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Caribbean students leave islands for the university's campus

By Rheo Morris
News Writer

Where in the world is St. Kitts? Many students at UAH have been asking that question lately.

Added to UAH's diverse array of students has been the addition of nine Caribbean students from the island of St. Kitts. *The Exponent* caught up with these students and sought to find out some of the issues they faced. It was discovered that the major questions they were asked were "Why have they come all this way?" and "Where is St. Kitts?"

Q: What is the most common question asked by others when you reveal your nationality?

Beverly: Why did you choose Alabama?

Raquel: Why UAH?

Jason: Wow, what caused you to come all the way here?

Tajal: So how did you find out about UAH?

Q: What are some of the

other questions that you have been asked?

Pat: Is that (St. Kitts) in Jamaica?

Norvin: Where?

Daven: Is that in the Virgin Islands?

Eullice: Where is that really?

The Kittitians have found it very strange that so little is known about the geography of the Caribbean. They were shocked at the responses they received from their peers.

Beverly: We know so much about American Geography from what we learned in school. We know something about at least every state. Do they only learn about America here?

Pat: I have to explain where St. Kitts is so much that I just tell them I am from the Caribbean.

Daven: The people here have no idea where St. Kitts is. They have abso-

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Women's soccer vies for their first-ever GSC Tourney birth

By Ronak Patel
Sports Writer

The UAH Lady Charger Soccer team split their games for the weekend. On Friday, they upended Central Arkansas 1-0 and, on Sunday, lost to Christian Brothers 4-0. Their record now stands at 8-6 and 3-4 in the Gulf South Conference.

On Friday, the Lady Chargers defeated Central Arkansas 1-0. The lone goal came off the leg of freshman forward Elizabeth Dubberly at the 11:42 mark. Cory Vilders assisted on the goal. It was Dubberly's third goal of the season.

The Lady Chargers were the aggressors in the game, as they took 11 shots, and five of them were on goal. Freshman goaltender Kristin Freeman was in goal for the ladies as they notched their fourth shutout on the season. The lone shot

on goal was all that needed to be said of the outstanding performance the ladies had on defense. They smothered Central Arkansas and dictated the game throughout. Head coach Lincoln Ziyenge said, "It was an outstanding performance by our defense to stop them to only a few looks on goal. This win is a good builder for the rest of the season."

Christian Brothers 4, UAH 0

The ladies fell to No. 18 Christian Brothers 4-0 in their second game of the weekend. All four goals for the Christian Brothers were scored by Tina Froberg. Three of them came in the second half as they broke open a close game that stood at 1-0 at halftime.

With the loss now withstanding to Christian Brothers, thus far, this has been a successful season for the Ladies. With one more win, they will be guaranteed of their first



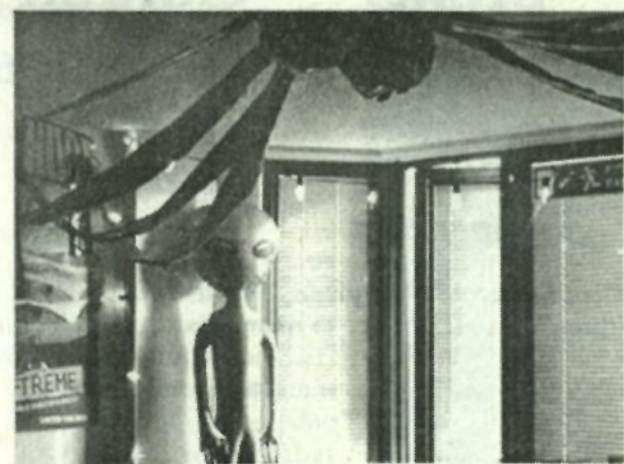
Senior Co-Captain, Amber Shahan looks to lead the Lady Chargers into their first ever Gulf South Conference Tournament. (Photo by Danny Parker)

winning season ever. Considering the program was started in 1996, and their first win came a year later, that is saying a lot of the job coach Ziyenge has done

since he took over the UAH Women's Soccer Program midway

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Halloween 2000 to be one hayzen-blazen night



Residents of CCRH get into the Halloween spirit by decorating their suites. (Photo by Jennifer Roberts)

By Jennifer Roberts
Managing Editor

UAH's celebration of Halloween 2000 will include a variety of fun activities for students as well as children of the Huntsville community.

This week, residents and resident assistants of the Central Campus Residence Hall (CCRH) and Southeast Campus Housing (SECH) began preparing for the celebration. All

week long, resident assistants have been hosting decorating contests, in preparation of the upcoming festivities.

On Halloween, October 31, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., residents of CCRH will receive local trick-or-treaters ages 14 and under. Those who are interested in participating in this event should see CCRH Resident Director Steve Whitlock in advance. Residents who are interested in welcoming trick-or-treaters must sign up before the event.

Participants will have balloons taped to their suite doors to let the children know that they are welcome.

At 8 p.m., those interested in participating in the student activities of the evening can gather in the CCRH lobby to be transported to SECH via a hay wagon. Events at SECH will include a bonfire, a DJ, music, food, and a variety of games and prizes. Contests will include a costume contest, bobbing for apples, and guessing the

number of candy corns in a jar. Costumes will be judged on the following four categories: Best Single Costume, Best Couple Theme, Best Group Theme, and Scariest Costume. The Halloween evening events will last until 11 p.m.

October being Alcohol Awareness Month, the planned activities are a way of uniting UAH students in a fun and non-alcoholic environment. For further information, contact Whitlock at 824-7001.

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Why major in psychology at UAH?

By Dr. Jim Bliss
Psychology Professor

Why do teenagers commit violent crimes? How can I improve my study habits? Why do some people develop Alzheimer's disease? Is alcoholism inherited? Is it psychologically harmful to put my child in a day care? Should the elderly be required to take driving tests more often? Should the court system rely so heavily on eyewitness testimony?

As humans, we are constantly striving to understand ourselves, and our roles within society. For that reason, psychology is consistently one of the most popular majors for students in college. In fact, recent (1996) data from the American Psychological Association indicate that psychology is the second most popular undergraduate major behind business administration. The study of human behavior is not just an academic enterprise, either. Most jobs require employees to be able to relate to themselves and others effectively. As a result, employers typically value applicants with a psychology degree highly. Additionally, those who major in psychology generally have high success finding jobs, and are ultimately satisfied with their career choice.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a bright outlook for psychologists. In the 1998-1999 Occupational Outlook Handbook, the Bureau cited increasing opportunities for psychologists, particularly in non-traditional fields such as business, computer firms, and research-related organizations. This echoes earlier data from the National Science Foundation, who in 1986 published a report that suggested a bright future for employment of psychology majors. The report indicated that one year after graduation, 90% of the psychology majors entering the labor force were employed. After two years that figure rose to 94%. Those are encouraging figures when you consider the fact that 40,000 psychology majors graduate every year and nearly half of them enter the labor force immediately.

Psychologists seek to understand how the human mind works by investigating its primary product: behavior. Psychologists study two critical relationships: how brain structures and functions influence behavior, and how environmental conditions alter behavior. By studying psychology, students learn ways to make changes in their own behavior and lives, to evaluate other people's behavior, and to understand and assess conflicting theories about behavior.

One of the most interesting aspects of psychology is its diversity. In contrast to many other fields, the subject matter of psychology is something that interests all other fields. Nurses, computer scientists, biologists, engineers, physicians, lawyers, and educators all benefit from knowledge of human behavior. For this reason, psychology is an especially valuable minor for students of practically any major. Psychologists work with physicians to treat disorders; they work with business managers to optimize worker productivity and satisfaction; they work with engineers to optimize technology; they work in schools and laboratories to further our knowledge of humanity; and they work with attorneys to resolve legal matters.

Since the mid-1980s, experts have consistently noted that professionals who hold a flexible de-

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WS 200 offers a variety of benefits for women and men

By Ina Waller
News Writer

Looking for an interesting class to take in the spring or something to fill in one of those Liberal Art credits? What about WS 200, Introduction to Women's Studies? Men don't be shy. This is for you, too. The course will focus on gender as a basic category of meaning by introducing methods and approaches to Women's Studies in a variety of subjects and probing the all-encompassing and often unacknowledged ways that gender alters our social institution, individual knowledge, and interpersonal relationships. Stu-

dents will obtain a feel for the different aspects of women and what they have accomplished throughout history. Women social issues along with the roles of women in different cultures and countries will be explored.

Intro to Women's Studies will be taught with Web support by Dr. Rose Norman on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m. Norman recommends this course for everyone, especially freshman and sophomores who are undecided about a major because WS 200 allows the undecided to discover portions of sociology, psychology and other subjects.

Not only is WS 200 an interesting class, but an enjoyable one as well. A huge research paper is not due; instead, you complete three informative projects, which you can pick out from a list of about seven choices. For example, your three projects might include attending three approved events related to woman's studies, putting other students' projects on the web, or reading a utopian or dystopian novel that deals with gender or woman issues. Students will also learn by linking to sites on the web that deal with woman issues. In addition, several guest speakers form different depart-

ments will present class discussions. For an old version and a syllabus of the course take a peek at <http://146.229.24.190/ws200/index.htm> and see what's in store should you decide to take the class.

Women's Studies has been a minor at UAH since 1996. This discipline goes well with any major. Since several of the required courses for sociology and psychology minors are the same as women studies, students can easily double minor. Of course, this is a required course for Women's Studies minors.

Across the Campus

Do you ever look at The Exponent's online site? If not, what would encourage you to check it out?



Bruce Toman
Junior
Aerospace Engineering

"No, I think they should make the Web site more visually enhanced with graphics, pictures, and animation."



Joe Davis
Junior
Communication Arts

"Yes, I would add links to other sites about related material."



Brent Davenport
Sophomore
Civil Engineering

"No, it needs more pictures."



Gordon Stebbings
Sophomore
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"Yes, it would be neat if they used pretty colors and pictures of the girls tennis team."

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UAH students eligible for business competition

Patrick Bobo
News Writer

In the Spring, UAH students have a chance to earn money and get a great start on a career. Lux Capital Group of New York is offering UAH students the chance to win over \$10,000 in prizes. The winners are selected from the best business ideas prepared by students. Students in Dr. Ed Rogers' "High Tech Venturing" class in the spring are eligible, as well as other students in a concurrent UAH competition.

The students that win will go to New York and

present their proposal to Lux Capital Group, and they could possibly receive funds for the actual implementation of the plans. James Sharpe, a managing partner at Lux, said, "We are trying to spur entrepreneurship and thought this would be a great opportunity to work with UAH. At the same time, we definitely receive viable business plans through these university competitions. We expect to find new ideas worthy of funding."

In a recent visit to UAH, Sharpe met with business faculty and others associated with help-

ing local entrepreneurs in the high-tech field. He explained the competition and encouraged all eligible students to participate. "The more people you can encourage to come forward with their ideas, the more likely you are to find the next big thing."

The competition itself consists of two parts—one is for Dr. Rogers' class and the other for anyone in the UAH community, such as faculty, staff, and all other students. The grand prize winners receive \$1,000 dollars and the trip to New York to give their proposal. The two class

runners-up will each receive \$500 in awards. The three best student proposals in the class will be entered into the campus competition. The winners in that competition will receive \$5,000 for first, \$2,000 for second, and \$1,000 for third prize.

Dr. Rogers looks for good enrollment for the class, and he said, "Students are already inquiring from across the campus. We expect students from other colleges may want to focus their class projects on producing a business plan for their ideas. For instance, if three engineering stu-

dents want to put together a business plan and submit it, that's great. We really hope this gets a lot of people across UAH thinking more like entrepreneurs." Rogers' course will be composed of research, preparation, presentation of business plans, and tips on receiving start-up funding.

This is UAH's first competition of this nature, but it is similar to contests at MIT, Stanford, Cornell, and other well-respected campuses. This and other competitions by Lux typically focus on artificial intelligence, information technology, and informa-

tion security.

While taking the class is not mandatory for the actual contest, Rogers encourages students to enroll. Even students without ideas can enroll and possibly think of something or become part of another student's team and contribute to their effort. In the words of Dr. Rogers, "You don't need a lot of business background to take the course, just an interest in understanding the world of high-tech start-ups, and a lot of energy to work hard in a team to pull together a viable venture plan."

High-tech Venturing to be taught in spring

By Deione Crutcher
News Writer

Whoever said that "studying and hard work pay off" didn't know how accurate they were. High-tech Venturing, a new class offered this spring, is a course that just may produce the next Bill Gates of our time.

Not only are you graded by a professor, you enter the class with a chance to win thousands of dollars. Class teams will compete for cash and prizes sponsored by LUX Capital Group of New York City. The number one team will receive one thousand dollars and the option of presenting their idea to the partners of Lux

in New York City. Two alternate teams will receive five hundred dollars. The three teams will become eligible for the UAH business plan competition, with prizes of \$5000, \$2000 and \$1000.

The course, taught by Dr. Ed Rogers, graduate of Cornell University, entrepreneur and professor of strategic management and

entrepreneurship in the Administrative Sciences, will focus on how to "conceive, construct, plan, and pitch a high-tech startup".

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to enroll. This is a class that provides "the tools to understand how companies work" says Dr. Rogers. "We are here to equip students with the ability to enter

into the workforce." "If we don't," he continues, "ultimately it's going to come back and reflect on us."

This course is somewhat demanding. Therefore, only those individuals seriously interested in excelling in life should enroll. For those not majoring in business who have apprehensions, Dr.

Rogers informs, "You don't need a lot of business background to take the course, but you do need an interest in understanding the world of high-tech start-ups and a lot of energy to work hard in a team to pull together a viable venture plan."

Partnership urges vote of yes on November 7

By Patrick Bobo
News Writer

An amendment concerning Alabama's educational system will be featured in an upcoming vote. Amendment I will affect certain economic programs in Alabama that will increase the quality of living for Alabama citizens. This will strengthen the state's economy, which, in turn, will strengthen its educational system.

The amendment is backed by the Higher Education Partnership of Alabama. The partnership, based in Montgomery, is urging everyone concerned with higher education to go to the polls and vote "yes" on November 7.

The leaders of the organization feel that the amendment is a step in the right direction for furthering universities and Alabama as a whole.

The Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership, Gordon

Stone, said, "The Partnership is pleased to support this effort and encourages all university supporters to go to the polls and vote

'yes' for a brighter future for Alabama."

The Higher Education Partnership is affiliated with UAH's own STARS.

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MEMORANDUM

To: UAH Faculty, Staff and Students
From: Delois Smith, Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and Julia Boehme, Nurse Practitioner, Wellness Center
Re: Influenza Vaccines

Influenza Vaccines

The Wellness Center is planning to offer the influenza vaccine to faculty, staff and students. The cost to employees will be \$9.00 to cover administration costs. Employees will need to show their employee identification card. The vaccine will be offered free of charge to students with a validated student ID card.

Due to a nationwide delay in distribution of the vaccine, the vaccinations will be given later this year. We are unable to determine at this time the date the vaccines will be available. Notification will be given as soon as the date is determined. The most recent recommendation from the CDC, on October 6, recommends vaccination campaigns be scheduled for November. The annual flu epidemic is expected to peak in February or March.

If you want to try and get your flu vaccine before they will be available here on campus, the following companies have scheduled flu shots as follows:

October 20, 2000
Propst Drugs
717 Pratt Avenue
8 - 11 a.m.
\$12.00

October 27, 2000
Publix Supermarket
8000 Madison Boulevard
4 - 8 p.m.
\$12.00

November 9, 2000
Publix Supermarket
4851 Whitesburg Drive
4 - 8 p.m.
\$12.00

Recommendations for the Use of the Influenza Vaccine

The CDC recommends vaccination for persons who are at risk for influenza-related complica-

tions such as individuals with chronic diseases such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, diabetes, renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, and immunosuppression. It is also recommended that those who can transmit the disease to those in a high-risk group be vaccinated. It is also recommended that persons who provide essential community services and those persons in institutional settings such as students be vaccinated to prevent disruption of routines during epidemics.

Also, it is recommended that pregnant women who are in their second or third trimester be vaccinated. The vaccine is safe for breastfeeding mothers.

Persons Who Should Not Be Vaccinated

Persons allergic to eggs or other components of the vaccine should not receive the vaccine. Individuals with fever should not be vaccinated until their symptoms have resolved.

Effectiveness of Vaccine

The influenza vaccine for the 2000-01 flu season contains the virus strains designated A/Panama, A/New Caledonia and B/Yamanashi. When the strains in the vaccine are a good match with the circulating virus strains, the vaccine will prevent illness in approximately 70%-90% of healthy persons younger than age 65.

Side Effects and Adverse Reactions

The vaccine contains noninfectious killed viruses and cannot cause influenza. The most frequent side effect of vaccination is soreness at the vaccination site that may last up to two days. Systemic reactions such as fever, muscle pain and weakness can occur and most frequently affect those persons with no exposure to the influenza virus such as young children. These reactions begin 6-12 hours after vaccination and may persist for 1-2 days.

Allergic reactions are rare and usually occur in people allergic to the egg component of the vaccine.

New arts education partnership emerges to benefit K-12 students

By Ina Waller
News Writer

The Huntsville Chamber Music Guild (HCMG), the Huntsville Housing Authority, the Higher Education for Cultural Arts/Conservatory (CAC), UAH, and other area colleges have formed a partnership in order to assemble an arts/music education outreach program for area K-12 students. Huntsville Housing Authority's affiliation with CAC was founded in the fall of 1998 to educate and promote the arts in the Huntsville area. CAC members include UAH, Oakwood College, Alabama A&M University, Calhoun Community College, and Drake Technical College.

The organization will sponsor art/music appreciation education sessions for students attending Terry Heights Elementary School and the children residing in the Sparkman Homes complex. About eight outreach programs will be held at the Oscar Mason Center on Holmes Avenue in Huntsville for students. Various artists scheduled to perform during the HCMG's 2000/2001 season will direct these activities. Artists will conduct seminars, workshops, or private instructions around their planned HCMG concert dates.

Double Exposure, a husband-wife violin and

piano duo formed in Great Britain started off the workshops on October 9. They also preformed at UAH Roberts Recital Hall and for the students at Terry Heights Elementary.

If you missed the Double Exposure recital, you can still broaden your musical horizons with the much-anticipated musical concerts included in the HCMG 48th season line up. Scheduled acts include:

- The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra along with Yakov Kasman on piano will be performing on Friday, November 17, 2000. The show starts at 8 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Kasman is the Cliburn Artist in Resident at UAH and received the silver medal in the 10th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

- Jacques Thibaud String Trio will play at the UAH Roberts Recital Hall on Monday, January 29, 2001 at 8 p.m. The Trio was founded at the Berlin School of Art in 1994 and was a winner in the prestigious 1999 Bonn Chamber Music Competition.

- Lester Lynch in collaboration with the Marilyn Horne Foundation will perform on Friday, February 16, 2001 at 8 p.m. at the UAH Roberts Recital Hall. Lynch, a baritone, is the recipient of the 1996 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions.

- Chanticleer, an all

male cappella group, in association with the AIDS Action Coalition will be singing at the Trinity Methodist Church on Sunday, March 4, 2001 at 4 p.m. Chanticleer is an award winner of the 2000 Grammy Award for Colors of Love and the only full time classical vocal ensemble in the US.

- Los Angeles Piano Quartet will present a recital on Sunday, April 1, 2001 at 4 p.m. at the UAH Roberts Recital Hall. The Quartet earned recognition as one of America's premier piano quartets after making their 1977 debut at the Music Center in Los Angeles.

- Ying String Quartet, called "super accomplished" by the Los Angeles Times, will also perform at the UAH Roberts Recital Hall on Monday, April 30, 2001 at 8 p.m. The string quartet is beginning its new role as the key element in the Eastman School of Music's pioneering program to bring young musicians closer to audiences.

For more information about HCMG's 2000/2001 season, or dates and times of the CSC planned arts/music education outreach program please call JoAnne Primes at the UAH Louis Salmon Library at 824-6540 or Jack McReynolds, Executive Director of CAC, at 535-2272.



Faculty and staff in UAH's College of Administrative Science

UAH business programs in the Top 10% in U.S.

Undergraduate business programs at UAH rank among the top ten percent of such programs in the U.S., according to new rankings by U.S. News & World Report magazine.

Undergraduate programs in UAH's College of Administrative Science tied for 134th in the 2001 on-line edition of the magazine's annual "America's Best Colleges."

The magazine rated the top 160 of the nation's 1,408 undergraduate business programs.

U.S. News asked business school faculty around the country to rate programs with which they were familiar. They rated UAH on par with schools that included Mississippi State, Drexel University in Philadelphia, and Hofstra University outside New York City.

In 1994 business programs at UAH were accredited by the International Association for Management Education, which means UAH meets standards met by only 370 American colleges and universities

— just over 25 percent of the business schools in the U.S.

"Six years ago UAH joined an elite group of business schools," said Dr. David Billings, dean of the college. "Now we are ranked among the top of that elite group."

"We could not have earned this accolade without the hard work and sacrifice of the dedicated faculty and staff who invested so much of their time, effort and energy. This is also a credit to our outstanding students and the excellent work that they do."

"To everyone who has played a role in helping us achieve this measure of excellence, congratulations and thank you."

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through the '97 season. They have set UAH records for most wins, most conference wins, and could improve that mark on the win total with two regular season games remaining. The first of the two games will be a home game versus North Alabama on October 28 at 2:00 p.m. The last game will be against Alabama A&M on October 31 at 7 p.m.

Coach Ziyenge said "it's a chance to finish the season playing strong against UNA, who's not as strong as compared to Christian Brothers. We need to stay focused and pressure more offensively these last two games (regular season)."

Ziyenge went on to say that the A&M game "is an important game because of the cross-town rivalry,

but we're not looking ahead to that game just yet. We need to take it one game at a time and our focus is on UNA right now." A footnote to the victory over Central Arkansas; freshman Cory Vilders' assist in the first half of that game was her 18th point of the season. With the assist, she broke Kelly Woodard's point total of 17, which she attained during the '98 season. And when Cory Vilders scores her next goal on the season, she will also break Woodard's goal record as well. With a victory over rival UNA, another first will occur. They will play November 4 and 5 in Vestavia Hills, Alabama, in the Gulf South Conference Tournament. The season's not over yet!

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Sports

Otis and Curry lead hockey to split against Western Michigan

By Keith Conrad
Sports Writer

How do you follow up a sweep of your archenemies to begin the season? If you're the UAH Chargers, you go out and split your next series against West Michigan. Friday night, in front of a hostile crowd of 2,203 screaming Michigan fans, the Chargers proved that they will be a force to be dealt with in the 2000-2001 season. The first game finished very favorably for the Chargers, while the second saw them fall just shy of sweeping the Broncos.



The UAH Hockey team shared wins with Western Michigan on last weekend's trip to Kalamazoo, Michigan. (Photo by Danny Parker)

However, the win did not come easy. Western Michigan struck first with a goal seven minutes and 42 seconds into the first period. Karlis Zirnīs, one of the heroes from the Bowling Green series, got the Chargers back in the game with a power play goal 16:43 into the first period with the help from an assist by Darren Curry. The Broncos were far from done though, adding a goal by Mark Wilkinson to give them a 2-1 lead.

UAH took control in the second period with the Chargers outscoring Western Michigan 3-1 to take a 4-3 lead going into the third period. Zirnīs came through in third period with another power play goal with Steve Charlebois and Dwayne Blais adding assists. Jeff

Campbell put the Broncos back on top with a goal 2:20 into the second period.

Jessi Otis and Curry came through with back-to-back goals at 5:18 and 6:49 in the third period to give UAH their first lead of the game. Forty-five seconds into the third period, Curry helped add to the Chargers' lead with yet another power play goal, UAH's third of the game.

The Broncos refused to go quietly though. Shaun Rose cut the Charger lead in half with a goal 9:26 into the third. Dana Lattery tied the game 22 seconds later with another goal past Charger goaltender Mark Byrne, leading the game into overtime. The

Chargers won the game in overtime on a goal from Ron Baker with assists from Joel Breciani and Zirnīs.

Broncos 4, Chargers 3
The second game had more than its share of twists and turns, including a brawl and a game-tying goal being taken back by the officials.

West Michigan once again drew first blood, scoring first off of a short-handed goal by David Gove at 3:54 in the opening period. Later on, in the first period, Baker tied the game for the Chargers with a goal at 10:41 with assists from Ryan McCormack and Tyler Butler. With three seconds left in the first period, Bryan Farquhar gave the

Broncos a 2-1 lead. The Broncos added another goal to put the Chargers down 3-1.

Baker scored his second power play of the game with assists from McCormack and Otis. With 14:26 in the second period, Curry tied the game with an assist from Gerald Overton. In the third period, Gove scored the game winner without an assist.

When the game was over, the Chargers had 14 players given 10-minute majors. This followed a brawl that led to the disqualification of two players from each team. UAH also had a possible game-tying goal taken away for no apparent reason.

Cross Country comes up short in GSC Championship meet

By Renea Harrison
Sports Writer

The Chargers were not able to carry their recent success over into the Gulf South Conference Championship. The men finished third and the women finished fourth. Coach David Cain said, before the meet, "Harding University, who is new to

the GSC, would be the team to beat." He was definitely correct about this statement. Harding won both the men and the women's individual and team titles. Not only did they win, but they also did so with extremely dominating times and scores.

Despite their disappointing finish, there were still several UAH runners with excellent times. An-

drew Hodges was the leading runner for the Chargers. He finished seventh (26:36.1) out of a total of 78 men, and made the All GSC First Team. Carlos Wallace finished 15th (27:37.0), John Phillippe 19th (27:48.9), Stephen Baker 23rd (28:03.3), and Jonathon Gardner 32nd (28:25.6).

There were 93 participants in the women's

meet. Amy Phillips led the pack for the Lady Chargers. Phillips finished eighth with a time of 19:34.5, and a place on the All GSC First Team. Lesley Davis finished 14th overall (19:53.2) and earned a spot on the All GSC Second Team. Ashley Whatley finished 21st (20:10.3), Amanda Kerkhof 24th (20:19.9), and Candace Chambers 28th

Charger Sportsline

A QUICK UPDATE FROM UAH ATHLETICS

Ice Hockey
Record: 3-1
UAH 6, Western Michigan 5 (OT)
Western Michigan 4, UAH 3
Men's Soccer
Record: 8-6 overall, 5-2 in GSC
UAH 1, Central Arkansas 0
Christian Brothers 1, UAH 0
Women's Soccer
Record: 7-5 overall, 2-3 in GSC
UAH 1, Central Arkansas 0
Christian Brothers 4, UAH 0
Volleyball
Record: 15-11 overall, 6-4 in GSC
Lincoln Memorial 3, UAH 1
UAH 3, West Alabama 0
Valdosta State 3, UAH 0
Intramurals
Flag football playoffs
Semi-finals
Sigma Nu 14, Front-line 8 (2OT)
System of the Down 20, 604 Boyz 16
Finals
Sigma Nu 22, System of the Down 6
Indoor soccer
Delta Chi 2, Pimp C Playas 1
Pi Kappa Alpha 6, The llamas of Virtue 0
Cactus 11, Alpha & Omega 3
En Fuego 0, Sigma Nu 0
Vigorous Nobility 8, Free Agents 0
The Kournikovas 4, Taus 3
Wallyball
The Kournikovas 21, Wheatskins 5
Dead Sexy 1, Off the Wall 0 (forfeit)
Congratulations to Sigma Nu for their 2001 Intramural Flag Football Championship. Sigma Nu (6-1) held off Front-line (5-1) in double overtime after both teams finished regulation time tied at zero. System of the Down (5-2) defeated the 604 Boyz (4-2) in the other semi-final matchup. Sigma Nu then defeated System of the Down 22-6 for the league title.

(20:28.3).

Fortunately, their disappointing turnout in the GSC Championship will not end the Charger's 2000 season. Both the men and the women will travel to Jacksonville, Florida on

November 6 for the NCAA South Regional Championship Meet. The top two teams from each side will earn a place in the NCAA Division II National Meet.

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By Danny
Parker
Sports Editor

Fall Classic just not the same

Is anyone out there paying much attention to the 2000 World Series? Personally, I was more enticed by this year's Little League World Series than the one being played now.

A general consensus among fellow baseball fans that I have noticed is that none of us really care about this year's Fall Classic. It is still the World Series and all but who cares about a couple of New York teams down here in Alabama or in the rest of the country for that matter. I don't think that most fans across the country feel this way. However, it does feel like I am the old friend who did not get invited to the wedding. It just doesn't see the same. Who wants to see a bunch of rowdy and obnoxious fans have a battery and beer-bottle chucking contest?

On a brighter side, at least this series can be taken as "good for the game of baseball." Nothern and west coast writers seem to dictate the general opinion of the rest of the country when it comes to athletics. With New York being one of the largest markets in the world, this has to help the popularity of the game itself some. This is important because there are still fans out there that have not seen a game since the players went on strike in 1994. That strike saw an end put to Tony Gwynn's chase for 400. Also, Matt Williams and Ken Griffey, Jr., were on pace to break Roger Maris' record back when Sammy Sosa was still having the worst 30/30 seasons ever as he was striking out over 130 times and carrying a batting average around .260. Sosa was more worried about stealing that 30th base with his team down by 11 in late September than giving the Maris family worries. The Montreal Expos, which has historically been a terrible franchise,

Another way of looking at this series is as a taste of the closest thing to a dynasty as we may see in professional baseball any time soon. The Yankees have won recent World Series Championships in 1996, 1998, and 1999. The Yanks have also won an astonishing 14-straight World Series games (at the time of print).

The Atlanta Braves have been very successful as well with their tenth straight divisional crown. However, perhaps the Braves and their fans have been spoiled with all the success as not only are the playoff games not sold out at beautiful Turner Field, but the fans that are there are much too quiet compared to New York, St. Louis, or Boston fans. Atlanta fans seem to take the business-like approach to the game as the players themselves do.

Players often feed energy off of their fans. This energy, or lack thereof, was evident as the Braves were manhandled by a Cardinals team playing with much more heart. Heart should be what carries a team to the next level of play. Playing in the post-season with a regular season demeanor will not get the job done.

The passive behavior of these fans is disconcerting as it could just be a matter of time before Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine, and John Smoltz completely run out of gas. Smoltz has already missed the entire 2000 season with a bad pitching arm. Once these aces leave, the Braves could be

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Soccer clinches GSC Tourney birth

By Ronak Patel
Sports Writer

The UAH Men's Soccer team, who entered their Friday showdown with Central Arkansas riding a four game winning streak, rode even higher after they upended Central Arkansas 1-0 to extend their winning streak to five. The lone goal came fittingly off the leg of Robert Smith, who scored at the 11-minute mark of the first half. Micah Bell contributed to Smith's goal with the assist. Smith scored his ninth goal of the season and leads the team in that department. Head coach Carlos Peterson said, of the win, "This was an important win for us, it clinched a berth for us in the tournament (Gulf South Conference)."

In what has been a recurring theme the last month during the winning streak, goalkeeper

Toro Hill turned in another outstanding performance in goals for the men. With the 1-0 win, it was the men's fourth shut-out of the year. The four shutouts of the year place them second on the list in that department in the Gulf South Conference. Coach Peterson lauded his team's overall effort. "We showed offensive punch and were very proficient, up-front offensively and played tight defensively," said Peterson.

Christian Brothers 1, UAH 0

In a tightly and hotly contested game between two of the top teams in the Gulf South Conference here on Charger Field Sunday afternoon, nationally-ranked Christian Brothers escaped with a 1-0 hard fought win over UAH. The lone goal of the game came on an unassisted goal by Christian Brothers' Justin Lott at the

64-minute mark that spurned UAH's chance from taking a stranglehold on the Gulf South Conference lead. The reason for the low score was because of the outstanding netminding done in by Christian Brothers' goalie Jake Aycock and UAH's goalie Toro Hill. Hill stopped eight of the nine shots attempted on goal, while Aycock stopped all seven shots attempted on goal by UAH.

Peterson said, "We stood toe-to-toe with highly-ranked Christian Brothers. Defensively, we were effective against their offense." The loss ended the men's winning streak at five games. Their overall record is now 8-6 and 5-2 in Gulf South Conference play. They are now one-and-a-half games up on Christian Brothers in the Gulf South Standings.

Peterson expects to have his team ready for

their upcoming game with Florida Southern on the 27th in Lakeland, Florida. "We need to continue to play well defensively, and continue to integrate more offensively and also on midfield play," stated Peterson. Peterson attributed part of their recent success to playing a tough, early schedule against teams such as Barry and Lander. Peterson said, "By playing tough teams, it had offered experience to help turn around our season."

UAH is an elite soccer team. They've proved it by playing tough against highly ranked foes such as Berry University and, now, Christian Brothers. What they need now is the momentum from their last two games of the season, which are both road games, to carry over into the Gulf South Conference Tournament.

Volleyball victorious at home

By Renea Harrison
Sports Writer

The UAH Lady Chargers are on a roll. They were victorious in both of their GSC games this past weekend. With these two wins, the ladies improve their overall record to 15-11 overall and 6-4 in the GSC.

It is obvious that the

Lady Charger volleyball team enjoyed their home stand. Not only did they win this weekend, but they also won handily. Both of their opponents were defeated in only three games.

UAH took on the Lady Tigers of West Alabama on Saturday. West Alabama was no match for the home team. The Lady Chargers outscored the

Lady Tigers 45-14 in the three-game match. Ellen LaFiore led the scoring barrage with 17 kills. She also contributed 11 digs. Whitney Mock also had an excellent match, tallying 14 kills and nine digs. Jane Baumgartner had 49 kills and 10 digs.


The Lady Chargers took the momentum from their Saturday win and ran with it. They defeated the Lady Blazers of Valdosta State at home on Sunday. UAH won the first game fairly easily, 15-9. Valdosta State put up a fight in the second game, but was still unable to overcome the Lady Chargers. The final score for game two was UAH 17, VSU 15. The last game was another decisive victory for UAH, 15-8.

LaFiore led both offensively and defensively with 16 kills and 13 digs. Lindsay Dunham made a huge contribution to the conference win with 12 kills. Several Lady Chargers played excellent defense. Ashley Otwell had 12 digs, and Melissa Feldman and Mock contributed 10 each. Baumgartner served up 42 assists in the win.

Mock was very pleased with the play of her team this weekend. She said, "It felt great to beat Valdosta State after we lost to them earlier this season. We are playing better now than we were earlier in the season, and it is always fun to play for the home crowd."

Please come out and support your Lady Chargers at their next home game, October 28, against Central Missouri State.

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Entertainment

Heads up UAH, BIG SKY to rock campus on October 27!

By Emily Gaither
Entertainment
Editor

The Florida band BIG SKY, who has been rocking the East and Midwest recently, will celebrate the release of their live album, *Under a Mega-Watt Moon*, this Friday, October 27, with a free show in the UAH Exhibit Hall.

The album was recorded during two, consecutive, sold out concerts at the Sapphire Supper Club in Orlando this past June.

After three studio albums and five years of touring throughout the U.S., BIG SKY's frontman Mark Gagnard says that this is the best time for BIG SKY to release a live album.

He feels that it's a chance for their longtime fans to hear what they want, as well as a chance for new fans to get a sense of what Big Sky is all about.

Sam Kopper, who credits include Live Aid, Diana



The BIG SKY band from Gainesville, Florida will cap off Fall Fest week on Friday, October 27 in the UAH Exhibit Hall. The show is free and open to the public. (Photo courtesy of The BIG SKY Band)

Ross Live in Central Park, and the Clash at Bond's, is handling the recording duties for the album.

BIG SKY has been touted as the Southeast's most entertaining and engaging live act, and they have just completed an encompassing tour at 30 colleges in 11 states as the

one and only act on the Snapple Elements Refresh Your Resources tour.

Returning to the South, they are scheduled for many concerts, including a series of CD release shows along with concerts with such acts as Sister Hazel and Cowboy Mouth.

The septet out of Gainesville, with one of the fastest growing fan bases in the South, will play this Friday, October 27, in UAH's Exhibit Hall.

The show is free and open to the public. It will begin at 9 p.m.

For more information, call Frankie at 824-2726.

Huntsville welcomes talented composers on November 4

By Ina Waller
Entertainment
Writer

The Huntsville Symphony Orchestra (HSO) proudly presents Classical Concert No. 2, *The Argentine Touch*, on Saturday November 4, 2000 at 8:15 p.m. in the Von Braun Civic Center Concert Hall. Maestro Taavo Virkhaus will conduct a popular pre-concert lecture at the Concert Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. Internationally known Argentine pianist, Sergio Tiempo will be performing César Franck's *Symphonic Variation* and Richard Strauss' *Burleske*. Igor Stravinsky's 1947 version of *Petrushka* and Heitor Villa-Lobos'

Uirapurù will conclude the concert.

Don't miss this opportunity to see Sergio Tiempo, who has been proclaimed by critics and fellow musicians as one of the most outstanding pianists of his generation, performing these classical works. Strauss, one of Germany's most fashionable composers, wrote *Burleske* in 1885, the same year he composed *Don Juan*. However, *Burleske* is the only piece he created for orchestra and piano. Belgium-born Franck composed one of his masterpieces, *Symphonic Variation*, in the last five years of his life. Also written in 1885, the piece progresses from restless uncertainty

to the brilliant, triumphant finale. Stravinsky's *Petrushka* is a musical piece formed with multifaceted, raw-boned and energetic compositional techniques. Brazilian Villa-Lobos mesmerized by the exotic melodies, rhythms, instruments and sonorities of Brazilian music, composed *Uirapurù* in 1917, producing a beautiful shimmering sound.

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Humor Me

By Emily
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Entertainment
Editor



Who cares about the side effects? Gimme the pills!

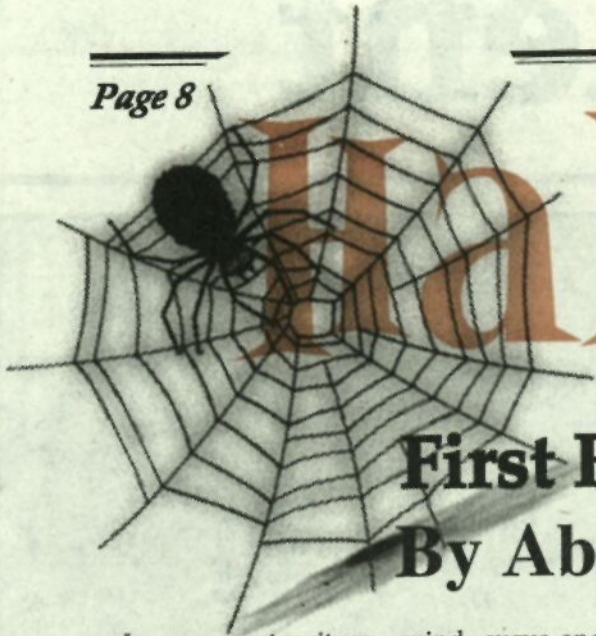
We've all seen the commercials. Bob Dole was in a Viagra commercial for God's sake, losing all credibility in the political community, but somehow gaining a personality in the eyes of the American public. Of course, there were the jokes for what seemed like an eternity, but it actually marked the beginning of "those kinds of commercials." By "those" I mean the ones that bring up the most embarrassing aspects of a person's life—erectile dysfunction, herpes, obesity—and turn them into creepy television watching.

Take Propecia, for instance. Here is an amazing wonder of modern medicine. Yes, men lose their hair, and that is unfortunate, so the pharmaceutical companies come up with the modern-day panacea to that problem—Propecia. It sounds nice enough, oh, now my Norman can have his silky tresses for me to run my fingers through. Then, I suppose the Viagra would step in. Anyway, do you hear the side effects for this medicine? First of all, pregnant women are to be nowhere near the drug, not even the crushed remains of it, or it can cause abnormalities in a male baby's sex organs, and it also can affect the results of certain blood tests that screen for prostate cancer. So, while you're growing this lovely head of hair, your prostate could be killing you slowly, which seems a normal price for hair, right?

Xenical is another example. People take Xenical to block certain fats from entering their system, and therefore, they lose weight. However, this medicine has some of the most disgusting side effects I have ever heard. I would not take this medicine or give it to my worst enemy as punishment (well, maybe my ex-boyfriend). This commercial is the one you're watching, and as you hear what it does to people, you don't know whether to laugh or be totally disgusted. Examples of side effects: oily spotting, oily or fatty stools, inability to control bowel movements, and coloration of bowel movements. Ewwwww! Why would you put anything in your body that would do that? Anything that produces those kinds of side effects cannot in any way be good for you. If you want to lose weight, exercise and go on a diet; don't take America's quick-fix solution and permanently hurt your body.

Finally, there is Paxil, which has been heavily prescribed in the last few years for anxiety and depression. While the drug is designed to treat depression and symptoms associated with anxiety, the side effects cause an interesting contrast to that. This drug that treats depression, can cause feelings of suicide or thoughts of hurting your-

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Halloween At

First Place: "The Lady of Midnight"

By Abimael Velez and Heather Benson

In every country, city or place in the world there is a legend, and this is just one of those. It is said that in Puerto Rico there is a dark, winding and lonely road that none will dare travel come the hour of midnight. People will use any alternative route, whether longer or completely out of their way, in order to avoid this road. They choose to avoid this road because it is rumored to be haunted by a lady who only comes out at midnight.

It is a commonly known fact that there are no straight roads in Puerto Rico. Only ones that

wind, curve and suffer from a lack of streetlights. This particular road was on the edge of a cliff. Years ago, a young, married couple was driving home from a party. It was close to midnight and especially dark. The husband suddenly lost control of the car and it went over the edge of the cliff. The crash was horrible, and there was no way that anyone could have survived such a crash. The deceased husband's body was right beside the car. Rescue workers searched the entire area but could not locate the body of his wife. She seemed to have van-

ished without a trace. It was a great mystery to the whole town, but no one believed that she had survived. The death of this young couple was a tragedy, but they buried the husband, and life went on.

The tragedy was more or less forgotten until a lone driver had a strange encounter one evening around midnight on this road. He saw a woman dressed in white standing on the side of the road. She looked like she needed a lift, so he pulled over to the shoulder. She moved slowly to the car with heavy steps. She was wearing a long, white dress, which set off her long, brown hair. The lady got into the passenger side backseat. The driver found this a little strange, but he proceeded to drive. He looked at her in the rearview mirror. Her face was pale, and her eyes stared at him with a searching gaze. A cold shiver ran down his spine as he looked at the woman. She said not a

word but never took her eyes off him. He prompted her, "What are you doing here on a night like this?" Still she remained silent.

He couldn't decide whether to be scared or concerned for her. He drove on and, as they approached town, he pressed her for answers. He passed the five-mile sign and looked back to tell her that they were near town, but she wasn't there. Was she real, was she a figment of his imagination, or was he just tired? There was no woman in his car now, but he was sure there was one there just thirty seconds ago.

Another night, yet another driver encountered a woman in white at midnight. Unlike the other driver, he was in a hurry and decided not to give her a ride. It was the same place near that deadly curve. As he passed her, his car suddenly ceased to work. The engine, the lights, the radio, every-

thing went dead. He looked back, and she was making her way toward the car. In a panic, he tried to restart, but nothing happened. She, again, got in the rear passenger side, and the car resumed operation. She sat quietly and looked at him with the same haunting stare. A painful, lonely stare that seemed to be looking into him for something; but what? He asked questions that she neglected to answer. She looked so real with her perfect white dress and pale hands folded neatly in her lap. She looked young, probably in her twenties, and so out of place on a dark road in the middle of the night. He reached the five-mile sign and looked back. She was gone without a word or a trace.

As news of these and other incidents spread, people began to fear this road and its deadly curve haunted by a lady in white. Near the hour of midnight, not many dared to drive this desolate road.

Only brave souls risk an encounter with the lady of midnight. She only got in the car with men who were alone. Her lonely, searching stare made their blood run cold. Who was she searching for on this desolate road at midnight? There was a sadness in this woman that was inexplicable yet haunting.

The people of the town decided to place a cross at the crash site, a marker to an unknown grave. Perhaps this could bring closure and her soul could rest. From this point forward, the lady of midnight has not been seen searching the roadside nor demanding rides from strangers. A cross still stands on the side of the road, marking the place where she met her death. She is not forgotten though. Only a few cars can ever be seen late at night travelling this road. Hearts still skip a beat when they think they see a shadow or a mysterious light.



Third Place: "Little Johnny and Ole' Blue Eyes" By J. D. Kelse

He had blue eyes. And they tasted good to him. He had tried to warn him about his name calling. And drove the point home with a brand new Louisville Slugger.

Little Johnny was a shortstop. He had a rocket for an arm and could turn

a 6-4-3 double play in less time than it took to spit a wad of Beech-nut.

All of the other kids, they knew Little Johnny well. Heck, he'd lain waste to most of their on-base percentages. So, of course, Little Johnny was not well received among

the less serious ball players.

They often taunted him. Call him fat or poke his protruding gut. But, Johnny, he'd just hold it back, oftentimes replying with only a shaken laugh meant to cover up his own insecurity.

Paul Peters, a slim and condescending right

fielder, had a perfect plan in mind one day. He decided to replace Little Johnny's jock cup with a flexible piece of rubber. Additionally, Paul concluded that a nice big dob of Icy-Hot would meet the Dr.'s orders.

Smack! The ball flew towards Little Johnny's portly presence. Yet, the

ball took one pernicious bounce on the way and surprised Little Johnny with a powerful blow to the crotch.

It was about this time that the Icy-Hot kicked in. Cool at first, followed by a tormenting blaze that would make the Devil himself beg for a Sonic Flurry.

Paul Peters thought this was a grand sight. He guffawed his way to the lush in-field grass, where Little Johnny lay moaning.

But, he had no way of expecting Little Johnny's plan of retaliation...

Little Johnny always wondered how those blue eyes would taste.

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Second Place: "The Death of Eddie Vedder's Evil Doppelganger" By C.H. Nemesis



He had beautiful brown curls, falling past his shoulder. Within his hair, he carried all of his power, his manipulation, his calculated seduction. It blanketed him in a façade of tenderness. His hair was the perfect lie. She had been betrayed by the deception that lay beneath this hair. She was consumed with rage and bitterness, and she knew that revenge was the only way out.

He had been delighted that afternoon to receive, in the mail, a free sample of a new herbal shampoo and conditioner. Enticing in its smell and that it was not a product of corporate America, he could not wait to wash his hair that

night. He jumped in the shower and massaged the rainwater shampoo through his hair, towel-drying it as he admired his locks in the mirror. The strands of his mane slipped through his fingers as he worked in every last drop of the coveted leave-in conditioner, bearing subtle hints of three exotic nuts. Exhausted from the exhilaration of having touched himself in any way, he wrapped a towel around his hair and slid into his bed, falling into a deep sleep from which he would not awake until morning.

The sun came up, and he opened his eyes to be greeted by a squirrel sit-

ting on the window ledge. The little creature studied him as it coveted three nuts between its delicately innocent paws. He made eye contact with the squirrel long enough to remember her, as this was his representation of her. "Think of me when you see squirrels," she would say. "I see squirrels often..." he would reply.

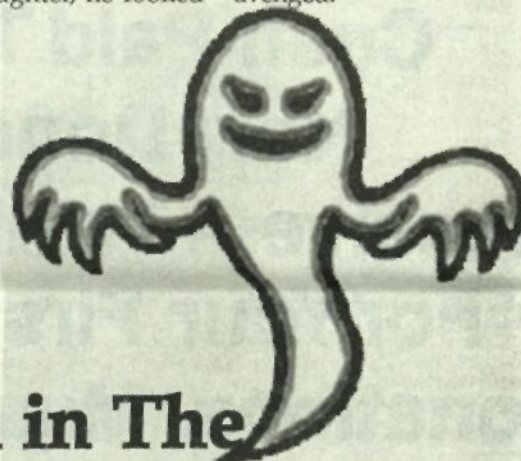
Trying to forget her, he shifted his thoughts back to his hair. He lifted his body from the bed and pulled the towel gently from his hair for the first over-the-front-of-the-shoulder hair-toss of the day. Swinging his head forward, and ignoring the squirrel, he found the weight of his hair to be

lighter. Suddenly, he was hit with a burning sensation. He reached up to caress his mane only to draw back spots of blood and pieces of Nair-fried hair, detached at the roots. He looked again to the squirrel in grief and horror as if it the squirrel had had a hand in this sabotage. The squirrel stared back, almost smiling, he thought.

He fled from his bed as his hair fell past his shoulders and beyond. His body collapsed into the front door before he turned the knob to confront the sun, which—for the first time in years—fell blisteringly upon his scalp. Running madly for the street, his knees carved

into dry soil as he tripped over his flower bed, which had been hacked to pieces. Inside a blanket of broken petals lay a note. He bent down, blood dripping from his head, to open it. His eyes shifted in terror as he read the words that no one else will ever see. Distracted by the distinct sound of cracking nuts and laughter, he looked

up in horror at the sight of crazy squirrels surrounding him in the remains of his garden. With only the shallow fear of never again looking like Eddie Vedder, he shrilly screamed in horror at the sight of tiny paws, collectively raised above his pretty face in the name of her...his nemesis, avenged.



Honorary Fourth Place: "Doom in The Valley of Eidelons" By Drake Shoney

Translated from the Latin text of the Nikleid Chronicles as dictated by Brother Michael Nemius, cir. 900a.d.

I am the Eastern Roman Michael Nemius, former centurion of the Legion XI Dacia. I will relate to you the account of the gruesome fate of my fellow countrymen in that sinister and antediluvian valley which blasphemes the name of Christ. For years hitherto have I vowed silence amongst my monastic brethren in tacit repression of my certain insanity. By God now must I speak the truth! Oh what ghastly and spectral cacodemon of hell! How no brilliant pen of Christian humility can possibly conceive such proportions of horror! For if it is mens' fate to fawn in such convulsive oblivions of anguish for their wordly sins, then it is for my dire witness that I have donned this holy cloth.

And so it was in the Year of Our Lord 848 that our emperor order our legion to the Caucasus

upon reports that the Caliphate of Baghdad was inciting unrest along our Armenian frontier. Following two weeks march from Constantinople, we at last bivouaced at the base of the mystical range of snowy mounts known as Acheria. A small shepard hamlet lay nearby, a village known to be the verge of Christendom. Opposite the range lay the Valley of Eidelons, or so the degenerate herding folk of Armenia call it. From these same folk we learned of a mounted phalanx of the infidel nigh who dared to traverse the valley of cabalistic Acheria.

It was that evening that our scouts reported a great storm gathering over the western spurs of the mountain, sending great billows of snow and grey mist curling into the frigid air. The storm careened down the opposite slopes through the Valley of Eidelons where we suspected the infidel forces to camp. The men stepped from their tents to witness

great blankets of green lightning burst from behind the peak, and whisps of clouds move in the most aberrant patterns. The sight of indeed most unnatural weather, and the fact we were camped on the very threshold of Christendom evoked a sense of numinous foreboding among the soldiers. Our African auxiliaries, who were known to be foolish and superstitious folk, were particularly anxious at the phenomena and they gathered into sullen retinues to ramble their obscene version of Christian prayer in their native tongue. The horses of the cataphracts seemed most nervous, and the mongrel Armenian dogs that followed our armies in this region seemed to rave madly through the camp, whimpering and senseless.


Our legatus decided it wise to hold mass prior our parting into the heathen unknown. This was to allay the unwarranted fears of our troops. So it was that he requisitioned

that most holy sacrament from a priest in the nearby hamlet. The hamlet's al fresco church can only be described more than a stone shrine that resembled a small stage behind a great slab altar, which had the uncanny resemblance of a pagan sarcophagus. We suspected the church was of much more ancient origins that predated the birth of our Lord. Carved onto all surfaces of the church were curious symbols the likes of which I had never seen in all my Greek education. Strange dark stains seemed to have oozed from between the stones. The church had so much an ancient and pagan appearance, that only a cross of sheeted copper crudely embedded into the altar indicated any semblance that Christian worship had ever taken place there. The priest gave an unenthusiastic mass before the entire legion as they kneeled on the wet grass. I remember his dark and dead eyes as he gave me the bread, for

they glared through me and seemed to interrogate my very soul. Afterwards, the officers questioned the priest as to the lay of the land and other minutea of intelligence, but his dialect was brusque and ancient so that our translators had difficulty communicating with him. He spoke in a strange drone of words, as though reciting some chant or tale. What was translated from him was that the mountains were cursed with the spectral demon spirit of the ancient Scythian warlord Maelkeau, the child-eater and hell-conjurer of Acheria who ruled for three centuries in the days before the great Empire of the West. He spoke of

Maelkeau's mountain children, the Hailuk - the corpse-eaters. Much of his talk was disturbing to us officers, but the legatus merely scoffed at the priest's rambling and dismissed him. We then drew our plans for engagement and took our rest. That evening, I fell into several nightmares where I heard the shrieking of folk from behind a wall of mist, and two frightening eyes of a creature! Oh God those eyes!!

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Click, it's the radio

By Emily Gaither
Entertainment
Editor

ClickRadio announced that it has kicked off a tour of 120 college and university campuses nationwide. They will be issuing the "ClickRadio Challenge," inviting students to listen to their free, personalizable, Internet-enabled digital radio service, which offers a completely different way to listen to music offline and better than streaming audio or FM radio. Visit www.clickradio.com to get the ClickRadio Tuner and get ready for CD-quality music from certain independent and major labels, as well as lyrics and other information.

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Rosencrantz and Guildenstern now in Huntsville until Nov. 4

By Angela
Frederick
Entertainment
Writer

The Renaissance Theatre in Huntsville will present the comedy *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*, by Tom Stoppard, October 26-28 and November 2-4

at 8 p.m. There will be a matinee on October 29 at 2:30 p.m. Touted as a "play within a play of a play on words", it is sure to have you laughing in the aisles.

Stoppard, who won an Academy Award for his screenplay *Shakespeare in Love*, based this play on two minor characters from *Hamlet*. Although Hamlet is a character in

Rosencrantz, his story is not the focus of the comedy. The play is also produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Play Service.

The play follows Rosencrantz and Guildenstern as they try to uncover their singular purpose and where their shared destiny is leading them. "They understand that they have been sent for to cheer up Hamlet, but they have no idea why," says Damon Hawk.

Hawk will perform the role of Rosencrantz alongside Patrick Green's Guildenstern. Joshua Olive, who is a graduate of UAH, appears as the Player. The director is Phil Parker, assisted by David French.

The theater is located at 1216B Meridian Street, between Pratt and Oakwood Avenue. Tickets are \$12 each and can be purchased at the Antique Mall on Clinton Avenue or reserved by calling 536-3434 or 536-3117. This play is on the Advanced Placement English reading lists for local high schools, so expect a crowd. Seating is limited, so reservations are highly recommended.

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Dr. T. and the Women: next movie, please

By Lauren Eiter
Entertainment
Writer

Save me the time of getting involved in characters that essentially go nowhere. Spare me the drama of a romance that ends ambiguously. I have examined the ailments of this cinema flick and I prescribe a major dose of some plot. Next please. It must be declared that just because a film has a star-studded cast does not make amends for the fact that the plot essentially achieves nothing. There are no cathartic experiences, no major revelations, nothing to the extent of suspense, unless of course you consider the unveiling of the lesbians a worthy climax.

I will admit that as the exposition progressed I was captivated at the presentation of every individual character. Writer Anne Rapp does an excellent job creating characters, and the talented actors should also be commended on how well they define their roles; how-

ever, these detailed personalities are wasted on a rather meaningless plot. Richard Gere plays the beloved Dr. T, and he's not just any doctor, he is—"the lucky kind"—a gynecologist. His waiting room is always full of high society Dallas women who frequent his office weekly. I guess most of them could be labeled hypochondriacs, but wouldn't you try to find a reason to call in sick if your doctor was Richard Gere?

Dr. T is to these women a source of love and attention when all they have at home is an overworked husband with a gold card, poor souls.

Dr. T is surrounded by high maintenance women who constantly make demands upon him. His wife, Kate, (Farrah Fawcett) whom he professes to love deeply, becomes mentally ill. His sister-in-law is an alcoholic who has lost her home and has taken up residence with him. His older daughter who is about to be married decides she is

really a lesbian, and his younger daughter, who constantly assures her daddy that she will be okay, is on the verge of an emotional explosion. Needless to say, Sully Travis' life is emotionally exhausting, but he finds a breath of fresh air in a woman named Bree, played by Helen Hunt. She is the new golf pro at his country club and they hit it off immediately. She is like nothing he's ever seen—independent, self-sufficient, and very content on her own. Attractive to Sully, a romance evolves between the two. However, I get confused at the casualness of their affair because earlier in the plot we are led to believe Sully is deeply loves his wife.

The duration of this film exposes a plethora of plot opportunities, however none evolve. Instead of centralizing on one theme, the story is touch-and-go. There is inconsistency in thought, and no development of a plot. There is only the attempt of retribution at the end



Richard Gere stars as Dr. Sully Travis in *Dr. T and the Women*. (Photo from Artisan Pictures and movies.yahoo.com)

when Sully is caught in a raging storm and gets enveloped in a tornado. He is left on an open plain south of the border, washed out and exhausted, only to be awakened by two Mexican girls. Imagine that! The girls are pleading with the doctor to come quickly. There is a baby about to be delivered. The entire syn-

opsis of the plot is summed up in the relieved Doctor's voice as his screams, "It's a boy!"

Take in the opera this holiday season

By Ina Waller
Entertainment
Writer

Make this Thanksgiving super special and memorable by attending the opera. Huntsville Opera Theater (HOT) will open with Giacomo Puccini's *Manon Lescaut* just in time for the holidays. The performances will start at 7:30 p.m. on November 23-25, 2000 at the Von Braun Civic Center Playhouse in Huntsville. Tickets are only \$15-\$30, depending upon seating preference. Season tickets are also available at a considerable savings.

The tale of a young girl's search for freedom and love is brought to life with period costumes, de-

tailed scenery, a full orchestra and a superior cast. Set in 18th century France, *Manon Lescaut* begins with Manon as she heads off to a convent, but ends up escaping her bother's none-too-watchful eye and runs away with a young man. Soon, the young girl leaves her young lover for a rich old gentleman in Paris, but finds money a poor replacement for love. Puccini's romantic melodies enhance Manon's search for her own life.

The cast includes such talents as acclaimed soprano Dana Summers as Manon Lescaut, Michael Beutjer as Manon's brother and guest artist David Holley. Joe Stephenson, Rod Sum-

mers, Joey Norwood, Beverly Ketchum, Kevin Faraci, Lynn Boyer, Pat Lamb, and chorus are also performing in the opera.

If you can't make the Thanksgiving opera, you can still enjoy some other Huntsville operas. In the spring, a comic opera will be performed. Verdi's *Falstaff*, based on a Shakespeare play will be performed on March 29-31, 2001. Scoundrel Sir John Falstaff, fancies himself the ladies man, but soon finds himself outsmarted by the ladies whose affections he is hoping to gain.

In the summer, Bizet's

Carmen will be preformed on August 16-18 and 24-25, 2001. The unforgettable opera is filled with familiar melodies that intrigue us as much as the passionate, alluring gypsy herself.

If you would like to reserve tickets or purchase season tickets please call 256-881-4797. You can also contact HOT. Director Nina Alspaugh at 256-723-3808 if you have any questions.

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self. Also, and this is a common side effect of anti-depressants and drugs of that nature, it causes a marked decrease in sex drive and sexual pleasure. Now, why do they have to do that? People that are on Paxil are depressed enough; do you have to take that away from them?

Well, since society has become increasingly more involved in their medical treatments, I feel that there will only be more commercials and advertisements for groundbreaking and embarrassing medications that we can all enjoy. Just ask yourself, is losing weight really worth having to explain to anyone ever that you have oily stool? I think not.

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Editorial

Is anybody listening?

By Dauphne Rogers
Editor-in-Chief



Red tape really should be a four-letter word. And though many people utter them because of red tape, still, it goes on and on and on. Kind of like the Energizer Bunny—only in reverse.

UAH is certainly no exception to this rule.

Despite the fact that students voted to help fund a quality yearbook by increasing student activity fees, there will definitely be no yearbook this Spring. In fact, there may not be a yearbook next Spring either.

SGA has to discuss the matter, take internal action, go to acting Vice-President of Student Affairs Delois Smith with paperwork, and hope she can convince the President and the Provost that it is a good enough idea that they will sign off on it. After all that, the Board of Trustees has the final decision via internal vote, if the proposal makes it that far.

According to Smith, students may want to change their minds anyway if the State Legislature decides to increase tuition again.

Smith described this lengthy process to me after a recent Publications Board meeting determined that there were not sufficient funds available to begin work on a yearbook without student activity fees already being included with tuition. There is simply no other way to support such a venture, according to the Publications Board.

Why none of this was explained earlier, I don't know. Students from *The Exponent*, the SGA, and the hoped-for yearbook all worked together to gather information for starting up a quality yearbook and were told that if the referendum passed there should be no problem.

Red tape strikes again.

Last year's yearbook was recalled after only a few issues were released because of the amount of errors in the book. Apparently, President Franz was not too pleased with grammatical errors that were introduced in his letter to students that appeared in the book. The book was supposed to be reprinted, but I have yet to hear when. In all probability, it never will be.

Last year's editor, Allison Owens, tried in vain to convince the Publications Board that four months was not long enough to produce a good yearbook. Apparently, former SGA President Nathan Bowen, and former Vice-President of Student Affairs Dr. Jeanne Fisher had enough clout to get their way—a yearbook in the Spring of 1999, not the Fall of 2000.

Students ended up with neither.

Not only that, we may not have another chance at a quality yearbook in the foreseeable future for decades to come, regardless of student opinion or vote.

Junior colleges have yearbooks. High schools have yearbooks. Middle schools have yearbooks. Even some elementary schools have yearbooks.

But not UAH.

Somehow, I find this difficult to understand, especially when students voted to support one. How much red tape is there at this school anyway?

People wonder why student involvement is so low at UAH. I am beginning to see why. Students have been concerned about poor lighting for years. No new lighting. Students vote to increase student activity fees for a yearbook. No yearbook.

Does anyone see a pattern here?

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As a parent of a current student and frequent visitor to the UAH campus, the poor lighting is something that I noticed the first time I visited the campus at night. Remembering my days on campus many years ago, I recall lighting along all of the walkways across the campus and lighting that was at high elevations in the parking lots with bright white lights. The lighting [now used] on the UAH campus looks as if it was installed in a fashion not to draw attention to it. I am not surprised that the current vandalism is going unchecked.

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Dear Editor:

In reference to all of this sport talk... Who really gives a crap? Yes, our sport teams should get some special treatment, but they don't. Ask any of them! They get out there and represent UAH during games. Not mentioning the early mornings and late nights that they have to stay at practice so they can try and be the best, and we have students on campus who decide to put their noses into cracks that they know nothing about. Say for example their games are their extracurricular activities, which they usu-

ally have around 3 a week at the least, and their practices are their jobs, which they have 6 to 7 days a week. The student body shouldn't be giving them flack about if they should or shouldn't get special treatment. My personal extra activities usually only meet twice a week and the many others on campus usually only once.

Sport teams have games and come home from being on a bus or in a van for around 4 to 16 hours to arrive at home around 2 a.m. just to do homework for 4 hours. They get up and go to class at 8 a.m. that they had to schedule that early so they can make it to practice, "THEIR JOB" at 1 p.m. For them, it's just another long drawn out week of working and extra activities, and we are telling them that they don't deserve to get a few good treatments here and there.

Our baseball team was No. 2 in the country and a decided few came to their games to support them. Why should you even be worrying about them now?! You don't while their season is in! Nice support, UAH!!

Hockey, who won 4 out of the last 5 championship games and put UAH on the board for recognition, helping us state that we

ARE actually a college, since we aren't a TRADITIONAL school, heaven forbid that we aren't the University of Alabama at Home. So, if you're not in their shoes and you don't know, why worry about it, and leave the stories and comments to the people who know what they are talking about.

Earlier someone was talking about how adults need to schedule their classes around such things as day care and work. Yeah, I understand that there are single parents out there and parents who need to schedule their classes at certain times, but who ever said that you didn't deserve OR EVEN GET special treatment once in a while too? So everyone suck it up and stop complaining. JUST GET OVER IT! If your time hasn't come yet, it will come sooner or later.

LaDonna Ladnier

Dear Editor:

Many thanks to The Exponent for all of your help in publicizing the school's new radio station! The committee is excited, both about the publicity and the reality itself of UAH finally getting a ra-

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Opinion

Gas prices and growing old



By J. Caleb Clanton
Opinion Writer

Here I am twenty-one years old feeling like a grandfather nearing retirement. Aside from the ever-growing ache in my knee due to the cold weather, I am actually referring to the "good ol' days" reminiscing I find myself repeating to all the youngins.

The other day I caught myself explaining to a kid who had just turned sixteen that I recall the "good ol' days" when gas was about a buck a gallon, or even less. Of course, the kid scoffed at me as he promptly reminded me that he was alive too during those times, no matter how far off those days of cheap gas actually seemed to me.

Then, he commenced to inform me that I was only a few years older

than him, and I was far too young to be complaining about the used-to-be prices. He assured me that gas wasn't going to be getting any cheaper, so I might as well shut-up and fill-up.

Little whippersnapper. Who was he to tell me?

I thought to myself, "Yeah, here, kid - here's a Werther's Original for you to suck on. Make sure, you get the shiny golden wrapper off, first."

"Thanks, Grandpa," he'd say.

Now, I make no claim at being a theoretical physicist, but if I had my guess, I'd bet Einstein's theory of relativity has a lot to do with prices and the perception of age.

All of my life, my father has told me about the days when he could get a coke for a nickel. This was perhaps the case in the mid-1940s, when he was about ten years old. Seeing as how the price of a coke has increase by at least some eleven times to now cost you a minimum of 55 cents, my father's perception of his own age is probably, according to my application of the theory of relativity, around 110-years-old.

About two years ago, a gallon of gas ran you about a dollar. I was about

twenty then. Nowadays, we are paying anywhere between \$1.50 to \$1.60 per gallon of gasoline. So, according to my theory of price-age relativity, my perceived age is approximately thirty something.

Truthfully, I may have to work on my math a tad bit because when it comes to the price of gasoline, I feel a lot older than thirty something.

But, the point remains the same: gas is really expensive now. This became extremely apparent to me the other weekend when I took a three-hour drive in my car. Ten bucks both ways.

Huh? That's twenty bones. That's a lot of money, man. Ouch, there goes my aging back.

Where's my Geritol?

Lately, I have been trying to come up with ways to alleviate the brunt of this high priced gasoline to perhaps lower my perceived age level. In a round about way, I suppose I am searching for a kind of fountain of youth, not unlike Ponce de Leon himself.

My reasoning thus far leads me to believe that there must be some alternative to gasoline as fuel. Surely there is something better. I mean, we can put a man on the moon, but

we are still using the same fuel we've been using virtually since the invention of the car itself.

Something seems a bit wrong, and I don't need a rocket-scientist to point that out neither.

With all of the engineering, technological, and chemical research that takes place in all of our universities, there should be someone, somewhere designing a cost efficient motor that will run on cheaper, cleaner burning, self-renewable fuels like corn or tomatoes. I'll leave further fuel speculation up to the scientists; however, the fact remains the same: fossil fuels are limited in supply and thus are subject to price-gauging, as we are currently experiencing.

I suspect that the technology for a more efficient fuel is out there somewhere. However, car manufacturers and their back-pocket politicians are in bed with the big oil companies. So, they are likely to hinder the proliferation of any such technologies that would likely result in their subsequent bankruptcies.

Meanwhile, gas prices continue to swell, and I get older, faster and faster.

The President's Corner



By James Kodrowski
SGA President

One of the major focuses of last week's meetings in SGA was the discussion concerning Dr. John Hagelin, the Natural Law Party Candidate for President. A representative from Dr. Hagelin's campaign spoke to both the Senate and the House about a possible visit from Dr. Hagelin to UAH. Both bodies were in strong support of bringing a presidential candidate to campus. Unfortunately, as the agreement was being worked out later in the week, it was decided that there wasn't enough time to advertise for the event. Dr. Hagelin's staff chose to send him to California this week instead.

Another important topic that both bodies in SGA supported was Mentor Alabama. This is an opportunity for individual students and student groups to sign up for community service opportunities in their area. It is the hope of the people in charge of the program that the database created by people signing up for Mentor Alabama will provide readily available, quality volunteers for groups in need in the state. To sign up for Mentor Alabama you can visit the website at www.ago.state.al.us and click on the Mentor Alabama icon. A quick background check will be performed when you sign up to insure that there are no criminal records or pedophile incidents attached to your name.

The dates have been set for Homecoming and Springfest. Homecoming will be the weekend of February 3-4. Springfest and SGA elections will be the week of April 9-14. Also, SGA is planning a road trip for early next year to support our UAH hockey team when they travel to Wayne State in January. If you are interested in these upcoming events, please stop by room 106 in the UC at 8:45 for one of our meetings on Monday nights to get the latest information.

Gordon Stone visited with members from SGA last week to discuss the latest STARS information. SGA is striving to sign up at least 40 clubs with the STARS program this year. That would mean 1,000 more students would be signed up saying that they support higher education in Alabama. Getting involved with higher education is critical for your future beyond college. A phrase that Gordon often uses is, "when you apply for a job twenty or thirty years down the road the company is going to look at your degree from UAH and think of what UAH is 20 or 30 years from now, not what it is today." Getting appropriate funding from the state for higher education will not only benefit your college experience now but it will help to secure UAH's future. To get involved with STARS see our student representative, Dale Jobs, or contact him at 824-6375.

Last week in the Senate brainstorming was done to come up with important things that students would like to see changed this year at UAH. This week the possible topics will be narrowed down so that the Senate can begin tackling some of the issues. The Senate committees will have turned in their first committee reports this week. Things in the Senate are picking up speed now

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A Different Opinion

By Keshemia Goodloe
Opinion Writer



The Great Divide

A couple of weeks ago, I read an article in "Christianity Today" based on a book entitled *Separated by Faith*. It was about the racial separation that is present in most churches in the United States. The article made me take a look at what my own church consisted of and why. I attend Madison Mission SDA church, and for the most part, the rest of the congregation is Black-American, like me. We like to think of ourselves as diverse, and we do have some members from the West Indies, and there are even a few White-Americans that attend the services as well. However, when I read that article I realized that Madison Mission might not be as diverse as we think we are. As a matter of fact, that old saying that church is the most segregated place on earth started sounding pretty accurate. I have not always fellowshiped at Madison Mission, and if memory serves me correctly, the other churches I went to were pretty much the same as far as the racial make-up.

I just don't think that Christians today give it much thought. We go to church, we sing the hymns, we say our prayers, we listen to the sermon, and we go home. How can we say we are one in Christ when we never even give any thought to Christians except the ones that look like us? How can we, in good faith, honestly believe we are taking the word of Christ to the whole world? Not only do we have the differences in denominations of faith, but we also have to divide each faith by race. In America those groups are mainly Black, White, and Latin. Is each group responsible for spreading the gospel to their own race? I don't know about anyone else, but that does not really seem to go hand in hand with what I have been taught as a Christian. I seem to remember something about brothers and sisters in Christ and loving all of God's children.

Anyway, after reading that article, I bought the book that it was based on, and from what I can tell, it promises to be an excellent book. So all you *Exponent* readers out there be prepared: you will hear from me again on this topic.

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dio identity of its own. Keep up the good work!

Philip Anderson,
Time Flies
Entertainment and
Mullins Special
Occasions

Dear Editor:

About two months ago I picked up *The Exponent* and starting reading it. I read an article concerning athletes, and it interested me. Ever since, I have read several articles concerning how athletes get special treatment versus those who think athletes have a very difficult path. I am now a constant reader of the newspaper and enjoy picking it up every Thursday.

As an athlete, I must say that our road is not easy and there are many sacrifices involved with being an athlete.

I have been through all this waking up at five in the morning to run in freezing weather, missing a large amount of classes for road trips and playing. I have been through having to play a tennis match in Savannah, Georgia on a Monday at 5 p.m. knowing I had a midterm Tuesday at 9 a.m., which after the 8-hour drive, was not easy to pass.

It definitely is a hard life to balance with obtain-

ing a college degree.

Despite this, I must respect those who do not do sports and have regular jobs to help pay for school expenses.

Having a side job as a waiter, census taker, life-guard, etc. is good, but it has practically no direct influence on the university itself.

The way I see it, athletes represent the school, and fortunately or unfortunately, by representing the institution, it would only be fair that the university would give them some special treatment.

The next subject I want to talk about is an article written on October 19 stating that the only UAH sport that has not had ANY success over recent years would be the tennis team.

Well let me tell you, whoever typed that up certainly knew nothing about tennis or has ever come close to the tennis courts at UAH.

Those were just the wrong keys to hit when this person was writing. Considering this person knows nothing about tennis, except for our famous girl that is mentioned every week, I will tell you a few things.

The men's tennis team has been ranked in the top

30 in the Nation in division II for the last two seasons. This tennis team has gone two years in a row to the regional tournament; something that not every sport has been able to accomplish. The team had one player ranked in the top 25 in the Nation in singles, in addition to a doubles team ranked 11th in the country, something quite impressive.

I know tennis matches do not draw the biggest crowds here at the school, but this team has more than represented UAH. This team has had to drive their own cars to Birmingham, Florence, and Jacksonville just to play and represent the school.

This team's head coach has worked hard and has put in a lot of effort to the team, but something that might shock you is the fact the she has never played tennis in her life.

This team has come a long way, overcoming many obstacles, and deserves more respect than it is given.

Tennis players at UAH run at six in the morning, too. They do weights just like all the rest, and they hit on the courts for 3 hours every day.

Comments such as "no success team" need to be saved for other occasions

and used for negative things, not for the team of your own school.

Come out and see for yourself if the tennis team is that bad. I guarantee you that watching these guys and girls for just 10 minutes would change your opinion. Look at the numbers, statistics, wins, losses, and then say if this team has no success.

Normally I have really enjoyed the sports articles in the paper and how it mentions that athletes should be recognized. Most articles I have read I agree with, and I enjoy, but this one blew my mind.

To conclude my story I must say that I wanted everyone to know that our tennis team is nothing close to a failure, and I appreciate all the comments made to support UAH athletics.

Keep writing about sports, but be careful of what you write. All athletes I have talked to enjoy the recent attention toward athletics and are motivated by this.

Keep up the good work, and good luck to all sports teams this year.

Rick Mora
UAH Senior

PS: The tennis team has also won several intramural sports.

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seriously hurting in the rotation with the recent ill-advised trades of the Braves' Executive Vice-President and General Manager, John Schuerholtz.

In years past, Schuerholtz has made some very savvy trades to attain much-needed talent

for a stretch run.

The difference between this year and year's past is that, in my opinion, I believe he has given up much too talented a player for much older players that likely have no future with the Braves and did not help at all during the playoffs.

The key trades in late July consisted of the Braves losing the likes of pitchers Luis Rivera and Bruce Chen in exchange for B.J. Surhoff and Andy Ashby, respectively. Rivera and Chen could easily have been inserted into the Braves' rotation in the not-too-distant future

and the Braves would have been set for the next decade or so.

Anyway you look at it, this post-season has been a very interesting one to say the least. Let me know when it's over.

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lutely no clue as to if it even exists.

Jason: I don't even try to explain any more. I simply reply that it is close to Puerto Rico or the Virgin Islands.

Q: How did you happen to choose the University of Alabama in Huntsville? What inspired you to come to Alabama?

Raquel: We were sent here by our government.

Norvin: In St. Kitts there is an ongoing exchange between our government and many Universities here in the US. They work along side the universities to have them accept A-Levels.

Tajal: We had a choice between other colleges such as Mid Western in

Texas, Linden wood in St. Louis and Cameron in Oklahoma. We just happened to choose here.

Jason: The new experience and my mother made me come.

Beverly: It is an exchange program of a sort. Mr. Belcher, the Vice President for Enrollment Services, came to our island and recruited us.

Eulice: We were given scholarships by the University.

Q: What are A-Levels?

Eulice: They are examinations, which are administered at an advanced level. The examining board is the University of Cambridge in London, England. These A-Levels are equivalent to a two-

year college here.

Q: Do you miss home? What are some of the differences between here and there?

Beverly: Yes, extremely! I am quite homesick. We know much of the American culture because we have American cable at home. We also have the Internet, so we know some of the stuff.

One striking difference is the food served in the cafeteria. At home I am used to rice and baked chicken and macaroni pie. That kind of thing.

Pat: I miss home very much, but I try not to think about it. The hardest part is not being able to call home often. We have to pay 65 cents per minute.

That is very expensive!

Daven: Yes, of course I miss home!

Eulice: I want to go home! Everything is different!

Jason: I try not to think about going home. If I had trans (a car) it would be easier.

Tajal: I miss home, but not as much as the others. I have made friends with a lot of nice people.

Raquel: I am the only one out of the group who lives at the Southeast campus, so I get lonely a lot.

Norvin: I miss home, but I force myself not to think about it. The food though is very unlike home.

Some interesting facts about the islands:

St. Kitts is a part of the twin island federation of St. Kitts and Nevis. This island federation is located in the Eastern Caribbean in the Leeward Island chain.

The estimated population is 41,000. St. Kitts is 68 square miles and Nevis is 50 square miles. The capital of St. Kitts is Basseterre and Charlestown in Nevis. A two-mile channel known as the Narrows separates these two islands. The people of St. Kitts and Nevis hence traverse regularly between both islands.

St. Kitts/Nevis is also known, and Nevis are volcanic islands with beautiful beaches and rolling

hills. The islands are renowned for their majestic scenery.

The descendants of Africans, who were originally brought to the island as slaves, predominantly populate the islands.

St. Kitts/Nevis gained independence from England on September 19, 1983.

St. Kitts is roughly oval in shape, except for a long, narrow peninsula to the southeast. Its highest point is Mount Liamuiga (3792 feet), which has a lake and a forested crater. Nevis is circular in shape and is surrounded by coral reefs. The island is almost entirely a single mountain, Nevis Peak (3232 feet).

Weekly Horoscope

By Linda C. Black, Tribune Media Services (Week of October 30)

Aries (March 21-April 19). On Monday travel looks like fun, but don't ignore an important item on your list. Get that out by Tuesday or your boss won't be pleased. Perform perfectly under pressure Wednesday, and by Thursday you'll have made a profitable impression. Your group can get a lot done Friday, but keep it confidential. A friend's idea can help you make a long shot Saturday. Reality could mess with your fantasies Sunday, however. Be practical, and you'll do fine.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Financial shenanigans could leave you sadder but wiser Monday. Negotiate and shop Tuesday through Thursday. Follow instructions on Friday and turn a tidy profit. Understanding what others want on Saturday may be tough. Take it slow and remember what you've learned on Sunday. Haste makes waste then, and you don't need that.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Tensions at home mar the ambiance Monday. Keep talking Tuesday and Wednesday. By Thursday the compromise should be obvious. You should know what to keep and what to toss, too. Clean house as fast as possible Friday so you can play from Friday night through Saturday. If you don't get too rowdy, you'll avoid a familiar problem on Sunday.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). A deal that looks sweet on Monday could turn sour by Tuesday. Get an expert's advice Tuesday to keep from working too hard for too little. Wait until Wednesday or Thursday to make agreements, in romance or business. Friday's promising possibilities could poop out by Saturday, however. Talk it over with your best friend on Sunday and discover the marvelous lesson you've learned.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). On Monday ditching work to play isn't a good idea. A significant topic requires attention on Tuesday, or you'll suffer a pain in the wallet. The work's pouring in from Tuesday through Thursday. Pay attention to make sure more keeps coming in. Follow your partner's lead on Friday, but don't take leave of your senses. Your good judgment's required all weekend to keep a fun time from becoming a fiasco.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Speak up if you disagree

on Monday. Don't just sit there, smoldering. Seek what you want on Tuesday, and you're apt to find it. An expectation is unmet Wednesday; don't pitch a fit. If you keep pushing, it's possible by Thursday. You may be swamped Friday, but don't freak. You can always come in to work on Saturday if you must. Don't work on Sunday, though. You're too apt to mess things up then. Relax and enjoy, instead.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Leave dreams of last weekend behind on Monday, or you'll be in trouble before you know it. Tuesday's off to a difficult start, but a fabulous idea pops up later. You may have to turn down a child's request Wednesday, but heed an older relative's advice to save money. Buy real estate and household items Thursday. Play wisely Friday; stop before you spend your winnings. Hide out with your sweetheart on Saturday, but don't talk too much. Save the serious topics, like finances, until Sunday at the soonest.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't bankroll a friend on Monday. Replace an old household appliance instead. Start your new project late Tuesday. You'll hit a few snags on Wednesday, but by Thursday you should be in the clear. Fix an old problem at home Friday night. If you go out, you're apt to find a new one. Keep it light on Saturday. The less expectation, the better. Keep trying to get your message across, and by Sunday you should succeed.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Monday begins well, but don't get reckless. Excesses could lead to a clash with reality on Tuesday. On Wednesday a friend's idea can be profitable if you follow through on Thursday. Don't go with the wildest suggestion. Be conservative. Playing by the rules works well, too. Mum's the word on Friday. Stick to the facts — and not even those unless asked. Let a neighbor steal your heart on Saturday. The best conversation's at your place on Sunday.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A beautiful dream leads to a money-making scheme on Monday. Don't jump the gun Tuesday. Timing is everything. Play the ace you've been holding on Wednesday. You can win with

it then and on Thursday, too. Promised funding may be tardy on Friday, however. Let friends take you out on Saturday. Don't squirm; they're paying back your past generosity. Keep your wallet tucked away on Sunday except for a gift you love giving.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). Friends spark your imagination Monday, but don't get too crazy. On Tuesday and Wednesday study the ideas from all angles before launching your plan or project late Wednesday or Thursday. Don't flirt on company time this Friday. What seems hilarious to you could look quite different to the boss. Visit friends Saturday, but don't stay too long. Rest on Sunday; you'll make better choices.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). A pleasant surprise inspires you on Monday. Don't bet too heavily on it. The action you'll take could change greatly by Tuesday. Wait till Wednesday or Thursday, and friends help you succeed. A good partner's good to have, too. Listen and learn from a wise person on Friday. Staying in works better than going out then. Your dreams are bouncing with insights on Saturday, but give them some time to mature. A drive and a private conversation on Sunday help you leave an old worry behind.

If You're Having a Birthday This Week:

Oct. 30: You could strike it rich, but can you keep your winnings? This isn't a gamble; it's a shrewd move. Do the calculations.

Oct. 31: This year you'll learn through experience. Move cautiously, or the lesson could come the hard way.

Nov. 1: Update old skills and acquire some new ones. The more you learn, the more confident you'll become.

Nov. 2: Your determination plus practice make your aspirations achievable. Want the home of your dreams? Start planning.

Nov. 3: Your focus is on home and family. A situation that looks impossible is your excuse to make changes.

Nov. 4: Get rid of the stuff you don't need and replace it with better. Nagging doubts are the ghosts of issues you've left hanging.

Nov. 5: Once you've got your nest just right, love takes top priority. Devise a plan with your partner.

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are valued most in today's volatile business world. With their expertise in problem solving, statistical design and analysis, written and oral communication, and creative thinking, psychology majors are extremely marketable in a variety of fields. In addition, the skills that psychology majors possess are often those that enable them to achieve higher management positions.

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Our faculty members are pursuing a variety of issues that apply to the human condition. They hold expertise in many different areas such as judgment and decision making, animal and human development, biological psychology, engineering psychology, industrial psychology, social psychology, and human memory. Current research projects include the construction of memories, human performance in virtual environments, racial identity, infantile perception, cross-cultural interaction, and influences on human decision making.

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that everyone is getting accustomed to the procedures. The House of Representatives voted to give just over \$900 to clubs last week. If your organization would like to receive funding you need to contact the Vice President of Finance for SGA, Brett Holt, to set up a finance officer workshop. You can only receive money after

you go through this training so it's important that you plan ahead.

SGA will be having another Assembly meeting, or joint meeting of the Senate and the House, in the next few weeks to discuss some changes to the budget. Hopefully, there will be a speaker present during that meeting to address both groups.

We invite all students from all disciplines to come by Morton Hall 335 and visit with our faculty.

Our discipline has something to offer for all students.

Campus Club Wire

Editor's Note: The Exponent reserves the right to edit all submissions for content. Due to space requirements, please limit announcements to approximately 75 words. All submissions must be given directly to Jennifer Tibbs in the UIC, room 104 on Tuesdays between 10 a.m. and noon or emailed to clubwire@yahoo.com no later than noon on Tuesdays. No submissions left in the drop-box will be printed. Announcements are preferred on disk. Announcements with graphics will not be accepted.

Campus Libertarians of UAH

The Campus Libertarians of UAH are hosting a faculty debate between local political science faculty representing Democratic, Republican, and Libertarian viewpoints. The debate will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1st, in the University Center Exhibit Hall. All students, faculty, and members of the community are welcome.

UAH Theatre Works

All those interested in becoming part of the theatre experience please join us each Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. in UC 131. In addition to club related discussion, we be hosting a group participation improvisation activity. Join us and have a great time!

Sigma Nu Fraternity

The men of Sigma Nu would like to thank everyone for coming out to the bachelor auction, it was a HUGE success. It is October and that means a lot for Sigma Nu. First, we captured another flag football championship (3 in row), the indoor soccer season has started (tied En Fuego 0-0), and hockey season has started (we won 14-0, looks like a football score). The best part of October is Halloween. YES, Finally the one you have been waiting for, the Halloween Party is Friday.

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity

This weekend the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity soccer team posted a dominating 7-0 shutout of the intramural team llamas of virtue, nice job guys. The IFC games begin next week with a match against Sigma Nu Fraternity. Thank you to all of the ladies of Delta Zeta Sorority for coming out to the Haunted house Mixer. We hope you had as much fun as we did.

Earth Action

Earth Action, the UAH campus environmental group, is meeting Friday October 27 at 2:00 p.m. in room 133 of the University Center. Ecofact: A 1994 SUNY study claims that an average U.S. baby will, over a lifetime, produce one million kg of atmospheric wastes, 10 million kg of liquid wastes, and one million kg of solid wastes and consume 700 kg of minerals and 24 billion BTUs of energy.

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Crossword 101

"Go With The Flow"

By Ed Canty

ACROSS

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- 5 Elizabeth _____
- 10 Taj Mahal site
- 14 Crucifix
- 15 Baldwin, for one
- 16 Gloomy
- 17 Complement each other
- 19 Part of a collection
- 20 Supplement with difficulty
- 21 Fires
- 22 Trap & open follower
- 23 Quilting get togethers
- 24 Fastening
- 26 Broadway backers
- 29 Plaintiff
- 30 Big Blue
- 33 Beeps
- 34 Lincoln's birthplace
- 35 Lilly, drug company
- 36 Spheres
- 37 Blvd. relative
- 38 Frosts
- 39 Madam:Fr.
- 40 Perspiration outlets
- 42 Thou ___ protest too much
- 43 Coll. ent. exam
- 44 Imitated
- 45 Believes
- 46 Court orders
- 48 Undergarments
- 49 Amphetamine
- 51 Slender
- 52 Devoured
- 55 On the sheltered side
- 56 Defend
- 59 Camera attachment
- 60 Lewis Carrol's heroine
- 61 Press
- 62 Life of _____
- 63 Fringe benefits
- 64 Double agent

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- 7 Dashes in Morse code
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- 10 Pedro's farewell
- 11 Lose composure
- 12 One who feels regret
- 13 Limbs
- 18 Celts
- 22 Mend sox
- 23 Stakes
- 24 Raises a number to the third power
- 25 Garland
- 26 Particles
- 27 Jean Baker a.k.a. Marilyn Monroe
- 28 Negotiators
- 29 Used a piggy bank
- 31 Holy
- 32 Fogs
- 34 Concerns

- 38 Promises to pay
- 40 Compensated
- 41 Select
- 42 Broadway offering
- 45 Clans
- 47 Della ___ singer
- 48 Precedes party or grant
- 49 Bargain event
- 50 Type of bargain
- 51 Mix
- 52 Hairstyle
- 53 Saw, e.g.
- 54 Sea eagle
- 56 Trendy store
- 57 Barcelona cheer
- 58 Newscaster Russert

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... Mark Twain

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