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Former NAACP leader Dr. Hooks remembers Martin Luther King, Jr.

By Heather Byland

ASPE Scholarship awarded to UAH student

By Melanie Howard

PACT may not be what it seems

Evan Belanger

Civil Rights leader and former head of the NAACP, Dr. Benjamin Hooks (shown below) was one of many to commemorate the legacy of Martin Luther King on January 15 in the UC Exhibit Hall. (Photo by Evan Belanger)

By Alvin Crawford

The Alabama Society of Professional Engineers (ASPE) Huntsville Chapter presented UAH student Amanda Montoya, with the August S. Ries, Jr., P.E. Memorial Scholarship Award. Left to right: Alvin Crawford ASPE Chapter Vice President, William Kevin Meyer ASPE Chapter President, Alford Orillian ASPE Chapter Scholarship Committee Chairman, UAH student Amanda Montoya, and Dr. Mark Bower Assistant Dean and Associate Professor of the College of Engineering. (Photo by Heather Byland)

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The UC Exhibit Hall was filled Thursday, January 10, by crowds of people, anxious to hear the words of Civil Rights leader, Dr. Benjamin Hooks at UAH’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day Program sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the OMA (Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs).

As a friend of the late Dr. King, he was invited to speak on the life and legacy of the great civil rights leader, but history demonstrates that Hooks, the former head of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), is no stranger to the struggle for equality himself.

A native of Memphis, Hooks also was the first black Commissioner of the E.C.C. (Federal Communications Commission) in 1971, as well as the first black judge of the Shelby County Criminal Court in 1967.

In addition he sat on the board of directors for Dr. King’s Southern Christian Leadership Conference, joining in restaurant sit-ins during the 50’s and 60’s.

"The mood was certainly lighter than those dark days of oppression last week when the master orator and former Baptist minister welcomed his congregation with jokes and praise with his supportive wife Frances Dancy Hooks.

However, a quiet solemnness overtook the room when Hooks began to describe that "dark and gloomy night" of April 4, 1968 at Mason Temple in Memphis. This was the night of Dr. King’s last speech.

I could not forget as long as I lived how blessed I was to be one of those few people who saw Dr. King on that night," says Hooks, recalling that Dr. King had predicted "dark and difficult days ahead."

Hooks reminded his listeners of the importance of not only remembering Dr. King, who he described as a gentle dedicated man, but also remembering all people who fought for equality, black and white.

"How could we address the world today if it seems at first."

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By Melanie Howard

"How could we add up the student’s name and payments are made on his or her behalf. When the student begins college, a type of debit account is set up containing exactly 135 semester hours and eight semesters worth of fees, according to PACT’s “The 2001 Student Handbook.”

The web site lists the following as a tax advantage: “The increase in the value of your PACT contract is taxed at the student’s federal income tax rate, which is usually less than the PACT purchaser’s tax rate.”

Yes, it is the student that is taxed. This has the potential to lessen income tax returns for the student. “The 2001 Student Handbook” from PACT demonstrates a complicated method of adding up the difference that a student may be taxed.

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Tech Talk
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After fighting through an awful traffic, I finally returned home from the beach. I was in the mood for a music and hastily dropped in a CD. Beginning the many advices my mom have given me, I shook the garment and ended up getting sands in the carpet and furnitures. Family a paragraph sounded strange, then you're probably a native speaker of English. Ignoring the "What I Did On My Summer Vacation" flavor, its weird ring comes from the use of mass nouns as count nouns. Mass nouns denote undifferentiated collections or concepts whose members you wouldn't or couldn't ordinarily count. Mass nouns don't take the plural form, so "sands", "advices", and "furnitures" are all ungrammatical. In addition, the indefinite articles "a" and "an" don't precede mass nouns, so "an awful traffic", "a music", and "a pants" are ungrammatical.

In case you're wondering, this is still the tech column and not the Grammar Gestapo Gathering. However those who deal with math or computer science enough begin to pay much closer attention to language—not much of a surprise given that programming languages are popular tools with computer scientists. Mathematician Kurt Goedel, in the proof of his incompleteness theorem, invented a formal language that provided an avenue for the integers to "talk" about themselves and create an unproveable statement about the integers. We don't want to leave out our friends in the liberal arts philosophers and logicians use a formal language known as Propositional Logic to formulate claims, arguments, and proofs.

Dennis Ritchie, one of the creators of the C programming language, once quipped that C and Pascal are the same programming language and that one learns to program after learning a second language. Learning a foreign language is similar; the process gives insight into one's own language but also poses new questions. For example, the English phrase "my hair" and the German phrase "die Haare" are equivalent even though the transliteration back to English, "the hairs", neither indicates the possessive nor sounds grammatical to an English speaker. English and German both belong to the Germanic language family, but they didn't pass Ritchie's "different language" test (assuming it works for natural languages as well as formal languages), so imagine the impedance mismatches that arise between, say, English and Japanese.

The other day, I was going through a few mails and came across an interesting item. Go back and reread the previous sentence. Did anything about the Germanic language permeate our vernacular? The word email is a contraction of "electronic mail", and "mail" is another pesky mass noun. We're I'm being way too picky about detail.

Consider, however, that the majority of UAH students are pursuing technical degrees and that at least half of them are from non-English speaking countries. They are going to have to learn two languages, one in, of course, is the bastardization "emails" that permeates our vernacular. The word email is a contraction of "electronic mail", and "mail" is another pesky mass noun.

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The new face at CCRH: Debbie Zeitlin
By William Kent
News Writer

There's a new face residing in the room next to the CCRH Housing Office. Debbie Zeitlin has taken up the reigns of CCRH as the new Resident Director. In the wake of the loss of the last Resident Director, Brian Harvey, the housing directors have found another to take his place.

Zeitlin decided to come to UAH after a housing interview with John Maxon and Juanaita Owen, Director and Assistant Director of housing, for the position that had opened up over the summer. She had originally accepted an opening at Kansas City University, but she says that the interview changed her mind. It was advantageous for housing as they had a replacement Resident Director already on campus. Zeitlin had scored very high in the interview and Housing had no qualms about taking her on for the job.

Zeitlin said that one of her major goals in this new position is to "see better customer service, especially in the area of maintenance work orders."

She also said she would like to see some changes made in other areas, but that she "would like to learn the building better before making any major changes." Zeitlin stated, "I am very optimistic about working here."

She also wanted to make the point that she looks forward to working with all of the students, especially the new freshmen.

Zeitlin stated, "My freshman year was a really exciting time for me, and I'd like to make sure that others take the same sort of experience away from school as I did."

Overall, Zeitlin says she hopes that the transition from Harvey to her will be as smooth as possible and that she can get to know as many of the residents as possible.

Across the Campus
Which bookstore do you prefer to go to, Off Campus or UAH, and why?

Lucia Tyson
Junior Business

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we still had Jim Crow laws, if black people still sat on the back of the bus," said Hooks in reference to America's recent struggle with the battle against terrorism.

A firm proponent of the controversial affirmative action policy currently implemented by U.S. public policy, Hooks said, "Affirmative action was never designed to take a man who couldn't cut a tree down and make him a brain surgeon. It was designed to give an opportunity that those who had the skill could become brain surgeons."

His speech closed with a standing ovation as he made his call to action for all oppressed people to "fight on!", saying "If you do the best you could with what you had that's all anybody can do."

Other speakers of the night included UAH President, Dr. Frank Franz, Mr. Donald Taylor, President of the Minority Graduate Student Association; Mr. Sheldon Hull, Graduate Assistant of the OMA; Ms. Rakesha Davis, President of the Black Student Association; and Dr. Lewis Radovich, Provost.

In addition, invocation and benediction were provided by Rev. O Wendell Davis, the Pastor of Union Chapel MB Church, and the music of Mr. Walter Williams Jr. was well received.

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Physics professor involved in novel advanced propulsion research at UAH

By Chris Brown
News Writer

Dr. Robert Sheldon, Associate Professor of Physics at UAH, is currently engaged in exciting new research in the area of advanced spacecraft propulsion.

Sheldon is exploring dusty plasmas for use as a new type of solar sail to harness the energy of the sun for moving a spacecraft through the solar system.

"Dusty plasma is a relatively new field in physics, developed primarily in the last ten years," said Sheldon. "There is very little solid theory so far."

The project began with a "mini-grant" from UAH, which allowed for some preliminary exploration of the field. Scott Spurrer, who now works at Boeing on the International Space Station, was a physics masters student when he received some of the initial pictures that led Sheldon toward the current research.

The exploration in this new field continued when a talk given by Sheldon caught the interest of a West Virginia graduate student, who spent a month in Huntsville and aided in discovery of new phenomena observed in the interaction of the dusty plasma and a magnetic field.

"To my knowledge, nobody else has done magnetized dusty plasma," said Sheldon.

Sheldon has had some collaboration with Dr. Robert Wingley of the University of Washington, who has worked in connection with Marshall Space Flight Center on clean plasma solar sails.

The original idea propped by Wingley uses a magnetic field to contain plasma, which will have force exerted on it by the solar wind.

Sheldon's idea is to combine this concept with some current concepts for a solar light sail. By filling the plasma bubble with dust, the light from the sun also exerts a force.

Sheldon's research in this area is currently being funded by a NASA Phase-I grant, which gives $350,000 for a six-month period. The research is currently in competition to receive a Phase-II grant, which would be worth approximately $500,000 to continue the project.

The concept still requires a lot of exploration. "I don't know whether to be optimistic or pessimistic," said Sheldon, "but that's what exploratory research is like, you just go in looking for anything of interest."

"There is a good chance of being able to suspend dust, and we will probably see the technology work," said Sheldon, "but it is too early to tell if it will work on the scale of a spacecraft."

Part of the importance of this concept is that a dusty plasma solar sail would be lighter than current concepts of a Mylar solar sail by a factor of ten or more achieving the same thrust. The reduction in weight makes it much easier and cheaper to get the equipment into space.

"Calculations say the technique has promise we haven't hit any roadblocks yet," said Sheldon.

Sheldon is performing this research at the new National Space Sciences and Technology Center. "This center combines any questions about his work and can be contacted by email at sheldonr@email.uah.edu."

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tention to detail is crucial in technical fields. Conveying such an attentive image is especially important when making first impressions, like in a job interview. I'm not particular about the way I speak in casual situations, but I sure who ought to have a better command of English, use such words as possible, there's refuge for you too. "I sent her email" is perfectly valid (and shorter) and much nicer than "I sent her an email."

I once attended a banquet where Dr. John Ziebarth (a former UAH Computer Science professor who has since gone on to work at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) talked about the importance of effective communication. Being a cocky young computer geek, I blew off his advice but am now beginning to appreciate it. I've seen the extent to which an inability to communicate effectively (or even interestingly) can limit someone's career, even in technical fields.

Bottom line: to do good, talk good and write good.

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The UAH Chargers men's hockey team walked into one of the most intimidating arenas this past weekend in college hockey. The Chargers traveled to Omaha, Nebraska to square off against the University of Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks.

The Mavericks home arena, the Omaha Civic Auditorium, holds 8,314 spectators and is near capacity every game creating an atmosphere that is nothing short of bewildering. The Chargers were expecting to freeze the Mavericks goaltender before firing a low snapshot under the right hand blocker of the Mavericks goalie.

The Chargers maintained their lead for almost the remainder of the second period. The Mavericks got on the scoreboard with little over a minute left in the first period, sending the two teams to their dressing rooms tied 1-1 at the intermission.

The third period did not start well for the Chargers. The Mavericks were again able to foil the Chargers and sneak one in, now putting their lead to two goals, as the score was now 3-1. Junior, Jason Hawes put the Chargers back into the game by scoring a nifty goal, his seventh tally of the year. The play developed as Hawes won an offensive zone face-off and passed the puck back to speedy junior defenseman Ryan Leasa. Leasa then fired a quick shot towards the vicinity of the net and it found the way to the stick of Hawes. Hawes quickly made news of the Maverick defender, took two strides across the goalmouth and wired a backhand through the pads of the Maverick goaltender, bringing the Chargers to within one goal.

The score remained at 3-2 late into the third period when the Chargers pulled goaltender Byrne for the extra attacker in an attempt to tie the game up. In the end, the extra attacker was similar to Pandora's Box; the Mavericks were able to take advantage of the empty Charger net and added to their total with only two and a half minute left in the game increasing their lead to 4-2.

The Chargers next series is on the road when they face St. Cloud State University, February 1 and 2, in St. Cloud, Minnesota.
McGinnis and UAH "Ice" the West Georgia Braves 72-71

By Keith Conrad
Sports Writer

In a game that can best be described as a roller coaster ride, the Chargers blew a double-digit lead to West Georgia, but a free throw from Zach Carpenter would account for most of the contest, including 16 of his 20 points in the first half, which the team shot 50 percent, or a 36-33 lead going into the opening half. Carpenter had 12 of his 20 points in the first half, while the team shot a whole 30 percent from the field.

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For the game, the Chargers shot 30 percent, including 10-for-18 from three-point range. The lone weakness for the Chargers proved to be the free throw line, UAH hit only 10-for-21 shots, so it was very fitting for the game to come down to a McGinnis free throw. The Chargers also racked up 19 turnovers in the game. Up next, the Chargers take on Valdosta State on Saturday, January 19, 7 p.m. at Spragins Hall.

Lady Chargers fall to the Lady Braves

By Keith Conrad
Sports Writer

The Lady Chargers' road losing streak continued after a 71-54 loss at the hands of West Georgia last Saturday. It was the seventh straight loss away from the confines of Spragins Hall for UAH. The Ladies fell to West Georgia on Saturday, January 19, 7 p.m. at Spragins Hall.

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A special group of Chargers

By Ronak Patel
Sports Editor

Coming into this season, the UAH men's basketball team had to replace perhaps the greatest player in their program's history in guard Joe Smith. Also gone was Harold Horton, a forward who did all of the dirty work for Coach Lerrin Acuff's squad.

To say that the Chargers have adequately filled those losses will be an understatement mid-way through this season. Not only are the Chargers scoring more points this season per game than last season (70.4 per game this season compared to 67.2 per game last season), they are holding the opposition to 63.2 points per game at a 41.5 percent clip.

This year's team has been led in the scoring department by a three-headed monster comprising of 6-4 senior swingman Fred "Ice" McGinnis, 6-7 forward/center Zach Carpenter, and 6-7 Center Saevar Sigurmundsson. McGinnis leads the team in scoring at 13.3 points per game and Sigurmundsson averages 11.7 points per game.

Carpenter, who was solid as a freshman last season backing up Sigurmundsson, has really stepped up his game. He has increased his scoring average from 6 points per game to 12.8 points per game this season. The sophomore also leads the team in rebounds per game with 6.1.

Their last road win in Carrollton, Georgia was one of the biggest in the program's history. West Georgia is the Michigan St. of division II basketball at home. The Braves were 49-2 in their last 51 home games before their contest against UAH.

Behind the play of the three-headed monster, UAH prevailed over the Gulf South Powerhouse 72-71. Carpenter, "Ice," and Sigurmundsson combined to score 45 of UAH's 72 points.

But they haven't been alone in the Chargers' success this season.

Guards Trey Pinegar and Chris Scobee came up big in UAH's win in Florence, Alabama over UNA. Kyle Copeland, just back from a knee injury, and Jamie Gardner have had their moments steering the Chargers offense.

Andre Lang has filled the role of Horton admirably. He's averaging 7.0 points per game and 4.4 boards per game.

And newcomer Jamaal Rice has provided beef inside backing up Sigurmundsson and Carpenter.

It's too early to say whether or not if this is Coach Acuff's best UAH. Acuff has guided two outstanding teams the past two seasons, which includes the NCAA tournament team of 1999-2000.

But you can say this about the 2001-2002 Charger team; they are becoming special with each passing game and victory.
Entertainment

Renaissance Theatre offers women's
tour-de-force with Steel Magnolias

By Jorge J. Raub
Entertainment Writer

Renaissance Theatre is preparing the women's tour-de-force, Steel Magnolias, beginning with a gala opening night on January 24.

For those of you who haven't seen the popular film, Steel Magnolias chronicles the lives of six women in the small town of Chinquapin, Louisiana. Free advice and gossip is served up generously at Truvy's — the local beauty shop that serves as the play's setting. The close-knit group of ladies share each other's joys and sorrows. Their beautiful friendship and strength in the midst of tragedy are what give the play its title meaning.

Actor-director-writer Robert Harling's play was a first story that he wrote about his sister who died of diabetes following childbirth. Following a stint off of Broadway, a revised version of the play opened to Broadway in 1987. The movie version with its ensemble cast of well-known actresses (Julia Roberts, Dolly Parton, and Sally Field) premiered in 1989.

The movie overlooks the material of the play," said Bob Baker, Artistic Director of Renaissance Theatre. "These are great characters for the stage." Baker describes the cast of Steel Magnolias as a powerful group of accomplished local actresses.

Michelle Allen, who was recently seen in Renaissance's production of A Christmas Carol, will play Truvy. Samantha Hathorn, a ten-year veteran of Huntsville community theatre, will portray Shelley. Susan Kenyon, who appeared in Renaissance Theatre's acclaimed production of Master Class, will play Annelle. Past Wings/Chinquapin/Summer Ryan is set to portray Clairee. Tackling the role of Ouiser will be Robbie Shaver and rounding out the cast is Linda Wood as M'Lynn.

"This is a very hot ensemble of Huntsville actresses," said Shaver. "It's truly an ensemble because we all like each other and we are all friends."

Lee Deal will be directing Steel Magnolias, along with assistant director Dale Worley. With a talented cast of actresses, this touching play filled with laughter and tears is surely not one to miss.

All shows are at 8 p.m. except for the February 14 dinner theatre presentation, which is at 7 p.m. and the Sunday January 27 matinee at 2:30 p.m. For tickets call 536-3443 or 536-3117.

The Exponent's Weekly Top Ten

Top Ten Songs
1 #1 Nickelback "How You Remind Me", Roadrunner
2 Mary J. Blige "Family Affair", MCA
3 Pink "Get The Party Started", Arista
4 Enrique Iglesias "Hero", Interscope
5 Usher "U Got It Bad", Arista /LaFace
6 Toya "I Do", Arista
7 Nelly Furtado "Turn Off The Light", DreamWorks
8 Shakira "Whenever", Warner Epic
9 Destiny's Child "Custard Pie", Columbia
10 Jennifer Lopez "I'm Real", Epic


Top Ten Movies
1 The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001); Weekend: 16:1.1m, Total Gross: 228:0m
2 Beautiful Mind (2001); Weekend: 15.8m, Total Gross: 59:0m
3 Orange County (2002); Weekend: 15:1m, Total Gross: 15:1m
4 Ocean's Eleven (2001); Weekend: 7:5m, Total Gross: 162:0m
5 The Royal Tenenbaums (2001); Weekend: 6:4m, Total Gross: 30:0m
6 Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius (2001); Weekend: 8:6m, Total Gross: 69:0m
7 Gosford Park (2001); Weekend: 5:0m, Total Gross: 88:4m
8 Kate & Leopold (2001); Weekend: 5:8m, Total Gross: 37:4m
9 Gosford Park (2001); Weekend: 3:6m, Total Gross: 6:7m
10 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001); Weekend: 3:4m, Total Gross: 305:0m

There's no place like HAL's place

By Matt Tanton, Entertainment Writer

If you are out drumming in late February or early-middle March, don't be surprised if you see a large, old house rolling down the road; it will just be the future home of the Huntsville Art League (HAL).

HAL is like the witness protection program, always reloating. Soon, they will settle down in a permanent location in a historic house downtown, and will be able to expand their gallery and offer more art classes and education to the public.

For those of you who are not familiar with HAL, it is a combination of a visual arts center that houses original artwork from the Tennessee Valley, and an art studio that offers classes for adults and children, workshops, seminars, and community projects. HAL has a number of goals in mind.

One is to educate the public and inject some much needed creativity and color into Huntsville. Two, to provide regional artists a chance to display their work to that public.

And among other things, HAL sponsors art shows.

There are several opportunities that are free that HAL offers. Anyone can participate in the art critique, or sit in on a critiquing session, which are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the HAL building. Or you can come to an event as a creation and have it critiqued, or watch others getting their work critiqued.

Also, every Monday, HAL holds a free drawing class with a model. All you have to do is bring a little bit of money for the model (a few dollars). The gallery is, of course, free to the public and every month HAL has a featured artist and all are invited to attend and chat with the artist while enjoying food and drink.

HAL makes little profit as an organization. Sally Bates, the HAL gallery director, said, "We really don't make a huge profit; we just hope that every month we can pay the bills. We have memberships that people can join every year, and you are actually making a contribution to the Art League to keep it going."

For just a small amount of money, a paying member gets many benefits: a newsletter (detailing what classes are being offered), special invitation to all the openings, and discounts on the classes.

Every year the HAL has a big fundraiser called the "Collector's Draw." All you single or married individuals who will be apartment or house hunting soon, listen up! You're probably going to want to live up your empty yet living space, and this event is the perfect opportunity to do so.

In the "Collector's Draw," area artists contribute their best original artwork (paintings, pottery, jewelry, sculpture, fiber art, and glass), and with the purchase of a ticket you are guaranteed an original artwork. On the day of the drawing, tickets will be drawn from the hat one at a time. Whoever gets their number called gets to run around for a minute or two and choose their favorite work of art. If you are interested, you need to visit the gallery ahead of time to decide which piece of art catches your eye so you can be prepared when your number is drawn. This is a very popular event and there are a very limited number of tickets.

HAL is currently located in the Heart of Lindgren, continued from Page 6

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Later that morning, Morris Stokes was alone in the middle of Cavalry Bay. He brought a plastic milk crate to set in the mud and sit upon, dissatisfied with his two-part stump. His spread of G & H decoys was spread about him in idyllic con­gregation. More than half of them had stolen. There was no gunfire from East Dyke, the area being closed for investigation. A thick fog was lifting off the water, wrapping him in a shroud of gray. There alone he was master.

Win Tickets to the Movies!

Movie Trivia:

Name all of the movies that Kate & Leopold star Meg Ryan has starred in with Tom Hanks and the years of their release.

The first 2 people with the correct answer for the Movie Trivia will win movie tickets. ONLY 2 pairs of tickets will be given away each week. No phone calls or letters will be accepted. Tickets for any trivia winners will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis from 1-3 p.m. on Friday. No one who has won in the last month is eligible for any contest or trivia. Please see Jennifer Hill in the Exponent office only between the hours specified above. Tickets good at Decatur and Huntsville Carmike locations.

Calculus A & B Workshop Hours

(MA 171 and MA 172)

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CAL A: Mon. & Wed. 2:30-4 p.m.
CAL B: Tues. & Thurs. 12:30-2 p.m.
Madison Hall 207

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Movie Review: Kate & Leopold: Grab the barf bag!

By Serena Baugh, Entertainment Writer

Kate & Leopold, starring Meg Ryan and Hugh Jackman, is a charming story about love. But this love is not just any kind of love, but an old fashioned and highly idealized romantic love. It is a film that will either make you smile or puke—the outcome is up to your personal preference or disgust of the "knight in shining armor" cliché.

Kate McKay (Ryan) is the damsel in distress. She needs help desperately because she is trapped in a horrible life as a professional success. Leopold is very sensitive, intelligent and good looking, (literally and coincidentally) riding in on a white horse to save her from her miserable exist­ence.

Now Kate must choose between her job and her man. What will she choose? Watch and find out.

Kate & Leopold is an age old story that just keeps on getting more and more blatant. The only thing one could really ask for is for the cliché that that is old as the ideology behind it would be somewhat subtler.

At least try to pretend that a woman can be successful without being stereotyped as lonely, bitter, and dependent on a man to save her. Of course the irony is that she does not even begin to love him until she saves her own hero. How romantic can we get here, people?

Ryan has always been typecast in romantic comedies, and her man. What will she choose? Watch and find out.

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Later that morning, Morris Stokes was alone in the middle of Cavalry Bay. He brought a plastic milk crate to set in the mud and sit upon, dissatisfied with his two-part stump. His spread of G & H decoys was spread about him in idyllic con­gregation. More than half of them had stolen. There was no gunfire from East Dyke, the area being closed for investigation. A thick fog was lifting off the water, wrapping him in a shroud of gray. There alone he was master.
Community Calendar of Events

January 17-February 23
Montgomery: The Alabama Shakespeare Festival presents The Tempest on January 17 through February 23. For complete production dates and times go to http://www.asf.net or for tickets call the theatre toll free at 800-841-4275.

January 18-20, 24-26
Wait Until Dark, Frederick Knott’s classic tale of suspense... a blind woman is terrorized in her own home by a sinister criminal... until she finds the courage to turn the tables and fight back.

January 18
RELACS: “Judgement and Decision Making,” Dr. Jon Pettibone, Psychology, Union Grove Gallery, 3:30 p.m.

January 18
Faculty recital with Robert Gifford, flute, and Melinda Pettibone, Psychology, Union Grove Gallery, 3:30 p.m.

January 19
Basketball vs. Valdosta State, Spragins Hall, Women’s Basketball Show, at halftime of the men’s game.

January 19
The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra presents Ode a l’Oliveur featuring Elmar Oliveira, Violin January 19 at 8:15 p.m. and be sure to go early for the pre-show lecture. VBC Concert Hall, Downtown, Huntsville. For more information call 539-4818 or visit http://www.hso.org.

January 20-21
Theatre Huntsville is holding auditions for Shakespeare on the Mountain (evening/weekend performers needed) and The Outreach Performers (weekday/daytime performers needed). Auditions will be held at the VBC Playhouse, Sunday, January 20 at 7 p.m. and Monday, January 21 at 7 p.m. Weather date: January 22 at 7 p.m. Call director, Criss Slaughter at 551-9898 for more information.

January 21
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.

January 22
ACE concert, Dominique Gaudioso, guitar, University Center, Room 146 (Mom’s), 9 p.m. (free).

January 23
SGA Senate meeting, University Center, Room 131, 8:30 p.m.

January 24
Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting, Madison Hall, Room 109, 12:45 p.m.

January 24-26
“Wait Until Dark”—Theater Huntsville’s presentation of this well-known thriller. Von Braun Center Play House at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.theaterhuntsville.org or call 536-8807.

January 24-27
“Steel Magnolias”—Renaissance Theatre at Lincoln Center presents this favorite at the Renaissance Theatre on Meridian Street. Thursday through Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Visit www.renaissancetheatre.net or call 536-3434.

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January 17, 2002
Dear Editor:

I am a student at UAH and I really enjoy The Exponent. I get one every week and read it. I have a suggestion though. Maybe there could be a section in there that lists the restaurants in the area that have high scores as far as health and cleanliness are concerned. Also, the low scores would also be beneficial to the many students who eat out throughout the week. It would also (maybe) give the restaurants another reason to not do bad during health inspections. I just thought I would make this suggestion. Thank you for your time.

Ken Hill

Letters to the Editor

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There seems to be a controversy raging on campus, and that controversy happens to concern the "Battle of the Bookstores." When I speak of the bookstores, I refer to on campus versus Off Campus. With the passage of time and the season, it seems the schism cracks a little deeper as on campus quietly accuses Off Campus of stealing their business and ultimately decreasing revenues to the university.

However, as a fellow college student who lives on less than a shoestring budget, I go where the prices are cheaper. Like many students I hold my breath every month when the bills come in and then breathe a deep and well-deserved sigh of relief every month when the figures are cautiously balanced.

Since so many students like me are in this situation, I can understand exactly why Off Campus has become the thriving bookstore it has evolved into. The facts are that Off Campus routinely seems to offer lower prices than on campus. It is not that students don't believe in their university, but that the UAH Bookstore seems to fail time and again in establishing fair and comparable prices.

While the bookstore may not be purposely attempting to gouge students with high prices, it is clear that regardless of its (UAH's) motives, the majority of students choose Off Campus for two reasons: lower prices and friendlier customer service. I am not stating that the bookstore administration is entirely unfriendly, but that it often emanates a feeling of unhelpful apathy that is most often demonstrated during the frantic interlude when students are searching for books.

Let it not be assumed that I am vilifying the university bookstore or attempting to defame it in any way through false accusations, for I am not accusing the bookstore. I am only noting my observations and that of many of my peers.

I am giving the opinion of the average student; an opinion that may be offensive to some, but mirrors that of many students. We are the students that pay for our education, yes, the ones that pay $90 for a book and allow a bookstore to buy it back for $20. It only makes sense that we'll go where it's cheaper.

If the University Bookstore is worried about losing business, then perhaps they should lower their prices and consider enrolling their staff members in a communication arts class, preferably one that teaches how to communicate in a positive, non-confrontational manner.

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Opinion

Why Student Government Matters

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Well, the first week of classes is over. Hopefully, by now you have all of your classes settled, added or dropped. If your classes are not arranged yet, don't forget about the dropping deadline—in four days, no goodbyes.

This week I am going to list and explain "Things to Look For and Attend" during the 2002 Spring Semester at UAH.

Homecoming: February 4-9. Homecoming will be a lot of fun this year with events from SGA and ACE. This year on February 4, many distinguished alumni will be at UAH for a luncheon and to talk to students, during Alumni of Achievement Day. This would be a great time to get to know the Alumni and make some important connections. A game called Outkast will be played on February 5. Outkast is similar to Survivor, but in a hockey game where the King and Queen will be presented. Then Saturday there is a hockey game and men's and women's basketball games where the King and Queen will be presented and announced. Also, on Saturday after the games, there will be a dance at the VBC. I almost forgot there will be lots of free food at most of the events.

Higher Education Day: February 21 in Montgomery. Higher Education Day is a great event at Alabama's capitol. If you like to rally and support your cause then you will enjoy this event. There will be bands, speakers and food at Higher Ed Day. You will also be able to meet your Senators and House of Representatives when we are there. Also, the Business Council of Alabama will be putting up a huge job fair with over 100 businesses in attendance. This will be a great way to shop for a job. You can bring your resume to give to employers. SGA will be renting some buses for the trip. You can't beat Higher Ed Day: job opportunities, free food, free trip to Montgomery, a rally and a way to talk to your Senators and House of Representatives.

Springfest: April 8-13. Springfest will be an enjoyable time. ACE and SGA are still working on events. The new amphitheater should be in place before Springfest. ACE and SGA are currently looking for a good band to put on the stage for the first time.

Campus.net: Throughout the Semester, Don't forget to notice and read the new units going up all across campuses. These units will keep you on top of UAH events.

Have a great week and make sure to mark these events in your calendar.

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degree in either Electrical or Computer Engineering or Engineering Management. "It is an honor to receive this scholarship, and I am thankful to the members of ASPE for recognizing my hard work," added Montoya. This scholarship is not necessarily offered to UAH every year. "The Huntsville Chapter of the Alabama Society of Professional Engineers has elected to offer memorial scholarship awards to engineering students attending the University with ABET [Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology] accredited engineering departments in this area," said Alfred Ortollin, ASPE-Huntsville Scholarship Committee Chairman. "UAH was selected as a recipient of student scholarship awards as its College of Engineering had the only ABET certified departments in this area."

The August S. Ries, Jr., PE, Memorial Scholarship Award has five criteria, which a candidate must meet to allow for a more open representation of our diverse student body. I, and the others who worked with me, decided that the best way to do it was to increase the size of the SGA to allow for a more open feel to SGA. I'd say that the facts speak for themselves: this is the most diverse representation that this SGA has ever seen, to my knowledge. I'm all for bringing diverse views into this SGA because I believe that such diversity will help us to work towards building the infrastructure this campus desperately needs.

Secondly, there is the Huntsville Chapter Scholarship. Student Government builds leadership skills. It does so by providing lots of leadership opportunities and by placing appropriate levels of responsibility upon those who take advantage of those opportunities. If you've fancied yourself as someone who would be a good engineer, a politician, a CEO, or an officer in the armed services, SGA will be putting on a huge job fair with over 100 businesses in attendance. This will be a great way to talk to students, during Alumni of Achievement Day. You will also be able to meet your Senators and House of Representatives when we are there. Also, the Business Council of Alabama will be putting up a huge job fair with over 100 businesses in attendance. This will be a great way to shop for a job. You can bring your resume to give to employers. SGA will be renting some buses for the trip. You can't beat Higher Ed Day: job opportunities, free food, free trip to Montgomery, a rally and a way to talk to your Senators and House of Representatives.

One individual or committee does not choose the scholarship recipient. The scholarship recipient is chosen through the UAH Financial Office," said Crawford. "Students interested in the UAH Scholarship Program should apply with a letter of interest to Dr. Mark Bower, Assistant Dean of Engineering," said Crawford.

One or more of us all across the nation are desperately in need. The Student Government Association needs you, or someone like you. We need someone, or one that gives two cents about this University, and not just thousands of dollars to it. We need someone who sits through boring meetings as to what's wrong with this University (not like we know anything about those, hmmm?) and comes away with ideas for the future of this school. I don't claim to have all the answers, and in three years, I won't be here anymore to toss out ideas like candy. (As if I have the market on ideas for this school in the first place. . .)

The SGA will have 35 elected positions and 15 appointed positions that come from each of the five Colleges. I don't know the exact proportion because of yet, but at present, there are 11 Engineers, seven each from Administrative Science, Liberal Arts, and Science, and three Nurses. You do the math; positions will be available. And there are always those wonderful top two posts, President and Executive Vice-President of SGA, and to our current leaders. Before you know it, SGA will be putting on a huge job fair with over 100 businesses in attendance. This will be a great way to shop for a job. You can bring your resume to give to employers. SGA will be renting some buses for the trip. You can't beat Higher Ed Day: job opportunities, free food, free trip to Montgomery, a rally and a way to talk to your Senators and House of Representatives.

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A joyful heart makes a cheerful face

At His Feet

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If you were asked, "Do you want to be happy?" what would you say? Most people would respond, "Of course! Don't we all?" Experiencing happiness and joy is not only pleasant, it is good for our physical emotional, and spiritual well-being.

Proverbs 17:22 states, "A joyful heart is good medicine and a broken spirit dries the bones." It has been clinically proven that negative emotions can contribute to health deficiencies. Dr. Don Colbert recently spoke on TBN and ISPNC concerning various illnesses and diseases such as Osteoporosis, osteo-arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, and cancer: how negative emotions weaken the body's immune system.

Our bodies were not designed to carry negative emotions such as anger, worry, fear, bitterness and unforgiveness, and harboring these emotions can take a toll on our health. We are instructed in 1 Peter 5:7 to "cast our cares on the Lord, so He cares for us," therefore, we can have peace and joy, if we acknowledge to God "Is it for God or is who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

Negative things happen in all of our lives, but how we respond to them is up to us. We will allow the best of Jesus to shine in us, or will we allow it to bring out the worst in us? Adjusting our negative attitudes is like cleaning a dusty window: it is easy, but it is in our best interest.

"The joy of the Lord is our strength" (Nehemiah 8:10) and the following are steps we can take to encourage this joy to fill our hearts.

Speak content in time of God's presence.

"You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever." (Psalm 16:11). When we seek God fervently, He will guide us into abundant life. Intimate fellowship with God brings peace and joy that surpasses all understanding.

Worship. "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs" (Psalm 100:1-2).

Remembering the goodness of the Lord, and expressing thanksgiving for all He has done, not only blesses God's heart, it fills us with joy.

Prayer. "Ask, using my name, and you will receive and find a joyous heart and you will have abundant joy" (John 16:24).

Prayer is intimate communion with God. We are given an invitation to "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

Prayer is not only a time where we are invited to live and abide known to God, it is also a time to seek His face. Even if we already know Him, there is always more to discover. Answered prayer brings abundant joy.

Listen to His Word.

Hearing and understanding God's word can bring joy. God's word is described in Hebrews 4:12 as "living and active." Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to the division soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and discerns the intentions and attitudes of the heart.

When the Lord spoke to the Levites in Nehemiah 8:12, they celebrated with great joy because they heard and understood what God was telling them. Knowing the Lord is speaking to you and understanding what He is saying can bring great fulfillment and joy!

When we sincerely seek a more intimate relationship with God, we will experience the joy of His presence. God is faithful to respond to our persistence. Jesus taught that we should seek Him and ask of Him according to his will. "For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And the door is opened to everyone who knocks" (Matthew 7:8). Steps of change are progressive and will not happen over night, but when we persevere, the Lord works to "transform us into His image from glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18).

So I pray that God, who gives you hope, will keep you happy and full of peace as you believe in him. May you overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13). The Lord has promised to never leave or forsake His people, and He will remain with us in all of this for our purpose in our lives. That's something worth reflecting about! Be encouraged for the Lord our God is with you always.

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The Lumina Foundation For Education (http://www.luminafoundation.org/) recently claimed that a "state-by-state analysis reveals disparity in access to postsecondary education" and released a report entitled "Unleashed Opportunity: Disparities in College Access Among the 50 States.

In the accompanying press release, Samuel M. Kipp III, one of the report's co-authors, said, "Low-income students have far fewer accessible options than median-income students with similar academic qualifications. For both groups, the extent of their choices varies depending on the state in which they reside," and Jerry Davis, the foundation's vice-president for research, lamented, "The combination of federal, state and institutional grant aid is often insufficient to close the sizable affordability gap, particularly for low-income students."

Although Alabama tends to be a frequent target for derision in educational studies, the Yellowhammer State earned high marks in this report because, according to the accompanying press release, "at least 90 percent of the public institutions...are accessible to low-income, dependent students.

In response, the Libertarian Party issued a press release of its own in which it described the Lumina Foundation as being "guilty of educational scare-mongering and of recycling government-based 'solutions' that failed in the past." Steve Dasbach, the party's executive director, blasted, "This report is trying to create an educational crisis where none exists, and then solve it by demanding more taxpayer money. It gets a failing grade on honesty, analysis, and answers."

Each remains true to his party's theme of limited government and individualism. "There is no evidence that more government money—especially federal money—improves education. In fact, since the Department of Education was created in 1980, more than $1 trillion has been thrown at public schools. Yet average SAT scores have declined by almost 100 points over the past three decades. Plus, when public colleges were created, politicians promised they would be an affordable alternative to private schools. The Lumina Foundation report indicates that this promise has not been kept. Taxpayers should not be hit up again to salvage the failed promises of politicians."

Dasbach appeals to the economics of the situation. College graduates have considerably more earning power than their counterparts who only have high school educations. "Education is an investment in your own future," he said, "Why should taxpayers—including poor families, single mothers, and minimum-wage earners—be taxed so others can benefit from the lucrative payoff of a college education?"

Finally, Dasbach proposes a Libertarian solution: a hundred-percent tax credit that would help people pay for their own college education and that would also incentivize philanthropists and businesses to donate to scholarship funds. As an example of such a program in practice, Dasbach points to the voucher program in Arizona that "has raised $32 million since 1997 and funded more than 19,000 scholarships, 80% of which have gone to children from low-income families."
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1 Comes before fool
6 Actor Baldwin
10 '66 Broadway musical
14 Not a soul
15 Equestrians' game
16 Bard's river
17 Doesn't affect me
20 Minerals
21 Carney, for one
22 Currencies
23 Decide
24 Pasta and potato
25 Straight man
29 Out
30 Comedienne Burnett
31 Dull sound
32 Cries
36 Immediately
39 "Untouchables" head
40 Belonging to us
41 Cuban dance
42 Model
43 More fake
44 Western movies
47 Wield
48 Protective embankment
50 Fastener
54 Starting over
55 Female pronoun
56 Dome:Colts' home
57 Monster
58 Stay away from
59 Honolulu garland
60 Close
61 Wood
62 Agile

Down
1 Domini
2 Broke
3 Ms. Kennedy
4 Printing liquids
5 Honolulu Garland
6 Left side of a ship
7 Solo apartment
8 Pixie
9 Military force
10 Exodus food
11 Keep away from
12 Hebrew prophet
13 Compass Pts.
18 Neck part
19 Egg part
23 Stare at
24 Chowders
25 Glance over
26 London gallery
27 Table scraps
28 Expressions of pleasure
29 Task
31 Girder
32 Biblical King
33 Resistance units
34 Child
35 Heavenly body
37 Jamb
38 Noisy fight
41 Cuban dance
42 Saucy
43 Dog’s worst friend
44 Missouri Native Ameri
45 Capital of Ghana
46 One who accepts an offer
47 Hollow twanging sound
48 Dark black
49 Peacock blue
50 Body part
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