EXPECTATIONS HIGH
FOR ATHLETES

BY JEFF CARR

The men and women who play basketball for Huntsville expectations will be high this year after a tremendous showing across the athletic department last year.

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Comparing their success from the past two seasons, the men's basketball team won their fourth regular season conference championship, and the women's basketball team also won their second regular season conference title and an all-region tournament appearance as well as earning a trip to the NCAA South Region Regional. Both Coach Les Smith and Coach Tim Jordan are on a high among the fans after their teams led the country in wins as of mid-season.

Both men and women have the momentum to begin a new season conference title and an all-region tournament appearance as well as earning a trip to the NCAA South Region Regional.

On the court, where the team earned Top 25 rankings in the Associated Press poll, both the men and women of UAH Track and Field are back again.

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THE WAY WAY BACK

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GEEK SQUAD

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VMA'S A SHOW OF CONTRACTIONS

By MIKAEL WOOD

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But the 2013 VMAs will surely be an award show unlike any other, as the VMAs marks the 20th anniversary of Britney Spears' "Baby One More Time" and the 15th anniversary of her first release, "Oops...I Did It Again."

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Photos taken from Nicole March were for, “private, personal and professional use,” according to the lawsuit.
BAR LOUIE: FAR FROM A DIVE BAR

BY ASHLEY BAKER

Bar Louie is a franchise with locations all over the U.S., but no two locations are exactly the same. An alluring bar Huntsville, locally, it was in awe. Completes with a huge patio area with at least a dozen top-tier tables, a granite bar, and beautiful tile work whispering the walls. Bar Louie is not your average Huntsville bar. Bar Louie is "spacious colossal" where one can enjoy in three-piece suits, college students and casual moms all in one place having a wonderful time. The food and drink definitely measure up to the level that the aesthetics would have you expect.

With a name like Bar Louie, the first thing on my mind was drinks. Offering local beers from Straight to Ale and "Yellowhammer" and an extensive wine list, there is a drink for everyone, being a fan of sweet and fruity drinks, I asked our bartender Kim what she recommended that was in comparison to a sex on the beach. She gave a specialty martini from Bar Louie by the name of "Tickled Pink," a Tickled Pink features N-Reed Fusion Liqueur, Deeper Peachwine, and cranberry and orange juice. It was sweet without being overly so. I also tried the Grand Limon Drop, which has Grey Goose, lemon tenants juice and punt cane syrup. It reminded me of an adult lemonade and was incredible. After discussion of why shots always burn and taste less than fabulous, another bartender on duty, B, recommended a couple of sweet shots for us to try. I ordered a key lime pie shot, while my husband went with an oatmeal cookie shot. They were phenomenal and tasted just like their individual namesakes.

"Kick-Ass," along with the sequel in theaters now, was one of the most popular graphic novels for Marvel by famed comic book writer Mark Millar. On the cover, the story revolves around a stupid graphic novel/movie series. But, the fans of "Kick-Ass" are still satisfying to watch. "Kick-Ass" is really a story of the second graphic novel and current sequels named "Kick-Ass 2." After the title character (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) first appeared, he not only gained a group of superheros but he also inadvertently causes a group of the first super-heroes to leave. This film also focuses on Mindy Macready (Chloe Grace Moretz) attempting to distance herself from her upbringing as Hit-Girl and life as a remorseless teenage girl.

This sequel, while not as good as the first film, was still satisfying to watch. "Kick-Ass 2" along with the previous film deviated away from the original source material since the books were more graphic than the films. The novel of the first film, that a character's action follows in consequences, is still present in the movie, but it was not as strong.

The actors were very similar for the film. Chloe Grace Moretz was still good in her role and despite what many critics said, there were no problems with the film focusing mostly on her character. Jim Carrey stated the above as the former gangster turned superhero, Colonel Stars and Stripes. Christopher Mintz-Plasse, who portrayed the film's main antagonist - Chris D'Armond, was still hilarious. No film was better than the first film. Do not expect his villainous performance, however, to be anything like Heath Ledger's Joker or Tom Hiddleston's Loki. While the movie was hilarious, at times it felt not just sophomoric but also tasteless. One problem that was present was in the movie was the idea that when Hit-Girl left Kick-Ass, in terms of the plot, it should not be considered a problem but knowing the actors' actual ages can ruin the movie. Despite the possibility of a sequel coming out since "Kick-Ass 3" is now hitting comic book store shelves, the film series should not deviate away from the source material. Over all, "Kick-Ass 2" contains some elements that may alienate some people and will not get many reviews, however, it is hard not to get excited especially for those who enjoyed the first movie.

For dessert we ordered a Lemon Whiskey Cake, that with Jack Daniel's glaze. The cake is covered with topped apple and caramel, and is the epitome of what home would taste like. The topped apples take on a sweetish flavor and complements the transformation of flavor. Overall, Bar Louie is a wonderful place for drinks as well as food.

THE WAY WAY BACK: COMING OF AGE DRAME Dy

BY REGGIE ALLENN

It was the minor characters like the ones played by Allison Janey and River Alexander that easily stole the show with their one-liners.
Yearly alone there are 14 different countries represented on our UAH sports teams.
**BUDGETS**

For most, college is the first time students will get their hands dirty with money management. And it’s not easy. We spoke with some experts to find out the best ways to manage your money.

**Mitchell Weiss**, author of "College Happiness: A Practical Handbook for Poorer and Student" ($12.34, Amazon.com), and adjunct professor at the University of Hartford, said that budgeting is "tackling all the cash coming in and allocating all the expenses heading out."

In doing the above, Laura Schuler, author of "Ultimate Money Hacks for College Students" ($9.49, Amazon.com), says you should "take a few days to make it because you are shouldering the responsibility of being frugal."

If your budget is still going over, what should you do? Weiss suggests keeping a journal of your spending. "It’s a way to troubleshoot and find a hole in the system," Weiss said.

Both Kathleen sees in her book, "Get A Financial Life: Personal Finance in Your Twenties and Thirties" ($12.19, Amazon.com), encourage an up-front look into taxes, utilities, student loans and break-even, books, school supplies, laundry materials, rent and room furnishing. Fees and fines are also essential. Essential items include entertainment, eating out and shopping trips.

That’s not to say you can’t have fun, just be aware of how much you are spending. "This includes joining a fraternity or sorority, "ask questions, and make sure you know fees and how they work, "Scheurer said. Every chapter is different, but a quick scan around Facebook’s top 500 colleges for freshmen to be, well, picky with average sizes as high as $29,902.

If you still need a more rigid budgeting structure, Kathleen’s book suggests trying a free website like www.student.com. Mint comes with a free mobile app available in the Apple App Store and on Google Play. Mint collects all of your transactions in one place, allowing you to see where your money is going and how you can save.

**HOUSING**

According to the College Board, the average college student pays between $6,000 and $9,500 a year for room and board, with $5,290 to $8,570 of that cost going toward food. Although that title (of I’s) huge portion of total college costs, there are ways to minimize those high prices.

Obvious options include living with family nearby. A recent report by student loan provider Nellie Mae said 77 percent of students are using this option.

However, with most colleges requiring incoming freshmen to live on campus, that may not be an option. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

**Location:** It is no doubt that low-cost areas, smaller towns and public colleges come with a cheaper price tag. According to a 2012-2013 U.S. News and World Report, Fordham University in Bronx, N.Y., charges $15,774 per year including board for their spacious New York City apartment-style space. Trainers Arena, a senior communication major at the university, said approximately $3,700 a year when living in dorms and will pay $5000 after moving in an apartment in Brooklyn.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Ada, Okla., offers the campus affordable rate rooms and board in the nation, according to U.S. News, charging just $1,300 for a modern suite-style dorm with basic amenities, and $3,700 including the weekly $19 meal dining plan. "It all supply and demand and local market driven," said Mary Wallace, director of housing and housing at the Oklahoma school. "It is a ratio of only 3,000, and there’s no major highway or city nearby.

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**USEFUL TIPS**

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- **Stick to the basics:** No need for arrogance in freshman year. Schools like Chrysler have a $3,000 per-year premium over between the cheapest, basic dorms and the most expensive, luxury one.
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**TRANSPORTATION**

Unfortunately, for most incoming freshmen, many schools have policies that prevent you from having a car on campus. Here are some tips for when you can do what you need transportation that your own two feet can’t provide.

**If you need a ride to your grocery store or classes:** Many schools offer a bus system that is free for students. One great service that many universities are offering at no cost is Nuggaroo (www.nuggaroo.com) and or other ride share services.

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- **Lyft:** Lyft is a good option for a quick ride, but keep in mind that their prices can be, well, pricy with average prices to be around $15-20. According to Expedia, Lyft prices are typically around $10-15 per mile to go, but you can always negotiate with the driver.

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