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UAH selects new vice president for research; Mississippi State administrator to join campus

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Rayford Vaughn has been named the new vice president for research at The University of Alabama in Huntsville, President Robert A. Altenkirch announced this afternoon.

Dr. Vaughn has been the associate vice president for research at Mississippi State University since 2010, and is a distinguished professor of computer science and engineering.

"Ray brings a wealth of experience to our campus in areas that are crucial to this community and our research partners," Altenkirch said. "The knowledge he possesses in research and academia makes him the ideal candidate to provide vision and continued growth to our research enterprise."

Vaughn joined Mississippi State in 1997 teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in software engineering and computer security, and was promoted to full professor in 2004. Prior to his appointment as associate VP of research, he was department

chair of MSU's Computer Science and Engineering Department.

"I am very excited by the opportunity offered to me to lead the research enterprise at UAH," Vaughn said. "I was extremely impressed with the research activities ongoing at the university, the faculty and staff that I was able to meet with, and the potential for growth. The environment and the leadership team at UAH will provide the necessary foundation to achieve continued growth and I look forward to being a part of it. My wife and I are anxious to join the Huntsville community and the family at UAH."

Vaughn has three degrees in computer science. His undergraduate degree is from the University of Southern Mississippi, while his master's and Ph.D. were from Kansas State.

During his career at Mississippi State, he was the founder and director of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Center (CIPC). The center was under sponsorship from

the Department of Homeland Security as an outreach effort to operators of the nation's critical infrastructure. The center supports training activities and research, which is primarily focused in the area of industrial control system security.

Vaughn was also director of the university's Center for Computer Security Research. He was responsible for research oversight, growing the center's research activities, and maintaining its teaching, research, and service activity.

Prior to joining Mississippi State, Vaughn was vice president of military integration systems for Electronic Data Systems Corporation in McLean, Va., and he was also vice president of integration services for the Defense Information Systems Agency.

Vaughn retired as a colonel in the U.S. Army following a 26-year career. Most of his service was as an Army software engineer and computer scientist with high level



leadership responsibility.

While on active duty, he had a three-year assignment with the National Security Agency's National Computer Security Center. At the secret cryptologic intelligence agency, he wrote national-level computer security guidance, among other duties.

Dr. Vaughn commanded the Army's largest software development organization, created and managed a new organization chartered by the Deputy Secretary of Defense to centrally manage all communication and information systems for the Pentagon, and

was a senior computer security scientist at the National Security Agency conducting information assurance research.

Caron St. John chaired the search. She said: "We are delighted that Dr. Vaughn has chosen to join us. He will be a great fit with the university and the Huntsville community."

Dr. Vaughn has written more than 100 publications and is an active contributor to software engineering and information security conferences and journals.

Story courtesy of Jim Steele

Chargers Clean Sweep West Florida

By Taylor Reed, Staff Writer



The No. 11 ranked Chargers swept three straight games against No. 7 West Florida for the first time in five years.

It all started out Saturday as UAHuntsville held the Argonauts to just one run in 16 innings. In the first matchup, the game ball went to pitcher Andrew Busby who threw the first complete game shutout since 2011. Busby only allowed six hits and one walk striking out a career-high of 12 batters. Of those 12, Busby set a new school record as eight batters struck out watching the third strike go by. The Chargers

earned their second lowest total hits on the season but still managed to win 5-0.

Game two of the double header started out with Dana Wright on the mound for the Chargers. Wright allowed an early run in the first inning but would throw for four strong innings and not allow any more runs that night. In the second inning Massey drilled one up the middle to knock in a run and tie the game 1-1. The matchup would remain even until the fifth inning. With two on and the team RBI leader at the plate, Kortbawi did what he does best. He smashed the

ball over the right fielders head into the outfield fence allowing both runners to score. UAH would take a 3-1 lead that they would not let go. The final score was 5-1 as UAH headed into Saturday looking to sweep the No. 7 team in the country.

The third straight game in the series was a back and forth matchup. The game was tied 1-1 in the first before West Florida took a three-run lead in the second. The Chargers kept chipping away at the lead and by the fifth inning held a two-point advantage. The Argonauts responded with a run in the sixth but Kortbawi came

right back and smacked a homer over the outfield wall to give the Chargers a two-point lead in the eighth with one more inning to go, or so it seemed. The No. 7 team in the country drilled a two-run homer on the No. 11 ranked Chargers and forced the game into extra innings. In the 10th inning the Argonauts put up three huge runs before the Chargers took to the dugout. Sanders started UAH off with a much needed base runner on a lead-off walk. Clay was walked putting another runner on for the team in blue. Riddle singled to lead the bases and on four more balls

for Massey. Sanders came in for a run. Burton singled and earned two RBIs and tied the game for UAH. With two outs and a tie game, Kortbawi came to the plate. One swing of the bat and Kortbawi hit the ball to left field for a walk-off single, ending the game for the Chargers 11-10.

With the three-game sweep the Chargers advance to 9-2-1 in the conference and are tied for first with Delta State.

Supreme court hears gay marriage arguments

By Nicolas Neely, Staff Writer

The Supreme Court heard separate oral arguments last week over whether California's Proposition 8 and the Defense of Marriage Act meet constitutional scrutiny by defining marriage as only between one man and one woman.

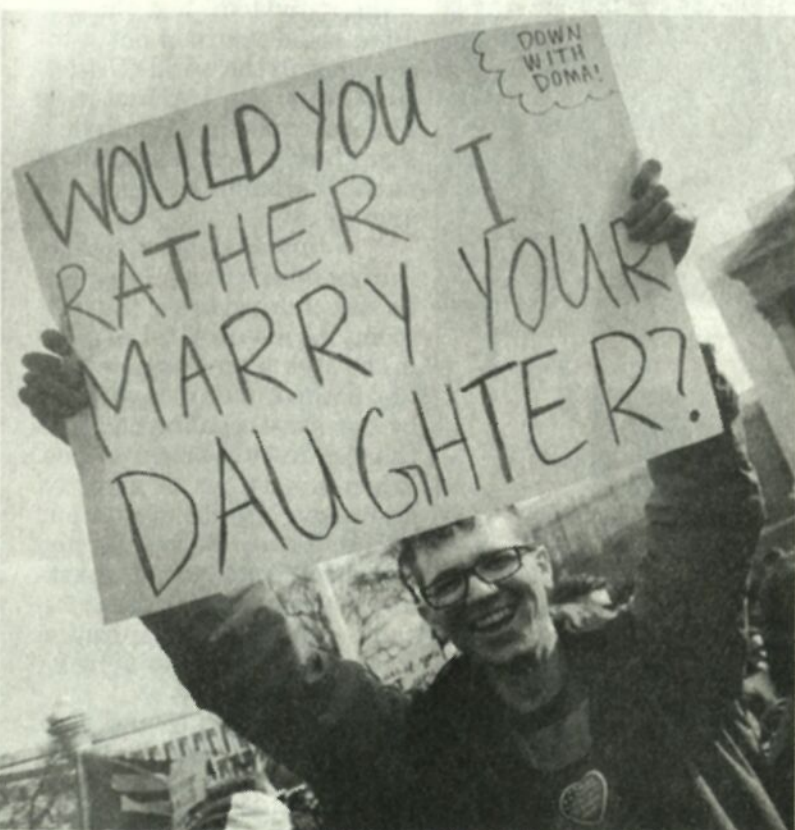
On March 26, the Court heard arguments from the legal teams on both sides of the case regarding the passage of California's Prop 8, which defined marriage between one man and one woman and was passed by referendum in 2008. Opponents of Prop 8 made a broader appeal in their arguments claiming that marriage is a civil right that cannot be denied by the government, their intent being to convince the Court to strike down laws

in 41 states that only permit marriage between opposite sexes. The team arguing for Prop 8, who also campaigned for the law and stepped in to defend it in Court after California state officials refused to do so, maintained that the presence of a mother and father are too important for child rearing and that California already grants the same benefits of marriage through its domestic partnership law. Based upon the questioning by the nine Justices, even the four liberals, Democratic-appointed Justices (Breyer, Ginsburg, Sotomayer, and Kagan) seemed wary of issuing a ruling that would redefine marriage for the country. The five conservative, Republican-appointed Justices (Alito,

Scalia, Thomas, and Roberts), including perpetual swing voter Anthony Kennedy, also expressed reservations with the tone of their questions.

Alito pointed out the issue is newer than cell phones and the internet and that, "On a question like that, of such fundamental importance, why should it not be left for the people, either acting through initiatives and referendums or through their elected public officials?" Scalia added, "I'm curious, when did it become unconstitutional to exclude homosexual couples from marriage? 1791? 1868, when the Fourteenth Amendment was adopted? Was it always unconstitutional?"

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NEWS & CAMPUS LIFE



Pope Francis bucks traditions

By Nicolas Neely, Staff Writer

Pope Francis wasted no time introducing himself to the Catholic community and the world as he began to make his mark on the papacy by bucking formality and breaking Vatican traditions.

Pope Francis has become a Pope of many firsts as his name hints. After the chimney above the Sistine Chapel emitted white smoke in front of television cameras and onlookers in St. Peter's Square, Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio was announced as Pope Francis I, the first Pope from the Southern Hemisphere, from Latin America and from outside of Europe in over 1,200 years. Francis is also the first Jesuit to be selected as Pope. As the Cardinal of Buenos Aires, Argentina, Francis made a name for himself with humility and devotion to helping the poor. He would ceremonially wash the feet of the poor in the slums of Buenos Aires, and famously, washed the feet of men and women dying of AIDS. Not one to be waited on during his time in Buenos Aires, he would wash his own clothes, prepare his own meals and walk or take public transportation to the Cathedral.

Bergoglio explained why he decided to choose the name Francis as his papal name, "(St. Francis was) the man of the poor. The man of peace. The man who loved and

cared for creation - and in this moment we don't have such a great relationship with the creator. The man who gives us this spirit of peace, the poor man who wanted a poor church." The name Francis reflects not only the new Pope's interest in assisting the poor, but also his aversion to decadence. He dresses more simply than his predecessors and exhibits a more personable style. Shortly after his election, Pope Francis personally paid his hotel bill at the Papal apartments he stayed in during the conclave and followed that up by calling the local newspaper in Buenos Aires to cancel his subscription. He has also given the Swiss Guard, the Pope's official security and bodyguards, anxiety by wading into crowds to personally shake hands and greet the faithful who came to pray, hear his sermon and see the new Pope.

Hailing from Argentina, then Cardinal Bergoglio had given up practicing chemistry to go to seminary and become a Jesuit priest. Bergoglio's election to Pope surprised many despite allegedly being the runner up to Benedict XVI in the last papal conclave. Bergoglio is currently 76 years old and only has one lung remaining after a life-threatening case of pneumonia required his other lung to be removed. His age

and personal health did not seem to be on the minds of the other Cardinals as Bergoglio was elected on the second day of the conclave on the fifth ballot, relatively quickly for any conclave but particularly for one without a clear frontrunner.

While more charismatic and spartan than other Popes, Pope Francis still retains a strong moral convictions regarding Christianity's teachings. His morals led to clashes with the Kirchners, the successive husband-and-wife Presidents of Argentina, when he was a Cardinal. He condemned the administration's heavy taxes on farmers and pushed to allow gay marriage saying, "At stake is the identity and survival of the family: father, mother and children. At stake are the lives of many children who will be discriminated against in advance, and deprived of their human development given by a father and a mother and willed by God." With a pastoral background, Pope Francis suggests that one of his goals is to reassert evangelism believing that a pastoral conversion from a church that regulates the faith to a church that transmits and facilitates the faith is necessary. To aid this, Francis has left open the possibility of dropping the celibacy requirement for priests.

Supreme Court cont.

Chief Justice Roberts seemed puzzled that opponents were primarily interested in the label "marriage." "If you tell a child that somebody has to be their friend, I suppose you can force the child to say, 'this is my friend,' but it changes the definition of what it means to be a friend. And that's it seems to me what the — what supporters of Proposition 8 are saying here. You're — all you're interested in is the label and you insist on changing the definition of the label." Kennedy shot down the assertion that the Loving vs. Virginia case which legalized interracial marriage could be compared to legalizing gay marriage and Sotomayor asked, "If you say that marriage is a fundamental right, what state restrictions could ever exist?" While the liberal judges were somewhat muted during the Prop 8 case, they were much more hostile toward the Defense of Marriage Act which was challenged the following day.

Passed by large margins in Congress and signed by Pres. Clinton in 1996, DOMA bars federal recognition of gay marriages. Ginsburg called out

the amount of federal benefits that are available to married spouses, but not to gays married in the nine states where it is legal. However, Sotomayor raised the question of whether if the court finds DOMA unconstitutional, must the laws in most states that limit marriage to opposite-sex couples also be found unconstitutional? Solicitor General Donald Verrilli replied, "We think it's an open question with respect to state recognition of marriage," but "it would be difficult" for states to limit marriage only to opposite-sex couples. Kennedy raised concerns that the federal law potentially conflicts with state police power regulating marriage. The Obama administration also drew criticism from the Court for refusing to defend the DOMA in court compelling Congress to defend it. "What is the test for when you think your obligation to take care that the laws be faithfully executed means you'll follow your view about whether it's constitutional or not or you won't follow your view?" asked Roberts.

The Court is expected to issue rulings in June.

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A Privilege to See

By Reggie Allen,
Staff Writer

After posters hit the walls, students and faculty alike could not help but wonder what in the world "Urinetown" was. As UAHuntsville Theatre's most recent production, how could one base a musical around the concept of urination?

Inspired by a trip to Europe where writer Greg Kotis was charged to use the restroom, "Urinetown" takes place in a dystopian world where the bathrooms are regulated by a private organization that charges insane prices to pee. When his father is arrested and taken into the mysterious titular town, Bobby Strong, the show's protagonist, starts a revolution against the ironically punned organization Urine in Company to fight for the privilege to pee.

This is not the first time the oddly titled musical has been in Huntsville; "Urinetown" made its debut in 2009 at Renaissance Theatre and captured the attention of Director David Harwell and inspired him to bring the production to UAHuntsville.



"Urinetown"'s oddity is not limited to the title and subject matter but the remarkable way the story is told through running gags and lampooning its own flaws as a musical. That in turn made the experience much more worthwhile and thought provoking. The use of "pee puns" was easily overshadowed by the comedy disregard of the fourth wall, numerous memorable one-liners and catchy musical numbers. "We didn't want to take ourselves seriously," Director David Harwell said. "We wanted to have fun, honor the musical and create something we could all be proud of...At UAHuntsville we take risks and despite the poty humor it can reach a large audience which was very important."

Many believed "Urinetown" to be a musical featuring a set list consisting of songs about urination, but attendees were instead presented with a plethora of memorable songs ranging from the whimsically self-titled introduction to the catchy and visually impres-

sive "Cop Song" that included a spectacularly choreographed flashlight show. Songs came from multiple genres ranging from comedic appeal to tear jerkers that in the end still led to more laughter.

The cast of talented performers was not limited to their ability to sing, they also wowed the audience with a variety of dance styles varying from swing to polka. Songs like "Snuff that Girl" involved mixed choreography ranging from a touch of jazz to the melodic beats of synchronized snapping and doo-wooping. "The cast's experience varied," Harwell said. "Some had taken dance and some had not." The cast members' remarkable dancing was due to private training under the guidance of Mary Katherine Atnip, a UAHuntsville graduate and veteran member of the famous New York Rockettes.

"Urinetown" tackles the hero's tale of Bobby Strong and molds into a satirical tragedy that left audience members laughing and feeling a bit touched by its use of obtuse

plot and underlying hints of a reality that is possible in our own future. Many times it is mentioned throughout the musical that "Urinetown" is not to be mistaken for a happy musical, but the energetic cast and the twist and turns of the story keep the audience begging for more. Though the reality of the matter is that "Urinetown" is in fact a depressing play full of murder, oppression and poverty. Audience members were distracted by a red herring of entertainment that masked it all.

The cast was unique not only because of its diversity, but also due to the musical having cast members from previous productions. Every cast member had their moment to impress the crowd. "Casting was difficult... the cast is a group of seasoned performers of UAHuntsville Theatre alums, Huntsville community and many who have never been onstage before." Harwell said. Bobby Strong played by freshman Jordan Flynn starts his theatre career strong with harmonic voice

and portrayal of a character worth rooting for. Even after graduating UAHuntsville last fall Marilynn West returns to theatre once again as the loveable and effortlessly humorous leading lady Hope Cladwell. Breakout characters Little Sally and Officer Lockstock, played by Victoria Weigand and David Schulte, captured the laughs and hearts of many as the dual narrators of the show and keep the audience rolling in their seats. Last but not least the hard to hate and debonair antagonist Caldwell B. Cladwell, played by seasoned actor Darin Windham, whose piercing stage smirks and baritone voice made songs about killing bunnies seem humorous.

With UAHuntsville's run of "Urinetown" is now complete; one can only wonder what Harwell's next move will be. Will it be raunchier than the not so urine-based musical? "We are very happy with Urinetown and can only hope that future productions will be as rewarding...so stayed tuned!" Harwell said.



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Arts and Leisure



Bioshock Infinite

By Nicolas Neely

After four years of development, Irrational Games' first person shooter "Bioshock Infinite" takes gamers on a flight through the floating city of Columbia as the spiritual sequel to the universally praised "Bioshock" finally arrives on PC and consoles.

Trading the decaying underwater dystopic city of Rapture with a steam-punk 1950s setting, art-deco inspired architecture and dark corridors piped full of sounds from the Great American Songbook, "Infinite" brings players to Columbia, a city sailing across a pristine Fourth of July blue sky in search of a gifted girl named Elizabeth. Elizabeth is an integral part of the story, but even more so eventually becomes an important part of the players' first-person combat experience. Elizabeth's presence is one of many changeups in the "Bioshock" franchise. In the original "Bioshock," the player con-

trols a silent, amnesiac plane crash survivor who seeks refuge within the city. The player was essentially an archeologist in the first game, sifting through Rapture's underwater ruins, listening to audio tapes and attempting to uncover his identity and what went wrong in the city that was intended to be a paradise. In "Infinite," players control a protagonist with a personality. Booker DeWitt is a former Pinkerton Agent who has a massive gambling debt that a mysterious organization offers to wipe away if Booker can rescue Elizabeth from Columbia.

Set in an alternate 1912, Columbia was built as an example of American exceptionalism for the rest of the world. Paved with cobblestone streets and dotted with turn of the century ice cream parlors, Columbia is meant to reflect an idealized America. While the unlucky citizens of Rapture

followed Ayn Rand's philosophy of objectivism, demanding individualism, free enterprise, atheism and government non-interference, people in Columbia promote nationalism, jingoism, eugenics, Nativism and strong religious morals to protect their Eden. Although the setting and tone of the game's narrative has changed, many of the familiar game mechanics are not just retained, but improved. The player can wield both a firearm and a Vigor ("Infinite's" version of "Bioshock's" plasmids) simultaneously. A major improvement over the last game is limiting the amount of uses of each Vigor or type. For example, a player can get seven or eight uses out of a weaker Vigor like Bunking Bronco, which stuns an enemy, before he/she has to locate a new supply. More powerful Vigors give fewer uses before running out. The introduction of the Skylines, Columbia's mode

of transportation, allow players to traverse the combat environment making Booker's battles with the citizens of Columbia more dynamic. PC owners of the game have the added advantage of being able to hotkey the additional weapons to their keyboard; the Xbox and PS3 versions allow only two hotkey options, this is the console versions' only noticeable flaw.

Since its release, "Infinite" has received great acclaim. Eurogamer, Game Informer and Playstation Magazine each gave the game a perfect 10/10. IGN.com game critic Ryan McCaffrey gave the game a 9.5 on PC and a 9.4 on the Xbox and PS3 respectively, saying, "Gameplay and story combine for a majorly memorable shooter." In short, go and buy "Bioshock Infinite" at your local retail store.



The Soap: Signs of A Stage 5 Clinger

By Ivy Heartson, Staff Writer

Everyone has experienced it at some point, you meet someone, you think they are awesome, and then one day a switch flips and they are suffocating you with unnecessary attention and drama. If you are thinking, "How did Ivy read my mind?" save your skepticism, I am not a psychic. You my friend have experienced the notorious stage 5 clinger.

The stage 5 clinger is not as rare of a breed as one would imagine. They stalk public areas wearing their cute smiles and dolled up outfits luring unsuspecting victims. The initial contact is always normal and sweet and you are enchanted to meet them. You ask them out to dinner or something and begin to hang out more. Then maybe a week after engaging in first contact, it happens: the first signs of the clinger.

Learn the signs of a stage 5 clinger, do not fall victim to their trap.

She/He might be a stage 5 clinger if:

- 1) They tag you in a picture they took of themselves in the bathroom. A picture of them, with no one else in it.
- 2) They demand to see a list of everyone you have texted all day/week long.
- 3) They drive by your house or work randomly to see if you are there.
- 4) They freak out when you do not text them from sun up to sun down.
- 5) They become jealous of your best friend that is like a brother or sister to you.
- 6) They memorize your

class schedule before you even know what major they are.

7) They leave super long voicemails on your phone just because or just to say "Hi".

8) They storm off on you in a public setting with a group of friends because you did not pay enough attention to them.

9) They give you a death stare when ever you talk to anyone of the opposite sex, even if it just to order dinner.

10) They demand your parents meet theirs within the first few weeks/months of seeing them.

11) They begin to plan your wedding right away, down to the flowers and guests.

12) They pick out the names of your unborn children and their word is final.

Do not fall victim to the clinger, learn the signs and protect your sanity. Run away at the first signs and you will have no regrets or have to take out any restraining orders.

Check out Ivy's blog with extras at <http://thesoapbyivy.blogspot.com/> If you would like to share some of your own experiences or ask her a question you can contact her through the blog. If you get lucky she might publish her response to you in the next issue of "The Charger Times."

Disclaimer: Not a professional counselor or advice giver. Do not go and breakup etc. based on this column. I'm just a person with an opinion to be shared, take it as you will. This is not meant to be offensive in anyway.



Game of Thrones returns

By, Staff Writer

After a year off the air, Game of Thrones finally returned Sunday with an eventful season 3 premiere that will leave current fans satisfied and new ones hungry for more of George R. R. Martin's world.

As a fan of A Song of Ice and Fire, Game of Thrones is the only series I look forward all year to watching. I will try to avoid spoilers while discussing the premiere which set a great tone for what could be the show's best season so far. Fans and I praised the first season's straight forward adaptation of the first novel, but as the world and cast expanded for Season 2 to include new locations and characters, the show became cluttered, jumping back and forth between the increasing number of story threads. This arrangement created a jumbled narrative. Thankfully, this season appears to have found a remedy to form a more coherent way to present the numerous story threads without exhausting viewers. The premiere, Valar Dohaeris, narrowly focuses on just a few characters in a handful of locations. Fan boys may be upset that we

did not get to see Arya Stark or Jaime Lannister on their journeys home, but it works better from a storytelling perspective.

Picking up after the Battle of Blackwater most of the action takes place King's Landing. Fan favorite Tyrion Lannister (Peter Dinklage) has lost all the power he consolidated as Hand of the King. Despite organizing the city's defense during the battle, Tyrion finds himself stripped of his office, and scarred and paranoid after the attempt on his life last season, almost certainly arranged by his sister Queen Cersei (Lena Headey). During the conversation between the two, it is pretty clear that their already hostile relationship is beyond repair. Even more storied is Tyrion's relationship with his father, Tywin (Charles Dance). In the episode's best scene, the kinder-gentler Tywin we saw last season in his moments with Arya does not materialize when speaking with his own children. His cruelty toward Tyrion lays the groundwork for inevitable conflict. Also in King's Landing, the perpetual hostage Sansa

Stark continues to grow from the naive girl we first met as she begins to navigate the politics at the King Joffrey's court while being offered a way out of the city by an old friend.

On Dragonstone, King Stannis (Stephen Dillane) has retreated further into isolation after failing to secure the Iron Throne of Westeros from the pretender Joffrey (Jack Gleeson). Since his defeat at Blackwater Bay, Stannis has fallen even more under the spell of the Red Priestess, Melisandre (Carice van Houten) that not even his closest friend is spared from her growing influence over Stannis. We also briefly catch up with Robb Stark and the impatience his bannermen express about Robb's questionable decisions.

Perhaps most exciting was the introduction of the show's most anticipated new character, Mance Raider (Ciaran Hinds) the self-styled 'King Beyond the Wall.' Attempting to gain acceptance as a Wildling in order to spy on the Wilding army, Jon Snow (Kit Harington) must persuade Mance his intentions are genu-

ine. As a fan of the books I try to keep the two separate since necessary changes must happen to accommodate the tv series' episodic format, but my complaint about this episode was the lack of gravitas in the scene when Jon and Mance first meet. Mance will play an important part in the current story arc and his introduction needed more punch.

Lastly, after a dull and drawn out journey last season, Daenerys' (Emilia Clarke) quest to take the Iron Throne is picking up steam early this year as she and her followers sail to the slaving city of Astapor to shop for a slave army to aid in achieving her goal. The reintroduction of a character not seen since Season 1 looks like it will breathe a bit of life into the Dany/Ser Jorah (Iain Glen) dynamic going forward.

Here is hoping the show can keep up the momentum for the rest of the season.

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SPORTS



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UAH softball continues to dominate Gulf South Conference competition

By Sara McMahan, Sports Reporter

The University of Alabama in Huntsville's softball team has won four out of five of their recent Gulf South Conference match-ups.

The Chargers have dominated in the GSC with fierce competition from No. 24 North Alabama, Union and No. 21 West Alabama. The only loss over the break came in a second game against UNA. The chargers dominated the first game in a 13-2 victory, while UNA bounced back with a 12-9 win over the Chargers.

The Chargers then traveled to face Union and captured two solid victories with a 5-2 and 2-0 rout of Union. The Chargers took control early in the second inning of

the first game and stayed in control throughout the game only allowing Union to score two runs in the bottom of the fifth. The Chargers continued the dominance into the second game as they scored first and the lead remained 1-0 until the seventh inning when UAH tacked on the second run for the final score of 2-0.

The Chargers wrapped up the break Saturday with a 5-0 victory over UWA. The Chargers put runs on the board in the second inning starting with a wild pitch striking Meagan Billingsley. UAH rallied to tally three runs before UWA managed to get a third out. The Chargers added another run in the fourth with

the help of a triple from Nicole Bobrowski, putting Abby Mackay across the plate to bring the score to 4-0. UWA held the Chargers until the sixth inning when Kathryn Whitlock hit a double to left field allowing Mary Kelley to cross the plate to produce the final score of 5-0.

The Chargers look to continue their GSC dominance by facing, unseen, Shorter on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Charger Park. The Chargers will continue conference play at home on Sunday in a second match-up against West Georgia at 1 p.m.

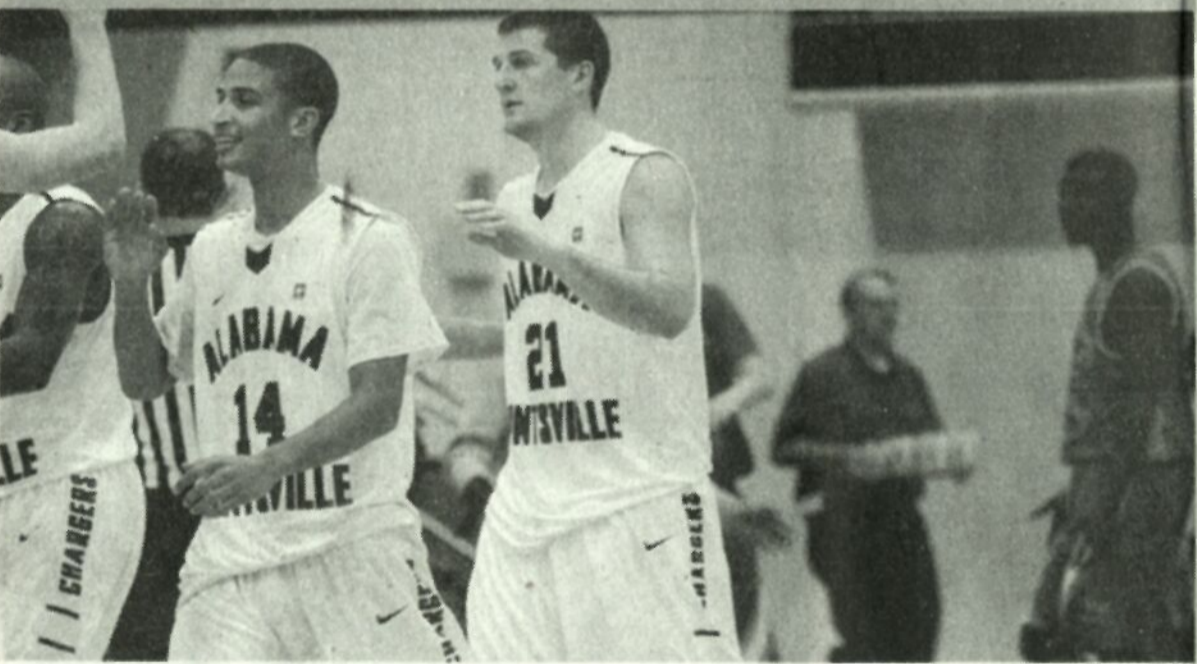


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Chargers season ends amidst controversy and heartbreak

By Andy Donovan, Sports Writer

The University of Alabama-Huntsville men's basketball team watched their season slip away as Florida Southern College sank two free throws with 2.3 seconds to break an 88-88 tie and end the Charger's season three games earlier than hoped.

With 2.3 seconds left in the game, overtime seemed imminent. FSC had the ball out of bounds nearly 60 feet from the Charger's basket. With so little time and the ball so far down the court, any attempt by FSC to break the 88-88 stalemate would have qualified as a desperation heave. The Mocs had trouble inbounding the ball and were forced to look in their own backcourt, moving even farther from the basket. As their point guard moved into

the backcourt and caught the inbound pass, the referee blew his whistle and called a holding foul on the Chargers. Since UAH was in the double bonus Florida Southern would be given two free throws, and ultimately, the 90-88 victory.

UAH's Sweet 16 loss is a bitter pill to swallow for players and fans alike. The loss marks the end of Zane Campbell, Jaime Smith, Brett Wester and Xavier Baldwin's fantastic four-year run as Chargers. It is also the first time the UAH men's basketball team did not advance to the Elite 8 since the 2009-2010 season. With so much experience returning, hopes were high regarding the possible post-season accomplishments of this year's squad.

The Charger's did

finish the 2012-2013 season with a stellar 25-6 record, marking the fourth straight year with 25 or more wins. The program also received a number of outstanding individual accolades that signify UAH's growing presence on the national level. Head Coach Lennie Acuff was named the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) South Region Coach of the Year, as well as the National Coach of the Year. The NABC also named seniors Jaime Smith and Zane Campbell to their All-American team, and freshmen Wayne Dedrick was named to the DII-Bulletin Freshmen All-American team.

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March Madness, Brackets are Busted

By Taylor Reed, Sports Reporter

Every year millions of fans around the country fill out their brackets for the NCAA tournament in hopes of winning some big bucks and usually few come home with some cash. This year, it seems like everyone is a loser.

Why can we not get it right? We try so hard every year to pick a winning bracket and pray of having at least more yellow highlights than red 'X's at the end of it all. We try so hard to do the research and think through key matchups and unexpected upsets. We try picking upsets such as a No. 12 seed beating a No. 5, when in reality No. 12 seeds win 40% of the time. We might predict a No. 9 seed squeezing a win over No. 8, but we never choose a No. 15 seed to stump a No. 2. Well this year, that

was the problem.

In the first round of the tournament this year, more brackets were busted than ever before. The first day of play the nation's oldest university, Harvard pulled a massive upset against No. 3 seeded New Mexico. The very next day the youngest college in the tournament, in only its second year of NCAA Div. 1 play, No. 15 seeded Florida Gulf Coast pulled out a win over No. 2 seed Georgetown. A No. 2 seed has only lost to No. 15 six times in history. Out of the 8.15 million brackets on ESPN.com, just over 1,300 remained after those back-to-back upsets.

The nation rallied behind the Eagles of Florida and gave them the nickname "Dunk City." The Cinderella team shocked everyone by winning their

next game and FGCU was in the Sweet 16 as the first ever 15 seed. Alongside the Eagles in the Sweet 16 was another Cinderella, No. 9 seed, Wichita State. With those two teams, every bracket entered online was wrong. If you did not pick most of the teams, do not feel bad, only four people guessed 15 of the 16 teams correctly.

FGCU would lose to Florida in the Sweet 16 but Wichita State upset No. 1 seed Gonzaga marking the first time since 1979 a No. 9 seed had advanced to the Final Four. As the Final Four is set to tip off, Louisville is the only No. 1 seed remaining along with a No. 9 and two No. 4 seeds. The NCAA bracket this year has the lowest ever percent correct.

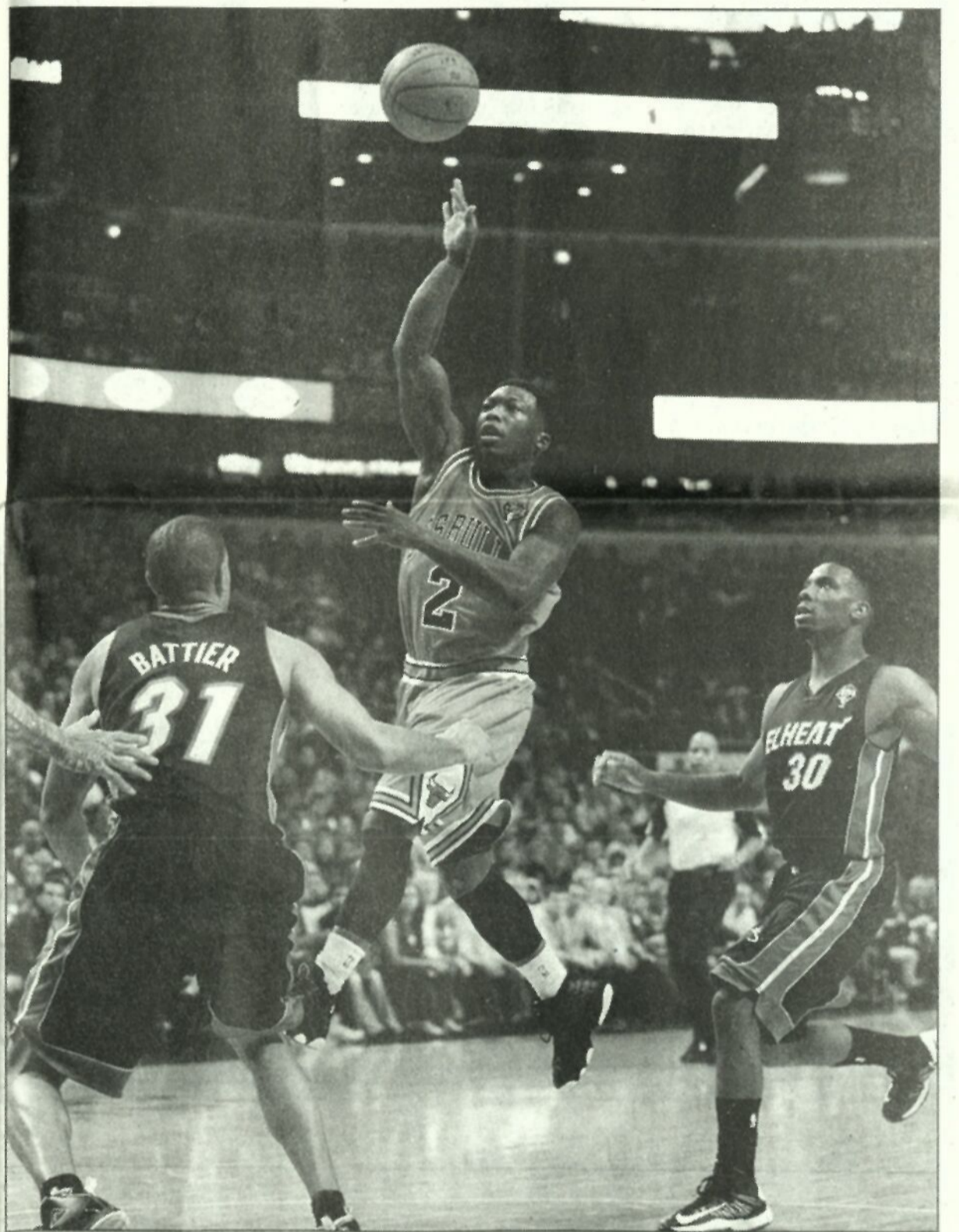


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The Heat Gets put out by the Raging Bulls

By Edgar Vega, Sports Reporter

The Bulls put an end to the Heat's winning streak that has been held onto since Feb. 1. This gives the Heat the second longest streak ever in the NBA. During the 27-game winning streak, reigning MVP, LeBron James averaged 27 points. More than likely with the streak, James solidified himself as the favorite for MVP yet again. The most alarming fact of the streak is that there are still 10 teams that have not reached the 27-win mark, putting them far from having a streak remotely near the Heat's.

The conference leaders continue to be the same, in the west the Spurs, and in the east the

Heat. The east seems to be a deep conference for once, and the west continues to be the dominant conference with the better record overall. The NBA only seems to have a couple title contenders. The favorites are the Heat, the Knicks in the east, the Spurs, and the Thunder in the west.

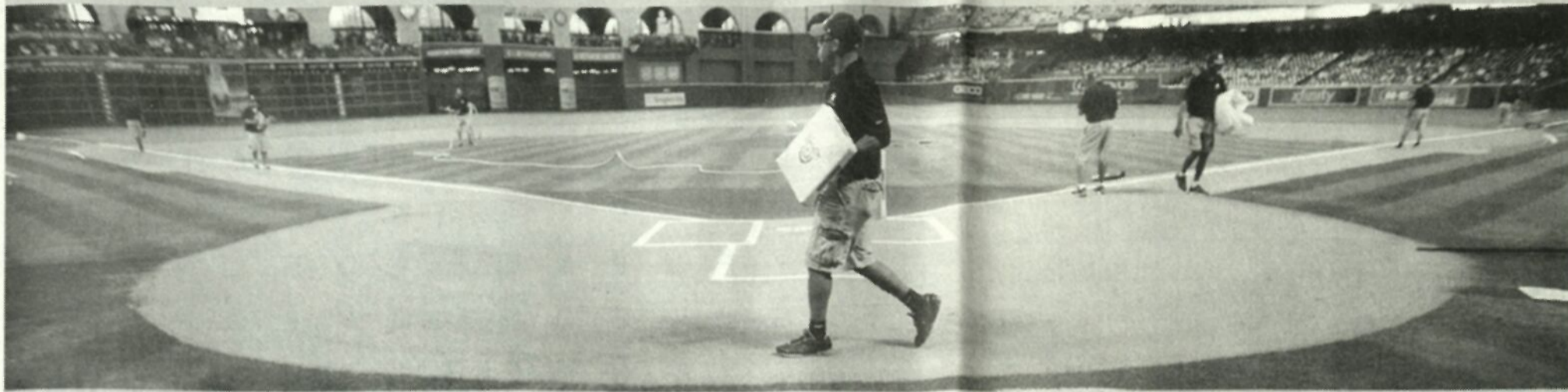
The current player making noise around the league has to be Dirk Nowitzki. Nowitzki has made a splash after being injured for most of the start of the season, and now has risen to be the star he once was. Some say it is his new look, the growth of the "Duck Dynasty" style beard. Dirk with his beard has led the Mavericks roaring back to

compete with the Lakers and the Jazz for the final playoff spot.

The player to watch this week is J.R. Smith. Smith has been the spark plug of the Knicks, and has often been the shining light of the team. He has been called a snub for not being on this year's all-star team. Smith is constantly performing by scoring insanely as often as possible with two of his last three games being over 30 points. Smith is helping the Knicks keep in form after the loss of the always-injured Amar'e Stoudemire.

MLB Predictions

By Jeff Carr, Sports Writer



Two words never struck so much hope in a fan's heart: Opening Day. It is the beginning of a season. On this day everyone is undefeated, and everyone is in contention. Of course, as with all sports, it does not take long after Baseball's Opening Day for the contenders to emerge from the pack. This off-season saw a few teams bulk up with multiple players, some teams getting that one player they needed, and some teams getting depleted like the Marlins. Some tend to think that the teams who bulked up are at the top of the favorites list, but it has been proven in recent years: just because the payroll soars does not mean the wins will.

All that having been said, let's look at how the division races will play out. Starting with the National League West. The winners of this division will be the San Francisco Giants with the LA Dodgers snagging a Wild Card spot. San Fran returns all of their key players from last year's World Series championship. Matt Cain is a CY Young candidate, Madison Bumgarner is not far behind, and Ryan Vogelsong is a solid starter who is good enough to be an ace on a lot of teams. Their X-factor

is Tim Lincecum. Last year was a very down year for Mr. Tim. Many pundits believe it is due to his herky-jerky pitching motion, however, if he can fix whatever issue ailed him in 2012 and return to the CY Young form he had two years ago then the Giants will have four top-tier starters making them tough to score against. Now turn your gaze to the NL Central where there have been three different division champions in the last four years. Two of those years the Cincinnati Reds won it. This year, they will win it again. The key to their winning is the addition of Shin-Soo Choo. His defense will be a project to keep an eye on as the Reds intend for him to move from right field to center field, but his hitting will improve the Reds leadoff spot dramatically. It was well documented that Cincinnati's hitters who attempted to hit leadoff combined for an on-base percentage of less than .300. Joey Votto, the 2010 NL MVP was constantly looking at bases empty and two out, rather than RBI chances. This year Mr. Joey has a man who will be on base almost forty percent of the time. The Reds lineup will be dynamic and explosive enough to bail out the pitching staff that may experi-

ence some health issues after an incredible bill of health in 2012.

The NL East will be an intriguing two-team race with the Atlanta Braves and the Washington Nationals fighting until the last day of the season for that division pennant. Out of those two, the division will go to Washington, with Atlanta getting one of the Wild Card spots. Washington impressed a lot of people last year as they constantly won, despite the experts constantly predicting a loss. A lot of the credit goes to their lineup behind NL Rookie of the Year Bryce Harper and a career year for first baseman Adam Laroche. This year, however, the Nationals unleash the Kraken as Stephen Strasburg will have no innings limit and is completely healthy. Last season, only throwing 150 innings, Strasburg was a CY Young finalist. This year he could be looking at 20 wins, 300 strikeouts and an ERA of less than 3.00. Barring a lot of injuries, this team could win 100 games. Switching gears to the American League here, the AL West could have three playoff teams. The division winner will be the Oakland Athletics with the Texas Rangers and

Los Angeles Angels taking the two AL Wild Card spots. Oakland gets the pennant here due to a consistent pitching staff that, between the starting rotation and the bullpen, they have multiple pitchers who could be the ace, and they have multiple relievers who could be the closer. Last season they won in the eleventh hour due to their pitching staff staying constant all year. The Rangers relied on hitting and lost, the A's have pitching on top of pitching, and they won. Tom Milone, Jarrod Parker, and a healthy Brett Anderson anchor a young, talented rotation that will outlast the other AL West rotations and bring home another pennant to Billy Beane. The AL Central could possibly be baseball's worst division, but it also has one of baseball's best teams in the Detroit Tigers. The Tigers will run away with this division as they are the only AL Central team that will finish over .500. Between Triple Crown and 2012 AL MVP Miguel Cabrera and 2011 AL MVP and CY Young winner Justin Verlander the Tigers have the best hitter and the best pitcher in baseball. The Tigers will be a World Series contender due to a deep rotation and one of the best 1,

2 punches in baseball in Cabrera and Prince Fielder. The Tigers could win 100 games in 2012. Finally we take a look at the AL East. This is a division in transition. The last decade has been either New York or Boston, most of the time the one that did not get the division got the Wild Card. This year, however, will be strange to those accustomed to seeing the Sox or the Pinstripes in October because neither of them will be. This division will come down to the health of Tampa Bay Rays' third baseman Evan Longoria. If he is 100 percent all year, the Rays win. If he is plagued with injuries then the Blue Jays, one of the biggest spending teams this offseason, will take the crown. This again comes down to good hitting vs. good pitching. The Rays have the pitching and the Jays have the hitting. Once again, the pitching will prevail, assuming the health of Longoria. There you have it, the predictions are in and the season has begun. I leave you with this solemn fact: as this article is written, the Houston Astros sit atop the AL West. However, no predictions will change from this.



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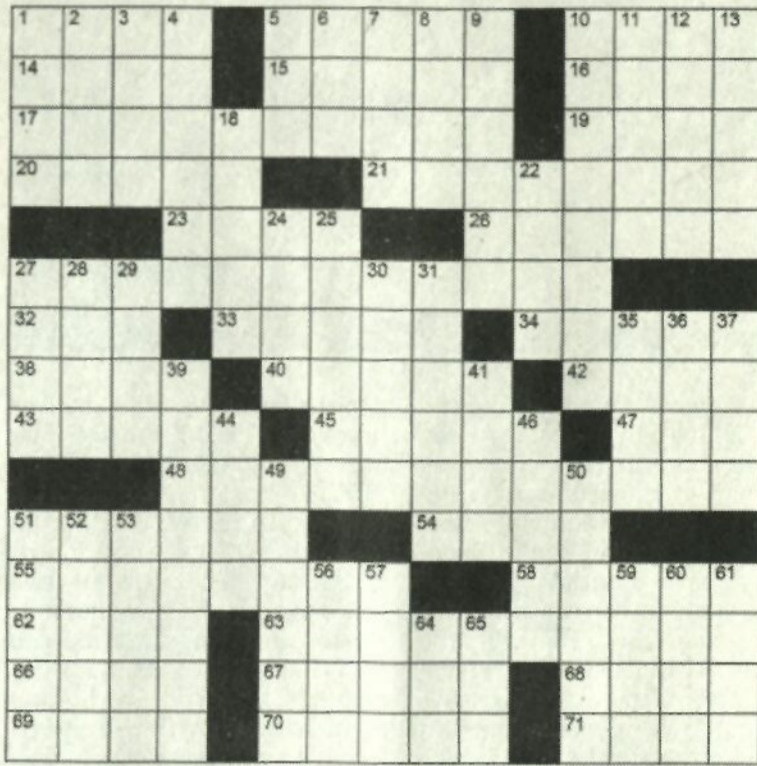
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Across

- 1. Milan's Teatro ___ Scala
- 5. Brazilian port
- 10. How a lot of modern music is sold
- 14. Cookout in Honolulu
- 15. Workout fad
- 16. Roseanne's last name, once
- 17. Figure skating gold medalist at the 1948 and 1952 Olympics
- 19. Cutthroat bridge group
- 20. Refuges
- 21. Won and own, for now
- 23. ___ homo
- 26. Leads to
- 27. Officially
- 32. Nero's 52
- 33. Caesar's sister
- 34. Irish poet-playwright
- 38. They line some old streets
- 40. Cobbler, at times
- 42. Mounties: Abbr.
- 43. 'Christina's World' painter Andrew
- 45. Lo-cal brews
- 47. Actress Charlotte ___
- 48. All kings, mostly, to Mark Twain
- 51. Look up to
- 54. Humorist Bill et al.
- 55. Quintet on a calendar
- 58. Semolina source
- 62. Out of the wind, at sea
- 63. Trump area
- 66. In ___ (not moved)
- 67. Adds bacon to
- 68. Play ___ (do some tennis)
- 69. Door hardware
- 70. Commandments word
- 71. Former Cub ___ Sandberg



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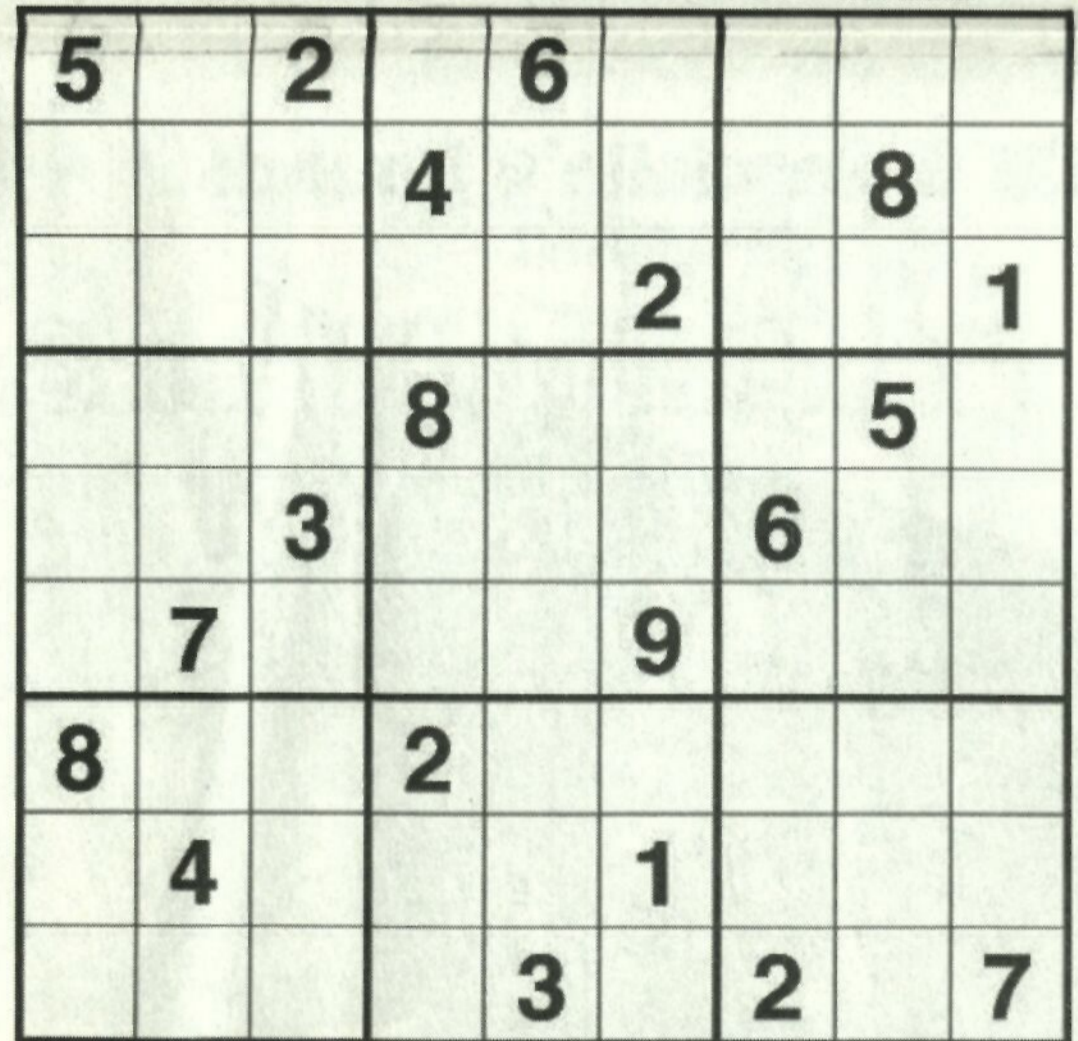
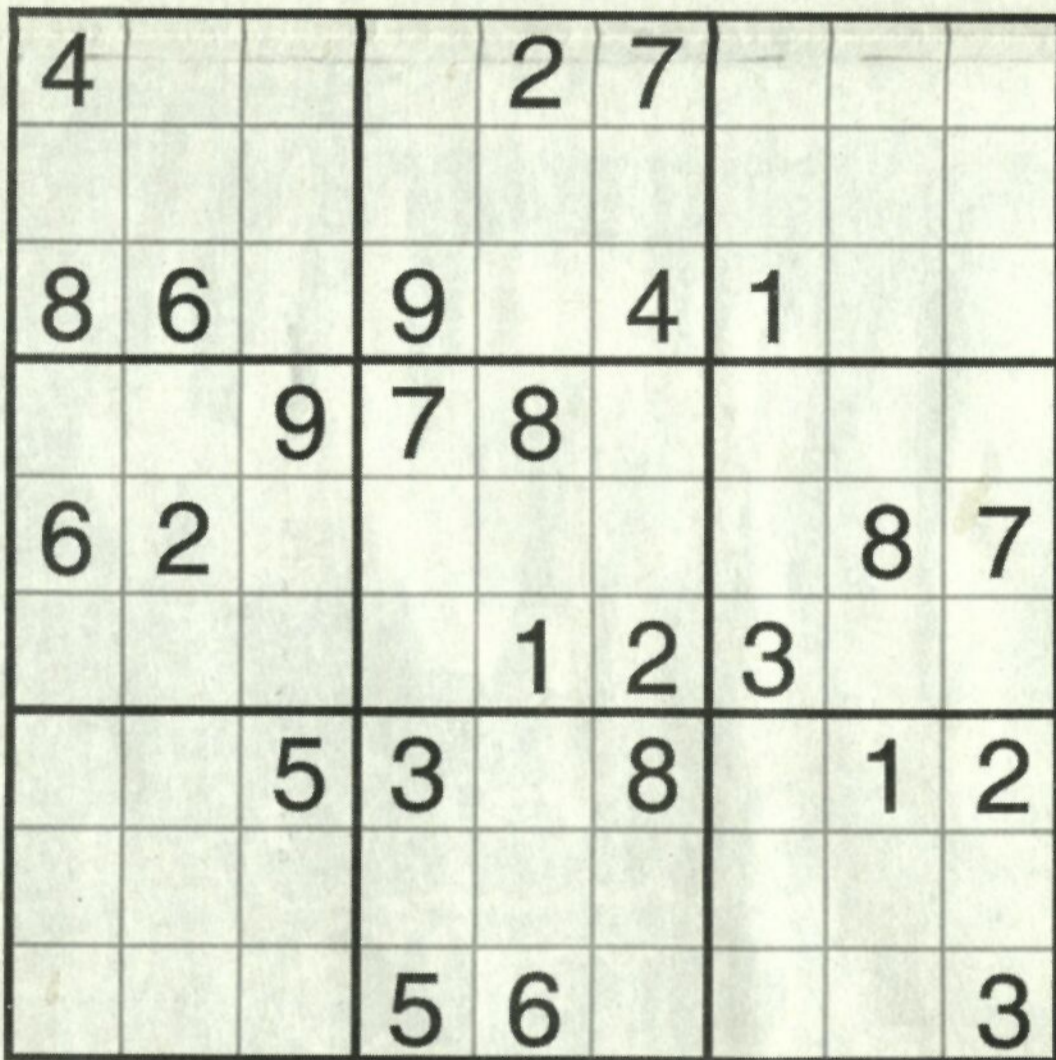
- 1. Actor in "Same Time, Next Year"
- 2. San ___ Obispo, Calif.
- 3. Like some delicate lingerie
- 4. A little bird
- 5. A/C capacity notation
- 6. Devour
- 7. "___ smile be your umbrella..."
- 8. Jet-black, in verse
- 9. Where the Grimaldis rule
- 10. Busybody
- 11. Grammy Award org.
- 12. It may be organized
- 13. Trivial stuff
- 18. Musical family
- 22. "The Far Side" cartoonist Larson
- 24. Corporate heads, for short
- 25. Actor Flynn and others
- 27. Went by air
- 28. Like a garage floor, say
- 29. Relative of hoarfrost
- 30. Wind-blown
- 31. Minos, notably
- 35. High: Prefix
- 36. One of the Feds
- 37. Roman goddess of hope
- 39. Begin, as a conversation
- 41. Depend (upon)
- 44. Brain-busting
- 46. Heaps
- 49. Gems from the deep
- 50. Beatty-Hoffman film
- 51. Swamped
- 52. Writer Ephron
- 53. Abuts
- 56. Uh-huh
- 57. FDR's mother
- 59. ___ as pie
- 60. "...o'clock scholar"
- 61. Chapeau's site
- 64. Bad cholesterol, for short
- 65. Tall story suffix

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| Consent | Infusing | Season | Topple |
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EVENT CALENDAR

by Rachel Palazzo

This Week

- Just Move It Jan. 28, 8 a.m. to April 7, 8 a.m. @ UAH campus
- "Make An Impact" Student Giving Campaign April 8, 11a.m. - Fri, April 12, 2p.m. @ University Wide
- Clothesline Project April 8, 11a.m. - Fri, April 12, 1p.m. @ University Center Lobby
- Humans vs. Zombies April 9, 8:30p.m. - Sat, April 13, 2:00p.m. @ MSB

Thursday, 4/4

- SPRING FLING: Airbrush Shirts, Hats & More 11a.m. - 3p.m. @ UC Entrance
- RUF 7p.m. - 8p.m. @ University Center Downstairs (old game room)

Friday, 4/5

- We Walk Together 1:00p.m. - 3:30p.m. @ Big Spring Park, Downtown Huntsville
- SPRING FLING: Concert on the Slab 7:00p.m. - 9:30p.m. @ UC Slab
- Red, White, and Snu 10p.m. - Sat, April 6, 2a.m. @ Sigma Nu House
- Sandella's Sounds 9-11 p.m. @ Sandella's in the UC

Saturday, 4/6

- Chargerettes Dance Skills & Techniques Workshop 9a.m. - 11a.m. @ SC 301
- SPRING FLING: PAINTBALL 11a.m. - 3p.m. @ UC Lawn
- SB vs Shorter (DH) 1p.m. - 4p.m. @ Charger Park
- Delta Zeta Rock for Silence: Battle of the Bands 2p.m. - 7p.m. @ 3rd level of the parking garage
- BB vs Union (DH) 3p.m. - 6p.m. @

Sunday, 4/7

- BB vs Union 1p.m. - 4p.m. @ Charger Park
- SB vs West Georgia (DH) 1p.m. - 4p.m. @ Charger Park

Monday, 4/8

- Salsa Club Lessons 7-9 p.m. @ UC Exhibit Hall A

Tuesday, 4/9

- Pre-Health Workshop: Personal Statement 4:00p.m. - 4:40p.m. @ SC 109
- Rick Barnes-Hazing: When Will It End? 7p.m. - 8p.m. @ University Center Exhibit Hall
- Stella's Voice 7p.m. - 8p.m. @ SC 107
- TASTY TUESDAY 2-4 p.m. @ UC Entrance

Wednesday, 4/10

- WTN vs. Montevallo 8a.m. @ Spragins Hall Tennis Courts
- Pre-Health Workshop: Interviewing Skills 4p.m. - 5p.m. @ SC 109

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