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# The Exponent

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## 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 materials and packets 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.

Though the campaign at UAH is over, the United Way's city-wide campaign will continue until the second week of November. Smith stated that the Office of Student Affairs will still be accepting donations until that time.

Smith also reminded people that the amount of the gift is not what is most important. "Everyone can give - faculty, staff, and students."

She continued, "You can give any amount you wish to give." Students are also encouraged to donate their time to one of the United Way's agencies.

In a letter sent to the entire campus, Smith outlined the purpose of the United



Photo by Sarah Perrin

Way campaign, "Your support is especially needed this campaign season as we continue to support the Katrina and Rita Hurricane evacuees who have joined our community and are supported by many of the United Way agencies."

## Helping Physics Students Succeed

### The UAH Physics Success Center continues to assist students

By Alberto Hernandez-Barral

During the summer of 2003, President Franz, Dean Fix, former Chair Hillman and Professor Elsamadicy cut the ribbon for the Success Center, inaugurated within the College of Science as a new and promising initiative of the Physics Department. Its mission statement establishes 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.

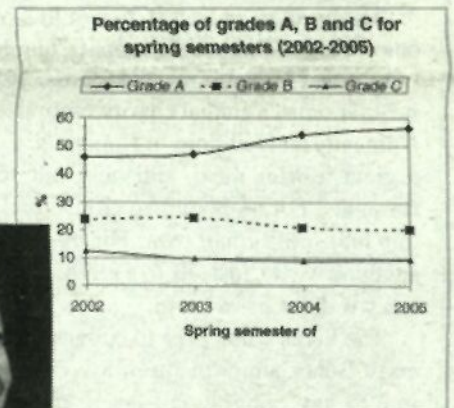
Back in 2003, two articles appeared in *The Exponent* and *Science Horizons*, respectively, describing the new initiative by then. Both of them presented the Success Center as "the brainchild of Dr. Abdalla Elsamadicy." Elsamadicy arrived in the United States in 1979 from Egypt, and possesses a strong background in bring-



ing 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 Faculty Award on these grounds. He is quite satisfied with the work of the Success

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## 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, well-rounded education for all UAH students." It began in 1990, with the sole purpose centering on 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 com-

munication 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 intercultural issues." There is also an Early Alert Program which "targets minority students who are in danger of

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# Greek Speak

By Barbie Czura

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 Frog, 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 bobbing 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 their mixer at the Brownsboro 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 there after.

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 is St. Thomas's annual charity fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity and missions in Honduras. Come on out, have a great lobster meal, and help out some people less fortunate. For more information, email Tom Branson at tom.branson@gmail.com. For more information about anything we do, just talk to a brother, or go to our website at www.deltachi-hsv.com.

The Pikes would like to congratulate the new brothers of Beta Gamma pledge class. Pi Kappa Alpha would like to say congratulations to the new members of the Delta Zeta and Kappa Delta sororities. I would like to send out a huge thanks to the brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha, past and present, for their hard work and dedication in getting a house on Greek Row. Pike will be the first house on the left with the five column design. Pikes are here to stay!

## Charger Cast Debuts Spring 2006

By Lorirose Belton

With strict FCC regulations causing controversy among the radio and television broadcasting world, a new medium of communication arrived on the scene about a year ago-podcasting-that is broadcasting designed to be downloaded onto personal mp3 players and listened to "on the go." As the advent of podcasting becomes an increasingly popular trend, there are now millions of websites online offering a wide array of musical options (everything from indie to pop) to less restrictive talk show venues. It has evolved from audio blogs to online and archived mediums

of entertainment, musical dissemination, 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 McDaniel, Kylie Realmuto, Donnie Ganiere, Ryan Schuler, Derek Thacker and Cade McKee. During a phone interview, Timothy McDaniel stated, "As Charger Cast grows, so will our team!" The people they 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." McDaniel says they are going to improvise 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, McDaniel responded, "Radio limits us, costs more, and the FCC won't let us build an on-campus radio station in this area!" The determination to reach UAH students and anyone 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!

## Society Holds Public Reading

By Michael Cummings

The words of Cato and Cicero could be heard echoing around campus last Thursday evening as the University of Alabama in Huntsville's Society for Ancient Languages held a public reading at the Union Grove Gallery.

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

Society begins each meeting in the same manner and meets every Tuesday evening from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Lofgren, a junior history major, proceeded to read the first selection of the evening, an excerpt from Cato's *De Agri Cultura*. The passage focused on the different types of citizens in the ancient world.

Next, William Bailey read from Book I of Cicero's *De Officiis*. His segment argued that citizenship in the ancient world came from nature and was related to morality. The audience responded with warm applause after each reader.

The highlight of the evening was the musical interlude by Vandiver Chaplain. Chaplain, a physics major here at UAH, stole the show with his mastery of the hammer dulcimer. He played for about ten minutes during the event before being persuaded to give a brief concert afterwards.

After the interlude, Shanna Key and Joseph Richardson read more pieces from Cicero's *De Officiis*. These selections contrasted the importance of military and administrative duty in the ancient world.

In order to give some modern context, Dr. John Pottenger delivered a brief lecture, contrasting the ideals of citizenship in the modern world to those of the ancient world. As Rome evolved, the idea of citizenship became broader and more unrestricted. The Roman concept of universal citizenship, Pottenger concluded, was one of the inspirations for modern ideas of natural rights.

Erin Thomas Dailey delivered the final reading of the evening from Cicero's *De Legibus*. The selection maintained that man was born for justice, and that the power to reason is common to all men.

To close the event, faculty advisor, Dr. Richard Gerberding, made a few remarks. He praised the students of the Society for consistently meeting every Tuesday for what he called academic study. "Hats off to those of you who do this," he said.

## Across the Campus

Photos by Sarah Perrin

Are you excited about the new Harry Potter movie?



**Rondal John**

Junior, Finance

"No. I like reality based movies."



**Jay Reynolds**

Senior, MIS

"No, I still haven't seen the first three."



**Shuntae Jones**

Senior, MIS

"Not really, I don't like Harry Potter."



**Bryan Doe**

Junior, MIS

"I hate Harry Potter."

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WEEK'S ACROSS  
THE CAMPUS?  
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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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Salmon Library. The admission was free for those bringing a dish or and \$5 for those who did not. The event provided a nice 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, Korea House, China Buffet and Deutsche Küche restaurants for their participation.



Photos by Alberto Hernandez-Barral



# 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 the BalloonSat 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 lunches, 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, Texas. 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 multiple of applications, there are sev-

eral 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](mailto: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 Hard

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

Facebook is a nationwide 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 at my fingertips. In addition, it is good to keep up with your high school friends that have gone to NYU, Florida State, West Point, and other colleges. It

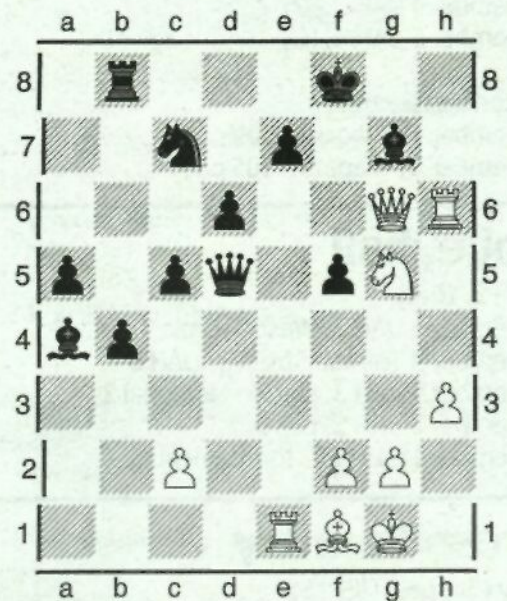
is personally rewarding to see friends online and read about who they are now.

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

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# Checking in... with the UAH Chess Club

By Don Maddox



Tal-Benko

Bled 1959

White to Move, Mate in Two

Mikhail Tal was one of the most brilliant and beloved players in chess history. I talked to him once after a simul in New Jersey in the late 80s. Someone in the audience asked, "What is the most important change in chess since you won the World Championship in 1959?" He swept his hand back over his forehead, eyes twinkling: "I've lost some hair."

Tal was famous for his attacking play. Mikhail Botvinnik's success had convinced many people that he had raised chess defense to the level where swashbuckling attacks were a thing of the past. Tal's victory over Botvinnik in 1959 seemed to put the lie to that theory, but illness and Botvinnik's superior preparation ensured a loss in the return match. In the two matches, Botvinnik developed an enormous respect for his young opponent's talent and a realistic assessment of his weakness: "If Tal would learn to program himself properly," he wrote, "then it would become impossible to play him." Kidney problems prevented him from ever challenging for the World Championship again.

ANSWER: 1. Rh8+ Bxh8 2. Nh7 mate

Don Maddox, former editor of Chess Life Magazine and internationally recognized chess coach and writer, served as faculty adviser to the UAH Chess Club for the two years he taught here. Students interested in chess can reach him at [maddoxd@email.uah.edu](mailto:maddoxd@email.uah.edu).

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# Charger

## Sportsline

A BRIEF UPDATE ON UAH ATHLETICS

### Ice Hockey

(2-2-0, 0-0-0)  
November 4 UAH 3, RIT 2  
November 5 UAH 4, RIT 1

#### Upcoming Games:

November 11 Niagara, 7:05 p.m.  
November 12 Niagara, 7:05 p.m.

### Volleyball

(22-11, 10-4)  
November 3 UAH 3, West Georgia 1  
November 4 Truman Street 3, UAH 0  
November 5 UAH 3, Lincoln Memorial 2  
November 7 UAH 3, Lee 0  
November 11-12 GSC Tournament

### Cross Country

Lady Chargers (95-15)  
Chargers (56-32)  
November 5 South Regional, Dade City, Florida  
Women-3<sup>rd</sup>  
Men- 6<sup>th</sup>  
November 19 DII National Championship, Pomona, CA

### Men's Basketball

(0-0, 0-0)  
November 15 vs. Bellarmine, 7 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

(0-0, 0-0)  
November 7 (Exhibition) Lipscomb 68, UAH 64  
November 10 at Samford (Exhibition), 6 p.m.  
November 15 at Martin Methodist, 6 p.m.

Interested in covering  
UAH sporting events  
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# Sports

## Volleyball Goes 23-11 to End Season

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) paced UAH with 14 kills and 12 digs. Kim Beesley (Huntsville) added 12 kills, while senior setter Samantha Polkowski (Huntsville) produced 39 assists. Anne Ledford (Daphne) 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 senior night for Molly Healy, 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 by outside hitter Molly Healy who contributed double figures with 18 kills and 12 digs. Middle blocker Bethany Holder (Boonville, IN) also produced a double-double with 13 kills and 12 digs alongside outside hitter Emily Miller who rounded out the top hitters with 5 kills and 13 digs. Jun-

ior Kim Beesley led the Lady Chargers defensively with 21 digs. Samantha Polkowski set up 59 assists and freshman Shannon Polkowski (Huntsville) finished the 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 11<sup>th</sup>.

UAH fell to 8<sup>th</sup> ranked Truman State Friday night at Spragins Hall. In the 30-24, 30-22, 30-27 loss Emily Miller

contributed 16 kills to lead the women while Samantha Polkowski produced 41 assists. Younger sister Shannon Polkowski chipped in 10 kills and 10 digs.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> UAH overtook West Georgia 3-1 in a match up played in Carrolton, Georgia. Shannon Polkowski led the Lady Chargers in scoring with 15 kills and 8 digs alongside Emily Miller who put down 13 kills. Bethany Holder tallied 12 kills and Kim Beesley added 11. Senior Setter Samantha Polkowski closed out the match with 51 assists and four service aces.

The Lady Chargers will face Arkansas Tech on Friday in the first round of the 2005 Gulf South Conference Tournament in Searcy, Arkansas. GOOD LUCK LADY CHARGERS!

## 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

Starting things off 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 off of a Dominik Rozman and A.J. Larivee 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 Todd Bentley at the 3:34 mark in the second period,

and UAH was rolling. Bentley would round out the scoring for UAH, 7:06 into the second period, thanks to another Rozman assist. RIT would finally answer with just a minute and forty seconds left in the second period. Despite back and forth action during the final period, neither team could score until the 14:16 mark when 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, played well in the goal with 28 saves for the night, but it was Todd Bentley and Dominik Rozman who would be awarded as two of the game's "three stars."

November 5  
UAH 4, RIT 1

Starting right where they left off, the Chargers played with intensity from the beginning with 21 shots on the goal during the first period alone. Senior left wing, Chris Martini, would be the first to score, 5:28 into the game, thanks to a Todd Bentley and Jeff Winchester assist. Near the end of the first period, junior center, David Nimmo, would provide an unassisted goal to put the Chargers up 2-0. RIT would quickly answer back just 20 seconds later, cutting the UAH lead back down to one. Early in the second period, David Nimmo would notch another goal at the 1:17 mark on a power play strike assisted by Matt Sweazy and Shaun Arvai. Neither team was able to gain the advantage for the

majority of the rest of the game, until 6:37 into third period, when David Nimmo would score another unassisted strike for the Chargers and earn the hat trick. Sophomore goaltender, Marc Narduzzi, with 28 saves in the evening, would join Nimmo as two of the "three stars" for the game.

With the sweep, the Chargers improve to (2-2-0) for the season and (7-0-1) all time against the Tigers. UAH next returns home for a two game series with Niagara on November 11th and 12th. Both games start at 7:05 p.m. at the Von Braun Center Arena. 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!

## Women's X-C Qualifies for Nationals

By Antoine Bell  
UAH Sports Information

Dade City, Fla - The UAH women's cross country team will be headed west to Pomona, 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 up 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 skinny 32 points. Host Florida Southern College was second with 78 points, followed by Clayton State (101), West Florida (107), Central Arkansas (209), and UAH, who fin-

ished 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. Freshman Erin Zellers (Red Lion, PA) squeezed her way onto the All-Region team, taking the final spot at 15th (23:15). Zellers became the first freshman to ever earn cross country All-Region honors.

Andrea Kruszka (FR, Naperville, IL) and Linda Scavarda (SR, Cullman) rounded out the top five finishers for the Lady Chargers finishing 31st and 32nd respectively, each logging a time of 24:10.

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# Lindsey Schlosser: Coming Out on Top

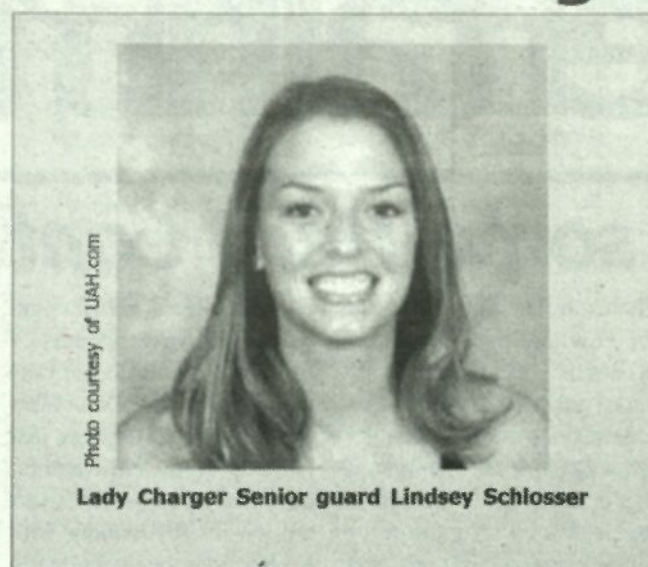
By Ramon Rodriguez

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 Wimberly, 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 Arkansas-Monticello in the first round of the GSC post-season tourney.

As Schlosser reflects on the girls' poor 8-20 record overall in 2004-05, she quickly recognizes the Lady Chargers' shortcomings but also stresses that the team's potential has not even scratched the surface. And with new faces of freshmen, Kristen Banes and Melanie



Lady Charger Senior guard Lindsey Schlosser

Beddingfield, in the post and guard, Cassie Carden, in the backcourt, she believes the squad has added a certain amount of depth that should lead it past fringe contender status.

"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 all. We can come out on top. And I'm a senior..."

Schlosser's voice suddenly gets quiet. Perhaps she remembers her days as a freshman redshirt in 2001-02, spending long hours alone in the gym, trying to perfect her jump-shot. Perhaps she thinks back on the numerous

injuries that have plagued her throughout her college basketball career. Perhaps she recalls the three different occasions when she played in the GSC post-season tourney and lost each time. Perhaps she knows a winning season in 2005-06 will dash all the frustrations she's dealt with as a Lady Charger. Perhaps she knows this is her last chance to come out on top.

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 hurts her more than standing on a broken foot or wrist. Through it all, the walking smiley face does not detract from her failures; in-

stead, 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."

Such a mentality has allowed Schlosser's game to constantly improve. Each year her playing time has increased, she has averaged more steals, and has become the Lady Charger's second leader in assists. This selfless, pass-first-shoot-second attitude merely points to the dedication she has to her teammates.

"I can actually call them friends. In some places, there's not much team unity. But every year, I've absolutely loved my teammates here, and I think they're the highlight of my years. I'm going to take this handful of people with me for the rest of my life," she says.

It's extraordinary to think that anyone could continue being so optimistic, but for Schlosser, it's just another day being able to do what she loves—play basketball. But not just for the love of it, but for the opportunity to come out on top.

# Athlete Quick Take

By Heather Evans

## Caitlin Heider



Cross Country Athlete Caitlin Heider

**What is your middle name?**

Marie

**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 T.V. 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

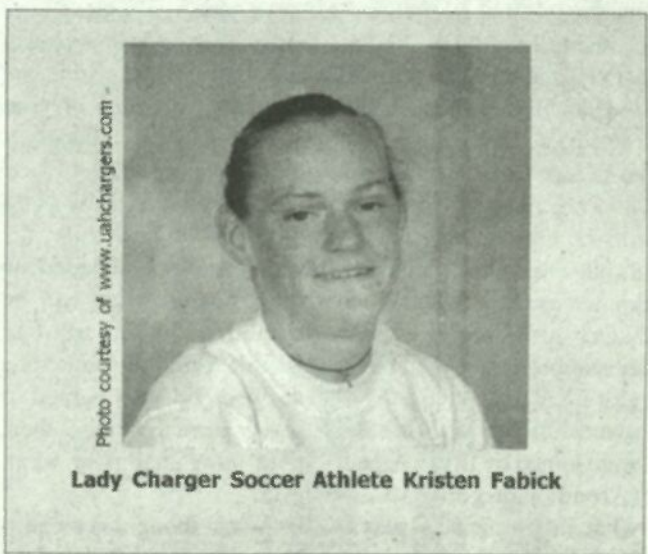
# Fabick Earns Academic Honors

By Jamie Gilliam

UAH Sports Information

Seeing her hard work in the classroom and on the field pay off, University of Alabama-Huntsville junior defender Kristen Fabick has garnered ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District First-Team Honors. The Kingsport, Tenn., native boasts a 4.00 grade point average as a Mathematics and Secondary Education major.

Along with earning District IV honors, Fabick joins other first-team All-District honorees on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America ballot. A two-time



Lady Charger Soccer Athlete Kristen Fabick

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.

The ESPN The Magazine Academic teams are nominated and voted on by CoSIDA, the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Please direct any questions or comments about the sports section to Heather Evans via email at [sports@exponent.uah.edu](mailto:sports@exponent.uah.edu)

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## Houses and Crises

By Clay Johnson  
Entertainment Editor

In an attempt to expand the horizons of the Entertainment Section, I've been looking to bring a new medium under its wing. This Entertainment format has not necessarily been excluded from the Section in the past, but it has been represented very little—until now. And if you're thinking about Mountain Goat Ice Hockey Theatre, you're not really warm at all.

I'm talking graphic novels—no, wait, that's just a pretentious way to say comic books. Yes, comic books—ostensibly for either young kids or complete geeks and losers, this genre of storytelling is about to get a bit more coverage in ye ole *Exponent*.

In the past few years, comics have gotten more and more popular and acceptable. This has happened due to a combination of many factors. For instance, the geek lifestyle has grown more fashionable. It's true. Just look around (or in the mirror). Moreover, comics have become more mature and have branched off into other media (most importantly movies). Thus, due to movies which are now able to better capture the fantastical elements of comics that make them unique, people are more inclined to be sucked in by that medium to explore the source material: comics.

And what they're finding is of higher and higher quality. The major companies have made an effort to capitalize on these opportunities and have gambled well, successfully revamping their companies to deliver better, and more viable products. They've done this in several ways. For instance, collected volumes of comics—often called graphic novels and bound either in paperback or hardcover—are more prevalent. These aren't prone to the price inflammations of the collector's market, and they provide solid blocks of storyline in one piece.

Accessibility is the key here. Marvel has even opened up a line called Ultimate Marvel, which features classic Marvel characters starting from scratch in a modern day setting. These tales are excellent jumping-on points for new readers, and that is important because the extensive continuity of the comic book world can be intimidating to those new to its ranks.

But the stories are paramount. They are just getting better on the whole, featuring more maturity, complexity, and realism. Granted, this isn't Shakespeare. It's still comics, meaning it's still fantastical, over-the-top, physics-defying, logic-defying, and so on. Yet a little improvement goes a long way in allowing one to suspend disbelief. But enough of this banter—I haven't even covered a fraction of the spectrum of this topic. I want to move on, then, to the current events of comics that one can check out.

There are two huge events happening right now among two major comics publishers. DC Comics is just starting out its *Infinite Crisis*, a gigantic event which has been building up for at least two years. The story is massive and complex, interweaving through several different titles. To be honest, I'm not a scholar of the DC Universe, so I identify with any who might find the task of attempting to indulge in this story a bit daunting. Luckily, the first issue of the main series is still on newsstands, while *Countdown to Infinite Crisis* is a nice jumping-on point to get you ingrained in the story if you're interested. *Crisis* promises to shake up DC comics in many lasting ways, so it is something to look out for.

Marvel Comics, on the other hand, is in the final stages of its *House of M* project. In this, the reality of the Marvel Universe is altered by the mutant Magneto's daughter, the Scarlet Witch. Various hijinks ensue, and the entire Marvel Universe is affected in profound and lasting ways. Sounds a bit familiar, eh? But, for the uninitiated, it's not—trust me. The fallout from the event is just about to be explored, and while the actual event was rather large, it can be followed easily enough through an eight-issue mini-series, the final issue of which literally came out last week, which covers the main storyline.

If you're interested in either of these big crossover events, head to your local comic shop (Cosmic Odyssey or The Deep, for instance). The guys are friendly, helpful, and will assist you in finding a good starting point to join on the madness. They can fill you in on the details that this general overview glosses over. Otherwise you may find something a bit more streamlined and intimate to pique your interest. Give comics a chance, and you'll more than likely find something you enjoy within this unique entertainment venue.

# Entertainment

## 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 cracks and exploded on 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 title is not meant to sound dirty, as the phrase "hard contact" is described in the book as the moment when fighters from one side first meet their opponents face to face, usually with explosive results. Even though it is not subtitled as a Clone Wars novel (as most that take place during this Star Wars era are), it deals very much with the Clone Wars on a more personal level and not from the vantage point of someone we know and love. With *Hard Contact*, everyone is a brand new character just waiting to be explored.

We are introduced to a Padawan known as Etain. She has doubts about where the Jedi are headed and what

their ultimate purpose could be now that they are meant to act as generals for a vast clone army. Keep in mind that this takes place just months after *Episode II*. To lengthen her doubts, part of her trial is to meet up with a group of clone commandos, an elitist fighting group for the clone army, and aid them with their mission. Though they are not as independent as ARC troopers, clone commandos have a high level of independent thinking as long as the situation ends up with the mission accomplished.

The commando that we deal with mostly is Darman. He is the sole survivor from a squad that was ambushed on Geonosis. His squad is actually composed of the characters that a person would control in the tie-in video game, *Star Wars: Republic Commando*, which I have not played. Following that failed mission, he is put with three new commandos, all which have survived losing their squads. And though they are the same physically, their personalities are vastly different. This works effectively in moments of confrontation and for an appreciated dose of comic relief.

The action comes fast and with some vast amounts of insight that you do not normally pick up in a *Star Wars* novel. Mostly, there are just political quips and whatnot, but with *Hard Contact*, there are adages for dealing with soldiers and the 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 welled up with tears at the emotionality of it all. It is far more touching than even Timothy Zahn's work, and that was most surprising to me. Karen Traviss is a fresh stock of gravy that is much appreciated in the *Star Wars Expanded Universe*. It is nice to know that she has a follow up novel for *Hard Contact* due out next year.

While I am discussing the Clone Wars, the MedStar duology is also a must read. Written by Steve Perry and Michal Reaves, the pair of books tells the story of a surgeon on a planet where large amounts of hard contact have to take place because of the precious plant contained in the ecosystem. There is a vast amount of insight present in these books



Cover art for *Hard Contact*

as well, although when the main character, Jos, starts talking about suicide, it felt a little out of place. As a whole, I recommend it entirely.

As a side note, I would like to *not* recommend that anyone read *The Cestus Deception*. The plot is boring; Steven Barnes' writing is just not for Star Wars. It felt like a chore half-way through the book, and, not that it matters, but the cover art really just bothered me for some reason. Be sure to ignore it today, and pick up your copy of *Hard Contact*. Or maybe even borrow mine.

## Here Comes the Sun

By Clay Johnson  
Entertainment Editor

George Harrison once sang about it. Superman draws his power from it. And Phoenix took its NBA team's name from it.

What are we talking about? Come on, this one's easy: the Sun. Yes, that star which the Earth (and several other less important planets) revolves around—wait, am I talking about Britney Spears again? How embarrassing.

Ahem. Let's pull ourselves together here. The Sun has expanded its duties by donating its moniker (isn't that a character from *Friends*?) to an up-and-coming indie band which has, conveniently enough, recently released its first full-length album.

The Sun first rose into view with 2003's *Love and Death* EP. They followed that up with another EP, lovingly titled *Did Your Mother Tell You*. The origins of the Sun lie in Ohio, last heard from about a year ago when it functioned as the swing state for

the Presidential election.

Chris Burney (vocals, guitar, Rivers Cuomo poseur) and Sam Brown (drums, backing vocals, named after an earth tone) are the only ones left from the band's formative days, and each passed through the infernal machine known as Ohio State. When Wisely deciding to eschew education in favor of fame, glory, and a life of nigh-anonymity, they dropped out and were joined by Bryan Arendt (Arendt you going to ask what instrument he plays? No? Well, it's guitar, so there), Brad Forsblom (bass, backing vocals), and Brad Caulkins (keyboards, guitars, and backing vocals).

Joyously, they now are heating up store shelves with their groundbreaking first stab at a true album. Sarcasically titled *Blame It on the Youth*, this initial outing is presented in a DVD Album format.

"Fantastic," you say. Seconds elapse, and puzzlement ensues. Sensing your befuddlement, I answer your question before you formu-

late it. Observe: while *Blame* is placed in an ordinary jewel case and housed within the normal CD section of your local store, it nevertheless is a DVD, playable only on DVD players and DVD-ROM drives. But, brilliantly, the audio tracks embedded on the dynamic disc can be ripped and converted to whatever digital format one desires, and thus burned to disc or carried on one of them iPod thingamajigs or whatever.

What, though, is the purpose of all this? Why the DVD instead of the CD? It seems a lot of trouble. And it is. But for what reason? The answer is simple. Each track on this album is accompanied by a music video, contained right on the disc. Monumental.

And yet, not so much. When I first heard of this concept I was fascinated, my mind filled with visions of a grand concept album accompanied by masterfully-crafted art-house videos to help conjure a more concrete connection of the elaborate

theme at work. Picturing a blend of Yes, Gorillaz, *Tommy*, and perhaps a dash of *American Idiot* thrown in to keep everything liberal enough, I was elated.

Brace yourself for heart-break if the previous paragraph sounded appealing to you. The ingenuity of the DVD aspect of the album is lost within its lackluster, mundane framework. The videos are altogether boring, most of them duller than bingo night at the local senior center. Only a few of them rise above and offer something semi-interesting. "Romantic Death" is just risqué enough to elicit a raised eyebrow, and there was a day when it would have been pulled from MTV for its lewdity. The animated cuts "These Heights" and "Taking the Lord's Name in Vein" both shine, with the former evoking "Paranoid Android"-like head-scratching, and the latter copying every avant-garde and/or politically-charged video ever made (think "Megalomaniac" by Incubus com-



# ACE Presents Tim Young

By Jeff Brown

Tired of going home to an empty apartment and fixing hot chocolate for two, just to pour one of them down the drain while thinking that yours tastes like the perfect mix of cocoa and loneliness? God knows I am. If you feel 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 Crowd with Collin Quinn*, and *Shorties Watching Shorties*.

An excited Jasmine Montgomery exclaimed, "I've never heard of him!" Apparently she doesn't get out much. When her time is not occupied with socially secluding herself, she is the Special Events Assistant Director for ACE.

"I can't wait. ACE always brings in good comedians," said sophomore, Kurt Sansom. "The last one they showed, I thought I was going pee my pants."

Be warned, however, that the event is not exactly family friendly. In fact, your mother might not approve, saying it is unwholesome. Just keep in mind that this is coming from the same fountain of truth that told you babies come from storks, Santa Claus is real, and that she and your father really did plan on having you only ten

months after your older brother was born. Maybe you should trust the honest folks at ACE instead.

Now for the Catch Phrase of the Week. If you missed the premise of this last week, I will do a brief recap. I will give you a catch phrase, and you will implement in daily conversation. This week's phrase is, "Love is a battlefield," 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 pat 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 the fact that we are not in the co-ed pool. Bush league, guys...Bush league.

For those of you at Jeff-Fest 2005, 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 that good since Arnold Schwarzenegger's smash hit, Hollywood classic, *Jingle All The Way!*"

# ACE in your FACE



Cade McKee  
ACE President



John Kiser  
ACE Vice President

I will start this week in a backwards type fashion (Unless you are a jackleg who skips to the end of the article first). Instead of making you wait and wonder who the ACE Fan of the week is I will just start off by saying who he is and explain what he did to deserve the title. It's my article, deal with it. If Joe Terrell asks you to write one, you can do whatever you want. This week I declare Troy and Jasper of the UAH baseball team, and Adrian Peters of my MIS 340 class as the ACE Fans of the Week. Believe me, they deserve it.

This past week Adrian, Troy, and Jasper were privileged enough to play on ACE's dodge ball team, The Champions of Justice. We were outmanned and outgunned in a clash-of-the-titans type game versus the ATOs. Let me paint you a picture of how it went down. It was 6 on 8 (we were the six for those who didn't understand the outmanned and outgunned statement earlier), morale was at an all time low following a comment made by one of the ATO players concerning how he was going to urinate on Jasper following the game that he said was going to be shorter than the 30 seconds he lasted with that prostitute the previous evening (His words not mine, I do not condone prostitution and hear it is a criminal offense). Adrian was a little winded after saving some children from a burning building, and Troy was still upset about a game of racquetball he had played earlier with Cheating Michael Chandler (that's what Troy calls him).

All in all, we were pretty much down and out, but, in true ACE fashion, we put our big boy pants on and lined up. Small foam balls, which Woody promised were going to be replaced, were flying overhead, hitting The Champions of Justice, and a small, maybe three year old, child (I don't know where that kid came from, but Troy says he's sorry). This is the point in the story where Jasper earned his Fan of the Week title. As I'm turning to pick up a loose ball that had just deflected off of Cade's face I hear, "WATCH OUT!" from somewhere on my right. You should know that before this night, I had never met Jasper, but that did not stop him from making the biggest sacrifice in dodge ball history. Be sure to pick up a copy next week to see what exactly Jasper did. I'm kidding, I'm a kidder. Anyway, when I turn to see what I should be watching out for, Jasper is in the middle of a Combat Carl roll towards me. It didn't register with me then, but in hindsight (which is 20/20 for those who didn't know), I distinctly remember seeing a ball headed straight for my kibble n' bits only to be intercepted by Jasper's face.

Commercial Break- Please be sure to turn or maybe look on this same page to read an article written by ACE's own, Jeff Graham, concerning the upcoming ACE event. He is a much better writer than I, so you should enjoy.

At this point, I'm the last man standing, and my new best friend is balls-to-the-walls unconscious below me (Don't ask me how a foam ball could knock you out). It doesn't take long before my spider-senses fail me. In the middle of arguing with Woody, an ATO 'cheaps' it and hits me in the back (real manly undisclosed ATO guy). I only hope the hundreds of adoring ACE in YOUR FACE readers do some research and find out who this guy is. By the way, it's the same guy who wanted to urinate on Jasper after the game. And by do some research, I mean either ask Jasper or me, and we'll tell you. Have a good week, and see you Wednesday.

# Local Singer Continues Career

By John Michael Hampton

Fifteen year old, Laurelyn Carter, despite facing hardships 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, as well as ten plus recent songs, a photo album, and a recent interview of Carter that aired on FOX Sports. Carter handpicked the songs for this new recording, including some of the favorites from her first album, like "Mama Ain't Here" and "Homecoming Queen," as well as new recordings of songs including "Alabama Po Folks" and "American Boys." The music video, "I Should Be Laughing" was shot on location at Madison County High School.

Gena Sharpe, Carter's mother, spoke of some of the hardships she has faced lately. "In September, Laurelyn's dad, Greg Carter, died very suddenly and tragi-

cally. Laurelyn also had surgery Friday (October 28th)...She is still sore but is getting better."

Carter started singing at her grandfather's church east of Huntsville at an early age. She mentioned that her mom and grandmother were her early musical influences, though she also credits Martina McBride, LeAnn Rimes, Mandy Moore, and Rebecca St. James as being musicians that she looks to for inspiration. However, she will quickly tell you that she is not in this just to get famous. "God has blessed me with the talent I have. I am doing it for Him, not for me."

Fame may follow though, as she has already opened for such artists as Blake Shelton, Diamond Rio, and most recently, Vince Gill. In our interview, Carter spoke of what impressed her about those musicians. She mentioned that she was able to talk to Mr. Gill before the concert, and "he was very nice, (and)...real genuine." Sharpe added that, "he was very laid back."



Laurelyn Carter as Madison County High School homecoming attendant for the Freshman Class of school year 2004-05

Sharpe explained that Carter has a full slate of performances ahead in 2006. "She doesn't have any major performances for the rest of this year but should be back at the Wildhorse Saloon in Nashville in January for the Terra's Angels Benefit Concert. She has also been selected to be a contestant in next year's Next American Superstar Program. The website is <http://www.nextamericansuperstar.com>."

Her current CD, *Laurelyn Carter*, is available at Sam Goody in the Parkway City Mall and other selected local stores, where her new DVD will also be available around Christmas. You can find out more about Laurelyn Carter by visiting her web site at [www.laurelyn.com](http://www.laurelyn.com) today. For a preview of her new video, visit <http://www.mp3unsigned.com/showid.asp?mp3id=615&aid=786>.

## GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Calendar of Events for the City of Huntsville

- Nov 10** Jerry Seinfeld @ Von Braun Center Concert Hall, Huntsville, AL
- Nov 12** Peter Pan @ Von Braun Center Concert Hall, Huntsville, AL
- Nov 13** St. Petersburg Classic Ballet Theatre @ Von Braun Center Concert Hall, Huntsville, AL
- Nov 14** Bright Eyes in concert @ Ryman Auditorium, Nashville, TN
- Nov 17** Casting Crowns & Building 429 in concert @ Von Braun Center, Huntsville, AL

## TOP 10

### Top Ten Movies

1. Chicken Little
2. Jarhead
3. Saw II
4. The Legend of Zorro
5. Prime
6. Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story
7. Good Night, And Good Luck
8. The Weather Man
9. Shopgirl
10. Flightplan

### Top Ten Albums

1. #1's Destiny's Child
2. All the Right Reasons Nickelback
3. Timeless Martina McBride
4. Thanks for the Memory... The Great American Songbook, Vol. IV Rod Stewart
5. Monkey Business The Black Eyed Peas
6. I Am Me Ashlee Simpson
7. III Joe Nichols
8. Late Registration Kanye West
9. Trill Bun-B
10. Bette Midler Sings the Peggy Lee Songbook Bette Midler



## 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 debater. And recently, after attending a pre-debate meeting one week prior to the debate where it was agreed that each side could have up to six people, they showed up with only three people. And once again it was clear that they had not done any research before the debate in an effort to support their own arguments or to challenge the arguments of the College Democrats.

Why does this matter and why should I care? Well, I must admit that I do get pleasure out of watching 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 is insulting to the audience members and reflects poorly on your organization and your university. This is college. Please make an attempt to use fact-based logic as opposed to solely relying on regurgitated catch phrases.

The Exponent finally has a new Business Manager. Louise Nuer was recently approved by the publication board to this post, and we are happy to have her. It will sure make my life much easier.

Here is something to ponder. Recently a classmate of mine asked me if it would be feasible to have an 'engagement section' in the paper. I really can't believe that no one has thought of doing that before. Should you decide to get married we could feature your photo and your respective short biographies as you would find in your local newspaper. I believe this would be a great addition to the paper, but I am trying to get an idea of how many people would be interested in us providing this service. If you want to see the Exponent pursue this, email the editor at [editor@exponent.uah.edu](mailto:editor@exponent.uah.edu) or send him a message on facebook.

# Editorial

## LETTERS to the Editor

Deadline for having letters of 300 words or less turned in is 2 p.m. on Friday. The Exponent reserves the right to edit all materials submitted for publication.

Dear Editor,

I would like to 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

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 in the locker room - 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 pe-

destrians, 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 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

## Dear Suzy



The deadline for Dear Suzy letters is Sunday at midnight. Letters should be sent to [uahdearsuzy@yahoo.com](mailto:uahdearsuzy@yahoo.com). Anonymity will be preserved in Dear Suzy letters. Suzy is a UAH student and is not a licensed psychologist or therapist. Her advice is based on her own experience and should never be taken as the advice of a physician or therapist. Her opinions do not necessarily reflect the opinions of *The Exponent*, staff members, or the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Dear Suzy,

I nominate you for homecoming queen! Is this even possible? Anyhow, I crave your every word and really

admire you. You should really consider it.

-Votin' for Suzy

Dear 'Votin' for Suzy',

I am so flattered that you are nominating me for homecoming. But guess what? You aren't an academic depart-

ment, student club, or organization, so you are not eligible to nominate me. I don't know whether to be flattered or intimidated by your desire for my 'every word'. And also, homecoming is for high school pansies.

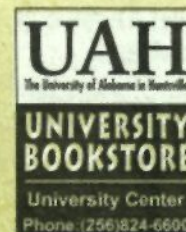
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# Opinion

## 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 Total 2037 DoD Confirmation List Latest Coalition Fatality: Nov 03, 2005

The news media has presented a comparison of the Vietnam War to the Iraqi War. This is offered from an excerpt from the Los Angeles Times:

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 "before 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 Iraqi War and in its death count. The count for the Vietnam War after two years was 392 (<http://www.veteransforpeace.org>). As of today, the death toll for United States participants in Iraq as counted by the Department of Defense (DoD) listed on [icasualties.org](http://icasualties.org) is 2037. For University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH) students, this is a significant number considering that many people in Huntsville are associated with the United States Military in some form or fashion. Some of the students attending UAH are United States Military.

The UAH College Democrats and the UAH College Republicans have strong views that can enlighten the students of the university and can strongly impact the popularity of government and its policies. The North Ala-

bama Peace Network (NAPN) is also a source of differing views of which UAH students should be aware.

In 2003, the justification for invading Iraq was to purge Iraq of weapons of mass destruction (<http://www.atimes.com/atimes>). The president of the UAH College Democrats, Sterling High said, "Well obviously it's a tragedy that it's come to 2000; the biggest thing is where do we go from here?" The belief that UAH Democrats have is that "We need to learn to work together with other people." High believes that the United States needs to cooperate with the Iraqi soldiers instead of sending them home. One similarity that Iraq shares with Vietnam is, "in the Vietnam imbroglio, the North Vietnamese relied 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 Iraqi troops would contribute more to 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 people have NO vested interest in subjugating the locals, so we want to leave as soon as we can" (<http://www.washingtonmonthly.com>). With the rising amounts of insurgents in Iraq, the levels at which they operate is much like the guerilla warfare used in Vietnam. Another excerpt from <http://www.washingtonmonthly.com> is "Thus, 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 second-hand 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 "He [President Bush] wants to push his agenda and doesn't care about the other side which is obvious with his new Supreme 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 them feel the Christmas spirit. One crucial part of the package according to High is, "Phone cards." The Democrats plan to try to educate people for the upcoming 2006 election so as to give the people a choice as to whom they vote into office.

The President of the UAH College Republicans, Sarah Fluhler commented on policies and what the Republican views on the war are. The Republican view of the US Troops is, "Well, we do support the troops...Of course we want them to come back alive." The lives of Americans lost that are not military are greatly regretted; "It's murder really" says Fluhler. Any loss of life is tragic, however people are aware that loss of life happens during wartime. "The troops have not been drafted into the war so they well know the risks" adds Fluhler. The upcoming 2006 election is a time for power shifts among political parties. The UAH College Republican position is, "The UAH College Republicans are not focused on President Bush per se right now, what we're focused on is the 2006 and 2008 elections." They believe

in educating the population on political issues rather than the party as a whole. They want to shift emphasis to the issues that concern the American public rather than to specifically look at party candidates.

The North Alabama Peace Network (NAPN) is an organization that is devoted to peace and diplomatic responses to conflict. Erin Reid spoke for NAPN on a variety of questions. "NAPN was started in an effort to prevent us from going to war" said Reid. The resistance level in response to Iraq is growing and protests are becoming more prevalent. Vietnam also met with protest. "Bring them home" is a phrase that NAPN voices in response to the US Troops in Iraq. The NAPN organization often participates in weekly protests. While the protests against the Iraqi 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 bases 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."

There's also the matter of the war in Iraq. We recently passed a grim milestone of 2,000 American deaths in addition to Iraqi civilian casualties that have been quoted anywhere from 27,000 to 30,000 deaths since March 2003. At least we're over there for a legitimate reason, right? At least the American public wasn't misled into supporting Operation: Iraqi Freedom, right? At least we went in with a legitimate exit strategy and haven't turned the entire country into a

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## President's Corner



Ryan Schueler  
SGA President

UAH Student Body,

As the semester begins to slow down, the SGA keeps working hard FOR YOU!!!

-The UC Lobby TV is up and running. This TV is located to the left of the UC Info Desk and will play national news, such as, CNN, Fox News, and so forth. Pull up some of the lobby's chairs and enjoy some news between classes. Please let the SGA know what you think about this new addition to the UC. An additional TV will be placed in the Café in the very near future. This is just part of an SGA effort to make the UC a more student oriented, fun place to hang out.

-This past week one of the two SGA clerk positions was filled. There is still one more position open. This is a PAID POSITION WITHIN SGA, which requires only a few hours per week. If you're looking to get involved on campus, learn valuable leadership skills, and want few extra bucks, contact the SGA in UC 106, ASAP.

-Charger-Casting is on the way. Equipment and preliminary shows are in the works. Expect to experience the first ever UAH Charger-Cast during the beginning of next semester. In the mean time, the SGA Charger-Casting Committee is looking for a two more members to help develop this new group. We are looking for motivated, creative, and enthusiastic people to jump on board. If you are interested in getting involved, please email [noise-maker28@hotmail.com](mailto:noise-maker28@hotmail.com).

-This Thursday and Friday, the Alabama System Board of Trustees will be having a meeting in Tuscaloosa. I will be there to report and update all of you next week of any decisions that are made that may impact us here at UAH.

Until Next Week,

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## 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 President's approval rating 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 nomina-

tion of Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court, and has to expect the possibility of a filibuster with his newest nomination. There have been indictments of majority leader Tom DeLay and the Vice President's chief of staff Scooter Libby, bringing about the prompt resignations of both. 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 astoundingly still employed and press secretary Scott McClellan sweeping botched jobs under the rug at break-neck speed, this all adds up to a lion's share of corruption and incompetence deeply entrenched in the bowels of this administration.

Is that all? Certainly not. Our fearless leader demonstrated just how dangerous appointing your friends to major positions can be in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

There's also the matter of the war in Iraq. We recently passed a grim milestone of 2,000 American deaths in addition to Iraqi civilian casualties that have been quoted anywhere from 27,000 to 30,000 deaths since March 2003. At least we're over there for a legitimate reason, right? At least the American public wasn't misled into supporting Operation: Iraqi Freedom, right? At least we went in with a legitimate exit strategy and haven't turned the entire country into a

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# Exponent Hurricane Efforts Teach Life Lessons

By Sarah Perrin  
News Editor

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 to set up a relief drive. So in whatever store I was shopping at I made myself comfortable on the display sofa and dialed Editor-in-Chief Joseph Terrell. He was on board. I dialed Student Affairs and got the okay from them, and finally my friend back. In only fifteen minutes the wheels were in motion.

We set our goals high, aiming to raise 1000 pounds of aid in just one week. Signs were hung around campus and announcements were run in *The Exponent*. A local moving company donated eight extra large boxes, which were set up in the University Center. We planned to accept food, clothing, linens, 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 Anniston, Alabama when we were through so they could be sorted and distributed to the many evacuee families that would soon be moving into renovated barracks. We would later make a special trip and deliver the bears to children in person, striving to make a humanitarian connection. I was excited and in retrospect a little naïve.

I say that because in many ways I thought our ef-



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 refurb-

ishing.

As renovations dragged on in Anniston, so did our drive. The morale of those involved dropped significantly—it was no longer as exciting as it had been. And when Anniston was finally ready the Salvation Army refused to move the goods because we didn't have any appliances. 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. The Purple Heart agreed to come to the university and pick up the goods, which weighed in at approximately 1100 pounds. For several weekends 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 especially 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 my father and I went alone. No matter, he and I were excited. When we arrived in Anniston 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. It was going to be special. 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 scaled our vehicle pulling out extra toys. 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 the 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 worth it.

## SUN from page 6

bined with "Take Me Out" by Franz Ferdinand).

The music is another matter entirely. It's good—not necessarily great, but definitely worthy of a listen. The audio no doubt often stands up to the test of time better without the accompaniment of the often-lame videos. "Taking the Lord's Name in Vein," for instance, is a garage-rock assault laced with

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The DeLay camp claims that Earl is only after the former majority leader only because the attorney is a Democrat and his target is a high profile Republican. Of course, they fail to admit that Earl has prosecuted nearly twice as

feedback and screaming political sentiment. Fascinatingly, the very next track on the album is "Lose Your Money," an Italian mafia ditty filtered through the disembodied spirit of a bluesman—subdued and subtle.

"Valentine" points to the Sun's time as an opening act for the Flaming Lips with its xylophone-esque chimes, while the album-introducing

"It Must Be You" feels like a standard garage rock tune until the intensity of the lines about the dagger, dripping with blood, that the protagonist won't allow his former lover to pull out of his chest. It would feel like amateur poetry night at Hot Topic were it not for the sheer emotional and vocal rawness of it all.

The Sun are at their best when they embrace that raw-

ness. "Say Goodbye," for instance, finds them riding a cute little groove with standard-bearing vocals delivering nice lyrics... then all hell breaks loose and the real fun kicks in. But, then, the dichotomy is a big part of the joy. Some of the tracks, however, never come off the rails, and the album suffers for it.

In the end, it all comes down to a broken promise.

The album has a lot of it, with Yeah Yeah Yeahs sonic angularity and attitude mixing with Flaming Lips atmospheric, caged in a garage archetype. Add in a bit of misguided power-pop influence, and the formula starts to wear down a bit. Some of the cuts are top-notch, yet some are as 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 its semi-cheap gimmick, yet it remains a promising debut.

many Democrats (including Earl, himself) than Republicans in his three decades in office. After Scooter Libby was indicted under charges of perjury, right-wingers complained that lying was more of a "technicality" than a le-

gitimate crime. Quick, 100 points to whoever can guess on what charge the GOP finally busted Bill Clinton.

It would be great if Harry Reid and Dick Durbin weren't reduced to calling closed Senate sessions to get some

real answers behind the justification for the war in Iraq. It'd be a lot more productive if we all could spend less time pointing fingers (like I've done in the past 500 words or so) and more time shaking hands. One of the parties

needs to make the first step, and since the GOP the party in power, they need to reach across the aisle first. They need to hold themselves accountable and quit shifting the responsibility to what they call partisan tactics by

the left. It's do-or-die time for the Republicans. This is the only way the party has any hope in 2006 and 2008.



**PHYSICS from page 1**

Center and is grateful for everyone involved, giving special credit to Dr. Andrew Pakhomov, 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

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dropping out of the University." They then monitor the academic progress of the students in several different ways to "encourage and help them stay in college."

Additionally, the OMA is an excellent way to help out clubs. Leaders can attend their monthly meetings. This

**FACEBOOK from page 3**

taken up this site full time, making most of his money from advertising and big name investors such as the ex-CEO of PayPal, Peter Thiel. Another advantage of this site over other online social

**X-C from page 4**

Senior Justin Pruitt (Southside) paced the UAH men, earning All-Region hon-

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 dedicated to them amounted to 1,119 hours. Elsamadicy supplied more recent data from the Office of Institutional Research showing that the total percentage

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

sites 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

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 Depart-

ment 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.

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

performer since 1997. Junior Brandon York (Tuscaloosa) crossed the line 39th (37:09),

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 Ala-

During the peak hours before exams, the traffic of students to the Success Cen-

ter increases. 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

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

followed by Beck Mitchell (FR, Highland Village, Tex.)

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."

how the Office of Multicultural Affairs can help their organization, one can contact the office at (256) 890-6822. One can also visit the office, which is Room 220 in Morton Hall.

For those interested in

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 thou-

(52nd - 37:50), Sean Allan (SO, Fort Payne) (57th - 38:06) and

senior Mark Ullom (Madison) who was 66th at 38:44.

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## Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

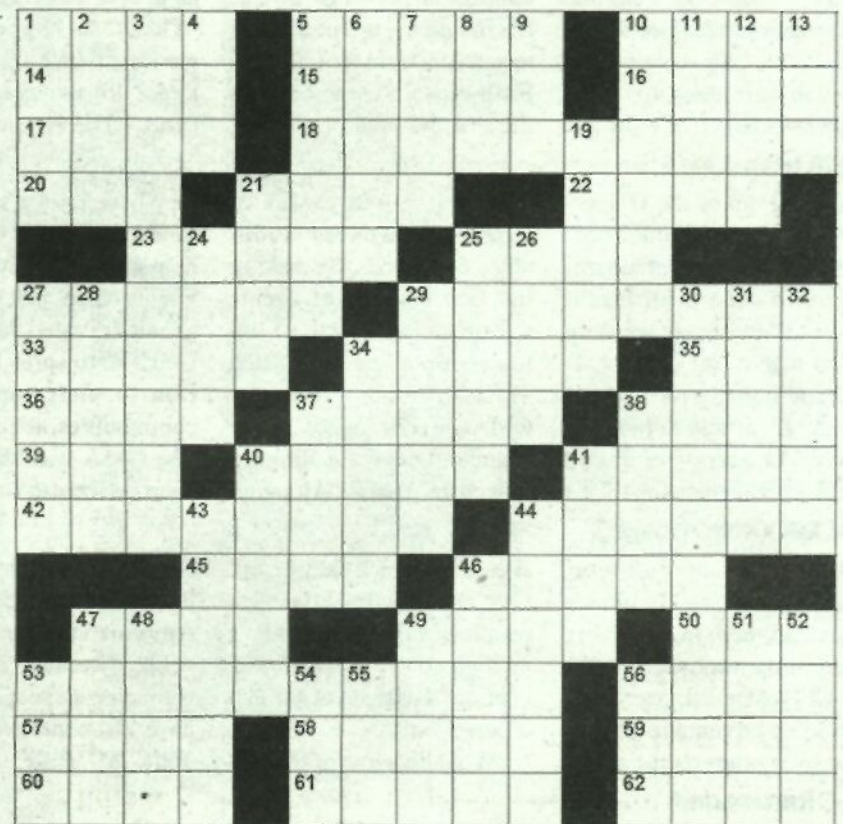
### Fruit Salad

**Across**

- 1 Tatters
- 5 Stage offering
- 10 Brag
- 14 Farm plot
- 15 James Whitcomb \_\_\_\_, poet
- 16 Sole
- 17 Irish playwright
- 18 Fruit serving
- 20 Liveliness
- 21 Runs a tab
- 22 TV selector command
- 23 Fireplace leftover
- 25 Positioned the ball
- 27 Social occasion
- 29 Gathers
- 33 Wimbledon champ Becker
- 34 Believe
- 35 "\_\_\_\_ now brown cow"?
- 36 Grad
- 37 Fry
- 38 Dried-up
- 39 Comes before jumper or lift
- 40 Ties
- 41 Principal artery
- 42 Alienate
- 44 Gun enclosure
- 45 Likewise
- 46 Subtly cruel
- 47 NFL team for short
- 49 Aura
- 50 Vietnamese New Year
- 53 Fruit serving
- 56 Cabbie's customer
- 57 Skin condition
- 58 Crease-resistant fabric
- 59 Party offering
- 60 Require
- 61 Savage animal
- 62 Newspaper blurb

**Down**

- 1 File type
- 2 Suffer
- 3 Fruit serving
- 4 Stitch
- 5 Dresser part



- 6 More mature
- 7 Range of mountains
- 8 Actor Gibson
- 9 Affirmative response
- 10 Artist Monet
- 11 An overwhelming defeat
- 12 Fairy tale lead in
- 13 Little
- 19 Fish
- 21 Japanese sashes
- 24 Mutilate
- 25 Tipsters
- 26 Other
- 27 Degrade
- 28 Your parents
- 29 Coarse
- 30 Fruit serving
- 31 Rich cake
- 32 Perspire
- 34 Latin-American dance
- 37 Blunders
- 38 Classify
- 40 Very light wood
- 41 Convertible
- 43 Snitched
- 44 Natural endowment
- 46 Mafia bosses
- 47 Stride
- 48 Ms. Boleyn
- 49 Seen at a luau
- 51 Toledo's lake
- 52 Pour
- 53 Sack
- 54 Tennis stroke
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*If you want to make an apple pie from scratch, you must first create the universe.*

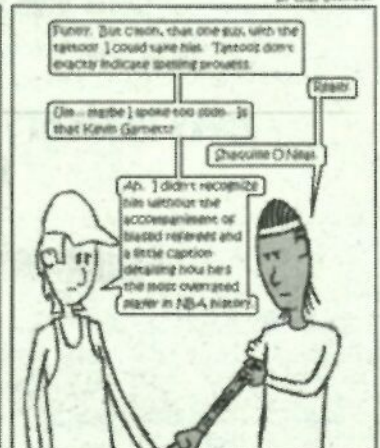
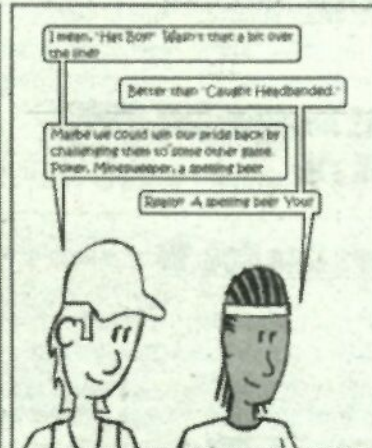
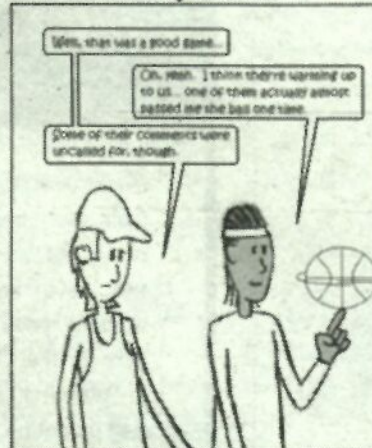
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