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.

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 you 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 Manning.

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

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 the 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 session will be able to accomplish much 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 handles 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 orientation 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 LC 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 those 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 cut-and-dry 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
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 un-policed, so anyone can post almost anything that they choose.

Al.com does have a user's agreement in place. The agreement states that "[u]ser[s] agree not to use any ob-scene, 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 unsolicited 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 removed.

Logging on to al.com, most messages posted are concerned with a variety of topics, including bit 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, such as logging off and not getting involved in the abuser, are not enough. 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." To report any posting, Armistead, owner of t e c h n o m o m . com. Technomom.com is a website designed to help protect users against internet harassment.

If a student is victimized, there are steps they need 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 room, 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 occurs) to swear out affi-davits."
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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 Director 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 Cartis (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.
**Charger Sportsline**

**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
- August 31 Nova Southeastern L 3-1

**Upcoming Events:**
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**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, 32-30, 20-21).

Kristian Kleminsky, a sophomore hitter, led the Lady Eagles with 15 kills while redshirt freshman Molly Heny 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 Northw. Missouri St. 3-1

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

**Conference Game**

**UAH def Northwest Missouri St. 3-1**

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 29-24, 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.

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**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-tow 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**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Missouri St. Louis**

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 to a slow start with seven shots on goal, but Berry’s goalkeeper Ron Goguen didn’t allow a shot to go through his grasp as the Chargers were shutout.

Avi Scabini scored the first goal for the Bucsueners program when he scored on an unassisted goal at the 26th minute.

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**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A JOB?**

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- August 30 St. Leo L 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 Mississippi University for Women (Columbus, MS) 7 p.m.

* Denotes a conference game
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 Nana Fiyah, a sophomore, led the Charger women in the 5-mile race. In close pursuit were four more lady Chargers (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 Aldrigen, 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-UUA Charger baseball standout, was named assistant coach on the Charger baseball squad. Mooneyham is a graduate assistant and ex-head coach on the UAH Charger baseball team.

Ladychargers picked to finish third

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UAH Sports Information

The UAH Ladycharger 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 win the conference, while West Alabama and Central Arkansas were expected to finish second and third in the division.

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 on the UAH roster. The team’s top three returning hitters were listed as Bragg, Miller, and Junior hitter Miranda Strickland (5-6, Dadeville, AL).

The Ladychargers are coming off a second-place finish in the Gulf South Conference Tournament. They opened the season with a four-game win streak before falling to the University of Montevallo. The Ladychargers will open the season against Montevallo again on September 28th at 5:00 p.m.

The Ladychargers are led by new head coach John Mooneyham, who has been the head coach of the Ladychargers since 2001.

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 started his quest to break Mark McWright’s home-run record.

The stadium were filled with red, white, and blue. There was not a dry face in the stadium. The fans were in a three-hour silence when the song, “America, the Beautiful,” was played before the thousands of spectators.

For a moment in time, the players and coaches had to set aside their personal lives and focus on the game at hand.

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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.”

Sports are an important part of the American culture. Sports are an outlet from what transpires around us, and in the world.
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.

Over 80 films have been selected to run at this year's festival from September 20 - 22 in Birmingham's historic downtown district. Highlights will include a red carpet screening of the feature film Sweet Home Alabama starring Reese Witherspoon and directed by Andy Tennant. The world premiere of Chance, the directorial debut of Amber Benson (who is best known for her role on TV's Buffy the Vampire Slayer), will screen at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The festival will close Sunday with Amandla! A Revolution in Four-Part Harmony.

Several Alabama filmmakers entries have also made it into competition. Thirteen short films produced in Alabama will play at Sidewalk including Huntsville resident John Cowell's short film Closed Circuit that will be screened at the festival on Saturday, September 21 at 5 p.m. at Blockbuster Film Lounge. The short films Everyone and Sometimes a Person's Heart Stops Beating made by students from the University of Alabama will also run that weekend.

Sidewalk is a great opportunity for film aficionados and enthusiasts of any level to see some of the world's best independently produced features, shorts, and documentaries. Several of the features include Q&A sessions afterwards with the directors, producers, and stars. For those interested in dishing out a bit more than the $15 weekend pass price, one can attend the Under the Sidewalk symposium on Friday September 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. hosted at Workplay. Discount student tickets for the symposium (with valid student ID) are $30.

Just to give you an idea of the diversity of films that will play at the fest, few not-to-be-missed events are Shaun of the Dead, a documentary on the Southern Jewish experience, Vampyre Clan, a tale based on true events of a group of middle-class suburban teens who actually believed they were vampires; and the short Einstein's Playground, the story of Einstein's fictional assistant who steals his brain after he dies to unlock the secrets of the universe.

Check out Sidewalk's official website, http://www.sidewalkfest.com, for more complete 2002 schedule and descriptions of each film. If you have some spare time the weekend of September 20-22, I highly recommend you plan a trip to Birmingham and catch as many films as you can. Grab some friends or just go stag and mingle with the artsy eclectic film types that gravitate to these events. It's certain to be a worthwhile venture.

Opening night tickets are $10 and only available for purchase through the official website, the festival office at 500 23rd St. South in Birmingham, or at the door. $15 Saturday/Sunday combo passes are $15 and can be purchased at Parisian's, at the festival, or through the website. His year's festival from September 20 - 22 in Birmingham's historic theatre district. Highlights include a 50-piece big band and the UAH Jazz Studies Quintet featuring a 16-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, Director 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 824-6449.

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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 best original plots I have seen in a while.

"The Doctor," Stephen Rea, is the murderer who faked out medical school. He tortures his victims until they beg to be killed and broadcast that live over the net. A particular victim seeks her revenge from beyond her grave and seems to control this feardotcom.com website. Anyone who visits the site is punished for wanting to watch and will die of 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 "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 that I viewed it with seemed to completely understand it either.

We did all agree that some of the scenes were pretty gruesome. "The Doctor" 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 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.
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 reflected in attendance at concerts "want to be inspired and deal with that."

"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 musicians—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 criter 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 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 "laughs" like Whoopi Goldberg and Robin Williams are "back onstage" because of the need to comment on what has happened to America.

Don Irera 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."
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 it is 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 are not paying us to run.

They are not paying us to run their commercials claim they make. In my experience, nothing can be further from the truth. 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 arich sauce and then garnished with pickled fresh aril 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 fries, mashed potatoes, baked potato, steamed vegetables, 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 diced filet minced up and mixed at the temperature you prefer on top of a bed of crisp arue salad with plenty of parmesar cheese. I get this regularly as well and Jennifer Hill says, "It's to die for."

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A red carpet screening of the feature film Sweet Home Alabama starring Reese Witherspoon and directed by Andy Tennant. The world premiere of Chance, the directorial debut of Amber Benson (who is best known for her role on TV's Buffy the Vampire Slayer), will screen at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The festival will close Sunday with Sidewalk. A Revolution in Four-Part Harmony.

Several Alabama filmmakers and production companies have made it to competition. Thirteen short films produced in Alabama will play at Sidewalk including Huntsville-raised John Corwell's short film Closed Circuit that will be screened at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, September 21 at the Blockbuster Film Lounge. The short films Everyone and Sometimes a Person's Heart Stops Beating made by students from the University of Alabama will also run that weekend.

Sidewalk is a great opportunity for film aficionados and enthusiasts of any level to see some of the world's best independently produced features, shorts, and documentaries. Several of the features include Q&A sessions afterwards with the directors, producers, and stars. For those interested in discussing a bit more than the $15 weekend pass price, $10 and only available for purchase through the official festival of-$10 and only available for purchase through the official festival for these events. It's certain to be a worthwhile venture.

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

The first 2 people with the correct answer for the Movie Trivia will win movie tickets. ONLY 2 pairs of tickets will be given away each week. Tickets for any trivia will be distributed on Saturday at 9 a.m. on The Exponent’s Weekly Top Ten. No one who has won in the last month is eligible for any contest or trivia. Please see Jennifer Hill in The Exponent office only between the hours specified above. Good tickets at Decatur and Huntsville Carmike locations.
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 Exponent 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
Leonard Frederick
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President's e

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, this position 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 truly she has our interests in mind. Congratulations again, Mrs. Smith.

The Senate’s main function is to work on the long term goals of the SGA and UAH as well as to chart all clubs and organizations, and is presided over by the SGA Vice President. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, you can contact the SGA 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 me at fofred@email.uah.edu. One exciting thing I've noticed this year is the large increase in student involvement on 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 four-year 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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Opinion
Blowing the Lid Off
The Greek System

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It pains me to write this column, but write it I must. I am a big supporter of the Greek system, as I see it, I mainly outside it. I think that Greek life can be a positive part of any campus. The idea is simply to bring like-minded people together, and the chapters that choose to enhance their university rather than remaining a social fraternities and sororities have a dominant role on campuses: 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 it.) The ladies were in the middle of Sorority Recruitment. There was this little thing called a Frosh Mosh concert taking place in Spagins 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 the students got down the University’s 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 fraternities 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. While the concert is a new tradition, it is a tradition, and it’s something that everyone should look forward to.

So, what I want to know is: 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? see MORRIS page 11

Perpendicular Perspectives: On-Campus Living

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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 been growing up in our own insular communities. We’ve all got our own backgrounds, values, and ideas. College should be about the clash between those ideal, 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 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 University of Mississippi 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 because I was exposed to many things that I would have never encountered had I not walked those halls. (You’re probably saying, “But hey, Geoff, 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 living in a real world: 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 my course of study at UAH, I have seen that the students who have lived on campus tend to be 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 wear. UAH would be a much more University at Home, wouldn’t it?

Student bodies at almost every four-year university in the United States have diminished opportunities for meeting people, particularly people of different cultures and different programs of study. Recruitment has well-rounded, not only with the knowledge of their particular program of study, but also with social skills. With the 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.

I’m not saying that all students have the ability to succeed on campus living. some students are not the best candidates for on-campus living as they may not possess the necessary attributes and skills to succeed in a college environment. However, there are certain characteristics that you should possess in order to succeed on-campus. In order to succeed, you should be mature, responsible, and able to take care of yourself. You should also be willing to put in the time and effort required to succeed on-campus. You should also be able to manage your time effectively. Finally, you should be able to live independently and be able to make decisions on your own.

If you are interested in living on-campus, you should start by researching the different options available to you. You should also consider the benefits and drawbacks of each option. You should also consider the financial implications of living on-campus. You should also consider the availability of housing. You should also consider the proximity of the housing to the campus. You should also consider the availability of parking. You should also consider the availability of transportation. You should also consider the availability of campus activities. You should also consider the availability of campus services. You should also consider the availability of campus support. You should also consider the availability of campus resources. You should also consider the availability of campus facilities. You should also consider the availability of campus amenities. You should also consider the availability of campus benefits. You should also consider the availability of campus...
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When students come to college, they have varying goals. Some students want to make new friends, some want to be nurses, and others want to teach (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.

"Making the most of the independent, do-it-yourself people on campus, the curriculum has those damn team sports," said one student. However, it is this forced interaction that teaches students many lessons about working with others and dealing under adverse circumstances.

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

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20 Just and honest
21 St. Vitus's dance
23 Gehrig, Brock or Boudreau
26 Comes before foil
27 Golfers' bench mark
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31 Choose a candidate
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A bank is a place where they lend you an umbrella in fair weather and ask for it back when it begins to rain.

—Robert Frost

by phil flickinger (www.I-e-x.com)

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MAN, I CAN'T GET USED TO BEING BACK AT SCHOOL. ALL I DID THE ENTIRE SUMMER WAS WATCH TV.

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YEAH, AT A TV STATION WHERE I WATCHED TV. B HOURS A DAY.

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