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UAH now offering e-business option

By J. Caleb Clanton
News Editor

The past few years have ushered in an explosion of the dot com industry. Consequently, the nature of the world of business has changed accordingly.

In response to these changes, UAH's marketing degree program is now offering a new e-business concentration in order to equip students with the tools necessary for conducting business on the Internet.

Starting this semester, students in the undergraduate marketing program can now opt for either the e-business concentration or the more traditional marketing management track.

"The field of marketing is changing due to new technology and the emergence of e-commerce," said Dr. Dan Sherman, chairman of UAH's Man-

agement and Marketing Department. "We've had a number of calls from students who were interested in developing a major. We also talked to several local companies, which thought it would be a good idea to expand our course offerings in this area."

The e-business track is comprised of a combination of classes in information systems and marketing. Two new classes recently added to the track are "Marketing in an Electronic Environment" and "Legal and Ethical Issues of Marketing on the Internet."

Covering topics such as supply chain management, logistics, website and "virtual shopping cart" design, security issues, and database fundamentals, the coursework in the e-business concentration will be two-fold in

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Bush to be next President

By Carter Garza
News Writer

What began November 7 as a typical Presidential election finally came to a halt on December 13 when Vice President Al Gore conceded the election with a televised speech in which he declared, "Tonight, for the sake of our unity of the people and the strength of our democracy, I offer my concession."

The concession came after a month long legal battle over recounts in Florida, a battle that went all the way to the United States Supreme Court.

While there was no humor in the tense standoff, Gore offered a timely quip early in his speech referring to his Election Night concession to Bush he retracted an hour later. "I promised him that I wouldn't call him back this time," joked the Vice President. "I offered to meet with him as soon as

possible so that we can start to heal the divisions of the campaign and the contest through which we just passed."

Gore's concession was the first sign of bipartisanship to follow a tough election. Both candidates approached the inevitable end of the process professionally, seeking to unite a nation that was divided by fierce loyalties to both men.

Bush addressed the nation shortly after in an attempt to bring unity to the citizens of the United States. The former Texas Governor was eloquent, declaring, "I was not elected to serve one party, but to serve one nation. The president of the United States is the president of every single American, of every race and every background," he said. "Whether you voted for me or not, I will do my best to serve your interests, and I will work to earn your respect."

Bush quickly went to the business of gathering



Vice President Al Gore shakes hands with President-elect George W. Bush at their December 19 meeting. After a month-long battle over the Florida votes, Gore conceded the election. On January 20 Bush will be inaugurated as the 43rd President of the United States (Photo from news.yahoo.com)

his cabinet members, assigning the task of transition into the White House to his running mate Dick Cheney. As the Bush team makes the transition into the White House this month, his cabinet will be finalized, and his Presidency cemented at least for the next four years.

As only the second son of a former President to serve in the office, Bush will have to work hard to escape the shadow of his father George H. W. Bush. Time will tell whether or not George W. is capable of accomplishing the task

Celebrating the dream on campus today



Civil rights activists Joseph Lowery (left) and Jesse Jackson lead a march in Florida. Lowery will be giving a lecture January 11 in the University Center to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. (Photo from news.yahoo.com)

By Dauphne Rogers
Editor-in-Chief

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day will be celebrated in the University Center today, January 11, at 4 p.m. This year's annual event will include guest speaker Joseph Lowery. Lowery will lecture about the inspirational life led by civil rights legend Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Exhibit Hall. The UAH Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of the

Provost are jointly sponsoring Lowery's appearance.

Lowery has been active civil rights for more than half a century. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. asked Lowery to lead a delegation that took demands to Governor George Wallace in 1965 following the famous Selma to Montgomery March.

Lowery, who is a Huntsville native, is one of the founders of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Lowery served as vice-president of

the Southern Christian Leadership Conference from its establishment in 1957 until 1967. Lowery became the first chairman of the board for the SCLC in 1967 after being nominated by Dr. King. Lowery also served as president and chief executive officer until 1997. Martin Luther King, III succeeded Lowery after his retirement in 1997.

Lowery is known for his speaking abilities and has led the SCLC outstandingly with regard to a number of issues nation-

ally and internationally as well. Lowery has been both a schoolteacher and a pastor in the state of Alabama during his life. He has also been the leading spokesperson concerning the issue of black church burnings.

Lowery has received the Southern Center for Human Rights Achievement Award, the Boston University MLK Award, the United Auto Workers Civil Rights Award, and the Alabama State Legislature Native Son Award last May.

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It's a Tech thing

By Greg Bacon
Technology Writer



Although it may hurt my credibility as a technology writer, I'll admit that I am only recently (thanks to a Christmas gift from my parents) the owner of a DVD player. I never really felt the loss; I'm not much of a tube boob. When I do watch, it's extraordinarily likely that Bill O'Reilly or Archie Bunker is on. If you understand compound probability then you realize that I watch very little TV. In fact, I hadn't even watched a DVD movie until this past Christmas break, despite having heard about all kinds of cool DVD features like higher quality, director commentary, and deleted scenes. *Soy un perdedor.*

I finally get the thing home and am anxious to play with it. (It has a big remote control with lots of buttons, you see.) Accumulating another geek demerit, I confess that the TV in my den is an older model, so it only has a coaxial jack. "No problem," I thought and proceeded to wire the DVD player's RCA output to the RCA input on the VCR. I put in a movie to check the setup but quickly saw that something was wrong: the picture's color intensity appeared to move gradually up and down. I tried another disc and saw the same result. I flipped through the player's manual and found small print admonishing me not to connect my new DVD player through a VCR because DVD copy protection measures distort the picture under such a setup. Marshall Brain's very cool [howstuffworks.com](http://www.howstuffworks.com/question313.htm) explains the copy protection mechanism: [URL:http://www.howstuffworks.com/question313.htm](http://www.howstuffworks.com/question313.htm).

Computer people have had to put up with the annoyance of copy protection for a long time. Classic games like King's Quest made you enter random words from random lines of random pages of its manual before you could play. Apple II (you know, the machines with the green monochrome monitors and 5.25 inch floppy drives) games used exotic copy protection schemes where the game code was stored in an unorthodox way on the disk. These days, high-dollar software like Legato Networker (backup software for medium-to large-sized networks) forces you to use another program called a license server. This license server knows how many licenses you have for a particular piece of software, and licensed software won't function unless it gets a go-ahead from the license server.

This isn't unique to software. The NRA doesn't like gun control because gun control measures impede both the law abider and the law breaker. NARAL fights abortion legislation, especially when that legislation prohibits abortion even in the cases of rape, incest, or endangered health of the mother. Copy protection fits this pattern; it irritates both the paying customer and the software pirate.

If there's one thing computer geeks love to do, it's tinkering. An inevitable target of that tinkering is copy protection. For every copy protection mechanism, some clever person has defeated or cracked it. Some cracks are crude, like making of photocopy of your King's Quest manual to go with the copy of the game. Other cracks are more sophisticated, like modifying the game code to disable the copy protection. Still, there are problems. Even a paying customer who managed to lose or damage his manual was treated the same as someone who copied the game. In the instance of Networker, what if your license file becomes corrupted? You can't retrieve it from the backup be-

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SGA opens with new semester

By J. Caleb Clanton
News Editor

The SGA convened for the first time of the new spring semester on Monday night, January 8. Both chambers met, with the Senate opening at 7:30 p.m. and the House at 8:45 p.m.

The Senate began by discussing last week's SGA sponsored road-trip to Detroit, Michigan to watch the UAH Chargers defeat the Wayne State Warriors. There were 50 UAH fans in attendance on the trip. According to SGA Vice-President Geof Morris, the trip was in general a successful event. "We had more fans than

they did," said Morris. "It was like a home-game because we were pretty loud."

Due to the outcome of the road-trip, there was discussion of similar road-trips to attend future UAH away-games and sporting events. "I think [this type of event] gives the SGA direct connection with the students," said Morris.

One proposed road-trip mentioned was a day-trip to an upcoming basketball tournament in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Senate Organizations Committee Chairwoman Beth Courtney discussed a proposal for SGA providing Internet domains, which would allow student clubs and organiza-

tions to create and maintain websites. There was some question as to whether such a plan would interfere with a current university exploration of several similar networking communication systems, including aroundcampus.com and mascot.com. As for the university wide online network proposal, Morris expressed his "serious concerns, especially in terms of privacy issues."

A motion to appoint Steve Cross as Chief of Staff was again unsuccessful. This is the second consecutive failure of Cross' appointment. Cross has been repeatedly nominated by SGA President James Kodrowski for the

position, however he has failed to receive a two-third majority vote needed for confirmation.

The House of Representatives opened Monday night's meeting by recognizing the resignation of College of Science Representative and House Rules Chairman Scott Patterson. His resignation from the body came as he did not enroll in classes this semester at UAH. As such, the House Rules committee chair was likewise vacated.

The House voted to appoint Leonard Fredrick to replace Patterson as the new chairman of the House Rules committee.

Across the Campus

What do you feel needs to be a priority for police at UAH: seat belt and traffic safety or automobile theft and vandalism?



Sarah Perrin
Freshman
Undecided

"Theft and vandalism are more of a threat than some guy going ten miles an hour over the speed limit!"



Ontario Tillman
Graduate student
Special Education

"I think that the police need to focus on car break-ins and theft. You can't buckle up if you're walking."



Andrew Collins
Senior
Business/
Urban Planning

"Burglaries need more attention than buckling up and tickets do because focus is taken off the crime rate. The crime rate has not only increased on campus but also in the city."



Sheroderick Smith
Senior
Physical Education

"Campus police should focus on the more serious crime. I believe that statistics would show that there are more auto break-ins reported on our campus than there are seat belt violations."

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DMH/MR Commissioner explains SAD

By J. Caleb Clanton
News Editor

Does the winter's cold weather always leave you feeling a bit down? Well, you may have a condition known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

According to the Alabama Department of Men-

tal Health and Mental Retardation Commissioner Kathy Sawyer, SAD is a condition that involves some symptoms of depression, which are correlated to certain changes in the seasons. For instance, a person with SAD may feel depressed each year during winter months.

"The majority of

people with SAD experience symptoms during the winter months, with those symptoms subsiding during the spring and summer months," Sawyer said. "However, evidence of SAD occurring during summer months does exist."

Sawyer explained that many physicians contend

that the condition could be linked to the variations in the amount of sunlight afforded by the seasons.

It is speculated that SAD - a condition nearly four times more likely to be found in women than in men - affects anywhere from four to six percent of the total population, according to the American

Academy of Family Physicians.

SAD has a number of related symptoms including the following: appetitive changes, especially cravings for sweet or starchy substances; a heavy sensations in the arms or legs; a drop in energy levels; fatigue; tendency to sleep too much; inability to concentrate; irritability; increased sensitivity to social rejection; and evasion of social situations.

"It is important to remember that symptoms of SAD can, and often do, recur. They tend to come and go about the same time every year. That's why it is so important to pay attention to your body and take immediate action if you notice any of these symptoms," said Sawyer.

The condition can be treated in a number of ways. In many cases, light therapy is used to expose a SAD patient to a fixed amount of therapeutic light. Sawyer explained that light therapy can be effective and has very few side effects, "however, tanning beds should not be used as light therapy, as they contain ultraviolet rays which can be harmful to skin and eyes." Medication and behavior therapy are also used to treat SAD.

For additional information on the Internet concerning SAD, you can look up the American Academy of Family Physicians' Seasonal Affective Disorder Fact Sheet at <http://familydoctor.org/handouts/267.html>.

Student Teams Advocating Realistic Solutions: STARS

Paul Lindgren
Entertainment Editor

Perhaps our most valuable right as Alabama citizens is our right to express our opinion before our representatives in Montgomery. Today, we as students have our own voice in Montgomery to help get our fair share. That voice is the Higher Education Partnership.

Lack of political involvement has cost Alabama universities a significant portion of state funding over the years. At present, K-12 education lobbies have acquired 74% of educational funding, leaving 26% to be divided among the 15 publicly-funded four-year universities in Alabama.

This general under-

funding of our higher education institutions affects the livelihood of these universities and the quality of their faculty and staff. To remain on the cutting edge of technology and education, universities maintain the most competent faculty possible, which in turn translates in the quality of the curriculum. A reduction in the quality of education threatens its value in today's global economy.

The Higher Education Partnership, however, is out to change all this by organizing a large voting student constituency behind a lobby of their interests.

STARS stands for Student Teams Advocating Realistic Solutions, which is part of the Higher Education Partnership, a

Montgomery lobby of approximately 7,000 members. That is compared to the 100,000 members enrolled in K-12 organizations. Because of this discrepancy in numbers, the Higher Education Partnership needs more members in order to lower tuition and increase teacher's salaries.

UAH's Student Government had recently passed a budget amendment which sets aside \$5,000 of its budget to help all student organizations on campus to pay the \$50 membership fee. Members would then receive mailings from the Higher Education Partnership.

If your club has signed up for the STARS program, membership forms have been placed in all club mailboxes in UC-109.

These forms should be filled out, including a main contact, and turned into the SGA office. All membership fees would be paid for by the Student Government.

If your student club has not addressed this opportunity and you would like them to, and to learn more about the Higher Education Partnership and the STARS program, contact Executive Vice-President of External Affairs Dale Jobs at 824-6375 or jobsd@hotmail.com.

Snow hits Huntsville hard for the New Year

By Cater Garza
News Writer

Old Man Winter gave Baby New Year a gentle push into the new millennium as soft white flakes filled the skies and streets of the Rocket City just before midnight on New Year's Eve. The snowfall came as a surprise, as meteorologists had predicted the winter event in on again off again fashion.

The people of Huntsville and surrounding communities woke to a brand new year, and to white streets filled with snow and ice. Children saw the opportunity for some rare sledding action, and adults admired the snow from their homes before venturing forth into the uncertain road

conditions.

While they may not be the most skilled of snow drivers, Huntsvillians survived the bad weather with few major accidents. On the second day of the three-day snow event, Huntsville police closed portions of I-565 and overpasses of 231/431 for parts of the day. Evidence of the snowfall survived the week, as patches of ice and snow were still visible on houses, lawns and roadways. The majestic dusting of the city was a rare

and wondrous sight in this southern city, and seemed a perfect way to bring in the new year and the new millennium.

The snow did not stick around too long, however. The white stuff was soon dried out by the end of first work week of the New Year. According to local meteorologists, though, the Tennessee Valley is due to receive several more spurts of snow periodically for much of the rest of the wintry season.

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Sports

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A QUICK UPDATE FROM UAH ATHLETICS

Ice Hockey

Record: 10-8, 5-3 in CHA
 Minnesota State-Mankato 4, UAH 2
 Minnesota State-Mankato 3, UAH 2
 Canisius 4, UAH 2
 Umass-Lowell 5, UAH 1
 UAH 5, Wayne State 0
 UAH 4, Wayne State 2

Men's Basketball

Record: 11-2, 3-0 in GSC
 UAH 86, Christian Brothers 78
 UAH 74, Athens State 60
 UAH 75, Tennessee Temple 63
 UAH 52, Berry 50
 UAH 82, West Florida 71
 UAH 83, Kennesaw State 75
 Colorado State 80, UAH 47
 UAH 70, North Alabama 61

Women's Basketball

Record: 5-6, 2-1 in GSC
 UAH 74, Birmingham Southern 58
 West Florida 83, UAH 69
 UAH 95, Kentucky Wesleyan 82
 Life 67, UAH 66
 UAH 62, North Alabama 53

Men's Basketball extends home winning streak to 20

By Ronak Patel
Sports writer

The UAH Chargers men's basketball team is on a roll to say the least. With wins over West Florida, Kennesaw State, and bitter rival UNA, the Chargers' record now stands at 11-2 overall and 3-0 in the Gulf South Conference. The losses to Division I Colorado State (80-47) and an earlier season setback to Athens State (61-59) now withstanding, this team has won every game thus far in the season.

UAH 82, West Florida 71

On a cold December night outside Spragins Hall, it was definitely hot inside as the Chargers extended two streaks with their win over West Florida 82-71. The win extended UAH's winning streak to seven games overall and nineteen at the friendly confines of

Spragins Hall.

Joe Smith and Saever Sigurmundsson both poured in 20 points apiece to pace the victorious Chargers. Smith did his damage from the free throw line, where he connected on 15 of 16 attempts. The 15 Smith connected on broke the UAH record of 14 set by Ben Mitchell, who hit all 14 of his attempts against Birmingham Southern in 1980. Chris Scobey added 11 points. West Florida was led by Kirby Oliver's 16 and Kelly Powe contributed 14.

UAH led wire to wire in the game. The Chargers held off the Argonauts numerous comeback attempts by connecting on 28 of 31 free throws, including 23 of 26 in the second half of the contest.

UAH 83, Kennesaw State 75

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"Smokin" Joe Smith helped lead the Chargers past GSC East foe North Alabama with his 16 points, 10 rebounds, and eight assists. (Photo by Danny Parker)

Charger Hockey roller coaster hits another peak

By Keith Conrad
Sports Writer

After a great start, the Chargers found themselves at a low point in their season, losing consecutive games to Canisius and Massachu-

setts-Lowell at their own SCI Holiday Shootout. The losses extended the Chargers' streak to seven consecutive games, their worst streak of futility since the 1989-90 season. The losing streak began after the Chargers secured

the 400th career win of Coach Doug Ross with a 5-3 victory over Niagara at the Von Braun Center on November 17.

The Chargers returned to their early season form with a sweep of Wayne State on their own home

ice in Fraser, Michigan.

UAH opened the two-game series in front of a hostile crowd of 643 Warrior fans with their first shutout since blanking Iona 4-0 on November 3. Charger goaltender Mark Byrne had only 15 saves, but it was enough to get the shutout.

The Chargers well-rounded offense got contributions from five different players. Karlis Zirniss, Steve Charlebois, Ron Baker, Jessi Otis and Tyler Butler all added goals in the series opener.

Game one saw both teams rack up penalties at an alarming rate. UAH totaled 15 penalties for 33 minutes. Wayne State won the penalty battle with 16

The hockey team ended their 7-game skid by sweeping Wayne State in Detroit, MI, this past weekend. (Photo by Danny Parker)

penalties for a total of 40 minutes. The Chargers used Wayne State's lack of temperance against them, converting two power-play chances into goals. UAH also added two short-handed goals to give them a 5-0 win.

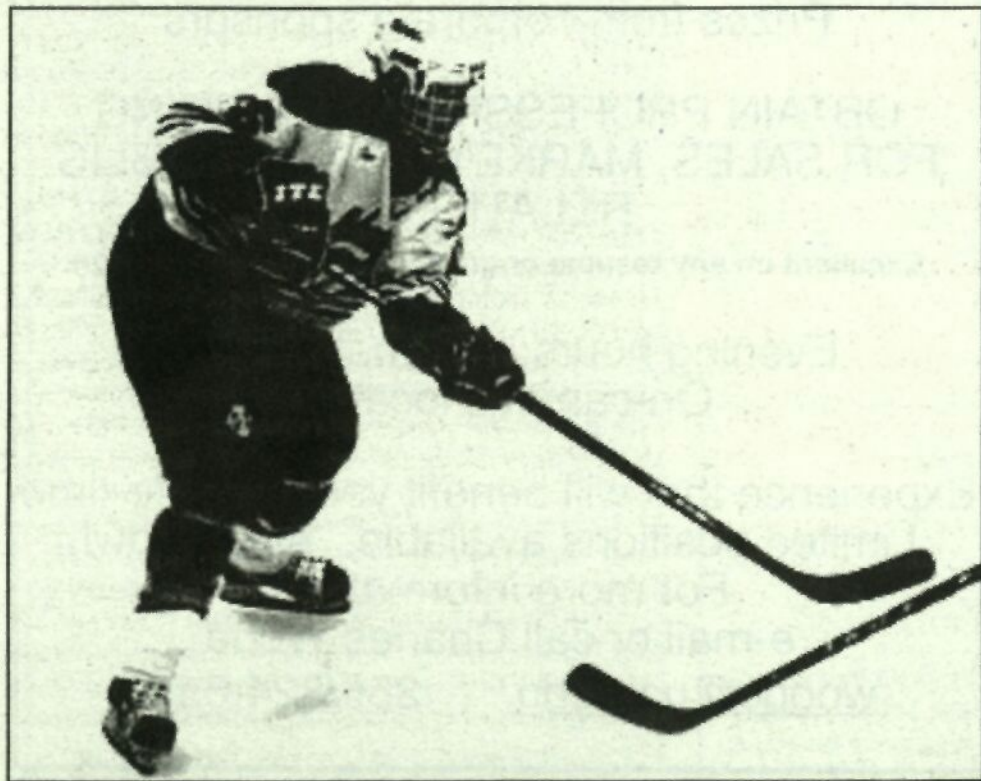
While the series finale would lack the plethora of penalties seen in the opener, it would prove that Wayne State did have some life left in them. The Chargers would grab an early lead on the strength of first period goals from Ryan McCormack and Kevin Ridgeway. Wayne State would not go quietly though, cutting the lead in half with a power-play goal later on in the first period, exciting the crowd of 313.

UAH would add to their lead with a goal from Otis in the second period. Otis's winning, power-play goal came and Ian Fletcher's later in the period would combine for

all of the Chargers scoring in the game. Wayne State would add another goal to make the final score 4-2. Goalie Mark Byrne would not get another shutout but still had an impressive 28 saves for the Chargers. The win was not an easy one for the Chargers though, as they were out shot 30-29 by Wayne State.

With this weekend's sweep of Wayne State, the Chargers improve to 10-8-0 overall and 5-3-0 in College Hockey America conference play. Not only did the two-game set end the Chargers seven-game losing streak, but it also gives them a 5-0-1 record all-time against Wayne State, which is in only its second year in the NCAA.

Up next for the Chargers will be a two-game home series against Findlay at the VBC. The first game of the series is on Friday, January 12 at 7 p.m. with the finale on Saturday at 1 p.m.



Lady Chargers pull off upset

By Renea Harrison

Sports Writer

Unlike most of the student body, the UAH Lady Charger Basketball team spent plenty of time on campus over the Christmas holidays. The Lady Chargers (5-6 overall, 2-1 in GSC) played four big games while the rest of us were resting our minds from the fall semester.

The break started out on a somewhat unhappy note for the women. On December 18 the Lady Chargers took on the Lady Argonauts from the University of West Florida. Several players stepped up for this big conference game. Kim Young, Katie Caldwell, Katy Dunn, Katie Cunningham, and Rachel Highfield all scored in double digits for UAH. West Florida had four players score in double digits. The Lady Charger's efforts were not enough, however, and they were defeated 83-69.

Cunningham was optimistic despite the loss. "It was tough to lose to West Florida, especially at home, but as the season moves along, we are playing more as a team and less as individuals."

The Lady Chargers were at home again on December 20, this time against Kentucky Wesleyan. It turned out to be a great night for the UAH women. They defeated Kentucky Wesleyan 95-82, and grabbed their first home win of the season.

The Lady Chargers

amazed everyone as they shot better than 60% from the field, and 50% from 3-point range as well as from the free-throw line. Young led the UAH attack with 25 points. Lindsay Floyd scored a season-high 18 points, dished out nine assists, and pulled down five rebounds. LaDonna Sears also scored a season-high 11 points, as well as contributing eight rebounds. On another positive note, every UAH player that appeared in this game scored at least four points.

On January 3, the UAH women traveled to Marietta, GA for their first game of 2001. The Life University Running Eagles, No. 5 in NAIA, were their opponents. The Lady Chargers led for the better part of the first half. Going into the second half, UAH led 33-26. A hard-fought battle ensued throughout the latter part of the game, but unfortunately the Lady Chargers would not come out on top. They were up with only three seconds left in the game, but Life's Cheley Landry made a last second shot that was devastating to the Lady Chargers. UAH was defeated 67-66.

Student coach Sabrina Lynch said, "Some of our younger players have really started to step up, and we did some good things in the game against Life. We were coming off the Christmas break, and we still played pretty good." Lynch continued, "LaKendra Hogg scored 21 points in 20 minutes



The Lady Chargers pulled off one of their best victories of the season this past Saturday. UAH defeated rival UNA 62-53. (Photo by Danny Parker)

against Life, and she is only a sophomore."

After the disappointing loss to Life, the Lady Chargers returned to Spragins Hall. On January 6 the Lady Chargers took on the Lady Lions from the University of North Alabama. Dunn said, "We were trying to pull together for a win against UNA. They were number one in the conference, and we knew that a win against them would give us the respect that we deserve."

The Lady Chargers definitely achieved this goal, and concluded the Christmas break on a positive note. In the first half, there was reason to worry. The game was tied 26-26

at halftime. However, the UAH women came out firing in the second half and held on for the 62-53 win.

Young led the scoring with 21 points. She also added eight rebounds. LaDasha Thompkins and Hogg had eight points each, and Rachel Highfield pulled down nine rebounds. Caldwell dished out six points and six assists.

The UAH Lady Chargers are really starting to clean up their game. At 2-1 in the GSC they are representing themselves very well. Please come and support your Lady Chargers as they take on GSC-rival West Georgia Saturday, January 13 at 5:00 p.m. in Spragins Hall.

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By Danny Parker
Sports Editor



Spragins packs 'em in

Recently, many signs have been made obvious to myself and some others in the field of sports that shows that the apocalypse is upon us.

The New Orleans Saints won an NFL playoff game. Former Boston Celtics head coach and team president Rick Pittino admitted that he was wrong. Also, Alex Rodriguez is now worth more than the team that he plays for, the Texas Rangers.

One sign that hits a little closer to home that leads us to realize that our fate is soon upon us relates to the crowd this past Saturday night in Spragins Hall. Over 1,640 people showed up on the campus of the University of Alabama in Huntsville to witness a sporting event. I wish I could have witnessed it for myself, but I was playing my very own role in showing that Judgment Day is upon us. I did this by actually having a female accept an invitation to a date with me. Hide the women and children!

Whatever the case may be, the Charger faithful got more than an eye-ful Saturday night as both the Men's and Women's Basketball teams took it to out neighbors to the west, North Alabama.

The UNA Lady Lions came waltzing into Huntsville as the reigning Gulf South Conference East Division champions. Apparently they simply thought they could roll all over the Lady Chargers. The UAH women would have nothing of it.

Even though the Lady Chargers (5-6, 2-1 in GSC) could not hold down last year's GSC East Freshman of the Year, Amber Deline, who had 22 points and seven rebounds, the UAH Women can at least counteract with a very special player of our own. Transfer Kim Young proves game after game that she is the most valuable cog to this machine.

Young poured in 21 points and eight rebounds to match Deline's efforts.

With the halftime score knotted at 26, the "Spragins Crazy's" had something to stay tuned for in the second half of play as the Lady Chargers outplayed their bitter rivals by outscoring them by nine points. Consequently, the UAH ladies sent the Lady Lions back to the bus wondering what just happened.

The men's game that would shortly follow had a slightly different feel about it. The anticipation of two nationally ranked teams going head to head brought the kids out to witness some quality Division II basketball. North Alabama was ranked No.13 heading into the contest. UAH was ranked No. 21.

Point guard Joe Smith and forward/center Anthony Polk garnered most of the headlines in this contest. Smith led most of the statistical categories while Polk came up with huge baskets down the stretch.

With less than 10 minutes left to play, the Chargers were behind UNA by a score of 54-53. The Lions then decided to start laying the foundation for a brick house as they missed 11 of their last 12 shots from the field.

Polk's five points that would ensue, along with the key play of Smith helped break the Lions' back

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LaFiore rakes in more honors

By Renea Harrison

Sports Writer

UAH volleyball player Ellen LaFiore was definitely a force to be reckoned with this fall, both on and off the court. LaFiore, a 5'11" junior middle hitter from Ballwin, MO, is absolutely rolling in honors after the 2000 season.

LaFiore's statistics from this year are impressive, to say the least. She finished the season with 685 kills, 57 service aces, 339 digs, and 132 blocks.

Coach Laura Taube was not surprised with LaFiore's excellent play. She said, "Ellen is consistently good. She is the

type of player who makes her teammates better. She is dependable, and the pressure that other teams put on her makes it a little bit easier for our other players to do well."

Her coach and her teammates are not the only ones that recognized LaFiore's outstanding contributions. She was named to the AVCA All-South Central Region team, the Daktronics All-South Central Region first team, the Daktronics All-America third team, and the Verizon All-Academic team.

When asked for her reaction to all the honors LaFiore said, "I was really shocked. I am excited, es-

pecially because I think that the honors are really a reflection of how good our whole team is. I could not achieve any of these honors on my own, without my team and my coaches."

In regards to her academic award, both LaFiore and Taube mentioned the amount of work that goes into keeping good grades while playing a sport. An electrical engineering major, LaFiore has a 3.71 GPA. She said, "I try to keep my priorities straight. I know that if I don't make good grades, I can't play volleyball. I really try to keep that in mind when we are on the road and I don't feel

like studying."

According to Coach Taube, "Ellen is an excellent student. She is a good kid who leads by example and always works toward achieving her goals. We are very lucky to have her."

In talking with LaFiore, she seems to be much less concerned with her many honors than she is with the success of her team in the coming year. "Awards don't mean much without a team. We are returning almost the exact same players from last year, and I want us all to pick up where we left off."

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The Five Spot

By Paul Lindgren
Entertainment
Editor



Settling in for every new year

I'm finding it easier to welcome myself back into a new year these days. I can appreciate the sleep and the old faces that come with a long break, but with all that extra time on my hands, I could just about go nuts. And so it was that I celebrated New Year's with a glass of Thera-flu, desperately trying to keep myself warm in the midst of homocidal weather that had NO business being south of Kentucky. It was a real bah-humbug New Year's for me.

We place so much stock in the New Year's holiday. That day - it is like the short bridge of reality and expectations. It is when you count your harvest. You close old and dusty books, and you might smile at how far you've come, or frown at how short you've fallen.

And just as quickly, you have fresh ink and a clean journal in your dapper mind, and you would pen out all what you would like to be, and where you would like to go in this new year. *Yes, I will lose thirty pounds this year, or yes I'm going to love and marry that woman, or yes I'm going to get back at that sonna\$%#@! one way or another.* All of this happens in that one day, New Year's Day, when you pay your penny shortly after midnight. Such a wonderful moment as you count that harvest and plan the next.

And shortly thereafter you wake up. You've got a mind-splitting headache and your mouth is as dry and sticky as quicksand, and for a few frightening moments, you cower because you just don't know where you are or how you got there. So much for being a healthier person and back on track. And as you trudge through those first few months of the new year, great expectations and cold reality take two very different roads. Whatever happened to that wonderful harvest you were planning this year?

The fact is that life does not work well with business models - per annum, per quarter. It doesn't matter where you went last year, or what you did. It doesn't even matter where you want to go. What did you really enjoy about last year? Was it the sunshine that walked beside her on the mountain? Was it the ripple of a striking redfish on a thunderhead's reflection? Or was it the sound of a tacking headsail across the moonlit waters? Did that even happen last year? I don't even think so. It just doesn't matter.

And so it was that I spent last New Year's in that southernmost town of tropical proclivities, Key West. There we were, me and my friend Andrew Peters driving non-stop from Alabama and down an Everglades backroad at two in the morning, avoiding the hordes of traffic on Alligator Alley. The smiling crescent moon rose over the

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Huntsville gives composer Peter Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker a whirl

By Paul Lindgren
Entertainment
Editor

The Huntsville Community Ballet Association presented a dazzling three night run of the Nutcracker, the immortal ballet work of Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky. The Nutcracker featured the Huntsville Ballet Company in collaboration with the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra and the Heritage Children's Chorale of the South.

The story of the Nutcracker is a classic Christmas tale. The nutcracker, in the form of a Hussar who breaks nuts with his jaws, is a gift to the little girl Clara by her mysterious godfather. Clara's toy, however, is broken by her younger brother but returns to life in her dreams as a Prince. He battles mice who have invaded the house and then guides Clara on a fantastic journey through the Kingdom of Snow and the enchanted Land of Sweets.

The Nutcracker was indeed my first ballet and I was impressed at how well the Community Ballet Association handled such a monumental piece. What must have been



Herr Drosselmier presents the Nutcracker to Clara as a Christmas Gift. (Photo courtesy of the Community Ballet Association.)

months of rehearsal paid off sensationally in the form of an electrified audience.

The first act included the party in which Clara receives her magical gift and the battle in which the Nutcracker Prince defeats the Mouse King. Even the familiar confusion of children on Christmas morning is delicately choreographed into a light-hearted performance.

The second act, the Land of Sweets, presented much of Tchaikovsky's music that most people would recognize. A series of ballet dances are performed before the Nut-

cracker Prince and young Clara by performers from around the world, including the seductive Arabian belly dancer, the capricious Chinese dancers, and the gentlemanly shepherds.

The highlight of the second act was the famous dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy, performed by Julie Brant that evening, and the Sugar Plum Cavalier. Renowned Russian dancer Kirill Zaretskiy of the Moscow Classical Ballet was the guest performer in the role of the Sugar Plum Cavalier. The combination of Tchaikovsky's enchanting

music, magical choreography, and radiant sets was enough to dazzle the audience with a performing glimpse of childhood fantasy.

For those who have not yet seen a reputable ballet, Huntsville's very own offers a very satisfactory performance that I encourage all to support. The next undertaking by the Huntsville Community Ballet Association is another familiar Russian ballet, Swan Lake, to be featured in early March. For more information, please call (256) 539-0961.

Keillor's Lake Wobegon Days a burlesque of the small town life

By J. Caleb Clanton
News Editor

I recall listening to Prairie Home Companion's Garrison Keillor on NPR as he commented on the pleasures taken from the "little things" in life - the taste of a certain spice or the breeze of a summer's night on the back of one's neck. In all honesty, I have forgotten what he was relishing specifically at the time. However, the essence of the soliloquy was something like: those who

get the most enjoyment out of life are those who truly take in and appreciate the simple things that make it all worth while.

So goes the thrust behind Keillor's book *Lake Wobegon Days*. *Lake Wobegon Days* is more or less a series of Keillor's recollections of his fictitious hometown of Lake Wobegon, Minnesota. It is in that small town that the author unveils the utter simplicity (and often stupidity) of his Norwegian immigrant roots. Initially, the reader gets a sense of the history and philoso-

phy that drives the town's residents. Thereafter, Keillor describes various events and seasons experienced in accordance with such an upbringing. There is no plot. Or at least the plot is not the point, anyhow. Rather, what is emphasized is the way in which each character is developed. Keillor does this masterfully through a writing style that seems remarkably conversational. He champions the ordinary person in mundane situations in such a way that dignifies the spirit of humility. With

a subtle wit, not unlike the Mark Twain's, Keillor fleshes out the humor and the absurdity of what seems most normal: life itself, perhaps.

Lake Wobegon Days presents the reader with a glimpse of a small town way of life so seldom seen nowadays. It is a picture that is easily related to, though, either through a longing sense of nostalgia or through a hardened sense of resentment. Keillor gives the reader both quite subtly in *Lake Wobegon Days*.

Justin Edwards' best of the best albums 2000

By Justin Edwards
Entertainment
Writer

Since 2000 has come to a close, I decided I would put out my list of the best records of 2000. Feel free to agree, disagree or anything of that sort. Also, feel free to email me at lettersfromhome@yahoo.com to ask me about the unknown bands I mention. All that aside, here they are, in no particular order.

Yo la tengo's *And Then Nothing Turned Itself Inside-Out* - This cd is pure laid back pop beauty. *And Then Nothing...* abounds with wonderfully slow to medium tempo songs with a loungy jazzy feel. This release is very romantic due to the fact that the two vocalists are married and most of the songs deal with their relationship. As said before this release is very low key. In fact, distortion really only shows up on one song making this the perfect record to stick on your stereo while you sit in your room and

daydream. I bought this cd on a whim and I'm glad I did!! Beautiful!

Blindside's *A Thought Crushed My Mind* - This is the junk! I used to be a hardcore freak, but lately I've gotten tired of most of it. Not Blindside, however. While their first self-titled cd was straight up schizo hardcore (you know, the kind where the vocalist is singing one minute, and then screaming his lungs out the next), *A Thought Crushed My Mind* reverts to good old punk/hardcore with just enough schizoneer to keep it interesting. I'm telling you, this cd has everything: intelligent Christian lyrics, crazy time signatures, and music that is beautiful one second and dissonant the next. I didn't like it at first, but now every time I listen to it, it blows my mind.

Soul=Junk's *1956 - 1956* is a landmark record for the Christian music industry. There is no other Christian band like this, and I know of no secular band like this either. These guys are forging

their own style (and have been for years now) and I like it. Drum 'n bass, electronica, indie rock, and hip-hop all come together, this time around to form excessively catchy music. The lyrics are witty but full of truth, and the music behind it, as mentioned before, is catchy and like nothing else. Nothing can compare to putting this cd on, in your car, at full blast, and driving around singing along! I hope these guys shake some life into mainstream Christian music.

Fine China's *When the World Sings* - I've been a fan of Fine China since 1998 and this is their best release ever. If you thought the 80s were dead you were wrong, cause this cd is harkens back to classic bands like The Smiths and New Order. This cd is a nice mix of all electronic songs, and songs that feature guitar, bass, drums, and synths. All the melodies on this cd are catchy with just enough melancholy to keep me happy. The vo-

cals are sung with a British accent which is a must for this type of music. I don't know what else to say: This cd is just classic, classic, classic. Buy this cd and "I've got my labor saving device, you've got your labor saving device" will be stuck in your head for weeks. Incredible 80s pop.

The Applesseed Cast *Mare Vitalis* - I just don't know what to call these guys. I want to say emo, but they don't like to be labeled as such. Well, regardless of what you call them, they are amazing. This cd moves away from the pure emo sounds of their debut, and adds a little bit of indie rock to the mix. At first, this cd seems

hookless, but as you listen more and more, you notice these little hooks that just jump out and grab you. One thing that really stands out on this cd is the drumming. There's only one word to describe it: amazing! It sounds great and accentuates each song nicely. Of course the other instruments don't slack off either. The vocals rip your heart out with emotion, especially when Chris lets out with a passionate scream. This is an exceptionally cd both musically and lyrically.

Radiohead *Kid A* - Like I said in my review of this cd, I really, really like this cd. I dig its arty experimental vibe. The songs are amazing and quite

varied, although I must say every song has the same vibe to it. This doesn't mean they sound the same, this just means you can tell they're from the same record. The instruments used on this cd are amazing too. All kinds of weird keyboards and even a harp are used. And if all that wasn't enough, Radiohead harkens back to the days of old by having tracks 6 through 9 fade into each other much like "What's Going On", the classic record by Marvin Gaye. Radiohead defied what most people were expecting and released something other than another *OK Computer*. Bravo!

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Atlantic like a Chesire Cat over the warm pink glow of Miami, Latin jazz and cigarette smoke spilling from the windows into the humid night.

We drank cold Kaliks in the Green Parrot and watched the Conch drop over Sloppy Joe's. It was warm winter nights and

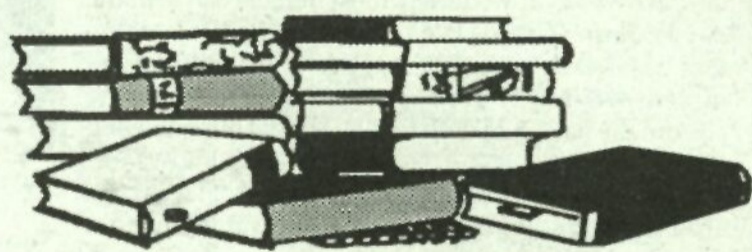
stars on the water, cigar smoke on the tradewind's back, its hush blowing through the palmettos, and those wild Gainesville girls laughing and stumbling in the squalid streets.

You're telling me its

been a year already? No... It was like yesterday. They're always like yesterday - every shining moment, every verse you write in a book you neither close or open. To everyone, happy all your years.

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What Women Want: it's just a mystery

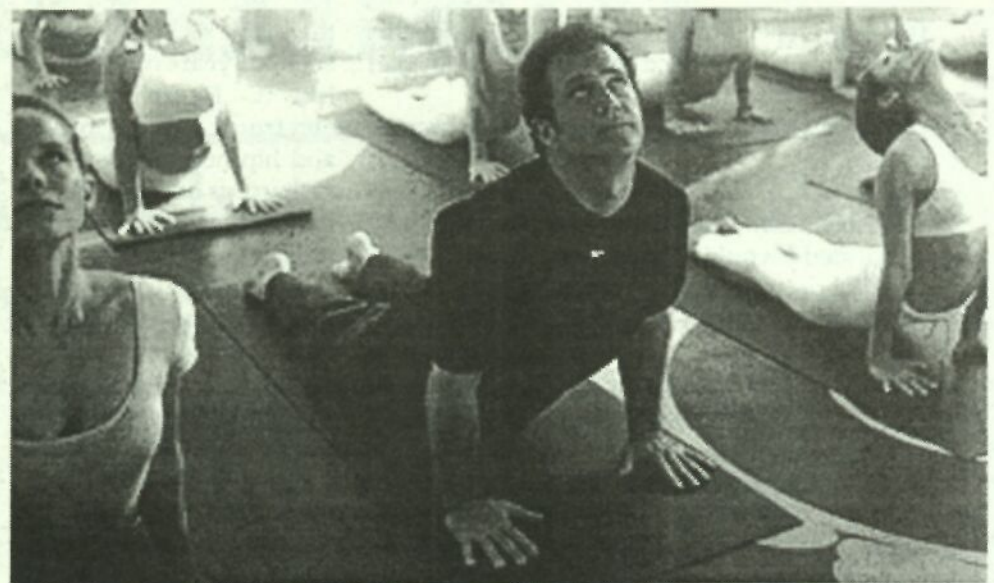
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The age-old question "what do women want" is brought to us on the big screen in an attempt to simplify a very complex matter. It offers a new spin to the romantic comedy and whets one's feminine appetite for Mel, but as far as showing what women want, well you'll just have to see for yourself.

The story revolves around the life of Nick Marshall (Mel Gibson), an advertising agent for a Chicago firm. He is a man's man, with a new lady every night. His charm and good looks open doors for him throughout the business world, until one day the business world realizes

they need to tap into what women want. It is no secret that Nick is due a promotion to Creative Designer, but it comes as quite a surprise when the position is given to a woman. Darcy McGuire (Helen Hunt) is her name and she is known for her leadership skills and ambitious ideas. Nick anticipates a bossy, nagging, power-hungry woman out to kill his fun, but once he gets inside the head of this supposedly cutthroat executive he sees there is more to her than his first impression indicated.

One night while Nick is trying out women's products for a business assignment a fluke accident occurs. He slips and falls in the tub and gets electrocuted by his blow dryer. He awakens to an extra-sensory ability to hear what women are thinking. This anomaly originally frightens him to death as he hears the illogical and



Mel Gibson stars as Nick Marshall in *What Women Want*. (Photo from Paramount Pictures and movies.yahoo.com)

often neurotic thought patterns of the female psyche. However, he learns to embrace this and use it to his advantage in getting the promotion he feels he so richly deserves. His pursuit is to find out what women want, but he more so discovers what women don't want.

This movie starts out

slow, but progressively gains momentum as it takes us into more depth of detail and finally delivers what has been promised since the trailer. Comedy was explored throughout the film, most definitely in the episodes where Mel is sporting some ruby-red fingernail polish and squeezing that

tight butt in a pair of Legs pantyhose. It was a sight a see, I'll say that! I recommend this movie to all moviegoers. If you are going to find out just what it is that women want, well I don't think a simple movie can epitomize that, but it does offer some valuable insight!

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Is Tom Hanks' *Cast Away* the next best thing to a Club Med vacation?

By Paul Lindgren
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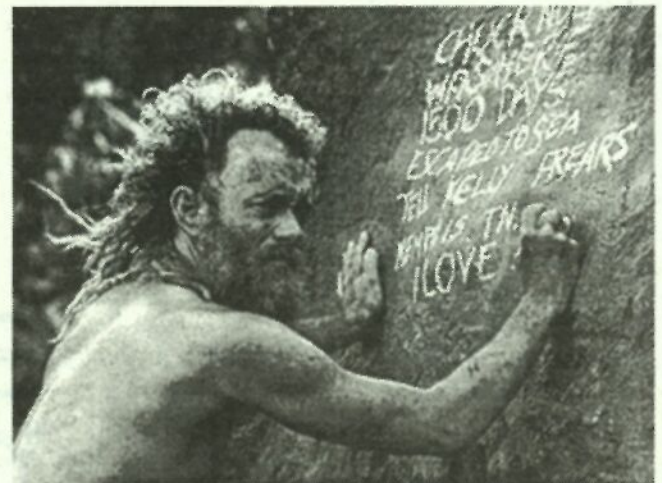
Director Robert Zemeckis and Hollywood big shot Tom Hanks team together yet again to bring us *Cast Away*, a modern day Robinson Crusoe tale that has drawn curiously mixed reviews from around the nation, including my own.

The story is centered around FedEx employee Chuck Noland (Tom Hanks) whose Christmas with fiancée Helen Hunt is cut short by overseas business. It is then that his plane tumbles out of the sky in probably the most exciting plane crash scene since the film *Alive* and is washed ashore on a derelict isle. There Tom Hanks must reinvent him-

self towards survival in a primitive existence. When at last he is rescued, he finds readjustment to our fast-paced world the most shocking experience of all.

The movie has its apparent pros and cons. The most notable con is in the fact that FedEx's name appears virtually everywhere throughout the film. I found this annoying at times and almost morally wrong that I was paying to be subjected to a slough of corporate advertising. Still, its something you simply have to get over these days, and after two weeks of the Bowl Championship Series, we should all be used to it by now.

The best aspects of the film can only be attributed to director Robert Zemeckis and his casual



Tom Hanks stars as an isolated man forced to transform himself physically and emotionally in order to survive on a remote island in *Cast Away*. (Photo from 20th Century Fox and movies.yahoo.com)

disregard for Hollywood convention, which most viewers will either miss or dislike anyway. Zemeckis displays his talent for creating non-conventional sentiment and heroism, some of which we had seen in *Forrest Gump*. The best part of the film, in my opinion, was Chuck Noland's return to civilization. We become witness to one man's awakening to the counterfeit nature of convenience and the ephemeral nature of life's expectations. In a confessional and almost brooding monologue by Tom Hanks, Robert Zemeckis seems to raise

questions regarding how we create the world around us and the nature of our struggle to survive.

The film was both visually resplendent and metaphorical on a variety of levels, which is more than what can be said for most other big Hollywood films. *Cast Away*, however, was admittedly a gimmicky film for the masses, and though Tom Hanks' acting is rather good, it is also never remarkable nor memorable. *Cast Away* will at least sit high on a long list of modern "pop" films, but it was well worth every penny you may put into seeing it.

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Editorial

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A twelve-day layoff from the last time they took the court wasn't enough from preventing UAH to continue on its winning ways. The UAH Chargers up-ended Kennesaw State 83-75 on the road to extend their winning streak to eight games.

Fred McGinnis stepped to the forefront by scoring a season-high 25 points. He hit 6 of 12 shots from the field, but McGinnis did most of his damage from behind the arc. He connected on 5 of 8 from three-point range. Sigurdsson added 16 points for UAH. Smith chipped in with 11 points, 8 rebounds, and six assists. Hala Kaufusi led Kennesaw State with 19 points and 8 rebounds.

A three-pointer by Smith gave the Chargers a 60-46 lead with over eight minutes to go in the game. UAH would only hit one more field goal after that. The Chargers showed why they are ranked in the top 25 of the Division II polls by scoring 20 of their final 22 points from the charity stripe to hold off Kennesaw State in the latter portions of the contest.

Colorado St. 80, UAH 47

Division I foe Colorado St. ended UAH's winning streak at eight games with an 80-47 triumph in Ft. Collins, CO.

The Chargers did cut the Rams' lead to 10 in the second half, but Colorado St.'s size was too much for UAH to handle as they outscored UAH 41-23 to pull away for the victory.

Sigurdsson led UAH with 15 points and Smith collected 13.

The loss dropped UAH's record to 10-2 overall.

UAH 70, UNA 61

In front of the largest crowd to see a UAH basketball game at Spragins Hall since the mid 1990's, UAH defeated No. 13 UNA 70-61 to extend their home winning streak to 20 games and run their overall record to 11-2 and 3-0 in the GSC.

Coach Acuff said, "The fan support was excellent, it's great to see the students come out and support this team the way

they did."

The 1,650 partisans who made their way into Spragins Hall Saturday night saw a tightly contested game that was worth the admission. McGinnis helped stake the Chargers to a five-point halftime lead by scoring 13 points in the first half. UAH opened the second half on an 11-3 run to take a 47-34 lead over their bitter rivals. UNA responded by going on a 20-6 spurt to take a 54-53 lead with over 10 minutes to play in the game.

The roof literally caved in on the UNA Lions after that. They went eight minutes without a field goal and missed 11 of their last 12 shots from the field.

During UNA's dry spell, UAH went to work to seal UNA's fate. Sigurdsson began by connecting on a three-pointer to give UAH a 56-54 lead. Then it was the Anthony Polk show. He scored perhaps the five biggest points of his UAH career during the 10-0 run. Polk connected on his third three-pointer of the season, as ESPN anchor Dan Patrick would say hit nothing but the bottom of the net, to give the Chargers a 63-54 lead with under five minutes left to play.

Coach Acuff said of Polk's five points, "They were perhaps the five biggest points of the game."

UNA did cut the lead to five with four minutes to play on Sherra Whetstone's free throws,

but Smith then showed why he is perhaps the conference's best player. Smith first fed Sigurdsson for a lay-up to up the lead to seven. And then Joe Smith nailed home the proverbial nail in the coffin with a three pointer to give UAH a 70-61 victory. The win for UAH was their fourth straight over UNA.

Smith and Sigurdsson paced the Chargers with 16 points each. McGinnis added 15. Joe Smith nearly finished with a triple-double by collecting 10 rebounds and handing out eight assists.

UNA was led by Duke LaGuerre's 18. Whetstone was second on the team in scoring with 11.

Coach Acuff said of the huge win, "this win is big for our program and our kids have done a great job this year by playing together. They know what team play is all about." Acuff went on to say "Different players have stepped up every game for us, and it was no different in this game, Anthony got five critical points and Smith stepped up at the end of the game."

The win brought UAH to a No. 12 ranking in the latest Division II polls. As of press time, they were still ranked no. 2 in the south region.

Their next game will be at home on January 13 against West Georgia. The tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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cause the backup software can't get a license because the licenses are no good!

Publishers love to hide behind copyright law, but they seem to forget (and try to defeat) fair use provisions of copyright law. One example of fair use is copying for personal use, e.g., copying your CDs so if you accidentally scratch a copy, you're only out half a buck instead of the artificially inflated \$20. As reported on inside.com, the television and motion picture industries want to place copy protection mechanisms in digital TVs that would trample all over fair use of

movies and TV programming. Read the story at [URL: http://www.inside.com/jcs/Story?article_id=19517&pod_id=11](http://www.inside.com/jcs/Story?article_id=19517&pod_id=11). Believe it or not, consumers still have some rights, and "the customer is always right" is more than a quaint adage. As the inside.com article pointed out, we have a bazooka in our arsenal in the form of the 1984 Betamax case. We also have our monstrous collective voice. Circuit City pushed the crappy DIVX format and finally dropped it after the market turned its nose up. Know your rights. Be informed.

New Year's Resolution

By Dauphne Rogers
Editor-in-Chief



The UC parking lot is overcrowded with cars once more, and the bookstore is jam-packed with students trying to get their books. Sadly, our holiday break has come to an end.

I am at the computer on this, the first Monday of the semester, to share my New Year's resolution with readers of *The Exponent*.

"I will not lose my identity as a person to that of being a college student."

I'm sure many of you out there can relate.

When you live on pizza (breakfast included) and can't remember what the four food groups are, let alone have time to sit down and eat a meal that includes them, you qualify as a card-carrying member of the consumed-by-college club, too.

I still have one more pizza box with a half-eaten pizza in my fridge, but after that, I'm swearing off—honest!

Seriously, life is too short to spend all of one's time putting life on hold until the next semester, or the next—or maybe the one after that.

There are ways to incorporate a dinner date now and then, a regular workout schedule (just schedule it in like one of your classes), and even time to read something that is actually enjoyable now and then. Maybe I'll even find the time to squeeze in a candlelit bubble bath or two once in awhile.

If my list doesn't appeal to you, I'm sure you'll have no problem coming up with one of your own. Just don't get too carried away. Some students have been known to lose themselves in another kind of college student identity. One that includes partying the night away and sleeping half the next day to make up for it! Too many binges like that is a sure-fire recipe for adding another semester to one's college career.

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as the Chargers strutted away with respect and admiration of the UNA squad.

The *Huntsville Times* quoted UNA head coach Gary Elliott as saying, "They're a better team than we are. They don't necessarily have better talent. They're just a better team with the way they execute the things they do."

"They do a great job of executing their offense and they probably do a

Somewhere between the two extremes is a healthy balance that leads to a well-rounded individual. Sounds cliché, doesn't it? But the truth is, you'll be a happier person if you can manage to find that elusive balance.

School is important. Doing your best is important. Getting good grades is important. But having time for a life is important, too.

Don't sell yourself short. Life is happening right now—not after graduation.

Make the time to enjoy the life that has been given to you today—*every day*.

This is not an impossible dream. It can be a reality. The choice is always up to us. I know because I have made these choices before.

I have had semesters when I was totally stressed out and overwhelmed. These were the semesters that I gave up daily meditation and my exercise routine in favor of obsessing over all that I needed to accomplish in a short amount of time. Most all of it was related in one way or another to school.

On the other hand, I have had semesters when I felt good about my life and myself, and I had relatively little stress. I can honestly say that it wasn't the course load I was carrying or the instructors that I had. The difference was in how well I took care of myself emotionally, physically, mentally, and of course, spiritually.

Stress is something that definitely can be managed. If you have difficulty managing college life, don't hesitate to seek assistance from the UAH counseling center in the UC. They are terrific and only too happy to help.

Do yourself a favor, and start taking care of you today. It is well worth the time invested. Believe me, I know that all too well!

better job of taking advantage of your mistakes than anybody in the conference." After the weekend's game, UAH (11-2, 3-0 in GSC) has now moved up to No. 12 in the nation while North Alabama (9-3, 2-1 in GSC) has dropped out of the rankings. UAH has also now bumped their home winning streak to 20 games.

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Opinion

The President's Corner

By James Kodrowski
SGA President



SGA kicked off the spring semester by sponsoring a trip to Wayne State to support our Charger Hockey team. Judging by how much fun everyone had, we may have to make this an annual event. The man overseeing the trip, Executive Vice President Geoff Morris, spent so much time cheering like crazy for our Chargers that he lost his voice and couldn't talk the next day (much to our disappointment). If you have any comments about the trip, good or bad, or would like more information about possible future trips drop by our meetings on Monday nights beginning at 7:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. for the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively. Next week there won't be a meeting due to the holiday.

Yes, it is time to get back in the swing of things. I hope that by now everyone has made the adjustment to school and work schedules. If you find that you are going to have some free time this semester, or you are a new student starting this spring and want to find out what goes on at UAH besides classes, I invite you to take an interest in student government. The SGA at UAH is the group that represents the student body. We have elected and appointed positions as well as a variety of committees that are filled on a volunteer basis. SGA also provides funding for every SGA-approved club on campus. So, if you want to find a club, SGA can provide you with the information you need. Or, if you prefer to be involved in SGA, there are several positions that are being filled now.

Remember Frosh Mosh? Well those events were planned almost a year in advance. The Frosh Mosh committee is looking for volunteers. Anyone can attend a meeting, and you can participate as much or as little as you want. The committee is also looking for someone to head up the committee and report back to SGA on a weekly basis. Interest forms are available in the SGA office, room 106 in the UC.

Acting Chief of Staff committee head, Steve Cross, is also looking for volunteers to work on special projects within SGA. An example of one such project is Campus.net, which is the campus computer network that will bring you up to date information on campus events in every building in the near future. Ian Fletcher is the volunteer who is undertaking the implementation of those computers. Also, this committee is looking for someone to be in charge that can report back to the Executive Officers in Cabinet meetings on a weekly basis. Stop by the office for more information.

Have a great week, and good luck this semester!

Your community revealed through study of sociology

By Enrique Fernandez
Knight-Ridder
Tribune

What would happen if you walked into a mall and started smiling at people? Are strangers willing to help a handicapped person in need of assistance, or will they just stare and then walk away? What percentage of college students would have sex with a stranger for a big sum of money? What's the worst pickup line you ever heard? And who washes their hands after using a public restroom?

These and other questions are researched by Palm Beach Community College students in a hands-on Introduction to Sociology class taught by professor Fredrik Buss. The course is about "sociological imagination," Buss states in a syllabus that includes a Sufi saying, a poem by a Polish Nobel laureate and at least one whopper: "The Swiss Army knife has been popular for years, yet the

Swiss Navy knife remains largely unnoticed. Its second blade is a tiny but efficient canoe paddle."

Buss, a jovial man whose mischievous eyes betray his love for such intellectual shenanigans, is a living example that research and scholarship can be great fun.

His work has taken him all around the world, and these days he's busy showing college students who usually have full-time jobs or family obligations that the time they struggle to put into their education can make them more keenly aware of their world. His students take up the challenge with gusto.

Thus, the three-student team that undertook the "smile" project wandered into area malls flashing friendly faces at perfect strangers and noting how many returned the smiles.

All projects begin with a hypothesis, and this team, accepting a commonplace about kindly old ladies, divided their subjects by age and gen-

der, postulating that older folk would more readily return their smiles.

Probably intimidated, the elderly stayed grim. It was middle-aged women who most welcomed the unsolicited smiles.

And, predictably, it was the black male in the group who received the fewest positive responses, with males reacting most harshly to him. Next time, they concluded, they should factor in race.

Race, as well as gender, was a variable in a study of high school students' attitude toward sex.

Twenty percent of black males had regrets about the person they first slept with; for white males, it was 30 percent and for Hispanic males, 35 percent. Among females, 50 percent of blacks, 55 percent of Hispanics, 60 percent of whites and 90 percent of Indians had regrets.

The regret factor was included because it was an important issue in the young researchers' lives, one of the many ways in

which Buss' students personalize their sociological research.

Along personal lines, a two-woman team researched pickup lines at clubs. Worst one: "Hey little mama, I know you want to shake that over here at me." That by a 23-year-old male who "looked like he was 12."

A shocker in sexual mores is the finding by one of the teams that 76 percent of their subjects would have sex with a perfect stranger for a big sum of money (\$10,000).

Equally disturbing, on a different note, is that white males are the least likely to assist the handicapped, their behavior being downright rude.

But nothing is more troubling than learning how many people do not wash their hands after using a public restroom: an average of 40 percent of females and 65 percent of males.

Your community looks a little different when you look at it through the discipline of sociology.

And I think that is part of Buss' plan for his students. They learn about their environment and about themselves. And they learn about their community and its aspirations.

And they learn about its harsh realities, as well.

According to one report, most young people who work in fast-food restaurants think the job is something they're doing while preparing for a better career.

Yet, the older employees admit that they too had those hopes once, but that now all they dreamed of was making ends meet.

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Weekly Horoscope

By Linda C. Black, Tribune Media Services (Week of January 15)

Aries (March 21-April 19). A spokesperson would be a big help on Monday and Tuesday, but don't get your hopes up too high. Even if you've worked up a good story, the boss may not be keen on hearing it. Discretion is more advisable from Tuesday through Thursday. Negotiations are tricky, especially if one of the players isn't playing by the same rules you are. That person's motto is: "All's fair in love and war." The pressure on you starts to ease around Friday. That would be a good vacation day, if you can swing it. Saturday's fabulous too. Good for being with creative friends, traveling, and even learning something new. Cool it on Sunday when you'll have a less responsive audience.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Be careful if you're involved with a creative project Monday. The seamstress in you is liable to cut two left sleeves. Better to do the planning then and Tuesday, and wait until Thursday or Friday to finish the dress. You and a shrewd partner can block an order you don't like on Wednesday if you work together. Thursday's good for cleaning out closets but don't throw out your partner's favorite old sweater. Start figuring out how much you want to make and what benefits you'd like. You'll get more opportunities for advancement in the next few weeks beginning Friday. You might find a bonus on Saturday, probably due to your common sense. You're so adept at using it you could teach classes, and maybe you should. Do what you ought to Sunday morning and what you can get away with that afternoon.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Although it seems like you have nothing but green lights on Monday, take care. Don't launch into an expensive project. Wait until you've considered all the possible consequences. That may not happen until Friday or Saturday. If you can wait until then your chances of success are much higher. As for the middle of the week? Research! And on Sunday? Rest and pay bills. Not necessarily in that order.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). You get things fixed up the way you want them at home on Monday, but take care. The odds are good that your roommate or partner may not like what you've done. Be prepared, and have a "Plan B" ready on Tuesday. Cookies wouldn't hurt either. Your fantasies could be inhibited on Wednesday. Don't fret. By Thursday you can find what you need. Confer with your partner again on Friday so you can go shopping for a really big item on Saturday. Follow your intuition along with your logic to determine your destination for the weekend. Maybe you're trying out your new purchase on Sunday?

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You may be able to delegate everything Monday but is that such a great idea? If the other person goofs up you may catch the flak Tuesday. Home's the best place for you Tuesday night especially if you want some good lovin'. Not a bad idea since your workday on Wednesday looks challenging. You may be wrestling with a problem that night but don't fear. Odds are good you'll have a burst of creativity and fix everything on Thursday. Your assignment for the next few weeks, after Friday, is to share the load. It shouldn't be too hard since somebody else will be demanding to take it. Can you give up the power? Might as well. That gives you more time to play with your sweetheart on Saturday and to rest at home Sunday.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Monday seems like a good time to ask for a raise, but is it really? No. Do the work and look cute, but don't expect more pay for it. It isn't likely anything will clear the bank Tuesday. Don't complain, hit the books. Study like a demon from Tuesday through Thursday even though others may seem stuck. Studying is right for you, and you're able, so go ahead. You should be feeling frisky, if somewhat inhibited Friday. On Saturday however, you've got nearly free rein. Don't get too pushy or you'll alienate a gentle spirit. That could cost you. You'll get along just fine if you do what you're told on Sunday.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're charming on Monday but don't go too far. Just because you can, isn't a good enough reason to break the rules. If you don't heed this advice you'll certainly pay the consequences Tuesday. Keep a loved one's secret Wednesday, no matter how much you're badgered. Pay the bills Thursday, including cutting a check for yourself. Your sweetheart should be looking better and better as the Sun goes into Aquarius on Friday. Look forward to a playful next few

weeks, hopefully starting that night. That game could easily last through most of Saturday. By Sunday, however, you probably ought to settle down a little and get practical.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't believe everything you hear Monday. Some of it may turn out to be different than you thought when you hear the rest of the story Tuesday. Choose your words carefully Wednesday and Thursday. If you play your cards right you will emerge the big winner by Thursday, much to everybody else's surprise. If you find a windfall on Friday you can get something you've been wanting for your home on Saturday. Pay attention to a wise teacher Sunday.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A friend's grand scheme is too risky Monday, as you could learn the hard way Tuesday. You're more apt to make a killing Wednesday or Thursday if, besides knowing how to make the deal, you keep in mind a sense of what you're worth. No matter what, you emerge triumphant Friday. You'll gain incredible insights Saturday without much trouble at all. Do the work and you'll get the benefits on Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You could get a nice offer on Monday but don't spend the money yet. It could fall apart by mutual consent on Tuesday. Fall in love on Wednesday. Try something daring with new friends on Thursday as long as it's not anything you feel you might regret. You're not good at keeping secrets on Friday or Saturday although you're very good at making money both days. You're especially cute on Sunday, so rather than work, give your favorite loved one the gift of your time, instead.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). You're flying high Monday but don't get giddy or somebody in authority might shoot you down Tuesday. Proceed with caution through the middle of the week. You have all the facts but somebody else might outrank you and as you may already know, that person does not like to be shown to be a fool. You're getting so strong that your position will

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purpose. While the coursework will examine the implications of e-commerce in relation to consumer markets, the e-business track will also explore the effects of the Internet upon business-to-business markets.

"There are certainly traditional business models that are in use in the electronic world," said Dr. Brent Wren, associate professor of marketing. "The interesting thing about e-business is that there is an explosion of business

forms that didn't exist before the Internet.

We have some businesses that are web-enhanced or improved, and another type that is web-enabled, that couldn't exist without the web. So now you have brick-and-mortar versus click-and-order."

UAH was one of the first universities in the region to offer a special class specifically designed around e-business.

You can obtain more information concerning

become obviously right by Friday and even more so Saturday. The point will be moot by Sunday so you can afford to be generous.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). You may think you've found the best insider information Monday but don't bet too much. By Tuesday you'll see it wasn't as magnificent as advertised. Most of your suppositions are challenged Tuesday, but that's OK. Happily, love wins over intellectual analysis. Follow your hunches through a maze Wednesday and Thursday. Nobody will be able to keep up with you and you'll win the race. Don't assume you know what authority figures will do Friday. Expect surprises from all of them. You might want to step back and let one of them lead you Saturday. That would make life easier. You can talk about it with your friends as you unwind Sunday.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week:

Jan. 15: An older person needs your help. Make the tough decisions, in return for a generous paycheck.

Jan 16: Advance in your career so you can make more time for playing. Luckily, you already know how to work hard.

Jan 17: You and your team are unbeatable. You have superhuman powers. You're the energizer but a friend's the strategist.

Jan 18: You don't have to do it all. You have some excellent helpers, just waiting for your orders.

Jan 19: Friends boost you over the top this year. Promise to do something you can't possibly accomplish on your own.

Jan 20: You could win a lot and lose a lot this year. Whether you make a profit is the variable, but the odds are in your favor.

Jan 21: Self-discipline's your key to success this year. Luckily, you'll have plenty of it.

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Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, UAH-IEEE Student Branch

All engineering students are invited to UAH-IEEE Student Branch's first meeting & free pizzas on Jan. 16 at 7pm at the ECE Conference Rm #258 at the Engineering Building. The January facility tour of Time Domain will be announced (30 students max) Membership (\$19.00) does not require involvement in Student Branch activities. Visit www.ieee.org for membership info. If you have questions, contact President, Tina Ellson, at hootina@yahoo.com

Society for Ancient Languages

First, I hope everybody enjoyed the surprisingly white holidays! Now a new semester has started, and thus we shall begin the spring session of the Society for Ancient Languages. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday the 16th of January at 7:30 p.m. in Roberts Hall 406. Come hear our president translate!

Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Fraternity

The Iota Theta Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi will be holding its first regular meeting of the Spring semester on Wednesday, January 17. Guest speaker Johnny Cagle will be speaking on performance-based auditing. All are welcome - refreshments provided. Located in Admin Sci Rm 114.

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Immediate job opening in law office. 10 to 20 hours per week on a flexible basis. Starting at \$7.50 per hour. Accounts payable/receivable, payroll, receptionist duties, and other duties as assigned. Please call Lisa at 534-8485 to schedule an interview or fax resume to 536-2713.

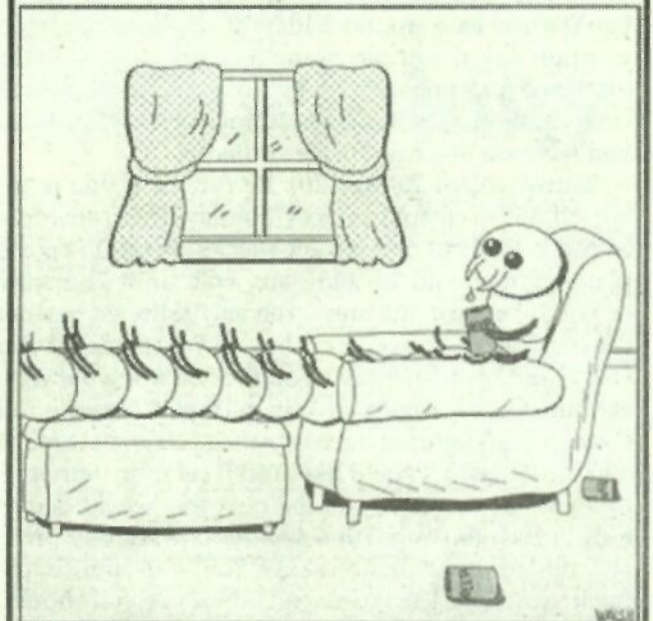
MISCELLANEOUS

We are forming a Narcolepsy Support Group. Anyone interested in joining or supporting the group may contact us at narcolepsy@myself.com.

UAH Homecoming Queen and King

UAH Homecoming Queen and King nomination forms are now available at the UC Info Desk. All nominees must fill out a nomination form and return it to Cathi Curtis by noon Friday, January 19 in Room 100 of the UC. All details such as minimum qualifications and interview scheduling will be posted in Room 100 of the UC. Good luck!

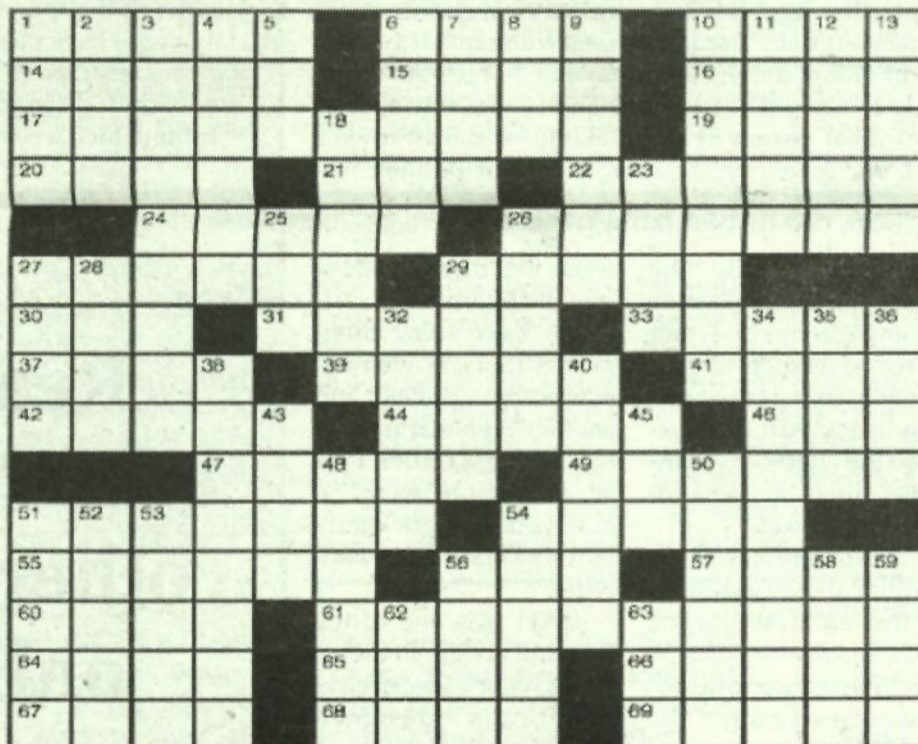
Wild Life by Ted Walsh



Frank had a real problem. Later that week he enrolled in a 12,000 step program.

Crossword

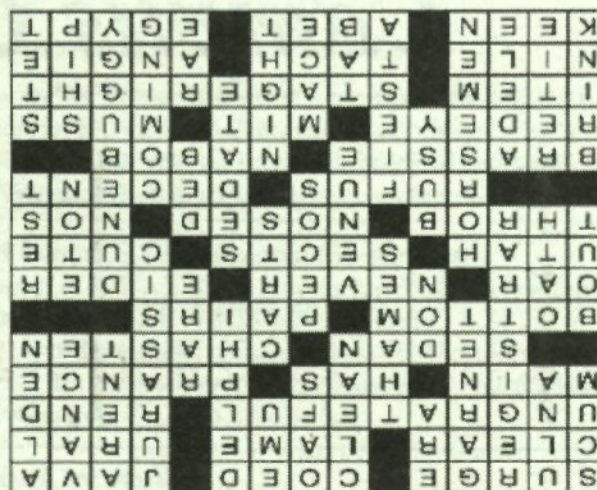
- ACROSS**
- Sudden onrush
 - For both sexes
 - Coffee, slangily
 - Sharply defined
 - Feeble, excusewise
 - Caspian feeder
 - Lacking appreciation
 - Tear apart
 - Primary
 - Possesses
 - Caper
 - Car choice
 - Take to task
 - Line of accountants?
 - Couples
 - Boat propeller
 - Not at any time
 - Down source
 - Western state
 - Religious factions
 - Kittenish
 - Pulsate
 - Nuzzled
 - Negative votes
 - T. Firefly (Groucho Marx character)
 - Morally upright
 - Old name for a two wood
 - Moneybags
 - Overnight flight
 - Cambridge sch.
 - No __, no fuss
 - Account entry
 - Exit direction for Snagglepuss
 - Cairo's river
 - Dashboard instrument, for short
 - Actress Dickinson
 - Sharp
 - Aid in wrongdoing
 - African nation



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- DOWN**
- Layer of impurities
 - Forearm bone
 - Academic records keeper
 - Deep red gem
 - Time of note
 - Just washed
 - Klutzes
 - Big bird down under
 - Site of an ancient oracle
 - Spielberg film, "___ Park"
 - ___ we all?
 - Cyrus or Vivian
 - Stand-in for Standish
 - London's river
 - Like hens' teeth
 - Pardo or Ho
 - Golfers' rides
 - Boxing match
 - Curse
 - Rio Grande tributary
 - Trial's locale
 - Car on the beach
 - Bond's alma mater
 - Take a breather
 - Equestrians
 - Staid
 - Occupied
 - Coming-out gal
 - Spanish holiday
 - Approaching
 - Threshold
 - Fix shoelaces
 - One Astaire
 - "A ___ to Remember"
 - Self-defense spray
 - Titanic, e.g.
 - Editor's note
 - Keyboard key
 - "Norma ___"

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"May I recommend the house dressing, sir? It's made with garlic, oregano and a little Rosemary."

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