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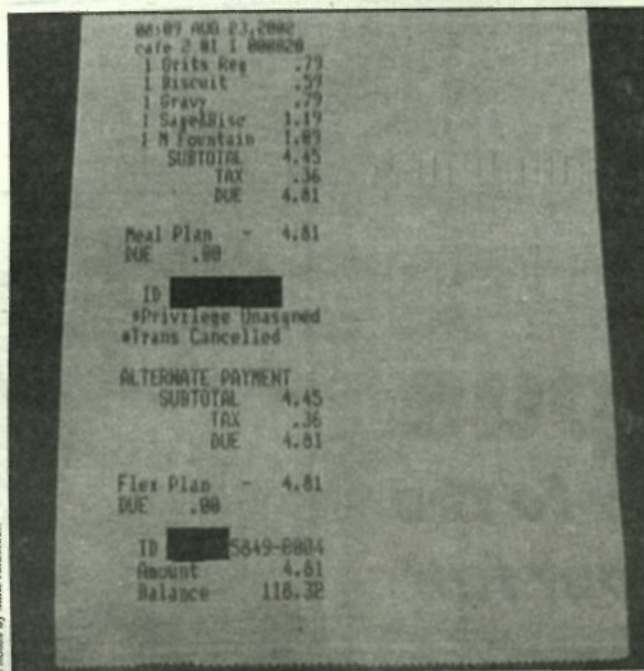
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Cafeteria's use of student ID numbers raises student concerns and issues



Photos by Mike Anderson

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 adminis-

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Virus prompts student precautions

By Sharon Powell
News Writer

UAH students and faculty who are anxious about the West Nile Virus can defend themselves by understanding the nature of the virus and by knowing what preventative measures to take.

According to several sources, students and faculty are thinking about the virus. "I have had several students who have had concern about West Nile Virus," said Julia Boehme, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, UAH Wellness Center. "After all, this is summer in Alabama and mosquitoes are a part of life!"

One student, Samantha Bacon, UAH Senior, is looking out for the safety of her 2-year-old son. "I always put insect repellent on before we go outdoors," said Bacon.

When asked about their feelings, some coaches even

expressed a concern. "I am mildly concerned," said Les Stuedeman, UAH Head Softball Coach. "(Even though) we have never had any problems with mosquitoes in or around our practice facility."

Knowing some basic facts is the first step in understanding the nature of the West Nile Virus. According to The Center for Disease Control, even in areas where contaminated mosquitoes have been found, the chance of a person becoming infected are slim. The reasons are simple. There are two different forms of the virus, according to Boehme. "In its milder form, the treatment is symptomatic care, as you do for other viral infections such as colds and flu. The more serious form, West Nile Encephalitis generally requires supportive care in the hospital. The more serious form usually affects people over 50. "This being

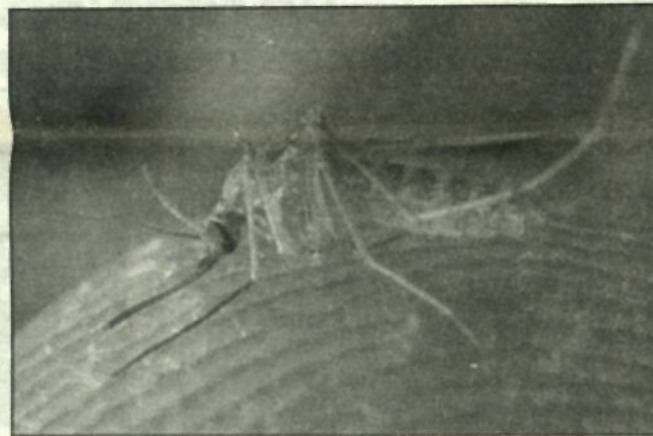


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Students who are anxious about the West Nile virus should take such precautions as wearing long pants and shirts and using bug repellent containing 30 percent DEET.

a college campus, the majority of the campus is not as risk for the serious form of the disease," said Boehme.

Symptoms are probably not something that will help in the diagnosis of the disease. "Most people [who become] infected with West Nile Virus will have either no symptoms or mild symptoms including headache, fever,

and body aches," said Boehme. "Keep in mind that in young, healthy people this is just another viral infection, such as cold or flu." Less than one percent of people infected develop the more severe form of the disease.

There are preventative measures students and fac-

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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," added Pinner.

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 stu-

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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 Atmip, Randy Silk, and Erica Hall as major contributors to the success of the Frosh Mosh committee.

The only person not ap-

preciative 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.

Executive Vice President Anthony Holden is hoping for a tough race with a lot of incumbents. "I hope every senator runs again. This is the best group of people I've ever worked with, and I've been in SGA for a long time."

Twenty seats will be up for election this fall, four each for Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors, and Graduate students. Interested persons should visit the SGA office in UC 105 for more information.

Across the Campus

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



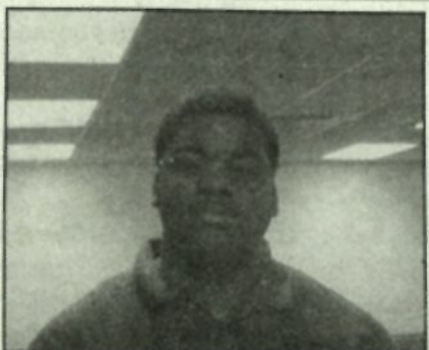
Chris Gould
M.A.E.
Senior

"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."

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Engineering Summer Camp is a Success

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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 con-

tinue the camp with more sessions in the future." tunity to build and program a robot with Dr. Farrington of the ISE department, build and launch model rockets with Dr. Landrum in MAE, discover biotechnology through enzyme kinetics with Dr. Smith in ChE, study circuits and sensors with Dr. Corsetti in EE, and build bridges and study the strength of materials with Dr. Leonard in CE.

"In the future we'd like to include some sessions on topics unique to UAH, like our Optical Engineering programs or the Formula SAE



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 a UAH effort to encourage local students to pursue a career in the field of engineering. Top: Students showed off some of their handiwork.

tinue 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.

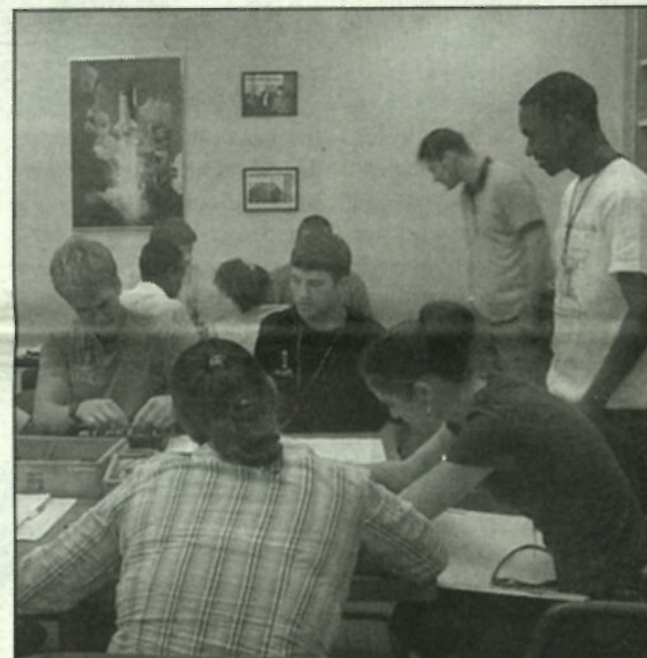
Students had the oppor-

car," said Nore.

"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, "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."



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tration will issue a random, unique number in place of using the social security number for the student number. Gould feels that this isn't enough, and stated that "policy should never lead in

that direction."

When asked what the Student Government Association is doing to remedy the situation, Gould stated that they "may have felt that they didn't have the authority to

address the issue." He did not rule out the possibility of SGA action, however.

As far as Gould is concerned, the sooner, the better. "Giving (student numbers) out as easily as the uni-

versity does, it's only a matter of time before a student ID's are compromised with detrimental results."

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Greek Speak

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I am sure that by now you have heard in some form or fashion about rush. I hope you have taken a chance to meet some of the campus Greeks and enjoy some of the events they have to offer.

If you are interested in joining a fraternity, you should contact the rush chairman for each of the groups:

- Alpha Tau Omega - Michael Kinzer - 694-8080
- Delta Chi - Justin Scharber - 457-1311
- Pi Kappa Alpha - Thiago Tognetti - 520-7198
- Sigma Nu - Brandon Price - 316-2709

Many of our Greeks won awards over the summer at their conventions. I am very proud of each group as they bring positive recognition to the Greek system here and to UAH as a whole.

Delta Zeta had their 100th Anniversary Convention over the summer. They came away with many awards and received the Silver Award for having quota for 18 years in a row.

They also received awards for having meeting total, a programming award, and for being in the top 12 chapters for new membership. The grand finale, though, was winning the Crest Award, which is awarded to the top 12 Delta Zeta chapters in the nation.

Kappa Delta had the honor this summer of receiving an Emerging Excellence Award at their National Leadership Conference in Memphis. Anne Noble also received a National Kappa Delta Scholarship. Congratulations to Kappa Delta on these awards.

Alpha Tau Omega won a fifth straight True Merit Award this summer, bringing their total to thirteen. They also won awards for Excellence in Communication, Excellence Award, and an Honorable Mention in Community Service.

ATO will host Parents Day for the parents of the brothers on September 7. The Taus also have the annual toga party planned for September 13, for which everyone dresses up in ancient Greek style.

Delta Chi will be having their annual Red Death Party on September 7. Delta Chi is also planning on sponsoring a blood drive in the University Center on September 9.

Kappa Alpha Psi opened up the year with a band last week with their Kappa College Piknik at the duck pond and the Kappa Cocktail Night at Café Phenomenon.

Pi Kappa Alpha will be having a Disco Party on September 6 at their house. Then on September 14, the Pikes will be holding the First Annual Pi Kappa Alpha Golf Tournament at Sunset Landing Golf Course.

For information on the tournament, contact Jeremy Hughes at 824-4054. Planned for September 21 is one of their biggest parties of the year: Rajun Cajun.

Sigma Nu won awards as well at their Grand Chapter in Toronto. Dale Jobs received the highest honor an undergraduate can receive: Sigma Nu Man of the Year. He was also initiated into the Alpha Affiliate Chapter, awarded to the top ten seniors every year. Sigma Nu had their annual Back To School Band Party last week.

The band Field Day played a variety of songs for the Sigma Nus enjoyment. Commander Nolan Tallman was pleased with the turnout. "The Back To School Party is our first chance to show everyone on campus what we are about.

Thanks to everyone who attended, and we look forward to seeing everyone this fall," said Tallman. Sigma Nu and Kappa Delta will be having a Slip-N-Slide mixer tomorrow night at the house.

All the awards and events go to show how active our groups and the individuals in them are. Hopefully, this is a start to showing you what the UAH Greeks are about.

Why even bother with Sorority Recruitment on Campus?

By Jason DeVine

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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 go 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," Mital 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.

Liberal Arts major Jane Doe, as she wanted to be called, said that she uses the Salmon Library's computer labs because she "knows where it is at."

The library has forty computers in the InfoArcade on the first floor and five computer labs on the second floor, according to David Moore, Electronic Resources Librarian and Jack Drost, Systems Librarian.

In the InfoArcade, anyone has access to the computers 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 keeps the same hours as the library, Monday to Thursday 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 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.

These labs are 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 computers in the li-

brary 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 all 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.

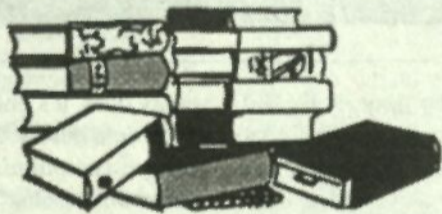
The computer lab in Von Braun Research Hall, formerly Research Institute, located in room M-10, is the

only lab, other than those in the library, that is not operated by a college or department.

Computer & Network Services operate 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://>

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Sports

Women's Soccer Team Gearing Up

By Ronak Patel
Sports Editor

2001 was a historic season for the UAH Charger Soccer program. They produced 12 wins in a record-breaking season under the guidance of head coach Lincoln Ziyenge.

And they are hungry to take it up a notch for the 2002 season.

"My expectations will go up because we (the team) tasted success last season," coach Ziyenge said. "But we are also facing our toughest schedule this season, but I feel confident in our team's ability."

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

"If you look at our returnees, 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 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 Lindsey Schemenaur are expected to provide immediate contributions.

"Smith and Schemenaur will provide immediate dividends on the offensive side," coach Ziyenge said.

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



The women's soccer team is geared up for the season.

Heather Deen, Cindy Reahl, and goalie Sarah Sollie.

"Deen, Reahl, and Sollie are all experienced defenders and will help us out in that department," said coach Ziyenge.

The team's calling card last season was defense. They will rely on that this season as well.

"Our defense was strong last season and shut down many opponents, and we will rely on that to be our team's strength," said coach Ziyenge.

Along with the wholesale of new talent on board, comes a new assistant coach in Charlie Bishop.

Bishop will help out with the goalies this year. Bishop is a Huntsville native and ex-Grissom 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."

Charger Hockey Team Adds Depth For Twenty-Third Historical Season

By Ian Fletcher
Sports Writer

The Charger men's hockey team is quickly approaching its twenty-third season of action. It also has, undoubtedly, their toughest schedule to date. For the 21 returning players and six new faces on the roster, the expectations are high and the competition will be stiff.

The Charger's will start their season facing off against some of the strongest teams in the nation come October with three series on the road. The 'boys in blue' will open up the 2002-2003 season against perennial hockey powerhouse Wisconsin Uni-

versity on October 18-19.

They will then travel to last season's number one ranked team Denver University to square off on October 25-26. The following weekend, the Charger's will face-off against last year's national champion, University of Minnesota on November 1-2.

Over the course of the season, the Chargers 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.

The Charger's will also

face off in a Christmas tournament at the University of Connecticut where they will play Ferris State and with the possibility of either playing the University of Connecticut or Findlay in the tournament final.

The Chargers will have six new faces in the line-up this season, which will add depth to the Charger roster. Forwards, Todd Bentley, Luke Flaig, and Bruce Mulherin, defensemen, Jeremy Schreiber and Jeff Winchester, and goaltender Scott Munroe, will be filling in the gaps and pressing for playing time this season behind returning players.

When asked about the

incoming freshmen, Assistant Coach Lance West stated, "We are excited about our incoming class of freshmen. They are all very talented and will add depth our line-up and push our upper-class men for playing time which will only make us better as a team."

The Chargers begin practicing September 26, giving them three weeks to get the cylinders kicking before Wisconsin. The Chargers will not play their first home games until November 15-16, when they will face Air Force Academy at the Von Braun Center.

Ro's Take

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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 last season, heralded newcomer Jason Campbell beat out Daniel Cobb with an impressive showing in fall practice. But the 6'5" Campbell, a Parade All-American out of Taylorsville, 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, driving 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 its final 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 (he 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", (practices 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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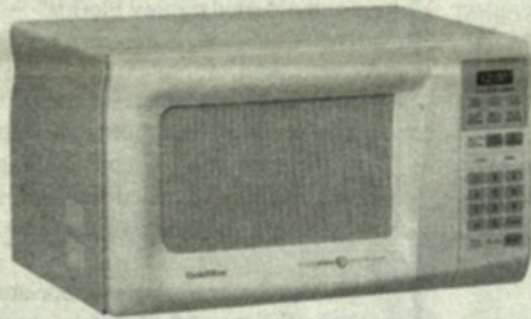
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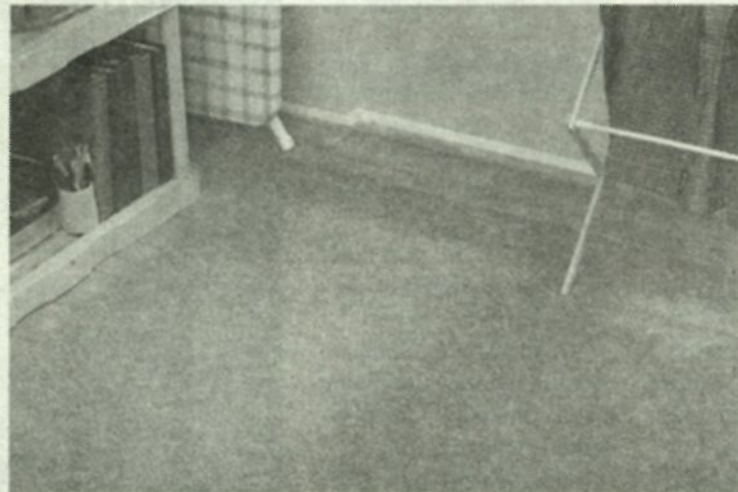
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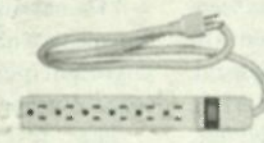
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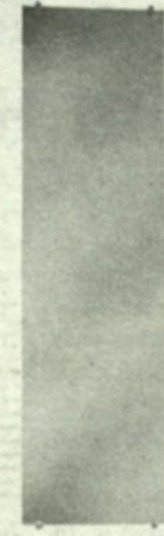
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Entertainment

In the Spotlight

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 bridges to snowboarding ahead 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



Vin Diesel stars as Xander Cage in Columbia Picture's action-thriller *XXX*.

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 with even a small and shallow romance 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 per-

fect for his role as the sexy criminal. Also, Samuel L. Jackson gives a good performance as Agent Gibbons, 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 ro-

mance 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 67 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 juror made the final decision on the works to be included. This year's juror was Norman Lundin, who is a nationally recognized artist of

formally 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 artists 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) 535-4350 or 1-800-786-9095. Or you can visit the Huntsville Museum of Art website at <http://www.hsvmuseum.org>.



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Sometimes I am concerned that I am a person who is too easily entertained.

I really enjoy airports. One of the highlights of going on an out-of-town excursion is getting to hang out in airports. I was thinking about this just as I happened to be sitting in Nashville's airport waiting to board my flight to Chicago. I really enjoy (and love) Chicago, but that's another story for another day.

Airports are one of the best places to watch humanity's parade in progress. Sure, you can do the same at the local mall or a train station even. You won't find the eclectic mix of types and characters as you would at an airport, though.

For instance, the last time I was in Chicago's Midway airport I saw a group of Tibetan monks. That's not something you see everyday. I was pretty amazed at the sight.

I am a big observer of people. I just take notice of little details about people - it's something I've done for as long as I can remember. There's a quote from Christopher Isherwood that reminds me of my airport ritual observations:

"I am a camera with its shutter open, quite passive, recording, not thinking... Some day all this will have to be developed, carefully printed, fixed." (from *Goodbye to Berlin*)

At airports, everyone has a destination. I think that lends itself to the sense of importance most people feel at airports, which you can tell by their demeanor. They know where they are and they know where they are going. That seems to be the opposite of how things go most of the time in life - you really don't know where you're going.

At the airport, everyone is going somewhere - from city to city, across the country, to even possibly Europe or beyond. And in between, all these paths criss-cross right before your eyes.

Then you board your plane. And a few of all these different characters that have passed before your eyes join you. This particular flight, I was seated next to a man who was missing his hand - and in its place there was a hook. This is just something I noticed - a detail. Some things you notice and they become fixed in your mind. Other details you sort of notice in passing and then just as easily forget.

And you are on your way. Next thing you know, you are whisked off into the clouds - off to the city of your destination. The people and the farms and the houses far below you become tiny specks - and the world takes on a different view, everything seems so miniscule compared to the large scheme of things. This is a good perspective from which to look at life, every once in a while.

If you think about it the next time you're at an airport, sit back and watch your fellow humans as they go on their way. Take notice, look a bit closer, and stop to think about all the lives and individual stories wandering around before you as you wait to arrive at your next destination.

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



Mofro appeared at UAH on Friday August 23 as part of the weeklong Frosh Mosh activities.

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 bluesy type funk spirited and played by human beings."

Self-described as "cheap-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 Bonaroo 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 10 R&B 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 outskirts of Jacksonville, Florida, childhood friends John "JJ" Grey and Daryl

Hance teamed up with Memphis-born drummer George Sluppick in 2001 to record their debut album, Blackwater, for Fog City Records. Inspired by artists such as 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 Salmonfest in Lesterville, MO August 31 and September 1, and appearances at Zydeco in Birmingham September 7 and at 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.

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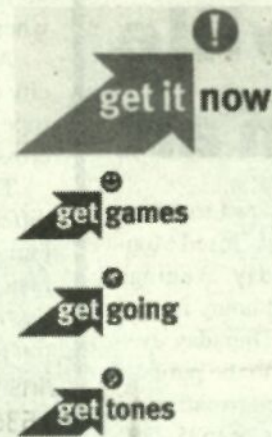
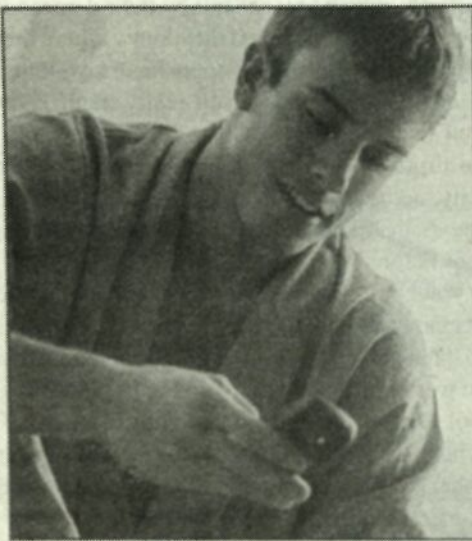
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Restaurant Review: Sister Gooch—Just A Yuppy Café

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 yard 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 yuppie café. They tore out the inside and added onto the back. They added a couple of deli 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 themselves as entrepreneurs, however Doug and Pattie Gouch, created another restaurant that does not impress

me much.

Before I begin my primary review of this mediocre establishment I would like to give you an idea of how I review a restaurant. They are reviewed based on five forks: 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, how-

ever, am a bit more conscientious of what I put in my mouth. I need things that taste goooooood 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 shucked 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 forgo any question of eating this awful 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 deserts. 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 that 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 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 Sunday or Monday and the operating hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 to 8:30.



Editor's Note: "In the article 'Slow summer for SGA yields fruit, brings cuts' (Aug. 22), the Student Government Association office was mentioned as being located in UC 131. This should read that the SGA office is in UC 106."

TOP 10 The Exponent's Weekly Top Ten Hits and Movies

Top Ten Hits from www.rickdees.com
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Top Ten Movies	Top Ten Hits
1. XXX	1. "Complicated" Avril Lavigne
2. Signs	2. "Just Like A Pill" Pink
3. Blue Crush	3. "Hero" Chad Kroeger
4. Spy Kids 2	4. "Hot in Here" Nelly
5. Austin Powers in Goldmember	5. "Heaven" DJ Sammy & Yanou
6. My Big Fat Greek Wedding	6. "Dilemma" Nelly
7. Blood Work	7. "Without Me" Eminem
8. The Road to Perdition	8. "I'm Gonna Be Alright" Jennifer Lopez
9. The Master of Disguise	9. "The Middle" Jimmy Eat World
10. The Adventures of Pluto Nash	10. "Just A Friend 2002" Mario

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Beginning September 10
Leslie Kniesel – Art Show, UC Art Gallery.

Sunday, September 8
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Saturday, September 14
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Many things have happened across campus during this past week: the beginning of fall semester classes, the grand opening of the newly 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. For those of you who didn't make it out to our foam party, you really missed out. The crowd estimates for that event ranged anywhere from 500-1000 students, and everyone I spoke to said they had a great time. Fear Factor was also very successful, and I am sure that our final concert will be no different.

SGA had its first meeting of the fall semester on Monday, August 26th, and will be meeting every Monday from here 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.

I would also like to encourage all of you who have not yet registered to vote in the state governmental elections to do so, and vote for candidates who keep the needs of all students in mind. We have taken cuts in funding too often, leading to more tuition increases which I am sure none of you enjoy. Take an active role in every aspect of your life, and you will begin to see many positive changes around you. Finally, don't forget to stop by the cafeteria to check out the new food and new look, and good luck to all of you in your classes this semester.

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Opinion



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Keeping and Building Traditions

This column will keep the traditions set forth in years past; I will examine UAH issues each week and give you my view on them. The general editorial column in *The Exponent* has long participated in this endeavor, and I see little reason to deviate this year.

If you haven't noticed, UAH is a young university. In most cases, your grandparents are going to be older than your soon-to-be *alma mater*. A couple of years ago, UAH celebrated "50 Years of Class", which recognized that classes had been offered on our campus for fifty years. It

hasn't always been UAH, but it's been here for that long.

In a lot of ways, UAH mirrors the burgeoning growth of Huntsville. A little over fifty years ago, this was a sleepy mill town. Today, it is a center of high-tech industry and research here in the United States. Huntsville has morphed from a community highly dependent upon continued feeding at the federal funds trough to one that is fairly diverse [if still oriented towards technology]. UAH has progressed from a University known only for engineering to one with strong

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 2002 that was involved in the planning of Frosh Mosh '99 back in the

day. Both times, I was but peripherally involved, 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.

see MORRIS page 11

Perpendicular Perspectives: Minimum Wage

Editor's Note: Anthony Holden and Geof Morris will write a point/counterpoint article for *The Exponent* during the 2002-03 school year. Holden is a senior mechanical engineering major from Tennessee, and Morris is a 2002 aerospace engineering graduate and a master's candidate in public affairs from Alabama.

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Part 1

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, 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, folks would have a lot more money. People who were working minimum wage jobs would have, after taxes, about 80 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 those 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, choosing to make economic arguments likely

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In the "War on Poverty", our government has imposed many tools to aid the working poor. Many of which include rent controls, price caps on utilities, and welfare assistance. Aside from having socially responsible good intent, these policies have another commonality—they are economically flawed. So bad in fact that they harm the very people they set out to help. A current debate exists over another working poor policy—minimum wage or a "living wage".

Proponents of a "living wage" want minimum wage raised to a point which someone working 40 hours a week should not fall below the poverty line, therefore resulting in the ability to afford health insurance. While this goal in itself is noble, economic law dictates that simply raising the minimum wage would in fact be more of a death sentence for the working poor than an actual "living wage". That might sound heartless, but looking at the socioeconomic impact of minimum wage laws, one sees that having such a policy is far crueler.

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When a price is artificially held above the market level, called a price floor, a surplus inadvertently arises. In this case, it is a surplus of unskilled labor. Unlike farm subsidies, the government simply can't consume the excessive labor. The surpluses are so great, that the corresponding wages are unlivable (MIS majors take particular note when looking for a job). Instead the government subsidizes the working poor with welfare, quenching the incentive to find a better job, or worse yet, traps them in the rat race. Raising the price floor will not solve the problem but will only result in more heartache for the working poor.

This is best demonstrated by observing the European economy. High minimum wage has resulted in higher entry level standards with discriminatory hiring practices. Highly skilled, productive workers are able to find jobs, while younger, less skilled workers and minorities get overlooked. Those who are left out appear to have no choice but to continue in their

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THE SOAPBOX

By Ande Boyer
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I'd like to bring everyone's attention to the quality of instructors I've had since I began my academic career here at UAH. (I'm a senior CPE FYI, if you care) Though I tell this tale from an engineering perspective, I'm sure it applies to the fuzzy majors as well.

In the beginning, there were the part-timers. I had a few full-time profs in my early days, but part-time-teachers were the norm. I think most-part time instructors do a good job. Part-timers aren't paid very much so typically they're teaching simply because they want to teach.

However, inevitably, one has to take those upper level courses which are the "domain" of one particular professor. "Who teaches CPE 4XX? Oh, that's Dr Y" would be a common exchange in the EB. Since these profs have been teaching the same course for YEARS, they have all their class notes laid out, they have ready-made tests, plug-n-play quizzes, and pre-fab'd projects. Remember that \$120 textbook you had to buy? Wouldn't it be nice if the course lectures actually went along with the book?

In ALL of my courses this semester, the instructors all but said "...yea, you probably won't need your book very much. Just be sure and come to class to get the lecture notes." It seems as though many professors these days don't consider teaching their primary responsibility. Do they lecture for 50 minutes then shoo students away to go back to their research? (or whatever it is professors do when they're not in the classroom).

Ever try going by for those "office hours?" Isn't it funny that even though/if the professor happens to be in his/her office during those hours, speaking to you doesn't seem to be a high priority. And THEN there's Professor X, the old guy who would be a passing fad. He's disorganized, a terrible teacher, and obviously doesn't care much for students. Why does this person have a job here you ask? Well here's the answer boys and girls....research money. Who cares if the customers of the university (students) are getting a crappy product (an education)? Dr X is bringing in a \$1x100..n contract!!!

So in closing, I ask: what motivates most full-time, tenured professors? From my observations, it's not teaching students. I've even heard one part-time instructor say "Undergrads aren't much more than a nuisance." Granted, there are a few good ones. But there is definitely a trend present. Why are these people teaching?

More importantly, why are they teaching me?? I think a good solution to this problem, at least as it applies in the COE, would be to get rid of the tenure concept....it doesn't apply to teaching technical subjects. Religious, political, and economic views do not come into play in teaching how the electrons flow through the substrate and tenure was originally designed to protect those who taught controversial religious, political, and economic views. Having tenure only ensures in a professor's mind that no matter how bad she/he is and no matter how little their students learn, they'll always have a job. "...there's just something basically wrong about that" - PVT Cowboy, USMC.

ATTENTION

FROM THE EDITOR

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make economic arguments likely centered around letting the market set the prices. That's all well and good, but while this might be the maximized economic position, it also provides little economic incentive for people to pursue those job opportunities.

I look at the variety of minimum wage positions that I've held, and I can tell you for certain that the grocery and convenience store jobs were the hardest jobs I held in that time. Both grocery

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ignorance since they can't attain on-the-job experience or marketable skills to move up the economic ladder. The truth is minimum wage actually hurts the very people it is meant to help.

Possibly for the first time in many years, the minimum wage rate and the market rate have begun to reach some parity. As good employees are getting harder to hire and retain, companies are beginning to offer higher starting wages making minimum wage obsolete- the free market at work.

Granted, this market-created wage is unlivable. However, in a true free market society, the in-

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This year, the planners of the event made the wise decision to curtail the schedule but still offer many opportunities to have fun, get to know your fellow UAH students, and drive away the unfortunate tradition of mass apathy on this campus. We may have had problems with rain moving events indoors, but no one who attended the foam party or the concert can

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dents added Pinner.

For an undergraduate student who is an Alabama resident and taking 15 credit hours, the tuition increase at UAH is \$114 per semester, according to Pinner.

UAH's 2002-2003 tuition and fee increase is slightly less than several public colleges and universities in the state of Alabama. A few of the Alabama public colleges and universities that had higher 2002-2003 tuition increases than UAH include Alabama A&M (8.13 percent increase), Athens State (11.76 percent increase), Auburn University (12.00 percent increase), and the University of North Alabama (9.43 percent increase), according to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education/Huntsville Times.

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ulty can take to ease worries and to make the campus a safer place. "Primary prevention is the prevention of the mosquitoes,"

and convenience stores are low-marginal-profit economic enterprises; given the ability to decrease their marginal labor costs, you can be sure that these groups would do so. However, if those enterprises dropped their wage offerings, few people would go after those jobs. Having worked both, I can assure you that I wouldn't have pursued either.

The removal of the minimum wage would set forth a bizarre shakeout of economic reorgani-

zation, and eventually, wages would come close to what they are now. Minimum wages, while they may not make a lot of economic sense, do provide the market with a minimum barrier to entry. Marginal cost of labor isn't just a few pennies an hour; instead, it's much higher than that.

Where the minimum wage does make sense is in the world of managers and employees. Managers know that they must offer a minimum wage to do business, and

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truly say that they were boring.

Our leaders in the Student Government Association, especially Steve Cross and Leonard Frederick, need to be thanked for directing the efforts of a great group of volunteers. Steve and Leonard are part of the long tradition that SGA has laid down of providing and advocating funds for a strong Frosh Mosh event. While

It is not likely that tuition increases will disappear in the near future. Pinner agreed that it is not unusual for tuition to increase every academic year. "Our's has been pretty conservative," said Pinner. The tuition and fee increases at UAH have ranged from 3 to 5 percent over the past few years, according to Pinner.

Based on information from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education/Huntsville Times, "UAH tuition increases have been below the yearly average percentage for each year in the past eight years," said Scott Verzyl, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Services, and "UAH is the only university that has held tuition increases to less than eight percent in each of the past eight years."

said Boehme. "If you see standing water on campus, notify Grounds Management at 824-6482." In addition, Boehme sug-

gests using insect repellent containing 30 percent DEET for adults and wearing long sleeves and long pants if going out during peak

tion of the renovation to the Charge Café came from student tuition increases, and the Wellness Center is driven by student tuition, according to Smith.

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We try our best to keep the increases modest and predictable so students can budget accordingly," said Verzyl.

The additional money brought in from a tuition and fee increase is used in several ways. "The tuition increase really goes into many areas on the campus," said Delois Smith, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs.

Additional class sections, additional faculty and staff support, and improved labs result in part from tuition increases, according to Smith. "If students look around, they will see changes in the labs in the library, the College of Engineering, and the College of Computer Science; these are direct results of tuition increases," added Smith.

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Politics is NOT a Spectator Sport!

By Gary Smith
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According to Webster, apathy is "a lack of interest or concern." A recent *Exponent* columnist stated that, "If there is student apathy about politics, it is somewhat understandable." Not to me! Student apathy about politics is so rampant that voters in the 18-24 age group vote in lower numbers (about 20 percent) than any other age group. Sixty percent of seniors over 60 vote. Wonder why politicians listen to senior citizens and not college students?

There are two great motivators for politicians — campaign contributions and votes! UAH faculty and staff have formed a political action committee or PAC. Over 300 UAH faculty and staff contribute to the PAC on a regular basis, providing a means to financially support candidates who support us. As college students, campaign contributions may be beyond your means at this time. But there is absolutely no excuse for you not registering and voting. There is no excuse for you not being involved in campaigns of candidates supporting your political beliefs. Politics is NOT a spectator sport!

Why should students care who gets elected in Alabama this fall? Do you care that since 1999, Alabama public college tuition has jumped nearly 43 percent? Do you care that in 1992, college tuition alone cost an average Alabama family 4.3 percent of their income and this fall it will cost 6.86 percent? Do you care that since 1989,

tuition and fees in Alabama have risen from 23 percent of budget to more than 31 percent of budget for public colleges and universities. Do you care that some of our best and brightest faculty are leaving Alabama for other states where salaries far outstrip what we can afford to pay, thereby depriving YOU of the opportunity to learn from these teachers? Good minds can work anywhere, and they don't have to work cheap!

Are you aware of the miserable failure of the State of Alabama to provide adequate funding to our university? Do you know that for the University of Alabama System's three campuses, the state provides less than 20 percent of our total budget and we have to find the remaining 80 percent elsewhere? Guess where a significant part of that 80 percent is coming from! To pay for teaching you, providing labs, computer access, library books, etc., we have two major sources of revenue — state appropriations and tuition. When the state fails to provide, tuition is the only other resource available.

Do you care? If you do, get involved. TODAY! There are many ways you, the student, can help. Register to vote. Get your friends and family registered. Get involved in campaigns. I can direct you to candidates who strongly support UAH and higher education and are looking for campaign workers this fall. Join the Higher Education Partnership. Your SGA has information or you can contact me. UAH needs your help. YOU will be the direct beneficiary of that help. Contact me today at smithgd@uah.edu. Visit the UAH Government Relations web site at www.uah.edu/admin/govrel. Visit our PAC web site at www.uaspac.org. Get involved. Politics is not a spectator sport!

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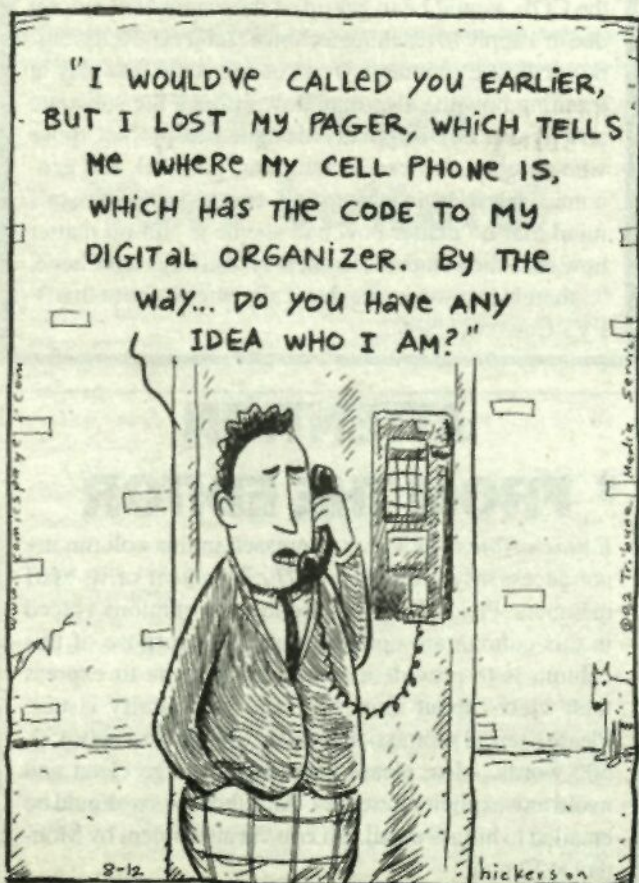
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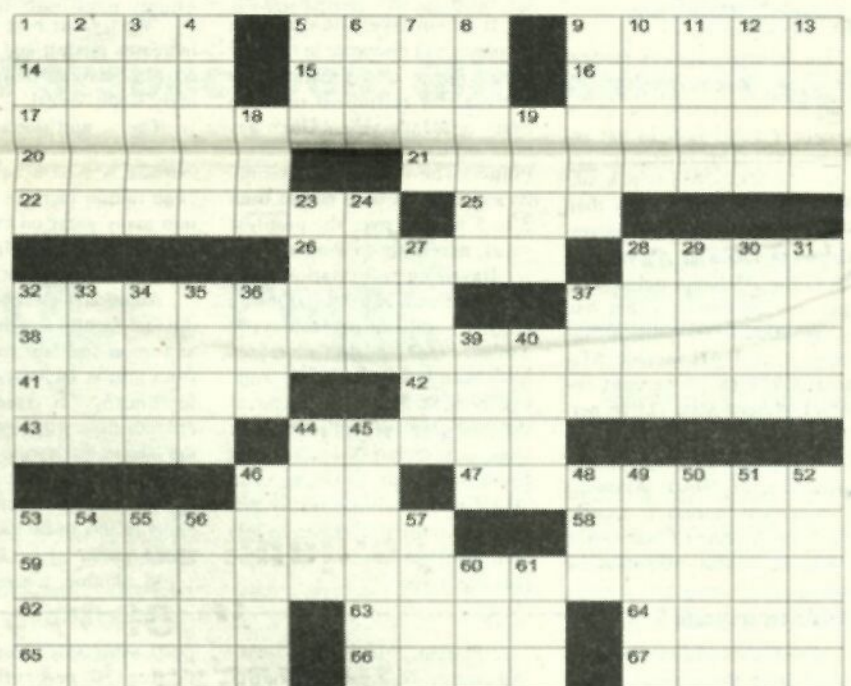
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- 12 Story starter
- 13 Requisite
- 18 Tiger's platform
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- 49 Gave out cards
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- 51 Fast dances
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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



Quotable Quote

Doctors are men who prescribe medicines of which they know little, to cure diseases of which they know less in human beings of whom they know nothing.

... Voltaire