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Let's Pretend at Nursing College

By Joanne Eskreis

UAH College of Nursing hosted the 19th Annual Let's Pretend Hospital April 1 - 8, 2004. Huntsville Hospital, Hemsi and the Angels for Women and Children created a tour of an ambulance. Hemsi drivers turn on the sirens and sirens and all the kids get excited. The children watch a video on The Rescue with Rufus and Andy in the Video room after they tour the ambulance. COE nursing juniors and seniors are placed in each of the rooms to perform skills as doctors, nurses, and lab technicians which provides the students with an education and better understanding of what the hospital is like.

This program was designed to alleviate any anxiety or fear a child may experience if they have to visit the hospital. At the same time it provides the hands-on learning experience to the nursing students to prepare them for their future. It teaches the nursing students how to follow the children's needs as well as how to teach the children about nursing and health care. Some nursing students even attended Let's Pretend Hospital when they were young and now they are providing the same learning experience to some other children. Linda Cope, Director of Volunteer Services has been the main coordinator for those years. Cope said, "Our goal is to lessen children’s fear about a hospital experience. Children seem to have a better understanding of what a doctor and nurse do and what to expect. They are prepared so they will not be afraid.”

Let's Pretend Hospital top university. I have obtained excellent education as an undergraduate from UIC and by coming to UAH I am getting a different education with the faculty here and the variety of areas that are being taught. My background will show a diverse education because of having different teaching methods from the best professors from both schools.

By forming alliances

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Greek Housing Getting Underway

By Sarah Perrin

UAH Connection to Indian Schools

By Joanne Eskreis

Dr. Jatinder “Jeet” Gupta, Chair of the UAH Accounting and Information Systems Department and Eminent Scholar of Management participated in several international conferences in India where he was a keynote speaker at two meetings. He also visited many academic institutions including three Indian Institutes of Technolo- By forming alliances
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Breek Speak
By Jeremy Cheek
Welcome to this week's edition of Greek Speak. I would like to congratulate everyone who participated in Greek Week. The week was a big success and hopefully will continue to become bigger and better each year. Also, a big thank you to Amanda Caldwell for doing such a great job all week and especially with the Greek Banquet.

The brothers of Alpha Tau Omega held their Viking party at Sammy T’s Thursday night April 8. The guys also participated in a Botanical Gardens community service event on Saturday April 10.

The Sigma Nu Summer of Love Party is Friday April 16 at the house. This will be a great chance to relax, have fun, and not worry about everything that has to be done before the end of the semester for just one night. See a brother for more details, and be sure to come out and have a good time. Sigma Nu would also like to congratulate Daniel “Frog” Hinton and Jeremy Cheek (yeah that’s me) on becoming Lancers.

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UAH Women's Club celebrated their 40th anniversary with a luncheon Thursday, April 8, 2004 at the University Center. They honored past presidents and gave tribute to the efforts of the women present as well as those who have passed on. Their guest speaker was Dr. Frank Franz, President of UAH. This luncheon was also the installation of new officers for the upcoming academic year.

UAH Women's Club originated in April 1964 and has continued to develop into a strong organization of women involved with UAH. The society is made up of women in relationship to UAH. Faculty, staff, wives and significant others of faculty and staff, alumnae, students, and women that work with enterprises associated with UAH make up the UWC.

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Family and friends of the inductees were present to encourage and support the students. Refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed getting to know the families and friends behind the driven students.

Lambda Pi Eta began in the fall of 2003 and has approximately twenty active members. The society is seeking new members to join for the upcoming year and new officers will be elected. There are set requirements to be an officer or to be inducted but the society continues to grow.

This plaque makes it official: Jennifer Bonilla rules!
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**Sixth Marketing Club 5K Run for Scholarship**

**By Sarah Perrin**

Last Saturday, 38 people ranging in age from 4-50 braved the cold and drifted around the Decatur River City 5K for Scholarship race. Marketing club sponsor Dr. Brent Wren weighs in, “This is what I would like to call a walk-a-thon. You’re typical hardcore runners won’t be there.”

The goal of the event is to raise enough money to give a budding business student an opportunity for scholarship and also “to give people a chance to be in­volved on campus as well as in an organization” says Wren. The cost to participate was $10 prior to April 3, and $15 at the gate. Competitors received bottled water, a race day t-shirt, plus a t-shirt from last year race.

The race began in the University Fitness Center extension, up the Decatur River, over “the loop” past Greek Hous­ing, the Material Science Building, Madison Hall, the McElroy Admin­istrative Science building, and then back in the other direction. While there were runners and walkers in every age group, some participants walked the route with friends and pets.

To participate was too much for people with athletic commitments and many, many people, hardly anyone went home empty handed.

Mike Greene was the overall winner with a time of 1:05:07. He said, “I’ve been running for the past couple of months.”

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**College Students Need Some Recognition As Well**

**By Sarah Perrin**

It is no doubt that the av­erage college student has a lot on their plate. After high school it seems that life doubles in complexity. You may find yourself balancing a heavy course load, athletic­a, a part-time job, and either being “on your own” for the first time, or if you live at home-a lot of family responsibility. On top of that there is being active on campus, doing volunteer work, mak­ing time to exercise, applying to graduate and professional schools, choosing the perfect career, and of course when that is all done staying awake long enough to have some fun! It is no wonder that people in their teens and early twenties are so stressed out.

Our government realizes the challenges on the road to full adulthood and has several programs that reward young people for all of the hard work they do along the way. You can work on all of these programs at the same time, so corresponding ac­tivities can be double counted. There are lots of great reasons to get in­volved, but most importantly you have the chance to work towards, and you get recognition for things you are probably already doing. (Your parents will be so proud.)

The Congressional Youth Award is the absolute high­est government award that young people can receive. It is for youth ages 13-24 and has six stages of recognition with four categories of activi­ties. It is a non-competitive achievement award and is not based on academics unless…

There were also drawings for numerous door prizes pro­vided by the Office of Student Life, the College Dr­tory Bookstore, the University Fin­ance Center, and the market­ing club. Gifts included a UAH apparel, lawn signs, yard, backpacks, pens, mugs, and a free month with a personal trainer. With only three participant spots and many prizes, hardly anyone went home empty handed.

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Science Tech

Mission to Test Theory of Relativity Ready to Launch

By David Hewitt

After many years of planning, design, testing and delays, NASA's Gravity Probe B mission is slated to launch from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California on Monday, April 19, 2004 at 12:01 pm Central time. This revolutionary mission, with Stanford University as prime contractor, has been designed to test two cornerstone effects of Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity. The mission is managed by NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center and it has had a long and rocky road to travel before it ever was to be mounted on its Delta II booster on the launch pad.

The Gravity Probe B (GP-B) mission, once it reaches its 460 million mile polar orbit, will be used to measure how space and time are warped by the presence of the Earth. The GP-B mission is the culmination of one of the greatest technical challenges ever undertaken in the history of space exploration and has been decades in the making. In 1959, physicists at Stanford University first proposed launching a satellite to test relativity. In 1964, NASA and the Department of Defense started funding the development of key technologies to make this mission possible. In 1976, the Gravity Probe A was launched on a nearly 2-hour flight from Wallops Island, VA and used a MASER atomic clock to demonstrate that time changed as it rose to weaker levels of gravity. The GP-A returned valuable data as it rose to 6200 miles above the Earth and then plummeted into the Atlantic Ocean. This set the stage for the more ambitious GP-B mission, which was first defined in 1982, with the basic design of the instrument from that study the same 22 years later.

The GP-B instrument assembly, which was developed by Stanford University, consists of a block of fused quartz containing four ultra precise gyroscopes and a lead proof mass all bonded to a fused quartz telescope. This telescope will be trained on the steady guide star IM Pegasi for the duration of the mission and will be the calibration standard for the gyroscopes. The instrument package is housed in a giant thermos bottle, called a dewar, containing 6.3 gallons of superfluid, super cold liquid helium that will keep the package cooled to 2 degrees above absolute zero (minus 455 degrees Fahrenheit) for the duration of the mission. The gyroscopes are the size of Ping-Pong balls and made from fused quartz. A coating of alibiwm allows the gyroscopes to become superconductors at the dewar temperature and enables them to be levitated and spun at 10,000 rpm. This super cooled instrument assembly sits inside a vacuum bottle at a pressure that is 10 times lower than the pressure outside the spacecraft in the near vacuum of Earth orbit. This allows for the gyroscopes to be maintained in an environment that will not disturb their operation and will be so perfect that they will be able to measure the Earth's effect on them. Super sensitive magnetometers will be able to measure the gyroscopes spin and orientation and any changes they might feel.

All this expensive instrumentation is in place to test out fundamental aspects of relativity. The two effects predicted by Einstein that will be measured are called Frame Dragging and Geodetic Effect. Frame Dragging is the dragging of space and time by a massive rotating body, such as the Earth. A gyroscope orbiting the Earth tends to tilt away from the plane of its orbit due to the frame dragging effect. The magnetometers will be able to detect this tilt to a precision of one percent. Since the Earth is a relatively small body compared to the rest of the universe, this frame dragging effect is very small, thus the need for such precision. The Geodetic Effect states that space and time will be distorted in the vicinity of a massive body. This distortion will lead to the tilting of the gyroscope's spin axis within the plane of its orbit, and the geodetic effect is predicted to be 150 times larger than the frame dragging effect. The GP-B will be able to measure this effect to one part in ten thousand.

"Gravity Probe B is one of the few space missions NASA has conducted with relevance to fundamental physics," stated a National Research Council review of the mission in 1995. "If successful, it would assuredly join the ranks of the classical experiments of physics... By the same token, a confirmed result in disagreement with General Relativity would be revolutionary." Taking this into consideration, much is riding with GP-B as it flies into space on its Delta II booster. The pressure to succeed is extraordinary and this has led to many delays of the mission in order to correct potential problems that may creep up during the sixteen month mission. Most scientists have had no problem with the delays for they want the mission to succeed. At a cost of over $700 million to the taxpayers, everyone involved has been extra cautious to ensure that this mission will go down in the history books as something great.

Spring College of Science Picnic Sets Record Straight

By Sarah Perrin

If you have ever stayed up late at night wondering which group of super star students in your department is sporting the most brown behind the brains, you can now stop. It has been decided once and for all at least until next school year.

Last Friday afternoon between 11:00 and 2:00 the College of Science held their spring picnic and departmental tug of war tournament. Students and faculty met at the inner courtyard of the material science building for lunch, music, food, and fun. As guests arrived they were directed to a small tent to register for the tug of war matches. For those who are part of more than one science department, it was time to choose one and all. After the registration it was off to the food line where there were plenty of burgers (both regular and veggie variety), chips, and cold drinks for lunch. Many students and teachers were scattered across the lawn listening and watching while others kept the fiery Weber grill going.

The main reason for the picnic was simply to give students and faculty a chance to kick back and catch up on all the many events that have taken place since their annual back-to-school kickoff picnic last August. Also it was an opportunity to celebrate another great year of hard work at UAH and bid seniors a fond farewell. Members of the Science Ambassadors, a type of homecoming organization, were there to "...meet people" and also because he "works in the math department and loves tug of war." As the tug of war competition began, biologist were pitted against chemists and then physicists against biologists and on until the ultimate departmental champions were declared. In the end it was the biology department who took home the gold. The physics students and professors put up a good fight, but it was the chemistry depart-
Chargers Hold on to First in GSC East

By Antoine Bell
UAH Sports Information

The Charger softball team had a short week. A trip to Florence resulted in a pair of wins over rival North Alabama. The Chargers (34-5, 15-0) have now won 22 consecutive Gulf South Conference games dating back to last season.

UAH 4, UNA 1; UAH 5, UNA 0 (April 6, 2004)

UAH shortstop Kellie Corder only had two hits in the doubleheader against North Alabama on Tuesday, but they were huge. With two swings of the bat, Corder launched a pair of four run innings and helped the Chargers sweep the rival Lions 4-1 and 5-0.

In the opener, Corder's 2-run double gave UAH a 3-0 lead. Corder scored on Andy Guffey's single to cap off the inning. Then, in the nightcap, Corder smashed a 3-run homer in the seventh inning to put the game out of reach for the Chargers. It was her second homerun of the season.

Freshman pitcher Jessica McKleroy (3-0) tossed a two-hitter in her best outing of the season to win the nightcap. She worked 6 1/3 innings before turning the ball over to Jenny Hess to close out the Chargers' tenth straight win.

Ashley Potter had two hits, including a double and she scored a run. Sara Winn also had a pair of hits and a run.

Southpaw Lindsey Skinner allowed four hits in the opener to improve to 18-4. She struck out six and the one UNA run was unearned. Hess was 2-fer-2 at the plate, with an RBI for the Chargers.

As a team, UAH had eight hits, including a triple and a pair of doubles.

Hambly breaks triples record

Senior outfielder Rachel Hamby moved into first place on the UAH career triples list with her third triple of the season against UNA. Hamby has 11 career triples, putting her ahead of former Chargers Stephanie Berry and Tracy Porter who both finished their careers with 10 triples each.

Chargers move up in NFCA poll

The Charger softball team, currently riding a 10 game winning streak, has moved into the top 10 of the NCAA/NFCA poll at No. 9. The Chargers began the season at No. 21, but after winning 23 of the last 25 games, coach Les Stuedeman's crew has crept up ten spots. UAH is also ranked No. 2 in the South Region poll behind third ranked Florida Southern.

Chargers clinch spot in GSC tournament

Stage one of the Chargers' 2004 quest is complete. UAH has clinched a spot in the Gulf South Conference tournament. The Chargers are the first to do so in either division.

Sports Information Needs Assistant

By Antoine Bell
UAH Sports Information

Alabama-Huntsville sports information is currently looking for a qualified candidate to work as a student assistant in the Sports Information office. The position reports to the Assistant Athletics Director for Media Relations and will start around August 15, 2004 and will continue to June 1, 2005.

This is a one-year appointment with the option to renew annually. Responsibilities include assisting with game-day responsibilities as well as light clerical work. Assist in the maintenance of the athletic department's web site. Applicants must be willing to work evenings and weekends, and be able to travel with teams on occasion. Strong communications skills are required. Basic knowledge of rules for volleyball, basketball, hockey, soccer, baseball and softball is preferred.

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Opinion by Ronak Patel
Sports Editor

For once, the Auburn athletic administration got it right. Albeit it does not save them entirely from "jet-gate" back in the wee hours of a November 2003 night (all Auburn football fans know what I speak of), they saved some face by hiring the 37-year-old Jeff Lebo as their new head basketball coach back on April 8.

This came about after a March 18 decision which was years (in my book) in the making. That was the day I once again became an Auburn basketball fan. You see, that was the day they relieved Cliff Ellis of his duties as men's basketball coach.

Ellis was the standard of "mundane" performance. Sure, his supporters will point to his 1998-99 season overall, in the SEC. Under Ellis, the Tigers made only three NCAA tournament appearances in ten years. Mark Gottfried at Alabama has now made three straight NCAA tournament appearances during his tenure at the Crimson Tide coach. Thus, you see where I am going with this.

Auburn had to make a change. And the coach they got could prove to be a special hire. First, Lebo has the playing background to get the job done. He played at North Carolina under the legendary Dean Smith from 1985-1989. Lebo was an All-ACC point guard during his days on Tobacco road. And to boot, Lebo was named 1989's Patterson Award recipient. This honor was bestowed on the top student-athlete at PATEL on page 16.

Chargers Sweep Montevallo Falcons

By Heather Evans
Sports Writer

The opening game of the Charger series against the Montevallo Falcons catalyzed the UAH baseball team into a weekend filled with more than 40 hits, almost 20 runs, and over 25 strikeouts of their opposition.

The Chargers became the first team in the GSC East Division to dominate Montevallo this season and come out with a clean sweep. The Charger weekend wins place the baseball team's overall record at 28-9 with a .500 conference record, 8-8 in the Gulf South Conference. The Chargers continued their strong showing against Montevallo this past Saturday afternoon.

Senior Bert Watkins, Junior David Pressley and Ryan Cox, and Sophomore Brett Dunlap also experienced successful trips to the plate. Senior catcher Jeremy Tyde Meadows, who struck out nine of the 33 batters he faced. Meadows were relieved then by Junior Sean Kroeneke.

Meadows picked up his seventh win of the year. Junior Ryan Cox and David Pressley both contributed homeruns in the Charger effort, while center fielder Cox went on to a 2-for-5, 2 RBI performance on the day and left fielder Pressley went 1-for-3. Catcher Jeremy McIntyre and sophomore Brett Dunlap also backed up the offense with 2-for-4 performances from the plate.

The Chargers twenty hit offensive effort was led by sophomore shortstop Wes Long, whose 4-for-4 performance included a home run, four RBIs and a run scored. Senior Bert Watkins, Junior David Pressley and Ryan Cox, and Sophomore Brett Dunlap also experienced successful trips to the plate.

The UAH Baseball Team will also travel down to Pensacola, FL this weekend for a three game series against GSC rival, West Florida.

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Spring's Optimism

By Jennifer Bonilla
Sports Columnist

Spring brings an abundance of college football news in the way of recruiting and practice for the upcoming season. Have you ever thought about what all this means in the grand scheme of things? How much effect does knowing each and every recruit who signs to your favorite team? Since when does a team's performance in the spring account for its performance in the fall?

Only the die-hard fans keep up with each and every high school athlete that signs with each college. Just exactly what do they glean from this type of information so early on in a young athlete's career? Have you ever considered that whatever's up must come down?

In other words, a five-star recruit has nowhere to go but down as he struggles to make his place in the college world.

On the other side of the coin, you've got someone like Karlos Dansby who was ranked a measly two-star by rivals.com as he entered his freshman year and he is now a potential first round pick for next week's NFL draft.

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Entertainment

The Prince & Me Is a Cute Charmer

By Alyce Hothem

Movie Reviewer

The Prince & Me is a sweet fairy tale romance that travels from a college in America's heartland to a grand castle in Denmark. Julia Stiles stars as Paige Morgan, a hard-working pre-med student from a family dairy farm in rural Wisconsin. Newcomer Lake Mably plays Prince Edward of Denmark, a playboy royal who comes to the University of Wisconsin inognito in order to meet American girls. His faithful manservant Soren, played by the hilarious Ben Miller, comes along and shares a dorm room with Eddie and another guy.

Strange, but funny, Eddie meets Paige and sparks fly. The romance, of course, is anything but ordinary, especially once she finds out he is heir to the Danish throne. Paige must decide if she is cut out to be Queen and if her love for Eddie outweighs her lifelong goal of working for Doctors without Borders. The plot is nothing new at all, but the film is still charming.

The story of a famous man falling for a "commoner" is an all too common thread in films aimed at the teenage audience. Only two and a half months ago, Win a Date with Tad Hamilton played upon the same theme. While neither film is overly original, I feel like The Prince & Me is put together better than Tad Hamilton. The acting is far better in this film, and it is easier to identify with Stiles than Kate Bosworth as the wholesome, down-to-earth normal person.

Julia Stiles is a talented young actress who needs to break out of the teen movie mold in order to really shine. Nevertheless, she is quite convincing as a Wisconsin farm girl who is willing to follow her heart and her true dreams. Lake Mably is also quite charismatic on the big screen; I think we will be seeing much more of him in the coming years.

As one watches this film, a question comes to mind: why does the royal family of Denmark have English accents? With Miranda Richardson as the Queen and Edward Fox as King, Denmark seems to be ruled by the Brits.

In a recent interview, Julia Stiles said that the Powers That Be of the film decided that the British accent is more accessible to American audiences. The English accents only help to draw even further parallels to the royals of Britain.

There are a few fun tidbits that should amuse addicts of pop culture like me. Paige enrolls in a Shakespeare class and makes a crack about it being utterly useless in today's society. The guy is funny and ironic as Stiles has starred in two adaptations of Shakespeare plays O, based on Othello, and 10 Things I Hate about You, based on The Taming of the Shrew.

Paige's mother is played by Alberta Watson, known to fans as Madeline on the cult television show La Femme Nikita. It is fun to see Watson as a Wrangler-wearing, sweet, simple mother of three; it is such a sharp contrast from the cold-hearted, mechanical character she is best known for.

On the whole, this film is nothing more than a romantic fantasy. As farfetched as the plot is, it is still a fun film that managed to win over even this cynical gal. Go see, The Prince & Me for a sweet, charming romantic tale and escape for two hours. (PG, 111 minutes) B

Chocolate Bids Readers to Explore

By Shonnely Langham

Literary Critic

A really good book takes the reader out of their own heads for a while. No matter how unlikely the plot seems you never have time to question how implausible the action.

There are few stories that have the ability to totally transport the reader and when a reader finds a story like this one can not wait to tell everyone else about it. Such was the case with a novel entitled Like Water for Chocolate.

Set in a turn-of-the-century Mexican town, its characters are lusty and vibrantly written. Laura Esquivel has written a novel that is a broad mix of fairy-tale romance and most unlikely of all, gourmet cookbook.

As a reader, I often wonder what event caused the author to create their stories. That was one of the first questions I had after I put this book down. Laura Esquivel must have just fallen in love because this story is so poignant that it makes a person yearn for their lost love, the one that might have gotten away.

The story centers on a pair of star-crossed lovers, Tita and Pedro. Tita is the youngest daughter of Mama Elena and as such is obligated by family tradition to remain single so that she may take care of her mother in her old age.

However Tita and Pedro fall in love and he asks for her hand in marriage. Mama Elena is a cruel and overbearing parent and tells Pedro he can not marry her. She does, however, offer Pedro Tita's sister Rosaura's hand in marriage. He accepts, for very surprising reasons, and thus the saga begins.

I know that sounds rather like a fairy tale but it does not read like one. This book comes off as intelligent and nuanced. Tita and Pedro's relationship is strained and it definitely goes through some of the most trying obstacles but Laura Esquivel writes the novel in a way that speaks of the true magic of love.

It is part of the human experience that we fall in love. I bet we almost never know when or what caused us to fall in love. Esquivel does an excellent job of showing us the unpredictability of love. Readers come away from this book as mystified as before about the inner workings of falling in love. Esquivel shows that even though we know love is risky we still keep searching for it. This search causes our lovers to express their love in a variety of ways. One of the ways that the lovers communicate is through preparing food. Tita is a wonderful cook and has taken over the cooking for the whole family. When she is feeling sad or aroused or any other sentiment that emotion is released through her meals. Esquivel has discovered a clever way to engage her audience here.

At the beginning of each chapter there is a recipe that corresponds to some pivotal event in the story. I know it sounds cheesy but it really works well for the pace of the book. These recipes only add an element of intimacy to the novel. The way to a man's heart is, I often reiterate, through his stomach.

I hope I have not scared any potential readers off completely with my soap-opera like description of this novel. It has a wonderful, cozy style to it. It is also a grand adventure of a story. Much more excitement goes on out of the context of the love affair between Tita and Pedro.

With its exotic setting and larger-than-life love story it would be easy to miss the real genius of this gift book among all its sensory, vibrancy and entertaining characteristics. Do not make that mistake. As the author says in the beginning of the book:

To the table or to bed; you must come when you are bid.
The China Dragon III: Crouching Dine-In, Hidden Take-Out

By James Fluhler
Restaurant Critic

Looking for some good, MSG free, made when you get there, Chinese in Huntsville? China Dragon III is the place! Located just off Wall Triana Highway, this is a new Chinese restaurant that tastes great.

China Dragon serves Hunan, Szechwan and Cantonese-style Chinese food for take out and dine in. Even though China Dragon has only been open for a few weeks I have already eaten there quite a few times.

The inside is nice and very clean. The kitchen is visible from the ordering counter and is also very clean and the pans still have a shine to them. China Dragon is currently family-owned and operated.

The inside eating arrangements are very nice and they serve Pepsi products, water, sweet and unsweet tea as drink choices.

China Dragon does serve a number of sides to go with their Entrees. Some of the sides that I have tried are the white sticky rice, pork fried rice, chicken fried rice, regular fried rice, mixed veggies, egg rolls and a few other items.

All of the sides were very good and fresh and the rice is always moist. I enjoy eating the fried rice dishes with teriyaki or soy sauce on top. Overall I have really enjoyed all of the food I have ordered from China Dragon III and I hope that you will try it yourself.

China Dragon III is located at 7190 Wall Triana Highway, Suite A, in Madison County next to the Texaco gas station. The telephone number is 721-1188 or 721-1189.

China Dragon III is open Monday to Thursday: 10:30 am - 9:30 pm, Friday & Saturday: 10:30 am - 10 pm and Sundays 11 am - 9 pm. This new restaurant deserves 4! Forks for great Service, Cleanliness, Great food, and a new Dining Experience.

Yet Another Unjust Album Review

By Stephen Locke

Last week, a couple of friends of mine in the San Francisco Bay Area band Unjust were driving up through Alabama on their way from New Orleans to Nashville. Their show in "Music City" fell through, so I just went up to hang out for the night before they left for the next town. Their new record, Glow, has been out over a year (independently), and I am writing this up so late because just spending the night with them gave me a more distinct idea of the difficulties that original bands with integrity face of really, doesn't mean it doesn't exist, and this is what KOOLARROW Records is all about: bringing light (and ears) to a diverse range of music previously denied any semblance of mass attention.

Secondly, Unjust possesses one of the finest vocalists to come from San Francisco since Mike Patton himself—Paul Mendoza. I admit that this whole sort of music is devoid of cred-

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GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Calendar of Events for the City of Huntsville

Friday April 16
UAH Alumni Association presents: An Evening with Mark Russell at 8 p.m. in Spragins Hall.

Friday April 16
UAH Music Event: UAH Wind Ensemble Spring Concert at Roberts Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $5 for adults and $2 for students.

Saturday April 17
UAH Music Event: Bruce Molsky (with opening by Robert Montgomery) at Chan Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $15.

Saturday-Saturday April 16-17
Alpha Stage Productions presents: Southern Fried Murder by Billy St. John. All shows are dinner theatre and begin at 7 p.m. at Renaissance Theatre. Seats are S35. This production will also run April 23-24 and April 30-May 1.

Saturday April 17
Flying Monkey Arts presents: Black Root Ensemble with Universal Joint & Artax at 8:30 p.m. Admission is $5.

Wednesday April 21
ACE presents: "The Have Notes" in UC Exhibit Hall at 9 p.m.

Through April 30
Art Show: Student Art Show 2004 in University Center Gallery and Union Grove Gallery and Meeting Hall.

Music EVENTS

Music Events for the City of Huntsville

Thursday April 15
Crossroads - Jordan Knight
Furniture Factory - Dan Hardin
Humphrey's - Radio Theory

Friday April 16
Crossroads- Blue Epic & Aдельая
Furniture Factory - The Scratch Band
Humphrey's - Sean Costello
Sammy T's - Black-Eyed Susan
Tavern under the Square - Scott Morgan

Saturday April 17
The Corner - Lacey Atchison
Crossroads - Bonapony
Flying Monkey - Black Root Ensemble w/ Universal Joint & Artax
Furniture Factory - Short Bus
Sammy T's - Dr. Zarr's Amazing Funk Monster
Tavern under the Square - Haidrobrown

Sunday April 18
The Corner - Sunday Evening Jam Session
Crossroads - Movie Night
Flying Monkey - Improvisation-Open Mic Night
Humphrey's - The Dog & Pony Show
Kaffeeklatsch - Blues Jam
Tavern under the Square - Ant & Andrew

Monday April 19
The Corner - Dave Anderson
Crossroads- Monday Night Roots Review
Tavern under the Square - Lacey Atchison

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Another Exciting Week
By Chris Brown
Editor-in-Chief

One thing The Exponent has lacked at times this semester has been consistency. Last week we struggled to fill twelve pages – this week we will likely have twenty (the decision has not been made at the time of writing). In many ways that is just the nature of a college newspaper. Nonetheless, we have only one more issue before this one for the spring. I love the job but I am definitely looking forward to the break. We are going to be publishing this summer on June 3, 16, July 1 and July 15, so be sure to check out the back-end summer edition. Actually I am not sure we could be made back-end than we have been this semester. I am definitely looking for writers that will be around this summer, so if you are interested in our myriad columns, please email me. Make sure you check this out column next week – I promise it will be entertaining.

One of our liberal columnists, Derek Chris, finally found time to respond to a few things I said about him recovered the ashes of what was once his computer. While a continuing back-and-forth is not really the purpose of my column the opinion section, Derek made a couple points that I will expose upon (and believe me or I don't agree with some of it). I should say right away that when we pass the 5% threshold libertarians will still not take federal money because paying for politicians campaigns with money is diametrically opposed to libertarian principles. In the 2000 elections, Libertarians were busy getting a half-million votes (a close race between the Democrat and Republican almost hinges on those votes). It is useless to vote for somebody instead of voting for somebody). Libertarians were also busy being the only third party on the ballot in every state in the union and maintaining more than 300 office holders across the country. Believe me, the libertarians understand the grass-roots mentality and have a lot of local and state officials.

Derek Chris and Nader deciding to run again was actually the worst thing that could have happened for libertarian candidates like my own favorite, Aaron Russo. The press in every election will cover the two "main" candidates and if there is a well-known third candidate that person will get coverage. It happened for Ross Perot in 1992 and 1996, though his idea of balancing the budget didn't get picked up by the mainstream so I would say he had some measure of success. Nader has been a "consumer activist" for more than 30 years, which means he is well-known and "worthy" of the press recognition and gets some coverage while Aaron Russo is a producer that is pretty well-known, but now he will be fighting Nader for the scraps of lesser press time. Russo actually managed 37% of the vote when he ran for governor of Nebraska. If they would let him in a debate I have no doubt he would make Kerry and Bush look like fools (grant that they do without help most of the time). Derek maintains that Kerry will be better for the country than Bush. I maintain that there is not a dime's worth of difference between where either of them will take the country, so you might as well vote your conscience and vote for the possibility of real change – if enough people recognize the merit of a candidate's ideas then the major parties will start to take up those ideas. I also hope that we can get rid of this archaic electoral college and have a true vote for president, after all I do not think anyone is having trouble getting their mail to Washington with vote totals any more.

In other political news, I got tuned into a great show called "Fact Check" on Fox News Channel that features articles about various political advertisements and speeches by candidates. They research the facts behind the claims made and the language used, analyze the degree of truth in the ads and give you references to a lot of raw data. Unfortunately, I have been unable to find articles and it appears to be totally non-partisan and very thorough in their research. As it turns out, both Bush and Kerry are totally full of crap and most of their commercials significantly bend the truth at best and outright lie at worst. I was so surprised that my world just fell right apart.

Dear Suzy,
Squirrels attack me. It's happened three times. Why do they dislike me so? I shot one in my yard the other week and barbecued it. I have been attacked ever since.

— Mitch

Dear Mitch,
I am all against squirrel violence. Squirrels are in fact viscous creatures who can carry several diseases, including the bubonic plague, and are very violent. They are capable of causing severe scratches and pocking out eye balls. We don't want any of that happening. Next time you start to barbeque a squirrel, you might want to do it inside. Go buy a can of squirrel repellent or something. Don't go on a rampage and shoot every squirrel you see. That would make the situation about 10 times worse. Not only that, but think about how many weeks you would end up having to eat squirrel. Just try to avoid places where they might be.

Dear Suzy,
My boyfriend and I were at this club when this J.Lo look a like with her fat *** came over and My boyfriend and I were at this club when this J.Lo look a like with her fat *** came over and fired up a joint and it's really starting to scare me. I leave him messages and no one answers or returns my calls. Suzy, what should I do?

— Alexis

Dear Alexis,
It doesn't sound like he's being honest with you. If he doesn't return your calls or anything, then I suggest you find someone new. The ball is in his court now. Don't waste your time on him and look for someone more genuine. Good luck.

The deadline for letters to the editor is Sunday at midnight for the issue to be published the following Thursday. Letters to the editor will not be published anonymously. The Exponent will not edit letters for grammar spelling, or punctuation. All letters are the expressed opinion of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of The Exponent, staff members, or the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Richard Shelby
United States Senate
Nirvana: One of the Most Overrated Bands in History

By Stephen Locke

So I kept hearing all the hubbub about the anniversary of Kurt Cobain’s death on April 5. Ten years. Ten years?! How in the world could I have never heard of Nirvana. I understand what they did in the music world, but if you have to rely on your context for your popularity, you will probably not impress the steady numbers of listeners in future generations. The you did in your own. The only people I ever hear jamming Nirvana are people I know to have been fans of them back in high school. Well, I never actually sat down and listened to the record in full. Here’s why:

I have never borrowed Black, In Utero, and Incesticide in order to give them the full, fair chance I feel any musician deserves. If I remember correctly, Black, In Utero, and Incesticide cannot remember a single riff or anything that I would ever want to hear again. I remember “About a Girl,” because I

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If you are lucky you’ll catch an Alpha t-shirt pass by you in the UC. You may catch a Delta jacket rush past you in the engineering building or an AKA bag room past you on Sparkman Drive. But quite frankly, you simply don’t see them mixing and mingling with outsid­ers of their respective frater­nities and sororities.

You don’t hear much about them without drama attached to that’s a serious problem con­sidering that it is through Black Greeks that we will start seeing better race relations on campus.

In my opinion, Black Greeks can bridge the gap faster than the Black Student Association, National Soci­ety of Black Engineers, and the Minority Graduate Stu­dents in recognizing and combating those problems.

Black Greeks have historically been about promoting racial pride, community awareness and services, and, of course, live parties. Well, the Black Greeks on UAH campus don’t even throw parties.

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President's Corner
By Samantha Wimberly
SGA President
Hi everyone! Well this is my last article as the SGA turns over the gavel this coming Monday, April 19. It has been a very interesting year, one in which I have learned very much—mostly about people. While I have endeavored all year to make this campus better for everyone, I have learned that you can not please everyone. You can only be proud of what you have done and know that you have done a great job. Some people’s opinions count and some do not. I can look back and know that I have had the students’ best interest at hand and so can be proud of my presidency. Some people poke and ridicule while that gets on my nerves, I have been forced to step back and evaluate why some people act they way they do. The first culprit is usually a huge chip on the shoulder, jealousy, and selfish motives. While I have tried to be the “better person” those past few months due to all the pettiness that a few people have brought forth, I can say now that I am okay with that. To sink to other’s levels and play in their silly games is not my way... it is especially not my way not to waste my time to entertain petti pessoas who have nothing to do. For those who I refer to, I wish you the best for I foresee that you will encounter a long and lonely road. I can only hope that what really matters such as other people, family, friends, and especially faith will become each student’s will to strive on, and not that of self-praise.
I thank everyone who has stood by me and has given me the strength to keep going this year. Thank you Dr. Franz and Mrs. Smith for serving as my guidance and support when I did not know which way to turn. Thank you to my friends and fellow SGA members for standing behind me and for lending their strength and confidence when I need them. I am a new person now who understands more about standing up for what I know matters, even when a couple people have ulcerative motives and will do anything to take you down to make themselves look better. All our lives we will have this dilemma, this has been my real life. I am lucky to have it for it helps prepare me for my future. It helps me to realize what really matters, and really does not. The things that you were taught about when you were little...you know, treat others as you would have them treat you, do not push and shove (figuratively especially), respect one another, cherish your friends and family, share, be generous, listen, do not be quick to judge...keep these in your heart and hold on to them if your life depended on them...because your life does.
It has been a pleasure to serve you, and I only wish I had more time to dedicate to you. To see your excitement, your success, Homecoming, Mardi Gras, or when the SGA accomplishments another task to help the students, it makes everything worth it. So take these words of advice that I have given, have faith in your administration and SGA. You, the student, and I, the student, are truly at the heart of Mrs. Delois Smith and Dr. Frank Franz. They have worked for my future. It helps me to realize what really matters, and really does not. The things that you were taught about when you were little...you know, treat others as you would have them treat you, do not push and shove (figuratively especially), respect one another, cherish your friends and family, share, be generous, listen, do not be quick to judge...keep these in your heart and hold on to them if your life depended on them...because your life does.

SGA Review

House Addresses 24-Hour Study Area

By Joseph Terrell
SGA Correspondent

House Resolution HR.03-04 passed was House members Monday. This resolution proposed creating a 24-hour Study Area and Computer Room in what is now the University Center.

There were five reasons given in the resolution for the addition of the computer room and study area: the library closes at midnight on weekdays, the cost of keeping the library open later is prohibitive, the Von Brunn Research Hall does not have a study area, the University Center will soon undergo renovation, and students often need a quiet place to study after library hours.

The resolution specified that a “quiet study area with tables and chairs, as well as a separate computer area, that is open to students with a valid UAH ID 24 hours a day” be furnished. This House Resolution was authored by Vishal Sharma and Chris Brown. College of Science Representative Jim Chaloupka sponsored it.

According to Brown, “Several students have voiced a desire for either later library hours or a 24-hour study area on campus outside housing. After conversations with governing officials, it is deemed at best highly unlikely that either the library could be kept open later or that the Research Institute could have a study area added. With some of the changes on campus we were of the understanding that space in the University Center would become available and it seemed that the best chance for having some sort of 24-hour study area would be in open UC space.”

There were no funding requests. However, with a little over two weeks of the spring semester left and months before the end of the fiscal year, the club fund is still $77,55. There was varied discussion on the fate of club funding requests, and while no one is certain whether the SGA will be given more money to dol out, it is clear that the Vice President of Student Affairs Mrs. Delois Smith will still be assisting organizations that need funding for special events or conferences.

The next House of Representatives meeting will follow the assembly meeting next Monday at 9:04 PM.

Last Senate Meeting for V.P. Battle

By Joseph Terrell
SGA Correspondent

Kimberly Battle presided over her last Senate meeting as SGA Executive Vice-President on Monday. She told those in attendance that she has enjoyed the past year and hopes that the hard work of the Senate will be continued.

Next Monday the new SGA President and Executive Vice-President will be sworn in during the assembly meeting. SGA President-elect Eric Thacker will head all assembly meetings, and Erin McCalley will preside over all future Senate meetings. The new House of Representatives members will also take office next week.

This week’s Senate meeting lasted approximately twenty minutes, with no assembly meeting preceding it. The first order of business was to approve two committee chair changes. Carol Steelman, former Campus Affairs Committee Chair, was approved to become the new Rules Committee Chair. She is taking this position to fill the void that will be left by the current Rules Committee Chair, who will be graduating in May. Another Senator, Ryan Schuler, was chosen to fill the position of Campus Affairs Committee Chair. The four members of the Café Advisory Board were approved, including Jay Jackson, Carey Walker, and Sabrina Hicks.

A motion for a bill of removal was also entertained in the Senate meeting. Senator Michael Sims was recommended for removal due to multiple absences this semester.

Next week’s assembly meeting will be held in U.C. 131 at 8:45 PM. All students and faculty members may attend.


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Remember, Dear Suzy is always here to lend her expertise. You can write to Dear Suzy at uahdearsuzy@yahoo.com.

Campus CLUB FIRE

The UAH Chess Club meets Thursday evenings, 6:30-11:00 pm, in the UC cafeteria. Late arrivals and early departures welcome. For more information this is the contact dudson@uah.edu (Beverly Dudson) or telephone 256-289-8694 / 864 / 3255.

The Carribean Student Association will be having the second Carnival Parade on the UAH Campus. This is a part of the Springfest activities. Participants will parade around campus in costumes to the sound of music. We will begin at the South East Housing Parking Lot and end at the UC quad with a Food Fair. This event will take place on Friday April 23rd, 2004 and will begin at 3pm. For more information this is the contact dudson@uah.edu (Beverly Dudson) or telephone 256-289-8694 / 864 / 3255.

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Etruscan Art and Mythology Are the Topic of Lectures

By Ginger Carter

Dr. Helen Nagy of the University of Puget Sound (Washington) recently presented two lectures to the UAH community on the topic of the ancient civilization of the Etruscans. The first presentation, to the Honors Forum, was titled "Who Were the Etruscans?" The second presentation, at an evening in Roberts Recital Hall, was titled "Etruscan Demons of the Underworld." The events were co-sponsored by the North Alabama Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, the UAH Honors Forum, and the UAH Humanities Center.

The Etruscans lived in the area of Italy now known as Tuscany. Their civilization was extremely egalitarian for its time and was characterized by a proliferation of art and a generally celebratory approach to life. Their civilization was in the eighth centuries BCE, probably one of the most important influences upon the neighboring emerging cultures. But what ultimately became the Roman Empire.

Etruscan 'demons' were interwoven into the cultural and religious mythology of the civilization and were depicted in both funerary and everyday art. They were generally understood to be more symbolic than literal, although they were depicted as embodied entities. Some of them were good demons of the underworld, helping to insure a safe and successful passage from the land of the dead.

Etruscan culture was influenced by various Mediterranean neighbors, notably the Greeks, but the Etruscans maintained their own unique interpretations of borrowed cultural elements, such as the names and characteristics of various deities.

Dr. Helen Nagy serves as Professor of Ancient Art and Architecture in the Classics Department of the University of Puget Sound. She has been active for several years in the Archaeological Institute of America and has held organizational posts at the national level.

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And the former Director of the Acropolis Restoration in Athens, Greece. Typically, CARTER on page 17

Travel Abroad and Earn Credit at Black Sea University

By Sarah Perrin

If you are a student looking to earn some elective credit and take a trip, we may have the perfect opportunity for you. The UAH community will be offering a unique management class to students (preferably seniors and graduate students) in cooperation with the Black Sea University. Although business oriented, many people such as program coordinators for organizations ranging in industries from health care to education, as well as most graduate and undergraduate students, would benefit from the experience.

The class will be taught in English and administered at the Black Sea University. It is a four credits, 12 week class taught by Dr. Helen Nagy of the University of Puget Sound (Washington) recently presented two lectures to the UAH community on the topic of the ancient civilization of the Etruscans. The first presentation, to the Honors Forum, was titled "Who Were the Etruscans?" The second presentation, at an evening in Roberts Recital Hall, was titled "Etruscan Demons of the Underworld." The events were co-sponsored by the North Alabama Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, the UAH Honors Forum, and the UAH Humanities Center.

The Etruscans lived in the area of Italy now known as Tuscany. Their civilization was extremely egalitarian for its time and was characterized by a proliferation of art and a generally celebratory approach to life. Their civilization was in the eighth centuries BCE, probably one of the most important influences upon the neighboring emerging cultures. But what ultimately became the Roman Empire.

Etruscan 'demons' were interwoven into the cultural and religious mythology of the civilization and were depicted in both funerary and everyday art. They were generally understood to be more symbolic than literal, although they were depicted as embodied entities. Some of them were good demons of the underworld, helping to insure a safe and successful passage from the land of the dead.

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The cost to participate will be the normal tuition for six hours of UAH credit (either undergraduate or graduate) plus $600 that will cover attendance fees, printed materials, accommodations in the two star Orion hotel, all meals, and transportation once there. Also, students are responsible for the costs of their attire. Romania is a safe place for Americans to visit, and generally speaking there is little crime there.

If you are interested in participating or for more information contact Dr. Sherman in the Administration Science Building, room 102. The deadline to register is May 25, 2004.

The Huntsville Feminist Chorus presented its 9th Annual Spring Concert at Roberts Recital Hall on April 3, with a large undergraduate and student audience that is also sponsor speakers at the local level to supplement the two speakers sent annually by the AIA. We have hosted eminent speakers addressing archaeological topics in Egypt, India, Greece, and Scotland among others. We have also hosted the Director of Excavations on Easter Island, perhaps the most prominent of all the speakers."

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For more information about the Huntsville Feminist Chorus, visit the group's website at www.uah.edu/womensstudies/chorus/.
The Campus Master Plan Team of JH Partners and HOK will be on our campus Tuesday, April 27, for final presentations of the Campus Master Plan before the Plan is published. A presentation is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in the UC Great Hall for faculty, staff and students who wish to attend. Input received from attendees of previous meetings has been incorporated into the plan.

The final Campus Master Plan will include a 5-year plan and a long-range plan that will provide recommendations and guidelines to help UAH transition into a more traditional campus. Please plan to attend.
with the top universities in India, UAH students will gain a lot of global perspective. The students will be exposed to a different culture, many different backgrounds and it will provide a more knowledge- base. The Indian universities, especially the IITs, have excellent research centers and laboratories. Given India’s position as a leader for software outsourcing, and India’s developments in infrastructure, I believe that it will be a rewarding and worthwhile experience for UAH students,” said Akshay S. Mahbubani, Information Systems student.

Ideas are being tossed around to initiate a plan to present to the universities once it is coordinated. By building a working relationship between UAH and the top universities in India, we are opening doors to higher enrollment, especially on the graduate level. The universities in India have more research opportunities that can be shared with UAH and they could also have different methods or ideas that can help enhance our university.

“There is very good research at IITs, world class research that is being funded. The students from UAH could learn a lot from them. India has very strong mathematics and analytical teaching. We are trained early about perseverance. With all the problems, we have to work hard,” said Reetika Bhandari, Computer Engineering Graduate student.

One thought is to organize a study abroad program. This could be offered for a few weeks or more for our students to study at one of the universities in India and their students could study here. The students can learn the different cultures while they are learning about research and academics being offered at the different universities.

Vasantadilkar said, “There is a lot of background and diversity in India. There are 65 states and each one has its own language and culture. But when they come together they recognize one language that all the states converse with. There is so much there and it is a lot of fun.”

Bhandari said with their student retention rates and therefore higher graduation rates (Greek students graduate at a higher rate than non-Greeks and dropout at a lower rate than non-Greeks), the average alumni giving rate is also higher for Greek alumni than non-Greek alumni. Greek organizations also help to create well rounded students who have stronger communication skills and more leadership experience than the average student. Employers cite communication and leadership skills as two of the most important for new hirings, not a particular technical skill of any kind. All of these issues are vitaly important to the University, and therefore the student body as a whole.

In addition to the aforementioned benefits students directly benefit from a variety of social and philanthropic events hosted by individual Greek organizations or the Greek community as a whole. Each year, Greek students in general take a great deal of pride not only in their organizations but in the school as well. All of the Greek students that I know look forward to having a communal residence that they can be proud to call their own. A traditional “Greek Row” will increase the visibility of Greeks on campus and hopefully be a boom to organizational membership. Communal living serves to promote stronger brotherhood and sisterhood as well as cooperation in social and philanthropic events. Most of us also look forward to increased storage, meeting, and office space as these are critical needs of our organizations.”

McAteer also maintains that, “Each and every Greek organization here on campus works very hard round the clock to find and recruit new members. All of the organizations are different and I would venture to say that anyone who is interested in joining a Greek organization can find a group that they will fit into.”

No matter what your opinion is let your voice be heard.

Attend a preliminary meeting before the interested organizations and the university on Monday April 19 at 7:00 pm in U.C. J25.
North Carolina. So he has the brains.

He also has the coaching background to get the job done on the plains.

Lebo is familiar with the SEC. He was an assistant under ex-South Carolina and Vanderbilt coach Eddie Fogler. His work there was impressive enough for Tennessee Tech to hire him as their head coach before the 1998-1999 season. In his four years there, Lebo led Tech to two Ohio Valley Regular season championships and in his last year there, during the 2001-2002 season; the ex-Tar Heeler guided his team to the NIT quarterfinals. That season, Tennessee Tech finished with a record of 27-7 overall.

His next stop was the head coaching job at Chattanooga University. During the 2002-2003 season, Lebo led his new team to an impressive 21-9 record. What made the record more impressive was he did it with no returning starters from the previous season.

This past season, the Mocs finished their campaign at 19-11 overall and played in the Southern Conference Tournament Championship for the second straight time during “Championship Week.”

Overall, in six seasons as a head coach, his record: 115-63 overall. That’s impressive.

What also is impressive that he turned down the Iowa St. and Virginia Tech coaching vacancies the year before; he was waiting for the right time to make a move into the big-time.

The big-time will begin right away for Lebo on the plains. Facing a potential probation fall-out from the Ellis regime, Lebo could face scholarship reductions and postseason ban for a couple of years.

But, Lebo signed a seven-year contract which will enable him plenty of time to make his presence felt on the stagnant Auburn basketball program.

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Much like what Roy Williams did at Kansas and Smith accomplished at UNC, you will see a cross between the two legends under Lebo.

So, as you can see, a new era has arrived at the plains. And I for one will look forward and not backwards.

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We host six lectures per academic year. "Students in many programs find archaeology of interest as it is by nature interdisciplinary," Dr. Joyce continues. "Archaeologists must know history, languages, religion, anthropology, art, and a host of scientific methods of analysis and conservation. In other words, their knowledge combines liberal arts and hard science backgrounds. In the disciplines of Art and Art History, the study of ancient, Medieval, and some later cultures requires a knowledge of archaeology."

"For next year, our local society is organizing a series of four lectures related to life in the first century Near East, with potential talks on the Jewish Resistance to Rome at Masada, the Phoenicians in Tel-Kedesh, the Imperial Cult in the ports of Alexandria and Caesarea, and the archaeology associated with the life of Jesus."

Dr. Nagy was very impressed by the audience response to her presentations. "The students of UAH impressed me very much with their enthusiasm, intelligent questions and courtesy. I enjoyed these talks more than most I have given. I am grateful to my hosts and to the University for having provided me with such a lovely and lively visit. I shall always hold my trip to Huntsville among my favorite experiences."

UAH Professor Jerry Mebane observed, "Dr. Nagy's presentation on the Etruscans to the Honors Forum was a stimulating introduction to an important ancient culture. The quality of the art works that she displayed was quite impressive. I was especially engaged by Dr. Nagy's emphasis on the way that the works revealed the Etruscans' joy in living."

For more information on the North Alabama Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, visit the Institute's main webpage at www.archaeological.org.

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Association of Basketball Coaches) that as of next year, if an athlete flunks out of school, the school will in turn lose that scholarship for the year. There are more "disciplines of Art and Art History, the study of ancient, Medieval, and some later cultures of Jesus."

It's unfortunate that we have to take time away from the excitement of the game to consider issues such as classes, grades, and such.

Look at it this way: think how great it will be to see the majority of college athletes graduate with bright futures ahead of them in any career, not just sports, as opposed to the minority that exists now.

As a future college graduate, I assume most of you are, that's not only good news but interesting news, unlike the latest controversy at Alabama or Auburn (and trust me, there are plenty of those to go around at the moment - more about that next week).

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Monday
Wax Hands by Waxcay Wax 11-3
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Tuesday
Big Chair Photos 11-3 UC Lobby
Student Leadership Banquet 7:00 pm
UC Exhibit Hall
Mark Nizer Juggler 9:00pm
UC Exhibit Hall

Wednesday
Gel Candles 11-3
UC Lobby
Tres Hombres Band and Picnic NOON
UC Lawn on the Slab
Have Nots Improvisation
9:05pm UC Lawn

Thursday
Old Tyme Photos & Keychains 11-3 UC Lobby
Steve Gipson Caricatures 11-3
UC Lobby
Russell Davis Magician 11-1 UC Lobby
Steve Gipson Caricatures 11-3
UC Lobby

Friday
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Thank everyone who has continued to do so. I wish I could personal description). So they petty few that will always be friends Machine Head, but going on, getting people to go to a shuttle service to the campus, which could help with all these issues. He spoke about the cafeteria improvements and new buildings across campus.

Dr. Franz said that there are a number of donors that contribute regularly. Fundraising efforts in this area are quite difficult. He said that they are concentrating more on a federal level. Walker thanked the women for their support in her term of office. She proceeded to install the new officers into their position. Each new member was instructed on their duties and sworn into office by their response, "I will." The new officers for the upcoming year are President, Madeleine Youman, Vice President of Programs, applications are being taken until job is filled. To apply, contact Antoine Bell, Assistant Director of Athletics for Media Relations, University of Alabama in Huntsville. Ms. Molly is a teaching puppet that is designed with toubles, tubes, IV placement, and other functions so she can provide children with an understanding. The children are shown on Ms. Molly what can happen to them as...
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#### Crossword 101

**By Ed Canty**

**Rental Items**

**Across**

1. Read electronically  
5. First victim  
9. N.T. book  
13. Spend this in Ire or Ger.  
14. Ventiluqist Lewis  
15. _The Explorer_  
16. Rental item  
19. Afternoon party  
20. Cafeteria need  
21. New Orleans dishes  
22. Fish  
23. Pub orders  
24. Sweet talker, at times  
25. _Johnny_  
26. Tough tests  
27. Relating to bees  
28. Playing card  
30. Sports features  
31. Accomplished archer  
32. Musical composition  
33. To a greater extent  
36. Singer Springsteen  
37. yummy  
38. Chatty  
39. Vertical  
40. Before the _Age of_  
41. Beige  
42. Drops down  
43. What the Beatles were  
44. Biscuit  
45. Preminger of movie fame  
46. Queen Elizabeth, e.g.  
47. Bump on the skin  
48. Boundary  
49. China holder  
50. Playing card  
51. Beats 50 Down  
52. Rental item  
53. “Johnny”  
54. USPS competitor  
55. Vegas no-no  
56. Signals  
57. Scotch, for one  
58. Choose  
59. Olympic item  
60. What the Beatles were

**Down**

1. Football start up time  
2. Preserve  
3. Met treat  
4. One down plus two  
5. In front  
6. Before boom or boomers

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