United Way Conducts Campaign
UAH serves as the host for United Way’s annual fall fundraiser

By Michael Cummings

From October 10-24, the United Way conducted its annual fundraiser here on the UAH campus. The theme of this year’s campaign was, “What Matters...The Lives We Touch and Change.”

Pledge misteroids and pickup trucks were distributed across campus as the United Way attempted to raise $67,000. “We are tabulating the money as we speak,” said Delois Smith, Vice President of Student Affairs and coordinator of this year’s campaign. “We set the goal at a reasonable range. Often, we [at UAH] meet our goal or go above it. We have a long history with the United Way.”

Last campaign season, the campus raised $71,000 for United Way programs and agencies. The campaign was coordinated by Dr. Lewis Radonovich, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

“The United Way has 75 programs provided by 26 agencies here in Huntsville” Smith said. “The funds from these programs are distributed locally to address the most critical needs in our community.”

Last month, UAH representatives toured three of the 26 United Way agencies served through university donations. Among these was the Harris Home for Children, Christmas Charities Year Round, and Hospice Family Care.

Helping Physics Students Succeed
The UAH Physics Success Center continues to assist students

By Alberto Hernandez-Barral

During the summer of 2003, President Frantz, Dean Fix, former Chair Hillman and Professor Elsamadicy cut the ribbon for the Success Center, inaugurating within the College of Science a new and promising initiative of the Physics Department. Its mission statement established that the Success Center “provide a central location from which students in Physical Science can seek guidance from experienced tutoring personnel free of charge.” Now, more than three years later, the Success Center has proved itself successful, and its services have been extended to non-physics majors and even non-college students.

The Success Center is located in the Optics Building, room 200, and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. While the customers are largely undergraduate students in physics, mainly freshmen, the center will work with all science majors covering even math and biology topics.

Back in 2003, two articles appeared in The Exponent and Science Horizons, respectively, describing the new initiative by both. Both of them presented the Success Center as “the brainchild of Dr. Abdalla Elsamadicy.” Elsamadicy arrived in the United States in 1979 from Egypt, and possesses a strong background in bringing physics into an understandable form for those new to science and filling the gap between theories and practice. Not in vain, he recently received the SGA Outstanding Community Professional Award on these grounds.

How the OMA Benefits Students
Office of Multicultural Affairs: More than just cultural awareness

By Julie Roberts

At first glance, the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) sounds like the type that will help bring diversified groups together, but they, in fact, do so much more. They are not just concerned with helping people become aware of the other cultures and meet new and different people, but also with helping freshmen students adapt, helping the various clubs on campus, and even aiding students in learning more about life in the real world. They do so through events like monthly meetings, the Fall Orientation Program, and the Real World Seminars they are in the process of planning.

A big part of the OMA is cultural awareness. They aspire to spread that awareness across the campus to all the students and faculty involved here. The OMA’s motto is “One Vision...One Goal.” According to the website, the goal is a “solid, United front of education for all UAH students.” It began in 1990, with the sole purpose of catering to minority students with tutoring services, both academic and non-academic advising, and cultural sponsorship. Now, fifteen years later, the OMA focuses on all students, not just the minority groups.

Every year they host activities to spread awareness about the various cultures here on campus. The Fall Orientation Program is supposed to help bring freshmen, transfer, and regular students together to talk with community professionals and meet different UAH staff members from offices on campus. The Real World Seminars are designed to cover an assortment of subjects including effective communication skills, test taking techniques, interviewing skills, even health and beauty tips. They do not just host social events, though. There are OMA Ambassadors that represent UAH throughout the community at numerous events. There is a Campus Issues Diversity Forum which according to the website, “seeks to enhance cultural awareness at UAH via an open discussion of multicultural issues.” There is also an Early Alert Program which “targets minority students who are in danger of
For those of you who missed it, the hot spot for Halloween this year was again the Sigma Nu Fraternity House. Everyone came dressed as his or her personal hero. The “Best Costume” award went to Prog, who dressed as Space Ghost. I was fortunate enough to interview him shortly after receiving the award, and he said, “I can’t take credit for the costume without thanking my brother, who had the same costume 20 years ago.” The party kicked off at 10 p.m. and stayed being bopped till about 2:30 a.m., with an attendance exceeding 300 people. There was plenty of fun for all. Sigma Nu and Delta Zeta had there mixer at the Brownswboro Corn Maze. It was great fun for all. Justin Shelton was heard screaming like a little girl while Paris and Katie were seen running through the maze as fast as they could, from the man with the chainsaw. But, in store this Friday for Sigma Nu, is the annual Sigma Nu Formal in Nashville, TN, at the Embassy Suites Hotel. A well catered meal will be held featuring chicken or pork, followed by the dance held shortly thereafter.

Delta Zeta is so excited that they had their new girls at meetings for the first time this past Thursday. Congrats to all of our new initiates!! Delta Zeta had a formal on the 5th of November at the Heritage Club in downtown Huntsville. All ladies were dressed beautifully and made many unforgettable memories. Delta Zeta is excited about the Delta Zeta Marketplace coming up on the weekend of November 18th. It will be held at the Von Braun Center, and should be fun for everyone...plus one can get ahead on that holiday shopping list! A few ladies of Delta Zeta went to visit Chaffee Elementary this past Friday. This is a weekly event for the DZ’s, but this time they brought the kid’s puzzles the girls put together during formal recruitment.

The brothers of Delta Chi would like to invite everyone out to St. Thomas Episcopal Church for their annual Lobsterfest on Saturday, November 12th. Lobsterfest will feature an improvisational and pre-recorded show, offering information on entertainment, musical dissemionation, and more. Without regulations to hold back anyone with a voice, podcasting offers limitless options and much convenience for the potential audience in the great and vast internet world. Any individual who wants to be heard only needs a little technical savvy, something (or nothing for that matter) to talk about, and possibly a cool musical selection to share, to partake in this growing trend. UAH is set to join this phenomenon in the spring of 2006. The student-run show, newly coined, Charger Cast, will feature an improvisational and pre-recorded show, offering information on a variety of school related topics. It will feature Timothy McDaniell, Kylie Realmuto, Donnie Ganiere, Ryan Schuler, Derek Thacker and Cade McKee. During a phone interview, Timothy McDaniell stated, “As Charger Cast grows, so will our team!” The people who hope will seek them out on an “as needed” or “case-by-case” basis must have an “abundance of school spirit, positive attitude, lots of character and hard team work.” McDaniell says they are going to improve the entire show as the duration will depend on how much fun they are having. They have no plans of changing to live feed. Without a concern for sponsors and advertising, they will have more time to focus on the show. They only intend on featuring advertisements for school events or activities, sports, clubs, etc. When asked if they thought they might ever switch to radio, McDaniell responded, “It depends on costs, more than anything else for that matter will make for a successful venture for Charger Cast. Stay tuned to the UAH website, www.uah.com, for the debut of the Charger Cast!

A strong turnout of Society members, students, and faculty attended the annual event. The theme of the affair was Romanus Sum (I am Roman): Citizenship in the Ancient World.

Society President, Daniel Lofgren, began the event with words of invocation from Virgil’s Aeneid. He then informed the audience that the event began due to the arrival of the Olympic Games. President Lofgren passed the microphone to everyone present. There was a spontaneous desire and need to voice their opinions. Without a concern for order, the audience responded with an outpouring of feelings. The audience expressed their opinions as they related to morality. The audience responded with passionate applause after each comment. The highlight of the evening was the musical interlude by Vaiinder Chaplin. Chaplin, a physics major here at UAH, stole the show with his mastery of the harmonium. He played for about a minute during the event before being persuaded to give a brief concert afterwards.

Next, William Bailey read from Book I of Cicero’s De Officis. His segment argued that citizenship in the ancient world was related to morality. The audience responded with warm applause after each comment.

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ICO International Food Fair

By Alberto Hernandez-Barral

Last Tuesday, November 1, the International Cultural Organization (ICO) along with the Japanese Cultural Organization sponsored their food fair on the 2nd Floor of the Salmon Library. Admission was free for those bringing a dish or $5 for those who did not. The event was provided to combat the environment for socialization and all seemed to enjoy sampling Puerto Rican, Japanese, Mexican, German, Korean, Indian, Chinese and American food. ICO officials have decided to hold this event twice a year and wish to thank Papa Gyro's, Koren House, China Buffet and Deutsche Kuche restaurants for their participation.

Students Accessing Space?

By Madison Young

Managing Editor

In her talk, aptly titled “Student Access to Space,” Dr. Georgia Richardson, Assistant Professor from the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering Department here at UAH, explored a unique program little known outside of the College of Engineering. In conjunction with the National Space Science and Technology Center and NASA, UAH often takes a major part in various experiments launched with various high altitude balloons.

Dr. Richardson began her lecture delving into one simple yet important application of high altitude balloon flights, proving for oneself that the Earth is in fact a sphere. A balloon sent up, as part of her talk’s program, in July of 2005, ascended to approximately 120,000 feet above the Earth where an ordinary, run-of-the-mill camera snapped photographs. From this altitude, it was possible to see the actual curvature of the Earth; all from a simple balloon.

While the idea of proving that the planet is indeed a sphere is somewhat elementary, it does, in fact, demonstrate the awe-inspiring capabilities of the BalloonSat program.

While the basic balloon concept is still in place, the balloons used in this kind of operation are vastly different, both in construct and function. Essentially, as Dr. Richardson explained, the balloons used are created using thousands of sheets of a plastic, somewhat reminiscent of the kind used in packing binges, connected with fiberglass. To put things into perspective, Richardson stated that the balloons at launch stand nearly as tall as the Eiffel Tower, and at full inflation, can reach the volume of the Astrodome in Houston. If you compare these types of balloons are used by various agencies and research facilities for information regarding atmospheric science, astronomy, communications, and defense and surveillance. Along with the multitude of applications, there are several advantages ranging from cost to durations of flight. For these reasons and many others, NASA commonly uses these balloons for research.

UAH has been involved in several NASA and NSSTC launches, but students can also take part in these projects. The Deep Space Test Bed, for instance, was launched in May of 2005 as a trial for an experiment that will later take place around the Earth’s poles. Attached to the Gondola, the payload of the balloon, was a UAH student-designed system built to measure the changes in balloon material temperature as it ascends to the stratosphere (26 miles above ground, approximately) and descends back to the ground.

Although these types of major launches generally involve the work of upperclassmen and graduate students, Dr. Richardson encourages all students to participate in the BalloonSat program. This past Saturday, in fact, students from an electrical engineering class sent off a balloon of their own from the parking lot of NSSTC. The balloon used may be of a slightly smaller scale, but the possibilities are still just as significant. Made of latex instead of the plastic wrap, the balloon ascends to its highest altitude and then bursts and falls back down. Currently, this group of faculty, students, and various other balloon advocates sends out only one per semester. With hopes of more student involvement, Dr. Richardson and others are trying to get a UAH Balloon club started. Even if you are an undergraduate, freshman political science major, this kind of activity can be both exciting and enlightening. It is an opportunity to learn new things, meet professionals in various fields, and get direct, hands-on experience while working with a team of peers. Anyone interested in this program can contact Dr. Richardson at richaga@eng.uah.edu or visit her website for more information at http://www.eng.uah.edu/~richaga/ BalloonSat/

A Closer Look Into The Facebook

By Sarah Hughes

Yes! I have a friend awaiting my confirmation! Who is it? Oh, it’s like asking the universe what to do high school together, cool! I wonder who her friends are... oh let me add Joey; I didn’t realize she had a profile here on... Ok, there must be a write-up in the Exponent about this phenomenon.

Facebook is a worldwide social club consisting of millions of new unique users a month, so says the Facebook spokesperson, Chris Hughes. “We have recently expanded to all schools in the nation and have now more than 8.5 million unique users who come to the site each month according to ComScore, a tracking service for Internet use. We come in 10th in terms of overall traffic on the entire web. Also, around 65 percent of our users log in each day, and we get almost 200 million page views in any given 24-hour time period.” Those are some pretty amazing statistics for a college based website. In fact, UAH has 2,371 registered profiles at last check, and the number grows daily.

Why is this site such a popular one? I am not sure, but some ideas include the fact that we do not have a yearbook, I have always wanted to keep track of the friends and acquaintances that I have met across the campus in my college career. Now I have all of their pictures and everything interesting about them on my finger tips. In addition, it is good to key up with your high school friends that have gone to NYU, Florida State, West Point, and other colleges. It is personally rewarding to see friends online and read about who they are now.

Mark Zuckerberg, a 21-year-old student at Harvard, is the brainchild behind this operation that was launched in February 2004. He states that it took him about 10-days during his sophomore year finals to build the site. By the way, he was a psychology major, proving computer science and engineering majors are not the only computer geeks in college. He dropped out his junior year and has
Ice Hockey

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November 4 UAH 3, RIT 2
November 5 UAH 4, RIT 1

Upcoming Games:
November 11 Niagara, 7:05 p.m.
November 12 UAH 3, West Georgia 1
November 14 UAH 3, UAH 0
November 5 UAH 3, Memorial 2
November 7 UAH 3, Lee 0
November 11-12 GSC Tournament

Cross Country

Women-3
November 11-12 GSC Tournament
November 7 UAH 3, Lee 0
November 15 vs. Bellarmine, 7 p.m.

Men-6
November 5 UAH 3, Lincoln Memorial 2
November 15 vs. Bellarmine, 7 p.m.

By Candice Burch

Monday night the Lady Charger Volleyball team ended the regular season by sweeping Lee University with a 36-34, 30-27, 30-27 final. Emily Miller (Mobile, AL) added 12 kills and 12 digs. Kim Beesley (Huntsville) added 12 kills while senior setter Samantha Polkowski (Huntsville) produced 39 assists. Annie Ledford (Daphne, AL) led UAH in digs with 13. With the win, UAH volleyball improves to a 23-11 record going 10-4 in the Gulf South Conference.

UAH volleyball won its last home match in a 3-2 showdown Saturday night against Lincoln Memorial University.

It was a double-double for Molly Holley, Emily Miller, Bethany Holder, and Samantha Polkowski who were all honored for their outstanding volleyball careers at UAH. Each senior gave standout performances in their last game in front of UAH fans. UAH was led outside hitter Molly Holley who contributed double figures with 18 kills and 12 digs. Middle blocker Bethany Holder (Booneville, IN) in the first round, with 13 kills and 12 digs alongside outside hitter Emily Miller who rounded out the top hitters with 5 kills and 13 digs. Junior Kim Beesley led the Lady Chargers defensively with 21 digs. Samantha Polkowski set up 59 assists and freshman Shannon Polkowski (Huntsville) finished 1 match with 12 kills and 7 digs. This was the second time the Lady Chargers have defeated LMU this season; they won a tight 3-2 match on October 11th.

UAH fell to 8 ranks in Truman State Friday night at the Von Braun Center. In the 30-24, 22-27 loss Emily Miller contributed 16 kills to lead the Lady Chargers. Emily Miller (Mobile, AL) added 12 kills, while sophomore Samantha Polkowski (Huntsville) produced 39 assists. Annie Ledford (Daphne, AL) led UAH in digs with 13. With the win, UAH volleyball improves to a 23-11 record going 10-4 in the Gulf South Conference.

Hockey Sweeps RIT on Road Trip

By Chris Karigan

Playing their first season in NCAA Division I Hockey, the RIT (Rochester Institute of Technology) Tigers hoped to prove that they belong with the “big boys.”

November 4
UAH 3, RIT 2

Startings off things at the Ritter Arena in Rochester, New York, the Chargers took control of the game quickly. Just 6:52 (minutes: seconds) into the game, senior center/ left wing, Todd Bentley, put UAH up by one goal over a Dominik Rozman and A.J. Larivie assist. After the first intermission, the Boys in Blue picked up right where they left off. Junior left wing, Dominik Rozman, added another Charger goal with help from Max Narduzzi, with 28 saves in the game. The Tigers came within one goal of UAH. With time winding down, RIT added a sixth man on the ice by pulling their goaltender. Unfortunately for them, the Charger defense held firm, giving UAH their first win of the regular season. Senior, Scott Munroe, round out the top six with 5 kills and 13 digs. Junior Dominik Rozman, with 227 points, would be the first to notch another unassisted strike for the Chargers and earn the hat trick. Sophomore goaltender, Marc Narduzzi, with 28 saves in the evening, would join Narduzzi as two of the “three stars” for the game.

With the sweep, the Chargers improved to (2-2-0) for the season and (4-0-0) all-time against the Tigers. UAH also advanced to the two-game game series with Niagara on November 11th and 12th. Both games start at 7:05 p.m. at the Von Braun Center. As always, students are admitted free with ID, so be sure to make your way down and support UAH Hockey as they prepare to make their way towards a CHA title!

By Antoine Bell

UAH Sports Information

Dade City, Fla.—The UAH women’s cross country team will be headed west to Port Mal, Calif. next weekend for the 2005 Division II National Championships. The Lady Chargers earned a spot in the championship meet with a third place finish on Saturday at the South Regional in Dade City, Fla. The UAH men finished sixth.

The Lady Chargers scored 101 points, finishing just one point behind second place Tampa. Harding University held their South Region top ranking by winning the meet with 67 points. The University of Central Arkansas also qualified for the Nationals, finishing fourth with 148 points.

Harding also won the men’s meet with a slimy 36 points. Host Florida Southern College was second with 78 points, followed by Clayton State (101), West Florida (107), Central Arkansas (209), and UAH, who finished with 227 points.

Three Lady Chargers earned All-Region honors for finishing in the top 15. It’s the first time in the program’s history that three members of the Lady Chargers team earned first team honors. Junior Caitlin Heider (Lawrenceville, GA) led the way for UAH, finishing 11th with a time of 22:46. Senior Megan Fairclough (Huntsville), who missed the Gulf South Conference championship due to illness, was close behind Heider in 12th place with a time of 22:55.

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Lindsey Schlosser: Coming Out on Top

By Ramon Rodriguez

Lindsey Schlosser hates losing. So when the Lady Chargers’ lone senior guard found out UAH was expected to finish sixth in the GSC East, according to the Coaches’ Preseason Poll, despite returning this season with almost all of last year’s squad, she was disappointed to say the least.

“That’s surprising, but it could play into our hands because they’re overlooking and underestimating us,” says Schlosser. “But we’re going to surprise a lot of people. Everyone worked their butts off this summer, and I think it’ll show in a month or two. Everybody will see it.”

Having only lost center, Dori Watkins, for the 2005-06 season, the Lady Chargers have six returning juniors, three sophomores, and of course, Schlosser. For UAH, such an experienced lineup hopes to give them edge in the GSC in order to erase memories from last season’s crushing three point loss to Kingsport, Tenn., native Kristen Fabick has garnered ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District honors, along with a Broken Foot or wrist. Through it all, the walkon a broken foot or wrist. Through it all, the walk

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“We’re completely turned around now. We’re old, we’re grown and now we’re so deep,” says Schlosser confidently. “I’ve never thought we couldn’t compete. If we work together as a team, trusting one another, knowing each other’s strengths and putting that to use, we can win. We’ve been working on being able to handle pressure better, so I believe we can win it. We can come out on top. And I’m a senior…”

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For someone who has gone through so much in order to win, Schlosser is beyond humble and motivated. As she speaks on the adversity she has endured, she almost seems to lessen how extreme her difficulties have been over the years. One almost gets the sense that not being able to play or losing a big game hurt her more than standing on a broken foot or wrist. Through it all, the walking smiley face does not detract from her failures; instead, she embraces them and welcomes more challenges.

“It’s really frustrating, but I have to fight through it. I’m okay so far, knock on wood,” says Schlosser. “I don’t want to make excuses, and I won’t. I will play through whatever I have, and I’m going to give it 100 percent of what I can. I won’t say injuries have held me back because I’d try just as hard if I were healthy. I’m pretty healthy right now so I have nothing to complain about.”

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UAH Gold Scholar athlete, Fabick is no stranger to academic and athletic laurels having earned All-Gulf South Conference Academic team honors along with second team All-GSC after the 2004 season. The conference awards for the 2005 season will not be announced until a later date.

A member of the Phi Kappa Phi and Kappa Delta Pi honor societies, Fabick is the Alabama Space Grant Consortium Teacher Education Scholar for 2005-06. Fabick played in all 16 contests for the Lady Chargers this fall collecting one goal and one assist.

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Athlete
Quick Take

By Heather Evans

Caitlin Heider

Cross Country Athlete
Caitlin Heider

What is your middle name?
Morie

When is your birthday?
February 9

What is one character trait you like in other people?
Outgoing personality

What is one character trait you despise in other people?
Being fake

Do you have any pets?
A cat named Taz because I love the Tasmanian Devil.

What is your dream vehicle?
BMW Z3

What is your favorite restaurant?
Olive Garden

What is your favorite movie of all-time?
Sweet Home Alabama

What is your favorite TV Show?
Laguna Beach

What is your favorite type of music?
I love country music

What is your favorite dessert?
Anything chocolate

Who are your role models?
My Parents

What do you like most about UAH?
My friends and teammates

What made you decide to attend UAH?
Coach Cain and the cross country team

Welcome to UAH
1 & 2 Bedroom
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Summer Tree
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Time for some Hard Contact

By Nathaniel Pence

Now, it is not like George Lucas' venerable franchise needs help with promotions of any kind—the guy is a marketing demigod—but this novel that came in through the front door at Comic World, the paperback market scene has helped to elevate the career of a new and promising author.

Karen Traviss has written Star Wars: Republic Commando—Hard Contact. The game is not meant to sound, like the phrase "hard contact" is described in the book as the moment when the two opponents face to face, usually with explosive results. Even though it is not the case, the novel was sub-titled as a Clone Wars novel (as most that take place on a planet where large amounts of hard contact have to take place because of the precious plant contained in the ecosystem, and for an appreciation of the vast amount of information present in these books. The action comes fast and with vast amounts of insight that you do not normally pick up in a Star Wars novel. Mostly, there are just a few political quips and whatnot, but with Hard Contact, there are adages for dealing with others. But, different degrees of thought that lie behind the notion of breeding people for the sole purpose of fighting in an army. There were moments that I wrestled with tears at the emotionality of it all. It is far more interesting and profound than it appears.

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Tired of going home to an empty apartment and fixing hot chocolate for two, just to pour them down the drain while thinking that yours tastes like the perfect mix of cocoa and loneliness? Good news for you, and me, and the same, then indulge in a little human interaction this Wednesday night as ACE presents comedian, Tim Young.

Young, a New York-based comedian, has performed at the Montreal Comedy Festival, the Seattle Bumbershoot Festival, and the New York Comedy Festival. He has been seen on Last Comic Standing, Comedy Central's Premium Blend, Tough Cows, with Colin Quinn, and Shorties Watching Shorties.

Local Singer Continues Career

By John Michael Hampton

Fifteen year old, Laurelyn Carter, despite facing hardship over the past few months, has recently completed her second recording, a DVD to be released prior to Christmas. The DVD, from Nashville's Pyle-Rosser Music, features a music video, "I Should Be Laughing," compliments of Pat Benatar. For example, if your friend just had his heart shattered by a relationship that seemed completely healthy a mere three days before it fell apart in a catastrophic explosion of pain and humiliation, just sympathetically put him on the back and whisper, "Love is a battlefield." He will either realize the truth in this and move on with his life, or he will wait until three in the morning when you are asleep and creep into your room just to sucker punch you in the face. Either way, you did the right thing.

This week's ACE Hater of the Week is the captain for the 3-on-3 intramural basketball team, The Melting Pot. After completely destroying my team by half time, they decided to sub in a female. What makes this an insult is that the fact we are not in the same pool. Bush league... Bush league.

For those of you at Jefffest 2006, I hope you liked the brownies as much as I did. I'm glad that Red vs. Blue affected Cade's life as much as it did. When I asked Cade about the movie he replied, "I haven't seen a movie since Arnold Schwarzenegger's smash hit, Home Alone: The Way."
Debate Proves to be Interesting, Yet Uncompetitive

By Joseph Terrell
Editor-in-Chief

The NCRH Hall Council hosted a political debate between the UAH College Republicans and Democrats on Monday, November 7, 2005 in the NCRH Multi-Purpose room. I, of course, found a way to attend and cheer on my 'team' (the Democrats), though sadly enough, this debate reminded me of the two debates held last year; the College Republicans did not come prepared.

Now before you say, "hey, you're just saying that because you're a Democrat", let me assure you that this is not the case. I have observed each of the three debates that have occurred over the past year and not once have they come to a debate prepared: armed with facts and a full debate team. In one particular debate they had to recruit people from the audience to prevent them from having only one person speak. (Is this really necessary? Well, I must admit that I do get pleasure from seeing my 'team' get the best of the other 'team', but strangely enough it disappoints me when they don't take the debate as seriously as we take it. When participating in events like these you owe it to your competition and to your audience to come prepared. I can tell you that the College Democrats took this debate seriously and prepared well for it, expecting that the College Republicans would do the same. Showing up unprepared for events like these you owe it to your competition and to your respective short biographies as you would find in your local newspaper. I believe that because you're a Democrat", let me respond in defense of the UAH police to the article entitled “Campus Crime: Are We Safe on Campus?” featured in the 11/3 edition of the Exponent. In regard to the two cheerleaders who had their purses stolen - I am terribly sorry, but were your purses sitting out in plain view? If your purse is under a seat or in a trunk it is highly unlikely that a burglar will take the time to search through a car for what he or she does not know is there. As for the wallets stolen - lock the door, problem solved! To people complaining about speeding tickets - don't speed! The speed limit is there because we have so many pedestrians and as we should remember, a student was hit on our campus. Driving at slower speeds gives you more time to stop for pedestrians, and slower speeds can mean fewer injuries in the event of an accident. The campus police do not sit around. I see them patrolling all the time and there are many, such as Officer Albino, who make a real effort to connect with students and let them know ways to help prevent becoming victims of crime. I have personally attended a C.R.A.P. session with Officer Albino and I learned a lot about ways to reduce my chances of being a victim of crime and about the laws I was not aware of. As Officer Albino said, "Twelve officers can only be in twelve places at once." A majority of the crimes on campus are easily prevented. If students really want to reduce crime on campus, then they need to be pro-active.

Sincerely,
Miranda Lawson
We Still Stand Divided: 2037 Deaths

By Michael Lombardo

U.S. Deaths Confirmed By The DoD: 2034 Reported U.S. Deaths Pending DoD Confirmation 3,592 2008-03-01 2008-02-23 2008-02-21

Conflict: Iraq War, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.

The war with Iraq has begun with almost the same level of public support that the Johnson administration enjoyed when it began the concerted buildup of US troops in Vietnam in 1965. It was only as a result of three years of bloody conflict and intense journalistic scrutiny "beat the war" popular sentiments turned decisively against the war in 1968.

An analysis of the two wars has spawned in response to the falling popu­larity of the Iraq War and in its death count. The count for the Vietnam War was 58,295 (http://www.veteransforpeace.org). As of today, the toll of deaths for United States participants in Iraq is estimated to be over two years. 392 (http://www.icasualties.org).

The belief that the United States needs to cooperate with the Iraqi people is widely believed. One similarity that Iraq shares with Vietnam is, "In the Vietnam imbroglio, the US military had to try to control a heavily on guerrilla warfare and did not follow the con­ventional principles for the conduct of war" (http://www.atimes.com). Working in conjunction with American soldiers, the Iraqis troops would continue to be the common good. The Iraqi troops are out of a job and some may resort to joining the insurgent movement. An opinion about the locals of Iraq states, "In both Vietnam and Iraq, the American military cannot make the same mistake in subjugating the locals, so we want to leave as soon as possible" (http://www.washingtonpost.com).

With the rising amount of insurgents in Iraq, the levels at which they operate is much higher than warfare used to be in Vietnam. Another excerpt is, "Then, in both cases, it is impossible to win." High added to the treatment of sol­diers who have come home; the view from the Democrats concerning the troops is, "They are treated as second­hand soldiers." This is in re­sponse to the treatment and conditions that face the United States’ troops that are currently serving in the Iraq War. The problem that plagues the current govern­ment according to the Demo­crats is that "[President Bush] wants to push his agenda and doesn’t care about the other side which is obvious with his new Super­prevent Court nominee [Samuel] Alito." It appears that US Troops that are in Iraq are planning to be there over Christmas. UAH Demo­crats plan to send them care packages in order to make the holidays a little bit better. One crucial part of the package is according to H.R. "Phone cards." The Demo­crats hope that these cards will participate in weekly pro­tests. While the protests against the Iraq War have not become as heated as the ones pertaining to Vietnam; they are becoming just as widely noticed. NAPN is a peace network that associ­ates with military families and those who oppose the war. In response to the 2006 elec­tions NAPN is not affiliated with any political parties but believes that knowledge of voting is essential for deter­mining what is best for the American people. They plan to keep trying to educate people on the right to vote in an effort to further the ideals of peace. Reid recognizes that there is sometimes a need for forceful tactics in resolv­ing conflicts but mainly by work­ing her policies on peaceful means. Whether NAPN has any plans to help troops get into the holiday spirit is yet to be determined. The one common phrase that each or­ganization shares is, "We want our troops back safe."

It's Do-or-Die time for the GOP

By Sean Magers

Indictments, Investiga­tions, and Cronyism! Oh my! These are dark days indeed for the Bush administration. With the economy in a continued nose­dive dipping to 35% in some polls and Dick Cheney’s at almost half of that at 19%, it’s hard to see how the White House can provide effective leadership for the remaining three years of this term.

Bush has seen his own conservative base turn against him with the nomination of Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court, and talk is growing that he will face the possibility of a filibuster with his newest nom­i­nation. There have been in­dications that Sen. Tom DeLay and the Vice President’s chief of staff Scooter Libby, bringing about the prompt resignation of Karl Rove. Even a major contributor to Bush/Cheney ’04 campaign has been in­dicted on three counts of money laundering. This, of course, is all in addition to investigations underway on Senate majority leader Bill Frist. -With Karl Rove account­ing for a sizeable portion of the campaign, it is more than likely that the President will face some tough challenges to his presidency. The vote on Justice Alito will be “a make or break decision” as the President needs to clean up his image and shore up his base if he is to have any chance of being re-elected in 2008.

There’s also the matter of the Iraq War. We recently passed a grim milestone of 2000 American deaths in add­i­tion to Iraqi civilian causal­ties that have been quoted anywhere from 27,000 to 30,000 deaths since March 2003. At least we’re over 2000 which is a legitimate reason, right? At least the American public wasn’t misled into supporting Operation: Iraqi Freedom, right? At least we have an idea of the scale of the war and haven’t turned the entire country into a power vacuum... right?

What can Bush do to avoid becoming a lame duck and face a Democratic coup in the mid-term elections of 2006? The President needs to clean house as Reagan did in his second term when his approval ratings began to plummet. Bush needs to spend less time making speeches about the Bird Flu and focus on making good on his 2000 promise to be a "uniter, not a divider." With a massive cloud of suspicion surrounding those he is clos­est to, the President needs to fire Karl Rove and think about talking to Uncle Dick about stepping down.

Nowadays, the GOP spends too much time strategizing new plans on how to make the Democrats look bad than they do holding themselves accountable and actually governing. Tom DeLay’s defense on his al­leged election finance viola­tions consisted of attacking the character of Ronnie Earl, the prosecuting attorney.
The nation stared at their televisions in horror as Hurricane Katrina ravaged the southeastern coast with record setting floodwaters and wind damage. I was out running errands with my mom when a dear friend called me crying, wondering what one person, much less a student, could do to help the cause. I realized that through my position at The Exponent it would be fairly easy for me to help.

So in whatever store I was shopping at I made myself comfortable on the display wall and dialed Editor-in-Chief Joseph Terrell. He was on board. I dialed Student Affairs and got the okay from them to fill my friends back. In only fifteen minutes the wheels were in motion.

We set our goals high, aiming for 1000 pounds of aid in just one week. Signs were hung around campus and announcements were made on The Exponent. A real moving company donated eight extra large boxes, which were set up in the University Center. We planned to accept food, clothing, items, baby items, pet supplies, toiletries, and cleaning supplies. In addition we sought donations of 100 new or gently used teddy bears for children. The Salvation Army agreed to carry our goods to a storage facility in Aniston, Alabama when we were through so they could be sorted and distributed to the needy.

I had an opportunity to meet children in person, striving to make a humanitarian connection. I was excited and in retrospect I say that because in many ways I thought of fort which seemed quite large to us, and yet small when put into perspective of the total amount of devastation, would change the world. Not the whole world mind you, but at least that of a handful of the families who had lost everything. The response to our drive was overwhelming. But despite the many thoughtful donations it was impossible to not notice those who filled our boxes with garbage, half used toiletries, and toys that were in terrible repair or filthy beyond belief. Getting everything ready to go was going to be a much larger job than I had ever anticipated. There were issues of storing, sorting, and on top of that washing and refurbishing.

As renovations dragged on in Amistad, so did our drive. The multitude of those involved dropped significantly—it was no longer as exciting as it had been. And when Amistad was finally ready the Salvation Army refused to move the goods because we didn't have any packaging supplies. I searched locally for homes for the items with the aid of The Volunteer Center, but without large-scale transportation it was useless. During this time I had an opportunity to meet Huntsvillians that were working with evacuees here. One woman in particular struck me as incredibly discouraged saying she felt like their work was not appreciated but demanded and expected, not making the difference she hoped for. At the time I thought her to be in the wrong field. Why work as a humanitarian if you heart isn't in it? I could not understand. Despite our own troubles I was determined to finish what we had started. ThePurple Heart agreed to come to the university and pick up the goods, which weighed in at approximately 1100 pounds. For several weeks ends I washed and refurbished over 200 stuffed toys creating 50 large gift bags for children of all ages. Each bag had one or two large toys and several Beanie Babies.

There were also videos, coloring books and crayons. There were bags for babies, toddlers, boys, girls, teens, some even had themes such as farm animals, fairy tales, Disney, etc. A large inventory sheet was made and we were told that we would be visiting apartment to apartment so that we could meet the children and pick a bag specifically for them. Our goals had been met and things seemed to be turning up.

Finally the day came. Because no other students volunteered to come on my behalf, and I went alone. No matter, he and I were excited. When we arrived in Amistad the lady I had been working with was not working and the fact that we were coming at all had not been communicated. Instead of going door to door as planned, we were told that they would call the children down and we should distribute the bags from the back of our van.

I could not wait to see the excited faces of the children as they received their special bags. I had planned to tell them where we were from and why we had done what we did, but no one wanted to listen. As the kids began to trickle outside it became clear that none of those expectations would be met. I gave out one bag, two bags, three bags, and as children started comparing what they had been given some demanded we trade them. While talking to them others saw opportunity and scolded our vehicle pulling up. I watched in shock as a girl ruined a bear that had been restored to perfection and dressed in new clothes in a matter of minutes, and discarded it as litter in the yard. Many parents did not care to meet us, but instead yelled on their cell phones. People lied about family members trying to get extra gift bags. Others asked if they could have another if they came back tomorrow. Some demanded to know why we did not bring candy. All of the sudden I understood why my little discouraged Huntsville woman. But even within that intimidating crowd were exceptions. A small girl clung to her Rainbow Bright doll as her mother told of the devastation to their home. A mom asked for advice on washing toys while her son sat smiling and playing with his new dinosaur toys. Those few smiles, hugs, and genuine thank you's made it all worthwhile.

The album has a lot of it, with Yeah Yeah Yeahs sonic angularity and attitude mixing with Flaming Lips atmospherics, caged in a garage archetype. Add in a bit of misguided power-pop influence, and the formula stills to wear down a bit. Some of the cuts are top-notch, yet some are mundane in their failings at the less-intriguing of the video accompaniments. Take the blame if you want but don't expect anything above the call of duty. This is an average to slightly above average offering, and, frankly, is dragged down a bit by semi-cheap gimmickry, yet it remains a promising debut.
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Center and is grateful for everyone involved, giving special credit to Dr. Andrew Paltomov, Dr. Don Gregory and Dr. Carol Strong. The latter two are recipients of the UAH Foundation Teaching Award.

How can you get help from the Success Center? It could not be easier. Elsamadicy explained to The Exponent, "All the students need to do is show up by the Success Center. We do not require any ID. We just collect their signatures for statistical purposes." And it is free of charge.

Regarding statistics, during the first two semesters of the program a total of 544 students received an average of 2.1 hours of tutoring. The overall time devoted to them amounted to 1,119 hours. Elsamadicy supplied more recent data from the Office of Institutional Research showing that the total percentage of students in the Physics Department with a grade of A has been steadily increasing. The supportive sessions for the Success Center are taught by Graduate Teaching Assistants in the Physics Department. Elsamadicy states that they set assistance to the Success Center as part of the GTA's duties. "This task happens to be wonderful training and experience for our graduate students." The Physics Department has thirteen GTAs now, but not all of them are participating in the Success Center. Among the criteria, that concerning English communication ability seems to be of capital importance. Unfortunately, "we have international graduate students who are not able to properly communicate with students," he commented.

During the peak hours before exams, the traffic of students to the Success Center is a highly addictive activity. What do some of the students at UAH think about Facebook? Leigh Burleson, a senior nursing student, says, "I like it because you can get in touch with people that you have lost contact with." But Timothy Pitt and Cody Flores, engineering students, agree that it makes one look busy at work and it is better than the funny pages. In addition, most people I have spoken with about it said that they check their profile at least twice a day, and that it is a highly addictive activity. Having a Facebook profile myself, I can agree. But in all honesty, it is rather exciting to be a part of an operation that went from a couple thousand students at Harvard in 2004 to over 8.5 million in 2005.

Senior Justin Pruitt (Southside) paced the UAH men, earning All-Region honors from advertising and big ex-CEO of PayPal, Peter Thiel. Taking up this site full time, making most of his money from advertising and big name inventors such as the ex-CEO of PayPal, Peter Thiel. Another advantage of this site over other online social networks is that it is locally based. One is only friends with people from his or her college or high school with the exception of a friend of a friend connection. What do some of the students at UAH think about Facebook? Leigh Burleson, a senior nursing student, says, "I like it because you can get in touch with people that you have lost contact with." But Timothy Pitt and Cody Flores, engineering students, agree that it makes one look busy at work and it is better than the funny pages. In addition, most people I have spoken with about it said that they check their profile at least twice a day, and that it is a highly addictive activity. Having a Facebook profile myself, I can agree. But in all honesty, it is rather exciting to be a part of an operation that went from a couple thousand students at Harvard in 2004 to over 8.5 million in 2005.

Senior Mark Ulom (Madison), who was 66th at 38:44, makes it much easier to spread awareness about clubs on campus. By making the OMA aware of events specific clubs are hosting, those events can be posted on the calendar from the OMA, thereby improving the chance of people getting involved in groups. Although they have only a small fund to work with, the OMA will help any way they are able. For instance, just recently a group traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to spread information to underrepresented communities about college. The OMA was able to help them get there to work for this exceptionally noble cause.

Aside from having leaders of various groups already involved, the OMA also works with other groups and programs at UAH. They "network" with the Honors Program, the Cooperative Education Program, the Career Services Program, the Alabama Alliance for Minority Participation, Student Development Services, and the UAH Humanities Center, among other groups. They also work with ACE, the Calculus Workshop, and the English Department Tutorial Program. For those interested in postsecondary education. For those occasions, some professors also participate in the teaching. In fact, help from any member of the faculty from the Physics Department is always available.

The Success Center is also spreading its wings and providing service to other non-college programs, such as high school environments and the Educational Opportunity Center program, designed to counsel "qualified adults who want to enter or continue a program of postsecondary education."

When asked about his original motivation for opening up the Success Center, Elsamadicy explained, "We felt that all universities are competing for recruiting and retaining students [and we wanted] to provide service to our students and make them likely to be recruited or retained."
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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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