The Lady Chargers Thrive at Home

By Taylor Reed

Before the winter break began, the Lady Chargers had a concern; the student section started breaking down and everyone went back inside every time they played.

The Lady Chargers head coach, Tonya Jackson, said, "I think that one of the best ever as they went 3-1 with the only loss coming to Div. 1 Tnyp, a loss in which they held the Lady Tylers as quite the scare. In all six of the Lady Chargers first six games, the offense put up triple digits in each of the games. That was not only a first by the team from Huntsville, Ala., but also a new record for the Charger Union.

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UAH Fitness Center: An Ringing Endorsement

By Nick Neely
Staff Writer

Though many UA-Huntsville students are celebrating the New Year by making resolutions to get into shape, there are a number of health and well-being centers on campus that can help them achieve their goals. For example, the UAH Fitness Center offers numerous programs and services designed to help you get in shape and maintain your health.

According to a report featured in the Huffington Post, 21 percent of adults promise to eat healthier in 2016 and 14 percent vow to start exercising. However, by January 9, almost half of those who made resolutions are likely to have given up. Fortunately, the UAH Fitness Center offers numerous programs and services to help you achieve your fitness goals.

The UAH Fitness Center is located in the Student Life Suite, which includes the Dean of Students, Administration, and Student Life. The Student Life Suite is a large space designed to cater to different ways to get physically active. The fitness center is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday through Sunday, and is free for all UAH students.

The UAH Fitness Center offers a variety of programs and services to help you achieve your fitness goals. For example, the Fitness Center offers a variety of classes and programs, including aerobics, weights, and cardiovascular training. The Fitness Center also offers a variety of fitness equipment, including treadmills, stationary bikes, and elliptical trainers.

There is now a huge space in the Student Life Suite where students can enjoy a variety of activities, including playing pool, watching TV, and playing video games. The Fitness Center is also offering exciting programs, including an ancient river race that will include many obstacles, a monthly race between high schools and one female over rug race, and a half-mile race between two teams.

As you can see, the Fitness Center is a great place to achieve your fitness goals. Whether you want to lose weight or tone up, the Fitness Center offers a variety of programs and services to help you achieve your goals.

Moonbuggy Race... Reborn

By Lucas Stewart
Staff Writer

NASA's Moonbuggy Race was canceled last year due to unforeseen socio-cultural issues. However, the race is now back on in 2016, and it will include many obstacles in the builds. The new Charger Union. (Laura Taylor/CT)

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Corbett's focus is on team improvement not records

By Nicholas Nadolny
Staff Writer

UA Huntsville's hockey team has struggled most of the season, winning one game in 20 out of ten games. But first year head coach Mike Corbett is not concerned about records. "It's more about what's the improvement been. We have improved a lot from day one. We are seeing pretty good consistent effort in and out," he said.

With 14 games to go in the season, Corbett said, "It's like to improve on the consistency in the players and improve on some positive results." We need to start seeing more tangible results whether that be scoring more goals or being good on the power play. We are going going to push our players to be better in every aspect of the game," he said.

Corbett admits that some things must change in order to get their first home win or win another thrilling game on the road. "We need to take pride in our defense, shooting, scoring goals and keeping pucks out of our own net. We need to do a better job in generating a five-on-five offense. We believe the win will come," Corbett said.

Despite not scoring key goals in key situations and getting few more wins in the regular season, Corbett has high praise for gaolsman Caroline Courierts and Matt Larose. Corbett said, "Our two goalies have been our two best players. Our goaltending has been very good. Some of the losses from our season could have been a lot worse. We feel really good about those two guys. They are gaining experience with every game."

The first year head coach will be the first person to tell you that getting their first home win will not be easy. "I told the guys that we are not going to get that first home win until we earn it. In order to earn it, you have to play 60 minutes in our league. You have to play 60 minutes every night," Corbett said.

Despite the struggles Corbett and his team have faced in their first season in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, Corbett admires support from athletic director Dr. J.B. Bryght and other coaches has been great. "There's nothing in my eyes other than just having good relationships with the other coaches. We are in the presence of building great relationships and supporting each other's programs," Corbett said.

Corbett said the support from students and other fans has been pretty good and he believes people who attend a game at Pope Arena will be convinced by how the UAH men's hockey team plays. "The kids are playing for the name on the front of their jersey not the name on the back. I think people want to cheer for the underdog and I think we are the underdog when we are at home. We are close to putting 60 minutes together," he added.

The men's hockey will try to improve on home ice by seeking their first home win this season when they host Alaska Anchorage this Friday night at 7:07 p.m. at Pope Arena.

Watts' ten-win season a success

By Nicholas Nadolny
Staff Writer

Twelve is the number of wins the UA Huntsville men's soccer team acquired in the 2011 and 2012 season combined but in 2013 it was first year head coach Matthew Watts that guided his team to a 6-3-0 mark. Under Matthew Watts and new assistant coach Lake Oskey the UA Huntsville men's soccer team went 10-7-1 with a home record of 6-3-0.

Watts said the key to the 2013 season was confidence. "Confidence goes a long way and I feel like that was a major part of what helped us achieve what we accomplished this year. The boys working very hard. Can't have success without hard work," Watts said.

Watts said the best moment of his UAH coaching career was winning the tenth title of the season. "It was a really good season for us," Watts said. After turning around the soccer program in such a short period of time he was very successful in his two-year coaching tenure at Delta State University. He has four conference games in 2012 and took Delta State's men's soccer team to the Gulf South Conference championship. Watts admin his first local coaching job at Delta State certainly put him on the right track. Watts said, "It's always nice being a head coach when the kids are excited about the game and excited in recruiting kids and made us more successful this year."

Watts said he is looking forward to another successful season in 2014 and believes the team will be one of the best teams in the Gulf South Conference. "I'm excited to see what the future brings with this new talented soccer team. I think we can be successful in the next two or three years to the point where we can win championships," Watts said.

UAH basketball busy over break

By Sara McMahan
Staff Writer

The University of Alabama in Huntsville's men's basketball team stayed busy over their recent break as they played seven straight Gulf South Conference games.

The Blue and White started the streak strong as they defeated UCA 92-66 (84-48) and Christian Brothers 63-57. Wayne Dedrick led the way with 30 points against UCA and 24 against Christian Brothers. Connor Blais had a big night for the Chargers against UCA as he notched 22 points and 10 rebounds. Gerd Gardner continued his double-double run against UCA with 11 points and 11 assists, and came up big for the Chargers against Christian Brothers, hitting six for six from the free throw line to add 12 points for the night. Dedrick did not come through as well, scoring just 12 points against Christian Brothers, but did lead the team in rebounds with six.

The men bounced back with a 79-72 win over the University of West Georgia to start the week and put the team in good position to win the conference. The Chargers outshot the Wolves 51 percent to 43.9 percent as well as won the battle inside pulling down 36 rebounds compared to UWA's 25. Brandon Mack led the blue and white to 24 points, and was closely followed by Blais who notched 18 points and eight rebounds. Dedrick tallied 12 for the men, and contributed nine assists and nine points in the win. Gerd was off his game, all of which were from the free throw line.

The Chargers look to continue their success as they host Lee University on Saturday. This is a key GSC game as the Blue and White look to get back on top of the conference and perhaps work towards a conference title. The match-up will begin at 5 p.m. at Samford Hall.

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Review: "The Wolf of Wall Street"

By Paul Sorrells
Staff Writer

Martin Scorsese is about as close a thing to a living legend to the realms of cinema, having been responsible for some of the most important American films in recent decades. Latest feature, he returns to the public eye with "The Wolf of Wall Street" a film that he built himself up from almost nothing to become one of the most well known figures in the film industry by his mid-20's. He

... committed to the film and pulled up around 4:30 p.m.-12 a.m. and Thursda... the cold, windy and rainy atmosphere that makes it an easy place to miss, and immediately transported to the warm and sunny Canary Islands. Some will see "The Desolation of Smaug" included the creation... The incredible thing about... to really do anything... scared and claimed that overall, the film ended up overloaded... his face, the way... the plight of Gandalf, both... and, in an ironic twist in a movie plagued by too much CGI, he might be the most impressive villains of all times. The most impressive thing about Scorsese and screenwriter... One of those... NY Post's old Thrusday... and, in an ironic twist in a movie plagued by too much CGI, he might be the most impressive villains of all times. The most impressive thing about Scorsese and screenwriter... One of those... NY Post's old Thrusday... and, in an ironic twist in a movie plagued by too much CGI, he might be the most impressive villains of all times. The most impressive thing about Scorsese and screenwriter..."
Aynslee Moon art exhibit

By Katherine Holden
Staff Writer
Student... of an image, but I let it change throughout the process, and it becomes something else,” Moon said. She likes to create a whole new meaning to her artwork.

The work is not only visually pleasing, but also a portrayal of emotion through a visual experience. Moon says the viewer gets a sensation, an emotional response to the work from the created space and describes her work as an exploration of forms and space through each color and line drawing. “I start with an idea of how it will be, but it is change throughout the process, and it becomes something else,” Moon said. She likes to explore how forms and color interact to create a lyrical sense of emotion that reflects poetry. Moon describes her works of art to be like a pictorial dance – something you can feel in the way the lines and color interact throughout the work. The titles of the pieces complement the work beautifully to create a strong, poetic narrative.

“Aynslee Moon’s work really pulls the viewer in from the moment they enter the gallery,” Graphic Design major Amanda Blanton says as she showcases her work to the gallery “I love the mixture of vague aspects with the detailed portraits in her work.” She experiences a curiosity toward the technical aspects of the work and to the background stories of the pieces. Blanton explains “As a student, it was a cool experience to work on the work, and I really enjoyed Aynslee’s show!”

Dr. David Stewart, Associate Professor of Art and Art History at UAH comments, “At a juried show in Greenboro this fall I was blown away by an amazing work of art that I was told was a pet. It was my favorite work in the show. I did not know Aynslee’s show was happening until that moment and I was startled. I was not surprised through the next day, when I learned that it had an award.”

If you would like to view her work or contact the artist herself, please visit her website at www.aynsleemoon.com.

Career Awareness Week:
January 27-30, 2014

By Melissa Berry
Staff Writer

Are you looking for an internship or co-op? Are you about to graduate? Are you entering the job market? UAH has a host of workshops lined up for students on what to wear and how to create your Linkedln idenity – and Result - and informing students about co-ops such as how you become eligible, UAH career.

What if you don’t have a following a program? How do you keep up with the latest in the job market? You can get some help from UAH Career Services. The UAH Career Development Office will be hosting a number of workshops and events throughout Career Awareness Week.

Schedule of Events for Career Awareness Week, Spring 2014

Interview/Resume Prep
Jan 27-29
8:15 - 9:15 and 11:15 - 12:30
Madison Hall 215
Co-op 101
Jan 27-29
9:10 - 10 and 4:30
Madison Hall 215
LinkedIn Presentation
Jan 27-29
1 - 2
Madison Hall 215
Mock Interviews
Jan 27-29
10:15 and 2:45
Madison Hall 117
Counselor Career Expo
Jan 27-29
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UAH Fitness Center

Student Spotlight:
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games and even with one of the best starts in school history, the reigning GSC Champions found themselves with a losing record (2-3) in the conference. UAH would face one more road challenge against Shorter where they earned a hard fought victory to be .500 in the conference.

Saturday, in the comfort of Spragins, shooting in front of their fans, the Lady Chargers were back. With the largest student section all season, the ladies showed why they need their fans. The pressure defense and fast paced offense was back. Fuelled by the stands filled with blue, UAH jumped to a 44-14 lead at half. In a season best defensive first half, the Lady Chargers only extended their lead and took the win 82-42.

For the team in blue, it feels good to be at home! The Lady Chargers have proven to play best for their fans, so Charger Nation, we need you in Spragins this Saturday for the next home game as the ladies take on Lee University.

Are you in the zone?

Mission Driven Research is currently seeking to grow its intern workforce, primarily in the areas of engineering (priority given to Mechanical, Aerospace, Electrical, and Systems Engineers) and Computer Science. Other majors will also be considered for future opportunities. To qualify for these immediate positions, students must reside in a region defined as a HUBZone (defined here: http://map.sba.gov/hubzone/maps/). The map below highlights the portion of the UAH campus and surrounding area that falls within the HUBZone.

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Starting January 27, 2014

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Win Free Prizes and Participate in Exciting Events on Campus!

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