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Cafeteria's use of student ID numbers raises student concerns and issues
By Mike Anderson
News Writer
For several years now, the University of Alabama in Huntsville has doubled a student’s Social Security Number for use as a student identification number. Some students on campus, including SGA Rep. Chris Gould (Eng.), are looking to see that changed.

“I can see how it’s very easy for the administration,” said Gould, “However it’s a giant breach of student privacy.”

Student numbers appear very prevalently on student schedules, and if one looks closely at a Charger Café receipt when using their meal plan, they will notice a student number, or social security number, printed in full on the receipt. Currently a social security number is required to get many credit cards, bank loans, even an Alabama driver’s license. Many fear that it is becoming a national identification number. “The social security number is a very easy identifier, but it was never intended as a form of identification,” adds Gould.

Students, however, do have a choice. At a student’s request, university administration could remove the number from the receipt.

Tuition is increased by 6.4 percent
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In June 2002, the University of Alabama Board of Trustees approved a 6.4 percent tuition and fee increase for UAH for the 2002-2003 academic year.

The 2002-2003 tuition and fee increase was lower than UAH’s 2001-2002 7.7 percent tuition and fee increase. In addition, the 6.4 percent tuition and fee increase is lower than the tuition increase of many other universities in the southeast.

“From surveys we’ve done, we’re in the average to low end of increases,” said Ray Pinner, Vice President for Finance and Administration.

“Double digit increases are certainly not uncommon, particularly in the southeast,” Pinner added.

In late June, the University of Alabama Board of Trustees approved tuition increases for UAH, the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa (UA), and the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

“It’s not a unified tuition increase,” said Pinner. “Each university makes their own recommendation to the board. Our increase was the smallest of the three schools but only by fractions,” added Pinner.

The tuition increases for the three universities varied. UAH increased tuition and fees 6.4 percent, whereas UA increased tuition 8.0 percent and UAB increased tuition 6.2 to 6.9 percent (depending on the college in which the student enrolled), according to Pinner. UAB’s graduate tuition increased about 10 percent and their out-of-state tuition increased 18 percent for undergraduate students and 22 percent for graduate students.
Frosh Mosh 2002 deemed better than ever by SGA

By Mike Anderson
SGA Correspondent

By all reports from SGA President Leonard Frederick, Rep. Steve Cross (Eng.), and many students across campus, the fourth annual Frosh Mosh celebration was the best that this campus has ever seen. “It was a great experience for everyone who participated,” said Cross. “We broke away from the typical Frosh Mosh events and held more student-driven activities.” Cross pointed to Fear Factor and the Foam Party as specific examples. “Some of the events set records for attendance at SGA-sponsored events,” Frederick mentioned during a General Assembly meeting Monday night. He put estimates on the Foam Party at 500-1000 attendees, the Housing Party around 250, and mentioned the great turnout for Fear Factor. Such a large undertaking can’t take place through just one man. The Frosh Mosh Committee contributed a lot of hours into the planning, procurement, and logistics of the six-day affair. “We had a great committee, and they should be rewarded and recognized for their efforts,” stated Cross. Among others, President Frederick mentioned Sen. Samantha Wimberly (Jr.), Christian Atnip, Randy Silk, and Erica Hall as major contributors to the success of the Frosh Mosh committee.

The only person not appreciative of the efforts of these people and others was Mother Nature, who chose to deluge the week away and wash out some events. “It isn’t always sunny during Frosh Mosh,” laughed Cross. “It wasn’t quite perfect this year as it has been in years past.”

The culminating concert featuring MoFro and Stir had to be moved into Spragins Hall due to concerns with the weather. “We learned that plastic tarps over stages don’t work,” said Frederick about the rainout. Steve Cross fully intends to be a part of next year’s Freshman celebration, marking the fifth anniversary of the event conceived by former SGA President Nathan Bowen.

In other news, the SGA House has set the date for Senate elections at September 24 and 25, with new Senators to take office on September 30. Senators are elected by class standing rather than by college, as House members are.

Across the Campus
What is your reaction to the cafeteria printing your full student number (social security number) on receipts?

Chris Gould
M.A.E.
Senior

“I as often as my Social Security Number appears on this campus, I might as well wear a t-shirt with it proclaimed.”

Iris Smith
Nursing
Freshman

“They shouldn’t use it in case [a student loses a] receipt? They should make up a number.”

Javann Jones
Computer Science
Sophomore

“They should use a different number. I can understand it for memory, but a driver’s license number is random, and I can remember that.”

Steve Cross
Electrical Engineering
Senior

“The cafeteria has no business showing my Social Security Number off to the rest of the school.”
Engineering Summer Camp is a Success

By Chris Brown
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This summer, around twenty high school students from around the southeast, and as far away as Puerto Rico, had the opportunity to come to UAH and participate in the first Engineering Summer Camp.

"In my opinion it was very successful," said Dr. Jorge Aunon, Dean of Engineering and father of the summer camp idea, "We plan to continue the camp with more sessions in the future."

The high school juniors and seniors spent a week at UAH doing a variety of experiments and activities related to the different engineering fields at UAH.

"Along with the activities we tried to demonstrate the interdisciplinary nature of engineering as well as introduce some engineering ethics," said Sandy Nore, the staff member who directly oversaw the program.

"I’m very happy with the program," according to Aunon, "I’m very happy with the program." Most of the participants have submitted feedback, which according to Nore has been positive. "Most wanted another week."

"The real goal is to encourage them to pursue a career in engineering," said Nore. "And most said the camp did help them choose a career path."

"We had some very talented high school students here," according to Aunon, "and I’m happy with the program."

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Over the summer, approximately twenty local high school students got a chance to build and program robots, build model rockets and study circuitry. This camp was part of an UAH effort to encourage local students to pursue a career in the field of engineering.

The camp included high school juniors and seniors coming from around the southeast, and as far away as Puerto Rico.

Students showed off some of their handiwork.

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Why even bother with Sorority Recruitment on Campus?

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I often hear people at parties say negative things about Greeks. “That’s paying for friends” is the first phrase that comes to mind. However, I hear even more people badmouthing sororities. “Those girls, well, like, they’re just [insert your favorite derogatory plural expletive here]” is the comment I hear the most often.

However, the sororities on this campus do many good things in the community such as the Kappa Delta Shamrock and the Delta Zeta Volleyball Tournament. Both of these events go to benefit charities and are for a good cause as one might say. The sorority’s time and monetary investment in the betterment of the University and the community is well documented with the University administration.

So the question posed is “Who should you talk with to find out the truth about sororities?” There is no group better to ask than the girls that are currently going through recruitment. They are not affiliated with any sorority (well not yet anyway but by the time you read this some will be).

Some go to recruitment because their friend went, some because they want to just meet other people, some go because they want a better social life, some go because they want to get involved in the campus and community, and some just go because they are curious what all the posters and wooden signs outside and around the U.C. are about.

What did these girls have to say about why they were going through recruitment? Here are a few examples: Caroline Gluck said that she is going through recruitment to “better serve the charities of the community,” Misal Modi said she would like “to meet new people, learn the campus better, get involved in the social life here on campus, and to meet upper classmen” whom she might not have classes with, and Beth Bullock said she would like to “get to know other aspects of college life besides academics.”

Phrases, like the ones above involving expletives, do not apply to the girls interviewed. They seemed sincere and serious about recruitment and their reasons for attending it. But on a more somber note, by the time you read this, Sorority Recruitment will already be over and you would have missed out.

However, there is spring recruitment and always next fall. Hopefully you will “change your mind next year” said Delta Zeta and Gamma Chi LaDonna Ladnier.

To steal a quote from a friend of mine, let me say this; them girls “are good people.”

Students have options even without a personal computer

By Melanie Howard
News Writer

When it comes time to start writing papers and working on projects, students may wonder where to go to find a computer that meets their needs.

There are plenty of computers and computer labs across campus, but understanding who has access and when they are open can get a little confusing.

These labs are open from 8 a.m. until midnight, Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The library, located in the middle of the room, but only UAH students possessing a valid student ID may use the computers on either side of these because they contain additional software, according to Moore and Drost.

The InfoArcade is open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., or until the last class is scheduled.

They are also only open to students with classes scheduled there with the exception of math tutorials and nursing students who are working on projects, according to Moore and Drost.

The computer labs on the first floor and second floor, according to David Moore, Electronic Resources Librarian, and Jack Drost, Systems Librarian.

The second floor of the library has a Math Lab, Nursing Lab, Liberal Arts Lab, and two other labs devoted to classes taught there, according to Moore and Drost.

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The computers in the library contain “Windows 2000, Office 2000, IE, Adobe and other software specific to the classes that are taught in the labs,” said Moore and Drost.

Changes that have taken place over the summer include downloads of all the latest versions of Microsoft programs and installation of the latest service packs, according to Moore and Drost.

If these labs do not fulfill the needs of students, there are additional labs on campus. According to Moore and Drost, these other labs are currently managed by their respective departments.

For a list of lab locations, hours, and available software visit the Campus Student Computer Laboratories page at http://www.uah.edu/admin/IS/is_home/student_labs/index.htm.

According to this page, operated by Computer and Network Services, this site is not always a complete list of labs, but a complete listing may be found in the current "Schedule of Classes."

The links on the page will also help students to determine whether the labs provide assistance or not.

The computer lab in Von Braun Research Hall, formerly Research Institute, located in room M-10, is the only lab, other than those in the library, that is not operated by a college or department.

Computer & Network Services operates this lab, according to the Campus Student Computer Laboratories page.

It is open 24 hours a day except on holidays and between 6:45 p.m. Saturday until 9 a.m. Sunday and also 6:45 p.m. Sunday until 7:30 a.m. Monday, according to the VBRH M-10 lab web page. For a list of software offered here, visit http://
Women's Soccer Team Gearing Up

By Ronak Patel
Sports Editor

The women’s soccer team is quickly approaching its twenty-third season, and undoubtedly, their toughest season under the guidance of head coach Lincoln Ziyenge. The program the past two seasons was strong and will provide immediate dividends on the offensive side, said coach Ziyenge.

The team’s calling card last season was defense. They will rely on that to be the backbone of our team, according to coach Ziyenge. "Deen, Reahl, and Sollie are all experienced defenders and will help us out in that department," said coach Ziyenge.

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Newcomers Kelly Bateman, Kate Knop, Shelby Payne, and Jordan Walker are expected to provide additional depth to the midfield positions. "The new midfielders will provide us with depth at that important position," said coach Ziyenge.

The defense, which pitched seven shutouts last season, will get a boost from returning players. "The entire team worked extremely hard over the summer and this fall," coach Ziyenge said. "But we are also facing our toughest schedule this season, but I feel confident in our team’s ability."

The team return a boatload of talent in the form of seniors Julia Brooks, Eileen Dodson and juniors Cory Vilders, Tammy Wissell, Susan Bogenschultz, and goalies Leslie Drienen and Kristin Freeman.

"If you look at our returners, they have plenty of experience and have participated in some big games for the program the past two seasons," coach Ziyenge said. "Players like Wissell, Brooks, Vilders, and Bogenschultz are the backbone of our team." Pearson and Vilders were named to the preseason All-Gulf South Conference team. But everyone on the team, according to coach Ziyenge, has played well in preseason practices.

The Charger's will also face-off in a Christmas tournament at the University of Minnesota on November 25-26. The following weekend, the Charger's will face-off against conference rivals Air Force, Bemidji, Findlay, Niagara, and Wayne State (all home and away series). Other out-of-conference match-ups are Sacred Heart, Fairfield, and Northern Michigan.

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Charger Hockey Team Adds Depth For Twenty-Third Historical Season

By Ian Fletcher
Sports Writer

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Ro’s Lake

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The entire team worked extremely hard over the summer and this fall," coach Ziyenge said. "Our team is motivated after coming off of a great season and they are determined to play even better next season."

Along with the returning talent come the fresh faces that will be looking to make their mark on this impressive squad.

Ziyenge and his staff inked nine newcomers during the recruiting period.

"I expect the freshman to do well, but they are facing tough competition for playing time with the returnees," stated coach Ziyenge. "The freshmen were outstanding on their high school squads."

On the offensive side, forwards Katrina Smith and Lindsay Schemenaur are expected to provide immediate contributions.

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Bishop will help out with the goalies this year. Bishop is a Huntsville native and ex-Grisson High School standout.

"Bishop is a very good coach," said Ziyenge. "He's bright and intelligent."

The team, with the players they have coming back, and the added infusion of new talent, will make it mark on the GSC this year.

"I'm ready for the season to start right now," said Ziyenge. "We will put on a show for the fans that will come watch us play."

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AU finally picks a Quarterback

As a lifelong Auburn Tiger football fan, the waiting game for the past year of who Tommy Tuberville and new offensive coordinator Bob Petrino will pick for their starting quarterback was a long process.

At the beginning of the season, heralded newcomer Jason Campbell beat out Daniel Cobb with an impressive showing in fall practice. But the 6'5" Campbell, a Parade All-Americans out of Taylorvill, Mississippi, looked tentative and scared to throw the ball downfield in the first five games of last season.

So in stepped Daniel Cobb, the fifth year senior, who had traveled via Georgia University and Butler Community College to make it to the plains.

Auburn fans know what he accomplished on that Saturday night in October as Auburn stunned the nation and defeated mighty Florida.

Then Cobb, who possesses a strong arm, threw wildly into the opposing teams' secondary, having his pass picked off, diving Tuberville crazy.

The team altered between Campbell and Cobb throughout the year. No one coming out on top as expected, eventually ended the season on a frustrating note (Auburn dropped in first three games of the season).

So, then came spring practice and the two quarterbacks battled through the intense heat of the springtime in Auburn, both neck-and-neck.

It wasn't long before A-day arrived, the spring practice game that could help determine who would be Auburn's starting quarterback. Cobb stepping up (was named A-day MVP), and Campbell failing to do so, caused Tuberville and Petrino to hold off on their decision making of whom would start until the fall.

So, thus came the fall, and with that, "two-a-days", (practice held twice a day in the fall heat). This intensified the competition and Cobb, who was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA, nudged out Campbell for the starting nod.

Tuberville has stated that he won't pull the string on Cobb if he makes a mistake. So I guess the quarterback situation is settled for now.

Sept. 2 is around the corner, and Auburn will play to the eyes of the nation on Monday night against Southern Cal, and as the 2002 season kicks off, Cobb is the man in the hot seat for now.

As for Campbell, the determined sophomore, well he could have his chance to play this year if Cobb falters and Tuberville decides to make the switch.

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Movie Review: XXX Is a No-Brainer

By Melanie Howard
Movie Reviewer

If you have not seen "XXX" yet, my advice would be: Don't expect much more than the previews reveal. This movie is a typical action movie, with the typical plot of saving the world from the villain that has found some way to destroy it and humanity. Some of the stunts in the movie are comparable to the stunts in "The Fast and Furious," also starring Vin Diesel and also directed by Rob Cohen. The stunts in "XXX" are exaggerated beyond being believable, but they are still admirable and fun to watch. Actually, Vin Diesel plays the role of Xander Cage, an extreme sports fanatic who is well-known for his daring stunts. The stunts range from jumping out of airplanes and cars driven over the edge of cliffs to swimming through a blizzard, head of an avalanche and riding a dirt bike across the roof of a burning building. The stunts are almost as funny as the stunts in the Austin Powers movies, but I doubt they were intended to be humorous. Don't expect to see much of a plot, this movie was made for the action scenes. However, there is a thin plot line even among all the low humor involved.

The acting is not the best I have seen, but it is not the worst I have seen either. Once again, the focus of the movie was on the action, not the acting. Yet, Vin Diesel is perfect for his role as the sexy criminal. Also, Samuel L. Jackson gives a good performance as Agent Gibbs, the agent that captures Xander and forces him to choose between a life in jail and helping him penetrate this mysterious group Anarchy 99.

It appears that the movie had heavy influences from the James Bond movies, ranging from the shallow romance to all the spy gadgets and even a nerdy character that builds all the gadgets and incorporates them into the car driven by the lead character. If you have seen even one Bond movie, you will recognize the similarities. Despite my complaints, I did enjoy the movie overall. It just lacked the originality that I enjoy in movies.

Red Clay Survey at Huntsville Museum takes Pulse of Southern art

By Jorge J. Raub
Entertainment Editor

Beginning September 8, the Huntsville Museum of Art will run its very popular exhibition The Red Clay Survey: Eight Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary Southern Art. This year's exhibition contains 57 works by 64 artists from 10 states. The Red Clay Survey is a regional showcase that includes works in all styles, varying from traditional to avant-garde, as well as from emerging as well as established artists. The pieces come from a variety of media including painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, sculpture, and fine crafts.

A juried competition was held to decide on the works to be included. This year's juror was Norman Lundin, who is a nationally recognized artist of locally composed still life and landscape paintings. Lundin currently resides in Seattle and is employed as an art professor at the University of Washington.

"The works I've chosen all have excellent formal qualities, which alone is not sufficient to secure my attention," said Lundin. "The works must also have expressive presence. I believe they do."

Some local talents are represented in this year's show. Three Huntsville artisans each have a work on display: Dana Brown, Ann Caudle, and Jack Rogers. Representing Decatur is artist Edith Weaver Haney. Joseph Whitt from Athens is included in the show. Two Florence residents have works on display, Tommy Rowe and Wayne Sides.

Lundin stated that he saw many excellent works, as good as anywhere he had seen in the country. "The resulting exhibit is sure to delight and surprise everyone," said Museum Chief Curator Peter Baldaia. The Red Clay Survey runs through November 10. General admission to the museum is $5 and will increase to $6 on October 1. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday hours are 1 to 5 p.m. The Museum is closed Mondays. Thursday evenings have extended hours from 5 until 8 p.m. Thursday evenings are free to the public.

For more information on the exhibit, call (256) 533-4550 or 1-800-786-9095. Or you can visit the Huntsville Museum of Art website at http://www.hvmuseum.org.

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Frosh Mosh funk band, Mofro, funks it up for UAH

By Mary Cates
Entertainment Writer

As part of Frosh Mosh festivities last Friday night, bands Mofro and Stir performed at UAH’s Spragins Hall. Mofro started at 8 p.m., and treated the crowd to an evening of “rootsy, swampy, soulful blue-eyed type funk spirited and played by human beings.”

Self-described as “chessap-a** funk straight off the front porch,” Mofro was accompanied by a small group of dedicated followers from places like Florence and Birmingham that claimed to have followed the band as far away as New Orleans.

After playing at Bonnaroo this summer, Mofro has recently been featured on MTV’s “You hear it here first” and their album Blackwater has been selected as one of Amazon’s Top 100 & & albums for 2001. Lead singer and guitarist, JJ Grey, is also scheduled to make a guest appearance on Animal Planet’s “The Jeff Corwin Experience.”

Raised in Cross Creek, a rural outskirt of Jacksonville, Florida, childhood friends Curtis Mayfield, Otis, Stevie Wonder, and Howlin’ Wolf, they emphasize the importance of touring and playing to live audiences.

In terms of live performances, JJ Grey explains, “we’re kind of like Jerry Clower goes funk.” Mofro actively encourages the live recording of their performances, and even provides recording tips as well as lots of other great information on their website.

Mofro is now touring extensively, with shows planned every few days throughout the United States at least through November. The highlights of their calendar are two appearances at Salmoedt in Lesterville, MO August 31 and September 1, and appearances at Zydeco in Birmingham September 7 and Harvest Festival in Fairburn, Georgia September 28 and 29. In October, Mofro begins touring with the North Mississippi Allstars and will continue the tour with Galactic in November.
Restaurant Review: Sister Gooch—Just A Yuppy Café

By Janet Wilks

Food Critic

Once upon a time there was a small cottage across the street from a small school out in Madison. It had a generous lawn surrounded by woods. Then suddenly the town grew to immense proportions and a man and woman bought the house and decided the town needed a yuppy café. They tore out the inside and added onto the back. They added a couple of dell cabinets and tables and chairs in every room including the basement. They ripped out the generous lawn and covered it with gravel. I am sure these people think of food, service, cleanliness, drinks, and management. I am pretty harsh so take what I say with a grain of salt. And do what my mom always says—try it just once and if you don’t like don’t go back. I do not want to dog another restaurant, but here it goes. I suppose I will begin with the food. I am not an especially good cook, but I can make a ham and cheese sandwich, which is what my friend had. By the way she paid $4.75 for her nourishment. It was on a croissant, but give me a break. I, however, am a bit more conscientious of what I put in my intestine. I need things that taste gooood and unique.

I went for a Special Steak, onion and portabella sandwich that came with a side of potato salad (which was not a generous proportion). I also bought a pecan brownie and grape soda in a bottle. I did enjoy the potato salad and the brownie was especially fresh (the pecans on the top tasted as if they had just been shocked too).

However, the main portion of my meal left me a bit off. I had my potato salad and the brownie, they had to cook my sandwich. I was impressed by the first two so, I had high expectations of the sandwich. I was let down of course. The steak sandwich was on a bun that was so hard I literally could not bite through it. I had to eat the meat with a fork and forgot any question of eating this awkward bread. The total for my meal was $14.31. OUCH!!!

You may want to try the pastries because they usually carry a wide selection of desserts. I cannot say it was all bad, but I was let down. From others I have talked to, the highlight of this joint is the stone-cooked pizza. This is what I suggest to anyone wanting to go there and try it. The service left something to be desired. When you walk in you are not sure where to go until you make it through the first room. Then everyone is behind a counter. My first impression was not all that great because no one smiled or greeted me in a friendly way until it was time to TAKE MY MONEY. Then the cashier was all smiles. The lady who brought me my sandwich said nothing and didn’t have a smile either. Since everyone did this I am not sure if this is the norm or what. Decide for yourself.

I will have to say that this place was clean and this is all I have to say about that. Like I said before I had a bottled drink, I didn’t see anything as far as specialties except that they have a variety of imported beer. They also have the regular stuff too. No tap sorry.

I saw a the owner as he walked outside with one of the cooks, but that was about it. Overall, it was decent but more expensive than I would care to pay for what I got. I suggest going there for desert and a beer if you’re the adventurous type. I give this establishment 2 forks.

This is Sister Gooch 382 Slaughter Rd, Madison, AL. They are not open on Sun.-Day or Monday and the operating hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 to 8:30.
Many things have happened across campus during this past week: the beginning of fall semester classes, the grand opening of the recently renovated cafeteria, as well as Frosh Mosh. Frosh Mosh is one of SGA's largest and most successful events each year, and this year was no exception, thanks to the hard work of many individuals and groups across campus. The bad weather slowed us down, but did not stop us from putting on some great events.

Many thanks to UAH Housing for their highly successful 80's party, as well as to ACE for bringing the Charlie Mars Band and co-sponsoring the Have Nots.

SGA had its first meeting of the fall semester on Monday August 26th, and will be meeting every Monday from here on out (excluding university holidays and finals week) at 8:45 in UC 131. I would like to invite all of you to our meetings so that you can have your voice heard and keep up to date on many of the happenings of the university, and I also encourage you to talk to your representatives to let them know what you would like to see done on campus.

Remember that this is YOUR campus. If not for students, there would be no need for UAH, and thus this university is here to serve each and every one of us. Be sure that you get the most out of your college experience, and speak up when something is unsatisfactory.

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Perpendicular Perspectives: Minimum Wage

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This week, Anthony and I are going to tackle a subject that should be near and dear to all college students' hearts: minimum wage. Most of us have either held or will hold a minimum wage job.

In my eight years in the workforce, I have held five such jobs: a grocery store bagger when I was 15, a radio station news intern at 18, a UAH student recruiter at 19 and 20, and a CCRH desk worker at 20, and a convenience store clerk at 20. When I look back upon those years, I find myself identifying very closely with the delightfully funny Kevin Smith movie, Clerks.

Each time I held a minimum wage job, I wasn't supporting myself financially; my income only supplemented what my parents provided. Right after I began my co-op experience at Teledyne Brown Engineering—where I now work, and where Mr. Holden co-ops today—one of my good friends expressed that everyone should have a "living wage", something on the order of what I was making at the time: $11.00 an hour.

A "living wage", unfortunately, makes no economic sense. Sure, if everyone currently making a little over $5.00 an hour was bumped up to that $11.00 an hour figure, few folks would have a lot more money. People who were working minimum wage jobs would have, after taxes, about 10 percent more income than before.

However, that increased cost of labor wreaks havoc at the economic margin. Two people at the old minimum wage cost just as much as one person at the new "living wage". Chances are that the "good" employee will be retained and the "bad" employee will be let go, simply because corporations cannot immediately take the brunt of this marginal increase.

Companies that do take the brunt of it will have to pass on that cost to consumers, and that will happen with increases in prices. As soon as these price increases are complete, the "living wage" will be about as useful as the wage level that preceded it.

This is not to say that minimum wages are unnecessary. Mr. Holden will argue that they are, to make economic arguments likely in programs in all of its academic disciplines.

A young university such as ours is in desperate need of traditions. These traditions should be positive, though, upholding strong ideals of community, academic excellence, and integrity. This week, we’ve seen one of UAH’s newest traditions grow ever stronger, as Frosh Mosh 2002 built upon the successes of past years.

As far as I can remember, I am the only person involved in the planning of Frosh Mosh this past week that was involved in the planning of Frosh Mosh ’99 back in the day. Both times, I was but marginally peripherally taking a simple worker-bee view. In regards to campus programming, I have always said, “You don’t want me to be making selections about what we should or shouldn’t do. But when it comes to getting it done, give me a call and I’ll help you out.”

Frosh Mosh hasn’t been without its foibles, then and now. In the past, we’ve always over-planned the event, trying to pack so much fun in so few days that we wear our staffers completely out and drive our new freshmen away.

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make constitutional arguments likely to prevail around letting the market set the prices. That's all well and good, but what about those in the maximized economic position, it also provides little economic benefit because it presumes those job opportunities. The crux is that minimum wage positions that I've held, and I can tell you for certain that for the most part the people who were working at those jobs were the hardest jobs I've ever had. They were not only low-paying, but they were unskilled jobs.

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ignoreance since they can't attain on-the-job experience or the education needed for the upward mobility of the economic ladder. The truth is that even for those who see the value it is very nearly a human right.

Perhaps for the first time in many years, the minimum wage rate and the market have been contended by those who employ low-wage workers, or those who are employed in such positions. The crux of the crux is that minimum wage really doesn't help anyone. Raising the price floor simply results in an over-abundance of unemployment, inflation, and dis

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This year, the planners of the annual Frosh Mosh event have outlined the schedule but still offer many opportunities for fun, with possibly the strongest Frosh Mosh event to date. Steve Cross and Leonard Frederick, need to be thanked for providing and advocating funds for a strong Frosh Mosh event. While truly say that those were horrifying. However, the Student Government Association, especi

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ally can take to ease worries and keep one's water off one's face. "Primary prevention is the prevention of the mosquito."
I WOULD'VE CALLED YOU EARLIER, BUT I LOST MY PAGER, WHICH TELLS ME WHERE MY CELL PHONE IS, WHICH HAS THE CODE TO MY DIGITAL ORGANIZER. BY THE WAY... DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO I AM?"