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2013 GSC Champions

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The UAHuntsville men’s and women’s cross country teams headed to Hoover this Saturday to compete in what was perhaps the most anticipated conference championship the Gulf South Conference has ever seen.

With little surprise to anyone, the teams from Huntsville led the pack as UAH men and women both took the GSC Championship. UAH had dominated up to this point in the season before the GSC Championship, this year showed the men and women combined for five team championships, seven individual championships as well as seven GSC Runner-up. The teams headed south with their eyes on nothing but a championship and as runner Vicky Winslow, who has finished first in event every year this season states "We know we can do it!"

On Saturday morning the Men lined up first, losing to Georgia Tech. As the ASK race wrapped up, the women crossed the finish line at a surge of blue crossing the ribbon first. Blaise Blinn finished first in what she always does. His senior year in high school, Casagrande was part of an exchange student program that took him to Patrician Academy in Butler, Ala. After graduating from the private school, Casagrande headed back to Switzerland and took up residence in Lucerne, Switzerland, at the tourist town of Lucerne.

Henrique Casagrande, a senior majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a concentration in Aerospace, has always had a fascination with aviation, and here at UAH he revives in learning about how his fascination works.

Casagrande, who speaks three languages, was born in Belo Horizante, Brazil, and moved to Lucerne, Switzerland, at the age of thirteen when his parents divorced. His senior year in high school, Casagrande was part of an exchange student program that took him to Patrician Academy in Butler, Ala. After graduating from the private school, Casagrande headed back to Switzerland and took up residence in Lucerne.

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The President painted himself into a rhetorical corner regarding the grandfathering of policies in 2008 and 2009 when campaigning for the presidency and for what he would eventually become known as his “affordable care” plan, you will be able to keep your health plan, no matter what. In 2012, he reiterated, “If you already have health insurance, you will be able to keep your plan, just as you wished, though Obama pressed these kinds of statements for three years, White House Press Secretary Jay Carney stressed during a press briefing that what the President said is still technically true. “No, the president was clear about a basic fact. If you had health insurance that you liked on the individual market, and you wanted to keep that insurance, you could,” said Carney. He also said that with additional subsidies from the ACA, some of the premium hikes could be curbed or even made cheaper.

However, Carney’s statement has not pacified critics, who see the Obama White House talking points about being able to keep your insurance as deceptive. “If the president knew that these letters were coming, and still indicated that you could keep your health care plan, if you liked it – now, well that raises serious questions about the sales pitch of Obamacare,” said House Majority leader Eric Cantor.

New Jersey Governor and 2016 presidential hopeful Chris Christie chimed in as well. “The real problem is that people weren’t told the truth. You can remember they were told that they would be able to keep their policies if they liked them, and now you hear hundreds of thousands of people across the country being told

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Student Spotlight: Henrique Casagrande

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As the Obama administration fights criticism over the Affordable Care Act this past month, an Oct. 29 NBC News report reveals that the administration knew that millions of Americans would not be allowed to keep their insurance plans.

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel celebrated this past weekend after her party, the Christian Democratic Union, increased their seats in the German parliament, essentially guaranteeing her another term as chancellor.

The early results suggest that Merkel's conservative party will claim about 41.5 percent of the electoral vote, an improvement of almost nine percent from last year's general election. The gains are attributed to a strong economic recovery, Merkel's strong leadership, and the lack of a clear challenger.

Merkel's Christian Democratic Union (CDU) is expected to win around 33 percent of the vote, allowing her to form a coalition government with other parties. The Social Democratic Party (SPD), with 20 percent, is likely to be a part of the coalition, while the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD) is expected to get around 11 percent.

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The Christian Democratic Union claims most of the gains, as in 2009. The CDU's sister party, the Christian Social Union (CSU), which governs Bavaria, gained 11 seats for a total of 44, as was also the case in 2009. The CDU/CSU, which has governed Bavaria since 1946, remains the state's dominant force.

Supporters of Merkel cheered outside the election headquarters, while members of the opposition, particularly the Social Democrats, criticized the results.

However, the CDU/CSU's gains were not enough to win the majority required for a stable government. The Green Party, which is expected to win around 15 percent of the vote, is likely to play a significant role in the coalition negotiations. The Left Party, which has been seeking a way out of the current government, is also expected to play a role in the coalition discussions.

The election is a significant victory for Merkel, who has been in power since 2005. Her party's gains are a testament to her strong leadership and her ability to steer Germany through the economic crisis.

The election results will have a significant impact on Germany's foreign policy, particularly in Europe. Merkel's government has been a key player in the European Union, and her re-election is expected to strengthen Germany's influence in the EU.

The next few days will be intense as Germany's political parties negotiate to form a coalition government. Merkel's success in this process will determine her ability to implement her policies and shape Germany's future.

Affirmative action re-evaluated by United States Supreme Court

By Nicholas Neely
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The Supreme Court heard arguments in a case involving the University of Michigan's policy that allows preferential treatment in admissions for members of underrepresented racial or ethnic groups. The court is expected to rule on the constitutionality of the policy, which is a key issue in the debate over affirmative action.

The University of Michigan, which has a long history of affirmative action, uses a point system to evaluate applicants. The system gives extra points to members of underrepresented minority groups, such as African Americans and Native Americans, to help them reach a minimum of 125 points, which is needed to gain admission.

The case, Davis Vail, involves a white student who was denied admission to the University of Michigan's law school, even though he scored higher than the lowest-scoring African American accepted. The student filed a lawsuit, arguing that the policy violated his civil rights.

The court heard arguments from plaintiffs and defendants, including the University of Michigan, the NAACP, and the ACLU, on whether the policy is constitutional. The plaintiffs argue that the policy is necessary to achieve diversity on the university's campus and that it is narrowly tailored to meet that goal.

The defendants argue that the policy is too broad and too narrowly tailored. They say that it is based on a number of factors, including race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status, and that it is not narrowly tailored to achieve its goal.

The court is expected to rule on the constitutionality of the policy in the coming months. The outcome of the case will have significant implications for the debate over affirmative action in higher education.
A strong team led by two great goaltenders

By Nicholas Nadolny
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The University of Alabama in Huntsville hockey team has had a strong season due to the talent and experience of the goaltenders. Carmine Guerriero and Matt Loree have played well throughout the season, leading the Chargers to 12 wins and 5 losses. Guerriero has a .921 save percentage and Loree has a .926 save percentage.

The Chargers have had a strong defense, allowing only 116 goals in 22 games. Loree has allowed only 35 goals in 13 games, while Guerriero has allowed 81 goals in 9 games. Both goaltenders have been consistent throughout the season, and their play has been a key factor in the Chargers' success.

The Chargers have also had a strong attack, scoring 172 goals in 22 games. They have scored 12 goals in their last 3 games, including a 5-2 win over Union on Saturday. The Chargers have scored the first goal in 11 of their last 12 games and have scored at least once in every game.

The Chargers will continue their strong play in the coming weeks, as they look for a strong finish to the season. The Chargers will play Eastern Michigan this weekend in a crucial matchup for their playoff chances. If the Chargers can continue their strong play, they will have a good chance to make the playoffs and have a strong showing in the Central Canada Hockey League.
**“Ender’s Game”:** Solid but uninspired

By Paul Sorells

As Hollywood continues to mine the cinematic treatment of the works of science fiction author Orson Scott Card’s novel “Ender’s Game” would receive the cinematic treatment. Even though the novel doesn’t quite have the same Cold War era relevance it did upon its publishing in 1985, it still has a devoted fan base and the adaptation has been in the making for the past several years. Recent news of anticipated blockbusters in certain circles, despite understandable trimming, “Ender’s Game” is actually a surprisingly faithful and competent adaptation of the novel. The movie program created to find the most gifted children in the world for admittance into the young military academy from them at an early age into the perfect military commanders. Ender Wiggin is identified by one Colonel Graff as the most promising choice for the future leader of Earth’s forces and is invited to join Battle School, where he will participate in training. An army of many gifted children to prepare for a possible Formic War.

Arguably the hardest part of any film starring children is casting, as very few child actors are able to give convincing and dynamic performances. In the year 2006, an alien race known as “The Formics” attack Earth, killing millions and leaving the planet in chaos. This devastation is finally being repelled. Determined to never be taken by surprise again, an International Fleet is formed to create a program to find the most gifted children in the world. It was no surprise, to see them from an early age into the perfect military commanders. Ender Wiggin is identified by one Colonel Graff as the most promising choice for the future leader of Earth’s forces and is invited to join Battle School, where he will participate in training. An army of many gifted children to prepare for a possible Formic War.

“As a Tunisian, I grew up with a love for Mediterranean cuisine: deep spices, tomato and yogurt sauce, varieties of pastas, colorful vegetables and sweet fruits. I was recently craving the flavors of home. A friend of mine mentioned a small little Greek restaurant downtown called Papou’s. I am picky about my food being authentic and well-prepared, so when my friend assured me that Papou’s was “the authentic as it gets,” I decided to see for myself. Unfortunately, it was not quite as authentic as promised.”

“...It was relatively easy to find with its Papou’s Greek Cuisine sign stretched across its large window. It was a beautiful sunny morning, yet the restaurant was dark and dimly lit. There were no windows in the restaurant except for the entrance, but even that was blocked off by a wall. I felt like I was in a cave at night. We were greeted by a nice young man who decided to place us at a small table near the front of the restaurant. When I say small table, I mean really small. This table looked like it couldn’t accommodate a party of one. The bar was very odd. It was entirely out of mirrors and glass, not at all what one would think of as Greek-Mediterranean; however, the walls were a vibrant dark blue, with small pictures of Greece and other Greek decor. It wasn’t all bad; there was an area surrounded by pots of flowers, giving an al fresco (outdoor dining) effect. The Charger Gourmand: Papou’s Greek Cuisine

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Saturday Night and Sunday Morning (1960) By Megan Roman Staff Writer

one of my favorite foods is Korean food. Some people might find this bizarre, but I consider myself a foodie and I look for opportunities to try different cuisines. I'm a big fan of Korean food, and I really enjoy the variety of flavors that Korean dishes offer. Sometimes I find myself craving a plate of Korean food, and I'll go out to try a new restaurant or try a recipe I found online. I love the way Korean cuisine is presented, with a variety of small dishes called banchan. Each dish is usually a small portion, and they are meant to be shared among the diners. The food is often cooked with a variety of spices and seasonings, giving it a unique flavor profile. I really enjoy the way the food is cooked and presented, and I think it's a great way to experience different cultures through their cuisine.
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