SGA representatives clash with Governor

By Paul Lindgren
Section Editor

Governor Don Siegelman and SGA representatives from Alabama universities met at the State Capitol on March 6 to discuss the latest offer that the governor has placed before higher education.

The proposal offered a 4.6 percent cut in K-12 funding and a 9.8 percent cut in higher education funding. The state would float a $59 million bond issue, the proceeds of which would have brought higher education funding and a 9.8 percent cut in higher education.

This same proposal, which would have set the precedent of favoring K-12 over higher education, had been consistently rejected by Tom Meredith, Chancellor of the University of Alabama System, Gordon Moulton of the University of South Alabama, and Troy State Chancellor Jack Hawkins. The three university representatives have been regular guests at the table of Siegelman, fighting for an equitable solution to the proration crisis. Prior to the meeting with the governor, students were briefed by Executive Director Gordon Stone and other figures of the Higher Education Partnership who were crucial in summoning student council with the governor. Universities were briefed by Executive Director Gordon Stone and other figures of the Higher Education Partnership who were crucial in summoning student council with the governor. Universities had been consistent in their beliefs that K-12 education was a precedent set by the legislature, and that the state should not sacrifice higher education to K-12.

Higher Education Day sends urgent message, state officials respond

By J. Caleb Clanton
News Editor

MONTGOMERY—Above the entrance to the Statehouse in Montgomery, Governor Don Siegelman reads the Alabama state motto: "Audemus Jura Nobis Defendere"—we dare defend our rights. Thousands of students from colleges and universities around the state convened March 6 on the steps in front of that motto in hopes of defending what they have argued is their right; funding for higher education.

Over 3000 university students and supporters gathered in Montgomery as a part of an emotional Higher Education Day in an effort to vocalize their collective concerns regarding the interests of higher education within the state. Their message was clear; equal treatment with K-12 with respect to proration cuts and increased funding for higher education in the 2002-2003 budget proposal.

"I think today's rally was a real watershed and that we've now created a new entity," said Lieutenant Governor Steve Windom, a vocal supporter for the higher education lobby as, "a very big force that's going to be a huge force in Alabama's politics." UAHS SGA President, James Kodrowski, shared his thoughts on the event, "I think today's rally was a huge turning point for higher education in Alabama."

Wayne State downs Chargers for CHA title

By Keith Conrad
Sports Writer

One year ago this time, the Chargers had the dubious honor of finishing the season as the number two team in the conference as Niagara celebrated their win in the first championship game. Senior Ryan McCormack takes a shot on goal against Wayne State in the championship game of the CHA Tournament. (Photo by Danny Parker)

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Enter Wayne State, with their own aspirations of CHA dominance. The Warriors came out in force for the championship game while the Chargers looked like they had run out of ideas. When the dust settled, the Chargers could only look back on a memorable season with just one disappointment at the end. UAHS ultimately finished the season with a 21-12-1 record, while the newest conference champions ended the

Over 3000 university students and supporters from across the state gathered in Montgomery last week as a part of the Higher Education Day rally. (Photo by Paul Lindgren)
The Exponent

SGA considers an increase in size

By J. Caleb Clinton
News Editor

Both chambers of the SGA considered an arnad of introduced legislation on Monday night, March 12. Two amendments to the SGA constitution were introduced by House member Leonard Frederick of the College of Science. Authored by SGA Vice President Geoff Morris, Amendment 00-01.02 would effectively increase the size of the SGA from 30 members to an overall 55 members.

In addition, the amendment would increase the total number of members in the House from 20 members to 35 members. The motivation behind the amendment is to increase the number of participants in student government so that more students can become involved in campus affairs. It would increase the involvement of students in the decision-making processes of the SGA,” said Morris, commenting on the amendment. “In that regard, we will become more able to accurately gauge the opinion of students.”

According to SGA President James Kodrowski, UAH has one of the smallest SGAs among universities statewide. Kodrowski expressed his desire that the past year in SGA events would provoke more students to get involved with SGA. “This year having been the controversial year that it was, there is more interest in SGA matters,” said Kodrowski. “So we’re hoping this amendment will capitalize on that increased interest.”

Also introduced Monday night was an amendment that would alter the candidacy requirements for the offices of SGA President and Vice-President. Amendment 00-01.01 would allow any candidate who has had at least one year of service time to the SGA in the past to be able to forego the requirement of having to attend at least six of eight SGA meetings following candidacy for either position.

According to the SGA constitution, a candidate for both President and Vice-President with no previous SGA experience must attend a supermajority of SGA meetings in the eight weeks prior to the election.

Across the Campus

Which Academy Award nominee do you think should win this year’s Oscar for Best Picture?

Josh Whitworth
Junior
Civil Engineering

“Gladiator should win because it has tremendous flight scenes and the music fits every scene so well.”

Andrew Peters
Senior
Elementary Education

“Gladiator, because it was a film produced so well, the directing, score, cinematography, and everything else were great.”

Dale Jobes
Senior
Math Major

“Gladiator, because the battle scenes were great and the sound effects were good.”

Yue Zhang
Graduate
Civil Engineering

“Crouching Tiger. It is the combination of high-technology & traditional Chinese kung-fu to produce a good movie.”

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By Greg Bacon
Technology Writer

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According to the FBI, criminals in Eastern Europe have been setting up e-commerce and e-banking systems in the United States. The Bureau, in a press release, stated that “[i]n more than 40 victims located in 22 states and counting, ongoing investigations in 14 Federal Bureau of Investigation Field Offices and 7 United States Secret Service Field Offices have revealed significant security weaknesses in Microsoft Windows NT to steal credit card numbers from e-commerce and e-banking systems and then attempt to extort money from their victims.

May it qualify me as paranoid and as a candidate for wearing a tin foil hat to shield myself from the effects of the so-called mind control satellites, but I’ve only made one purchase over the WWW using a credit card. The risks were worth it, though, because I became a member of the only Arizona Anonymous chapter. I was able to enjoy the poster for a long time but eventually had to take it down because of the potential risks to my marriage. Such is life.

This brings us to an even more fundamental question: does the government—law enforcement agencies in particular—have a right to intercept any communication and to receive data they feel necessary? Have you noticed that news organizations like CNN have been running stories about Usama bin Laden and his terrorist groups have evaded law enforcement by protecting their communication with encryption? The strategy is clear: only people who have something to hide need encryption. Similarly, CNN and other liberal news sources have suggested that only criminals would have an interest in carrying concealed weapons. The best of the proponents of “all access all the time,” i.e., where law enforcement can read and listen when they feel like it, is that there is no Constitutional guarantee of privacy, and they betray a fundamental misunderstanding of a lack of a privacy guarantee grants government unlimited surveillance powers, then government would reserve all power except that limited by the Constitution. This is not the case; our Constitution is a set of enumerated powers, and if the Constitution doesn’t explicitly reserve a power for government, then the government does not have that power.

This is a shocking realization. If government were limited to its Constitutional functions, there would be no Social Security, no Medicare, no welfare, no Federal Department of Education, no government-subsidized student loans, and no federal funding to public universities like UAH. In return, we’d be unleashed from an oppressive taxation scheme that confiscates 80% of what you earn. If you work full time, then you’re effectively donating every paycheck from January 1 to early May to Uncle Sam. In addition, with no Social Security, we’d no longer be under the payroll tax that artificially reduces everyone’s pay by 12%. Imagine being able to deposit your entire paycheck in the bank instead of the lefthand that the raise in Montgomery and Washington were kind enough to leave for you. More importantly, the government wouldn’t snoop around in your bank account or any other private business. America, the world’s most technologically advanced country, would be free to grow and prosper without having to carry all the politicians who want us to work to finance them and their luxurious lifestyles. A rising tide lifts all ships, and only in an Orwellian world could people suggest that you help everyone by taking money from those who have demonstrated that they know how to make it grow.

Photos by Dauphne Rogers
Another school shooting: 2 Dead, 13 wounded

By Matt Stokes
News Writer
Santana High School of Santee, California was thrown into seven minutes of unexpected post-Columbine terror when Charles Andrew Williams shot off more than thirty bullets, killing two students and wounding thirteen other people on March 5.

At 9:21 a.m., as verified by San Diego County Sheriffs Department, Andy Williams, 15, en-tered a crowded boys’ bathroom where he randomly began to fire off shots. Among the terrified crowd scrambling to exit the bathroom was student Tim Estes, 35, who was shot in the abdomen. Both Scott Marshall, 16, and Bryan Zuckor, 14, were found on the floor of the bathroom. Zuckor received a bullet in the back of his head and was later pro-ounced dead.

By 9:22 a.m., Peter Ruiz, a campus security guard, reached the bathroom after hearing the shots and found the two boys on the ground. Willi­ams was shot in the leg when Ruiz entered. Marshall, rather than screaming for help, yelled at Ruiz to get out. Ruiz left the bathroom yelling, “Get back! Out of the way!” to stu­dents in the hall just before a bullet ripped into his back.

Trying to escape the bullets that had begun to thrash the hallway, Karla Leyva, 16, was shot in the hand and Melissa McNally, 15, was shot in the arm.

James Jackson, 19, was shot in the leg when run­ning to help his friend Travis Tate-Galligos, who was found lying on the ground bleeding from his mouth.

Not far from Gibson was 18-year-old Randy Gordon, a cross-country runner. Gordon was shot in the chest yet continued to run 30 feet where he then collapsed. Gordon pitched himself up and ran around the corner of a building where he col­lapsed for the final time. He was pronounced dead upon arriving at the hos­pital.

At 9:24 a.m., Robert Clark, an off-duty police officer, arrived at the high school to enroll his daugh­ter. Clark and San Diego County sheriff’s deputy Al Perez, along with his four partners, entered the bathroom where Williams had retreated. Clark or­dered Williams to lie on the ground. The shooting stopped and Williams was in custody by 9:28. When asked if he was the only gunman, Williams said, “It’s only me.”

Wednesday, March 7, San Diego County Super­ior Court Judge Herbert J. Exarhos postponed ar­raignment for two weeks, until March 26 for defense lawyers to consider chal­lenging California Propo­sition 21, which would re­quire Williams to be charged as an adult.

Because of his young age, Williams cannot be sentenced to the death penalty, but if convicted on all charges, could be sentenced up to 500 years

Discovery Channel’s CEO added to the UAH Foundation Board

By Jennifer Hill
News Writer
John Hendricks – the Discovery Channel’s founder, chair, and CEO – was recently added to UAH’s Foundation Board.

Hendricks, a native of Huntsville, once directed government agency relations for UAH after receiving his B.A. in history from UAH in 1973. Hendricks entered the televi­sion industry business after a thriving career in education as a consultant to more than 160 universi­ties, colleges and educa­tional film distributors.

In 1982, Hendricks be­gan a company called the Cable Educational Net­work based on his belief that there was a great pub­lic interest for documenta­tions and a strong dedic­ation to educational pro­gramming. Three years later, with an initial invest­ment of $25 million, the network evolved into The Discovery Channel, which spotlights nature, science and technology, history, world cultures, and hu­man adventures.

Spin-offs from the pro­gressive Maryland-based company include Animal Planet, Discovery Health, The Travel Channel, and the Learning Channel, which currently amasses 30 million cable subscrib­ers.

Hendricks has contin­ued to be involved with UAH and education in a number of ways, not the least of which is through a $10,000 donation to an endowed scholarship in the history department that will be awarded to a female history major.

While growing up in Huntsville, Hendricks seemed to be fascinated by science, and this interest has evidenced itself in the success of his company. His brainchild, The Dis­covery Channel, grossed $1.4 billion in 1999 and employs more than 3,500 workers. The Discovery Channel has more than 175 million subscribers in approximately 130 coun­tries.

Described by his col­leagues as a “pragmatic visionary,” Hendricks promises to be a welcome addition to the Foundation Board.

UAH Spring 2001 Career Information Day/Job Fair

The Office of Career Services is hosting a Career Information Day/Job Fair on Wednesday, March 21, from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM in the University Center. Below is a current list of participating organizations and the majors they typically recruit. Feel free to talk with all representatives since these organizations may have needs for other majors but in smaller numbers. Please note that ADSC is for all Administrative Science majors and LA is for all Liberal Arts majors. All students are encouraged to attend this event.

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors:

• Discover what opportunities may exist within the organization for your major.
• Find out what skills and experience the organization looks for in job candidates.
• Find opportunities for part-time employment, internships, or co-op positions.

Seniors, Graduate Students, and Alumni:

• Be sure to bring plenty of resumes with you.
• Ask what types of positions are available and offer them a copy of your resume if you are interested.
• Some general statistics on career fairs show that up to 49% of well prepared candidates can receive interviews from participating and that 65% of those candidates receive job offers. The process can take three or more months.
• Companies with an * may have interview openings available on Thursday, March 22. Check with the representative if you would like to request an interview.

• 3D Labs EE, CPE, ECE, CS
• ADTRAN EE, CPE, ECE
• AL Dept. of Transportation CE
• *Alabama Electric Cooperative EE
• American General Financial ADSC, LA
• Boeing CPE, ECE, EME, MAE, CS
• Book Systems, Inc. ACC, MIS, MKT, CPE, EE, Tech Writer, CS
• Central Intelligence Agency All Majors, 3.0 or above GPA, US Citizenship
• Cinatas, Inc. All Majors
• Comcast Cable ADSC, EE, LA
• *CTA, Inc. CPE, ECE, CPE, EME, ME, CS
• *Defense Contract Audit Agency ACC, MAC, or 24 hrs of ACC courses
• Echotel Corp. ACC, MGT, CPE, EE, CS
• FBI Special Agent All majors, US Citizenship
• Foster Wheeler Environmental MIS, CE, CHE, BYS, CH, Environmental
• Hernandez Engineering EE, ISE, ME, MA
• Hitachi Telecom EE, CPE, ECE, OPE, OPT
• Huntsville Employment Security All majors
• Insight Technology EE, ME, OPE
• Intergraph Process & Building CE, EE, CPE, ECE, ME, CS
• International Space Systems, Inc. CHE, ECE, MAE, ME, CS, MA, PH
• KPMG Consulting ADSC, OR, CS
• Kreger ADSC, LA
• Krystal Co. ADSC, LA
• Mesa Solutions CS, 3.0 or above GPA
• Missile & Space Intelligence Ctr. EE, CPE, ECE, ME, MAE, OPE, PH
• New York Life All Majors
• Nortel Networks
• Quality Research EE, ECE, CPE, ISE, OR, CS, MA
• Regions Financial Corp. ADSC, LA
• Rockwell Collins EE, CPE, ECE, OPE
• SAIC CPE, EE, ISE, ME, ECE, MAE, OR, CS, MA, PH
• Snelling Personnel All Majors
• Solutech EE, CPE, ECE, CS
• SouthTrust Bank ADSC, LA
• Southwest Research Institute CBE, CPE, ISE, MAE, ME, CH, CS, MTS
• SRC EE, CPE, ECE, CS, MA, PH (Eligible for Security Clearance)
• State Water Resources Control Bd. CHE, CE, ME
• Steak Out All Majors
• Sverdrup Technology ACC, HRM, MIS, EE, CPE, MAE, ME, BYS, CH, CS, MA, OPT, PH
• Sy Technology EE, CPE, ISE, ECE, OPE, OR, CS, MA, OPT, PH
• Tec-Masters MIS, All Engineering, Web Dev., Tech Writer, All Science
• Tennessee Dept of Audit ACC, MAC, MIS, Public Affairs, CS
• *Three Springs PSY, SO
• U.S. Air Force All Majors, US Citizenship
• U.S. Navy All Majors, US Citizenship
• U.S. General Accounting Office MAC, MOT, Public Affairs
• University Directorates Undergraduates
• UAH Staff Employment All Majors
• Uwollah ACC, HRM, MIS, KMT, Engineering, CH, CS, PH
• Wah Chang/Allegheny Tech. CHE, ISE, MTS
• Westinghouse Savannah River Co. CHE, CPE, EE, ME, ECE, CH, MTS
• Xon Tech EE, CPE, ECE, MAE, CS, MA, PH

More may be added!
By Matt Stokes

Dr. Richard Powers, director of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Bureau of Geriatric Psychiatry and Father of the Dementia Education and Training Program in Alabama, will be inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame this month.

DMH/MR Associate Commissioner for Mental Illness, Kim Ingram, nominated Dr. Powers. "Alabama is aging and Dr. Richard Powers is leading our efforts to prepare for an aging population," Ingram said.

Dr. Powers, a trained psychiatrist, geriatric psychiatrist and neuropathologist, "My good fortune has allowed me to practice in all these specialties during my years in Alabama," Dr. Powers said.

"He sees his major accomplishments over the last twelve years as the creation of a geriatric mental health care system where large numbers of young professionals are trained to care for Alabama's older citizens," Ingram said.

The Exponent caught up with some of the members of this group and asked them about the organization, their aspirations and goals, and what inspired them to take part in such a group. We were curious about what they hoped to accomplish with it.

Eugene (President):
"The UAH Caribbean Student Association shall serve as a focus at UAH for all students and other members of the UAH community interested in Caribbean culture and affairs. The UAH Caribbean Student Association shall also be active in organizing activities aimed at fostering interest among the Caribbean community and introducing the Caribbean and its culture to the rest of the UAH community as well as outside UAH."

Beverly (Treasurer): "It is great to be among people who share the same things with me. I can relate to them. It makes it so much easier to solve some problems, which I thought I was experiencing alone. Now I have others through those things and can guide me the correct way."

Jason (Publicity Chair): "I had no idea I would see so many Caribbean people at UAH and in Alabama in general. I am so glad to see all of them here! That way they can share their island's culture with me and mine with them. Then together we can share the West Indian or Caribbean culture with students and residents of Alabama. We'll have a lot of fun together!"

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The group hopes to make a positive contribution to UAH both socially and academically. They plan to plant strong, firm roots in all aspects of student life here. They will not only address their own issues, but those of all students in general. Caribbean students see this group as a means of keeping their culture intact, as this is a very important part of their social life.

While far from their Caribbean homes, they seek to keep the memories of where they came from close to their heart. They also have hopes of enlightening others of that wonderful place of "sun, sand, and sea." There is great heat and energy amongst this association as they hope to be seen as a permanent fixture in university life.

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Kappa Delta to host 18th Annual Kid's Carnival

By Patrick Bobo

Kappa Delta Lambda Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority is hosting its 18th Annual Kid's Carnival from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. this Saturday, March 17. The festivities will include a variety of games, face painting, balloon animals, and many more fun-filled activities for children.

Kappa Delta Susan Gromek said, "It is a really fun and rewarding event, which we look forward to every year. It is a great opportunity to have fun and give back to the community at the same time."

The Kid's Carnival, a Kappa Delta Sharmock Event, is sponsored by the Kappa Delta national Society. The event is a fundraiser to benefit Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (S.C.A.N.). Along with thousands of Kappa Delts across the nation, the sisters of Epsilon Lambda Chapter will gather at Toys "R" Us on Memorial Parkway to host the event. The fundraiser is a philanthropic effort that benefits local affiliates of Prevent Child Abuse America (PCAA). Kappa Delta Sorority's national philanthropy is to provide short-term treatment to abused children. "Our major focus for this year is Alabama's assisted living facilities," Trevor said.

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STORE NEAREST CAMPUS: In Huntsville at Madison Plaza, University Dr., across from Madison Square Mall.
Chargers scalp Spartans, Pierce en route to No. 1 nat’l ranking

By Danny Parker

No longer does the UAH Baseball team have to look up in the national rankings. According to the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper, the Chargers (15-2) are the No. 1 team in the country after taking 2 of 3 games this past weekend in Montgomery, Ala., against the formerly top-ranked University of Tampa Spartans.

At the beginning of the season, the players on the UAH team made an agreement with head coach Bobby Pierce that if the team won their first 10 games or 15 in a row at any point in the season, the squad would be allowed to take the clippers to Pierce’s noggin and remove all his hair.

After the Chargers defeated Tampa 5-1 on Saturday, March 10, Pierce was sure to become a little nervous as the team’s winning streak reached 14 games.

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Junior centerfielder Andy Evans leads the Chargers in hitting thus far this season with a .455 batting average. (Photo by Danny Parker)

Smith named Player of the Year

By Ronak Patel

The chapter entitled "The Joe Smith Years" on UAH’s Basketball team ended on a sour note back on March 2 in a lost to Henderson State (first round of the Gulf South Conference Tournament). Although the final chapter of Smith’s career at UAH was written, the story of how the team won their first 10 games or 15 in a row at any point in the season, the squad would be allowed to take the clippers to Pierce’s noggin and remove all his hair.

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Smith, who finished the season leading UAH in scoring and assists, finished second in the GSC in assists and seventh in scoring.

"He was our go-to-guy and made some big plays this year [as evident by his turn around jumper at the buzzer in the win over Berry University and assisting freshman Zach Carpenter with one second left in UAH’s victory over Valdosta St.]," Acuff said.

The squad will welcome back guards Chris Scobery, Kyle Copeland, and Trey Pinegar next year.

Smith finished second on the UAH all-time assists list as well as one of the top scorers in this program’s history.

UAH finished above expectations this year with a 19-8 record overall and 9-5 in the GSC East.

Smith was mostly responsible for the team’s outstanding play throughout the year and will be hard to replace.

"We’ll miss him a lot, he was one of the best players in the country and important to this program’s resurgence," Acuff said.

The squad will welcome back guards Chris Scobery, Kyle Copeland, and Trey Pinegar next year.

"Our guards coming back next year will play important roles in the direction of our team next year. I think the program is now at a point where we can rebuild after losing a star player."
Young takes home the hardware

By Renea Harrison
Sports Writer

The 2000-01 season was full of ups and downs for the UAH Women's Basketball team. Through the good times and the bad, Southern Mississippi transfer Kim Young was leading her team.

Now that the season has come to an end, Young has been recognized as one of the top players in both the Gulf South Conference and the South Region. She was named a member of the All-GSC first team and the All-South Region second team. In addition to these awards, Young was also named Player of the Week early in the season.

"I was really surprised about the postseason honors, especially because it was my first season in the GSC," Young said. "I feel honored that people thought enough of me to recognize me as one of the top players in the conference and the region."

Young has not let the honors cloud her team mentality, however. She said, "It would have been nice for us to have made it to the GSC Tournament. That would have meant more to me than any individual honors that I received."

Young put up some impressive numbers this season. She scored 464 points, and averaged 17.8 points per game.

In addition to her offensive prowess, she also contributed defensively. Young led the team in steals with 68, and averaged 4.6 rebounds per game. Not only did her numbers lead her team, they were close to the top for the entire conference. She finished the season second in scoring average as well as second in average steals per game.

Softball takes 4 of 5 in Columbus

By Renea Harrison
Sports Writer

The trip to Columbus, Ga., was a productive one for the Charger Softball team. They participated in the Columbus State University Invitational tournament, and went home with a 4-1 record for the tournament.

"It was a good weekend for us," UAH centerfielder Stephanie Berry said. "We played some strong teams, and faced some good pitching."

On the first day of the tournament, there were more elements to deal with than just the other team. Some cold, rainy weather moved into Columbus on Friday, and the Chargers were forced to play under less than perfect circumstances. They looked past the weather, however, and were a perfect 3-0 on the first day of the tournament.

UAH 4, St. Francis 1

In their first game of the weekend, the Chargers (13-5) faced the University of St. Francis. They managed only six hits in the game, but were still able to put the opposing team away. The eight walks handed out by St. Francis were also in the Charger's favor.

UAH 6, Barry 0

Freshman Erica Miller (1-0) threw the complete game, and got her first win of the season. She gave up zero runs on six hits.

Kristi Braverman was 2-for-2, and Amber Fuller was 2-for-3 in the game. Freshman Tamara Weaver also had a good day at the plate. She went 1-for-2 with a walk and a stolen base. Berry racked up three hits.

UAH 10, UNC-Pembroke 1

Game two of the tournament was a little lopsided for the Chargers. The University of North Carolina-Pembroke did not know what hit them when the Chargers pounded out 10 hits in the 6-1 win.

Audrey Williams and Berry had two hits each. Braverman was 3-for-4 with two RBI, and Renea Harrison hit a grand slam for her only hit of the game.

Katrina Fomich (3-0) threw the complete game, giving up only one run.

UAH 6, Barry 0

The third game on Friday was the biggest of the day for the Chargers. Barry University, who gave the Chargers a loss in the Valdosta State Tournament two weeks ago, was their opponent. The Chargers got up for this game and quickly put Barry away with a 6-0 win.

Berry, Williams, and Melanie Carter had three hits each in the 12-hit win. This hitting barrage came against Barry's Anderson, who had basically shut down the Charger offense two weeks before.

Lane Davis got the win for the Chargers. Davis gave up only two hits and one walk, and struck out six.

Carolter said, "Barry shouldn't have beat us the first time we played them." She continued, "We played our kind of softball this time."

Bloomburg 2, UAH 0

The three wins on Friday put the Chargers first in their pool. In the first game of tournament play on Saturday, they were up against third-ranked Bloomburg.

Each team had seven hits in the game, but unfortunately for the Chargers.

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Men's Soccer set to tangle with UAB at clinic

By Ronak Patel
Sports Writer

UAH defeated Covenant College in a soccer exhibition two Saturdays ago. The goals scored for UAH were by Joseph Griffin, Mark Griffin, Rob Smith, and Ryan Mills.

"This was a very good performance on a team that had beat us in the fall," Petersen said. "The game was played with only our returning players. I'm encouraged by what I saw out there."

The UAH Men's Soccer team will be participating in a coaching symposium on the campus of the University of Alabama in Birmingham on April 7-8.

The Southern Soccer Coaches' Symposium, which is a first time event, is designed to provide club, high school and college coaches with an opportunity to learn and share coaching tips. The main attraction will be a game between UAH and UAB on April 7 at 7:30 p.m.

UAH head coach Carlos Petersen will be one of the clinicians on hand in this first-time event.

The other featured clinicians at this first annual coaches symposium will be UAB head coach Mike Getman and U.S. National Staff coach Jay Miller. Getman has played in or coached in four NCAA Division I Final Fours. He has led his UAB squad to three consecutive trips to the NCAA tournament, which included a run to the elite eight in 1999.

UAH assistants Justus Griffin and Dave Gifford will also be on hand to serve as instructors.

Miller was recently the coach of the 17-and-under U.S. National team during the World Cup in Egypt. Miller, who is one of the foremost soccer instructors in the country, also served as a scout for the U.S. National team during the World Cup in France back in 1998.

The schedule for Saturday, April 7, in Birmingham:

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score for the Chargers with his fourth goal of the season at 13:49. Later in the period, Dustin Byrne also went 0-5.

In the final period, UAH outshot Wayne State 14-7. The Warriors added two more goals, one on a power-play by Kalle Rahm and an empty-netter by Kingston, to put the game out of reach for UAH.

Wayne State was able to convert on one of their five power-play opportunities, while the Chargers went 0-5.

The 4-1 loss to the Warriors was mostly one frustration after another. The Chargers however did manage to outshoot Wayne State 36-27, including 27-16 after the first intermission.

Byrne, who has been a standout for the Men in Blue all season, gave up three goals. Byrne did finish the game with 23 saves and nearly stopped two of the Warrior goals.

Byrne's counterpart David Guerrera had 35 saves. Guerrera was named the CHA Tournament Most Valuable Player and All-Tournament Goalie. In addition to Guerrera, four other Warriors were named to the All-Tournament team: Kingston, Maxim Starchenko, Jason Durbin and Tyler Kindle. Darren Curry and Ryan McCormack represented UAH.

While the season was one of the best-ever for UAH, filled with many memorable moments, 1,892 screaming Charger fans, 23 players and two coaches went home very disappointed. As the Brooklyn Dodgers used to say, "Wait til next year."
New Dave Matthews album
Everyday released last month

By Alan Backer
Entertainment Writer

Virtually every polo-shirt- and -khaki-wearing, shaggy-hair-sporting college kid in America has been patiently waiting for February 27, 2001. Finally, after three long years and two mesmerizing live double-albums, the Dave Matthews Band has released the follow-up to the 1998 multi-platinum LP, Before These Crowded Streets.

The new album, Everyday, features appearances by Carlos Santana and South African vocalist Vusi Mahlasela, and it's produced by hits-by-the-numbers pimp Glen Ballard. But those aren't the same bouncy, effortless mega-jams that we've come to expect and grown to adore from the Virginia-based touring favorite.

This new brew of Dave seems like it would fit better in the arena than it would in the studio. The majority of the disc is packed with straightforward arrangements dominated by muddy electric guitars and airy keyboards. Not one clock in at over five minutes: an odd first considering the band's sound. After working for awhile with longtime producer Steve Lillywhite on an entirely different set of songs than the ones featured on Everyday, Matthews was feeling creatively stifled with the new material. He decided to pack his bags to leave Charlottesville, VA, for Los Angeles. He completely abandoned the tracks the band was working on (after doing some downloading on Napster, I personally thought some of those songs like "Grey Street" and "Sweet Up and Down" were pretty damn good).

Matthews soon hooked up with Ballard in LA to conceive the brand new sound that DMB would bestow upon the public. Dave didn't set out to quiet the playing time of the other guys; it was just something that needed to be done to shed the skin from their creative block. The new arrangements were actually received by the rest of the band with enthusiasm, who were excited about the outcome of what Matthews and Ballard had been working on.

The result still contains much of the charm that is a given of anything with the name Dave Matthews Band on it, but the songs themselves are much more primitive than the kaleidoscopic interplay of the old style.

The schizophrenic-opening riff that kicks off "I Did It" does sound like 1996 Dave with an electric guitar. It's only when you get to the second track, "When the World Ends," that you sense that there is a change in the air. The entire song has an introspective feel, as Dave croons the "day the world"

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Theatre Huntsville makes
Much Ado About Nothing

By Angela Frederick
Entertainment Writer

Theatre Huntsville will present William Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing in the Von Braun Center Playhouse on March 16-18 and 22-24, 2001. All performances are at 7:30 p.m. except the Sunday, March 18 matinee, which will be at 2 p.m.

This comedy revolves around a blossoming, yet bickering romance between Beatrice and Benedick, the evil plotting of Don Pedro against Hero and Claudio, and the bizarre antics of Dogberry and Verges. It has many classic Shakespearean twists and turns, including mistaken identities, plots, proposals and deceptions, all written in the "Band's" distinctive prose.

Directed by Anne Clem, the play features Kim and Phil Parker in the roles of Beatrice and Benedick, Jessica and Brandon Zeller in the roles of Hero and Claudio, respectively. Joshua Olive and Ingrid Goree are Dogberry and Verges, and Jeff White will play Don Pedro.

There are some fantastic performances in this play; said Joshua Olive, "and it is really interesting that two married couples are playing the two main romantic duos. It is going to be a great show."

Single tickets for Much Ado About Nothing are $12 for adults and $10 each for senior citizens and students and should be reserved before the performance. The box office will open one hour before each performance. Call 551-2335 for information on purchasing tickets.

Much Ado marks one of many occasions that Shakespearean plays are shown in the Huntsville area. Regular visits from Shenandoah Shakespeare Express delight theatre-goers, and Theatre Huntsville itself is in charge of Shakespeare on the Mountain, a series of vignettes from the Bard's most famous plays shown on Monte Sano Mountain every summer.
Radical Dreamers: the true sequel to Chrono Trigger

By Kim Staton

Entertainment Writer

Released only in Japan, many fans claim that Square's Radical Dreamers is the real sequel to Chrono Trigger, making Chrono Cross a mere instalment in the series. Or are the two follow-ups really the same game? Radical Dreamers was released for the Super Famicom (the Japanese version of the Super Nintendo) in 1997. The game was never translated into English, although several groups have attempted to translate it. The game is text-based and is therefore difficult to decipher without having an intense understanding of the Japanese language.

The second chapter in the Chrono series, all of which are, unlike the Final Fantasy games, related to each other in some way, was adapted for the Satellaview Super Famicom add-on. Satellaview was also never released outside of Japan. The add-on was a satellite uplink unit, not unlike X-band networking here in the United States and Japan.

Fans of Chrono Cross will recognize the name "Radical Dreamers" as being the thieves' guild to which Kid belonged. However, there are several other references to the Super Famicom games in Chrono Cross.

For instance, in the lastest Chrono game, there is little mention of Luca's fate and Kid's ties to her. In Radical Dreamers, this plot twist is more dominant in the story. Serge and Kid are present in the original sequel to Chrono Trigger, as is Yamaneko (Lynx), and another main character, Magil, is introduced. Magil, it seems, is the Japanese name of the original game character Magus.

Radical Dreamers expands on both Luca's fate and the connection between Yamaneko and Kid. Also, the Frozen, or Freezing, according to rough translations of the second game, has a bigger role and is explained in fuller detail.

Those familiar with Chrono Cross will also recognize the beginning lines of Radical Dreamers. Some lines are the same as those found in the diary in Chronopolis.

Many fans of the series have concluded that Radical Dreamers and Chrono Cross are approximately the same game. However, Square has not commented and is not likely to. More appropriately, perhaps, it should be said that Chrono Cross merely borrows certain themes from its immediate predecessor but remains a stand-alone game.

These are The Beach Boys and these are the Beach Boys on pot

By Justin Edwards

Entertainment Writer

What in the heck were The Beach Boys smoking when they made this record? Well from what I heard, it was the ganja. After the triumphant work on Pet Sounds, Brian Wilson began a follow up that would rival Pet Sounds in each and every way. "A teenage symphony to God" he called it.

The actual album title was Smile. Well, some ways through it, he decided the music just wasn't right for The Beach Boys to do. So Brian Wilson burned all the tapes. The Beach Boys then proceeded to head back to their home studio and smoke lots of marijuana. As far as I can tell, it was in this drug-induced haze that they made Smiley Smile and decided to put it out. As you've probably figured out, this record isn't great. There are some bands that can take all the drugs they like and still put out decent music (not that I advocate that). The Beach Boys were not one of them. Actually I'm not sure what to say about this album. On the one hand I hate the lyrics and the few good songs have some stupid drug induced part in the middle. But on the other hand I kind of enjoy it musically. I mean even drugged out Brian Wilson makes OK music. Like I said, however, there are a few amazing songs on here. Both versions of Heroes and Villains are great. Overall the Good Vibrations is good. Wonderful is wonderful (except for one druged out part), Karl and Little Pad is amazing (except for the silly opening). Even with those good songs, I'm still trying to decide if the CD is worth purchasing.

Summing it all up, the jury is still out on this record, and I would label this record as "buy at your own risk."

Album, continued from page 9 is over, we'll be lying in bed" while staccato acoustic guitars walz along in the background. Minor keys and chugging minor chords dominate such songs as "If I Had It All," "What You Are," and "Mother Father." A couple of songs even have an almost 80's feel to them, such as the big arena rock sound of "So Right" and "Fool To Think," which sounds eerily like The Police.

Other than a fleeting glimpse in the chorus of "The Space Between," the only strong remnant of the old lanky dancing Dave is the title track, which happens to be the last song on the album. Mahalasela's

Personaly I think this record is only for crazy hardcore Beach Boys fans. But if you think you can look past dumb lyrics and idiotic drugged-out parts and concentrate on the sometimes-beautiful music underneath, pick this album up. But as I said, buy this record at your own risk cause it's expensive. It runs for $25 on Amazon.com. I was lucky. I found it 1st at Sunburst Records for cheaper, but I don't know if the record will ever appear there again. I don't know what else to say besides I wish they had lain off the pot and just finished Smile.
two Hollywood giants, Julia Roberts and Brad Pitt. If for nothing else, people have ventured to see the film to view the anomaly of two iconic icons sharing the silver screen. Don’t be deceived, Pitt and Roberts share less than fifteen minutes of screen-time together and in my opinion, had they not taken the star roles of the movie, it would have never made it to production.

Pitt plays Jerry Welbach, a hapless bagman for a corporate mafia, while Roberts takes on the role of his free-spirited, new age girlfriend Sam. Their relationship is rocky and leads to numerous and comical grievances. The inner story takes place within Jerry’s occupation and the fact that he has been assigned to go South of the border in search of a sacred and valuable heirloom—a hand crafted pistol otherwise known as “the Mexi-can.” The only problem is everyone seems to want this pistol, Mexican gangsters in particular. So Jerry has a hard time obtaining this weapon, and an even more difficult time getting it back into the States.

Meanwhile a parallel story is taking place with Sam. As Jerry’s girlfriend, she is under close observation by his boss. A hit man is hired in order to seize Sam and uncover any clues that may imply Jerry’s duplicity to the firm. Although the presence of a hit man can be considered an essential element in this story, James Gandolfini’s role distracts from the plot and only minutely attributes to the underlying theme of persistent love. His involvement in the film should be limited to his role in conjunction with the pistol, and not serve as a contributing factor to the emergence of homosexuals in society. Save political statements for the ten o’clock news.

Through all these actions, El Camino chases, and off-color humor, this movie’s theme finally prevails. True that it drags, but it does eventually end worthwhile. I think this movie is indicative of the overwhelming presence of contemporaries prevalent in Hollywood today. Experimentalism rules out logic and it’s as almost if making sense or even defining a theme has become obsolete. I give this movie a mixed review, because there were parts that I thought were hilarious, but there were other plot elements that I just could not overlook.

In any case I recommend this film to all moviegoers, because with a movie like this one you just cannot take someone else’s word for it.

**America’s favorite English cannibal returns**

**By Alan Backer**

**Entertainment Writer**

At last there is the sequel to *Silence of the Lambs*. Most movie sequels have thinly veiled plots and seem only to exist for the sole purpose of milking the first ones for every penny they’re worth. But every now and then, one comes along that does the Jonathan Demme with time around. Luckily, a not have Jodie Foster this sees a directing change from Russell Crowe in all his grizzled glory.

Hannibal, the forever-entertaining successor to 1991's breathtakingly dis­turbing *Silence of the Lambs*, falls somewhere in between. Due to the irritating plot of Hannibal* the* book, written by Thomas Harris, and not having a ridiculous demand of $20 million with 15 percent of the profits fulfilled, Hannibal* the* movie does not have Jodie Foster this time around. Luckily, a marvelously talented Julienne Moore was re­crutted to fill Foster’s shoes as FBI Agent Clarice Starling. Hannibal also sees a directing change from *Silence of the Lambs*, replacing cult fav­orite Anthony Hopkins as the cryptic psychologist Hannibal Lecter, a name that should be synonymous with the greatest fictional bad-guys in movie history by now. To think that Hopkins almost balked on this film too would have screwed Mr. Scott beyond mortal belief, not to mention disappointing the millions of people who had fava beans added to their grocery vocabulary after being spine-tingled by Hopkins’ Lecter ten years ago.

The movie itself, although drawing heavily on the shock value, is not as nimble and undeniably frightening as *Silence of the Lambs*, which did more with a whisper than Hannibal does with a blood-curdling scream. Missing from the sequel were some of the evil intricacies and the neatly woven storyline that made *Silence of the Lambs* so intriguing. Still, there are enough plot twists and human innards to make you almost numb. There is something inexplicably late-90’s about all of this excessive gore.

Yet somehow, Scott still manages to pull it off. Lecter, now posing as a museum curator in Florence, is every bit as menacing as he was when he stared at Clarice Starling through that bulletproof glass in *Lambs*. There are also solid supporting characters, including Ma­son Vergar, played by Gary Oldman, a pedo­philic millionaire out for morbid revenge after

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Recognization at UAH

By Dauphne Rogers
Editor-in-Chief

I went to the Employer Service Recognition Luncheon last week, and I was pleasantly surprised and enlightened.

Dr. Joan Williamson, who was the master of ceremonies for the event, couldn't have been more entertaining. Each time she opened her mouth, some witty comment flew out, causing the audience to erupt with peals of laughter.

So many UAH employees, both faculty and staff, were recognized that we can't print all of their names due to space limitations. But there were many. Retirees and those working at UAH for 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 years were all honored during the event. President Frank Franz presented the awards as Williamson introduced the recipients.

Prior to the awards, Williamson talked about the trip to Montgomery on Higher Education Day; in particular, she vividly portrayed the outstanding way in which President Frank Franz demonstrated his leadership abilities on behalf of our university. Williamson presented Franz with an official coach's whistle at the ceremony, reminding those present that we can't find a better head coach anywhere.

Williamson is right. Franz is a leader who has proven that he is up to the difficult challenges that leadership often brings.

In a telephone interview, Williamson stated, "He [Franz] has gone above and beyond the call of duty; spending days and weeks fighting for the university in Montgomery. Students, faculty, and staff all feel the same way. He is so articulate. He can talk about complex issues and make them so clear. He really rallied the crowd when he spoke [in Montgomery at Higher Education Day]. That's why we gave him the head coach's whistle.

I couldn't agree with Williamson more. I'm sure the vast majority of the UAH community feels the same way as well. We are so fortunate to have a university president who is not only great at his job, but also cares so much for the people he leads. From the day I first met Dr. Franz during an interview last year about the rec center, I realized that UAH was lucky to have a president like him. I just didn't know how lucky until this semester.

Regardless of the eventual outcome of the proration disaster in Alabama, the UAH community owes Franz a debt of gratitude. We can be proud of how the way he stood up for UAH and higher education this semester. When the heat was on, he didn't back down. He stood his ground, for us. He didn't give in to threats. He showed those politicians in Montgomery what it means to be a true leader.

Only hope they were taking notes.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Higher Education Day, sponsored by the Higher Education Partnership, was held in Montgomery on Tuesday, March 6, and by any measure was a huge success. Over 3000 students, faculty, staff and alumni of Alabama public universities attended the rally. A large contingent of students, faculty and staff from UAH participated in the day's events.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who took time from his or her busy schedules to make the long journey to Montgomery and rally on behalf of our university.

I also want to tell you how proud I was of our students and the manner in which they conducted themselves. Numerous legislators commented to me that the UAH students were very polite, well-informed and among the most articulate students participating in the rally. I especially want to recognize the group who met with Governor Siegelman and articulated their views to him in a polite but firm manner.

To James Kodrowski, Geoff Morris, Paul Lindgren, Dale Jobs and all of the other students who participated I want to say thank you for representing your university in a highly professional manner. You succeeded in making a positive impression on our legislators and enhanced UAH's image in Montgomery. Great job!

Gary Smith
Executive Assistant to the President

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Field, UAH starting pitcher Adam Bass put it in cruise control and shut down the Spartans the rest of the way. While Bass (0-1) was retiring batter after batter, the Chargher sticks got to work and put some runs on the board to make the rest of the game worthwhile.

Freshman Trail Mead was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate with a stolen base, a walk, and a sacrifice fly.

UAH's image in Montgomery showed some worth as a pinch hit homerun by Charlie Manning tied the game at 2-2. The next team out, however, the Spartans won the game.

When Granville hit his second homer of the series in the ninth after Wes Long doubled in Andy Evans with the game-winning run. A Mark Forbus single was soon followed by a Chris Sutton two-run bomb.

Donaldson earned the victory in relief. 

Tampa 5, UAH 4

Like Bass before, starting pitcher Kevin Schomas fell behind early after relinquishing a leadoff homerun. Luckily, Schomas continued to follow suit as he too settled down and allowed his offense to take the lead.

After the teams swapped scores, Hector Guadalupe singled in Clay Rice to tie the game at three.

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for the Chargers, their hits did not come at the right times. Bloomburg managed to push across two runs in the second inning on one error and three hits. The final score was 2-0 in favor of Bloomburg.

Davis (8-2) took the loss for the Chargers, only her second of the season.

Shannon Sims was a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate. Davis added two hits, and Harrison and Berry had one each.

UAH 5, TWU 0

The last game of the tournament for UAH was a consolation game against Texas Women's University. Revenge must have been on the Charger's minds after losing the game, and they got it in this game. They scored five unanswerable runs on 11 hits.

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Opinion

Pursuing reasons in a pointless tragedy

By J. Caleb Clanton
Opinion Writer

When I was in high school, I was not usually worried about some nut marching into school with a gun and blowing a few brains along with some here in a twisted video game. Times have changed though for many high-schoolers. It’s actually quite odd to think that college campuses’are safer than high schools, but that’s apparently the case. I suppose Americans have almost come to expect a school shooting ever-so-often now. Sure it sounds cynical, but we’ve almost come to expect these pointless tragedies. Unfortunately, there does seem to be some sort of recurring pattern with these shootings: as soon as one shooting crisis calms down in the media, another shooting occurs.

Just last week, a 15 year-old boy opened fire in a Sanitee, California school, killing two and wounding 13 others. I, like everyone else, imagine being so fed up with things around you that you just couldn’t take it anymore. Everything pressure in the world – economic, political, social, etc., would be your back. You would have no friends. You were lonely, depressed, tired, afraid, sick, and angry.

If one could really ever conceive of being in such a position, then one could perhaps imagine what a pathetic position such a person might perceive themselves to be. Perhaps our latest kid-murderer was in such a position and “just couldn’t handle it anymore.” Honestly, I must say, I seriously doubt this, but know that was that had off. But, for the sake of our conversation, let’s just pretend.

Do we pity him? I mean, are we really so sympathetic to this individual’s feelings that we would try to understand his actions? I hope not.

Again, let’s imagine ourselves to be “that bad off.” The world is too much, so we feel as if we have to have some sort of revenge against the society that inflicts us with our pain. The only thing that could help – the only hope of action – is murderer. We wash our sorrowful and meaningless souls with the blood of innocent kids at our high school as an act of vengeance. How stupid we must try to make ourselves feel better by hurting others in the most extreme way. Again for the sake of conversation, let’s just say that was the “reasoning” behind the latest kid-murderer out in Sanitee, California.

Obviously, it seems tragically selfish to have to kill others in an attempt to make yourself feel “better,” however one might define the term “better.” But, I suppose a bone-fide murderer doesn’t mind being selfish in the first place. So, ultimately, speculation about the kid’s selfish and pointless motives are simply open-ended.

Will we ever understand the motivations behind this boy’s actions? In reality, probably not.

Meanwhile, the victims lie dead and the murderer has successfully fulfilled his own perceptions of having a pointless life.

And, the rest of us are left scratching our heads, asking for reasons to explain that which has no real reasons in the first place.

The point is that there is no point to all of this. There never is in situations like these.

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The President's Corner

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SGA Elections

These past few weeks have shown us how important state politics are to your education. With all of the articles in this week’s Exponent describing how much of a difference we as students can make I want you to imagine how much of a difference you can make on this campus by getting involved with student government. Even if you don’t want to run for student board and see if they support your interests. The week after spring break is when campaigning begins. By then you need to know who to support and who doesn’t deserve to vote on your behalf. To all of the applicants out there remember that you need to fill out a Declaration Form by April 2. I know that sounds like a long time away from now but if you wait until after spring break I am willing to be that you will forget to hand it in.

Now is a good time to announce some discussions that have been going on regarding the size of your student government. Is it big enough? With over 40 people running for positions in the House of Representatives and only 30 spots available in SGA really getting good student representation out of only twenty elected representatives? There is serious consideration of increasing the number of positions in both the House and the Senate. It only makes sense that with the volume of students wanting to get involved SGA should change to accommodate them. After all, we are only here because the students want representation. Come out to the Assembly meeting next Monday night at 8:45 p.m. to voice your opinion about the size of SCA.

Since there is only a week left before we leave on Spring Break I want to share with you what SGA has been doing to make Spring Break memorable. It can be summed up in three words. Philanthropy. Philanthropy. Philanthropy. Under the direction of Steve Cross, the Interim Chief of Staff, SGA has instituted two service projects that are guaranteed success stories even now, a week before they happen. The first is Project America. During Spring Break UAH and SGA will send 10 students into the heart of downtown St. Louis to intimately work with homeless folks in the area. It will be an intense week of dealing with tough issues, in your face confrontations with uncomfortable situations, and a leadership experience like no other. Also commencing this Spring Break is the planning for St. Judes ‘Up till Dawn’ fundraiser that will be hosted by UAH hopefully during Springfest of 2002. Steve Cross recently visited the University of Memphis campus to witness a similar fundraising event held there. He said that campus raised over $30,000 for St. Judes. All of that money goes directly to help children fighting cancer. It’s an excellent way for students to come up with a cure for cancer. That is the type of service that SGA is involved with and we are bringing it to all of you who want to participate. For more information email me or talk to Steve Cross.

In closing I have to make a personal statement here’s a ‘shout out’ to Mr. Michael Kinzer a great friend and neighbor. Get well and don’t laugh, it’ll make your stomach hurt. Have a great week!
and students want an equate cut of 6.2% across the board for higher education and K-12. The Senate cut the amount to 9.8% down to that level.

Students were immediately fluxed by the idea of losing debt to cover a shortfall in tax revenue, what one student described as "issuing a home mortgage" to buy your education.

"There is adult education and there are early learning opportunities that we really need to focus on," explained Siegelman, "[Alabama] is beginning to focus on those early learning opportunities."

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March 2, the Senate passed a measure that calls for all segments of education to be treated equally in terms of proration cuts. Barron fervently argued that higher education should be treated equally as important as K-12 and that funding should be distributed accordingly.

Despite the large turn out of the rally, emphasized to the crowd that higher education in Alabama is a major concern. "We want a fair deal for education in Alabama," said Barron. "We are tired of seeing the University of Alabama get funding before the rest of us." Sen. Jim Fannin, a Democrat from Montgomery and on campus at the rally, said that he would vote for a proration cut. Senator Fannin said that he would support a proration cut for higher education and that the Senate had passed a measure that calls for all segments of education to be treated equally in terms of proration cuts.

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Aries (March 21-April 20)
Image: "At a music festival, a crowned rebel girl"
Message: "Staying focused on the task at hand is a must this week, Aries. Keep your eyes on the prize and avoid distractions that could derail your progress." 

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Image: "In an abandoned monastery, four small doves"
Message: "Places of peace. Dreams, flashes of insight and intuitive information will be important sources of wisdom early this week; pay attention to all subtle ideas or hunches. Areas strongly affected are romantic and creative outlets. Before Wednesday the romantic overtures of a potential lover will backfire. This is an excellent time to imprint your own style or take control in a new romantic or creative venture. Be creative and enjoy the subtle attention of previously shy loved ones. After Thursday watch also for a manager or authority figure to avoid direct questions and leave key decisions to the group. A demanding few days. Sage: social and interpersonal reversals."

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Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Image: "A flock of white owls flying low in the sky"
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Image: "A large clump of oats, a tiny, tiny cactus"
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Virgo (August 23-September 22)
Image: "At the potter's wheel, an artist molding a vase"
Message: "Thoroughly check all sources, Virgo: accuracy and timing are important sources of wisdom early this week. Areas strongly affected are economic, employment or financial delays which may be bothersome. Poorly timed projects may now require fast revisions and new schedules: stay alert to unexpected reversals." 

Libra (September 23-October 22)
Image: "On an empty stage, a spotlight illuminating a single dancer"
Message: "Deep in the jungle, a tiger stalking a butterfly"
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Scorpio (October 23-November 21)
Image: "At a country wedding, a giggling and joyful bride"
Message: "Reconsider all long-term consequences. After Wednesday financial information may require sudden decisions: watch official paperwork for time delays. Later this week revised financial information may arrive."

Sagittarius (November 22-December 21)
Image: "Buried on a distant island, a heavy treasure chest"
Message: "Deep in the jungle, a tiger stalking a butterfly"
Message: "Dealing with stressful situations with patience and tact is important sources of wisdom early this week. Areas strongly affected are economic, employment or financial delays which may be bothersome. Poorly timed projects may now require fast revisions and new schedules: stay alert to unexpected reversals." 

Capricorn (December 22-January 19)
Image: "At a busy train station, a juggler, a magician and three clowns"
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Aquarius (January 20-February 18)
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Campus Club Wire
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UAL Spanish Club
The UAH Spanish Club invites you to a cultural presentation on March 22, at 7 p.m., UC room 146. Four UAH students will discuss their experiences in Spanish-speaking countries including Spain, Costa Rica, and Panama. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Kappa-Tau Bash
Greet students from other Kappa-Tau Bas! in massive numbers Friday night. Do You want it? You got it. We have an amazing bash on campus this Friday night. Stay tuned for more information regarding time and place. Also, we're starting our Penny Drive this week that is benefiting the Community Free Clinic. Look for big water jugs all over campus, dump your change, and help out the less fortunate.

Earth Action
Earth Action, the UAH campus environmental group, is meeting Friday on March 16 at 1:00 p.m. in room 132 of the University Center. Ecofact: The U.S., with 4.6% of the world's population is responsible for 23% of the world's emissions of carbon dioxide, the primary greenhouse gas which contributes to global warming.

Frosh Mosh '01
FROSH MOSH '01 Committee Meetings every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in Mom's Cafe in the UC. Get involved on campus and bring your creative ideas with you. Even if you are gone over the summer, you can still help to the following members for their induction in honor societies: Tiago Tognetti - Omicron Delta Kappa; David Branscomb - Sigma Kappa Delta; and Claas Schulz - Phi Sigma Iota.

Students for the Exploration and Development of Space
Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS) are holding their next general meeting on March 9 at 8:30 p.m. in the Research Institute Room M-90. We will be discussing progress on the X-135 Micro-Gravity Experiment, the future student Mars Satellite "CubeSat", and the L-5 Society's project "Halo" (High Altitude Lift-off). Email browncl@email.uah.edu for questions.
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Two 12 inch Fosgate speakers for sale. Includes box, $50-watt amp, and wiring. Good condition. $300 OBO. Call 824-6090 (Day) or 776-3002 (Night), ask for Jennifer.

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1990 Toyota Tercel, 4 seats (coup), 172K miles, 5 speed manual transmission, power steering, new tires and Kenwood 10 CD changer system with amplifier and Sony speakers, cassette player, AM/FM stereo. Well maintained and runs great. Price $1500. Call 881-6851

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Answers to 3-8-01 puzzle

BOARD GAMES

By GFR Associates E-Mail: EDC9432@aol.com

Mall: GFR, P.O. Box 461, Scheonestud, NY 12301

The answers for the crossword puzzle will be printed in next week's issue.

Crossword 101

By Ed Canty

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1992 Dodge Spirit White, 4-door, 4-cyl. Looks Great! Runs Great! Give Me a Call! 824-2612 or newbye@email.uah.edu

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Sharpcj@email.uah.edu.

Monte Sano Mtn, $375/month + 1/2 utilities. Call 539-2948 for more details.

PERSONALS

Beta testers needed for a new web marketing tool, which will offer the ability to market ideas, techniques, specialized knowledge to a world wide audience. Categories from agriculture to zoology. Contact us at TSOL1@aol.com.

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Quotable Quote

"To me the cinema is not a slice of life, but a piece of cake."

...Alfred Hitchcock
life is full of SURPRISES
was 18 years old when I got pregnant. Since I had already enlisted in the Air Force, I thought I had to have an abortion in order to make something out of my life.

My best friend drove me to the abortion clinic. It was like an assembly line. When the ultrasound was being done I asked to see it. But this wasn’t allowed (so much for “an informed decision”). Then I asked how far along I was. I was told I was nine-and-a-half weeks pregnant. That hit me hard. I started doubting, and wanted to talk to my friend, but I wasn’t allowed to.

When it was my turn the nurse told me that I was going to feel some discomfort, like strong menstrual cramps. The truth is that the abortion was more pain than I’ve ever felt in my life. It felt like my insides were literally being sucked out of my body.

Later I went into shock! After the abortion, I tried to make up for it by trying to get pregnant again. I wanted my baby back. I never got pregnant again. I don’t know if I can ever have another baby. I named my baby. I found out later that this is part of the grieving process.

Two-and-a-half years later, I ended up in the hospital with bulimia. I felt that no one had punished me for what I had done so I was punishing myself. I became obsessed with women who were pregnant. My life was in shambles! I was suffering from post-abortion trauma.

When I was 21 years old God brought me help through a woman who was involved in pro-life activism. I went through a post-abortion counseling program called “Conquerors.” God not only forgave me, He challenged me to help others. I answered the challenge!

I started sidewalk counseling. There is a healing process that comes from getting involved in the pro-life movement. I talk to youth groups and students and share my testimony. To them, and to you, I plead, “Please don’t make the same mistakes I did.”

Michelle C.

Pregnancy Care Resources

24 Hour Pregnancy Help Lines

Birthright (birthright.com)
1.800.550.4900

Nurturing Network (nurturingnetwork.org)
1.800.866.4666

Pregnancy Centers Online
www.pregnancycenters.org

Help After an Abortion

American Rights Coalition
1.800.634.2224

Project Rachel
1.800.593.2273

Life Dynamics (legal help)
1.800.401.6494

Dear Friends,

Have you ever felt so alone...like no one could ever know how lonely you are inside—even if they tried...and you burnt out so badly that you’d do anything so you go and do the thing you knew deep down...is truly wrong but you feel somehow it’s the only way—that anything else would be too hard? I mean...you lived your life to live—yet you can’t deal with this surprise if you are not alone...We’re all faced with. We deal with it every second of every day. It’s called life.

The trouble is, if you’re pregnant, you’re deciding for two people. The one inside of you wants to live no matter what. You want to crawl inside a hole somewhere and hide. But if you can’t. You just want it all to end. But in this case, the quicker you move, the harder you fall.

There is help out there for you. Or you friend. Or your girlfriend. We have worked hard to bring up facts and stories about people who have chosen...life and are so glad they did. There’s also the stuff about people who have chosen abortion and are recovering. So if you’re already had an abortion, there is a way out of your pain. There are people who have lived in your shoes and turned some. So read on and think hard.
Abortion Disrupts Hormonal Balance

Estrogen is the hormone that turns a girl's body into a woman's body at puberty. Actually, there is a whole class of similar steroids, estrogens, which can stimulate the growth of the breasts and other female tissues. The most abundant and important estrogen secreted by a woman's ovaries is called estradiol

After puberty, the levels of estradiol rise and fall twice with each menstrual cycle. Under the influence of the pituitary gland's follicle stimulating hormone (FSH), new, egg-containing follicles develop in the ovaries during the first half of the menstrual cycle. The follicular, estradiol-secreting cells surrounding the eggs proliferate, and so the ovaries secrete ever larger quantities of estradiol, reaching a peak about one day before ovulation. This pre-ovulatory peak is the highest blood level of estradiol a woman ever normally experiences in the non-pregnant state. It stimulates her pituitary gland to secrete another hormone, luteinizing hormone (LH), which actually triggers ovulation

After ovulation, the follicle which has expelled the egg becomes filled with another kind of cell called a luteal cell. These luteal cells proliferate under the influence of pituitary LH, thus secreting ever larger quantities of both estradiol and the pregnancy hormone progesterone, from which estradiol is made

Since pituitary secretion of LH falls off quite sharply after ovulation, the corpus luteum (as the former follicle is now called) begins to regress, unless fertilization of the egg (conception) takes place. If conception has occurred, the embryo begins—almost immediately—to secrete another chemical messenger which acts like LH to "rescue" the corpus luteum.

If rescued, the corpus luteum proceeds to generate enormous concentrations of progesterone and estradiol. By 7 to 8 weeks gestation, a pregnant woman's blood already contains six times more estradiol than it did at the time of conception, more than twice the highest level attained in the non-pregnant state.

Cancer Cells Run Amok

How estradiol, or estrogens in general, relate to breast cancer risk, has to do with their role in the growth of breast tissue. It is estradiol which makes the breasts grow to a mature size at puberty, and which makes them grow again during pregnancy. The cells in the breast which are responsive to estradiol are those which are primitive, or undifferentiated. Once terminally differentiated into milk-producing cells, breast cells no longer can be stimulated to reproduce

It is the undifferentiated cells which can give rise to cancerous tumors later in life. If a woman therefore has gone through some weeks of a normal pregnancy, and then aborts the pregnancy, she is left with more of these cancer-vulnerable cells than she had in her breasts before she was pregnant. In addition, any abnormal, potentially cancer-forming cells already in her breasts (present to some extent in all people) have also been stimulated to multiply. All this translates into a statistically greater probability that a cancerous tumor may eventually arise. In fact, most risk factors for breast cancer are attributable to overexposure to some form of estrogen

In contrast, a full term pregnancy results in full differentiation of the breast tissue for the purpose of milk production, which leaves fewer cancer-vulnerable cells in the breasts than were there before the pregnancy began. This translates into the well known breast cancer risk lowering effect of a full term pregnancy...

Most miscarriages occur in the first trimester, and over 90% of these are characterized by abnormally low maternal estradiol levels (quantities that do not exceed non-pregnant levels). One team of Swiss obstetricians, as far back as 1976, was actually able to predict miscarriages with 92% accuracy with just a single measurement of estradiol

Theoretically, this makes perfect sense: the very reason for an early miscarriage is an inadequate supply of progesterone from which estradiol is made. However, there is reason to believe that pregnancies which survive the first trimester (and they couldn't survive without adequately high progesterone levels, which are paralleled by estradiol) are likely to raise breast cancer risk, if they go on to miscarry due to physical trauma or anatomic defect. Since most miscarriages do occur in the first trimester, miscarriages generally have been found not to increase the risk of breast cancer. Remember: reproductive rights are meaningless without the right of women to know all the consequences of the choices they may make.
Each of us has a very precise starting moment which is the time at which the whole necessary and sufficient genetic information is gathered inside one cell, the fertilized egg, and this is the moment of fertilization."

Fertilization
The sperm joins with the ovum to form one cell. This one cell contains the complex genetic makeup for every detail of human development— the child’s sex, hair and eye color, height, skin tone etc.

Month One
The first cell divides and cell division continues in an orderly fashion as the small group of cells travels down the Fallopian tube to the uterus. There are over 100 cells present when this tiny embryo reaches the uterus 7 to 10 days after fertilization. Foundations of the brain, spinal cord and nervous system are already established, and on day 21 the heart begins to beat in a regular fashion. Muscles are forming, and arms, legs, eyes and ears have begun to show. The embryo is 10,000 times larger than the original fertilized egg and developing rapidly.

Month Two
The pre-born baby has all her fingers. Brain waves can be detected and the brain is controlling 40 sets of muscles as well as the organs. The jaw forms, including teeth buds in the gums. The eyelids seal during this time to protect the baby’s developing light-sensitive eyes, the stomach produces digestive juices, and the kidneys have begun to function. The developing baby is now referred to as the fetus, a Latin word meaning “young one.”

Month Three
Unique fingerprints are evident and never change. The baby now sleeps, awakens, and exercises her muscles by turning her head, curling her toes, and opening and closing her mouth— often sucking her thumb. She breathes amniotic fluid to help develop her respiratory system. By the end of the month all the organs and systems of her body are functioning. The only major activity from now until birth is growth.

Month Four
By the end of this month the baby is 8 to 10 inches in length and weighs 1/2 pound. Her ears are functioning and the baby hears her mother’s heartbeat, as well as external noises. Because the pre-born child is now larger, the mother usually begins to feel her baby’s movements.

Month Five
Half the pregnancy has now passed. The baby is about 12 inches long. If a sound is especially loud or startling, she may jump in reaction to it. Babies born at this stage of development are surviving at an ever-increasing rate, thanks to medical advances.

Month Six
Oil and sweat glands are functioning. The baby’s delicate skin is protected in the amniotic sac by a special ointment “vernix.”

Month Seven
The baby’s brain has as many cells as it will have at birth. The pre-born child uses the four senses of vision, hearing, taste, and touch. Research has documented that she can now recognize her mother’s voice.

Month Eight
The skin begins to thicken, with a layer of fat stored underneath for insulation and nourishment. The baby swallows a gallon of amniotic fluid per day. She often hiccups. She has been urinating for several months.

Month Nine
The baby is almost ready for birth. Of the 45 generations of cell divisions before adulthood, 41 have taken place in the womb. Only four more will come before adolescence. In developmental terms we spend 90% of our lives in the womb.
In late 1999, Life Dynamics Inc. (LDI), of Denton, Texas, uncovered a coordinat­ed lucrative industry functioning for the specific purpose of obtaining and selling high-quality fetal organs for research.

A "procurement agent" from within the industry became a whistle blower and revealed how a team would go into late-term abortion mills to dissect aborted babies and procure fetal parts. The informant reported that the procurers would get a generated list each day letting them know which body parts or organs were in demand from the researchers, pharmaceutical companies and universities. They were looking for only the "most perfect specimens" which included eyes, livers, hearts, brains, kidneys, spleens, and intact bodies.

LDI discovered that in many instances these babies were born alive, then killed, so the procurement team could get the tissue or organs while still fresh. The body parts are then packed in dry ice and shipped to their destination via UPS, Fed Ex, Airborne, or by special couriers. How does the abortion industry circumvent federal law which prohibits the sale of human body parts or tissue? Fetal tissue wholesalers pay the abortion clinics a "site fee" (renting space, so to speak) to place the "procurement agents" in the abortion mills. The abortionist then "donates" the tissue or body parts to the wholesaler. The wholesaler bills the researchers, not for the actual parts or organs, but for the cost of retrieval.

Documentation uncovered by LDI included wholesalers' purchasing lists with individual pricing per organ or body part, technically called "fee for services schedule." A sampling of one of the wholesalers' inventory includes: an intact trunk (with or without limbs) $500; gonads $550; eyes $75; brains $999; livers $150; and spinal cords $325. There is also a 30% discount if the tissue is "significantly fragmented."

It has become obvious that one of the reasons why the abortion advocates insist upon maintaining the cruel and inhumane practice of partial-birth abortion is to be able to deliver intact bodies, minus the brains, to the researchers.

Interview with an Insider

What is the governing force behind the abortion industry?
Money. It is a very lucrative business. It is the largest unregulated industry in our nation. Most of the clinics are run in chains because it is so profitable.

Why do you refer to "selling" abortions?
The product, abortion, is skillfully marketed and sold to the woman at the crisis time in her life. She buys the product, finds it defective and wants to return it for a refund. But, it's too late. Her baby is dead.

In what way is the woman deceived?
In two ways - the clinic personnel and the marketers must deny the personhood of the child and the pain caused by the procedure. Every woman has two questions, "Is it a baby?" and "Does it hurt?" The abortionist must answer "NO." He/she must lie to secure the consent of the woman and the collection of the clinic's fee. The women were told that we were dealing with a "product of conception" or a "glob of tissue." They were told that there would be only slight cramping, whereas, in reality, an abortion is excruciatingly painful. I know because I had one.

What type of counseling was offered at the clinics?
In the clinic in which I was involved we didn't do any real counseling. We answered only the questions the woman asked and tried not to "rock the boat." We did not discuss alternatives to abortion unless the woman forced us to. We sold abortions.

What method of abortion did your clinics use?
For the most part, the abortion industry stopped using saline and prostaglandin procedures because of the number of live births. A live birth means you have to let the baby die, or dispose of it in some distasteful way. Most 2nd and 3rd trimester abortionists use the D&E method.

How did you dispose of an aborted baby?
In our clinics, we put them down the garbage disposal. We used the heavy duty model. Some second and third trimester babies' muscle structure is so strong that the baby will not come apart, so they must be disposed of through trash receptacles.

What complications did you witness?
We were doing a one-day traumatic dilatation, which has a higher rate of complication. In the last 18 months I was in the business, we were completing over 500 abortions monthly and killing or maiming one woman out of 500. Common complications that take place are perforations or tears in the uterus. Many of those result in hysterectomies. The doctor might cut or harm the urinary tract, which then requires surgical repair. A complication that is rarely publicized is the one in which the doctor perforates the uterus and pulls the bowels through the vagina, resulting in colostomy. Some of those can be reversed, some must live with the colostomy for the remainder of their lives.

How did you keep these complications and deaths from the public?
The woman would be loaded into my car (an ambulance outside an abortion clinic is terrible advertising) and transported to a hospital that would protect the doctor and the abortion clinic's reputation. The concern is not with the patient, only in keeping an unblemished reputation. You have a built-in cover-up with the patient's family. They are dealing with their guilt and emotions over the situation and do not want to deal with the added pressure of exposing the truth through the media.

Why did you get out of the business?
I experienced a religious transformation. At that time a Dallas TV station did an expose on the abortions performed at my clinic on nonpregnant women—all for money! I realized we weren't helping women—we were destroying them.

1. This text is from an Interview with Carol Everett, a former director of four abortion clinics and owner of two in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas area. Carol also had an abortion herself.
Common Abortion Methods

Suction Aspiration
The abortionist inserts a hollow plastic tube into the dilated cervix. "This tube is attached to a suction machine. The suction machine is turned on. The uterus is emptied by suction." ¹ The suction tears the baby’s body as he/she is being pulled through the hose.

Dilatation and Evacuation (D&E)
Used after 12 weeks. Once the cervix is dilated considerably further than in first trimester abortions, the abortionist inserts a narrow forceps that resembles a pliers. A pliers-like instrument is needed because the baby's bones are calcified, as is the skull. The abortionist inserts the instrument into the uterus, seizes a leg or other part of the body and, with a twisting motion, tears it from the baby's body. The spine must be snapped and the skull crushed in order to remove them from the womb. Body parts are then reassembled and counted to make certain that the entire baby has been removed and that no parts remain in the womb.

Partial-Birth Abortion (D&X)
After three days of preparations, the abortionist places an ultrasound transducer on the mother's abdomen and locates the child's legs and feet. The abortionist then uses a large forceps to grasp one of the baby's legs. He pulls firmly, forcing the child into a feet-down (breech) position. He continues pulling until the baby's leg is drawn into the birth canal.

Next, using his hands instead of forceps, the abortionist delivers the baby's body in a manner similar to a breech birth. First, the child's other leg is delivered, followed by the torso, shoulders, and arms. The baby's head remains inside the vaginal birth canal.

The abortionist then performs the last step. Using surgical scissors in a closed position, he pierces the child's head at the base of the skull. He forces the scissors open to enlarge the skull opening. The abortionist then inserts a suction catheter into the brain and vacuums out the child's brain tissue with a machine 28 times more powerful than a household vacuum.


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ngela Nieto Sanchez died at a Santa Ana, CA abortion mill in 1993 from a drug injection given by Alicia Ruiz Hanna who was neither a doctor nor a nurse.

When Sanchez's children returned home and their mother was not there they asked the relative to take them back to the abortion mill. Just as they arrived they saw Hanna trying to stuff their mother's body into Hanna's car. They seized the body and hurried to a hospital where they were informed that their mother had been dead since early that morning.

At the trial, prosecutors showed that Sanchez could have been saved because a fire station with emergency workers was less than one mile away. A worker at the abortion mill said that Hanna had planned to dump the body in the Tijuana River.

Hanna has since been convicted of murder.

Two of Sanchez's children were in the waiting room while their mother was having the abortion. After Sanchez died, Hanna tried to talk the 12-year old daughter into driving the mother's car away. She refused. The children continued to wait. The clinic staff took the children out for lunch. When they returned, the mother's car was gone and the children were told that the mother had left the abortion mill. Hours later, the staff asked the children to call a relative to take them home, which they did.

If this insect made you scream, jump for joy, or go "cover-up-whatever you're reading-we-don't-want-you-to-see-it! e-mail feedback@humanlife.org

To find out about other abortion complications and deaths read Lime 5, available from Life Dynamics at 1-800-401-6494.

Hanna admitted that she did not dial 911 because she feared being arrested for the botched abortion - an admission the trial judge called "callous and self-serving."

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The Reality of Post Abortion Syndrome

Does Post Abortion Syndrome (PAS) exist?

Yes, much research has been done on this issue. Even representatives of Planned Parenthood, an organization that has historically denied the legitimacy of post abortion traumatization and the idea that abortion involves a human death experience, has affirmed that women can have a variety of emotions following an abortion (grief, depression, anger, guilt, relief, etc.). It is important to give her the opportunity to air these feelings and be assured that her feelings are normal. The counselor can also help by letting the woman know that a sense of loss or depression following an abortion is common, due to both the end of the pregnancy as well as the physical and hormonal changes that occur after a pregnancy is over.¹

What causes PAS?

Dr. Martha Shaping, a psychologist, and Patrick, a 12-year-old victim of incest, wrote twenty-five years after the abortion of her child: "The abortion was to 'be in my best interest.'" It has not been. As far as I can tell, I was "saved by their (my parents') reputations, solved their problems", and "allowed their lives to go merrily on."²

How about Specific Studies?


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² Hope and Healing supplement, Elliot Institute, www.afterabortion.org.
³ Wilkie & Wilke, Why Can't We Love Them Both, Hayes Publishing Co.
I was a participant in two abortions with my ex-wife... It has been six years since the last abortion, nine since the decision for the first one. Every time I see children of the approximate age of the two lost ones, I cry, no matter where... church, the mall, the park, the library. I want to call their names, Michelle, Danielle, Stephen, William. Their legacy is gone. Their beauty unfinished, nulled by a decision to which I agreed...

I have gone from pro-choice to pro-child."

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"When we endure something tough, our character and self-esteem are strengthened."

Dr. Angela Woodhull

"My going back to school with my son helped other women who might face a crisis pregnancy. We are bombarded with the lie that an unplanned pregnancy will ruin our education, our careers, our lives, everything. Yet I went back to school and finished with good grades. My son became a familiar sight on campus. People saw that he did not ruin my life in any way."

Laura Vosika Stack Glamour Feb. 1994

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