSF took notice of Huntsville while ranking the most scholarly American cities. As the home of NASA's

Marshall Space Flight Center, Redstone Arsenal, and Cummings Research Park which includes major technical companies like Boeing, the city is naturally a rich hub of technical expertise. In fact, Huntsville is home to one of the top five concentrations of aerospace, computer, electrical and mechanical engineers, as well as computer scientists, in the U.S.

But right-brained subjects alone do not give a city bragging rights to being one of the country's top five geekiest cities. As of 2009, the U.S. Census Bureau reported that an impressive 38.4 percent of the population of Huntsville possesses a four-year college degree or higher in all fields considered—over 10 percent above the national average.

Shortly after the NSF released this year's full list, Forbes picked up the rankings and reported them on its website, which receives high



web traffic for its own well-recognized rankings.

"Is there anything geekier than rocket science?" William Pentland, the Forbes contributor who covered the story, asked.

According to Pentland, math and science jobs account for over 16 percent of the Huntsville workforce, which adds up to 32 thou-

sand employees.

Congress instituted the National Science Foundation in 1950 to promote and fund research and study in the various fields of science and engineering. The NSF is currently responsible for financing over 20 percent of all federally supported university research nationwide.

Eighty Local Companies Scheduled to Attend Career Fair Sept. 14

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The UAH Career Fair will take place Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the University Fitness Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hosted by the UAH Career Development Center, the biannual event is free and open to all current UAH students as well as alumni.

Over 80 local companies seeking students of all degree types will be in attendance this semester. Each will have its own designated table with information and representatives on hand to speak with students. Katie Thurston, assistant director of Corporate Relations at the Career Development Center, encourages students to attend the

Career Fair in order to network with prospective employers, *dis-*
pendse resumes and explore personal
career paths.

"Even though the job market here is still strong, we have seen a decrease in what were considered typical or standard needs, so students should be willing to explore any and all possibilities," Thurston said. "Most employers want to see steady work experience on a resume and a great work ethic."

Thurston believes that students can especially benefit from the Career Fair if they keep an open mind about the positions offered by employers. Students should research companies that run parallel with their personal interests. With the

right preparation, attending the Career Fair can pay rich dividends.

"From the most recent feedback we have received from employers attending Career Fair, the students who take the time to prepare themselves, their clothing, their resumes and their approach stand out to them above all others," Thurston said.

Career Fair attendees should dress professionally. Business casual attire is a requirement for admission. Students must also bring their Charger Card in order to check in.

To view a complete list of all companies represented at the Career Fair this semester, visit the UAH Charger Path homepage and click the Announcements link.

Improvements and Renovations Underway at University Fitness Center

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Since Aug. 1, the University Fitness Center has undergone renovations to all bathrooms and locker rooms.

Employers and users of UFC have witnessed a few significant problems in these areas. Some of the old showers do not drain properly and often make the floor very wet. Since the floor does not slope well towards the drains, water usually remains there following showers.

"There are so many showers taken each day that it was difficult for the cleaning employees to keep the water off the floor at all times," Bethel Bradford, the general manager of the UFC, said. "It was almost impossible to keep the tiled

areas around the showers dry."

One concern for the showers was that people could slip on the floor due to the slippery conditions. Also, the carpet in the locker rooms was unsanitary due to heavy traffic and often difficult to clean.

With the on-going renovations, there have been changes made to these areas.

"There are now custom tiled showers, which is a great improvement," Bradford mentioned. "The new showers should now drain properly, which will help in keeping the floor dry and members safe. The carpet has been replaced by wood laminate flooring, which will be easier to keep clean and sanitary. There are new vanities added in the women's locker room, along with new mirrors throughout. There will also be new locker

room benches coming in the next month."

The construction of UFC was completed on Aug. 1, 2001. Due to 10 years of heavy use, steps were finally taken to redesign the bathrooms and locker rooms. For more than a year, UFC officials have worked diligently to put their plans in action.

"We have been working on the renovation plans for over a year," Bradford said. "Once the plans were completed, and the bid process was completed, the contractors told us the timeframe that worked for them."

While the renovation is almost at the final phase, a new issue has come up. The contracted construction company, Nelson

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Madison Listed in Top 100 Places to Live in America

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In the September issue of "CNNMoney," Madison, Ala., ranked number 96 in the top 100 places to live in the U.S. This marks the second time that Madison has made the list in the past three years.

The criteria for earning a spot on the list consists of attributes that make each town suitable for raising a family. The amount of jobs available, the quality of the school systems and a low crime rate are all factors in deciding which cities are among the best places to settle.

Madison ranked high partly due to the technology boom the town has experienced over the past few years. According to "CNNMoney," jobs in Madison are abundant because of the growth in technology. Large companies such as Boeing and NASA, which have provided thousands of jobs to locals, are all products of the surge in technological industries in the areas surrounding Madison.

In addition to having an ample supply of jobs, Madison was also listed due to its infrastructure. The school system is expanding, with the addition of a new high school. Plans for a new hospital in Madison are now underway, due to open next year.

Because of all these factors, "CNNMoney" considers Madison to be one of Alabama's fastest-growing cities.

Three Simple Tips for Avoiding the "Freshman 15"

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The fear of putting on weight during the first year at college is common for freshmen. Some describe it as a phenomenon that cannot be explained, but it can be explained in a few words—drinking, diet and exercise. There are certainly a lot of myths surrounding the Freshman 15, but there is also a big reality check.

Do not be surprised that drinking is on the list. Beer alone is full of empty calories, as well as other types of alcohol. They do not call it the beer gut for nothing.

Consuming all sorts of empty calories can also lead to late-night food runs for pizza or Taco Bell. After a wild night, you might be surprised at exactly how much you put in your body. Then again, this is college, and the freedom you will experience away from home feels amazing.

So here is a simple fix—take it easy. First of all, know your limits, and monitor your eating habits while you drink. Pick at some chips or crackers if you have to, but think before you engulf half of a pizza while drinking.

Next is a subject that should be no shock at all. Every freshman has to be on some sort of meal plan if he or she lives on campus at UAH, which means most of those meals will be in the school's cafe. Gaining weight is typical when eating unhealthy foods and nearly every cafeteria in the country has plenty of unhealthy food.

Freshmen should try to stay away from sweets such as ice cream, cookies, fried foods, unidentifiable meat, cream cheese and chips. By avoiding these foods, freshman will be more effective in fighting weight gain. Still, you do not have to cut out these treats all together. Moderation is key.

However, those who played

sports in high school know that with all of the practices and workouts, you could basically eat anything you wanted. Now, if you chose not to continue competing in college, your weight is in your hands. The fitness center offers free memberships to full-time students, so you might as well take advantage of that if you have not already. Head there after class for a workout, make a pact with a friend to stay in shape, or exercise whenever you can if you are truly serious.

Some of the most effective fitness classes include Bodypump, a combination of strength and cardio that challenges all major muscle groups; Bodyattack, which is mainly cardio—one session can burn up to 735 calories; Boot Camp, a workout athletes love because of the drills and strengthening intervals; and Zumba Toning, which combines the fun of Zumba

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Freshman Survival Guide: What Every Freshman Should Know

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The first year of college can be overwhelming and stressful. On one hand, there is a new sense of freedom, but on the other hand there are new responsibilities a stu-

dent must undertake. Many college students struggle their first year, but there are numerous adjustments and tips that can make the first year less overwhelming. The following is a list of pointers all freshmen can use to their advantage when put into practice.

1. As cliché as it sounds, come to class. College is not like high school, in which you can skip multiple days and not be behind.
2. Do not wait until the day before a test to start studying. Chances are you will fail or get an undesirable grade.
3. Join at least one club to meet new people and become involved on campus. But know your limits—do not join more clubs than you can handle.
4. The cafeteria has more than just pizza, hamburgers and fries. Unless you acknowledge this fact, the "Freshman 15" (the 15 pounds freshmen tend to gain) are just waiting to sneak up on you.
5. Keep in mind at all times when the registration for next semester starts. If you are late registering, chances are you might not get the classes you want.
6. Should you fall victim to the Freshman 15, UAH has a gym. Full-time students should use their free student membership to the gym to get back in shape.
7. Do not pull through or back into parking spaces—you will get ticketed by campus police.
8. If your printer decides to not work when there is a paper due, every student has a certain amount of free copies he or she can print at the library by using his or her Charger Card.
9. Showing up to events around campus almost guarantees a free shirt.
10. Watch out for cars. Eight out of 10 times drivers are not watching out for you.
11. Try to make a buddy in every class. In the long run it will help with study groups and notes.

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Manage Your Time Well to Succeed Academically

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The first step on the road to-

ward good time management is to purchase or create a planner. A planner, if actually used correctly, will help keep you organized.

The second step is to make a list of all the things that you have to do (class, work, pay bills, etc.), a list of all the things you need to do (clean, laundry, run errands, etc.), and a list of all the things you would like to do (hang out, go to the movies, play video games, etc.).

Place all of the things that you have to do into your planner. Prioritize non-necessities, decide what you do and do not have time for, and then arrange your planner accordingly.

Your planner should be all-

inclusive; it should contain everything from your business life to your school life to your personal life. Having everything you need and want to do in one single place will ensure that everything gets done. However, it must be said that the planner is absolutely useless if you do not actually use it. If you use it, you will find that you have done everything you need to and have more time to do the things you want to.

If you can get to the point of planning out each day and following that plan, then you will have achieved more than most in the art

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BETA ALPHA PSI IOTA THETA CHAPTER

Beta Alpha Psi welcomes business students to participate in club meetings, events, and service activities this semester!

Fall 2011 Meeting Dates:

- Friday, September 23
- Friday, October 21
- Friday, November 11

All at BAB 114 from 1-2 p.m.



Visit <http://mis.uah.edu/bap> for more information about Beta Alpha Psi and on how to become a member!

Arts & Leisure

New Interactive Harry Potter Site Goes Live in October

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With the final movie in the Harry Potter series hitting the big screen this past summer, the years of waiting for the next movie have finally come to an end. But fans have free Harry Potter media they can look forward to in October, a new website from author J.K. Rowling called Pottermore.com.

Pottermore is not a typical fan website. It is neither a forum nor a blog. It is an interactive way of encountering the Harry Potter book series.

"J.K. Rowling has definitely timed this perfectly," student Courtney Stratton said. "Her fans needed something else to look forward to; thus they now have Pottermore. She really knows how to create a demand for something."

The website is the first of its kind. One can follow the books while interacting with them at the same time. For example, when Harry receives his wand, the user will also get his or her own unique wand. When Harry gets sorted into

one of the houses of Hogwarts, the user will also get sorted into his or her own house and be able to earn house points.

Along with reading the stories as never before, users will also be able to access additional unreleased information about the wizarding world of Harry Potter. Promised by Rowling, the extra information is an encyclopedia incorporated into the interactive component of the site.

"I absolutely love the site," Stratton said. "It is truly breath-taking. It is true to the books and flows with the look the movies have created for certain scenes, but at the same time it is totally unique."

Although the website doesn't open until October, a selected one million users were granted early access through the means of the Magical Quill Challenge. The Magical Quill Challenge lasted for seven days, and each day a new question was posted on the website. Once users obtained the correct answer, they would type the answer into the end of the URL for the site, which would redirect them

to a new site where a magical quill floated somewhere on the page. Clicking the quill would lead the user to a registration page where he or she could register for early admission. Upon completion of the registration process, the user had to wait for a welcome e-mail that granted access into the site. Some members are still awaiting their welcome letters.

Stratton is one of the lucky few to have already entered the Pottermore site. It took her over two weeks to receive her welcome e-mail.

"I was in class when I got the e-mail on my phone, but believe me I wanted so bad to bolt out of my literature class and find the nearest computer," she said. "Unfortunately it was my first day of classes so I had to pay attention."

The Pottermore site is for all ages and will be available to every Harry Potter fan this October. Fans who do not have early access to the site can now look forward to the beginning of a new Harry Potter world online. For more information, visit the official website at

Bully Dog Breeds: Fight Against the Stereotype

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Dogs have been man's best friend since their domestication. They have been bred for different purposes: as lap dog, guard dog and hunting dog. Bully breeds, a term that lumps quite a few breeds together, include boxers, American Bulldog, Bullmastiff and American Pit Bull Terrier. The breed of particular interest to modern law enforcement is the American Pit Bull Terrier, which is surrounded by negative stereotypes.

Emily Roach, a UAH student, knows about the prejudices against pit bulls; however, she is also aware of the benefits of having a pit bull as a family member.

"I think pit bulls are great dogs," she said. "My sister has a 2-year-old daughter and Hudson, her American Pit Bull Terrier, loves her and is so gentle with her. I believe that pit bulls can be evil if you teach them to be, just like a Shih Tzu would be evil if you teach it to be."

Commonly known as one of the most aggressive breeds, American Pit Bull Terriers always seem to be the breed that attacks a child or kills a beloved family pet. The breed in general, however, has been deemed a safe dog to have around responsible families and children.

The common denominator, experts say, is in the raising of the dog.

Pit bulls originated in Scotland, England and Ireland. A cross breed between bulldogs and terriers, they were used for bear and bull baiting in England. The name "pit" originated from the pits they were thrown in to fight bears and bulls. After bear and bull baiting became considered inhumane, the dogs were turned on each other and professional dog fighting ensued.

When the pit bulls were brought to the United States, they soon proved useful in World War I because of their violent past. Not only were pit bulls used on propaganda posters, they were also trained in delivering tactical messages to soldiers in the field. According to many websites, including Animal Planet's "What is a Bully Breed," a pit bull was known as "America's dog" by the 1950s.

Sources suggest that the reason for the bias that has occurred within the past 30 years is because some gangs use pit bulls for protection or status symbols. Also, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the media may misidentify dogs involved in attacks as pit bulls.

The violent history of pit bulls

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Senior Trisha Stacey's Dreams Come True at Jason Derulo Concert

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On Aug. 17, recording artist Jason Derulo held a concert at UAH for the Week of Welcome. For most UAH students it was a just a normal concert, but for Trisha Stacey, a senior English major, it was more than just a concert. Stacey was the lucky girl chosen to come on stage with Derulo while he performed.

Already a huge Derulo fan, Stacey was excited about the concert months beforehand.

"I've been a Jason Derulo fan since his very first self-titled album came out in 2009," Stacey said. "I had been waiting for this concert for months and was driving my friends crazy about going to see him."

Before heading to the concert that day, Stacey played Derulo's music to prepare herself for the show. She never suspected that she would be brought on stage during the last song she had listened, "Encore." After Derulo selected her to come on stage, Stacey was in disbelief.

"I was absolutely in shock when he picked me to go on stage," Stacey said. "I couldn't believe what was happening and all of a sudden I heard the body guard say, 'Jump on the count of 3.' When I was led around to the side of the stage it started to sink in!"

When Stacey was pulled backstage, she realized that Derulo was singing "Encore." She then began to sing along to the song with tears of excitement. Then, Stacey was brought on stage and placed in a

chair while Derulo sang and danced for her. After Derulo finished singing to her, Stacey asked for the shirt he had ripped off earlier during the performance. She plans to frame the special souvenir.

After her personal experience with Derulo, Stacey has even more appreciation for the artist.

"Being that close, I could hear him sing without the amplification of the mic and his pitch [was] perfect," Stacey said. "He definitely has true talent, and anyone who can dance and sing with that much perfection deserves to be where he is."

Stacey would love to see Derulo in concert again. She is also currently in the running for the "It Girl" contest in which she could

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Opinion: My Second Semester as a Co-op at the Johnson Space Center

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Last fall, I spent four months at the Johnson Space Center as an engineering co-op. I absolutely hated it, found it a waste of my time and vowed to never return. Unfortunately, circumstances forced me to return for four months this past summer.

My main complaint was that I was given no responsibilities or anything to occupy my time. In other words, I sat staring at a computer screen for eight hours a day doing nothing. The most arduous task I was given was to alphabetize several hundred documents, which is a job that anyone who knows his or her alphabet should be able to perform, including elementary students. Thus, you can understand

why I felt that my time and educational knowledge was wasted.

This summer was slightly better, if not almost enjoyable. I was actually given tasks to occupy my time; however, it must be said that the tasks could have been done by the average middle school student who knows how to search the Internet. Despite the ease of work, it was at least time-consuming. There was no engineering, no math and no analytical thinking involved at all. Why even call the position an engineering co-op?

The experience is something that I can now put on my resume that proves that I can play well with others, do tasks as assigned, show up on time, and work in a cubicle-environment. This is really all that I can say, though, about my time as a co-op. I cannot say that I

learned anything about what daily jobs real engineers perform. I cannot say that I have any experience working as an engineer. I cannot even say that I worked closely with very many engineers. The ones that I did interact with did not work in an engineering capacity.

Do not be discouraged; there is a silver lining. It was these two miserable semesters spent doing something that I didn't enjoy that led me to getting an internship next year. It is during this internship that I will finally be given the opportunity to grow and learn as a real engineer. I encourage you to just keep swimming, even though you may have to swim upstream in a possibly unrelated, trivial and boring creek. Eventually you will enter a river that will lead you to where you belong—out at sea.

Event Calendar

Sept. 8

- "Ramesses II: Egypt's Ultimate Pharaoh!", lecture by Dr. Peter Brand, 7:30 p.m., Business Administration Building, Chan Auditorium.

Sept. 9

- "The Political Uses of Gold in the New Kingdom," lecture by Dr. Peter Brand, 2 p.m., Wilson Hall Room 168.
- Coffeehouse Writers Series, 4 p.m., "Express-Men," Louis Salmon Library Art Gallery.

Sept. 10

- North Alabama Train Excursion, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., North Alabama Train Museum.
- Old Fashioned Trade Days on the Square, 8am-5pm, Alabama Constitution Village
- Cirque du Soleil presents Dralion, VBC, times vary

Sept. 11

- Cirque Du Soleil Dralion, Big Spring Park, 1 p.m.
- Memorial Concert-First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive, Huntsville, AL, 35801, 5-7p.m.

Sept. 12

- University Center Lawn-10th Anniversary of 9/11-program and display, 12-12:30 p.m.
- Morton Hall 204-Invisible Children weekly meeting, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- UAH Mathematical Sciences Colloquium-Shelby Center 121, 2:30 p.m.

Sept. 13

- Tasty Tuesday, 2-4 p.m.

Sept. 14

- UAH Fall 2011 Career Fair-University Fitness Center, 9 a.m.
- University Center Exhibit Hall- Mayhem Poets, 9-10 p.m.
- Corrin Campbell-Big Spring Park, 8 p.m.

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has created a worldwide prejudice against the dogs. Even countries such as England have instituted a nation-wide ban on pit bulls. In the U.S., owners of these beloved dogs have constantly challenged a ban in Denver, Col. A recent article in the "ABA Journal" reported that Allen Grider, a Vietnam veteran, has sued the city of Denver to keep his pit bull, Precious, as a service animal. This lawsuit can potentially overturn the current law banning pit bulls from within the city limits.

Pit bull bans in the U.S. also apply to certain airlines, which have guidelines stating that owners cannot fly their pit bulls on planes. Pro-pit bull groups are making a stand everywhere in the U.S., including on the cable channel Animal Planet with shows such as "Pitbulls and Parolees" and "Pit Boss."

Despite their bad reputation, experts say that pit bulls are "nanny dogs" or "nursemaids" because they are excellent with young children. An example of a famous pit is "Petey" from the 1994 movie "The Little Rascals." In this movie, Petey is not seen as aggressive or overly hyperactive. Instead, he is a loyal and trusted friend to all of the children in the movie.

Also, according to recent studies, even pit bulls with violent and abusive pasts can easily revert back to being loving and attentive animals. The American Temperament Test Society regularly tests popu-

lar breeds, and according to their website, American Pit Bull Terriers test at an 86.4 percent success rate, higher than the golden retriever at 84.9 percent and the collie at 79.9 percent.

Far from pro-pit websites, the foundations of fear of pit bulls remain instilled in most people. Yes, the breed has a past that is less than reputable. Yes, they are still used for illegal dog fights to this day.

However, cock fights still go on in some places and people don't have a fear of roosters. The use of the dog is not the dog's fault; it is the owner's. In many cases, one can find more kind and loving pit bulls than aggressive ones.

Dog experts claim that pit bulls adore and frame their entire purpose around pleasing their masters. There is even a Facebook page called "My Pit Bull is Family." This page has lists of stories about families and their loving pit bulls. One story in particular describes a newborn baby crying and the family pit bull taking a piece of food out of its own bowl and placing it in the baby's crib.

Honey, a pit bull mix and the dog in the photograph, is a loving and caring animal that is able to get along with people, children and dogs. Nonetheless, because she has pit bull in her, people assume she is naturally aggressive. Standing up for bully breeds is very important, because if the prejudices continue, people will miss out on the opportunity to own an obedient and affectionate dog like Honey.

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Construction, ran into a problem in the shower room areas, which extended the time needed to complete the renovations. Before the issue, Nelson Construction estimated that shower renovations would be completed by Aug. 31, but the project has already exceeded this deadline.

"We have had a few complaints about the delayed renovation," Bradford stated. "It has certainly been an inconvenience to everyone. The main complaint is the lack of showers. So many peo-

ple want to be able to shower before going to work or class. However, overall I must say that most of the members are excited about the new locker rooms and realize how much better they will be once completed."

Other renovations plans include remodeling the family bathrooms and the back hallway near the pool. Paintings on the walls and new furniture will also be added in the near future. To keep up with the latest information about the changes in the UFC, please visit its Facebook page.

The Society of Women Engineers Holds First Meeting in Semester

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UAH's Society of Women Engineers held its first meeting of the year by hosting an ice cream social on Aug. 29 in the Engineering Building study lounge. Approximately 45 people came out to eat ice cream and learn more about SWE.

SWE is an organization that helps women succeed in the field of engineering. SWE provides training and development programs, networking opportunities, scholarships and volunteer events. Becoming a national SWE member ensures lifelong networking with some of the most distinguished women engineers. Scholarships are also offered by SWE and are only available for members.

UAH's chapter of SWE is not only open to women, but also to men of all engineering disciplines. Its main goal for the upcoming school year is to increase the size

of the club as well as on- and off-campus involvement and activities.

Anyone is welcome to attend these meetings; however only those who pay the national dues can place SWE on their resumes. The dues are \$20 a year or \$50 for a "college-to-career" membership, which covers dues for four years in college and the first year as a professional engineer.

Students who have paid their dues can run for an officer's position in UAH's SWE or head a committee. Members can also attend SWE conferences, career fairs and workshops. These opportunities provide further networking, professional development and information that would not be available to non-members.

The UAH Society of Women Engineers also participates in many outreach and volunteer programs. The club has participated in Wow! That's Engineering! and Earth Day. It is actively involved

with a mentoring program at Grissom High School.

Some anticipated events and activities planned for this year include speakers, professional development seminars, mock interviews, resume critiquing, volunteering at the Humane Society and bake and T-shirt sales.

There are two SWE meetings held each month. The first meeting is on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm. at various locations around Huntsville, as a part of the monthly meeting of the North Alabama Society of Women Engineers. The second meeting is on the last Monday of the month at 7 p.m. and is usually held in the study lounge of the Engineering Building.

For more information about SWE in general you can visit www.societyofwomenengineers.org. For more information about UAH's SWE please contact uahchargers.swe@gmail.com.

How to Go Green and Feel Good: Creating A Garden

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Staff Writer

As a college student with little time, money and patience, it is very hard to make smarter, healthier and greener choices. We live in dark dorms surrounded by textbooks, homework and empty soda cans. We do not have time to recycle. We do not have time to explore and learn new hobbies.

And we simply do not have the time to even think about what we could do to become "greener." However, there are some cheap, easy and low-maintenance things that we can do as college students to improve the environment, our dorm rooms, our health and even our moods.

We can grow our own garden.

What? A garden? How can we have a garden while in college? It's quite easy, actually. All you need is to determine what you would like to grow, buy the seeds, plant them in a container and place the container by the window.

The benefit of growing plants indoors is that you do not have to depend on the weather and seasons for plant growth. Anything can be grown indoors all year round and out of its regular season.

The trick is ensuring that each plant you decide to grow gets the appropriate amount of light, heat and water. This could simply involve a plant light and a heating pad.

The simplest solution is to turn an aquarium, which already has a light, into a terrarium. Many of these come with automatic timers, so you can easily set the length of time for your plant to be exposed to the light and leave for the day without having to worry about it.

Plants require water given at regular intervals. Most plants do not need to be watered nearly as often as people think. In fact, more houseplants die more from over-watering than under-watering.

If you do not want to spend a lot of time worrying about whether or not you need to water your plants,

you can choose to grow plants that only need to be watered once a week. There are many plants that are called "shadow plants." These plants like dim light, if any at all, and do not need to be watered very often.

Choosing a container is the best part. A plant container can almost be anything you might have lying around your dorm room, as long as you use a little imagination. The container can be storage containers, buckets, cups, muffin tins, soda bottles, vases, jars, candleholders, Tupperware, bowls or anything else that can hold a little soil, a seed and a little water.

Keep in mind that as the plants grow, they will need bigger and bigger containers. You can avoid this by choosing plants that you can continually clip leaves off of for cooking, such as an herb like oregano, rosemary or sage.

Being tied to a stake or pole generally holds up some plants. If

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New Bookstore Serving UAH Proves to be Top Choice for Students

Everything costs you more these days. Food is expensive, tuition is always rising, and gas prices are getting ridiculous. Wouldn't it be nice if prices went down for once? Good news! Infinity College Bookstore recently opened on Holmes Avenue, just two minutes from campus.



Cash for Books!

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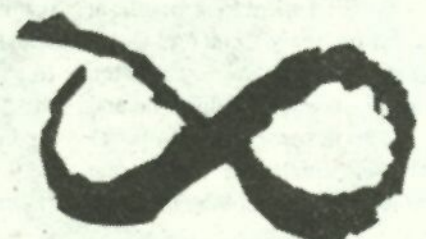
Infinity College Bookstore buys textbooks year-round. Students frequently find that they get more money for textbooks at Infinity than anywhere else. Infinity will often buy books that are missing CD's and access codes. They even buy some old editions

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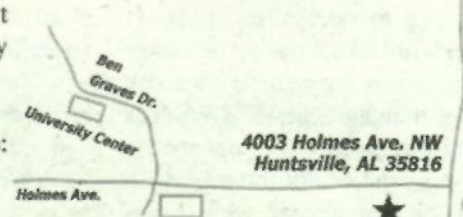
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Men's and Women's Soccer Teams Both Split Opening Games

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The UAH soccer teams both enjoyed success in their first matches of the season, but both also ended their second contests in heart-breaking fashion.

The Chargers opened the season in spectacular form by crushing Talladega 7-0 behind a fantastic debut by freshman defender Kyle Simmons. Simmons picked up a hat trick after scoring in the 76th minute off a penalty kick and helped swarm Talladega defensively. The Chargers frustrated Talladega throughout the entire contest, with the opposing Tornadoes picking up five cards. Two players were ejected.

It was a different type of game for the Chargers in their second match against Lincoln Memorial. The Chargers tied the game 1-1 in the 76th minute off of the first career goal for sophomore forward Felix Hjalmarsson.

The game went into extra time, in which Lincoln Memorial rallied to score with under a minute left in the overtime period to take the win. With the loss, the Chargers evened their record at 1-1.

The Lady Chargers had to work a bit harder for their first win of the season in a thrilling overtime win against Delta State. Senior midfielder Luting Sun put UAH up 1-0 in the 34th minute of



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the contest after a great pass from senior defender Shera Stansberry. The Lady Statesmen tied the game in the 84th minute and forced extra time.

Both defenses locked down early in the extra period, but with time winding down, freshman defender Gillian Harding aggressively went after a ball in the box. Her reward was a game-winning goal in the 98th minute for the Lady Chargers.

The second game for the Lady Chargers was just as exciting as the first, but with a different result. Both teams struggled to find shots early in the game on a rain-soaked field before good positioning by Lincoln Memorial put the Lady Railsplitters ahead on the scoreboard. UAH goalkeeper Iris Gunnarsdottir, a transfer from the University of Maine, blocked the initial shot, but could only watch

as another LMU player was in the right place to score the goal.

The Lady Chargers tied the game on sophomore forward Khadijah Jannah's first goal of the season three minutes later. The teams remained deadlocked until the 65th minute, in which LMU scored the game-winning goal, sending the Lady Chargers to a 1-1 record for the young season.

The Chargers host their next match today in a contest against Christians Brothers and continue a six-game home series to start the year. The match is scheduled for 4 p.m. at Charger Field. The Lady Chargers return home Sept. 10 to take on Tennessee Wesleyan at 12 p.m.

Both teams seek to rebound off of tough recent losses and prepare themselves for a successful conference run beginning in several weeks.

Senior Sports Profile - Jessie Ruple

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

Name: Jessie Ruple
Position: Outside Hitter
Number: 10
Major: Communication arts and business/Spanish (Minor)



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Why did you choose to come to UAH? I really liked the campus and Coach Taube heavily recruited me. Also, the Huntsville area has a lot of opportunities. I know as soon as I graduate I will have a great chance of getting a job here. I like [that] the city is small, but... there is still plenty to do.

What has been your favorite thing about UAH? My favorite things about UAH are the students and athletes, and of course volleyball. I really enjoy going to the cafeteria, and I think the addition of the Chick-fil-A was a good one. I love our fitness center, and how helpful UAH is in furthering your career. Such things like the Student Success Center are great resources that I think give "UAHers" an advantage.

What is your favorite thing about volleyball? My favorite thing about volleyball is being successful. I have worked hard, and I love when I get kills. Furthermore, I love when my teammates work hard, and I like to see them celebrate when they get points. The excitement of the game is what keeps

me playing. Many times my body would hurt, and you would think it wouldn't be fun to play through pain; but working hard to be able to talk about what an awesome win we just got with my teammates is always worth it.

What makes you a good volleyball player? I am a good volleyball player because I am quick, strong, smart, loud, supportive and consistent. You need to be quick to hit the ball before the blockers get there. You need to be strong to hit hard. Sometimes you need to see the court and be smart, because not every hard hit gets points. Sometimes it is better to play smarter, not harder. It is important to be loud to draw the block so your teammates get an open net. I am supportive to my teammates when they do well or poorly. That is the most important thing to a good player. Good leaders know how to be supportive

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Charger Volleyball Continues to Rebound from Five-Year Slump

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

It has been a rough few years for the UAH Lady Chargers volleyball team, but this year's group is primed for returning the squad's respectability.

UAH notched its first win of the season in last weekend's Armstrong Atlantic Tournament after a rough start. The Lady Chargers fell to USC-Aiken and Catawba in their first two games before losing a tough one to Lincoln Memorial. The team started to click in its final game against Lenoir-Rhyne as senior outside hitters Carrie Brown and Jessie Ruple had 15 and 14 kills, respectively, and junior setter Kelly Wilson added 45 assists.

2006 began the downward spiral for the Lady Chargers, as the team missed out on the Gulf South Conference tournament for the first time in school history, thanks in part to injuries and a string of bad luck. Things would continue to go downhill for the volleyball program until the tea hit rock bottom in 2008, finishing 1-31.

"That year, we only had one person on the team who could get

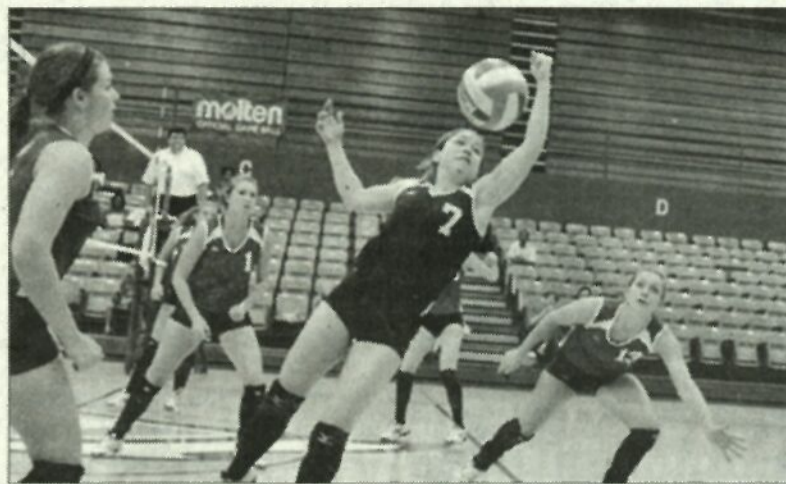


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kills," senior outside hitter Jessie Ruple said. "We were predictable, and the other teams knew who was getting the set. Throughout the seasons, we have been getting stronger and stronger hitters. Our setters also do a much better job mixing up the sets so we don't get predictable."

The rebuilding process went into full swing in 2009, and the Lady Chargers showed improvement, winning seven more games than the previous year despite several key injuries. The team missed out on returning to the GSC tournament by one game last year and is now ready to take that next step in the rebuilding process.

The Lady Chargers play their next tournament at home this weekend in the annual Country Inn & Suites Tournament. The team always enjoys this tournament, especially since it can play in front of a

familiar crowd.

"We really look forward to [the tournament]," Ruple said. "It is fun because it is our first home game. We feel more confident being in our own gym, and most of our parents get to come and watch, which usually makes us play better."

The Lady Chargers' first game of the tournament is scheduled for this evening at 5 p.m. against Henderson State. The action continues tomorrow as UAH takes on the University of the District of Columbia and Harding, followed by the conclusion of the tournament Saturday against Christian Brothers and Arkansas Tech. These games are always an excellent display of how talented the conference teams are and will give the coaches, players and fans a great idea of what to expect from the Lady Chargers for the remainder of this season.

Blue Crew Branches Beyond Basketball



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Three years ago, communication arts professor Kristin Scroggin started Blue Crew, the UAH sports fan base supporting the basketball teams. This year, Blue Crew will expand to include not only basketball, but also hockey, soccer, volleyball and track for the fall.

While there will be many Blue Crew events in basketball, there will also be a few more events branching out to other sports. The inclusion of other sports is a bid to draw more support from fans. As the Blue Crew enters its third year, new President Sara Erdner intends to establish and further implement the student experience at athletic events.

"Before I got to college, I was very involved in sports, so I know the importance of what a student section means to the team," Erdner said. "We're still trying to figure out how our organization will get established, but we want the student section to be really strong at all events."

As she replaces Scroggin as the head of Blue Crew this year, Erdner shared many ideas for Blue Crew activities taking place this semester. There will be a carpool to Sharon Johnston Park in New Market, Ala., this Saturday to support the UAH cross country teams.

One of the events Blue Crew has planned is the "blackout" days for every sport. The Blue Crew will hand out free black shirts, but students are welcome to wear their own black shirts as well.

For volleyball, Blue Crew will also hold a luau and door prize events to boost student support. Soccer will have a tailgate party and Blue Crew will host both a blackout and a "blueout" for hockey—the same concept as with the blackout but with blue shirts.

Hockey will also host the UAH hockey Winter Olympics on Sept. 23, an event at which students can skate for free at the Van Braun Civic Center and also win prizes. Hockey 101 will be held on Sept. 28 in the University Center Exhibit Hall.

Last year, basketball kicked off its season with "Midnight Madness," a moderately successful event that drew mostly an athletic crowd. Basketball, as the most popular sport on campus, will host numerous events this year. These events include everything from

blackouts, blueouts and whiteouts to massive banners made out of newspaper.

Unfortunately, the beloved "Best Seat in the House" will not be re-instigated this year because of fire hazard concerns; however, Blue Crew plans to compensate by hosting theme-based activities at each game. The blackout will occur on Jan 9; the blueout will occur on Feb. 4, a "Charge On"-themed event to commemorate the 2009 shooting. The whiteout will take place on Feb. 25, during the UAH Men's Basketball Senior Night and home game against rival UNA.

One event hosted by Blue Crew will include a "tacky Christmas sweater"-themed event in which Blue Crew also plans to host a photo booth for pictures. This event will take place during the basketball home game against Oakwood University on Dec. 4.

Another event is "Silent Night." During this event, the student section will be covered with newspaper. Students underneath the newspaper will make as much noise as possible, and when the game starts the fans will burst through the newspaper.

After breaking through the newspaper, instead of screaming and cheering, the fans will sit quietly until the basketball team scores its 12th point. Then, the fans will finally scream and cheer. The silence until the 12th point signifies the shooting that occurred two years ago on Feb. 12.

Erdner has done her job in creating Blue Crew events. The only factor left to chance is student attendance. Currently, there are eight team leaders of Blue Crew who work hard on creating events for students' enjoyment. Vice President Christen Finley was in charge of softball events this past spring, and softball games enjoyed a moderate increase in fan attendance.

"[I] definitely noticed more people at the games when Blue Crew got involved with one," Sarah Nickey, a former UAH softball player, said. "They're awesome at basketball games; it really amps up the environment."

As with any program, there are still open-ended questions as to what will be effective or ineffective at sporting events. The only way to answer these questions is by trial and error, but attendance is crucial if any tradition is going to be established by the Blue Crew at UAH.

CHARGER SPORTS SCORES

Men's Soccer

Record 2-0-0
GSC 0-0-0

September 1
Talladega
Chargers 0
7

September 4
Lincoln Memorial
Chargers 2
1

Women's Soccer

Record 1-1-0
GSC 0-0-0

September 1
Delta State
Chargers 1
2

September 4
Lincoln Memorial
Chargers 2
1

Volleyball

Record 1-3
GSC 0-0

September 2
South Carolina
Chargers 3
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September 2
Catawba
Chargers 3
1

September 3
Lincoln Memorial
Chargers 3
2

September 3
Lenoir-Rhyne
Chargers 1
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CHARGER SPORTS CALENDAR

Men's Soccer

Record 2-0-0 GSC 0-0-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
September 8	Christian Brothers	Home	4:30 p.m.
September 10	Tennessee Wesleyan	Home	2:30 p.m.
September 14	Montevallo	Home	4:30 p.m.
September 17	Georgia S-Western	Home	3:00 p.m.
September 20	North Georgia	Away	3:00 p.m.
September 25	Saint Leo	Away	1:30 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Record 1-1-0 GSC 0-0-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
September 7	North Georgia	Away	3:00 p.m.
September 10	Tennessee Wesleyan	Home	12:00 p.m.
September 11	Martin Methodist	Home	3:00 p.m.
September 14	Montevallo	Home	2:00 p.m.
September 21	West Alabama	Away	7:00 p.m.
September 25	Saint Leo	Away	11:00 a.m.

Volleyball

Record 1-3 GSC 0-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
September 8	Henderson State	Home	5:00 p.m.
September 9	District Columbia	Home	11:00 a.m.
September 9	Harding	Home	3:00 p.m.
September 10	Christian Brothers	Home	11:00 a.m.
September 10	Arkansas Tech	Home	3:00 p.m.

Cross Country

Date	Event
September 10	Fleet Feet Sports/Earl Jacoby Memorial (5k,8k)

From TIPS on Pg. 2

dancing with toning sticks to target muscles.

What is most important, if working out is not really your thing, is to find something that is enjoyable or switch up your routine every so often.

From TIME on Pg. 2

of good time management.

Some other tips that might help improve your time management are to limit distractions, say no to inessential tasks, delegate tasks when applicable, break large tasks into smaller tasks, take scheduled breaks, take a time management class, avoid perfectionism and combine activities when possible.

From CONCERT on Pg. 3

win a trip to New York City to accompany Derülo to a red carpet event. Stacey hopes to have another chance encounter with Derülo, but she will never forget her moment at the UAH concert.

From GARDEN on Pg. 4

you have a standing lamp in your room, you can simply tie the plant to your lamp as it gets taller.

Also, taking care of a garden, putting your hands into the dirt and seeing your efforts grow into something beautiful, strong and worthwhile makes you feel good. The therapeutic benefits of gardening have long been proven. People recover or heal faster when they regularly garden. Gardening can lower blood pressure and decrease depression, reduce pain and fatigue, and improve general brain functions. Gardening allows you to be creative. It is a one-stop mental and physical health refreshment.

But be careful when choosing plants to grow if you have young children or pets. Most common houseplants are poisonous to cats and dogs and could make children sick as well. There are online sites containing complete lists of these plants.

From PROFILE on Pg. 5

to the different personalities on the team. Sometimes people need you to yell at them, when others need you to be nicer. Finally, I am consistent. Volleyball is very much a game of momentum. When you win two or three points in a row, consistency is key. If you lose the next point, that could turn the momentum of the game right around. It's also good to have consistent emotions. If you get too high and lose two points in a row, your high emotions can get super low. I have always struggled with being consistent emotionally. I am so competitive that if my teammate does something that is so easily wrong, I used to have a temper and yell. I have learned it is best to relax, take a breath and show positive body language.

What are your other hobbies and interests? Besides UAH vol-

Overall, the Freshman 15 can exist. Not *everyone* will gain weight, but some will if they are not careful in their habits.

College, especially the first year, is a time to enjoy your freedom and blossom, so have fun. If you are not mindful, though, you might just blossom a bit too much.

There are hundreds of ways to improve your time management but they are habits that have to be learned and ingrained in your everyday life. Start with one goal (follow a planner) and then move on to the next goal. If you learn good time management skills now, they will help you for the rest of your professional career and personal life.

"I just want to thank all the amazing people who made this concert possible: ACE, the Alumni Association and anyone else," she said. "For me, it was more than just a show; it was the best night of my life."

The most obvious benefit to growing your own little garden is the end result: saving money. Once the plant has fully matured and bears fruit, you no longer need to continue to buy it in the grocery store. If you grow herbs, you can always have a plethora of seasonings to spice up anything you cook. If you grow vegetables, such as lettuce, you can make a salad, a lettuce wrap or any other recipe that uses lettuce. You could focus on fruit; keeping fresh fruit in your refrigerator is expensive, and fruit tends to go bad before college students even have time to eat them.

Gardening is easy, fun, healthy, cheap and full of rewards. You do not need to own land, have a bunch of expensive equipment or containers or even spend a lot of time in maintaining your garden. You will not only feel better but you will feel happy, accomplished and satisfied, as your plants grow. So give a try and take one step closer to a healthier, greener and happier life.

leyball, I like to play sand volleyball, I love to eat and I like hanging out with my friends. I like to go to class. The interaction with students and the feeling I get after I have learned something in class is a good feeling.

What are your plans for after graduation? After I get my undergraduate degree, I am going to continue to get my master's in business administration here at UAH. I would love to keep coaching volleyball, and I would love to have a job [in which] I get to plan or organize things. Eventually I hope to move to Austin, Texas.

What would be your dream job? My dream job originally was to be a director on a cruise ship, but it would be hard to have a family with that job. So my dream job now is to work my way up at a company where I can be, and see people be, successful.

Crossword

Across

- 1. Slip
- 6. Higher
- 11. Federal Communications Commission
- 14. Adherent of Hinduism
- 15. Daughter of one's brother or sister
- 16. Retirement plan
- 17. Communion table
- 18. Staggers
- 19. Slow run
- 20. Jesus Christ
- 22. Trellis
- 24. Fruit
- 26. Having red hair
- 30. Middle
- 34. Metal-bearing mineral
- 35. Semitic language
- 36. Female given name
- 37. Living in a city
- 39. Partially opened flower

- 40. Standard of perfection
- 41. Spurt
- 42. Small in amount
- 44. Coming before (prefix)
- 45. Fungal disease of cereals
- 46. Midmorning break
- 48. Small drink of liquor
- 49. Carves
- 54. Hanging ice
- 59. Used to be
- 60. Fat insoluble in water
- 62. Former central African republic
- 63. Hail
- 64. Texas mission
- 65. Like an elf
- 66. Affirmative reply

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- 67. Characteristic rhythm
- 68. Perfume

- 29. Australian aboriginal instrument
- 31. Oceanic trenches
- 32. Trap
- 33. Stories
- 38. Coral island
- 40. Enumerates
- 43. Heating, ventilating, and air conditioning
- 47. Steps for scaling a fence
- 49. Swing to and fro
- 50. Hollow in the earth
- 51. Employs
- 52. Plot of ground
- 53. Tinned luncheon meat
- 55. Calculation
- 56. Animate existence
- 57. Ireland
- 58. Transmitted
- 61. Mischievous child

Down

- 1. Sovereign
- 2. Air mattress
- 3. International (Abbrev)
- 4. June 6, 1944
- 5. Inhabitant of Europe
- 6. Illegible
- 7. Filled pastry crust
- 8. Rind
- 9. Showy actions
- 10. Repose
- 11. S Pacific archipelago
- 12. Crocodile
- 13. Prison
- 21. Close
- 23. Next after the second
- 25. Reconstruct
- 26. Red cosmetic
- 27. Mistake
- 28. Rid of insect pests

Sudoku

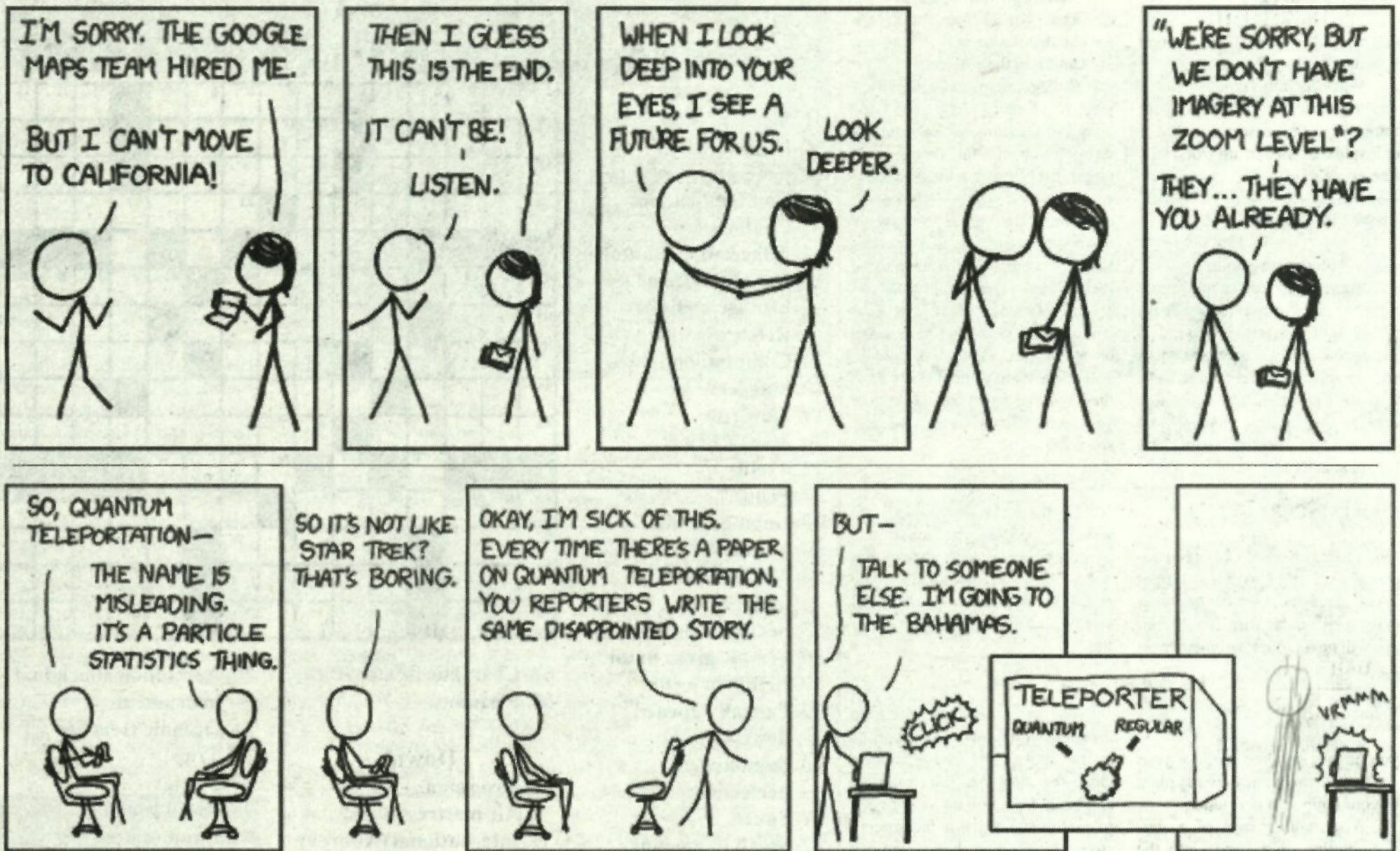
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