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Crew Team looking for new members

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Are you interested in joining a low-impact sports team but are unsure of which club or team to join? Well, the UAH Crew Team may be exactly what you are looking for.

The UAH Crew Team is just getting started up again and is currently looking for new recruits, according to Crew Team President Jordan Palmer. "It's open to anybody; any student can come out," said Palmer.

You may be asking "What is the Crew Team?" The Crew Team is a rowing team that competes all over the Southeast.

The Crew Team currently has 14 members, according to Palmer. "We are looking for 45 new members," said Palmer. The first new recruit meeting is today, September 5, at 8 p.m. in the UC. "This meeting is open to any UAH student of any age," said Palmer.



The UAH Crew Team is currently composed of 14 members who are looking for new recruits.

Even if you've never competed on a rowing team before, don't be afraid to check out the Crew Team. "Rowing is about 45 percent physical and 55 percent mental," said Palmer. "It's a sport out of the ordinary."

"I like rowing because it's a good blend of technique and physical strength and endurance," said sophomore

and Crew Team Treasurer Andy Manning.

Current members of the Crew Team say that once they get started rowing, they're hooked. "It's a lifetime sport," said Tracey Smith, a three-year UAH Crew Team member and a junior at UAH. Smith also competed on a rowing team during her four years of high

school. "It's like riding a bicycle," Palmer chimed in.

"Rowing is a unique experience; it's not something you do in normal, everyday life," said Manning.

Rowing is both an individual and a team sport. "I think rowing is the ultimate in teamwork because everyone has to be in sync," said

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Student Government Association prepares for UAH Senate elections

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With Senate elections coming up around September 24 and 25, the Student Government Association took a step back to see what the Senate accomplished in the past year.

Executive Vice President Anthony Holden presides over the Senate and had plenty of praise to laud upon his senators. "By far (they are) the best group of Senators I have ever worked

with," said Holden, who himself was a senator before running for the vice presidency with Leonard Frederick. "Each one is hard-working and dedicated. I hope they all run for re-election."

With the Senate turning over their presiding officer six months into each term, working as a team between the executive and legislative branches can be a challenge. Holden took the first half of his term to prepare for the coming fall. "(We) identified internal problems and worked to resolve them so the new

senate will be able to accomplish more while doing less."

Other steps included the development of training materials for incoming senators and insuring that the standing Senate committees have assignments for the coming session.

As opposed to the House of Representatives, who take care of funding and day-to-day type operations, the Senate concerns themselves with more long-term projects. Holden listed some of their current projects as the creation of a true freshman ori-

entation week, addressing parking issues, and helping clubs promote events.

All twenty Senate seats, four representing each class standing (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior, Graduate), will be up for election this month. Students interested in running for a seat should pick up an application form at the SGA office in UC 106 during normal business hours.

Students with questions about Senate may e-mail Vice President Anthony Holden at holdena@uah.edu.

Where are those Professor evaluations?

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At the end of every semester students fill out the SIE (student evaluation) forms for every class, and every semester students wonder if these instructor evaluations are ever used in any substantive way.

"I do not think they have an impact on anything at this school," said Jeff Cotton,

Engineering Senior. "They probably get tossed in a trash can somewhere."

Engineering is actually the college with the most clear-cut system, and the only college in which everyone on the staff seems to know how the evaluations are handled and where they go.

Dr. Mark Bower, Associate Dean and engineering advisor, explained the system. The forms are filled out with the professor out of the room, and these forms are

sent to testing services in the Administrative Science building to be scored numerically. Any written comments are typed in the Department Chairs' offices before they are sent to testing services.

The summary sheets showing the results of numerical scores are available in the Engineering Advisement office in the Engineering Building. Students are not allowed to see the comments written on the open portion of the form at any time.

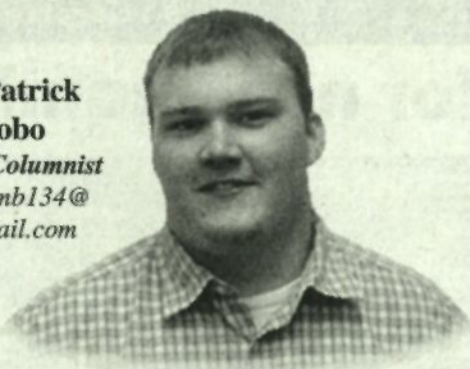
"Yes the evaluations are taken seriously," said Bower, "although in some ways I'd like to see them do more." Bower continued, "They are reviewed by tenure and promotion committees as well as the department chairs and the dean, and I know for sure that one professor was denied tenure based on the SIE scores."

"I think the evaluations are excellent as long as they aren't just thrown away," said

see SIE page 11

Greek Speak

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Rush is going great this semester from what I've heard from the other groups. It looks to be a great year for everyone, especially the sororities, who racked up during their rush last week.

Delta Zeta rush went extremely well this fall. They have 22 new ladies as new members. President Leah Parker was pleased with the new class. "We had an excellent recruitment. Big thanks to our entire chapter for all their hard work, our alumni for their support, and especially Jenny Brainerd, Vice President of Membership, for coordinating this huge undertaking," stated Parker.

Kappa Delta had a great rush as well, bringing 17 new ladies into their sisterhood. Vice President of Public Relations, Meredith Hall, expressed this earlier in the week; "We look forward to welcoming each one of these girls into our sisterhood. KD would also like to wish everyone a great semester and good luck!"

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

Delta Chi will be having their annual Red Death Party on September 14. See a brother for an invitation. Delta Chi is planning on sponsoring a blood drive in the University Center on September 9.

Kappa Alpha Psi has begun this year with a bang. They've had many events since school began and are planning many more for the near future. On September 5, the Kappas will be hosting their 2nd Annual Kappa Krush "THE TAKEOVER" at Mom's at 8:11 p.m. Admission to the event is free, and there will be music, dancing, and refreshments. Kappa Alpha Psi Martez Coachman said of the event, "We are holding this event in appreciation of the student body for their support in our past, present, and future functions."

Pi Kappa Alpha will be having a Disco Party on September 6 at their house. Then on September 14, the Pikes will be holding the First Annual Pi Kappa Alpha Golf Tournament at Sunset Landing Golf Course. For info on the tournament contact Jeremy Hughes at 824-4054. Let us not forget that planned for September 21 is one of their biggest parties of the year: Rajun Cajun.

The Sigma Nus have been hard at work during rush, having record turnouts for two of their annual rush events: SNUVision Slideshow and Hog Wild BBQ. Rush Chairman Brandon Price expressed his excitement this week. "It is great to see our guys pull together like this during rush. We have worked harder than ever, and we are beginning to see the fruits of our labors. Thanks to everyone across campus that attended our rush events, and thanks for supporting Sigma Nu." The pledging ceremony for the men that Sigma Nu picked up during rush will be this Sunday.

Finally, this brings me to one of my favorite events of the year: Squeal Night. This year, Squeal Night will be held on Friday, September 20. This is a night where the fraternity pledges get to woo the new members of the sororities. The sororities take turns going to the various fraternity houses on and off campus to get a song, a rose, a shirt, and much more.

It is a fun time for all groups involved, and memories are made every year. All you new girls, be on the lookout for Squeal Night, and be ready to have some fun!

Are Internet chat rooms even safe?

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Internet chat rooms and bulletin boards are commonplace. Using these services, for most college students, is a fact of life.

Unfortunately, along with these devices come the threat of the loss of privacy and even slander if users are not aware of the dangers that face them every time they log on.

Cyber criminals attack internet users, including college students, every day because users do not know that these criminals have a face and therefore, share information too freely. Victims are

unaware that the abusers can be their ex-boyfriends, estranged friends, and even acquaintances, until it is too late.

Recently, at a state college, one student found herself humiliated when an ex-boyfriend posted very intimate pictures of her and included the address in a chat room. She was not only shocked, but at a loss as to what to do about it.

"I am not shocked that this could happen," said Samantha Bacon, UAH Senior, who rarely chats online. "I value my privacy too much." Unfortunately, she is not in the majority of college students, especially freshmen and sophomores who

are fascinated with the sites.

Web sites, such as al.com, are used frequently by UAH college students. Al.com has chat rooms for local colleges, as well as "forums," areas where anyone can post messages. Most people do not realize that the forums are unpoliced, so anyone can post almost anything that they choose.

Al.com does have a user's agreement in place. The agreement states that "[users] agree not to use any obscene, indecent, or offensive language or to place on the Service any material that is defamatory, abusive, harassing, or hateful." In addition, "users may not place on the Service any material that is

encrypted, constitutes junk mail or unauthorized advertising, invades anyone's privacy, or encourages conduct that would constitute a criminal offense."

This agreement sounds good. However, since the forum is not policed regularly, if something derogatory is posted, the inflammatory information may stay put until someone requests it be moved.

Logging on to al.com, most messages posted are concerned with a variety of topics, including hit and runs in the campus parking lots, frat parties, and even religion. Most of the posters know each other from school. Imagine how easy it would be to degrade someone in a public forum.

Taking certain precautions can lessen the chance of being victimized. First, everyone should keep in mind that friends today may not be friends tomorrow and act accordingly. In addition, students should "limit [themselves] to well-policed chat areas," said Cynthia L. Armistead, owner of technomom.com. Technomom.com is a website designed to help protect users against internet harassment.

If a student is victimized, there are steps to take to contend with the abuser. Google.com, for example, has very detailed instructions on how to report internet harassment. If the offense is serious, more severe action should be taken. "If someone threatens you in a chat area, you should certainly report it to [your] ISP, to whoever runs the chat server, and to law enforcement personnel," said Armistead. To report these incidents, "you'll need time and date-stamped chat logs," said Armistead. "It would be helpful if you could get those people (in chat room at time harassment occurred) to swear out affidavits."

Across the Campus

Now that Major League Baseball has solved its labor issues, are you still interested in this season?



Michael Ryan
Computer Engineering
Freshman

"Once you're a baseball fan, you're always one, no matter what happens. Every sport has its problems. A true fan will wait them out and still be a fan."



Mike Anderson
M.I.S.
Junior

"With the threat of not playing the World Series, they really lost my interest for this year."



Eric Mayers
Marketing
Sophomore

"Yes, I'll continue watching, definitely. It's America's pastime, and even though the money disputes have perverted the game, it's still (entertaining)."



Jessica Walters
Environmental Science
Senior

"Yes, I'll still enjoy it."

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Golf tournament to raise money for Big Brothers, Big Sisters

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UAH's Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity is helping to raise money for Big Brothers Big Sisters of America by hosting a PKA Golf Tournament at Sunset Landing on September 14 at 8 a.m.

"I think it shows our good charity and community service and shows that fraternities are about more than parties," said Brant Neely, Pike President to UAH's Theta Pi Chapter and a senior in Civil Engineering.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of America is a national philanthropy to Pi Kappa Alpha (or Pikes), according to Jeremy Hughes, Fund Raising Chairman and a sophomore in Mechanical Engineering. "Students are encouraged to come play, meet the brothers, and help give to Big Brothers Big Sisters of America," said Hughes.

"Kids from Big Brothers Big Sisters of America will be hanging out with us at the golf course that day," said Hughes.

Although this is their first golf tournament, the Pikes hope to make this an annual event in the future, according to Hughes.

"I would like to challenge

the Housing Office, Campus Police, and each department to put together a team, and especially Cathi Curtis (Student Life Director) and Steve Bruce (University Center Director)," said Hughes.

The tournament is a four-man scramble with a shotgun start at 8 a.m., according to Hughes. Players should be there by 7:30 a.m.

Prizes will be given out to winners, according to Hughes. "The winning team of the tournament wins \$200. The second place team gets a free round of golf. The third place team wins a free dinner at a local restaurant," said Hughes.

Also, "The longest drive of the day and the closest to the hole wins a prize," said Hughes.

Everyone who plays will receive a free game of Putt-Putt or a free bucket of balls at a local driving range, said Hughes. A catered barbecue lunch will also be provided to all players.

"We are hoping for a large turnout because the better turnout we have, the more money we can donate," said Henry Edington, III, a junior in Mathematics.

"We are also asking businesses to sponsor holes or donate prizes," said Hughes.

The Pikes will advertise for

sponsoring businesses at the tournament, according to Hughes.

"The deadline for sponsors is September 11," said Hughes. Yet, players can register as late as 7:30 a.m. on the day of the tournament and the entry fee is \$60 per person, according to Hughes.

To register for the tournament or to become a sponsor, contact Jeremy Hughes at 653-1247 or pyle171@aol.com, or contact the Pike House at 824-5210. Hughes said that for more information on upcoming Pike events check out their web site at <http://www.uah.edu/PKA/>.

The Pikes have also asked for the support of their local Alumni and will celebrate with them after the tournament at the Pike House, according to Hughes. He said that he hopes this will also benefit their Alumni relations. The Alumni will only be asked to play that day, but the active Pikes will serve as hosts, according to Hughes.

Hughes also said that when driving to Sunset Landing, players should take the Huntsville International Airport Exit off of Interstate 565. From that Exit, signs will guide players to the Golf Course.



The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity is having a golf tournament at Sunset Landing on September 14. Pi Kappa Alpha's Rhyon "Slam" Brantley is shown here at Sunset Landing Golf Course Next to the Huntsville Airport.

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A BRIEF UPDATE ON UAH ATHLETICS

Men's Soccer

August 30 Berry University L 2-0
Upcoming Events:
 September 6 Union (Jackson, TN) 5 p.m.
 September 7 Lambuth (Jackson, TN) 3 p.m.

Women's Soccer

August 31 Nova Southeastern L 3-1
 September 2 Lynn L 2-0
Upcoming Events:
 September 6 Midway (KY) (Home) 4 p.m.
 September 8 Auburn-Montgomery (Montgomery, AL) 4 p.m.

Cross Country

August 30 Berry Invitational
 Men (Finished 2nd place overall)
 Women (Finished 1st place overall)

Volleyball

UAH Invitational
 August 30 St. Leo L 3-1
 NW Missouri St. W 3-1
 August 31 Missouri-St. Louis L 3-0
 Carson-Newman L 3-2
Upcoming Events:
 September 6-7 North Dakota State Tournament (Fargo, ND)
 September 10 Miss. University for Women (Columbus, MS) 7 p.m.

* Denotes a conference game

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Sports

Charger Volleyball team experiences tough start of season on home turf

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The young UAH Charger volleyball team got to start the season at home, where they hosted a tournament that bore their name, the UAH Invitational. After four games, the young squad proved the old adage in sports. With youth comes tough defeats, and the more experienced teams will prevail early on in the season.

St. Leo def UAH 3-1

To begin the season, the Chargers faced off with St. Leo. They showed what all young squads do as they begin the season—they looked good at times, but in the end, their youthfulness proved to be the downfall as the experienced St. Leo squad upended UAH three games to one (34-32, 30-20, 32-34, 30-21).

Kristian Kleminsky, a sophomore hitter, led the Ladies with 15 kills while redshirt freshman Molly Healy had 11 kills. Junior transfer Daniella Bragg had an impressive debut with 13 kills.

Senior Cathryn Sterling led the defense with 18 digs.

UAH def Northwest Missouri St. 3-1

After starting the season with a loss, the Chargers regrouped to defeat Northwest Missouri St. 3 games to 1 (30-22, 23-30, 30-28, 30-28). Another newcomer, Emily Miller, led the Chargers with 22 kills and Samantha Polkowski totaled an impressive 42 assists.

Sterling also continued her strong early play with 16 digs to pace the defense.

Missouri St. Louis def UAH 3-0

Missouri St. Louis defeated UAH 3 games to zero in the Chargers' third game of the tournament.

The Chargers fought valiantly in the first game as they stood toe-to-toe with team from the Gateway city, but they fell 30-26. After the nip-and-tuck first game, UMSL took over from then.

They won the next two contests 30-24 and 30-17.

Miller led the Chargers with eight kills and Polkowski dished out 24 assists.

Carson-Newman def UAH 3-2

In a hotly contested battle, the Chargers fell to Carson-Newman 3-2 to close out the UAH Invitational.

UAH took the first contest 30-27. The Chargers were on the verge of taking the second game as they led 29-



The volleyball team gathers around head coach Laura Taube during a timeout.

24, but Carson-Newman came back strong to take the game 32-30.

In game three, the Lady Eagles flew to a 30-24 win. UAH countered with a 30-28 win in game four. This set up the pivotal fifth game.

The two teams battled to an early standstill in game five, but the more experienced Eagles squad took the contest 15-12.

Miller, who had an outstanding tournament, had 21 kills, 21 digs, and five blocks.

Kleminsky contributed 18 kills and Bethany Holder collected 13 kills.

The volleyball squad will travel to Fargo, North Dakota on September 6 to take part in the North Dakota State Tournament.

Men's soccer team drops a tough one to Berry University in opener

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Sometimes, a loss at the start of a season isn't so bad. That was the case for the UAH men's soccer team in their season opener. The Chargers played the 6th ranked Berry University soccer team and the end result was a 2-0 loss at Charger field.

The men's team got off seven shots on goal, but Berry's goalkeeper Ron Goguen didn't allow a shot to goal through his grasp as the Chargers were shutout.

Avi Scabini scored the first goal for the Buccaneers program when he scored on an unassisted goal at the fourteen minute.

The two teams will battle scoreless for the next eighteen minutes until Alen Marcina scored a goal to make the score 2-0 in favor of Berry.

Marcina's goal came on a penalty kick.

Then the defenses of both squads came through, and the game ended with Berry securing a hard-fought win over UAH.

For the game, UAH outshot Berry 17-14, and Charger goalie Nathan Daniel stopped two of the four shots on goal by the Bucs.

The Chargers will go on the road to Jackson, Tennessee on September 6 and 7. They will face off with Union University and Lambuth University during those two days.



Freshman Brandon Carr of UAH tries to keep the ball inbounds during action in the season opener.

UAH Cross Country Team begins opening season with great success

By Rachel Robinson
Sports Writer

This year's season opener, held at Berry College in Rome, GA., was definitely a success for both the women and men's cross country teams.

The women's team won the female division by having six runners finish in the top eleven spots. Megan Fairclough, a freshman, and Natalie Fahey, a sophomore, led the Charger women in the 5-mile race. In close pursuit were four more lady Charg-

ers (Amy Phillips, Courtney Hurst, Brooke McDaniel, and Lesley Davis).

All four of these women finished within seconds of each other and helped seal the victory. Linda Scavarda also ran well in her first meet for the Chargers.

"We all ran together until the fourth mile," said Courtney Hurst, a sophomore on the team.

On the men's side, Andrew Hodges led the attack, finishing second overall in the men's 7.5-mile race. Two other Chargers, Matt Wilson

and Mark Ullom, finished in the top ten. This course was extremely hilly with nearly a 2-mile climb in the middle of the course, which forced the men's team to work very hard for their second place finish.

Also helping the men's squad to secure second in this grueling race were Justin Pruitt, Charlie Hunt, John Phillippe, Erik Aldridge, Brandon Eubanks, and Wesley Skinner.

When asked about his team's performance this weekend, head coach David Cain said, "For both the men

and women's squad, I was pleased with everyone, especially since this race was longer than most of the team have ever raced."

Come out to support the Charger Cross Country team on Saturday, September 14 at Sharon Johnston Park. An open 5K will begin at 8 a.m.

Then the men's collegiate 10K race will start at 9:00 a.m., and the women's 6K will begin around 9:45 a.m. Several of the team's biggest conference and regional rivals will be there.

Baseball hires a full-time assistant

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Lowell Mooneyham, a graduate assistant and ex-UAH Charger baseball standout, was named assistant coach on the Charger baseball squad. Mooneyham

will fill the slot vacated by David Keel, who was promoted to head coach.

The Bridgeton, N.J. native was a graduate assistant the past four years here at UAH. Mooneyham was a corner infielder for Bobby Pierce's squads of the mid 90's that help catapult UAH into a Di-

vision II power.

He led the team with a .379 batting average in 1998 as he catapulted the Chargers into the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history. That trip to the NCAA's resulted in an appearance in the South Central Regional Tournament.

The coaching duties that Mooneyham will perform as the new assistant include recruiting and working with corner infielders. He will also help out as the team's camp coordinator, hitting coach, and first base coach.

Lady Chargers picked to finish third

By Antoine Bell
UAH Sports Information

The UAH Lady Charger volleyball team was chosen third in the preseason Gulf South Conference East Division by the GSC head volleyball coaches. Defending champion UNA was picked to maintain their death grip on the East with eight first place votes for a total of 64 points. Montevallo earned the second spot, receiving 57 points, including the remaining first place vote.

UAH received 48 points, while West Alabama (36) came in fourth, West Florida (33) fifth and Lincoln Memorial sixth with 32 points. Rounding out this year's vot-

ing in the East are Valdosta State (26), Mississippi University for Women (15) and West Georgia (13).

There were some changes atop the West Division this year. Henderson State (36) was a unanimous choice to win the division and they received seven first place votes. Second belongs to last year's favorite Arkansas Tech (29), which edged Harding (27), Central Arkansas (18), Christian Brothers (16) and Southern Arkansas (15) hope to surprise the critics while Ouachita Baptist (6) completed the poll.

Junior outside hitter Melissa Feldmann was the lone newcomer to the GSC East preseason team. The other 15

members of the team were on the 2001 All-GSC team. Feldmann is the Lady Chargers' returning leading scorer.

Two of the new faces on the UAH roster were chosen for the Top Newcomers list.

Junior hitter Danielle Bragg (5-10, Cocoa Beach, FL) and freshman outside hitter Emily Miller (6-0, Mobile, AL) were listed among the top players to watch in the GSC in 2002.



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Ro's Take

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Sports in Its Proper Place

September 11, 2001; the horror of that day, the scenes that will be embedded in our hearts and minds is something that we will never forget. That was a day that America came together. It was a day when sports were placed in their proper place among the America conscience.

The beauty of sports were apparent days after 9/11 as baseball games began again, and Barry Bonds restarted his quest to break Mark McGwire's home-run record.

Then Joe Buck, the St. Louis' Cardinal legendary broadcaster, stepped upon Busch Stadium in St. Louis, Missouri, and he uttered the following remark:

"If you asked me if we should be here and playing baseball, I would say lets play ball and remember the ones we lost on 9/11."

The stadiums were filled with red, white, and blue. There was a not a dry face in the house in the seventh inning when the song, "America, the Beautiful", was played before the thousands of spectators.

For a moment of time, the sports fans forgot about players' salaries, bickering about their teammates, fans, and etc.

For a moment in time, sports were an outlet for Americans from the constant 24 hour-7 day coverage of what transpired on the day America stood still.

For a moment in time, people were in a three-hour window where all that mattered was who won the game.

But yet, at the same time, the players and coaches never forget about 9/11 and they played for their memories, and for the country as well.

The scene was eerie similar to Super Bowl 25; when the Buffalo Bills played the New York Giants, while, our soldiers were in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia fighting for freedom in the Middle East.

And no one forgot how Whitney Houston captivated the world with her rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner."

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In the Spotlight

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Along with the return of September, autumn draws nearer and nearer and so does Birmingham's annual Sidewalk Moving Pictures Festival. This year's Sidewalk team is bringing an exciting and diverse array of films. Their mantra is "new films to a new audience" – and a glimpse of this year's lineup seems to indicate that.

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Entertainment

Feardotcom, more than disturbing

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Honestly, I'm not sure if I liked this movie or not. It was pretty disturbing and unsettling to say the least.

The acting was pretty good, at least for the major characters in the movie. The effects were chilling. The plot was interesting and creative, and perhaps one of the most original plots I have seen in a while.

"The Doctor," Stephen Rea, is the murderer who flunked out of medical school. He tortures his victims until they beg to be killed and broadcasts it live over the net. A particular victim seeks her revenge from beyond her grave and seems to control this feardotcom.com web site. Anyone who visits the site is punished for wanting to watch and will die of his or her worst fear within 48 hours.

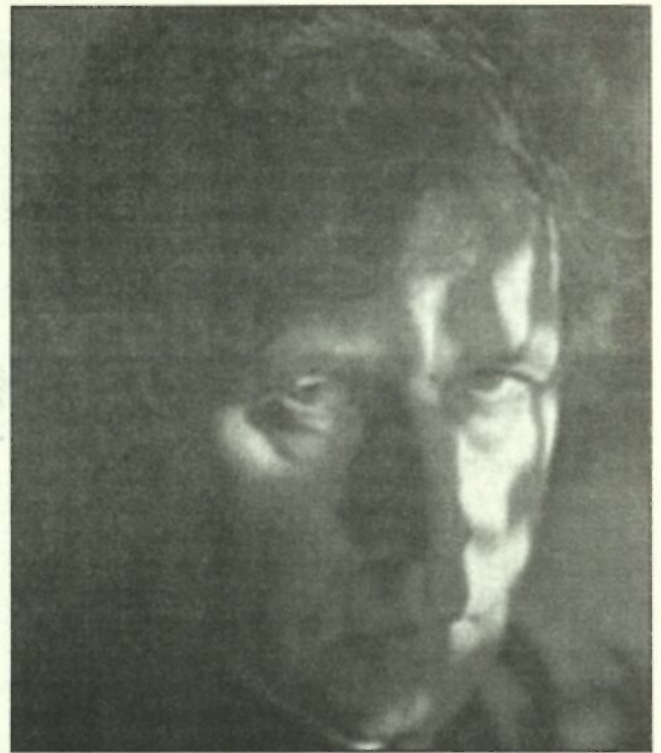
Stephen Dorff plays a cop and Natascha McElhone plays a public health inspector who is trying to solve

these mysterious deaths together. When they link all the victims to the site, and learn that they all died 48 hours after visiting it, they must visit it themselves. Then they only have 48 hours to solve the case.

Although the plot is creative, it is not always comprehensible. This is where it gets confusing: Do the people who access the site die because this ghost kills them? Or, do they die as a victim of their own fearful fantasies? The movie is not really clear on this.

Nor is the movie clear about the website. We see this vengeful victim on the site, and she seems to already know the name of anyone who visits the site. What we don't know is if "The Doctor" is still torturing his victims on this same site. We see that he is digitally recording himself and the victim. We also see him on a computer screen. Yet, the movie never clearly shows him on this site.

I had hoped it was just me that had overlooked some of the clues to understanding the movie. However, no one



Actor Stephen Rea as "The Doctor" appears in the Warner Brother's thriller *feardotcom*.

that I viewed it with seemed to completely understand it either.

We did all agree that some of the scenes were pretty grotesque. "The Doctor" has apparently performed an autopsy on at least one of the victims while she was still alive. We never actually see

him do this, but we do see horrible images flashed over and over when each new character accesses the site. With each new visit to the site, the images get more vivid and last longer.

If you are easily offended or have a weak stomach, I don't recommend this movie for you. The movie shows a decomposing corpse, bugs crawling out of a woman's mouth (while she is still alive), and the site's visitors all end up bleeding from the eyes, nose, and mouth. If you like a good and graphic horror movie, then you might like this movie, but I won't promise.

If you're wondering about the site feardotcom.com, check it out. It's nothing more than a Warner Bros. site about the movie. Believe me, it doesn't come close to the site in the movie.



Natascha McElhone and Stephen Dorff appear in a scene from the Warner Brother's release *feardotcom*.

Watters tribute to fund UAH scholarship

By Jorge J. Raub
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Harry Watters, trombonist, and his brother Ken Watters, trumpeter, will lead the Watters Brothers Quintet in a concert to benefit the Harry H. Watters Memorial Scholarship Fund at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 8 at the Administrative Science Building's Chan Auditorium.

The concert is a yearly

event to raise money for the scholarship fund, which rewards UAH music students who display excellence in Jazz. The opening group for this year's concert will be the Huntsville Jazz Orchestra, an 18-piece big band. UAH Director of Jazz Studies Dr. Don Bowyer will lead the group.

The Watters Brothers Quartet will feature guitarist Tom Wolfe, Director of Jazz Studies at the University of Alabama, Tim Goodwin, Di-

rector of Jazz Studies at Memphis State University on bass, Birmingham's Jay Frederick on drums, composer Ken Watters on trumpet and flugelhorn and Harry Watters, Jr., member of the U.S. Army "Blues" in Washington D.C., on trombone.

Included in the concert will be some favorite Jazz standards as well as a couple of Ken Watters compositions. A reception to meet the artists will be held following

the concert.

For a great afternoon of Jazz and big band music played by regional and local talents and to help benefit this worthy scholarship fund, be sure and attend this year's concert event.

Tickets for the concert are available at Shaver's Bookstore, AB Stephens Music, and the UAH Music Department. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for students. For more information call 824-6436.

Music professor gains hands-on music experience in Cuba

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Dr. Don Bowyer, music professor here at UAH and trombonist, recently returned from Havana where from August 3 through 18 he participated in a two-week program learning Cuban percussion.

To say the experience was life changing is an understatement of his experience. Bowyer was immersed in an intense program that included bongo and conga

drum lessons as well as lectures on life in Cuba and its music. Classes and lessons were a full-time job, as they filled up 40 hours of the week.

"One of the most incredible things about Havana is that live music is everywhere," said Bowyer. "Every street corner has live music—and music can be heard all day seven days a week."

Cuban musicians are also very open to bringing others into their performances, as Bowyer soon found out. When not studying Cuban

culture or perfecting his newly acquired percussion skills, Bowyer got to test them out. On his second day in Havana, he ventured out into a local Salsa bar when the house band invited him to join in for an impromptu improv session. This became a nightly ritual, which Bowyer said was energetic and lots of fun.

Salsa music comes from Cuba. Rumba and Cha-Cha styles are derived from Salsa. Cuban music is much more than that, although, and it has

a rich and eclectic history. There is a correlation with American Jazz from the 1920s. It combines Spanish and Latin sounds along with the European influences from New Orleans and African influences that came by way of the slaves who were brought into the region.

"Cuba is a culture that really appreciates and enjoys music", Bowyer stated.

Bowyer acquired many useful skills during his trip that he can apply to his work at UAH both as an instructor

and as conductor of the Jazz Ensemble. After his experience, he feels he can more effectively understand how the different parts of Cuban music fit together as well as more efficiently teach it to his students. Bowyer also says he has gained knowledge that will assist him in composing music in the Cuban style for the Jazz Ensemble.

"I was amazed by both the quantity and quality of musicians," Bowyer concluded. "In Havana there are so many really good musi-

cians – it does not compare to anywhere else I have been."

Now that he is back in the States, Bowyer is preparing for the first student Jazz concert, which falls on November 11, as well as teaching music technology classes. He also added that he is looking for a jazz pianist for his combo. Interested students can drop by his office for more information.

Comedy: Seriously folks, stand-ups are back to stay

By Allan Johnson
Chicago Tribune (KRT)

Because many stand-up comedians are the town criers of society, there was never any doubt that the events of Sept. 11 would affect what they did and said on the stage.

"I was very actively pursuing those ends of doing comedy in relation to how we're all feeling, what's going on, the politics of it," comedian Marc Maron said during the Montreal International Comedy Festival. Maron was in New York

when the towers fell, and he was back in the clubs within a week and a half.

Eddie Brill, a comic who also books stand-ups for CBS' "Late Show with David Letterman," added: "Something like Sept. 11 is something that needs to be talked about. (President George W.) Bush makes a mistake, it needs to be talked about. Social issues need to be talked about."

Others in Montreal admitted nobody was in much of a mood to laugh days after the attacks.

"At the time, there wasn't

anything funny. We didn't know what to say, what was appropriate," said Tracy Morgan of NBC's "Saturday Night Live," who lost a friend in the World Trade Center.

That was certainly reflected in attendance at comedy clubs in the early days after 9-11. Bill Brady, a comic and owner of the Barrel of Laughs in Oak Lawn, Ill., said business was "slow" leading up to the weekend (after the attacks), and even then his numbers still weren't "that great."

However, "the people

who were there came up and commented and complimented us, that they were very thankful that we had a show," Brady said, "because they needed to laugh."

Some comics eventually dealt with the disaster by making jokes surrounding it. And now, many in the business believe comedy is like it was before 9-11, except that jokes about airlines now surround security mishaps, rather than bad food.

Maron believes comics now "have a new place to draw from. I mean, there's a whole new area dealing with

fear of terrorism, being critical of governments. I think that it's provocative politically, and there are some comics that will step to the plate and deal with that."

In fact, because so much time has passed, a few comics think some material has become almost trite. Things may be back to normal in comedy, but there remains an edge that some are feeding on, according to a few.

"There's this nagging sense that I think there's something ominous that wasn't there before," Maron said.

Former Chicago comic Owen Smith thought audiences "want to be inspired with comedy," and Los Angeles comic Tammy Pescatelli realized some of the comic "greats" like Whoopi Goldberg and Robin Williams are "back onstage" because of the need to comment on what has happened to America.

Dom Irrera said comedy's job is to "make people laugh." Not even an event like 9-11 should stop it from doing as such. "If comedy became serious," he said, "it would be tragedy."

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Restaurant Review: It's Take a Date to O'Charlie's Week

By Janet Wilks
Restaurant Critic

My friends have told me that I am a demanding person and maybe I am, but is it too much to ask to go to a restaurant get food that tastes good and service that is at least decent? No, I am not asking for something that is impossible or something that their commercials claim they have anyway.

O'Charlies has never let me down either area, so that is why I will proclaim this week "Take a date to O'Charlie's" week. And no they are not paying us to run this in the paper. I hope none

of you think I would sink to such lows.

Before I begin I will remind you of how the grading system works. I give forks based on service, food, cleanliness, management, and sometimes drinks. I think I am on a roll this semester with good restaurants. I have not had any of the problems like I did last year with flies and wrong orders.

As usual I will begin with the food. I have a dish that I get most of the time: Savannah Chicken. This is a heavenly dish that is a breaded filet of chicken topped with lemon artichoke sauce and then garnished with pickled fried artichoke

hearts. Some of you might cringe, but I am telling you that the most unlikely flavors tend to be very good.

On the side you have a choice of french fries, mashed potatoes, baked potato, steamed veggies, or rice. These are the choices for every entrée. Another one of my favorites is called Black and Bleu Caesar Salad. This salad is huge. It comes in this ten inch bowl that is five inches deep. It is sliced filet minion prepared at the temperature you prefer on top of a bed of crisp Caesar salad with plenty of parmesan cheese. I get this regularly as well and Jennifer Hill says, "It's to die for."

On a recent trip to O'Charlie's this week I had a three cheese shrimp dip appetizer. I do not suggest eating this with the chips that they give you. It is slightly hard and you would be better off eating it with a fork. I know this does not sound all that great, but I liked it. If you just have to have the chips you would be better off getting salsa, but I suggest you run to Wal-Mart, buy some and take it home. If you like appetizers try the jalapeno cheese wedges they are like nothing I have had before.

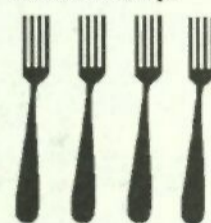
I have gone to O'Charlie's many many times and I have had some good servers and some bad serv-

ers, but lately it has been good. Unfortunately, the bad servers have always been UAH students. This deeply disappoints me, because it gives us a bad rap. These people would stand there and tell me their life story, which I don't want to hear. Then they give me horrid service. They will not be paying for school from tips, apparently.

Management knows me by my name, maybe I go there a bit more than I ought to, but it is delicious. If I have had a bad experience, they will pay for my meal. They come around to every table during the meals to either lend a hand to the waiters or just to say hi to make sure

the meal is going well. It is always clean. Bathrooms, kitchen, and dining room. Enough said. They have drinks, but nothing too exciting. They have beer, but nothing special.

I give O'Charlies Four out of Five Forks because of inconsistent service. Try O'Charlie's on University Drive next to the Super Wal-Mart. There is also another location on Airport Road on South Parkway.



GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Calendar of Events for the City of Huntsville

Thursday, September 5

Art Lecture: Pieter Favier, University Center, Room 131, 4:30 p.m. Reception following in University Center Gallery until 7 p.m.

Friday, September 6

The Mental Health Association in Madison County presents: A Celebration of the Arts and the Mind, 7:30 p.m. VBC Playhouse. Tickets start at just \$10. For info call 536-9441 or visit <http://www.mentalhealthalabama.org>

Saturday - Monday, September 7-9

Carolyn Bennet - Senior Art Show. Union Grove Gallery and Meeting Hall.

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Alabama Hispanic Association's Fourth Annual Hispanic Festival - "Unidos Celebramos": Together We Celebrate. 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Big Spring Park, Downtown Huntsville. (rain Date: Saturday, September 14.) Call 325-8464 or 882-2592.

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Harry H. Watters Scholarship Fund Jazz Concert, Chan Auditorium 3 p.m.

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Open Auditions for Renaissance Theatre's "A Christmas Story" from 2-4 p.m. Call 536-3434 or 536-3117 for more info.

Saturday, September 14

The Spring City Cycling Club is having its 18th Annual All-You-Can-Eat Century on Saturday starting at 8 a.m. at the Madison County High School in Gurley. Routes include 25, 50, 62, 90 and 107 miles. Century proceeds go to benefit Big Brothers/Big Sisters of North Alabama. Cost is \$15 before September 3 and \$20 after September 3. The full-supported scenic route has 4 rest stops and a delicious meal afterwards. For more information call 536-9318 or go to the SCCC website at www.springcity.org.

Sunday and Monday, September 15 & 16

Open Auditions for Theatre Huntsville's "The Boys Next Door" - VBC Playhouse. Contact Director Jim Zielinski at zielinskij@edaw.com or 536-0708 for more info.

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TOP 10

The Exponent's Weekly Top Ten Hits and Movies

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What classic rock band has two songs that refer to *The Lord of the Rings*?

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Editorial

LETTERS to the Editor

Dear Editor:

First let me congratulate you on an outstanding first edition of the 2002 Exponent. The paper looks great, the photos are very good and the content is interesting and useful. I read it from cover to cover and enjoyed it thoroughly. A tip of my hat to you and your staff for a job well done.

I enjoyed reading Dr. Rountree's column on Political Thinkers and I would like to contribute a proposed column for the feature. As you know, political thinking is my way of life here at UAH and I am more than willing to provide columns whenever you

need one. I don't want to dominate by any means, but there is a spectrum of political issues that directly impact our student body that we need to be informed about and I am willing to do so.

I have attached a column for your consideration. Please let me know if you need any changes. I am about ten words over the stated limit, but I hope you can squeeze them in. I had much more I wanted to tell our students but did not have the space.

Thank you for your great work on behalf of our university. Please do not hesitate to contact me whenever I can

help you in any way.

Gary Smith

Editor's Note:

Gary Smith's contribution to the rotating political column appeared in the August 29 issue of *The Exponent*. Issues can be obtained at *The Exponent* office in the University Center, room 104 or the article can be read online at www.uahexponent.com.

Dear Editor:

I just read the first issue of this year's *Exponent*. Thank you very much for not including a horoscope column. As I suspected, you had no trouble filling the Expo-

nent with more worthwhile and substantial features.

John Fix
Dean, College of Science

Dear Editor:

I'm not sure this is the place for this, but I would like to thank the officer who was directing traffic out on the UC parking lot on Monday and Wednesday. I know there were several accidents and I think he prevented more from happening, plus I got out much faster.

Thank you UAH Police!
Janet Wilks

Confessions of a Perfectionist

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There are moments in everyone's lives when they realize they cannot and will never have complete control over everything. I had one of those moments recently. Unfortunately it took me until my senior year of college to realize that nothing will ever go completely the way you wish no matter how hard you try to line up every little detail. I admit it, I am a perfectionist, and my heart goes out to every college student who has been in my situation.

It started when I was around seven. I remember in kindergarten as a little girl in pigtails feeling intensely upset when an adult criticized some minor detail of a painting I had just finished. Immediately I tried to fix my "mistakes" and felt frustrated because it still wasn't quite good enough. My fixation on perfectionism grew and intensified for me during high school. If I made one point less than what I knew I could have made, I became frazzled and would push myself to the brink to be the best because in my mind second place was the first loser.

I think I've finally begun to realize that college is an experience, not a competition of who can beat who first to a successful life. My freshman, sophomore, and even my junior year I spent mentally berating myself if I didn't make the perfect grade. College is about excellence, but it's about more than excellence in just academics. A person is more than just the grades they make, but the character they attain.

Another thing I've discovered is that you are the one who puts the pressure on yourself. I clawed my way through life thinking none of my actions or grades would ever measure up to what I thought they should be—no matter how hard I tried. I'm changing my way of thinking as all of us must do. Stress is a mindset and an attitude. You are the one who decides how to handle it. The motto, "You've gotta try a little harder/That simply wasn't good enough," will get you nowhere.

You've got to live your life to enjoy it and college is just one way of pushing your life to the limits. Its more than about training your mind, college is about giving yourself the freedom to learn, make mistakes, and have the guts to live through them.

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I'd like to start this week off by congratulating Mrs. Delois Smith. She has been serving as the Interim Vice President for Student affairs at this University for the past couple of years, but after a long search process has now been officially given the permanent position.

Some of you may not realize how much she has done for the students here, but she has been an integral part in many of the activities and policy changes on campus and I feel she truly has our interests in mind. Congratulations again, Mrs. Smith!

The House of Representatives has now officially set a date for the fall elections for Senate. Elections will take place on September 24-25, and I encourage all students who would like to make a difference on this campus to run. The Senate is elected based on class rank; four representatives for each class (freshman through graduate students) for a total of 20 representatives.

The Senate's main function is to work on the long term goals of the SGA and UAH as well as to charter all clubs and organizations, and is presided over by the SGA Vice President. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please stop by the SGA office to pick up an application, and for the rest of you, come out to vote on the 24th and 25th.

SGA is also currently working on its goals list for the 2002-2003 session, so if you have any suggestions for the year, please contact a representative, or you can email your ideas to me at fredele@uah.edu. One exciting thing I've noticed this year is the large increase in students we now have on our campus.

You can definitely see it when you try to drive from class to class, and it shows how much our campus is growing. We are looking more and more like a traditional campus, which I believe is a step in the right direction. Finally, I hope classes are going well for all of you. They are now in full swing, so good luck to all of you in preparing for your first round of exams.

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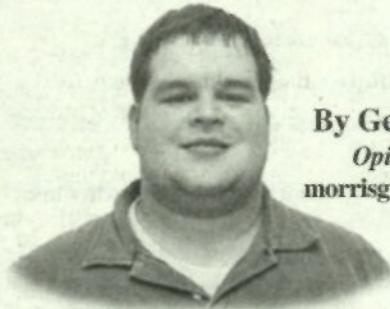
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Opinion



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Blowing the Lid Off The Greek System

It pains me to write this column, but write it I must. I am a big supporter of the Greek system, even as I remain outside it. I think that Greek life can be a positive part of any campus. The ideals of Greek life are noble ones, and the chapters that choose to enhance their university rather than remaining a self-focused group are those that truly make a difference in the lives of their university—as well as their own life.

Unfortunately, I'm afraid that the UAH Greek system is more willing to put its own desires ahead of the advancement of the entire stu-

dent body. This greatly dismays me, considering all the positive ink I've spilled in this column over the past year.

What am I talking about? Go back to the Friday after classes started, the 23rd of August. Two fraternities had parties: Delta Chi's "Knight Errant" and Sigma Nu's back to school party. (I've heard that the men of Pi Kappa Alpha had a party at their chapter house that night, but their Web site doesn't confirm this). The ladies were in the middle of Sorority Recruitment.

There was this little thing called a Frosh Mosh concert taking place in Spragins Hall.

While Course of Nature was originally going to play—and really, someone from *The Exponent* needs to look into why that didn't come off as planned—Stir headlined a great night of music after Mofro brought down the house with their Southern blues rock.

Well, "brought down the house" is too strong a term ... it's hard to bring down a gym that big with 200 people in it.

Frosh Mosh was in its fourth year this fall. Since the second year, we have ended the week with a big concert on Friday night. At various times, all four frater-

nities have been involved in putting that event on, from security and stage setup to just being there having a good time. I know this quite well—I've stood alongside those guys and worked with them each year. While the concert is a new tradition, it is a tradition, and it's something that everyone should come to expect.

So, what I want to know is this: why did Greek organizations decide to plan against the end of Frosh Mosh? Does Sorority Recruitment have to start the same day that classes do? Do the guys have to have their parties on

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Perpendicular Perspectives: On-Campus Living

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

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Part 1

While I am generally a proponent of choice in life, I think that freshmen going to four-year universities should be required to live on campus.

No, really. Here's the idea: we've all likely grown up in our own insular communities. We've all got our own backgrounds, values, and ideas. College should be about the clash between those ideals, challenging thinking, asking questions. You're going to question your background and values at some point in your life anyway, and it makes sense to me to do that while you're still young and flexible enough to do so.

When I was 16, I moved away from home to attend the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science. MSMS is a residential school for juniors and seniors; as such, it brings a diverse body of people together from across the Magnolia State to the campus of the Mississippi University for Women where they learn, work, and live together for two years before going off to college. Those two years were two of the best in my life, mainly be-

cause I was exposed to many things that I would have never encountered had I not walked those halls.

Some of you are probably saying, "But hey, Geof, I've lived lots of places." So did I—because my father was an Air Force officer, we moved pretty regularly when I was a kid. I thought I was worldly ... until my first weekend, when I came to a realization about my living arrangement: my roommate was Jewish, and the next door neighbors were a Hindu from India and a Muslim from Pakistan. In our two rooms, we had four of the world's major religions. That was an unbelievably fun experience, to put it mildly.

In looking at my career at UAH, I have seen that the students who have lived on campus tend to be much more involved in University life rather than just going to class and then off somewhere else. If only all incoming freshmen were required to live on campus ... oh the fun that would wreak. UAH would no longer be University at Home, would it?

Student bodies at almost every four-year university in

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Part 2

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Recently it was reported on CNN.com that MIT is requiring all incoming freshmen to live on campus. (<http://www.cnn.com/2002/US/08/25/mit.dorms.ap/index.html>) Although this action comes in response to an alcohol-related death back in 1997, it begs the question, "Should universities require freshmen to live on campus?"

It is conceded that there are tremendous benefits to living on campus. It is an unparalleled opportunity to meet people and gain exposure to different ideas. By being immersed in an environment free of much of the close-minded prejudices still prevalent in the real world, students are allowed to read up on issues, to talk to people with different perspectives, and to decide where they stand.

By living with people of varying backgrounds on campus, students are forced to develop conflict management skills and the ability to constructively criticize and disagree; key things that are nearly impossible to teach in a classroom. In addition, students that live off campus do

have diminished opportunities for meeting people, particularly people of different cultures and different programs of study (not to mention the opposite sex).

This interpersonal interaction is what truly sets universities apart from community colleges. Universities set out to educate the entire person, not just specific job skills. Students leave universities well-rounded, not only with the knowledge of their particular program of study, but also with social skills and an ability to work with a variety of people. Once students are in the real world, they quickly learn that people skills and communication carry far more weight than the book learning they received.

Having said all that, it would appear that mandatory on-campus living for incoming freshmen would be the best option. However, mandatory on-campus living overlooks one fact. What a student derives from their college education, and much of their lives, is more a matter of attitude than geography. Whether to live on-campus or not is simply a matter of

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this country are diverse. [There are notable exceptions, but they usually hold strong ideologies, and I'm not going there.] Promotion of diversity should be an ideal that all such universities should hold. Having in-

coming freshmen live on campus will promote that, because there's no greater way to learn about someone's background than to live with them.

There are roadblocks, of course. A significant one is

cost: living on campus is never free, and sometimes, it's expensive. However, I think ways can be found to attenuate the economic costs, and the benefits in this case merit finding those ways. A secondary roadblock, of

course, is going to be the desire of freshmen not to live on campus. Sure, an apartment accords you a lot more freedom, but unless you live very close to campus or your peers, you're going to greatly reduce the social aspect of

your living.

College should be collegial. Having a mandatory campus residency requirement would go a long way towards making college more collegial. If we all get together and know each other a little

better, perhaps we'll understand each other better and be better for it. I know that in my years of residence life, this has always helped me. Why not extend that opportunity to everyone?

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Friday night? If patience is a virtue, the Greeks at this campus certainly didn't exhibit it this fall—save for the Alpha Tau Omega guys, many of whom were at the concert, and some of whom were in

Spragins Hall until 2 a.m. tearing the stage down.

Some of you are going to look at this, shake your heads, and wonder why I still care. Why? That's a simple question: Greeks are influential

people, and rightly so. They band together for good causes (more often than some non-Greeks would care to think), and I see a lot of capacity for good things in them.

It is precisely because they have elevated themselves to a higher standard that we, as a University community, should hold them to a higher standard. Any organization that would be so

cheeky as to use a rush slogan as "we've upped our standards, so up yours" should try to take the positive spin of that statement, rather than the cheeky part.

Unfortunately, they

haven't chosen to do so. If they won't live up to their standards, up theirs.

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Fred Westrom, a junior in Biochemistry.

In the College of Science, all of the evaluations for the college are processed by Mrs. Geraldine Robinson in the office of the dean. Mrs. Robinson makes copies of all written comments, and after the scored evaluations are returned from testing services she sends scoring summaries and copies of the comments to each department chair.

"Both the dean and the department chairs take the evaluations seriously," said Robinson, "and the chairs do talk to Dean Fix about any concerns."

"Scores (for students to see) are supposed to be available in the library," stated Robinson. "Students could come and ask to see scores and comments," she contin-

ued, "but nobody has ever come to ask about evaluations."

The college of Liberal Arts has the evaluations handled in much the same way as science. "(Evaluations) are used in several ways," said Dr Sue Kirkpatrick, Dean of Liberal Arts, "First the scores are typically above 90, and lower deviating scores are a matter of concern."

"We closely monitor non-tenured faculty, whose scores are part of their tenure dossier," said Kirkpatrick, "and scores for tenured professors go into the Faculty Activity Report, which is part of the evaluation process."

"Most faculty take (SIEs) as an important piece of information to which they need to respond," continued Kirkpatrick, "and we value

highly good teaching." The college of liberal arts gets more comments on facilities than on professors.

The scored evaluations are kept in the basement of Morton Hall for logistical reasons, but students can make an appointment with the dean to review the numerical portion of the forms. According to Kirkpatrick, "I've had one request in six years as dean."

The evaluation system in the college of Nursing is identical to that of Science and Liberal Arts, except it is handled in the office of the Associate Dean, Dr. Marsha Dowell.

"The Dean of the College of Nursing and I, as the Associate Dean, use these results to assist faculty in identifying areas of concern or strengths," said Dowell, "As needed, areas of continued

concern are addressed through faculty development strategies." Dowell continued saying that "Student feedback is effective and necessary for continued faculty growth and teaching excellence."

"I worry that the administration is not actually looking at [the evaluations]," said James Johnson, sophomore Business Management student.

Evaluations for the College of Administrative Science are compiled in the office of Academic Assistance. According to Mrs Bernice Rush, "Evaluations used to go straight to the faculty member, but now we process the forms here and score reports and typed comments are sent to the dean and department chairs as well."

Mrs. Rush maintained

that the scores should be on record in the library, and that students can always speak with the department chairs about evaluations. Again, the comments cannot be viewed by students. Mrs Rush assures that students will receive from the chairs "accurate and honest information - the College of Administrative Science is very ethical and students come first."

When asked about student evaluation forms, no less than five people at the library had no idea what the evaluations were or where they would be. An older reference librarian recalled that scores were sent there many years ago. It was surmised that when scoring started being handled on campus in the testing services office about five years ago the scores stopped

being sent to the library.

Librarians suggested checking in the office of the Provost or with Testing Services. The Office of the Provost insisted that they never saw the evaluations and that those should be in the colleges or the library, and of course the Office of Testing Services knew nothing other than the fact that they scored the numerical portion of the evaluations.

It would seem that the idea of keeping the scores on public record has fallen by the wayside or been lost in the infinite bureaucracy. However, it is also clear that students have not taken any initiative in asking for evaluation scores or speaking with their dean about professors.

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Manning.

"It's really competitive, and you have to work together to do it. Everybody has to give 100 percent," said Crew Team Vice President Geri Gaeta. "Our team as a whole is really close. We love camaraderie because we know how much it took to get it (the Crew Team) started again," added Gaeta.

The Crew Team has one,

two, four, and eight man boats, according to Palmer, and UAH has both a men's and women's team.

The Crew Team season is year round. In the fall, the team competes in 6,000-meter races, and in the spring, they compete in 2,000-meter races.

"The other thing we need are coxswain," said Palmer, "The people who run the practices (under the coach's

instruction) and sit in the back of the boat and control the direction of the boat. They're there to keep you going," added Palmer."

On September 8, the Crew Team plans to have a practice on the water so interested students can find out if joining the team is the right move for them. "We're going to have students get in the boats and see what it's like," said

Palmer.

This water invitation will be discussed more in-depth at the new recruit meeting this evening, September 5. If students are unable to attend the September 5 meeting but are interested in attending the September 8 meeting, then they can contact Jordan Palmer at 721-9755 or 655-7005.

The Crew Team practices

usually do not conflict with UAH class or other activities. "Practices are five days a week, Monday through Friday, from 5:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.," said Palmer. Don't let those early morning hours scare you away. "We're looking for afternoon practices if we have enough people," added Palmer.

The UAH Crew Team started as the first varsity

team sport at UAH in the 1960s or early 1970s, according to Palmer, and since then, the Crew Team has won two national tournaments. "The Crew Team has gone back and forth between a varsity sport and a club," added Palmer, and it is currently recognized as a club.

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personal choice. It is a personal choice based on finance, personal goals, and attitude.

When students come to college, they have varying goals. Some want to be engineers, some want to be nurses, and others want to teachers (I personally want to rule the world). However, students tend to have the attitude that university education is glorified trade school. The students tend to focus too intently on courses, and

not enough on personal development and interpersonal.

Much to the dismay of the independent, do-it-yourself people on campus, the curriculum has those damn team term projects that every student hates. But it is this forced interaction that teaches students many lessons about working with others and getting along under adverse circumstances.

Granted, the real life drama of having a diversity of roommates is an excellent teacher,

however, most students today have outside jobs that supplement their education, both financially and with real-world experience. Further, simply living on campus is not enough. On-campus students lose the biggest part of the college experience if they never leave their rooms and

fail to make a broad spectrum of friends.

Personally, I have had several roommates that hide in their rooms their whole college careers. They were extremely book-smart, but never quite overcame their shyness to truly enjoy the opportunity they had before

them. Making it mandatory to live on campus will not magically make introverts into extroverts (not even living with an overachieving roommate like me.) It is an attitude that has to be overcome.

An outgoing commuter student is just as capable of getting a solid education

without being required to live on campus. The opportunities are there; students just have to capitalize on them. If you take nothing else from this article, just remember college is what you chose to make of it, and attitude is everything (and I WILL rule the world someday.)

Campus ClubWire

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IEEE-UAH will be hosting an open house in the IEEE Robotics Lab (EB 141) on Saturday, September 7 from 1-4 p.m. Demonstrations of two robots (including last year's SoutheastCon hardware Competition's entry) will be held. This will be an excellent opportunity for students interested in getting involved with an exciting electronics project to see exactly what is involved. Also IEEE-UAH will be touring the ADTRAN labs on Friday, September 27. Visit the IEEE website at <http://iee.uah.edu> for more information.

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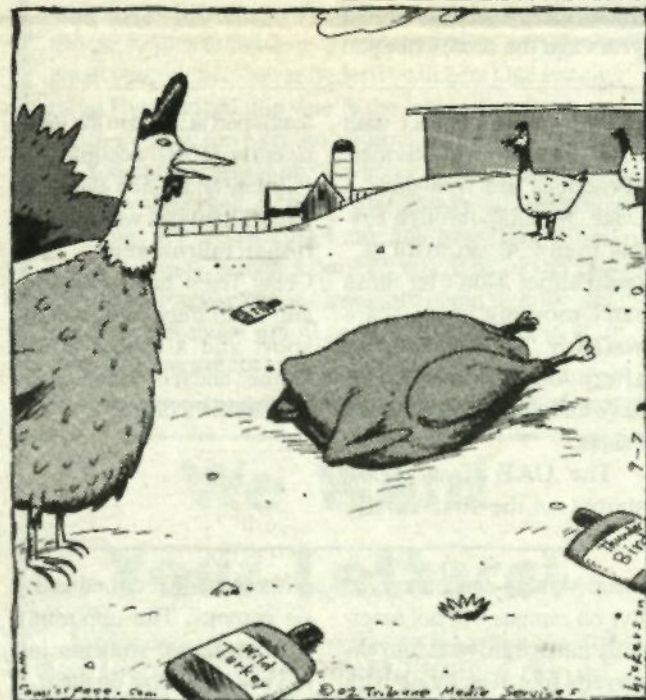
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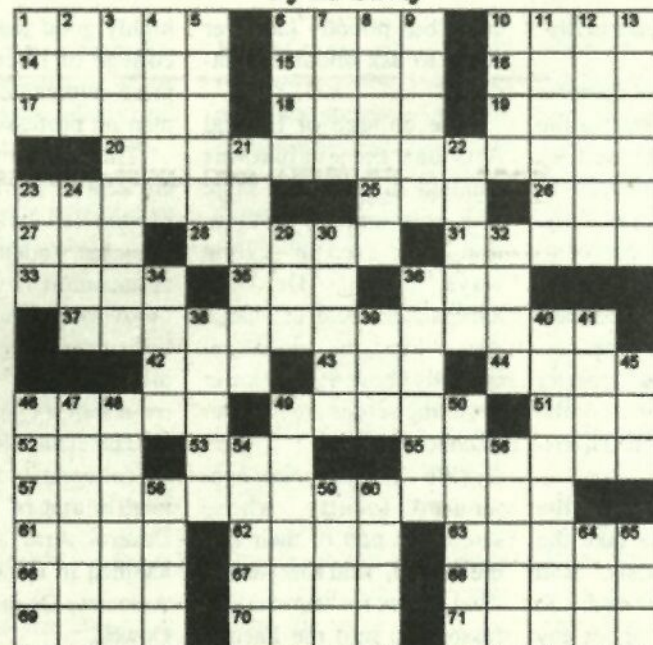
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By Ed Canty



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- 1 Father
- 6 10 Across at one time
- 10 Partner to 1 Across
- 14 Actor Flynn
- 15 Three tenors forte
- 16 First mate & others
- 17 Mythical creature
- 18 15 Across at one time
- 19 Insect eggs
- 20 Just and honest
- 23 St. Vitus's dance
- 25 Gehrig, Brock or Boudreau
- 26 Comes before foil
- 27 Golfers' bench mark
- 28 Fashion
- 31 Chose a candidate
- 33 Charity
- 35 Blair's PM item
- 36 Tiger's peg
- 37 Weatherman's report
- 42 ___ of thieves
- 43 Varnish ingredient
- 44 Air pollution
- 46 Renegade
- 49 Leases
- 51 Bleat
- 52 Peron from Argentina
- 53 Bruin's need
- 55 Preemie
- 57 Football tactic
- 61 Lounge about
- 62 Scarce
- 63 Graves
- 66 Lively dance
- 67 Layer
- 68 Squeaking sound
- 69 Christian Science founder
- 70 Iditarod need
- 71 Bess' best man?

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- 11 Fly
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- 13 Agree
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- 22 Strange
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- 24 Part of a whole
- 29 Hankering
- 30 Soup spoon
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- 38 Keepsake
- 39 Pale
- 40 Mortician
- 41 Colorful horse
- 45 Gangster's pistol
- 46 Layoff again
- 47 Sidestepped
- 48 Scooped out the water
- 49 Price or market lead in
- 50 Weightlift movement
- 54 Wheelbarrows
- 56 Plant life
- 58 Count on
- 59 Canadian native american
- 60 A bunch of cattle
- 64 Prohibit
- 65 Comes before cap or dive

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