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SPORTS BRIEFS

The hockey team is finally returning home after a very tough eight-game road trip that could not have ended soon enough. The last two series of games involved two teams, both of which are in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, a conference that UAH hopes will accept the Chargers soon.

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Textbooks Donated to "Recycling" Program Profit Bookstore

TOM BURWELL
Staff Writer

College bookstores around the country are setting up large bins inviting students to "recycle" their textbooks; however, the books students are donating for "recycling" may actually be resold on the internet in an effort by bookstores to recoup disappearing profits.

Our campus bookstore is no exception. A large bin labeled "One Planet Books" currently sits in the bookstore, which presumably will be put out at the end of the semester for the purpose of recycling textbooks.

The word "recycle" can be taken in two ways. In the broad sense, recycle can mean re-purposing in any number of ways, including reselling the textbook--just so long as it doesn't get thrown away and end up in a landfill. In the narrow sense, "recycle" would not include re-selling and refers specifically to the process of breaking an old item down into its raw materials to be used in the production of something new.

The bins in our campus bookstore are labeled "Eco-friendly" and contain many other

images associated with recycling in the narrow sense, all of which implies that some textbooks have so little value that they may as

well be recycled for their paper.

But because of the binding glue, textbooks cannot usually be recycled along with other paper products such as newspapers. (A few U.S. companies, such as Book Destruction, do grind the books down and make new paper.)

However, only 70 percent of the books donated to the One Planet Program are being recycled in the narrow sense. According to <http://www.bncnews.com/one-planet-books-and-barnes-noble>, 30 percent of the donated books are resold on the internet.

Former University of Michigan student Tom Bradford, who has contacted his attorney general to look into this practice at his campus Barnes and Noble, estimates that over the last year, One Planet Books has sold over 150,000 of these donated books, generating over \$2.3 million in revenue just from sales numbers reported on Amazon.com. Taking into account other sales avenues, these numbers could be double or even triple that.

"We believe this program is dubious on two fronts," Bradford explained. "First, encouraging students to donate their books to be recycled when their books are actually going to be sold to profit Barnes & Noble is dishonest at best and possibly illegal. Second, as University of Michigan students



Photo by Eric Morgan

trust Barnes & Noble to deal with them fairly when returning a book, we feel this program is a blatant conflict of interest. How can the same company be trusted to tell students whether their books are worth anything if they also profit by telling the student the book is of 'no-value' and asking them to donate it?"

Students who donate their books may do so because the bookstore will not buy back their textbooks, and so donate thinking they are contributing to a greener planet. They should be aware, however, that although a bookstore may not buy back a certain textbook, it almost certainly still has value and could be sold online or used by charitable organizations.

Anyone with a bank account who is willing to package and ship his or her textbooks can set up an Amazon.com or eBay.com sellers' account and sell these books online. January and August are good months to try this approach.

Goodwill accepts textbooks as well, which can be dropped off at the donation center on Whitesburg Drive, just south of Whitesburg Animal Hospital, or at locations in Athens, Scottsboro and Guntersville. Textbooks can also be shipped to organizations such as First Book (firstbook.org), Books for Africa (booksforafrica.org) or Books for the Barrios (booksforthebarrios.com), which supply the books to disadvantaged children.

In Memoriam: Kevin Whitaker

Kevin was also known to have a way with words. His mother remembers Kevin saying, "I live one day at a time, appreciating every second that I'm alive. There might not be a tomorrow, so I try to make the most out of everything, now."

He will be missed by so many.

Those who wish to honor Kevin's life can help his family in their efforts to provide an annual scholarship in his memory. Donations can be made to the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Office of Advancement, Shelby King Hall, Huntsville, Ala., 35899. Checks should be made out to UAHuntsville, with the memo made for the Kevin M. Whitaker Memorial Scholarship. Gifts can also be

visiting www.uah.edu/giving.

All gifts to the Kevin M. Whitaker Memorial Scholarship are tax-deductible and will be greatly appreciated by Kevin's mother, father, family and friends.



Kevin Whitaker. Photo provided by family and friends.

The life of Kevin Whitaker was cut short on Aug. 16, 2010, at the age of 21. A senior biology major at UAH, Kevin was a dedicated student and friend to those who knew him. Kevin is survived by his mother, Leah Fountain, and his stepfather, Ted, as well as his father, Tommy Whitaker.

His family has established the Kevin M. Whitaker Memorial Scholarship at UAH. Kevin was a scholar at UAH and the recipient of several scholarships, including the UAH Foundation Presidential Scholarship. His parents wanted to pass on the opportunity that Kevin received through his many scholarships by awarding a scholarship to other biological science students.

"Kevin Whitaker was a very dedicated student who persevered despite any personal challenge," Dr. Debra Moriarity, interim department chair of the biological sciences department and Kevin's advisor during his time at UAH, said. "He was interested in a medical career, and I believe he would have been an excellent physician." Moriarity remembers Kevin's great sense of humor and always looked forward to their meetings together.

"Freshmen First" Tailgate Party Inviting All Basketball Fans

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The UAH Blue Crew and basketball boosters will kick off the UAH 2010-2011 basketball season with the "Freshmen First" tailgate party at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 15 at the corner of Ben Graves and Holmes.

The tailgate ends just before the women play their first game of the year at 5:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to park at the library, Spragins Hall and other nearby places as parking is not permitted on the grass near the nursing building.

Blue Crew and Sigma Nu already have plans to set up and invite everyone else to come out and tailgate. WZYP and WeUP will play music, host games and give out prizes. Student Affairs is sponsoring inflatables, and Housing is sponsoring a station at which fans can paint their faces or bodies for the games. The softball team has also ordered temporary tattoos that

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UAH Professor Dr. Rolf Goebel Discusses the Internet's Impact on Cultural Memory

TOM BURWELL
Staff Writer

On Oct. 28, German Professor Dr. Rolf Goebel gave a talk for the UAH Honors Forum entitled "Literature and Cultural Memory." The talk discussed the ways in which new forms of media affect the preservation of a culture's memory.

Goebel came upon the idea of cultural memory while reading the writings about life in Paris and other European cities written by the early 20th-century German cultural critic Walter Benjamin.

"It dawned on me that for Benjamin, life in big cities is not just life lived, but life mediated by media," Goebel said. "Media are not just instruments [of which] we are in charge, [instruments] that

we use like a hammer. Media pre-determine the way we think of the world."

Further reading along this line of analysis led Goebel to his current research interest in the preservation of cultural memory.

Benjamin claimed that art can be received both through the willful concentration of the critic and also through the habit of a "distracted man."

"A man who concentrates before a work of art is absorbed by it," Benjamin wrote. "In contrast, the distracted mass absorbs the work of art."

Goebel applies Benjamin's analysis to internet posting and messaging. We absorb the contents of one another's daily status updates and entertaining links;

however, rarely are we absorbed by them. The updates and comparisons we make through Facebook do not require us to picture the world genuinely and lastingly through someone else's eyes, empathizing with what they're going through. And instant messaging applications do not evoke the same kind of emotional response as face-to-face conversation.

Goebel came to the conclusion that internet media do not very well succeed in preserving cultural memory, as the memories tend to be drowned out by the sheer volume of new, often trivial information.

"Internet media become quasi-subjects that turn their users into media—for instance, when we just cut and paste web links into the

Facebook News Feed page, rather than articulating our own authentic thoughts beyond a few, brief sound bites," Goebel said. "However, our cultural memory is preserved by other forms, two of which are architecture and historical literature, even though they, too, perish eventually, taking memory with them into oblivion."

Goebel concludes that new and traditional media all simultaneously preserve and destroy cultural memory in different ways and at different speeds, which are determined by the media's technological apparatus and social usage.

Born in Kiel, Germany, Goebel holds degrees from Brown University (M.A. in English, 1977), the University of Kiel (Staatsexamen in German and English, 1979) and

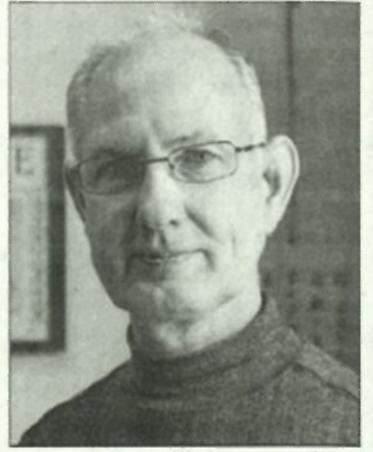


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the University of Maryland (Ph.D. in German Literature, 1982). Since 1982 he has been teaching German language and culture at UAH and was promoted to full professor in 1998.

UAH Graduate Nursing Students Organize 10th Annual Health Fair

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Family nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist and acute nurse practitioner candidates plan to present informational posters on topics from diabetes to dementia, and among other services, will offer the following screenings: cholesterol, blood pressure and bone density.

"There will be tables with displays and brochures for all ages from pediatrics to the elderly," co-chair Kimberly Waldrop said. "All

the advanced practice nursing students will...be available to answer health related questions."

Beginning in 2001, the annual health fair functions as a means to demonstrate and educate the community about general health issues and various roles associated with nursing.

While the participants will not diagnose any ailments, they do intend to explain the tests used and will offer screened individuals a copy of results, which can be taken to a primary healthcare provider for further information.

Introduction to health-related issues, however, is only one component of the event. Other organizations will attend. Vendors including Hospice of North Alabama and Wiregrass Hospice will be present at the fair and potentially offer volunteer opportunities to curious individuals.

Other collaborators include the

American Red Cross and UAH's Fitness Center, both of which will be offering prizes to incentivize participation in blood donation and general attendance.

"The first year I attended the health fair was last year, and [I] had the opportunity to help," Waldrop said. "It is a great service to the UAH community, since it provides free screenings and a lot of free health-related information."

Finally, many door prizes will be awarded. These luxuries include a month-long gym membership, rounds of mini golf, movie tickets, gift cards, free manicures, a hotel stay at the Marriot near the Robert Trent Jones golf course in Florence and a digital photograph frame.

Rocket City Jazz Orchestra to Perform at Upcoming UAH Dance

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From 8 to 10:30 p.m. on Nov. 19 the Rocket City Jazz Orchestra will return to UAH for the Dance Club's semiannual live music event at the UC Exhibit Hall. Admission is free to UAH students, while the organization will request donations from members of the community.

Leighanne Dauvo, the club's acting president, described the event as appropriate for both dance and concert lovers. Rocket City Jazz Orchestra plays all types of music from swing and big band numbers to jazz and blues.

"We've had [the band] before, and they were really, really well received," she said.

Although the Dance Club promotes a wide range of different dance styles, swing is in popular demand, as students seem to enjoy the genre's fast tempo.

In addition to the night's live music, professional Balboa dancers from Nashville will demonstrate a brief performance for attendees.

For further information, contact uahdance@hiwaay.net or visit <http://www.uah.edu/studentlife/organizations/danceclub> and <http://www.rocketcityjazz.net>.

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Arts & Leisure

Nashville, Tenn., Offers Cheap Attractions for College Students

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Need a weekend getaway? Nashville, Tenn., is only a short two-hour drive away from Huntsville.

Home to many well-known country stars, such as Taylor Swift, Nashville is a country music fan's ideal city. But even if country is not your choice of genre, Nashville still has plenty of attractions to keep visitors occupied.

On a nice day there are a numerous outdoor attractions in Nashville, such as the Nashville Zoo, Farmer's Market or Centennial Park.

The zoo's red panda draws a lot of attention from its visitors. There is also an area at the zoo at which visitors can feed the parrots.

The Farmer's Market is an outdoor market at which local vendors can sell produce and other items. There is also a food court with eateries serving food from around the world. From India to Greece, a visitor is sure to find something to his or her liking. Although the market is a year-round attraction, it is the best during the fall due to all the fall produce, such as the different varieties of pumpkins.

Centennial Park is a beautiful park located near the heart of downtown Nashville. It is most known for the Parthenon replica that serves as the centerpiece for

the park.

Centennial Park is best when visited in the summer because of its Dancing in the Park event. On select summer nights visitors can go to the park and learn how to swing dance. There are live bands and dance instructors on hand. Even for those with two left feet, it is a fun event to attend, and better yet, it's free to the public.

If the weather is uncooperative, visitors can check out the Opry Mills Mall and Hotel or Lane Auto Museum.

Opry Mills Hotel is beautiful inside and out. There are multiple gardens to view and restaurants

to try. The Opry Mills Mall is just as exciting as the hotel, with its aquarium tanks, carousels and giant stores shopaholics only dream about.

For those for whom shopping is not a favorite pastime, but for whom cars are a passion, there is the Lane Auto Museum. The museum has a wide collection of cars from all over the world.

Nashville is a great mini-vacation for just about anyone looking for a break. All of these attractions can be seen for \$27, plus gas money, the price of food and any purchases made while visiting.



The Nashville Zoo is one of many attractions in the city. Photo by: Rachel Palazzo

Alpha Tau Omega Auto Emporium VIII Raises Thousands for Charity



One of the vehicles at the car show. Photo by: Rachel Palazzo

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The ATO Auto Emporium VIII held this Nov. 6 brought out dozens of cars to the parking lot of the University Center to help raise over \$6,900 for the Russel Hill Cancer Foundation. Forty-two cars were registered by the beginning of the event at 10 a.m.

The judging was managed by the Mobile Electronics Competition Association, a respected automobile and judging organization. Gene White, the owner of a classic red 1940 Chevrolet Pickup, received the "Best in Show" award. Trophies also went to the winners in each category.

"We're glad to help with the event; we're glad to support charity," MECA Commissioner Steve

Stern said. "It's good to see everyone enjoying themselves and having fun while supporting the charity."

Some vehicles featured at the event include classics, such as a Chevrolet Camaro and a Chevrolet Bel Air; sports cars, including a Scion tC, a Ford Mustang and a Dodge Challenger; and cars with a focus on sound systems, such as a PT Cruiser and a Chevrolet Avalanche.

To see the final results of all the judging categories, go to www.mecacaraudio.com.

Attendees of the free event received door prizes, including signed Hooters t-shirts, Ruth's Chris Steakhouse gift cards, free oil changes from Woody Anderson Ford and event t-shirts.

UAH Theatre Presents Neil LaBute's "Autobahn"

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The UAH Theatre Department will perform Neil LaBute's short-play cycle "Autobahn" in Wilson Hall Theatre from Nov. 17-21. The first two shows begin at 7:30 p.m., while the Nov. 21 matinee starts at 2:30 p.m.

Shannon Graham directs, along with assistant director Leigh Rumsey. The play consists of a series of seven one-act cycles, each taking place in the front seat of a

car. Each act is either a dialogue between two characters or a monologue in which one person does all the talking, while the other makes use of only nonverbal cues. As the audience is introduced to each pair of characters, they gradually become aware of the seriousness of their situation.

"This play has physical limitations not typical in an average show," Raye Bonham, who plays the wife in the final act, said. "The actor is forced to limit [his or her] movements and remember that [he

or she is] in a car, and must act as such. I think this provided a fantastic opportunity for the UAH Theatre Department, in that *Autobahn* is an incredible challenge."

Neil LaBute is known for this sort of minimalist work, choosing to focus on the secrets people have and the effects of pitting these people against each other in close confines.

"Some of the deepest, most intimate moments of our lives take place in automobiles," Bonham said. "I think that might be part

of the reason he chose to write an entire series of one-acts that take place in a car: the suffocating, often sensual, emotionally infused experience of being physically, and often intimately, trapped in a small, limited space with another human being."

Part of the challenge of a play like this one is delivering the lines in a way that portrays the spontaneity and honesty of conversation in the car.

"For both actors involved in dialogue and those engaged in get-

ting nonverbal cues and interaction from their partner, it is difficult to try to stay true to the words of the playwright and keep the improvisational and 'in the moment' quality that is necessary," Bonham said.

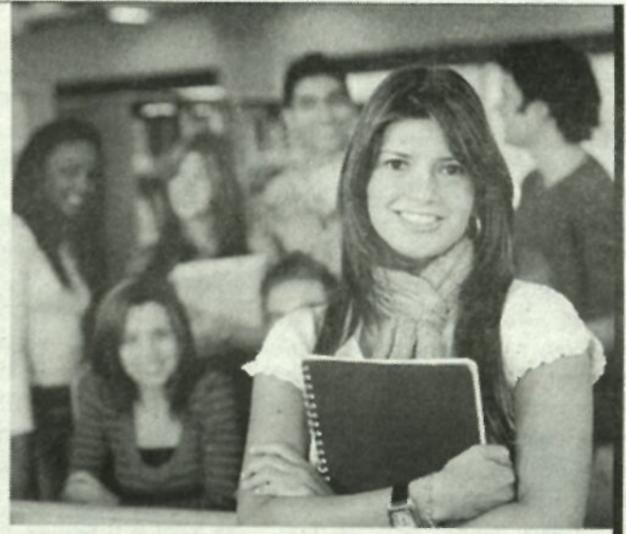
LaBute's work does not generally evoke moderate responses, tending instead to polarize audience opinions. With Graham's direction and the talented cast, the Theatre Department's production of "Autobahn" is sure to be a strong end to the fall semester.

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New Hula Hoop Fitness Craze Burns Calories by Having Fun

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The yoga of the 21st century is hula hooping. Its popularity has spread steadily across the country as well as the rest of the world. But it's not the children's variation that's taking hold—it's the form called Hula Hoop Fitness.

Liz Behel, the only Hula Hoop Fitness instructor in Huntsville, offers a one-hour session every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the University Fitness Center. Music plays as participants do various exercises using a Hula Hoop. The workout stresses endurance and develops flexibility.

"It's a great exercise; it's fun to hoop with music," Ashley Os- well, a UAH student, said. "I'm really passionate about it."

Hula Hoop Fitness is a full body workout from the hands all the way to the calves, but the hard-

est-stressed muscles are the core. In one hour, anywhere from 600-800 calories are burned by just keeping the hoop around the waist. No dance, fitness or choreography experience is required.

As a low-impact exercise, there are no weights to pull, no stepping up and down. It has as few restrictions as possible, with numerous ways of doing it. It is fun, effective and one of the best ways to get back in shape.

"In hula hooping I can push myself... [and] sweat burning calories without causing pain," Behel explained.

The modern Hula Hoop Fitness craze started in Californian clubs. From there, fans took it back to their hometowns, and it has seen a huge boom in the last three years, transforming from a children's toy to a full-body fitness program.



Photo by: Salome Saliashvili

Senior Design Groups Compete in Weather Balloon Launch

ZACHARY GRUMAN

If you were on campus Saturday morning, Oct. 30, you might have seen the unidentified flying objects launched from the parking lot across from the Shelby Center. Three electrical engineering senior design groups launched their weather balloons that Saturday in hopes of obtaining data and proving that they had the best control design.

The Alabama Space Grant Consortium-sponsored project now includes a design requirement to control the spin of the payload during its flight. The hard work of planning, constructing and testing the designs paid off that Saturday as each team happily watched their balloons and payloads launch into the air.

Team NEO (Chace Walker, Jason Spradling, John Evans and Zachary Gruman) designed a payload body with large airplane wings attached. The air rushing over the wings would be directed using the motor-controlled ailerons in order to counter the spin of the payload during its ascent, similar to the way an airplane works. At 11:07 a.m. Team NEO said goodbye to their hard work as they watched the balloon carry its payload into the air, preparing for a flight to an altitude of up to 100,000 feet (or ap-

proximately 19 miles). Onlookers cheered as they watched the flight, realizing that the design appeared to be relatively successful, a sight that Team NEO was excited and proud to see.

Along with the control design requirement, teams were also required to record data during the flight. Past objectives have been measuring temperature, pressure and speed of sound. This year teams needed to record spin data using an electronic gyroscope sensor. The data obtained will help the teams determine how well their control design worked. Secondary objectives included recording temperature measurements and implementing video cameras for visual verification of how well the spin was controlled. The Alabama Space Grant Consortium allowed a \$600 budget to complete these tasks.

The teams were assisted by weather balloon experts and volunteers to help track the balloons during flight. With GPS transmitters and radios attached, the trackers were able to predict the flight path and follow it to its destination. As soon as the final weather balloon was launched, the teams and volunteers took off in a convoy to retrieve all of the equipment.

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Charger Chic: Style Scouting at UAH

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It's officially fall which is a transitional stage of year for both weather and fashion.

It is the beginning of the coat or jacket stage of the year. The weather changes too much with 20 degree-plus variations between day and night, so lighter clothing can't be put away. At the same time, winter hasn't begun, so no full-blown scarf/coat/hat/glove ensembles can be worn yet.

Coats can, however, work with something light underneath, a combination which is easily adjustable to changing weather situations. The fashion follows it with a variety of jackets and coats on display around the campus.

Nana lida demonstrates this look. She goes for a casual look with jeans, but her jacket plays with many pockets, which add definition, as well as a plaid pattern. Plaid has had a resurgence in popularity this year, with many fashion houses debuting their own

collections of plaid clothing for fall 2010. It adds color and pattern for added texture and interest to a piece of clothing.

The hat, though, is Nana's center of focus; it even has a decorative pom-pom. It is fun, warm and a change from the usual. Her hat is crocheted or knitted, with a design woven in. The light grey ties into the edges of the jacket's sleeves as well as the edges of the jeans. It helps to create a cohesive look.

Hats are one of the most typical cold-weather items. They come in every type and design, including warm and comfy ones. No matter what you're wearing, a hat demands attention and flatters both men and women. It doesn't matter how silly the hat is; it can always be pulled off, and it keeps the ears warm—or at least defrosted.

So slowly start getting out the heavy winter sets, but since you are guaranteed at least three and a half months of solid winter clothing, you can extend the life span of your more moderate clothing by just putting on an original jacket.



Photo by: Salome Saliashvili

Pre-Registration Open for Fourth Annual UAH LAN Party

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

Pre-registration is now open for the fourth annual UAH LAN Party to be held in the UC Exhibition Hall from 5 p.m.—11 p.m. on Nov. 18. Registration is not required to attend the event, but is necessary to participate in official tournaments.

The UAH LAN party is held once a semester and features tournaments in a variety of video games. Several popular video games will be played in the official tournaments this year, including Mario Kart Wii, Super Smash Bros Brawl, Halo Reach and Rock Band 3. There will be additional TVs and projectors for those wishing to bring their own equipment.

The party is more than just about playing games; according to their website, <http://www.uah.edu/lanparty/>, "[The LAN party] is a celebration of the 'geek' and video game culture." All LAN parties also feature sponsor tables and freebies for all guests.

A costume contest and an art show will also be a part of this year's LAN party. All costumes are welcome, but all artwork must pertain to video games or pop culture.

The event is absolutely free with plenty of snacks, drinks and prizes. Anyone wishing to participate in an official tournament is encouraged to pre-register at www.uah.edu/lanparty/, but will still need to check in at the front desk of the LAN party that night.

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Huntsville Company Series: Space X and Benchmark Electronics

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Huntsville, SpaceX has landed. Headed by multi-billionaire Elon Musk, this private corporation has a goal to compete with NASA, and on Oct. 28 began constructing an office at Cummings Research Park. The office will focus on business contracts and opportunities.

Space Exploration Technologies Corporation has shown immense growth and capabilities since its inception in 2002. It has developed Falcon 1, the first privately funded, fully liquid-propelled orbital launch vehicle, as well as Falcon 9, which had its first launch on June 4, 2010. Both can be reused to a certain extent.

The company represents the new idea boom of privatizing and commercializing space travel. Its main designs deal with effective and cost-efficient launch vehicles, with a goal of developing a family of launch vehicles. It further innovates by cutting layers of business such as management and sub-contractors, compacting itself tightly.

Benchmark Electronics Inc., established in 1979, is another young company with offices in Huntsville. The company has just recently helped create the world's third fastest supercomputer for NASA. It leads in the integrated electronics manufacturing services sector with almost \$3 billion in revenues from 22 worldwide locations.

Out of the 22 locations, two are in Huntsville. One facility provides system integration services, such as new product introduction, upgrade planning and refurbishment. It works as a base for flexibility in company productions across the board. The same facility is a strategic location in the South, which the company has self-defined as being a "hub for electronic assembly and integration."

The second facility, located in Cummings Research Park, highlights UAH as a source of highly skilled engineers and technical field graduates. It has a variety of production-level capabilities at its engineering development and electronic and mechanical design centers.



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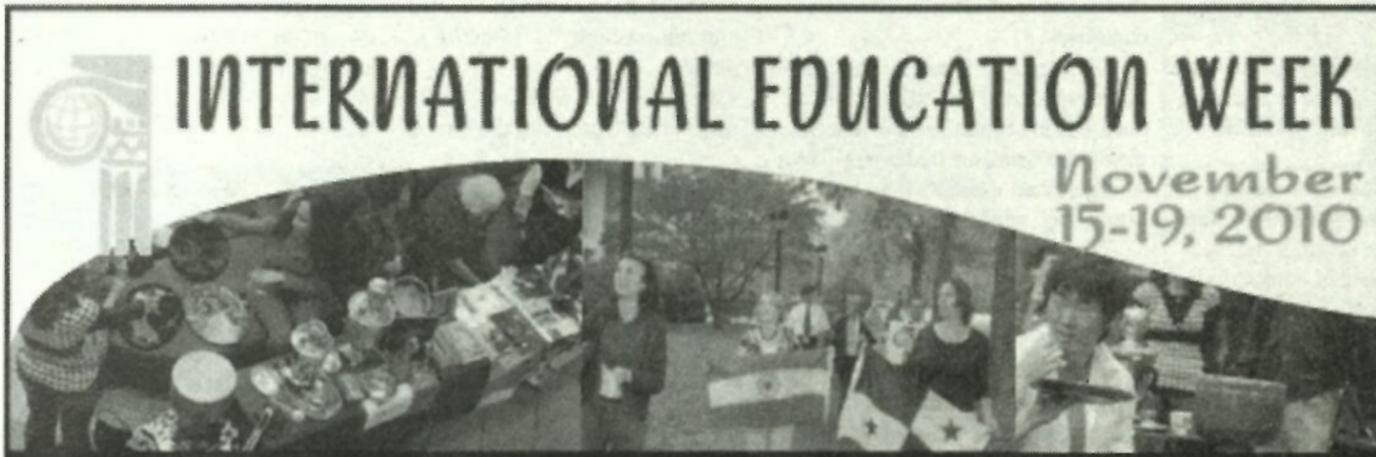
will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There will also be plenty of free food and fun. Intramurals is bringing Frisbees, footballs, corn-hole sets and more. The Blue Crew will have free funnel cakes, while others will be grilling out and

bringing plenty of free chips.

The Blue Crew is really pushing for a good turnout, so be sure to attend and bring a friend. Come out and get pumped up for what is guaranteed to be an exciting year for the UAH basketball teams.

For more information, visit <http://uahbluecrew.wordpress.com>



INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

November
15-19, 2010

World Traveler Photo Contest Photo submission deadline: November 8
On display in the Salmon Library gallery all week
Voting on Wednesday, November 17
7:00 pm @ the Salmon Library

Tree of Cultures On display in the Salmon Library gallery all week
Please submit fabrics, ornaments, and trinkets from your country

Harvest Dinner Monday, November 15
4:30 - 7:30 pm @ the Baptist Campus Ministries Building

International Expo Tuesday, November 16
10:30 - 1:30 pm @ the University Center

Keynote Address Wednesday, November 17
Dr. Randy Cross - "Thank you, Senator Fulbright"
Presentation • 6:00 - 7:00 pm @ the Chan Auditorium
Reception • 7:00 pm @ the Salmon Library

Day Trip to Nashville, TN Saturday, November 20

Nashville Day Trip
9:00 am - 9:00 pm; Saturday, Nov. 20

- Spend a day at Nashville's Music Row and the famous Opryland Hotel
- Transportation will be provided - you only pay for your lunch and dinner
- Open to all international UAH-Huntsville students
- Seats are limited - availability is on a first-come, first-serve basis
- Sign-up in Madison Hall 137 (Office of International Programs and Services)

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Randy Cross, a two-time Fulbright Scholar, is the co-editor of *Laughing Stock* (the autobiography of T. S. Stribling), and the author of introductions for three of Stribling's novels. He has delivered hundreds of lectures on Southern literature and history for Auburn University's Arts and Humanities Center and the Alabama Humanities Foundation. Dr. Cross serves as an instructor in the Language and Literature Department at Calhoun Community College.

For details and more information: please visit <http://oip.uah.edu>

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Event Calendar

Nov. 11

• NPHC will hold a Date Auction from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Business Administration Building. Come bid on a date with your favorite Greek. Winners receive dinner courtesy of NPHC.

Nov. 12

• On Nov. 12-13, the UAH Chargers hockey team will play Providence at the Von Braun Civic Center Arena, 700 Monroe St. 7:05 p.m.

• The 10th Annual College of Nursing Health Fair will be held Friday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Donate blood, enter for door prizes and learn about health issues for all ages.

Nov. 13

• The Indian Student Organization of UAH celebrates Diwali on Nov. 13 in Chan Auditorium. An Indian-style dinner will be served followed by cultural performances by students. Dinner is free for current UAH students (bring your Charger Card) and faculty, and \$5 for others.

Nov. 14

• The Sunday Blues Jam, hosted by Freddy Earl and the Blues Mercenaries, will be held at the Kaffeeklatsch. 8 p.m.

• UAH will be hosting a Silent Auction from 1:00-4:30 benefiting Magic Moments. Magic Moments is a charity that grants wishes to children with illnesses. For more information contact Johnny Jefferson at johnnyjefferson1@yahoo.com

Nov. 15

• The Harvest Dinner for international students will be held at the Baptist Campus Ministries Building from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

• The Blue Crew basketball tailgate party will be held at the corner of Hofmes and Ben Graves Avenue from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. There will be food, music and games.

Nov. 16

• International Education Week's International Expo will be held from 10:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. at the University Center.

Movember: Chargers Hockey Growing Their Moustaches for Cancer Research

TOM DURNIE
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Several members of the UAH Chargers hockey team have surrendered their upper lips to moustaches in order to raise money for prostate cancer research.

November is now referred to by the team as Movember, a month

dedicated to raising money for cancers that affect men, particularly prostate cancer. On Nov. 1, members of the Chargers team shaved their faces, leaving only whiskers above their upper lips. They will grow their moustaches until Dec. 1.

The rules are simple: no shaving their moustaches, and raise as much money as possible.

"It's a really noble cause," the Chargers' Assistant Captain Curtis deBruyn said. "Prostate cancer doesn't always get as much publicity as it should, and this is a good, easy way to raise donations and awareness."

So far, 12 members of the Chargers have signed up to the online team page and have raised over \$700 to date.

Those who wish to donate to help in the fight against prostate cancer can do so through the website www.movember.com, under the name UAH Chargers. Donate online using a credit card, or send checks to the address on the website. All proceeds go towards prostate cancer research.

Hockey Team Returns Home After Tough Road Games

JONATHAN KEENUM
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The hockey team is finally returning home after a very tough eight-game road trip that could not have ended soon enough.

The last two series of games involved two teams, both of which are in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, a conference that UAH hopes will accept the Chargers soon.

UAH looked as if they were overwhelmed by Michigan State's offense early in their first game. The Spartans were up 4-1 at 11:41 in the third, but the Chargers showed a lot of heart in a fantastic comeback.

Senior Joe Koudys knocked in the equalizer with only four seconds left in regulation and sent the game into overtime tied at 4-4. The Chargers had a power play opportunity, but neither team was able to score, thus ending the game in a tie.

UAH almost completed another comeback in their second game against the Spartans. Michigan State went up 2-0, but thanks to the power-play unit the Chargers pulled within one goal in the third

period.

A late penalty and an empty net gave UAH a prime opportunity to tie the game, but the men could not pull off the heroics of the previous night. Michigan State held on to win 2-1.

Things did not get any easier against Ohio State. UAH was able to enter the first game of the series against the Buckeyes down only one in the third period. The game would soon be out of reach once Ohio State got their offense in a groove, and the Buckeyes scored four goals in the final period against the Chargers' one.

Ohio State took the game 6-2 in a contest that saw UAH whistled for a season-high 34 minutes in penalties.

It was déjà vu for the Chargers in the second game as they were

able to keep it close early, only to see the lead vanish as the battle went on. The game was tied 1-1 at the two-minute mark in the second period.

It would not stay tied for long as the Buckeyes regained the lead for good 59 seconds later and took a 3-1 advantage in to the third. Ohio State added two more goals to their total and took the game 5-1.

UAH returns home for a two-game series against Providence College on Nov. 13-14. The puck is scheduled to drop at 7:05 p.m. both Friday and Saturday nights. This will be the Chargers' only home games for November. They will be back at the Von Braun in December to take on old rival Robert Morris, and again three weeks later on New Year's Eve weekend against Rensselaer.

CHARGER SPORTS SCORES

Ice Hockey Record 1-8-1

November 5
Ohio State 6
Chargers 2

November 6
Ohio State 5
Chargers 1

Men's Soccer Record 4-13-0 GSC 2-3-0

November 5
West Florida 5
Chargers 0

Men's Basketball Record 0-2-0 GSC 0-0-0

November 8
Alabama 73
Chargers 68

Women's Basketball Record 0-2-0 GSC 0-0-0

November 8
Alabama 103
Chargers 58

Volleyball Record 10-25 GSC 2-8

November 5
West Georgia 3
Chargers 1

CHARGER SPORTS CALENDAR

Ice Hockey Record 1-8-1

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
November 12	Providence	Home	7:05 p.m.
November 13	Providence	Home	7:05 p.m.

Men's Basketball Record 0-2-0 GSC 0-0-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
November 12	Florida Southern	Away	2:00 p.m.
November 13	Eckerd	Away	11:00 a.m.
November 15	Columbus State	Away	7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball Record 0-2-0 GSC 0-0-0

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
November 15	Fisk	Home	5:30 p.m.



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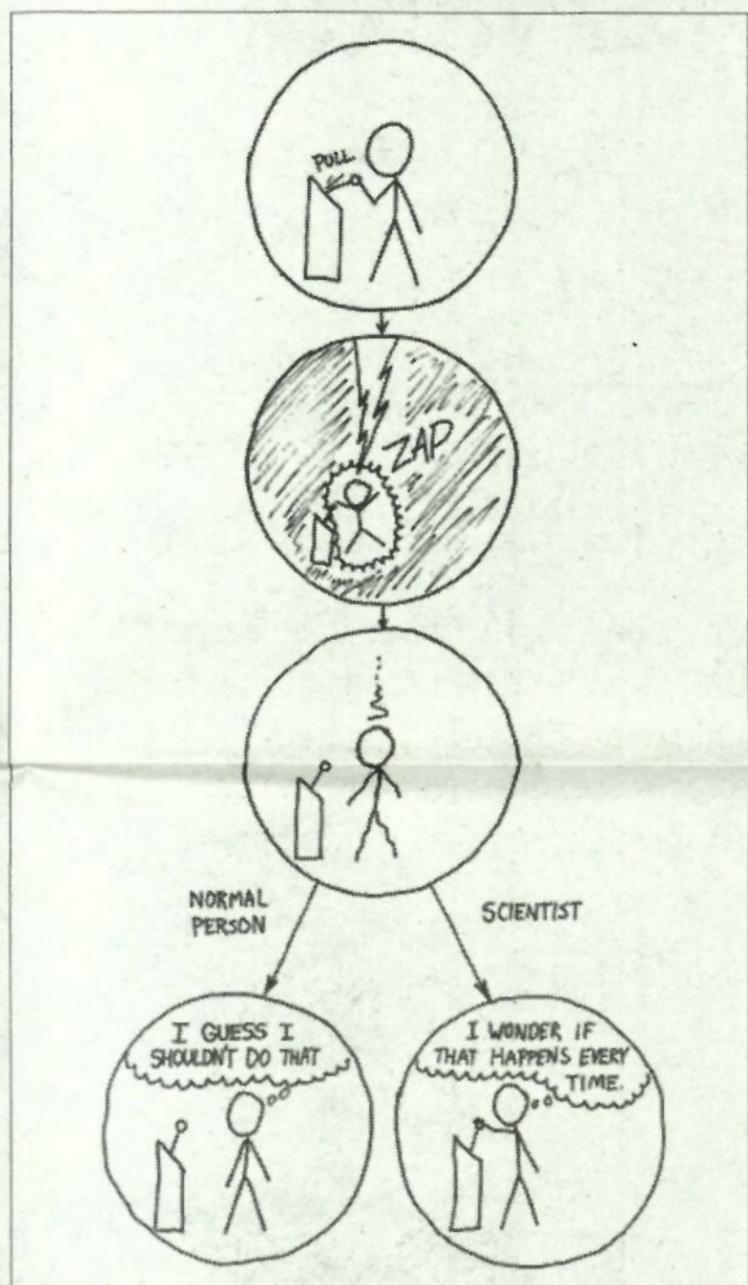
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The balloons were at the mercy of the jet stream as they rocketed their way east, approaching the Georgia state line. Each team successfully retrieved the payloads and will analyze the data to determine if their control design worked, how well their payload was insulated, and how high the balloon reached, as well as plotting the flight path.

Team NEO's balloon reached a maximum altitude of 83,450 feet. The lowest internal temperature measured was 55 degrees Farenheit (12.8°C), and an external low of -82 degrees Farenheit (-63.3°C).

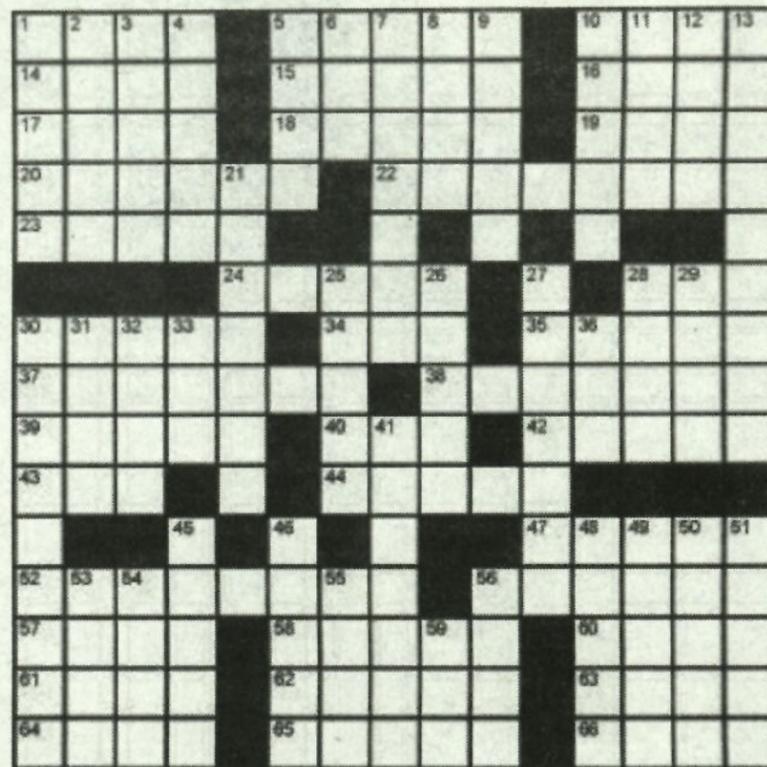
The three teams will compile their data and compare results. The senior design groups will then prepare for a final presentation to select faculty and representatives of the Alabama Space Grant Consortium on Nov. 19.

XKCD



Crossword

- Across**
1. Study hard
 5. Coquette
 10. Removed air from
 14. Fabric
 15. Person that loses
 16. Exuding moisture
 17. Eurasian crow
 18. Overhead
 19. Had on
 20. Sea
 22. Russian queens
 23. Rendezvous
 24. Hippopotamus
 28. French vineyard
 30. Slender boat
 34. Permit
 35. State
 37. Aperture
 38. Detach
 39. Desires
 40. Honey insect
 42. Palm tree fruit
 43. Alias
 44. Act as a servant
 47. Fashions
 52. Depressions
 56. Retract
 57. Male name
 58. Formula of belief
 60. Periodic movement of the sea
 61. Yellow metallic element
 62. Romaines
 63. Sulfate of aluminum
 64. Boring tools
 65. Suitably
 66. Caustics



- Down**
1. Small fish
 2. Suitor
 3. Field of study
 4. Small boys
 5. Open tart
 6. To hit a ball high

7. Any of two or more forms of a chemical element
8. Accelerates an engine
9. Walk
10. Eponymous knifeman
11. Fish-eating bird
12. Jewish scribe
13. Coloring materials
21. Non-believer
25. Common people
26. Aquatic mammal
27. Academic community
28. Semisolid mass
29. Widespread
30. Surfers' yell
31. Palm liquor
32. Columbus vessel
33. Often
36. Southern constellation
41. Weirdest
45. Lodges
46. Benevolent witchcraft
48. The number system with base 8
49. Each day
50. Invest
51. Stalks
53. Sound of a cat
54. Beak
55. Food pouch
56. Roseate
59. Differential operator (Math)

*A search is a search,
 even if it happens to
 disclose nothing but the
 bottom of a turntable.
 ~Antonin Scalia*

Sudoku

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

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

Solutions to last issue's puzzles:

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

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