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The tough times continue for the UAH hockey team as it fell to 0-6 in the season, losing 3-0 and 2-1 in contests this past weekend at Propst Arena. The Chargers began the weekend in very strong form by outshooting the visiting Bowling Green squad 7-2 at one point during the first period. It looked as if the Chargers would keep up the momentum and eventually break through, but it was the Falcons who took first blood at the 7:39 mark, going up 1-0.

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Local Rocket Scientist Stars in New National Geographic Reality Show

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Staff Writer

Travis Taylor, the star of National Geographic Channel's new reality show "Rocket City Rednecks," is not your stereotypical redneck from Alabama.

Taylor has five science degrees, including a Ph.D., and is currently working on his second Ph.D. in aerospace engineering right here at UAH. His academic accomplishments are impressive, but Taylor has considered himself a redneck rocket scientist for more than 20 years.

"I got started [when] I was 17-years old," Taylor said. "I won the state science fair. I built a radio telescope; picked up radio waves from Cassiopeia A and Taurus A and a couple of other places that were supernova remnants and black holes and such. The first prize was

a job on Redstone Arsenal with an Army scientist."

Taylor's scientific career has taken him from the United States Department of Defense to writing science fiction novels, to now starring in a nationally televised reality series by the National Geographic Channel.

The birth of the series began when Taylor and his crew put together a proposal for National Geographic. The team's mission was to explain science to the average person in a fun and unique way.

"There's a better way that we can teach science to people and have fun and not make them feel like they've been in school," Taylor said. "[W]ithin two weeks they had a film crew here in north Alabama filming a pilot proposal. When we were finished with that we sent it to National Geographic. The day they saw it, we had a 12-episode con-

tract the next day. They just loved it. They said this is exactly what we want."

Attendees at the "Rocket City Rednecks" premiere at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center's Davidson Center loved it as well. More than 400 people packed the auditorium a few weeks ago to watch two 30-minute segments from the show, with extremely positive results.

"Often screening shows are a little more serious," channel Vice-President for Communications Chris Albert said. "But [at] this one, everyone was laughing and applauding at the right moments and having a great time. This [show] is a perfect mix of entertainment, science and fun."

The first episode, "Bomb-Proof My Pick-Up," aired Sept. 28 and featured the group bomb-proofing a beat-up Ford truck with the possibility of providing more

protection for Army vehicles when they roll over a bomb. The second episode had the group attempting to build and launch a rocket using moonshine from a still built by two of the members, Michael Taylor and "Daddy" Charles.

The purpose of the show is to make science and space research more appealing to those who normally would not be interested in these subjects.

"That's our point," said Taylor. "Whether it's building a rocket, whether it's building an Ironman suit, whether it's building armor or whether it's building a fireworks display, I don't care. The point is, put down the X-Box controller. Get out of the virtual world for a minute. Walk out to the garage and find some things to tinker it. Figure out how the real world works."

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Stars of the new reality show "Rocket City Rednecks." Photo courtesy of UAH

Chancellor Portera Talks with Students on the Future of UAH; Focuses on Hockey

AARON SNODDY
Staff Writer

Dozens of students gathered on Oct. 10, in the exhibit hall of UAH's university center for a discussion lead by the UA System Chancellor Dr. Malcolm Portera. In his brief lecture, Portera outlined a path of growth for the university centered on the enhancement of student living and overall collegiate experience.

The most notable building blocks for the projected enhancement were the plans for increasing the student population on campus and the construction of a new student center.

Portera said he would like to see the student population expand from the current number of 7,500 students to 9,000 in the coming years. The chancellor wants to not only bring in new students but also retain current students. He also emphasized student cohesion and

interaction, for which the student center would act as an epicenter.

After Portera's talk, the student Q&A began. The bulk of the discussion concerned UAH's future. Much of the talk focused on UAH's hockey program, a reaction to recent talk of its possible elimination. Portera, as well as UAH's Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Vistasp Karbhari, reassured students that hockey will continue at UAH. The main discussion concerning the hockey program only entailed the possibilities of remaining a Division I competitor or becoming a club team again.

Focus later shifted to the funding of the student center. Portera and Karbhari stated that the bulk of the funding would come from the collection of student fees. The amount would be dictated by the size of the new student center, as well as by other university reserves.

UAH Students Play Computer Games for 24 Hours for Children's Miracle Network

KARA MILLION
Staff Writer

On Oct. 13, the day before UAH Homecoming Week's LAN Party, two teams of gamers launched a fundraising event, during which they played games continuously for 24 hours to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

Through Extra-life.org, the students assembled their teams and set a fundraising goal of \$250. The players set up in the UC Exhibit Hall at 8 p.m. for a full day of non-stop gaming. Each team needed to have at least one person playing games at any given point during the 24-hour span.

Alex Wilson, who played from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m. the next day, stated that he mostly played Starcraft, although he mixed it up a little with the Lord of the Rings online game.

"It was fun until some of the other guys started heading to bed

at 2 a.m.," Wilson said. "But I just kept on going."

This event allowed him to enjoy the best of two worlds.

"I've always been big into helping people," he said. "Getting to game for charity is a win-win! It allowed me to feel good about gaming. I love it."

Kyle Kosic, known by other Starcraft players as "The Talent," hung in there for the entire 24 hours by playing Starcraft II. At 4 p.m. the following evening, he was still going strong.

"I've been drinking a lot of Red Bull," he said with a tired smile, gesturing toward a can.

These gamers managed to turn something they love into a means for helping others. Students who are interested in learning more about this program can go to www.extra-life.org for more information.

Getting Involved with Research at UAH is Even Easier

MATT SAYAR
Staff Writer

With so many research opportunities for students to get involved in, UAHuntsville created a new position titled "Student Research Programs Coordinator," and appointed David Cook to the position. Cook's job involves promoting and helping students participate in research activities, like trips to Panama and other locations around the world, as well as submitting papers to prestigious scientific conventions.

"This new position was created to show outward commitment from the Office of Vice President for Research to our students," says Cook. "We really want students to take advantage of these research opportunities. To have these opportunities and not take advantage of them is a loss, I think."

In addition to looking great on a résumé, students get to travel to interesting locations around the world. For example, students can participate in annual research trips to Panama and study climate change, the local population, or its history. "Every student has a research opportunity," says Cook, mentioning majors from every college, from business to liberal arts, and (especially) science. UAHuntsville has several partnerships in the area with many areas of expertise. You can find more information about research trips to Panama at <http://panama.uah.edu> (may still be under construction).

Another popular program with travel opportunities is the International Aeronautical Congress (IAC), sometimes called "The Academy Awards of Aerospace." The event just concluded in early



Photo courtesy of UAH

October at Cape Town, South Africa. Seventeen students submitted abstracts that were accepted, and were able to present their papers in front of distinguished members in the field of aerospace. The previous year, twelve students were selected to go and present their papers at the IAC held in Prague, Czech Republic. All the students' travel expenses are paid for by the Office of Vice President for Research. Cook recalls one student's reaction to attending IAC when the student says, "I thought I knew exactly what I wanted to do with

my degree, but now I see so many more possibilities."

Students can also get involved by participating in other research events like the Von Braun Memorial Symposium coming to Huntsville on October 26th-28th. Forty-seven students submitted and will have posters of their research on display for peers in the field to read and review.

For more information on how you can get involved with research opportunities, get in touch with Dave Cook at 256-824-5705 or david.cook@uah.edu

International Festival Celebrates Diversity of Huntsville Culture with Performances and Cuisine

CASEY KALBER
Staff Writer

The International Society of Huntsville is partnering with the Office of International Programs and Services, International Student and Scholar Office, the UAH Library and Student Affairs to host the 2nd Annual International Festival on Oct. 29.

The festivities will kick off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Mayor Tommy Battle and will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Indonesia, China, Australia, Nigeria and Italy are a few of the represented countries.

Various tables will feature presentations, travel and historic literature, hosts in native apparel and children's activities. Performances will take place throughout the event, varying from the UAH Chinese Student and Scholars Association (Dances, Vocal, and Instrument) to the Huntsville India Association (Bollywood and Classical Indian dances). Also present will be the UAH Latino Studies and Development Club (Mexican Folk

Dance), the Huntsville Nigerian Community (Egedege Dance), and the Irish Society of North Alabama (The Fitness Arts Center Irish Step Dancers). Some of the scheduled musicians include Slipjig, Ira Leitner, and Irish bagpipe performances by David Boling.

Four years ago, the International Society of Huntsville was formed with the mission to bring diverse international citizens together for social interaction and cultural awareness in Huntsville, Ala. One of the society's main goals is to create a permanent international festival for Huntsville that is on par with those in Birmingham and Mobile.

Last year, the first festival was a huge success with nearly a thousand attendees. All of those who served as country chairs and performers had a great time.

It is hoped that this year will be just as successful. Hosted at the Shelby Center, there will be plenty of country displays, performances and food. Admission is free, though it costs \$5 to sample cuisine.

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While the show is sure to interest adults, Taylor is very passionate about encouraging kids to use their creativity and make their own backyard science experiments.

"I want kids to get up and do something," said Taylor. "When I was 6 years old, I took a toilet paper roll, some poster paper, some Elmer's glue and I built my first rocket. Kids don't get much of that anymore and I want to see that

change."

"Rocket City Rednecks" currently airs Wednesdays at 8 p.m. on the National Geographic Channel. The show has received positive reviews so far and has a chance to become the next big hit on National Geographic.

"Some of the things we did astounded and shocked me," Charles Taylor, Travis Taylor's father, said. "I think the average Joe will want to tune in. I've got a gut feeling it's going to be big."

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\$tart \$mart Wage Negotiation Workshop

Press Release

Research shows that American women typically leave over a million dollars in lifetime earnings on the table because they lack skills in negotiating salaries. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has partnered with The Wage Project to change that by offering wage negotiation workshops on college campuses. Over 200 \$tart \$mart workshops have been offered nationwide since the project began in 2007, and one of them will be held at UAH November 4, from 1-4 pm in the Library Room 111. Seating is limited for this free workshop, and UAH students and alumni have priority in registration, which opened October 7 via ChargerPath.

The trainer for the UAH workshop, Annie Houle, national director of campus and community initiatives for the WAGE Project, will also offer facilitator training in connection with the UAHuntsville workshop. Houle has conducted these workshops for about 1000 students at 150 campuses nationwide. Trainees will observe the

UAHuntsville workshop from 1-4 pm, and then participate in follow-up training from 4:30-6 pm. Those who complete facilitator training may then conduct \$tart \$mart training at UAH and other campuses. The cost for facilitator training is \$50, and online registration will be available at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/StartSmartUAH>.

UAHuntsville Women's Studies and the Career Development Office are co-sponsoring this first Huntsville workshop along with the Huntsville AAUW branch. They will each be sponsoring training for at least two facilitators in anticipation of future workshops on the UAHuntsville campus. The Huntsville branch will be encouraging and assisting other college campuses to organize \$tart \$mart workshops, and to take advantage of this opportunity to train local facilitators.

\$tart \$mart is only one of many community programs that AAUW has initiated nationwide to break through barriers for women and girls. For 130 years, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues

of the day—educational, social, economic, and political. AAUW's 100,000-member voice is making a difference on critical women's and civil rights issues—briefing policy-makers, spearheading coalitions, and making an impact on the world through international initiatives and partnerships.

The Huntsville branch regularly sends local college students to a national leadership conference in Washington, DC, and also sponsors "Ready to Run" workshops that prepare women to run for elective office. Women or men interested in joining the Huntsville branch may contact Membership VP Mary Tomaine at mary172@yahoo.com

To reserve your spot at the workshop, log onto your ChargerPath account and click the link to Workshops on your home page where you can RSVP. For more information about \$tart \$mart at UAHuntsville, contact Kellee Crawford in the Career Development Office at 256-824-6938 or read about it online at <http://www.aauw.org/learn/LeadershipPrograms/StartSmart.cfm>

University-Wide Honor Society Omicron Delta Kappa Restarted at UAH

ERIC MORGAN
Editor-in-Chief

The UAH chapter of national leadership honor society Omicron Delta Kappa has been reinitiated after a lapse of several years. Nursing professor and Omicron Delta Kappa member Ina Warboys has stepped up as faculty advisor for the UAH chapter.

Omicron Delta Kappa is a university-wide honor society, accepting members from any college. To be nominated, a student must be in the upper 35 percent of his or her college. However, unlike many

honor societies, Omicron Delta Kappa doesn't focus solely on academics.

"The second element is leadership," Warboys explained. "This can be shown through scholarship, athletics, multimedia and creative arts, campus life and journalism."

Warboys went on to say that Omicron Delta Kappa "offers recognition for your hard work and achievements...and identifies those who really put forth an effort." She also mentioned that members may take advantage of professional networking within the organization.

UAH student Laura Aten-

cio was able to attend a "Campus Leaders Today, Community Leaders Tomorrow" (CLT2) event hosted by Omicron Delta Kappa.

"It was a wonderful experience to meet other students from around the country who share a common interest in community service," Atencio said. She went on to say that attendees were given the opportunity to meet community leaders and participate in role-playing situations that involved trying to make the right decision.

Originally started in 1914,

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Editorial: Honor Societies – The Biggest Scam Since Global Warming

ERIC MORGAN
Editor-in-Chief

Not long ago, I began my junior year as an electrical engineering student and became eligible for several of the university's honor societies. In fact, during my first semester, I was invited to join the three following societies: Tau Beta Pi (engineering), Eta Kappa Nu (electrical/computer engineering) and the newly formed Sigma Alpha Pi (leadership and success). But this article isn't about how smart/talented/great I am. Rather, it is a caution to students who may be flattered into making a poor decision.

Some of you may remember "Who's Who Among Students" from high school. For those who are unfamiliar, Who's Who is an organization that recognizes and lists high school students in a yearly publication that could potentially

give them an advantage for college applications. However, it became clear that this company was concerned only with selling books, and their standards for acceptance were so low that no one took this award seriously. This same principle, it seems, has extended into college honor societies.

Honor societies aren't all bad. In fact, they can reemphasize a student's accomplishments to prospective graduate schools, professional schools or even employers that a GPA alone may not necessarily do.

However, this idea would only hold if the honor society maintained a reasonable standard for membership. Tau Beta Pi requires juniors be in the top eighth of their class and seniors be in the top fifth of their class. Eta Kappa Nu has similar requirements. Sigma Alpha Pi, however, requires only that a student "be formally invited

by [their] college" or, in the alternative, fill out a nomination form and have it signed by two faculty members.

When I was invited, UAH chapter President Tiffany Sledge explained that "a 3.0 GPA is the only requirement" to be invited by UAH. And those who weren't able to make the cut should have no trouble being nominated.

But when I received my invitation to join Sigma Alpha Pi, I was certainly excited, although I didn't join immediately. The reason was as follows: A membership fee of \$75. (This fee has since been increased to \$85). Now, as much as I enjoy pointing out how smart/talented/great I am (see paragraph one), I'm not in the business of paying people to do it. However, when I received a second letter giving me a strict deadline to apply

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The UAH student newspaper is looking for motivated students who need a part time job and want to take part in creating the only student-run news service on campus. Here are a couple of reasons why you should join:

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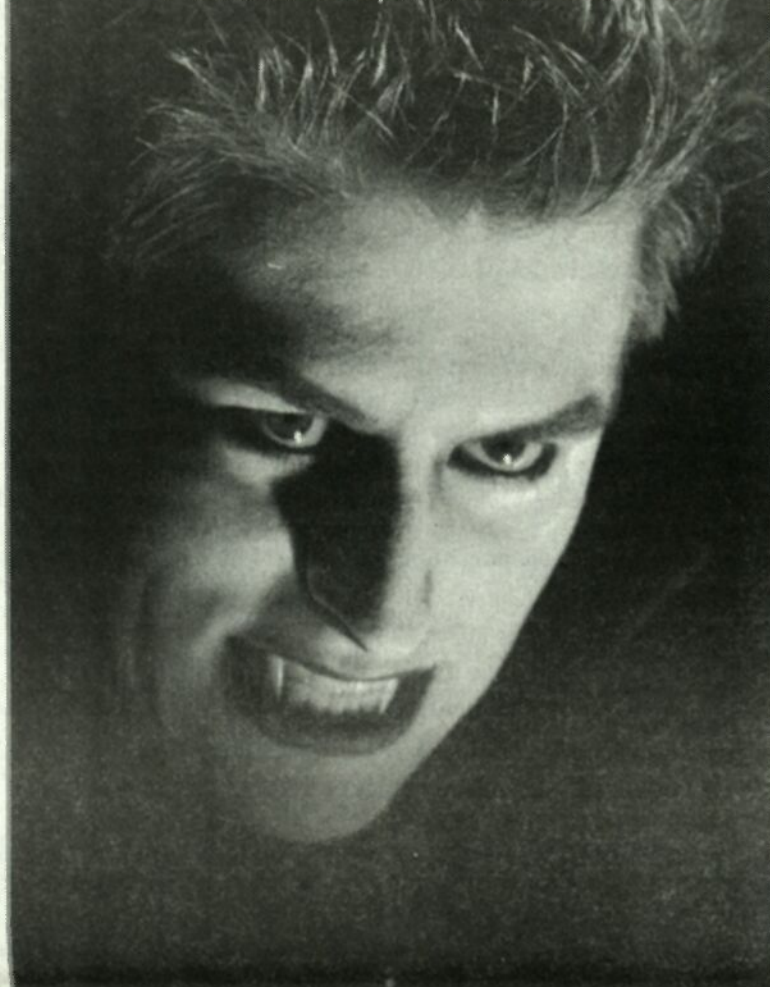
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Event Calendar

Oct. 20

- Ladies' Self Defense Seminar. Charger Village-MPR, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
- Delta Zeta's Ocksoberfest. Business Administrative Building back patio. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Study Abroad Info Session, Morton Hall 240. 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Know Your Rights Forum. UC 126. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Oct. 21

- Blue Crew Presents Black Out the Lions. UAH soccer fields. 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- Abstract Artimus, Fargo, and Ota Benga perform at the Flying Monkey. \$5. 9 p.m.
- The Huntsville Museum of Art presents Artoberfest, a fundraiser for the Art Krewe. Live music and beer tasting. \$10. 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Oct. 22

- Argentine Tango Workshop. UC Exhibit Hall. 12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Start Your Engines. UC Exhibit Hall. 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.
- Rocket City Short Film Festival will take place at the Flying Monkey. \$5. 9 p.m.

Oct. 23

- Walk/Run Fundraiser around campus 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Oct. 24

- BSA Week 2011 starts with Scary Movie Night. 8 p.m.

Oct. 25

- Face2Face Improv will take place at Sam & Greg's downtown. Admission is \$5. 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 26

- BSA Week 2011 continues with Basketball 3 on 3. 8 p.m.

UAH Starcraft II Club Brings Competitive e-Sport to Campus

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Staff Writer

For students who enjoy playing Starcraft II, UAH has just the organization. Founded last semester by Nick Hanson and Chris Nelson, the UAH Starcraft II Club is one of the fastest-growing student organizations on campus with currently more than 200 members on the roster. The primary focus of the group is to connect players with one another and encourage competitive play.

"The club is a community of players," Hanson said. "It makes competitive play accessible to people and promotes e-sports in general. It's important because of its serious competitive potential. In my opinion, the game has the same strategic merit as chess or even other classical sports such as tennis, but it's even more accessible."

Hanson and Nelson both

agree that Starcraft II has many advantages over other sports and that these advantages extend to e-sports in general. They insightfully pointed out that there are fewer physical limitations and lower costs for membership and equipment for e-sports than other sports and people can pick up gaming quickly and play any time of the day or night.

Several other e-sport organizations exist on campus for games such as Super Smash Brothers Brawl, Pokémon, and League of Legends. The clubs are working together to form an umbrella organization for UAH e-sports.

The club is in the process of organizing regular meetings and already has several events lined up. A month-long 16-person tournament is currently in progress, with matches occurring every Friday night at 5:30 p.m. at various locations on campus. On

Oct. 13, a UAH LAN Party will be a part of Homecoming week and will feature the Starcraft II Club and other e-sport groups raising money for the Children's Miracle Network through extralife.org. The teams will play games continuously for 24 hours to meet their individual fundraising goals.

Oct. 16 is Barcraft night at T.G.I. Friday's, at which Starcraft II enthusiasts will be watching a live broadcast of the finals and grand finals of Major League Gaming Orlando. Students who bring their UAH IDs will be able to purchase appetizers for half off and burgers for only \$5 each.

For more information about the Starcraft II club, students can find the Facebook Page ("UAH Starcraft II Club") or watch live streams of matches at Justin.tv/scsouthernstyle.

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Omicron Delta Kappa has inducted more than 300,000 members. The society boasts several distinguished alumni from all areas and disciplines including former U.S. President Jimmy Carter and NFL quarterback Peyton Man-

ning. As the website states, the goal of Omicron Delta Kappa is "to recognize those who have attained a high standard of efficiency in collegiate activities and to inspire others to strive for conspicuous attainments along similar lines."

Although membership is

limited to juniors and seniors only, Warboys emphasized the importance for students to demonstrate their leadership early in their college careers. Prospective members should contact Ina Warboys for more information about the Omicron Delta Kappa honor society.

ADAM LEVINE
LEAD SINGER
MAROON 5

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(and pay my dues), I figured I may as well join so I wouldn't regret it later.

As it turns out, my real regret was wasting my money. But while weighing the costs with the possible benefits of something like this, the question arises: How should one go about deciding whether or not to join an honor society? Fortunately, there is an organization that can help.

The Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) is "the nation's only certifying agency for college and university honor societies." This organization reviews honor societies and recognizes only those that meet certain standards of excellence. From the ACHS website: "Not all organizations calling themselves 'honor societies' subscribe to the high honors standards of ACHS." The association also provides several tips for identifying the legitimacy

of a college honor society.

Scholastically, the ACHS suggests that membership be based upon percentile rankings. This helps to combat grade inflation, which can vary wildly from college to college. If GPA must be used as the criteria for membership, the ACHS suggests a cutoff at 3.2-3.3 and says that "3.0 is likely too low in this age of grade inflation."

The ACHS also warns against organizations that do not provide publically accessible bylaws, give direct contact information for the CEO or have "vague and flexible eligibility standards."

However, most importantly, the ACHS demands that its members provide full financial disclosure to the public. Sigma Alpha Pi gives a "partial list" of how dues are expended, but gives no indication in what proportion they are allocated. Needless to say, Sigma Alpha Pi is not recognized by the ACHS.

I'll let you do the math, but

when I joined Sigma Alpha Pi, I was one of more than 300 inductees in a single semester. With thousands of colleges inducting hundreds of members, it should be evident that the business of honor societies is quite lucrative.

Administrative fees are inevitable, but before joining an honor society, you should ask yourself if it's really worth it. If you feel that this honor society can help you get to where you want to be, then by all means, join. If you have a lot of disposable income, then maybe you have nothing to lose. But \$85 can be a lot to some people, and there may be better ways to spend the money, like a down payment on a UAH parking decal, or, if you time it right, 75 roast beef sandwiches from the Arby's 5-for-5 deal.

After giving it some thought, I won't be joining any more honor societies, nor will I be listing any on my resume. I'd rather let my GPA, work experience and other accomplishments speak for themselves

than pad my resume with empty rewards. In the future, I'll be more hesitant regarding these opportunities, and I would encourage all of you to take the same considerations and really think about what you're getting out of the deal.

But if you are absolutely de-

termined to join an unaccredited honor society, I would highly recommend Omega Pi Theta (omega-pi-theta.org). They have no standards for membership, so anyone can join, and they are, in my opinion, the best honor society in the world.

Partial list of UAH honor societies recognized by ACHS:

Alpha Epsilon Delta	(Premed)
Alpha Lambda Delta	(Freshman)
Beta Gamma Sigma	(Business)
Alpha Pi Mu	(Industrial & Systems Engineering)
Omega Chi Epsilon	(Chemical Engineering)
Pi Tau Sigma	(Mechanical Engineering)
Tau Beta Pi	(Engineering)
Alpha Kappa Delta	(Sociology)
Lambda Pi Eta	(Communications)
Phi Alpha Theta	(History)
Pi Sigma Alpha	(Political Science)
Phi Sigma Iota	(Foreign Languages)
Psi Chi	(Psychology)
Sigma Tau Delta	(English)
Sigma Theta Tau	(Nursing)
Sigma Pi Sigma	(Physics)

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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.

Infinity College Bookstore sells and rents UAH textbooks at lower prices. You'll easily save 10% or more on the cost of textbooks at Infinity. Over the course of a college career, this could *save the average student \$300-\$500!*

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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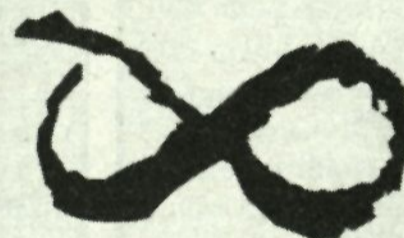
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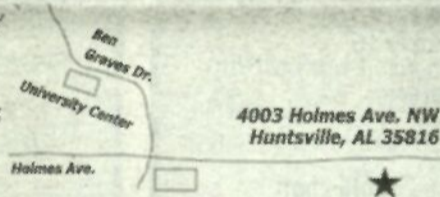


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Charger Hockey Struggles Continue with Another Loss Against Bowling Green

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The tough times continue for the UAH hockey team as it fell to 0-6 in the season, losing 3-0 and 2-1 in contests this past weekend at Probst Arena.

The Chargers began the weekend in very strong form by outshooting the visiting Bowling Green squad 7-2 at one point during the first period. It looked as if the Chargers would keep up the momentum and eventually break through, but it was the Falcons who took first blood at the 7:39 mark, going up 1-0. BGSU scored again just seconds into the second period for what would be the team's final score of the game.

The Chargers continued to shoot, and freshman Jeff Vanderlugt finally got the team on the board with his first collegiate goal. The

shot put UAH within one, but both goalies settled down and put together strong performances for the rest of the night, as neither side was able to put another puck in the goals. The Chargers also continued their power-play drought to start the season, as they were unable to take advantage of all five chances.

The second game once again saw the Chargers gathering some early momentum by drawing an early penalty against BGSU and forcing the Falcons to play short-handed. That momentum was destroyed when Ryan Carpenter scored and put the visitors up 1-0 at the 1:47 mark of the first period. Both teams also had their fair share of penalties, with the Chargers picking up six for 23 minutes and the Falcons being whistled 10 times for 31 minutes.

After scoring their shorthanded goal, the Falcons then added



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to their total in the second period using the power play to go up 2-0. The power play curse continued for UAH, as the Chargers were unable to score on their five opportunities. Bowling Green ended the night's scoring with a goal by Andrew

Wallace at 3:19 in the third that produced the 3-0 loss for UAH.

After both teams tallied 30 shots in the first game, UAH was outshot in the second match 29-21,

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CHARGER SPORTS SCORES

Men's Soccer Record 8-4-0 GSC 3-1-0

October 7 Harding Chargers	0 2
October 9 Ouachita Baptist Chargers	0 1
October 14 Delta State Chargers	1 4
October 16 Christian Brothers Chargers	2 0

Women's Soccer Record 5-7-2 GSC 3-1-1

October 7 Harding Chargers	3 3
October 9 Ouachita Baptist Chargers	1 2
October 14 Delta State Chargers	0 1
October 16 Christian Brothers Chargers	1 4

Volleyball Record 7-17 GSC 2-5

October 14 Lynn Chargers	3 0
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October 14 Florida Southern Chargers	3 1
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October 15 Eckerd Chargers	3 0
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October 15 Saint Leo Chargers	3 0
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Ice Hockey Record 0-6

October 1 Lake Superior State Chargers	3 2
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October 2 Lake Superior State Chargers	2 1
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October 7 Western Michigan Chargers	7 1
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October 8 Western Michigan Chargers	4 0
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October 14 Bowling Green Chargers	2 1
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October 15 Bowling Green Chargers	3 0
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CHARGER SPORTS CALENDAR

Men's Soccer Record 8-4-0 GSC 3-1-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
October 26	Clayton State	Away	6:30 p.m.
November 4	GSC Tournament		
November 6	GSC Tournament		
November 11-13	NCAA Regionals		
December 3	NCAA National Tournament		
December 5	NCAA National Tournament		

Women's Soccer Record 5-7-2 GSC 3-1-1

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
October 21	North Alabama	Home	12:00 p.m.
October 26	Clayton State	Away	4:00 p.m.
October 30	West Florida	Home	12:00 p.m.
November 4	GSC Tournament		
November 6	GSC Tournament		
November 11-13	NCAA Regionals		
December 3	NCAA National Tournament		
December 5	NCAA National Tournament		

Volleyball Record 7-17 GSC 2-5

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
October 21	Valdosta State	Away	6:00 p.m.
October 22	West Georgia	Away	1:00 p.m.
October 28	New Orleans	Home	7:00 p.m.
October 29	West Florida	Home	2:00 p.m.
November 1	North Alabama	Home	7:00 p.m.
November 4	Shorter	Home	6:00 p.m.
November 5	Christian Brothers	Home	1:00 p.m.
November 8	Alabama A&M	Home	7:00 p.m.

Ice Hockey Record 0-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
October 21	Air Force	Home	7:00 p.m.
October 22	Air Force	Home	7:00 p.m.
November 4	Ohio State	Home	7:00 p.m.
November 5	Ohio State	Home	7:00 p.m.
November 11	Providence	Away	6:00 p.m.
November 12	Providence	Away	6:00 p.m.

Cross Country

Date	Event
October 22	GSC Championship

Cross Country Prepares for Tournament



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The UAH men's and women's cross country teams have steadily improved with each race. After last weekend's Crimson Classic in Tuscaloosa, it looks like both squads are primed and ready to go for the Gulf South Conference Championship.

Both teams ran against tough competition in their last race by facing several Division I opponents. The Chargers finished an impressive 10th overall, while the Lady Chargers did a fine job as well and placed 18th. Both finishes were the best of the Division II participants, including conference rivals Valdosta State and North Alabama.

The Chargers are experiencing one of the greatest seasons in the history of the program. The team is currently ranked No.1 in the South Region for the first time ever and has put together amazing performances this year, including a third place finish at the Florida State Invitational and winning the Fleet Feet Sports/Earl Jacoby Memorial here in Huntsville. With seven runners all running under the 27-minute mark for the 8K, the men's team is sure to be a top favorite to take the conference championship.

The Lady Chargers began the season with plenty of obstacles in their way but have gotten better as the season progressed. The team feels that they are right where they want to be for the conference tournament.

"[We] started out a little rough," sophomore Amber Powell said. "Our times were not where we wanted them to be, and we consistently did not have all our team members able to finish the races for whatever reason. We kept working hard, though, and have encouraged one another. Now I can honestly say that we have really come together as a team, stepped up our game and are fully prepared to give our best performance come conference tournament."

Junior Leah Sparks said she feels the team is best summed up by the quote "It's not where you start, it's where you finish." If the team continues to improve at the rate they have this year, they will have a very good shot at the tournament.

"Our odds are getting better every week, and I am excited to see how we will perform this coming weekend," Sparks said.

The women's team is current-

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including a BGSU 9-4 advantage in the final period.

UAH continues its home play this weekend as the team looks for its first win of the season against

Air Force on Friday night at 7 p.m. The Chargers gets a bye the next weekend, followed by a matchup against Ohio State for the Chargers' last home stand until late December.

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ly ranked fourth in the conference, behind Delta State, West Alabama and West Florida. These top four schools have shown their competitiveness all season long, and the winner will have to bring their best race to take the crown.

Powell insisted that while the team has been building up endurance and speed all season, head coach David Cain began to focus more on speed over the past few weeks in hopes of having the runners at their best for the tournament.

"Coach Cain is an incredible coach who, unlike many coaches, trains each girl individually in a way that they improve week to week," Powell said. "Because of this, we should be able to run our best race of the season at confer-

ence, whereas some of the other teams may be beginning to fade."

Both teams are confident that Cain's leadership, combined with their hard work and determination, will pay off big Saturday.

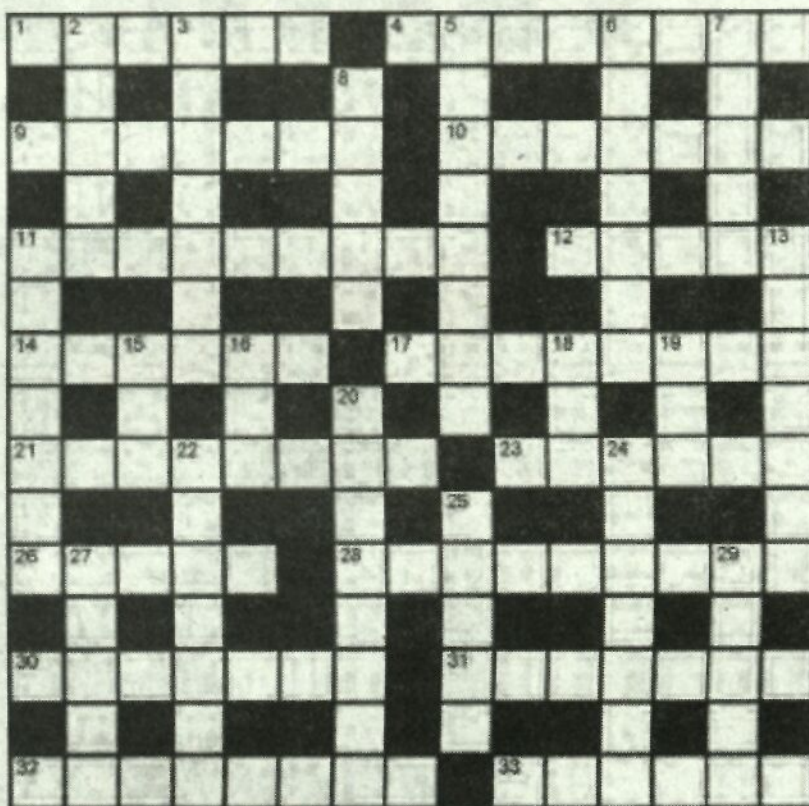
"I believe that we are about to see great results from all our efforts," Powell said. "God has given each one of us a gift and passion for running, and we thank Him for it each day. In the end, we have to understand that we run for God, we run for each other, and come conference, we run to win."

The 2011 GSC Cross Country Championship will be held at Veteran's Park in the Birmingham suburb of Hoover on Saturday, Oct. 22. The meet is scheduled to start at 9 a.m. for the men, with the women beginning approximately 30 minutes after the completion of the men's race.

Crossword

Across

1. Internal place for patient?
4. Broke rank quietly, but in confusion
9. Sport holds one competitive chance initially for a small player
10. Spread traces round junction
11. Heard play on behalf of driver
12. About to fail nearby
14. Ice dancer dithers after cards
17. Power priest is spot on
21. Chill the best cold food
23. Breathe hard where no king has zeal without a late start
26. Metal girl about warships
28. Service characters reach suit
30. Wobbly stomach-some chopped entrails inside
31. Offend a powerful militia
32. Pleasant fish takes time to start gladhanding
33. General memory man



5. Top classes' area isn't concrete
6. Venomous conveyance
7. Put sound measure back in afterthought for common folk
8. Keep tug
11. Ouch! Sin corrupted support
13. Peak charge before time out ends
15. Article about joining up to exist
16. Wheat maybe useful for communication
18. He leaves huge heap right at the start. Yuk!
19. A wake begins and ends with great respect
20. Trades staff died in Miller's tale
22. Ruling body's section
24. Accompaniment for nose flute and mouth organ?
25. Razor man backs firm eccentric
27. Sailor remains to embarrass
29. More recently than I state, in a quarter

Down

2. Horselaugh sounds negative
3. Report a European nobleman verbally

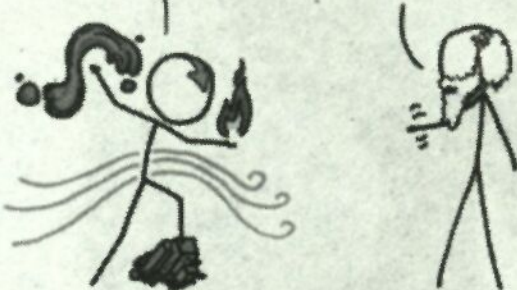
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REALLY? IM MENDELEEV, MASTER OF ALL IIB*.

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Sudoku

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

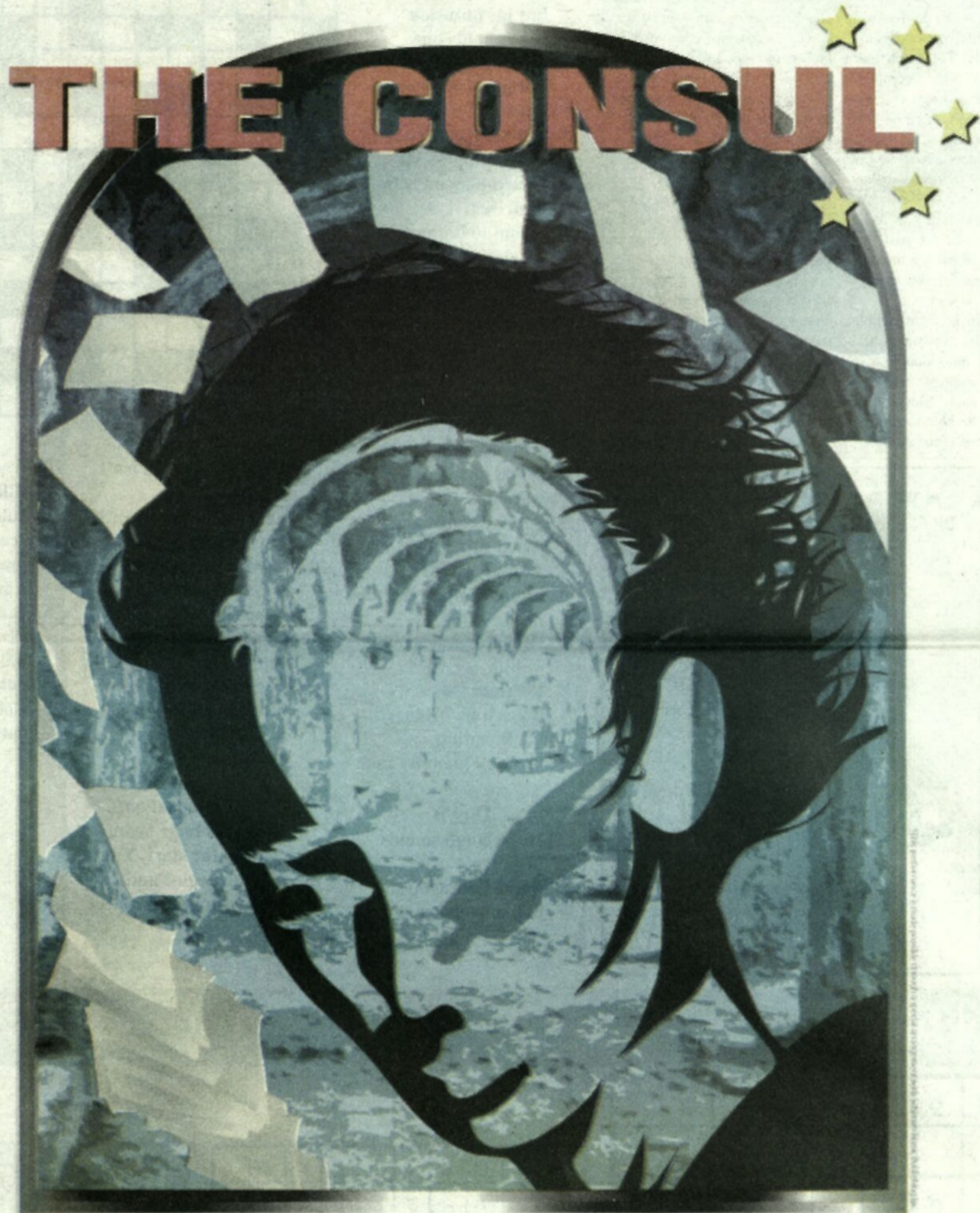
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1	3	6	9	4	8	5	7	2
6	2	9	8	3	7	1	4	5
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