Athletes well represented among UAH scholars

The number of UAH athletes who have received Scholar Athlete Awards has doubled in recent years, according to athletic department officials.

Sixty-five athletes received scholar awards during 1996-1997, according to Jim Harris, UAH's athletic director. That is more than twice the number that received similar awards in 1991-1992. That year, only 31 athletes won the coveted award. Those improvements are a result of a systemic approach, according to Harris.

We compete with other universities for the best student-athletes according to their ability," Harris said. "We recruit solid people who know UAH has high scholastic standards and who we feel are able to make the grades."

Harris said it wouldn't make sense for his coaches to recruit students on athletic ability alone. It would be a waste of time. "We recruit students who will fit UAH, and if recruiting is based only on athletics, they'll have problems once they arrive," he said.

The emphasis on grades continues once the new athletes enroll. Freshmen athletes are required to have a regular study hall period with an average of two to three sessions per week. And athletes are monitored on course performance by reports from their teachers to their coaches.

"Monitoring is a key to our success," said Harris. "The coaches will ask for class performance on their athletes long before it's time for the mid-term exams, so we'll know early if someone is having a problem in school." Other methods of monitoring include tutoring and making sure athletes are attending classes.

Not only has the number of scholar athletes grown, but their grade point averages are also improving, according to Harris. This year, 19 athletes were awarded gold, 15 got silver awards and 31 bronze. The previous year, the totals were eight gold, 14 silver and 40 bronze, according to Harris. There was only one athlete that earned a gold award in 1991-1992.

Scholar athletes must maintain a grade-point average of 3.69 for a silver and a 3.7 or higher to earn gold. "Harris says scholar success among UAH athletes means having the right perspective. We let them know we're not here to turn them into professional athletes," Harris said. "They need to get their degree in order to make a living once they graduate. They're receiving athletic aid based on athletic ability, but they need to make the most of it."

Of course, Harris admits winning teams are important to him; something he feels good about in hand with recruiting good scholars. "You can't build winning teams if leading.

Star Wars, the Phantom Tickets?

Veda, in a scene from Star Wars Episode One: The Phantom Menace, The long awaited prequel opens May 19.

May 13, 1999

Kelley Lane

News Editor

Star Wars mania has been revived in the form of Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace. People everywhere have been anticipating the opening and waiting impatiently for tickets. Some have even been camping out in front of theaters for the past month to ensure their seats.

It has been touted as the biggest movie of all time, and is predicted by some to surpass even Titanic in sales and industry recognition.

This corner of the globe can be given for any reason for the first eight weeks, and no complimentary passes can be accepted. There can also be no discounts, such as the usual student, military or senior citizen breaks. Employees of the theater can not watch it unless they buy tickets like everyone else, including ushers and projector operators. Refund passes are extremely limited and left to manager's discretion, though Carmike Cinemas has never had a problem with customer dissatisfaction, and estimates that no one will be walking out of this film, even if their seats were on fire.

Even the trailers preceding the movie are mandated by Fox and Lucas Films. Both hand picked their trailers and limited each set to five minutes. There will be no advertisements, not even a "Let's go out to the lobby," Representatives from Fox and Lucas Films will be on hand to ensure total compliance with all contractual rules and regulations.

Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce officially endorses Alabama Education Lottery

MONTGOMERY - Governor Don Siegelman last week announced the Huntsville/Madison County Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the Alabama Education Lottery.

"This endorsement sends a strong message that businesses in Huntsville and Madison County recognize the importance of the Alabama Education Lottery and support my initiative to change education in Alabama forever," Siegelman said. "The Huntsville/Madison County Chamber realizes how an educated workforce is to bringing businesses to Alabama."

The chamber endorsed the Alabama Education Lottery by resolution.

"Our chamber is proud to support Governor Siegelman in his efforts to improve education in our state," said Russ Brown, chairman-elect of the Chamber Board of Directors. "We are supportive of the governor as he leads the way for economic development."

Siegelman has proposed an education initiative that would be funded by an Alabama Education Lottery. The program would give Alabama 4-year olds the head start they need with a voluntary pre-kindergarten program called First Steps; put the world's knowledge at the fingertips of every Alabama child with a technology fund that will put state-of-the-art computers in every public school; and open the doors of higher education to every Alabama family through a HOPE Scholarship program.

The program will let any student who works hard and graduates high school go to college tuition-free.

Siegelman's state-run lottery program will be similar to the Georgia Lottery. It is expected that lottery proceeds will supplement, not replace, existing state funding of education. Siegelman will designate lottery proceeds for the three programs: pre-kindergarten, technology for schools and higher education scholarships.

Under Siegelman's plan, none of the proceeds generated from the lottery could be used to replace current education funding. And more importantly, to ensure that politics will never play a role in the education of our children, Siegelman will establish a public/private corporation to administer the Education Lottery.
UAH joins SER-CAT alliance to speed biology research

HUNTSVILLE - The University of Alabama in Huntsville has joined a research alliance that could help advance knowledge of structural biology and speed the development of new medicines.

The research alliance, the Southeast Regional Collaborative Access Team (SER-CAT), will allow UAH access to equipment at the Argonne National Laboratory, where researchers can study material science and searchers can study allow UAH access to equipment at the Laboratory, where re- search efforts and the regional economy.

One key application will be the growth of bones.

Edward Meehan, an associate professor of chemistry, said he expects the UAH laboratory to make significant contributions to both basic and applied biological research, including the development of new pharmaceuticals.

Groundwater Festival, GLOBE Symposium slated for this month at UAH

UAH will host two events designed to educate children about the earth’s environment.

On May 12-13, the second annual Groundwater Festival will welcome approximately 2,600 fourth grades from Madison County to UAH to learn about all aspects of groundwater and other related natural resources (i.e., surface water, wetlands, forestry, wildlife, etc.) through hands-on groundwater activities. All students will also attend a magic show by environmental magician Steve Trash.

The festival will be held in sections of the University Center, Administrative Science Building, Wilson Hall, Morton Hall and Spragin Hall.

On May 26-28, UAH welcomes a GLOBE symposium on GIS (Global Information Systems), GLOBE (Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Environment) is an international K-12 education and science program which engages students in the collection and reporting of environmental data on or near their campus.

The symposium will present an overview and general information about GLOBE's computer-based tools - GIS. A special emphasis will be on the use of GIS software in GLOBE student research activities.

This hands-on workshop is being hosted by the GLOBE in Alabama Program and will be held in the Administrative Science Building and the Bevill Center. The GLOBE in Alabama Program director is Greg Cox, research scientist for the Earth System Science Center.

For information about the GLOBE symposium, call Cox at 922-5738. For information about the Groundwater Festival, call coordinator Vanessa Colebaugh at 922-5747.
School uniforms have no effect on behavior problems, achievement according to UAH professor David Brunsma

HUNTSVILLE

Requiring students to wear mandatory school uniforms is like "cleaning and brightly painting a deteriorating building - on one hand it grabs our immediate attention and on the other hand, it is only a cost of paint," according to a recent study conducted in part by Dr. David L. Brunsma, assistant professor of sociology at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

"Adopting a uniform policy is a superficial change...a quick fix. but it attracts attention because of its visible nature," Brunsma said.

"Wearing school uniforms had no direct positive effect on the academic achievement, substance use, behavioral problems or attendance," he said. "As a matter of fact, our findings show students who were forced to wear uniforms actually performed several points lower on standardized tests," Brunsma and colleague Kerry A. Rockquemore of the University of Notre Dame conducted data and conducted research on mandatory school uniform policies for more than three years before publishing their study, "Effects of Student Uniforms on Attendance, Behavior Problems, Substance Use, and Academic Achievement."

The study tested some of the claims made by advocates of mandatory school uniforms, including: uniforms increased student learning and heightened school pride, uniforms increased student achievement, wearing uniforms leads to decreased behavior problems and substance use, and wearing uniforms increased attendance rates.

Brunsma said opponents of adopting mandatory policies argued against the effectiveness of uniforms, and that requiring students to wear them violated their individual rights. Also of concern was the cost of uniforms, specifically some disadvantaged parents who could not afford them.

"Advocates of uniform policies are attempting to produce a Catholic school effect as a cure-all for public schools. In other words, the assumption is uniforms make Catholic schools work, therefore they will also work for public schools," he said. "Mandatory uniform policies do not make private and Catholic schools successful, and it's doubtful uniforms will increase student learning and instill positive attitudes in public schools," Brunsma said. "Basically, there are several key things that make Catholic and some private schools effective: a core curriculum, a strong parental network, more funds, and community support. The reason the core curriculum seems to be so much better in private and Catholic schools is because there is only one plan and everybody is familiar with it, including teachers, administrators, parents and students," Brunsma explained. "The problem with the curriculum in public schools is it's a smorgasbord of choice. Most students don't make good choices in selecting their courses, and they end up getting lost in the system. "It remains to be seen and more research will definitely be needed before a final decision can be made about how uniform policies affect public school processes," Brunsma said. "Right now, what's important to remember is school walls can't protect kids 24 hours a day and requiring them to wear mandatory uniforms can't fix all social problems."

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"There will always be proposals of policies and plans to make schools better, but the bottom line is there are several proven ways to improve public schools: a core curriculum, strong parental network, more funds and community involvement." Brunsma and Rockquemore's study was recently published in The Journal of Educational Research. It was also reviewed in a recent edition of Education Week.

Brunsma has been interviewed about the article by several leading newspapers in the country, and content from the article has been quoted numerous times.
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The Tragedy and the Triumph of Phenix City, Alabama; Discussion and Book Signing will take place at noon, May 26 at the Department of Archives and History and will explore this Alabama city once known nationally for the prostitution, murder, gambling, and illegal liquor that thrived within its borders. The program will feature former Alabama governor, John Patterson, son of Albert Patterson who won the Democratic nomination for Attorney General in 1954 on a pledge to clean up the city. In a crime that shocked the nation and the world, the elder Patterson was murdered for his efforts. John Patterson was then elected Attorney General to carry out his father’s platform. Governor Patterson will offer his recollections of this dramatic story. Margaret Ann Barnes, an award-winning Southern author, will author of Murder in Coweta County which was dramatized as a CBS movie, and A Buzzard Is My Friend, spent 14 years in research and development of the book. Copies of the book will be available after the program as well as the opportunity to have books signed by the author. For more information, call 242-4363, ext. 272 or 249.
Huntsville - The University of Alabama in Huntsville Department of Political Science sponsored a global affairs forum on the Kosovo conflict Thursday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. "Kosovo and the Future Use of American Military Force: Peacekeeping and Beyond" was presented in the UAH University Center Exhibit Hall.

Guest panelists were Professor Mark Walsh and Dr. Donald M. Snow. Both speakers have extensive knowledge of United Nations' peacekeeping efforts, internal conflict and U.S. foreign policy.

Kathy Hawk, coordinator of the forum and a lecturer in the UAH political science department, said the forum focused on the question of when the United States should become militarily involved in conflicts within a country.

"The current conflict in Kosovo portrays many of the dilemmas involved in this type of action," Hawk said. "On one hand, it does not fall into what many consider our traditional national security interests. However, on the other, the ethnic cleansing and massive refugee movements are an affront to our moral standards and also possibly could destabilize neighboring countries in Eastern Europe."

Mark Walsh, a retired U.S. Army Colonel, has worked in support of United Nations' peacekeeping efforts in Somalia, Haiti, Angola and Bosnia. Presently, he is an associate professor of political military sciences at the U.S. Army Peacekeeping Institute at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa., where he concentrates on humanitarian affairs.

During his military career, Walsh served in various staff and command positions in the Dominican Republic, Brazil, Vietnam, Belgium and Germany in addition to assignments in the United States.

After retiring from the Army in 1993, Walsh rejoined the United Nations as the Zone Director of U.N. Operations in Somalia for six months. In 1995, he was a member of the United Nations Training Assistance Team providing training to the United Nations Angola Verification Mission in Angola.

In 1996, he joined NATO's Implementation Force in Bosnia to provide strategic planning advice to the Office of the High Representative. Walsh returned to Bosnia in August 1996 and September 1998 to assist the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe with its election mission.

Walsh earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from the United States Military Academy at West Point, and master's degrees in sociology and business from the University of Illinois and Boston University. He is also a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, the Armed Forces Staff College, and the U.S. Army War College.

Dr. Donald M. Snow is a professor of political science at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. He specializes in foreign and national security policy and international relations. He has written numerous books on international conflict, U.S. foreign policy, and national security policy.

He has held visiting faculty positions at the U.S. Air Command and Staff College, U.S. Naval War College, U.S. Army War College, and U.S. Air War College. Snow is the author of over 20 books and more than 35 articles and book chapters. His most recent book includes Distant Thunder: The Pattern of Third World Violence; and Beyond the Waters Edge: An Introduction to Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy.

He is working on a new book, The Eagle's Hammer: The Uses of American Force in a New Century. Snow holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Colorado, and a doctorate degree from Indiana University.

Other questions explored during the forum included: what are America's interests in the post-Cold War world, and how does Kosovo fit into those interests? Could we not have achieved our goals by more peaceful means? What is our overall strategy for achieving our goals in Kosovo? Will air power be enough to accomplish our objectives or will we be forced to deploy ground troops? What other conflicts on the horizon may potentially call for the United States to become militarily involved? What role should the United Nations play in peacekeeping?

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Fishing Day at UAH Lake returns May 15

Grab your poles and bait and head for UAH Lake on Saturday, May 15 for Fishing Day. The lake will be open to fishing from 5:30 a.m. until 6 p.m., and is open to UAH employees, students, alumni and their immediate families. Persons over the age of 16 are required to have a State of Alabama fishing licenses. But if you are only using a cane pole and live in Madison County, you may fish without a license.

The creel limits are as follows: Bream, limit 50 per person; Bass, limit 10 per person. There are some rules that need to be followed that day:

Do not clean fish at the lake.

Do not return fish to the lake when they are bleeding from being caught. Dead and bleeding fish must be kept and taken home, regardless of size. No minnows or fish of any type may be used as bait. Please use trash receptacles for all refuse. Do not put fish or bait of any kind in these receptacles.

Parking will be restricted to Research Institute and Engineering Buildings. Do not park on the side of Sparkman Drive nor on the grass. Use designated parking spaces only.

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5/13 THURSDAY

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Baseball/Softball Regional Tournament (all day), Florence, AL.

To Kill a Mockingbird
The show, presented by Theatre Huntsville, starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. Call for prices, 256-518-6144.

5/14 FRIDAY

Riverfest Weekend Ticket
Moragne Park, Gadsden AL. The festival starts at 4:30 p.m. with fireworks at 10:15 p.m. Concerts all weekend featuring Joan Jett, Survivor, Diamond Rio, the Commodores and others. Tickets are $20. Call 256-549-4680 for more information.

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Fishing Day
At the UAH Campus Lake. Creel limits apply. Licensing required for all fishers aged 16 and up. The lake will be open for fishing from 5:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

5/17 MONDAY

'Play it again, Sam' auditions for Theatre Huntsville's July production continue. Call 256-518-6144 for more information.

Jazz Percussion Workshop
Hosted by Joel Rosenblatt of Spyro Gyra. Roberts Recital Hall, 6 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

This is the last issue of the Exponent for the Spring 1999 semester. You'll see us again on August 26, 1999. Have a good summer! Events listings can be found at al.com
North Alabama bands featured at annual big band bash at Princess Theatre

The Big Band Bash VII, an annual benefit for the Princess Theatre Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, May 14, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. will feature Decatur’s big band, The Sophisticated Swingers, the University of North Alabama (UNA) Jazz Band, and the Grissom High School Jazz Band. Ticket proceeds benefit the nonprofit Princess Theatre, Decatur’s historic performing arts center.

Paul Stroud, a member of the Sophisticated Swingers from Decatur, and Dale Quillen originated the idea of several big bands performing together to create a musical evening. The event showcases talented musicians from North Alabama as well as presents a special concert of music for the Princess Theatre and the community.

The Sophisticated Swingers have many followers in the North Alabama area and enjoy playing the tunes of yesterday. This is the seventh year that the Swingers have played during the Big Band Bash.

The UNA Jazz Band, under the direction of Dr. Edd Jones, is an 18-piece jazz band that is an integral part of the band program at the University of North Alabama. The band has offered scores of students the opportunity to learn and perform jazz in a variety of settings. The band participated in the Alabama State Council on the Arts Touring Program for the past two years. They have been chosen by the Alabama Bandmasters’ Association to perform at their 1999 Annual Summer In-service Conference in June at Gulf Shores.

Under the direction of Theo Vernon, Grissom’s Jazz Band is known throughout the country and abroad. Recently the band was accepted as one of 20 finalists to the prestigious “Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition and Festival” sponsored by Wynton Marsalis, Artistic Director of Jazz at Lincoln Center. The band has also performed in Colombia, South America, and at festivals in Europe. The jazz band is an ensemble with instrumentation of 5 saxes, 5 trumpets, 5 trombones, piano, bass, guitar and drums. The students are exposed to many different styles of jazz.

Sponsors of the event include the Decatur Bankers Association, Tennessee Valley Press, McWhorter Design, WLRH FM and WRSA FM. The program is also made possible by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts. Reserved tickets are $8, $10, and $12 at the Princess Theatre Box Office Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For more information and tickets, call 340-1778.

Alabama artist looks at changing face of rural

The impact of big-city sprawl on once-rural areas is the focus for Encounters: Cooper Spivey, which opens May 23 at the Huntsville Museum of Art.

Through 12 new paintings, Spivey looks at changes being wrought in Shelby County, which is rapidly being swallowed by Birmingham.

The show, which will be on view through August 16, is part of the Museum’s highly respected Encounters series of solo exhibitions that highlights the work of noted contemporary Southern artists.

Huntsville Museum of Art Chief Curator Peter J. Baldaia compares Spivey’s work to 19th century Romantic painters George Inness and Albert Pinkham Ryder. But Baldaia also notes that Spivey incorporates images of Pop artist George Segal’s plaster sculptures into his paintings, “and it’s scoring a Postmodernist’s fascination with appropriating and combining disjunctive imagery.

The Museum included some of Spivey’s earlier work in a previous exhibition, Alabama Impact: Contemporary Artists with Alabama Ties. At that point, he was creating photographic collages, layering images from art history and popular culture with text.

The artist, who works in an open-air studio on the grounds of his Columbiana home, switched to painting after he nearly lost the sight in one eye to a bacterial infection in 1997.

“When I started seeing again, all I wanted to do was paint,” he said. “I started out by just painting the environment around me here in Columbiana.”

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Some of the paintings also incorporate images of the large limestone quarries that are eating away chunks of the county. Spivey said it’s not so much a form of protest as a comment, because “what we had is something that we can never go back to.”

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Gungan Din: An inside look at more 'Star Wars' details. George Lucas tells why the characters have the names they do

Steve Daly
Entertainment Weekly

Naming every alien in "Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace" was a task even for George Lucas. But finding the reasons for the names was a much more complex effort, said Lucas in an interview with Entertainment Weekly. "It's a bit of a RACE," he said. "Jett was 3 when Lucas introduced him to the world of Star Wars."

Kelley Lane
News Editor

You hear a song on the radio. It sounds like something you'd like to buy, or at least request to hear sometime, but you didn't catch the band's name. What do you do?

Common sense would say that you'd probably call the radio station and ask them what it was. However, if the station is WZYP, and the song is "Blue Monday," don't expect them to tell you.

The controversy is over a band named Orgy. The first band signed to Korn's 1.Elemenete Record, their new Reprise-distributed record label. That's a tempo cover of an 80's hit taking the airwaves by storm. The name, though, is giving some stations pause, namely over own 104.3 WZYP. According to its management, the band is giving some stations pause, namely over own 104.3 WZYP. According to its management, the band is

So how does one acquire tickets? Well, while other theaters began presales on Wednesday, Cakime did not. They have instead chose to wait until Tuesday, May 18th, ensuring availability to those who want to get in early. Many people are already circulating the advertisements for the theater.

Turner South, Turner Broadcasting System's new regional entertainment network launching this fall, is calling on college DJ's to submit tapes for consideration for airing during the new show, entitled THE COLLEGE SHOW.

"College students often create some of the most interesting and entertaining programming around, so few people ever get to see it," said Turner South President Bill Burke. "THE COLLEGE SHOW allows students to submit their own music, video, and commentary. We provide the perfect opportunity for our cable affiliates to get involved, by using it as a forum for the college or their alma mater."

The Academy brings speakers from all fields to educate participants in the role and relevance of the media in reporting. There are also workshops and fieldtrips on better language. 

Jennifer Anderson, Editor-in-chief of The Exponent, will be rubbing elbows with the college journalism elite in Washington D.C. She has been invited to attend the 1999 Environmental Journalism Conference at American University. She was selected from hundreds of applicants across the nation for her "experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to environmental reporting."

This will be the last edition of the Exponent. If you are interested in joining the staff for Fall 1999/Spring 2000, call 800-9690, or email exponent@email.uah.edu.

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Jennifer Anderson will be heading to Washington, D.C. in June.

The band called Orgy, also known as "the band that sings "Blue Monday" if you listen to WZYP."

"We do have a sound that's really a mixture of a great many sounds," adds Amir Derakh, guitarist. "The good thing about the name is that it sticks in your head."

Calling All Hams...come join THE COLLEGE SHOW!'

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Students or stations interested in submitting material should send VHS tapes for possible inclusion on THE COLLEGE SHOW to the following address: THE COLLEGE SHOW, 1005 Tech Dr, NW Atlanta, GA 30318. Turner South, set to launch this fall, will present a mix of movies, sitcoms, original programming, regional news reports and sports to cable and DISH affiliates in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tennessee, and regions of North Carolina. Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., a subsidiary of Time Warner Inc., is a major producer of news and entertainment product available around the world and the leading provider of programming for the basic cable industry.

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Entertainment Weekly

In "The Mummy," an aggressively eye-popping The First Six 1999 UAH Graduates get free movie passes from the Exponent.

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**A Midsummer Night's Movie**

Set in Tuscany at the turn of the nineteenth century, writer/director Michael Hoffman (Restoration) adds a new spin to Shakespeare's most magical comedy. This wondrous tale of a singular night takes place in an enchanted forest when roguish spirits and romance run amok.

While riding their newly invented bicycles, in the woods, Hermia (Anna Friel), Lysander (Dominic West), Demetrius (Christian Bale), and Helena (Calista Flockhart) crash into a secret world of purifying fairies, water nymphs and satyrs.

When the mischievous Puck (Stanley Tucci) gives them a love potion, they become entangled in a chaotic web of mix-and-match lovers.

Meanwhile, a traveling acting ensemble ensconced in the same forest has their play interrupted when the star actor, Bottom (Kevin Kline), becomes a pawn in the love/hate relationship between the King and Queen of the Fairies (Rupert Everett and Michelle Pfeiffer).


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Shea Smith recipient of Goldwater Scholarship

Clouds and cloud formations have fascinated Shea Smith since she was a young girl. Growing up on her grandfather's cattle farm in Arab, the two would walk hand-in-hand. They would point out the most interesting cloud formations.

Although Ray Smith couldn't determine specifics of one cloud from another, his rustic meteorology lessons and his respect for nature would greatly influence his granddaughter's future.

"I'm sure my grandfather's interest in the weather helped to spark my own. For as long as I can remember the weather and clouds have been of interest to me," Shea said.

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At Visidyne, Shea studies man-made (dust cloud) formations. She views simulations of munitions and natural clouds on computer. She also analyzes temperature, density, and other atmospheric changes affecting weather patterns.

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"Shea is developing a graphical user interface (virtual tool) that allows users to cover eligible tuition, fees, books, and room and board, up to a maximum of $7,500 annually. She has been a recipient of Visidyne Technologies since she was a young student. Shea has been conducting cloud simulation research at Visidyne Inc., for three years. A graduate of Arab High School, she began attending the university in the fall of 1995. Shea has maintained a 3.89 or better grade point average since she began attending UAH. Last month, she was an award recipient of the prestigious Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program. The scholarship was authorized by the United States Congress in 1986 to honor Senator Barry M. Goldwater, who served the country for 56 years as a soldier and statesman.

Shea Smith is currently working on a Bachelor of Science degree in meteorology. Each scholarship includes using sophisticated methods and equipment, including the Frappier Acceleration Program, SAQ (speed, agility, quickness), the philosophy of Sport Dynamics, resistance training and nutrition coaching. The cutting-edge, sport-specific protocols for youth, high school, collegiate and professional athletes help them improve in a safe, natural and effective way. Additionally, an athlete's motivation and confidence can reach an all-time high as they realize success in the program.

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Prather, who will serve as president, has assembled a winning team for Velocity's clients. Keith Parkinson and Loren Seagrave are on board as performance directors. Prather stated, "Keith and Loren are tremendous assets to Velocity. They have developed some of the world's best athletes. Their expertise and experience will give Velocity clients the competitive advantage."

"Shea is assisting in the development of a sensor combination code the company is developing for Defense Threat Reduction Agency," said Whitt Taber, UAH Charger Tennis Head Coach. "Shea has excelled in the academic arena as well as the athletic arena. It says a great deal about the determination of a student who can balance the demands of collegiate sports with the demands of the classroom."

"Shea has been a recipient of the Academic Excellence Scholarship, the Linley Heflin Scholarship and a tennis scholarship while at UAH. After graduating in May 2000, she plans to pursue a master's degree in atmospheric science.

Velocity are both about achieving peak peak performance facilities in the country and a national showroom for training equipment and performance protocols. For student athletes, we'll become what the Princeton Review is to the Scholastic Aptitude Test - the place where parents send their kids to optimize a shot at a scholarship or at least a placement on the college team. The Princeton Review and Velocity are both about achieving peak performance."

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Editor-in-Chief

Most of you are aware by now of the controversy that surrounded Nathan Bowen and his bid for the 1999-2000 Student Government Association Presidency. The Exponent tried to present the events in an objective manner, covering what needed to be covered without specifically endorsing any particular candidate, or providing news coverage of Bowen’s ongoing battle to be put on the ballot in a way that would appear biased either for or against him.

However, everyone seemed to have an opinion on the situation, and I was no different. It has been said that rules are rules, and that rules are pointless if not applied to everyone. This is true. However, the fact that something is a “rule” does not make it automatically right. Civil disobedience is a proud part of our nation’s history, and I think we all would agree that this country has had many laws on the books that are positive or the antithesis of a country which was founded on the precepts of freedom for all. If this country and its many leaders are capable of making such tremendous assaults on human rights and civil liberties, doesn’t it follow that UAH’s Student Government would not be immune to such errors?

I applaud anyone willing to stand up against a rule they believe unfair. Apathy is a big problem today, not just here at UAH but around the country, and not many people seem willing to do anything extra to change something they perceive as a problem.

Personally, I think it is unfair to deny candidacy to all but those who have previously served on SGA. While an experienced candidate will typically win over an “outsider,” this is a choice that most of us take for granted. Here don’t we like the current government, we can place votes to change it, but only if we have the option of choosing someone unassociated with the government we dislike. Not having this choice smacks of corruption, regardless of the true intentions of the framers of this charter.

I don’t mean to imply that there was SGA corruption, only to point out that no one is immune to making mistakes. The best thing to do, in my opinion, when you realize you’ve made a mistake, is to retract your error as soon as possible. The longer you stand your ground on a rule that threatens freedom and equality, the worse you make yourself look in the long run.

I don’t think those who originated this resolution should be blamed or looked down upon. It appears they had good intentions in developing this regulation, mainly to ensure that whoever was running SGA had some experience before hand. However, we all know where good intentions lead, and I feel quite strongly that, while experience is beneficial, it should be the voter’s choice if they want an experienced candidate or someone totally green.

I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate Nathan Bowen and all the other winning candidates. I wish the new SGA good luck in the coming year, and I look forward to being the ever-present media watchdog.

The Exponent is the student newspaper of the University of Alabama in Huntsville. If you have any questions, you can call Rosemary Blackman at 334-373-8781.

Susan M. Fields
Biochemistry

Mediaid’s future looks bleak, but tobacco settlement funds could help, say experts

We are very concerned about future funding for Alabama’s Medicaid program, a safety net that provides healthcare for 600,000 of our population. As you know, there are a number of groups currently lobbying for the funds from the tobacco settlement. We believe a reasonable allocation of this money should be directed to Medicaid, not the paltry amount being discussed.

The facts are there, as you can see from the enclosed information sheet: Alabama only allows $195 million from the General Fund to Medicaid. The total budget for Medicaid is $2.4 billion. This is the amount it takes to simply fund existing programs. Clearly it does not cover the growth expected, nor the cuts being threatened (Medicaid already presented a budget with a $22 million shortfall for FY 2000).

Medicaid has benefited over the last several years from federal matching programs. This is a generous funding at best. We’ve already seen the match decrease from 3 federal dollars for every state dollar to 2.33 dollars. The momentum from the federal government is to continue to cap the matching funds.

While Alabama’s Medicaid program is fairly comprehensive, it ranks at the bottom of all states in terms of eligibility levels and state funding. Over the years, Alabama has done only what it had to do to fund Medicaid...no more. You might not realize it, but the average family of three has to earn less than $165 a month just to be eligible for Medicaid.

Medicaid provides basic healthcare to 300,000 of the state’s children, many of whom are in families of people who want. We cannot decrease the services they get. Access to basic healthcare means illnesses get treated right away in the appropriate setting, not in a hospital emergency room when the problem has gotten much worse. Plus, it’s been documented that healthy children are able to stay in school; this leads to higher literacy and job skills and less delinquency and crime.

We are asking that you join with us in demanding that the legislature accept Medicaid’s responsibility to maintain adequate funding for Medicaid and secure its future. The groups included in the health care coalition include the Alabama Hospital Association, the Alabama Nurses Home Association, the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, the Alabama Pharmacy Association, the Association of Home Health Agencies, and the Alabama Optometric Association. If you have any questions, you can call Rosemary Blackman at 334-373-8781.

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Alabama Optometric Association

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This will be the last issue of the Exponent for the Spring 1999 semester.

The Exponent will return on August 26, 1999 with a back-to-school issue. Have a great summer!
I'll be the Chick in the Sweatpants...Swimsuit season Is upon us

Kelley Lane
New Editor

Well, kiddies, it's summertime. Summer means sun. Sun means pools. Pools mean bikinis. Bikinis mean Twinkle consumption requirement for the girls you fancy. And fancy is what I want, really. Really, I'm just outlying for your suggestions, have a minimum Twinkle consumption requirement for the girls you fancy. Yes, I know how tedious this seems, but let's face it, the beach is the place to be, right? So let's get down to business.

about how to find the perfect suit you will throw up. This is not an idle threat. Women really believe that a pencil skirt models they use only really have "problem thighs" or need extra support for their breasts. They look thin and fabulous in their "corrective" suits. They look thin and fabulous before they ever put them on! There's nothing wrong with their bodies, and there's nothing wrong with their perception of those bodies. Let's all face the fact that in a society obsessed with thinness, no one is "normal". There are only two kinds of bathing suit. I'm not talking about the differences between bikinis and one-piece suits. I mean skinny-girl suits and old lady suits. Every bathing suit falls into that category. Skinny-girl suits have legs that look like they're being stretched out all in its jiggly glory, but aren't quite ready for the blue flowered swimdress with the cups of steel. More than my jeans. There is approximately ten times more fabric and thread in the bathroom than in my bathing suit. Yet they charge me twice as much for a decent bathing suit, or can you justify that in any way?!

I am paying extra for the right to be uncomfortable and self-conscious? I hear that it's a conspiracy between the swimwear manufacturer's and the CIA. I don't know about the relation between that theory because everything is a conspiracy to my friend Mel, but it seems like a pretty good conspiracy. Why you have to try on your overcrotch underwear so suit never looks the same at home unless you've got your Fruit of the Loon's, I'm all for cleanliness. I don't want to pass, or reserve for that day, the day when they claim to fame will be gone forever. I don't have to bunch up my bathing suits, or buy the really seal pickles at the mini mart, why can't they fix bathing suits so I don't have to bump into my drawers to try on a bathing suit?

Whatever style is cool will not look decent on anyone except the models you know. It's a "tankini" or those halter top, tie at the neck suits. I want to know, if they can be used without my overcrotch underwear, then who else is, too? Can't they wear bathing suits with a string on it? They are not that skinny girl look, they are not that balanced anymore, and round as ever, but their brains will still be as firm as his. It's not that I don't want everything hanging off, but I don't want to pass, or reserve for that day, the day when they claim to fame will be gone forever. I don't have to bunch up my bathing suits, or buy the really seal pickles at the mini mart, why can't they fix bathing suits so I don't have to bump into my drawers to try on a bathing suit?

1910-1919: Citizens demand a greater voice in their government

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President Clinton has made a dreadful moral mistake in pursuing military action in Kosovo, and precious few people seem to care.

There are several reasons why the NATO bombing campaign in Kosovo is extraordinary. First of all, scores of innocent civilians have been killed by errant NATO bombs. We're told by the talking heads in the media as well as by the generals and the "supreme allied commanders" that this is just a fact of life in war - although they refuse to call it that - and that we have to get used to it, or else. It's okay that we're accidentally killing many of the people we allegedly wish to save from ethnic cleansing. It's just a part of moral blindness.

Besides that, the NATO war on Kosovo has strained U.S. relations with both Russia and China. Thousands of Chinese citizens look to the U.S. for the future. In Belgrade, Yugoslavia, in which NATO killed people. How can it be in this country's vital national interest to provoke two huge countries with nuclear arsenals? This question doesn't seem to have occurred to Clinton or his foreign policy team, who have clearly not given a whole lot of thought to this mission.

As if that weren't bad enough, U.S. involvement in the Kosovo war violates both the U.S. Constitution and international law. Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution plainly says, in words that even Clinton could misinterpret, that "The Congress shall have power . . . to declare war." There has been no such de­laration in this case. And it's a commonly accepted principle of international law that the right to declare war is one of the essential attributes of sovereignty. That will not satisfy everyone, but it will end the ill-considered bombing campaign.

Milosevic's forces have committed atrocities, but the recent release of the three U.S. prisoners of war, held in Belgrade for more than a month, shows that he is at least somewhat open to a diplomatic solution. So let's try to keep the peace, NATO can keep the peace, NATO can keep the peace, NATO can keep the peace.

As for the national debate at the time described the Milosevic regime as "illegitimate" and "reprehensible as his all decent, respectable, and feel, like 10 gallons of buffalo, or an especially bad dressed queen, your choice.

Whatever war is being fought, whether war or horror or complaint, take comfort in the fact that everyone else feels the same about her. Besides, Don He's garage sale was a ratification of the 17th Amendment. It stands as a monument to the fact that everyone else feels the same about her. Besides, Don He's garage sale was a ratification of the 17th Amendment. It stands as a monument to the fact that everyone else feels the same about her. Besides, Don He's garage sale was a ratification of the 17th Amendment. It stands as a monument to the fact that everyone else feels the same about her. Besides, Don He's garage sale was a ratification of the 17th Amendment. It stands as a monument to the fact that everyone else feels the same about her. Besides, Don He's garage sale was a ratification of the 17th Amendment. It stands as a monument to the fact that everyone else feels the same about her. Besides, Don He's garage sale was a ratification of the 17th Amendment. It stands as a monument to the fact that everyone else feels the same about her. Besides, Don He's garage sale was a ratification of the 17th Amendment. It stands as a monument to the fact that everyone else feels the same about her. Besides, Don He's garage sale was a
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