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Rep Honored at NSSTC Dedication

By John Michael Hampton

The National Space Science and Technology Center, located on the western side of campus on Sparkman Drive, has multiple functions. Housing UAH classrooms and offices is one of those functions, as is housing various space and technology applications for the Huntsville area, including the National Weather Service office for Huntsville. However, many people are unaware of the tireless efforts of one U.S. Representative in making the building the great success

that it is today. That Representative is Robert E. Cramer of Huntsville, otherwise known as "Bud" Cramer.

It was "Bud" Cramer who supported the construction of the center, helping to obtain funding for its construction. The center, which was created by a joint partnership between universities here in Alabama and NASA, received a total of \$17,000,000 in federal funds during the construction phase.

It was "Bud" Cramer who pleaded again and again for the National Weather Service to continue operations in Huntsville, due to the high impact of severe weather in

the Huntsville area, including deadly tornadoes in 1974 and 1989. The Huntsville Field Office of the National Weather Service relocated from the old facility at the Huntsville International Airport to the new state-of-the-art facility inside the NSSTC in early 2003.

"Bud" Cramer to this day continues to champion the cause of space and technology research in the Huntsville area. He continues to believe in the mission being accomplished daily by those working in the NSSTC.

It was for those reasons that UAH President Frank Franz decided to dedicate the

NSSTC in Cramer's honor. After getting the approval from the University of Alabama System Board of Trustees, he scheduled the dedication ceremony which was held on September 27, 2004, at the NSSTC.

In a recent press release, Dr. Franz stated that "...The multi-disciplinary science and research conducted in this building is a testament to Bud Cramer's vision." (Source: UAH Press Release). At the ceremony, a plaque was displayed, which was then prominently placed inside the main entrance to the building.

Stay Healthy: What About the Flu?

By Sarah Perrin

Welcome to a new series of articles called Stay Healthy. Each week I will be working with the Student Wellness Center to cover a different health topic as it relates to teens and young adults. The series will be a fun and informative way for our student population to learn about themselves and their bodies. Not to mention a chance to have somebody else to ask those nagging questions that you always forget to ask the doctor or might be too embarrassed ask yourself.

For many years the question for the typical UAH college students about flu shots

had more to do with whether they were feeling brave enough to roll up their sleeve and get one than anything else. However, due to the shortage of vaccines available this season, what little there is has been earmarked for those in most serious need. The Student Wellness Center will not be offering the vaccine this year. So, the long and short of it is that people who may usually get the shot because they have mild asthma, live with an at risk individual such as a grandparent or baby, or who simply want to prevent lost time at school, will probably have to do without. The university's certified registered nurse practitioner Julia



Certified registered nurse practitioner Julia Boehme of the UAH Student Wellness Center.

Spooktacular Fall Fest is Good Fun

By Sarah Perrin

If you have been hiding in the library lately and missed word of the Association for Campus Entertainment's Spooktacular Fall Fest, it is nothing short of a tragedy. The week-long event was jam packed with fun things to make and do, cabaret events, and even a Halloween dance to cap it all off. And as if that is not enough, there were great souvenirs too! People who attended the events had chances to win black or orange fall fest shirts, mugs, and frisbees. Most nights there were doorprizes like CD players and home theater systems.

On Monday evening there was a showing of the

movie *The Exorcist*. Over a hundred people gathered in the University Center Exhibit Hall to watch the creepy flick on a huge screen. Complimentary soda and fresh popcorn was provided.

Tuesday kicked off the first of three days of free novelties in the UC lobby from 11-2PM. There were video buttons, air brush tattoos, and inflatable jousting. The buttons were a retro make and take craft that if nothing else will remind you of the good old days as a kid at Chuck E Cheese where you handed over a token to have your picture taken with Chucky in his little car. Similar to that, your picture is snapped with a video camera and printed out almost instantly on heat transfer paper. Attendees could opt to

have text such as "hot stuff" "punk'd" or "paper geek" superimposed over the photo as a title and could position themselves for the photo by watching a nearby TV monitor. The printed pictures were then inserted into a button machine and presto! Instant '80s gear! Many students enjoyed the button-making so much that many had multiples made by themselves, with friends, teammates or silly faces. They tacked them onto everything like clothes, purses, and backpacks.

Air brush tattoos are just what they sound like. At this table there were binders of the many, many different designs available. You simply picked what you wanted, and the tattoo artist found the stencil and then carefully sprayed the design with col-

ored inks onto your skin. The whole process took just mere seconds and the ink dried even faster. Depending how carefully you wash, the designs last anywhere from one to three days. The tattoos were so realistic looking that students reported having some laughs as they shocked unsuspecting friends and family.

Inflatable jousting, something like a scene from American Gladiators, was held in the Exhibit Hall. A large inflatable mattress type design covered the floor as students padded up and took up this silly sport. Matches hardly lasted longer than a minute due to the moon bounce like conditions, but were great fun to watch.

Tuesday night, human FALL FEST on page 14

Greek Speak

By Jeremy Cheek

John Quincy Adams said, "Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost." I think everyone should keep this in mind, and be sure to vote on November 2. We are all fortunate enough to live in the greatest country in the world, and if we want that to continue, we should all exercise our right to vote.

The ATOs will be attending a haunted house with the Delta Zetas on Friday, October 29. November 12 is the ATO President's Ball Formal at 6:00 pm at Valley Hill Country Club. November 13 is the ATO Car Show in the Roberts Hall parking lot.

The Sigma Nu Halloween Party is Saturday night, October 30 at The House. Make sure you were a costume, and see a brother if you need more information. And if you are interested in purchasing a Halloween Party t-shirt, contact social chairman John Shirah.

The Delta Chis have Lobsterfest and a philanthropy with St. Thomas Episcopal Church coming up in the next month.

Dodgeball seems to be the big up-and-coming intramural sport this year. The games began this week and the tournament is scheduled for November 16. ATO, Pike, Sigma Nu, and Kappa Delta are all participating, so good luck to everyone.

As I was trying to come up with a way to fill the big empty spot in this week's article, I began searching for news about fraternities and sororities on the internet. While the sororities seem to always get good press, the fraternities are not treated as nicely in the news. I read multiple stories of dangerous pranks, hazing, and sometimes even death. I think this is something we should all keep in mind, especially this weekend being Halloween. Have fun, be safe, and don't become a statistic.

Well, that about wraps it up for this week. As always, if you have anything you wanted to see appear in Greek Speak, email me by 7:00 pm on Sundays at cheekjd@email.uah.edu

Clubs to Administer Mock Election

By Joseph Terrell

As November 2 approaches, the day we elect the next President of the United States of America, many more polls will be conducted in hopes of getting a glimpse of which candidate Americans will choose.

The History Club and the Political Science Club will do their part in gauging the UAH students' opinions through a

Mock Election to be held today, October 28, in the University Center, from 9AM-5PM.

PSC and History Club members will be manning the booths during this time period, and students are urged to come by and vote. Heather Madry and Keith Trawick are the Presidents of the Political Science and History Club, respectively.

While Madry urges students to get out and vote in

the Mock Election, she says students should make the extra effort to vote on November 2, when their vote will really count.

This is not the only event UAH student organizations have put together with the goal of measuring student preferences for President of the United States. While holding voter registration drives, the Political Science Club held an informal mock election of its own. Three

containers were available: one marked Kerry, one marked Bush, and one marked independent. Students donated a dollar to the container of their choice for a chance at winning one of several prizes. The result of this informal mock election will be announced in the Exponent once that information is available. Be sure to stop by the voting booth today.

HH Contributes to UAH Nursing

By Joseph Terrell

The Huntsville area, like many other areas across the country, is experiencing a nursing shortage, due in part to the aging of the "baby boomer" generation. In addressing this shortage, Huntsville Hospital has continued its support of the UAH College of Nursing by contributing \$125,000 to the col-

lege. This money has taken an immediate effect, as it has enabled UAH to hire additional faculty members for the College of Nursing, also increasing undergraduate enrollment.

Huntsville Hospital's contribution is not a surprise. They have continually provided resources for the College of Nursing, being the region's largest employer of

nurses. Huntsville Hospital also happens to be the single largest employer of UAH alumni.

When defining what resources Huntsville Hospital makes available to the college, UAH College of Nursing Dean Fay Raines said, "They provide us access to clinical sites, make their staff available, and provide experienced nurses that work with our students in their specific

fields of study."

This is just the latest contribution to the college. They were also recently the recipient of clinical instruction assistance from Crestwood Medical Center's Director of Nursing Services Martha Walls-Merritt.

"Together we are helping to address a serious shortage in nursing," says Dean Raines in reference to Huntsville Hospital.

Dr. Wu Attends Modelling Meeting

By Abhishek Gupta

UAH's popularity was further exemplified when Chinese officials at the recent Solar Physics Conference, which was held in China, asked UAH Distinguished Professor of Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering Dr. S.T. WU to help them with their upcoming solar missions. Dr. Wu is the director of the Center for Space Plasma and Solar Aeronomy (CSPAR). He advised the Chinese authorities on their planned satellite launches, which will possibly occur

sometime during the next decade.

He was consulted by the Chinese authorities about the QUAFF and the SWISE (Space Wind and Storms Exploration) mission which is planned to launch in 2010-2012. SWISE is composed of three satellites in different orbits (inclination degrees are all 65), so these three satellites can be launched by one rocket. These have been designed to observe the ionosphere and thermospheric storm processes responding to solar activities and magnetospheric disturbances.

The QUAFF proposal includes launching a satellite

into a Lagrange 1 orbit. The Earth-Sun Lagrange-1 point is a special location where the Earth's gravitational field partially counters that of the Sun. A spacecraft at the Earth-Sun L1 point will experience a gravitational attraction from the sun that is the same strength as that felt at Earth. Since the strength of the attraction determines the orbital period, the satellite will orbit the sun at the same rate as the Earth: one year. The Chinese have never done this before, but this time their engineers are backing them up to go ahead with the plan. Dr. Wu advised the Chinese officials of his idea of com-

binning the two missions and monitoring the Earth-Sun environment.

Upon his return from China, Dr. Wu co-chaired Huntsville's 2004 workshop on modeling the Sun-Earth system. The workshop was attended by all the big names in the solar science research industry, focusing on ways to characterize and understand the Earth-sun system. Dr. Wu's presence at the workshop is greatly valued and his continued support for solar research across the globe will only add to UAH's great reputation.

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Corrections from Last Week

In the October 14 issue of the Exponent, Madison Young wrote that Laura Moore had become Executive Chief of Staff and Luke Green had become Executive Philanthropy Director. In fact, these individuals were mentioned as potential appoint-

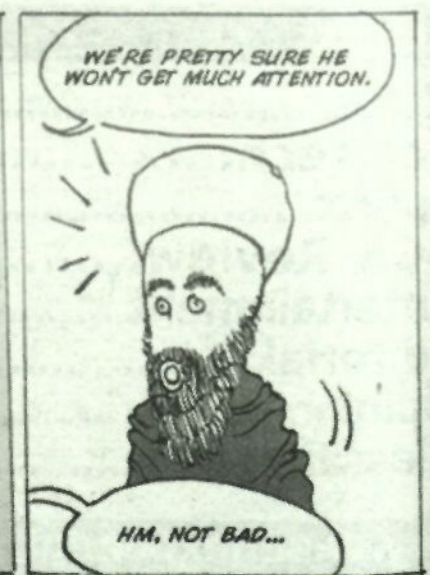
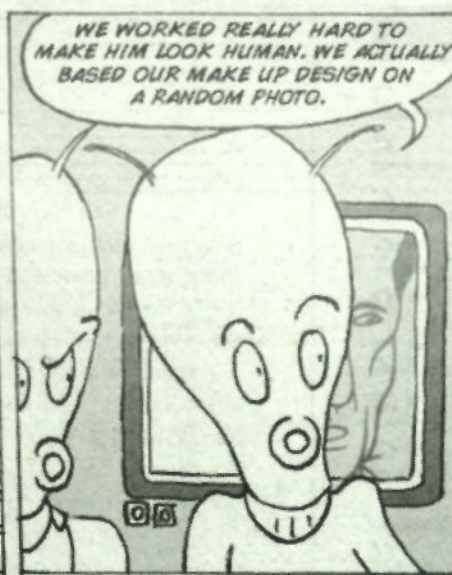
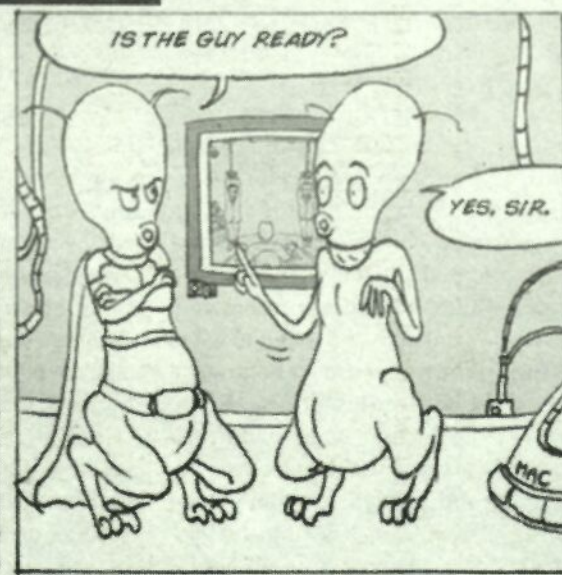
ees, but both chose to remain in their current positions in the House of Representatives. The Cabinet positions of Chief of Staff and Philanthropy Director remain open.

In last week's Exponent, the new hours for Mom's were not correct.

The correct hours of operation are:

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Mon - Thurs
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Sun 5:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

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Fri 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sat CLOSED
Sun 5:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.



UAH AICChE Chemical Car Ready for Competition

By Alberto Hernandez-Barral

The final rendezvous for the National Chem-E-Car competition is on its way. Next Sunday, November 7, in Austin, Texas, students from 31 universities around the country will present their little cars, propelled by only a chemical reaction, at the 2004 Annual Student Conference of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AICChE). There, they will compete for the honor of being "best design engineers" and for several other awards provided by the sponsor, General Mills, and AICChE. That includes a \$2000 prize for the winner to be invested in future projects.

Two senior students in Chemical Engineering, Bart Johnson and Matt Segars, will represent UAH with an updated version of their car: "the screamer". Matt and Bart formed the remainder of the four-student team that won the regional contest last spring. *UAH Insight*, vol. 14 (num.11) and Joanne Eskreis' article in *The Exponent*, (on the web, it was published on April 8), present more information about the history of this project and The Screamer's predecessor, "the rocket".

Matt and Bart do not stop working. And it is clear they really like what they do. They love challenges. Matt says, "It is fun to try to figure out what you do not understand yet." This is a good mental-

ity. Despite the amount of work, Matt seems to be always in a good mood and so does Bart. The Chem-E-Car is not only a project for spare time, but an initiative from students ran almost entirely by students. It is an outstanding practical application for engineering.

The Screamer will look different from that which was presented at Georgia Institute of Technology in April. The big trouble with the old one was the smoke it produced. "It was difficult to control its temperature and it burned oil and damaged the piston and other parts of the engine," comments Matt. Now, the new engine performs much better; the Screamer does not "smoke horribly" and the engine

keeps closer to the design temperature.

Dr. James E. Smith, Jr., a professor at the Department of Chemical Engineering, has been the faculty advisor for the project since the beginning. Bart Johnson explains to us that "no other professors were directly involved in the development of the car," but they showed their support and "ensured the fulfillment of the safety regulations established by the organization of the contest." Particularly the first Screamer, which had the smoking issue, was a real problem since the organization is enforcing participants to respect "more restrictive safety measurements" at the time they present their creations.

The judges will evaluate

the project in terms of performance. Thus, cars in the competition must run a distance between 50 and 100 ft and the score will be given on the grounds of how close the car is to the final mark. Nevertheless, the 40-centimeter long Screamer still fits in a shoebox, runs on one cylinder, and the exhaust gases are used to pressurize the fuel tank and insert the combustible in the cylinder. The new version can display a speed of 45 ft per minute. The car will be unique in the contest in terms of combustibility; while the rest of the participants will present hydrogen-powered cars, Matt and Bart have kept The Screamer running with ethanol.

Last week, *The Exponent* echoed the recent decision of

the SGA Senate to revoke the charter of the AICChE on the grounds that "the club was in violation of UAH policies, Alabama State Laws and OSHA [Occupational Safety and Health Administration] regulations." Members of the UAH AICChE, Bart and Matt included, disagree with the charges, and it seems that "this club may not stay revoked long because they do have a chance to state their case and apply for a rechartering vote within the next few weeks," as reports Ashley Campbell in the same *Exponent* article. For more information on the this year's AICChE Student Conference, check out the following link.

(<http://students.aiche.org/events/annualstudentconference.asp>).

Society for Ancient Languages "In Versibus Amor"

By Barbara Adams

On the evening of October 14, the UAH Society for Ancient Languages held a public Latin reading. The topic was "In Versibus Amor: Latin Love Poetry of the Ancient World." It was fabulous.

The dark night and pounding rain was a perfect backdrop for the intimate, cozy ambiance of the small Union Grove Gallery. Large, chunky, wooden artwork by Kathryn Jill Johnson hugged the room and added to the feeling of recalling things best loved. And isn't that what we were all anticipating, an intimate look into ancient love?

It would have been impossible to miss the excitement in the president of the Society of Ancient Languages, Leslie Hodges. She not only headed the readings, but was

responsible for choosing the topic.

According to Hodges, "The study of ancient languages is an important and worthy endeavor. Apart from the academic tradition behind the study of these "dead languages," which in itself is enough to validate its importance, [it is] the fact that so much of our modern way of thinking is derived directly from our ancient ancestors."

Each meeting begins with the *Invocatio*, a short piece acknowledging the Carthaginians, and ends with a *Benedictio* that wishes all good fortune as they leave. There was a feeling of reverence and being transported in time as all members recited in unison. It wasn't necessary to be a Latin language aficionado; first the piece is recited in Latin, then in English.

Bill Bailey began the evening with a reading from

Propertius, an ancient poet that "dares to reveal his inner most feelings." It was very sweet and disturbing, all at the same time.

Propertius had a second running, as Brandon Hyder not only read, but also translated his piece. In this case, *Propertius* seems to have taken a nasty pill. Wonderful!

The musical interlude, *Whe'er You Walk* by Handel, was played by Dean Gardner, cellist, Emily Park, pianist, and Danial Lofgren, French horn. It was the perfect, somber, melodic piece for settling down all those intense Latin lovers.

If you've taken English Literature, you know Ovid. His name pops up in the strangest places sometimes. Most of his great love poems were focused on a married woman named Corrina. Joseph Richardson, who read Ovid, chose *Amores*, a piece

that demonstrated the jealousy of a panting lover, mooning across the room at his lady—in front of her husband!

Leslie Hodges read two selections by Catullus, who vacillates between total devotion in the first poem, to bitter, angry resentment in his last poem. It was remarkable to realize that love in Catullus' time is not much different

than today: a fact not lost on the listeners.

The funniest point in the evening came from Dr. Jeff Nelson's "Kissing in the Western World." He rocked the room. He was entertaining and enlightening, while reminding the audience what they already knew: kissing in the past, as in today, was not simply a word, but an experience.

The evening was definitely inviting and informative, with a twist of warm, erotic humor.

The Society for Ancient Languages will have another reading next semester. The theme will continue to be Latin Love Poetry but Leslie Hodges hopes to provide influences from ancient poets to the Medieval and Renaissance periods.



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SGA Review

SGA House: New Nominations and New Ideas

By Madison Young

It is time for Homecoming King and Queen! Positions for freshman and sophomore students in the Homecoming Court are available. The nominations in the House were initiated by Erik Thacker's selection of Luke Green of Engineering for the king. The queen position was filled by Stephanie Hudson, the Programming Committee chairman. Following those two proposals were the two for the "little people" spots. Jack Kilian named both Erik Thacker and Jeremy Harper for the "not as important as homecoming king" title, en-

tailoring freshmen and sophomore males. After a survey of the Representatives, Erik Thacker was selected as the final candidate. A concise discussion established Jade Ingram of engineering as underclassmen queen. The Homecoming Court for 2005 will be announced on November 16.

The SGA publicity booths are gradually being setup around campus this week. The Materials Science and Nursing buildings were the sites of tables this past week. Jim Chaloupka, College of Science, produced a small pile of suggestions and comments submitted by students that stopped by the stands.

Unfortunately, a representative speaking on behalf of Kari Pettit mentioned that in the booth located in the Nursing building attracted no one interested in student government information or information regarding various issues on campus. Liberal Arts, Engineering, and Administrative Science booths will with any luck be up and running in the coming week.

Anna Roberson, a freshman of Liberal Arts, was appointed as a House Representative. Just as President Thacker had completed the swearing in process, Roberson volunteered to be the new Liberal Arts floor leader. As a floor leader, she

will meet with Dr. Kirkpatrick, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, monthly to discuss ideas and plans within SGA.

Another funding request was announced this week for Lambda Pi Eta, the Communications Honors Society. The SGA House of Representatives will be supporting this organization as they send two officers to the National Communication Convention to learn about current research and graduate school options. Lambda Pi Eta was granted \$326 after they raised a primary \$200. The special funding request was filled during the controversial month of October; however, the funds will not be trans-

ferred until the first of November. Debates over the allocation of funds in the past month of SGA have been prevalent, yet all questions have been answered at this point.

SGA has finally decided on an initial strategy for the newly opened Mom's. The combination of a student painted mural and UAH sports memorabilia was the main outcome of the debate. Suggestions of sports championship banners and trophies coinciding with student paintings filled the air of the House. A mural contest will most likely take place within the next few months to decide the student respon-

sible for beautifying the new hang out.

Basic groundwork was presented by Mital Modi and President Erik Thacker for the new International Student Council. This organization will offer publicity support for several unknown international clubs on campus as well as help to international students. Council members will consist of the presidents of aforementioned international clubs. It will be open to all members of these groups; however any UAH student can attend. Still, this idea is only the preliminary base for a widespread organization ultimately seeking unity among students.

Student Govt Senate Does Not Meet Quorum Again

By Ashley Campbell

This week the senate did not meet quorum once again so there was not an official meeting. Nevertheless they did discuss pertinent information without a real meeting.

In campus affairs they are

still working on getting together a Café Advisory Board and they would like to have that board filled by November 1. They are looking for interested students from all of the Residence Halls, both sections of the SGA and other members at large.

A shuttle bus that will transport students on Friday

nights is well under way. This transportation will be available to all students and will pick up at each of the resident's halls. This will be a Huntsville City Shuttle and will take students to the mall, to the movies, and to Walmart. These students will also be provided a ride home.

Last weeks revocation of

the AICHE charter was vetoed by President Erik Thacker on grounds of improper procedures.

Senate Elections are being held this week and everyone is encouraged to come out and vote for their senators. They will be held October 27 and 28. The results of the election will be an-

nounced at 1 pm at the UC 131 ("the pit"). Next week will be the first official meeting with the new senators.

This week the current Senate Clerk Christy McKelvey resigned. So there is now a new position open that will have to be filled by next week. If you are interested in this position please

let Debra Raney in the SGA office know. She can be reached at 824-6375.

As a reminder next week there will be an Assembly and it is formal night.

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Sedna, Another Planet or Something Else Entirely?

By Tim Gerrard

The existence of additional planets in our solar system has long been a question of debate. However, a new astronomical find may have settled the issue once and for all.

On the night of November 14, 2003, a team of astronomers headed by Mark

Brown was performing routine scans with the 48 inch Samuel Oschin Telescope when an anomaly was noticed. It seemed that scans showed a planetoid past the orbit of Pluto, near the Kuiper Belt. Scans proved to be right, and the discovery of the new planetoid, later deemed Sedna, was announced to the world.

Sedna is the farthest planetoid from the sun in our solar system. Its orbit takes 10,500 years, and brings it no closer than 7 billion miles from the sun, with the farthest reaches of its orbit possibly passing through the Oort Cloud. The planet may be as large as 1,100 miles in diameter, however the environment of the planet is not

known as it lacks the darkness of a rocky object, and the brightness of an object which is icy or gaseous. However, Sedna is believed to have temperatures that reach -400 degrees Fahrenheit. The other mystery surrounding this planetoid is whether it is really a planet or some other anomaly. The argument has been brought up that Sedna

is a rogue Oort Cloud comet, a stray moon, a rogue planetoid from the Kuiper Belt, or some other anomaly. What is certain, however, is the fact that no one can say exactly what Sedna is.

Sedna has provided some valuable insight to the creation of our solar system. Most stars are "born" in groups or clusters, though

no evidence has ever been found to support that our sun "grew" in such a group, the most famous clusters exist in the Orion Nebula. Sedna's orbit and location may provide proof that our sun did in fact "grow" in the company of others. This proof could further lead to a better understanding of our solar system's origins.

SEDS Revives its National Student Space Conference

By Chris Brown

The Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS) organization, which historically has had a strong presence at UAH, has announced the revival of its national conference, to be held at MIT on November 11-14. This year's event - SpaceVision2004 - focuses on forging bonds between student and professional space pioneers. The conference will host a number of presentations and workshops on both public and private opportunities emerging in space exploration. Each year, SEDS-USA will hold its national conference at a different university across the country. Proposals to host the 2005 event will be accepted immediately following SpaceVision2004.

SEDS was founded in

1980 by Peter Diamandis (also founder of the X-Prize Foundation) with the mandate of creating a national student based organization to ensure the brightest possible future in space exploration. Throughout its history, SEDS has continually pushed to create new opportunities for students to get involved in space

exploration, advocacy, and education. Many of today's top officials in the space industry were first leaders in SEDS. Today the student run organization is partnering with a number of professional advocacy groups to help develop these opportunities. Further information about SEDS-USA can be found at www.seds.org.

"SEDS is leading the way towards involving a new generation in space exploration and development," said George Whitesides, Execu-

tive Director of the National Space Society. "Through joint scholarships, periodicals, and special events, NSS is proud to support SEDS in this critical work."

It has been widely recognized that NASA and commercial space companies are facing a huge problem with the aging of their workforce. At conferences and conventions, the vast majority of attendees are either retired or considering it within a few years. SEDS and SpaceVision2004 are answering the call of the space industry to bring a new youthful membership into the ranks of the active space professional.

"The SEDS-USA conference is unique in its focus and scope," said planetary science student Joshua Neubert, the current Chairman of SEDS-USA. "It is the only national event that fo-

cuses on gathering the younger generation of rising leaders in space exploration. We have secured an all-star cast of speakers and workshops that are already

generating a lot of excitement from students and professionals alike."

The Combined efforts of students from the MIT chapter of SEDS and the MIT Mars Society have made SpaceVision2004 possible. The four-day conference begins on Thursday with a series of discussion forums including "The Proposition Value of Human Space Flight" and a "Space Advocacy Group Session." The conference continues on Friday focusing on the vision of space exploration with speakers including Mars Society

president Robert Zubrin and Space Frontier Foundation founder Rick Tumlinson.

Saturday's presentations relate to the commercial aspects of space and include speeches from X-prize founder Peter Diamandis and International Space University co-founder Bob Richards. Sunday is devoted to governmental space programs including presentations by NASA Associate Administrator of Exploration Systems Adm. Craig Steidle, NASA Architect Gary Martin, and Brigadier General Simon "Pete" Worden, the

Air Force Space Command's Director of Development and Transformation.

Throughout the conference there will also be a number of activities alongside the speaker series to nurture a strong community of student space activists. These activities include: a space elevator concept demonstration, political action workshop, space

career fair, student project presentations, social events, dinner banquet, and other student development workshops. Online registration for SpaceVision2004 is open and can be found at <http://web.mit.edu/mars/spacevision2004/>. Students and professionals of all ages are welcome to attend this unique opportunity to meet the current and future generations of space leaders. SEDS is determined to develop a strong network of student space

activists to push the boundaries of space exploration. This conference is just the beginning of a new phase in the development of this network. Planning for next year's SEDS-USA national conference will begin immediately after the closing of SpaceVision2004. To become involved in SEDS or future activities visit www.seds.org.

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Beginning September 16th, the UAH Chess Club meets from 6:00-11:00 pm in the UAH University Center. Students meet in the cafeteria for instruction, organization, and planning before joining the main meeting. We welcome new members - come late, leave early, at your convenience. UAHCC is a learning environment - most students are beginners. We hope you will join us in building an official UAH Chess Team this Fall.

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Volleyball

(21-7, 8-1 GSC)
October 19 UAH 3, West Alabama 0* (30-17, 30-28, 30-22)
October 22 UAH 3, Henderson State 0 (30-23, 30-22, 30-25)
October 23 UAH 3, Montevallo 0* (30-21, 31-29, 30-17)
This Week:
October 27 at North Alabama*, 7 p.m.
October 31 Central Missouri State, 1 p.m.
* Denotes Gulf South Conference Match

Men's Soccer

(5-8-1, 2-4-1 GSC)
October 24 UAH 10, Delta State 0
This Week:
October 28 at Trevecca Nazarene, 7 p.m.

Women's Soccer

(6-6-0, 3-5-0 GSC)
October 22 UAH 2, North Alabama 0*
This Week:
October 29 Florida Tech, 1 p.m.
* Denotes Gulf South Conference Match

Cross Country

(Men's 37-42, Women's 54-22)
October 23 - Gulf South Conference Championship, Huntsville, Alabama
Men - 4th (108 points, 8K)
15th - Brandon York - 27:06.4 (2nd team All-GSC)
17th - Matt Wilson - 27:09.8 (2nd team All-GSC)
19th - Justin Pruitt - 27:23.5 (2nd team All-GSC)
20th - Matt McLellan - 27:24.4 (2nd team All-GSC)
37th - Mark Ullom - 28:17.2
48th - Zack Koch - 29:04.2
56th - Alex Methvin - 30:11.4
Women - 1* (36 points, 5K)
4th - Katherine Herring - 18:32.1** (1st team All-GSC)
5th - Caitlin Heider - 18:33.8** (1st team All-GSC)
7th - Megan Fairclough - 19:01.5 (1st team All-GSC)
9th - Linda Scavarda - 19:12.5 (1st team All-GSC)
11th - Natalie Hamilton - 19:16.3 (2nd team All-GSC)
54th - Tammy Freeman - 21:49.4
64th - Kristy Crane - 22:21.8
This Week:
November 6 - NCAA South Regional, Memphis, Tennessee

Ice Hockey

(1-1-0, 0-0-0 College Hockey America)
October 22 Holy Cross 4, UAH 2
October 23 UAH 4, Holy Cross 2
This Week:
October 29 at Yale, 6:05 p.m.
October 30 at Princeton, 6:05 p.m.

Sports

UAH Chargers Split Weekend Series

By Chris Karigan

In only the third and fourth time the Chargers have faced Holy Cross in school history, UAH hope to improve on their record of (0-1-1) against the Crusaders.

October 22
UAH 2, HCU 4

The Chargers were ready to begin the regular season, taking on the Holy Cross Crusaders. Both teams tried to mount an offense, but despite 12 shots on goal for the Chargers and 5 for the Crusaders, neither could gain a score during the first period. As the two teams returned from the break, the offensive struggles continued. Holy Cross would finally draw first blood at 10:56 into the second period to take the lead 1-0. Senior right wing Craig Bushey would return fire for the Chargers at 18:48 in the second period on a power play goal with help from Bruce Mulherin and Jared Ross. Entering into the third period tied at 1 goal apiece, both teams would pour on the offense again. Unfortunately, the Crusaders would be the first to break the tie, as Jonas Tomiuck put the Crusaders up by one goal at 5:24 in the third period. Junior left wing Bruce Mulherin would quickly answer back at 7:40 in the third period on a five-on-three power play goal with assists from Jared Ross and Craig Bushey. As the period drew to a close, the Crusaders would not back down, re-taking the lead again at the 15:12 mark. With under a minute left in the game and in



Charger defenseman Ryan Brown (5) takes Crusaders winger Blair Bartlett (12) into the boards during Friday night's game.

a penalty kill situation, UAH tried to come back and send the game into overtime. Holy Cross had other ideas as James Sixsmith scored his second goal of the evening with 46 seconds left in the game to put the Crusaders on top for good. Junior goaltender Scott Munroe took the loss for the Chargers with 19 saves for the night as Holy Cross's Tony Quesada took the win with an impressive 36 saves.

October 23
UAH 4, HCU 2

UAH took the ice Saturday night with a much more determined and focused attitude than they had during Friday night's loss. With Craig Bushey's fan section beginning to develop, the Chargers were ready for action. Junior left wing Chris Martini would start up the scoreboard at 6:42 with assists from Denny Reagan and Tyler Hilbert. Less than two

minutes later, freshman left wing Derek Conter would add another goal for the Chargers on a four-on-five power play with some help from Steve Canter and Brett McConnachie. Finally, junior left wing Bruce Mulherin would round out the first period scoring, with another power play goal at the 14:16 mark with assists from Jeff Winchester and Jeremy Schreiber. A few minutes past midway in the second period, with the Chargers skating three-on-five after two penalties, Holy Cross capitalized on the short-handed UAH, ending any hopes of a shutout and cutting the lead to two in favor of the boys in blue. Later during the third period, still trailing 3-1, Holy Cross scored another power play goal to cut the Charger lead to just one goal at the 6:42 mark, leaving the possibility of a Crusader comeback in the air. Still trailing late,

Holy Cross pulled goaltender Ben Conway in order to send a sixth skater out on the ice in hopes of bringing the game to a tie. Sophomore center Grant Selinger decided that a comeback was out of the question on a break-away score into an empty net with 14 seconds left in the game. Redshirt freshman goaltender Marc Narduzzi got the win with 39 saves, while Ben Conway was handed the loss for the Crusaders.

The Chargers next travel northeast for road contests with Yale and Princeton on October 29 and 30, respectively. This is the first time UAH has faced both teams. Both games begin at 6:05 p.m. Be sure to check <http://www.uahchargers.com> for game info and scores. Don't forget your midterm study groups, but be sure to support our Chargers!

Lady Chargers Finish GSC Season

By Mike Anderson
Interim Sports Editor

The Lady Charger soccer squad wrapped up their Gulf South Conference season Friday afternoon with a 2-0 victory over the Lady Lions of North Alabama to pull their record to an even .500, at 6-6.

There were two big disparities in this game: The foul calls, and the shooting.

In the end, North Alabama was called for 16 fouls, including three cautions, where the Lady Chargers had only nine whistles against them.

As for the shooting, the Blue and White more than doubled UNA's total, outshooting them 19-9 in the game, including 13-1 in the second half.

The scoring belonged to, who else, junior Lindsay Schemeanaur, who hit the game winner in the 59th minute

off a pass from Katie Knop. The insurance goal came in the 85th minute from Schemeanaur from Shelby Poore and freshman Tina Nicholas for the final.

In net, Sarah Sollie made all three saves she had an opportunity to and preserved the shutout, her third of the year, eclipsing her total from 2003, where she had two shutouts and a combined shutout.

The Lady Chargers finish

the GSC season at 3-5, and out of the conference tournament for the first time since 1999. All five of the conference losses were only by one goal, with four of them by the score of 1-0.

The team will wrap up the 2004 season at home Friday afternoon against Florida Tech with the hope of avoiding their first non-winning season since 1999. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Charger Field.

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Ladies Defend Title, Men Fourth

By Mike Anderson
Interim Sports Editor

With the Gulf South Conference Cross Country Championship being held on home turf at Sharon Johnston Park, the Lady Chargers successfully defended their crown Saturday, winning their second straight conference championship.

It was by the slimmest of margins, as David Cain's women edged the Lady Bison of Harding University by a single point, 37 to 38.

The key, according to a release from the UAH Sports Information department, came from, of all places, UAH's biggest rival. North Alabama sophomore Emry

McKay overtook Harding senior Hellen Singoei late in the race to finish second overall. It was all the edge the Lady Chargers needed to secure the team victory.

The women were led by Katherine Herring, crossing at 18:32.1 for a fourth place finish in the 5K meet. Right behind her was Caitlin Heider at 18:33.8. Both were named to the All-GSC first team. Megan Fairclough and Linda Scavarda also were named to the All-GSC first team, finishing seventh (19:01.5) and ninth (19:12.5) respectively.

The Ladies landed one on the All-conference second team. Natalie Hamilton's 19:16.3 was good for an 11th place finish and conference honors to round out the scor-

ing. Tammy Freeman ran a 21:49.4 to finish 54th, and Kristy Crane finished out the Blue and White's race with a 64th place 22:21.8.

Harding's men's team won their fifth consecutive conference title Saturday. The Bison are only the second team in GSC history to accomplish the feat (Troy State University won 15 consecutive titles between 1974-1988).

The Bison accounted for the first four men to cross the line, and six of the top nine. All six Harding University runners earned First Team All-GSC honors.

The Chargers finished fourth as a team in the 8K race, led by Brandon York's

15th place finish with a time of 27:06.4. Matt Wilson finished 17th at 27:09.8. Justin Pruitt's 27:23.5 was good for 19th, while Matt McLellan ran a 27:24.4 to finish 20th. All four earned All-GSC honors.

Mark Ullom ran a 28:17.2 to finish 37th and round out the scoring for the Chargers with a 108 point finish.

Zach Koch ran a 29:04.2, and Alex Methvin finished the race for the Blue and White at 30:11.4.

Next up for the Chargers is the NCAA South Regional in Memphis, Tennessee after a much deserved week off. The teams were last there October 2 for the Rhodes Invitational. The women finished first in that meet, while the men placed fifth.

Volleyball Streak Strong at Eleven

By Heather Evans

The Lady Charger Volleyball team is continuing to play strong as they keep their winning streak alive. The Chargers picked up three wins in the past week against the University of Montevallo, Henderson State, and West Alabama to accumulate eleven consecutive wins. The Lady Chargers stand at 21-7 on the season with an 8-1 record in Gulf South Conference play. The Chargers only GSC loss came at the hands of the University of North Alabama Lions, who currently have one win up on the Chargers in GSC conference play. UAH will take on the UNA Lions on Wednesday night in Florence, AL to settle who will finish out the season atop the GSC East Division and who

will likely host the 2004 conference tournament. The rematch comes after the Chargers lost earlier in the year in a 3-0 match at Spragins Hall. The Chargers will then play on Sunday in a true Halloween show down at Spragins Hall as they take on Central Missouri State at 1 p.m.

Tuesday night's (Oct. 19) game was not your normal UAH volleyball match. Going into Spragins Hall one was immediately greeted by baseball players in overalls, basketball players dressed as wrestlers, and even cross country runners in diapers. The majority of student athletes showed up in costumes ranging from ghosts and crayons to secret service agents and even a Livestrong bracelet as they cheered on the Lady Chargers to another win. All this Charger spirit

helped encourage UAH to a 30-17, 30-28, 30-22 win over the University of West Alabama. The Lady Charger team outplayed the University of West Alabama by outscoring them 49 kills to 33, 14 blocks to 4, and 8 aces to 2.

In the Friday, October 22, game the Lady Chargers continued their win streak with a three game sweep of Henderson State. Junior outside hitter Emily Miller stacked up her 20th double-double of the year by collecting 21 kills and 15 digs while Senior Kristin Kleminsky picked up her ninth of the season with a 13 kill and 11 dig performance. The Charger's 30-23, 30-22, 30-25 effort was also helped by Senior middle blocker Melissa Feldmann with 12 kills and seven digs and the 48 assists posted by Junior Samantha

Polkowski.

Saturday's match cemented the fact that the Charger's win streak would stay alive at eleven as they swept the University of Montevallo. Game highlights included Miller accumulating her 21st double-double of the year with 14 kills and 11 digs, Kleminsky adding 12 kills, and Junior Hitter Molly Healy contributing 11 kills of her own. Setter Samantha Polkowski also added 9 digs as she set up 48 assists.

The Lady Chargers now carry this eleven game win streak into their first place battle with the University of North Alabama on Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in Florence, AL. Good luck Lady Chargers as you try to keep this win streak alive against GSC rival UNA!

Men's Soccer Wins Rout Over Delta

By Chris Karigan

As soccer season was winding down, the UAH Chargers were set to take Charger Field one last time before season's end. For Micah Bell, Andrae Jason Grey, Kevon Joseph, Jonathan Osborne, and Steven Van Horn, it would be their last as UAH players as the Chargers lose them to graduation next Spring.

October 24

Delta State 0, UAH 10

The UAH men's soccer team headed out on to the

field for the last home game of the season, after a frustrating (4 8 1) record, the Chargers looked to take out some frustration on the Delta State Statesmen. Senior midfielder Steven Van Horn was the first to make a statement, scoring his sixth goal of the season at 12:21 into the contest off of a Travis Morris and Kyle Fraser assist. Van Horn decided he liked scoring so much, he decided to score a couple more times, at 15:22 with a Sam Petit assist, and at 17:42 off of a Kyle Fraser assist. After completing the hat trick, Van Horn was transferred over to the defensive

side of the ball, opening the door for other Chargers to score. Junior midfielder Sam Petit would score off of a Micah Bell assist at 28:08 into the game. Finally, senior midfielder Micah Bell would score at 38:16 off of a Nicolas Longinotto and Daniel Disilvestro assist, to bring the score to 5-0 at the 45-minute halfway point. After the half, another senior midfielder, Jonathan Osborne, continued the rout at the 57:30 mark with help from Mitsu Matsuo and Sam Petit. About five minutes later, a fourth senior in forward Kevon Joseph scored

an unassisted goal, and the rout was officially on. Three more Charger goals were scored by Paul Sammeroff, Daniel Boamah, and even goalkeeper Joel Truitt (playing at forward) scored just before the game's end on a penalty kick. After ninety minutes of a tenacious Charger offense that included 43 shots on goal compared to Delta State's five, the game was mercifully over.

The Chargers next travel to Nashville, TN for a match-up with Trevecca Nazarene on October 28 to end the 2004 regular season. Be sure to wish the Chargers well!

You're Welcome!

By Mike Anderson
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I had great fun this weekend.

As those of you who have frequented the school's best attended event (and by the way, there is plenty of room for more of you) may have noticed, public address announcer Larry Fine was unavailable this weekend.

So they asked me to fill in.

It was great. The most surprising thing about the whole experience is seeing how little the players actually talk when they're sent to the penalty box.

I also don't understand why the students in the lower section moved farther away from the pep band. They worked amazingly well together during the Western Ontario series, and I'd love to see it happen again and again, so get back over to the odd boxes, kids!

And while you're at it, see if you can convince some of the Greeks to stay for an entire game for once.

It's a good thing that I didn't have a full, open drink on the table in front of me, it would have been all over me every time we scored.

Although, I'll admit, I didn't enjoy being the public address announcer nearly as much as I do being the play-by-play announcer, but that's a whole other ball of wax.

So, how are we going to do this year?

It's very simple. If all four lines play, this has the potential to be a very good year. The one thing I tend to notice is that when Jared Ross, as good as he is, is skating every other shift, we lose. Plain as that. You can't have anything in the tank when you've got something like 35 minutes of ice time in the game.

That's why games like last Saturday, where twelve different players registered a single point on UAH's four goals, are so refreshing.

All I heard during the pre-season was that this team has nine defensemen that could end up playing on any given day. Make it eight for now with the loss of Shaun Arvai, but with newcomers Matt Montes and Mike Salekin playing very solidly on Saturday, I look for them to get a lot more playing time.

This team will show a lot when they go north to take on Yale and Princeton. They're not the best in the ECAC, between them they only had 17 wins and neither had a winning record. Still, there's always the "little school" versus "big school" mentality that this team has had to fight in the past few years.

Can they sweep? Yes, of course they can.

Will they sweep? Another question altogether.

History is on their side. The last time the Chargers played two games in two different venues in two days, the Chargers won both games. January 27-28, 1996 the Chargers played at Mercyhurst and at Elmira, winning 3-2 and 4-2 respectively.

So good luck, Chargers.

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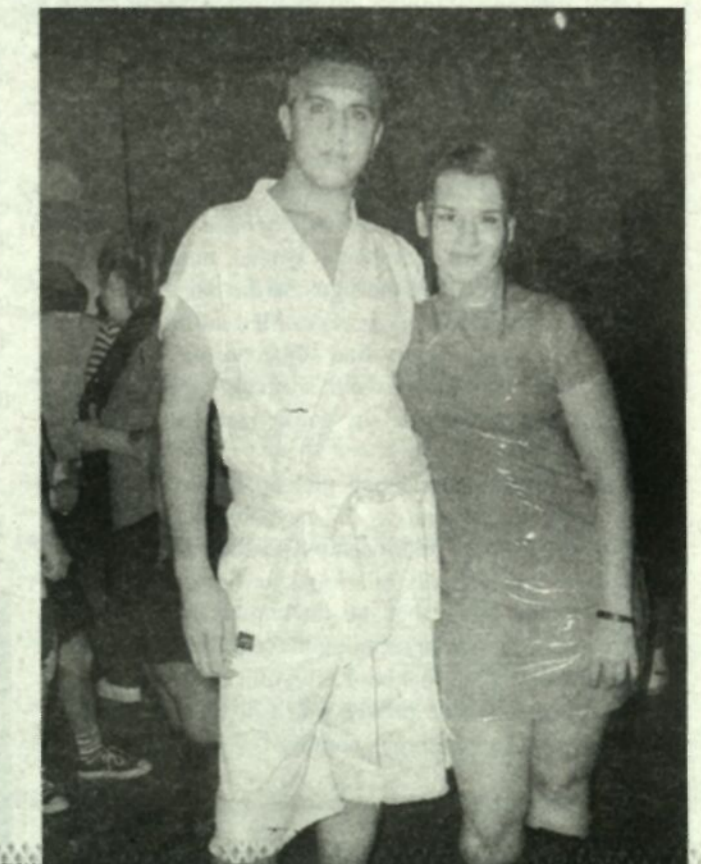
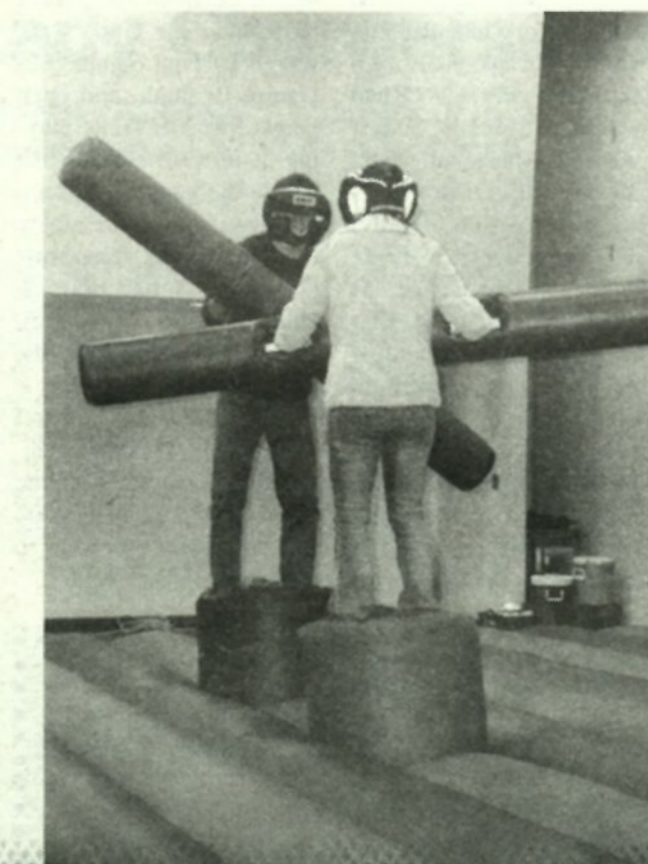
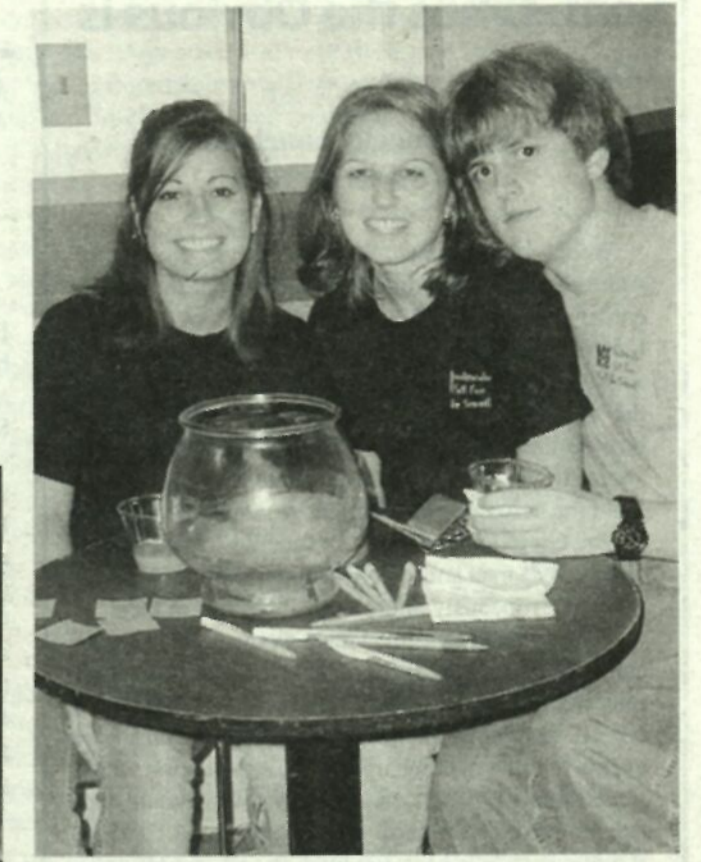
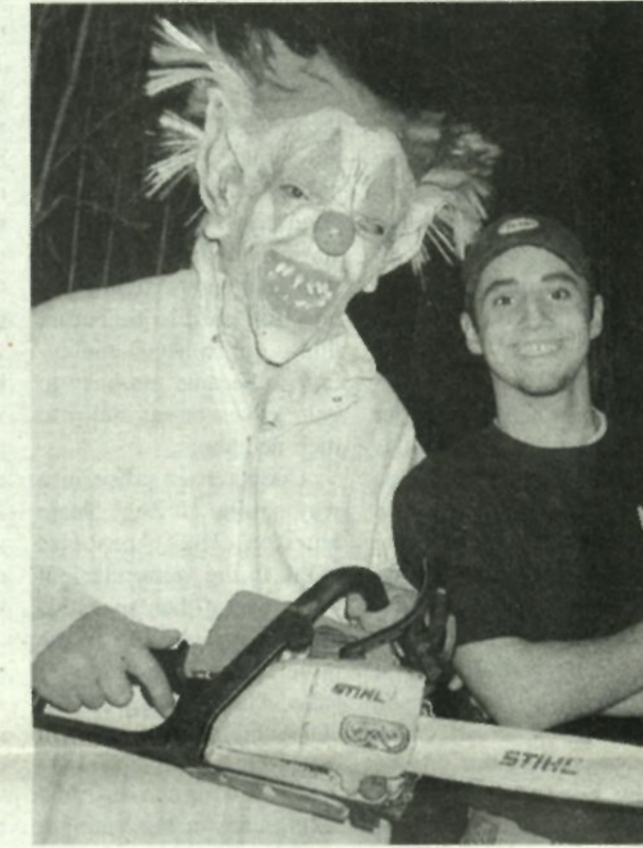
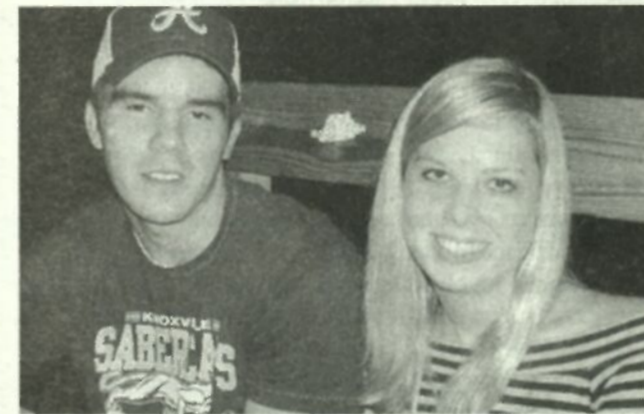
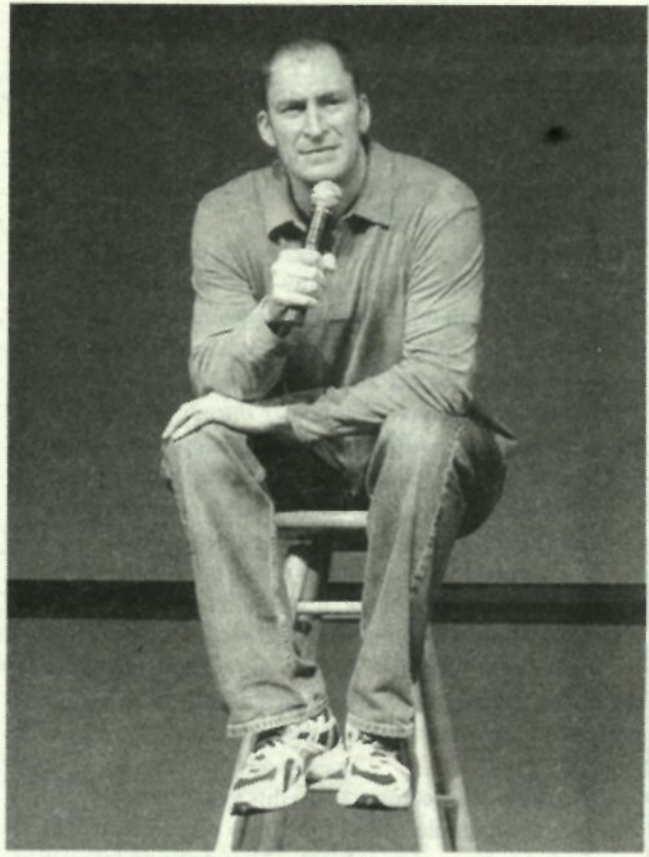
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Open Letters

He's Not That Into You/ Sometimes the Obvious is True

By Shonneky Langham
Entertainment Editor

Books-A Million is a hangout for me. I know for some people it's not the ideal hangout but for me it is a cool place to go and chill, plus it doesn't look awkward for a person to be there alone. Many days when I have a break between classes and don't really want to go all the way home I got to BAM or Barnes and Nobles to browse the bookshelves and find new stuff to write about. It was on one of these jaunts to the bookstore that I ran across a book entitled *He's Just Not That Into You* by Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo. This is a book written by a man and a woman and it explores the way women erroneously interpret the behavior of men.

According to this novel most women live in a state called Denial. The citizens of this state often take common male behavior (lack of phone calls, breaking up but still wanting to sleep together) and reinterpret these events in order to come up with an explanation which more closely fits the scenario that we wish would happen. For instance, according to Behrendt and Tuccillo, if a guy says he's been too busy to call you all day a woman is likely to believe this and sympathize with his plight, never once considering the reality, which is much more harsh. The reality of the situation, again according to Behrendt and Tuccillo, is that the guy is not that into you, citing that if he was really into you the phone call he makes to his girl would be the bright spot in his long workday and that nothing could stop him from calling you.

Hmm, you say. At least it made me say that. How many times have any of us, male and female, succumbed to some lame excuse for why they couldn't call, email, come by, etc? You guys may not want to admit it but I know I have. If someone had given me this book years ago, a lot of things would have turned out differently.

According to the web page about this book, *He's Just Not That Into You* is inspired by an episode of *Sex and the City*. After receiving hundreds of emails from women with questions about the men they love, the authors felt that the idea of writing a book about how women seem to lose all common sense when it comes to men and their excuses was a necessity. I have to admit, having lots of female friends who like to talk about men I agree with them. Some of the things we women think up to convince ourselves of our love's devotion, myself included, are worthy of the highest literary prizes ever given. If only we would look at the way things really are as opposed to the way we want them to do we would save ourselves a lot of heartache. Honesty, in this case with yourself, is the best policy.

So what do you think out there? Is it worth it to have a book that helps to explain the way that men think and the way that women misinterpret their behavior? If you asked me, and if course you didn't but I will tell you anyway, I think it's a wonderful idea. Even though the stories these women tell are handled in a humorous way, the suggestions contained inside are good old-fashioned advice. This book is getting incredible buzz and well it should. Women hurt ourselves when we refuse to see the signs before our hearts are captured and ultimately broken. Men suffer too because when they finally find someone they want to settle down with they have to overcome the barriers she has put up because she doesn't want to be hurt again.

If you want a good laugh, pick up this book. If you are interested in hearing the no-holds-barred truth about Venus/Mars relationships pick up this book. It has some really, really hilarious questions in it but it also contains things that absolutely must be believed. If you're interested in escaping the trauma of a broken heart then pick up this book. It won't guarantee that your heart won't be broken but it at least makes it easier to spot a heartbreak coming.

Entertainment

Surviving the Hardships of *Family*

By Shonneky
Langham

I have to thank my cousin Brandy for sending me this book. She lives in Houston and she, too, is a bookhead. She was at a used bookstore in San Antonio and found several books that she knew I would be interested in. In a rare moment in which she had absolutely nothing to do she braved the Houston traffic and sent me my books. For that I thank her. I thank her even more for the even greater gift that the novel gave me, the gift of keen insight.

This week's selection is a novel by J. California Cooper entitled *Family*. The novel is about a family of people born into slavery. The novel opens with a character named Clara. Clara is twelve years old and has been a slave all her life. Clara's mother, Fanny, is exhausted beyond all hope at the life she has lived so she decides to kill herself. Clara is devastated by this turn of events but because she is a slave, years later she finds herself in the same predicament. She too decides to kill herself. However, instead of

just doing away with her own life, she takes plans to take her children's lives as well. After preparing a poisonous meal for the family to eat, she makes her children lay down to await their deaths. Things do not work out as Clara plans, and this is where the real story begins.

Where can I start with this story? I can praise almost everything about it because the novel is that good. I can only equate Cooper's style of writing with that of a really good storyteller. Reading her stories are like listening to your grandmother telling you how life used to be before things got so hectic and everyone became too busy to bake cakes or say hello to their neighbors.

Cooper uses prose in a way similar to Zora Neale Hurston. Her characters speak in the vernacular but the power of their speech is only enhanced by it. In the novel there is a character called Always. She is Clara's oldest child, and the one who shares a huge part of the burden of working as a slave and taking care of her younger brother and sisters. Always' story is the real gem in this novel because it encom-

passes the bulk of the novel and runs the whole gamut of emotions. Always has to endure loss, unimaginable hardship, and in some cases, triumph.

I have read other stories by J. California Cooper and have loved them all for their simplicity in storytelling and their depiction of character. The way Cooper writes is sparse and simple but it packs a real punch. I was taken in by this novel from the moment I opened the first pages and I was unable to put it down until I had finished it. One sleepless night later, I found myself marveling at the way Cooper made me feel as if I was personally involved with the events that happened to the characters. I cried. I was angry. I laughed. I celebrated. All these things, and more, are what you will experience if you take the time to read this novel.

Many times I have purposefully avoided reading anything that dealt with slavery and the harrowing accounts of life as a slave. I thought that it would be too much for me to experience and that I would be depressed after I was done reading it. Well *Family* has

enough sadness in it to make a reader experience these things. The horror, the *absolute horror* of life as a slave cannot and never should be, sugarcoated. Cooper makes us deal with the reality of that life and the consequences of it. However she also makes us happy that such a horrible institution is no longer in place. Cooper writes so powerfully that when something happens that changes a life for the better the reader feels just as excited as if it were happening in their own lives. I urge my readers to pick up a copy of anything by J. California Cooper but especially *Family*. I came away from this novel with an insight about slavery that all the pictures in the world couldn't give me. I also came away from it feeling thankful about my life and the freedom I have been granted today. I wish everyone out there the gift of freedom and the unprecedented luxury of peace. I realized how important those things were just by reading a novel that showed how hellish life could be without it. Go out and find a novel that changes your life. This one just might be it.

What Will You Be This Halloween?

By Shonneky
Langham

It's that time of the year again, the time when witches, ghosts, and goblins come out to terrorize the neighborhood. That's right, Halloween is upon us again and if you celebrate the holiday you may be considering what to "be" this year.

Lots of people think that Halloween is just for kids but it may surprise you to know that Halloween is the sixth biggest money-grossing holiday of all. With a statistic like that, it's easy to see that kids are not the only ones who like to play dress up and let their alter ego reign supreme if only for one night.

The question then becomes: What am I going to dress up as? There are the obvious picks: a witch, a

devil, or that infernal *Scream* costume that has run its course. The choices are endless. The question you should ask yourself is what most reflects your personality and what costume would reflect that.

Anyone interested in getting Halloween costume tips can find all the information you want on the internet. The World Wide Web is crawling with information on where to get the best costumes for really affordable prices. A couple of websites even give you quizzes that help determine what your best bet for a Halloween costume might be.

One of those websites is called Drive.com. This website has a message board that allows you to communicate with others who are trying to get suggestions about what they should dress up as this Halloween. Visitors to

this website can also purchase their costumes here. Another one is called Listology.com. Even though this website isn't limited to Halloween themes, it does contain links to the users which might be useful to anyone who is stuck and has no idea what they want to become. These web pages are just a small dent in what the web has to offer. Since I don't surf the web very much I suggest you go online and find your fantasy.

Halloween, and the chance to become someone else for a little while, comes but once a year. This year, take a chance and do something different. Are you normally outgoing and vivacious? Try flipping the script and becoming a bookworm for the day? If you're usually quiet and reserved then become a Flamenco dancer or a

fortune teller. Wear some elaborate costume if you normally dress down so as not to be noticed. Be whimsical, be comical, be hideous, be enchanting be anything you want but wouldn't normally have the courage to be. All these ideas help you get out of your comfort zone and really take on the personality of the costume.

I know that everyone doesn't celebrate Halloween and that's fine. But if you see no harm in it then make sure you have fun with it. Use this Halloween to become something different. If you're going to participate in any of this year's Halloween festivities you may as well do it big. Have fun out there you guys and be safe. Oh and be on the lookout for me. I'll be the salsa dancer in the flaming red dress.

the editor is bored.
please send him a letter via editor@exponent.uah.edu

Danger Mouse + Jay-Z + Beatles = *The Grey Album*

By Clay Johnson

Jay-Z, or Shawn Carter, is considered by many to be one of the greatest emcees of all time. Critics and fans alike love him because of his skilled rhymes, critically-acclaimed albums like *Reasonable Doubt* and *The Black Album*, and fan-favorite singles such as "Big Pimpin'" and "Hard Knock Life." He has accumulated platinum sales many times over and was arguably rap's finest star before his "retirement" last year, signified by *The Black Album*. Clearly, Carter's idea of retirement differs from mine, as he will enter the studio soon to record a couple of new tracks for an upcoming greatest hits, is currently on tour with R. Kelly, and is rumored to be in line to move from the Roc-a-Fella label he helped to establish to become president of Def Jam Recordings.

Jay-Z's aforementioned final album was released in its standard version as well as in an a cappella version. This spurred several DJs and would-be DJs to place Jay's lyrics into musical settings of their own design. Some even decided to sample other artists' albums and use the

samples as the backdrop for Carter's vocals. One such case resulted in *The Double Black Album*, which paired Jay-Z's raps with music from Metallica's eponymous album, which is often referred to as the "Black Album."

Still, the most prominent of these projects was *The Grey Album*. It was the result of a DJ known as Danger Mouse, who was previously known mostly for his work with the artist Jemini, combining *The Black Album* with 1968's eponymous *The Beatles*, known by many as the "White Album." The result of these strange bedfellows was dubbed *Grey* by Danger Mouse because the combination of black and white, of course, equals grey. The resulting name was the most groundbreaking in history, and cemented Danger Mouse as the preeminent genius of all time.

Just kidding. In all seriousness, the press quickly latched onto the story and heralded the original concept introduced by the project. Even those who did not necessarily laud the result of the project praised the spirit behind it. Combining arguably the finest artist in rap with arguably the greatest artists of all time was simply an in-

triguing concept and an exercise in good, clean fun.

Soon, the legality of the combo was called into question, with EMI calling for the album to be blocked from public consumption. Several websites hosted the album for free download on Grey Tuesday earlier this year. It is still available on www.illegal-art.org. And the legal battle is still unsettled, to my knowledge.

But in any event, the music produced still stands. And it is, as alluded to earlier, fun. There are problems, of course. For instance, certain tracks contain production problems ("Encore" being the worst offense due to a skipping problem). Some of Jay-Z's lyrical tracks are missing, these being "Lucifer" and "Threat." The original order is shifted around and ultimately some of the results of the mix are not of the highest possible quality. But all these are minor problems, because the project is not about perfection, as it is really not a commercial release but a homemade mix-tape of sorts. Thus the aim of the album is to entertain, and the concept provides for a lot of enjoyment.

First of all, there are times when the result of adding

Beatles music to Jay-Z lyrics is excellent. For instance, on "99 Problems," Danger Mouse uses the music from "Helter Skelter," arguably the Beatles' most hard-rocking track ever. It is similar enough in spirit to the original rock edge of the Rick Rubin production of "99 Problems" found on *The Black Album*, but works great in its own right and provides extra fun for those who are familiar with the Beatles' song.

The feel of the album works well. The eerie spirit of the Beatles' "Long Long Long" pervades "Public Service Announcement." A slowed-down "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" adds a similar haunting quality to "What More Can I Say," while "My 1st Song" finds the ghost of the closing moments of "Cry Baby Cry" lending a proper reminiscent aura to what was the final song of Jay's career. These kinds of touches are placed throughout the album to give it a more melancholy weight since it is the rapper's final album.

Still, Danger Mouse's use of "Happiness is a Warm Gun" to lend a sinister edge to "Moment of Clarity" shows another side to this marriage. The beats from

"Encore" are taken from "Glass Onion" and work quite well, while the acoustic touches from "Justify My Thug" and "December 4th" are appropriated from the Beatles' "Rocky Raccoon" and "Mother Nature's Son," respectively. The acoustic touches give the songs an earthier feel and remind this reviewer of Nelly's "Ride Wit Me" in production. With Danger Mouse at the helm, "Allure" has something of a carnival backdrop while "Interlude" consists almost entirely of back-masked Jay-Z vocal clips and snippets from Lennon's Beatles sound collage "Revolution 9," and it shares that song's avant garde spirit.

All these tracks feature typical Jay-Z raps, though sometimes with more emotional tinges due to the somber event the original album heralded. Jay still talks about his hustling days, coming from rags to riches, and boastfully proclaims his skill and sales at the drop of a hat. Here, though, he talks about his family (his mom even has some snippets of dialogue thrown in on "December 4th") and about the side of fame he can live without. He talks often of his leaving, why he is doing so, and his past

highs and lows. His rhymes are excellent throughout the album, so there is little to complain about in that area, though one may unfairly want more from Jay's final outing.

Again, this album is a lot of fun. Whether one is simply enjoying the lyrics of one of rap's finest in a brand new setting or appreciating the enduring possibilities of rock's most important icons, Danger Mouse has succeeded on some level. The album can even be something of a music lover's game, allowing one to try and pick out all the samples used (the drum and beat samples will be the most difficult to decipher). So, while the legality and overall quality level of *The Grey Album* is in question by some, it is highly interesting and fun in both concept and experience. Creative minds and fans of the principal artists involved should check this out.

MOVIE TIMES	
Times valid on Thursdays only	
Hero	1:00 3:10 5:20 7:30 9:45
Ladder 49	1:45 4:30 7:15 9:45
Surviving Christmas	1:00 1:30 3:00 3:30 5:00 5:30 7:00 7:20 9:15 9:40
Raise Your Voice	1:20 4:20 7:10 9:30
Spiderman 2	1:10 4:10 7:00 9:40
Taxi	1:30 3:30 5:30 7:30 9:45
The Forgotten	1:20 3:20 5:20 7:20 9:30
The Princess Diaries 2	1:00 4:00 7:00 9:20
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The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs would like to announce that the 2004-2006 Student Handbooks are available.

If you would like a hard copy of the Student Handbook, you may pick one up at the University Center Information Desk, Charger Central (University Center Room 118), the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (University Center Room 114), or call the Vice President for Student Affairs' Office at 824-6700 to have one mailed to you via campus mail.

The handbook is available online at:
http://www.uah.edu/student_life/handbook/

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES

Calendar of Events for the City of Huntsville
Thru Oct 24 Great Mountain Fest @ Burritt on the Mountain Huntsville, AL

Thru Oct.30 Sordid Lives @ Renaissance Theatre Huntsville, AL

Thru Oct. 30 Fourth Annual Scarecrow Trail @ Botanical Gardens Huntsville, AL

Oct 31 Super Duper Halloween Bash @ Downtown Huntsville

Oct.31 (2-4pm) "Art Demonstration" Chuck Long A Huntsville Museum of Art Huntsville, AL

Oct.31 Film Co-op Horror Festival @ The flying Monkey Arts Center Huntsville, AL

Oct 31 Horror Cinema Cafe "The Beyond" @ Red Light Video Huntsville, AL

Music EVENTS

Music Events for the City of Huntsville

Oct 28 Kick up Your Heels for Kids Health @ Furniture Factory Bar and Grill Huntsville, AL

Oct 28 Stout @ Humphrey's Bar and Grill Huntsville, AL

Oct 29 Gryphon @ Bobby G's Place Huntsville, AL

Oct 29 Reddletters @ Copper Top Bar and Grill Huntsville, AL

Oct 29 Halloween Bash with Black Label @ Tabu Madison, AL

Oct 30 Fynal Stryke @ Benchwarmer Huntsville, AL

Oct 30 Col. Bruce Hampton and the Codebreakers @ The Crossroads, Huntsville, AL

Oct 31 Nightmare on Clinton Street, Huntsville, AL

13th muse

poetry corner

Christopher Reeve
By Niko Bates

Childhood is dying
My heroes are leaving through
Shotguns and horses

TOP 10

Top Ten Movies

- 1.The Grudge
- 2.Shark Tale
- 3.Shall We Dance
- 4.Friday Night Lights
- 5.Team America: World Police
- 6.Ladder 49
- 7.Surviving Christmas
- 8.Taxi
- 9.The Forgotten
- 10.I Heart Huckabees

Top Ten Singles

- 1.My Boo Usher and Alicia Keys
- 2.Goodies Ciara feat. Petey Pablo
- 3.Lose My Breath Destiny's Child
- 4.Lean Back Terror Squad
- 5.She Will Be Loved Maroon 5
- 6.Just Lose It Eminem
- 7.Drop it Like It's Hot Snoop Dogg feat Pharrell
- 8.Over and Over Nelly feat. Tim McGraw
- 9.Locked Up Akon feat. Styles P
10. Breakaway Kelly Clarkson

Choices

By Chris Brown
Editor-in-Chief

By the time you read this column the election will be only a few days away. I hope everyone reading listened to my pleas and registered to vote by the October 22 deadline. With all the focus on the Presidential race, many of you may have overlooked the state races and other matters that will be on the ballot November 2. As always I am here to help.

In the race for President everybody knows GW (www.georgewbush.com) and John Kerry (www.johnkerry.com). Don't forget that you will also see Michael Badnarik on the ballot (www.badnarik.org), and of course there is always Ralph Nader (www.votenader.org). There are also contenders from the Constitution and Reform parties.

The race that, for us, is probably more important than the one for the White House, is the open senate seat. Republican incumbent Richard Shelby is of course running again, and the only senators safer than Shelby in this race are the ones not up for re-election this round. His website is at www.shelbyforsenate.com. Democrat Wayne Sowell is also in the race and you can check out his site at www.waynesowell2004.org. Shelby has a lot of support at UAH because he keeps giving us money. The question for us of course is whether we turn a blind eye to pork-barrel politics when the money comes to us. I do think Shelby's flat rate tax proposal is a step in the right direction.

In the fifth district for the US House of Representatives, we have another long-time incumbent, Democrat Bud Cramer (www.budcramer.org). His Republican competition is Gerald Wallace (www.wallaceforcongress.com). Now most people would consider me a person of strong faith, but I get a little worried when a candidate's front page on his website is full of nothing but scripture references and a call for 87,000 concerned Christian voters. I am a Christian voter, and I am definitely concerned, so I may have to write-in Jesus for this race.

There are three places on the Alabama Supreme Court contested in this election, and none of them feature incumbents. The Place 1 race is between Republican Tom Parker (www.parkerforjustice.com) and Democrat Robert H. Smith (www.robert-h-smith.com). Place 2 is between Republican Patti Smith and Democrat Roger Monroe; Place 3 is between Republican Mike Bolin and Democrat John Rochester.

The Alabama Court of Civil Appeals features a race between incumbent Democrat Sharon Yates and Republican challenger Tommy Bryan. The race for the Alabama Public Service Commission is uncontested. District 1 for the State Board of Education is uncontested, while districts 3, 5 and 7 are contested. Here in district 8 there is no race this year. Candidates for whom I did not know a website all have short biographies at www.al.com, in the election 2004 section under the news heading.

In Madison County there is a single county amendment to the state constitution to consider. It will allow elected or appointed county officials to take part in the Employees' Retirement System.

In typical Alabama form, there are no less than eight proposed statewide constitutional amendments. Amendment 1, which by the way is extremely vague and therefore very worrisome to me, would allow officials in Baldwin County "certain powers for economic and industrial development." Amendment 2, which reminds me somewhat of the interracial marriage amendment four years ago, is meant to repeal several things that have not been enforced in decades, including school segregation, constitutional construction against the right to education, and the poll tax. Amendment 3 is exactly like Amendment 1, except that it applies to all of the counties and not just Baldwin county (which is where Gulf Shores is located in case anybody was wondering). Amendment 4, and I am not making this up, simply provides for the promotion of shrimp and seafood. Amendment 5 would allow the city of Trussville (just outside Birmingham on the northeast side) to annex certain property and levy ad valorem taxes (property tax). Amendment 6 will allow the Judge of Probate of Crenshaw County to receive the same salary as the District Judge of that county (Crenshaw County is just south of Montgomery County). Amendment 7 will allow the Macon County Commission to tax alcohol and tobacco products, so if you

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Editorial

LETTERS to the Editor

Deadline for having letters of 300 words or less turned in is 2 p.m. on Friday. The Exponent reserves the right to edit all materials submitted for publication.

Dear Editor,

I'm very concerned that President Bush and his policies have pushed this nation closer to needing a draft.

Iraq has bogged down so much of our army that if we actually had to fight a war of necessity instead of a war of fantasy, we'd be in trouble. Our armed forces are

stretched to the breaking point. Bush's war of choice has left us completely without choices when it comes to any further military action that may be necessary. His reckless rush to project American power has instead resulted in the negation of American power.

Yes, Bush says there

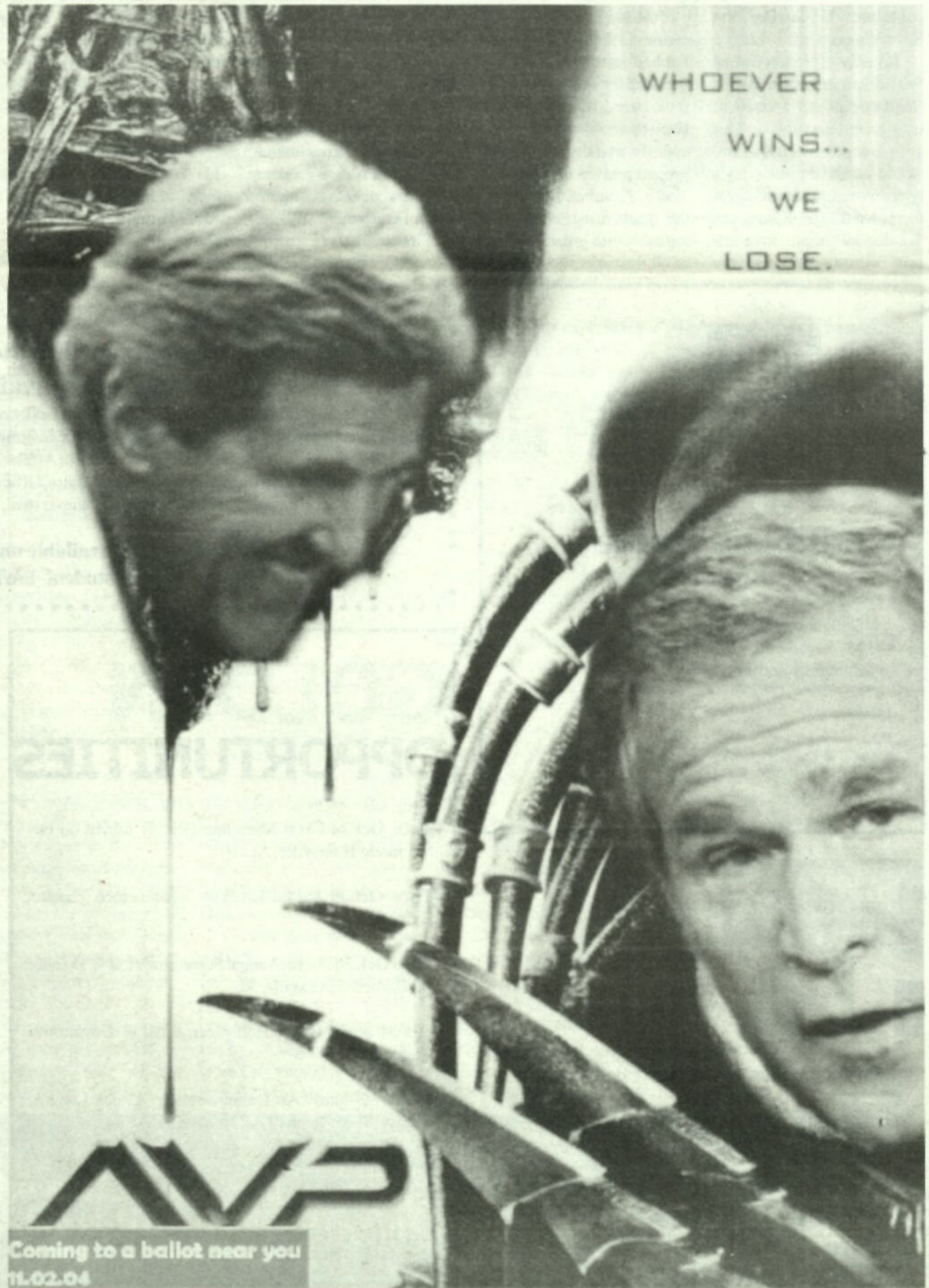
won't be a draft. What has he been right about so far? If Bush STILL can't admit that Iraq was not a real threat, and fighting the war was any kind of mistake, then why should voters believe that he would not make the same mistake again? And if he DOES go after still another such country, by again trumping up

some threat that isn't there, how can the draft be avoided?

History is full of surprises. In a time of war, another one can break out as well. What army do we have to fight it with?

Sincerely,
William C Stosine

Battle for the White House 2004



Opinion

What to Do if Kerry is Elected: Leftist Concerns

By Daniel Allen

Many of us have been concerned with the loss of support from the left due to third-party candidates, such as Nader, in this election. While I think it's clear that voting for a third party is a waste of time, as well as wrong-headed, it is important to understand why this phenomenon makes itself present. While members of the Democratic Party are friendlier to the left, it is impossible to ignore that they have failed to represent it in the past. President Clinton, for instance, made many decisions that were not in line with the left. He opposed Gay marriage openly and conceded integration of homosexual men and women in the military to a "don't ask, don't

tell" policy that failed to really integrate the military. President Johnson and his administration threw our citizens into a war that was clearly immoral under false pretenses (i.e., the Tonkin Gulf Resolutions). FDR, the ideal Democrat, preserved Capitalism by briefly undermining its principles in order to prevent a massively organized movement by the people against capitalism. African Americans and Women, as well as many other groups, still remain among the disadvantaged and disempowered, even after the great protest movements of the sixties, their histories of alienation and oppression all but erased from the memories of politicians. The majority of elected Democrats today support the war in Iraq, support some

form of the tax cuts, oppose gay marriage, and are funded by Juggernaut Corporations.

Now, I'm not the sort of leftist who then says this makes Democrats the same as Republicans, and I don't think those facts above condemn the politicians they involve. What these facts indicate is the inability of the political system to accommodate progressive action within its own parameters. I think Kerry is a good person, and I think he is probably, like Clinton, pretty leftist. But in the political world, politicians have to make all kinds of horrible compromises just to keep the left from being strangled to death. There is not much they can do for us on their own except to keep extreme crises such as the ones we're feeling now at bay.

So the question we have

to ask is- what do we do if (I prefer "once") Kerry is elected? So many times in the past, the left has been so relieved to get somebody other than a right wing blow-hard in office that they have piggybacked their agenda onto that candidate's shoulder out of sheer exhaustion. But due to the environment of the political system, most of the load is dumped out of necessity. This is because the political system began, and has grown beyond, our ability to participate in it. One need only look at the electoral process to see this. The allotment of electoral points per state clearly began as a means of giving more power to those states that were more likely to support the liberalist (i.e., modern Democracy a la Capitalism) agenda. On top of this, nowhere in the Constitution

does it state that the representatives of states who cast the vote for the president must follow the state's decision. Our political system has become alien to us; we can no longer control politics politically.

At the same time, we can have an effect, we can defend ourselves against it- in this case by voting for Kerry. But this defense encompasses most of what a vote for Kerry can be. He can scale back poverty somewhat, he can speed up our exit from Iraq, and he can calm down our angered allies. All these things and more can be slowed down, but they cannot be stopped. Kerry can hold back the forces that seek to strangle the people, but he cannot stop them. This is up to us, as people, whose relationships to each other pre-

cede the Politics of Alienation. Together we can rise under Kerry, and champion those causes which Kerry cannot. We can organize to protest, spread awareness, and fight starvation, hand-in-hand. Whatever we do, we must not let up, we must not force Kerry to handle the load of what is now essentially ours alone. We must vote for Kerry to end Bush's reign of terror, but we must view this vote as a commitment to action, as beginning, rather than as an end in itself. So our reason for electing Kerry must be the chance for change he can provide us, the many options he will give us. Under Bush, our only options may be Canada or a gun.

Americans Are Together, But Still Are Not Equal

By Glenn Clayton

This article is a consenting opinion to Chris Brown's article in last week's paper.

"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright day-break of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1964, President Johnson signed a law enacting a policy of Affirmative Action. These Affirmative Action policies were the first steps in reversing the effects of racism. For over four hundred years black men, women and children were persecuted on the basis of their skin color, culture and creed. We have come a long way since the times of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the sixties; the real question now is have we gone far enough, or maybe even too far.

Mr. Brown focused on the monikers chosen by members of society that aim to separate and distinguish them from their fellow Americans. While this is indeed a contributing factor to the growing resentment and discord in American society, I feel that he understated the

importance that Affirmative Action plays in furthering the separation between people of different races and cultures.

The fatuous phrase "separate, but equal" was used by the Supreme Court to justify segregation. That phrase has long since been erased from law books and public reasoning. However, today we find ourselves dealing with a new, unsaid, phrase that is just as ignorant, and just as dangerous... "together, but not equal."

We all know that the color of our skin does not in any way define who we are or limit what we will become. So, why then do we put such importance on our complexion? Why does the college I apply to need to know the color of my skin? Why is it socially acceptable for someone in our society to degrade whites and other non-disadvantaged groups?

We all have gone through the college application process, and when we filled out that application for indiscriminant instruction, we had to identify ourselves by race. I wonder if it is easier for me, a white guy, to make A's in high school and college, simply because I am white? My friends, who happen to be black, tell me that their skin color has no bearing on the grade they get and neither does mine. If that is the case, then why does an institution of higher learning need to know my race? Some

will argue that being part of a "disadvantaged" minority makes one more likely to be impoverished and thus entitled to more assistance. As Mr. Brown suggested, even if that is the case, would it not make more sense to base assistance on financial inability rather than race? I came from a poor family, yet I was still able to get good grades, it just meant I had to work a little harder.

Anyone considered to belong to a disadvantaged minority (which, interestingly enough, excludes Asians and Middle-Easterners) will receive extra points on their college application simply because of their racial affiliation. To make race a factor in the acceptance of someone to any type of institution implies that race does have a direct affect on his or her qualifications. To make it harder for someone who is white (or Asian, Middle-Eastern, etc.) to get into college merely because of their ethnicity is racial discrimination, period.

Many try to justify Affirmative Action and "reverse discrimination" with the belief that these types of legislations and attitudes will lead to diversity in our society, including our universities. First, I wonder why if race and skin color are not important factors that make up whom someone is, why then is there such a desire to racially diversify schools. Of course, there is nothing wrong with

diversity; in fact, I assure you it is a great tool for developing thoughts and ideas to further our collective knowledge and understanding of each other and life in general. Nevertheless, when diversity comes as the result of unfair discrimination towards another group, it has failed to act as a tool of equality. Students should be judged solely on their achievements and effort, as should all members of society. I feel that these policies of unfairly promoting individuals based on their race are actually detrimental to the black community (or any other group affected by it). It encourages blacks to be less motivated and ingrains in them (as well as all those discriminated against) that their race does define them, and holds them back from excelling at the same rate as everyone else.

I watched a stand-up comic on television the other night, and his entire routine was about how dumb "white people" are. Now I am more than willing to laugh at myself, and I often do, but what would happen if there were a white guy on stage making fun of "dumb black people." Would that be as funny, or would it be taboo? Would anyone approve of the television station W.E.T. (white entertainment television)?

I remember kids on the bus referring to me, and all other whites, as "hey, white kid." Imagine what type of reaction I would have witnessed had

I referred to people on my bus as "the black kids." Even though I was indeed offended by those remarks, I had no course of action to take, for the principle told me there was nothing he could do. The fact that it is socially acceptable in our society for such behavior to go unchecked and undiscouraged is deplorable and should be embarrassing.

The fact is that there is a quiet, yet steadily building contempt for "reverse discrimination" in America among the white community. Affirmative Action and like policies were very important at one time in our history; however, today they are corroding the same foundation of equality they helped to build. Affirmative Action has become an excuse and an easy way in or out of situations for "disadvantaged" minorities that fall under its jurisdiction. This type of legislation is dividing our country, and our society, into multiple colors of different people, while its intent was to bring us together as a colorless society.

I would not dare say that blacks, Hispanics and other "disadvantaged" minorities are not still persecuted on the basis of race, but we cannot continue to make that persecution justification for more persecution. I agree with Mr. Brown that if such organizations as the NAACP and the United Negro College Fund were to use their influence to

help all people and not a select few, that they might actually help make America a more equal and symbiotic society. However, that would make their existence not as important and thus their power would diminish, so I doubt that those organizations will ever be interested in true equality. I fear that if we, as a country, as a society and as a race of humans, do not realize that there is "reverse discrimination" being practiced and accepted in our country we will never truly be equals, who can stand together as one.

We have been raised in a free and great nation. Our parents and grandparents fought hard against the atrocities of racism and discrimination. We should continue that fight, so that one day our children or grandchildren will pay no more attention to skin color than to eye or hair color. Moreover, I, as an American, as a dreamer, and as a colorblind college student, know that the color of our skin has nothing to do with how far we will get in life, unless we let it. I hope that we will stand up together and demand that we not be separated by Affirmative Action policies and the acceptance of "reverse" discrimination in our towns, our country, and our world.

Mr. Brown, I commend your courage in speaking out against a topic so feared by the majority.

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smoke or drink there stock up now (Macon County is just east of Montgomery County). Last but not least,

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(such as sickle cell anemia), or weakened immune systems, including persons with HIV/AIDS

Children and teenagers, 6 months to 18 years of age, who take aspirin daily

Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities

Household members and out-of-home caregivers of infants under the age of 6 months (Children under the age of 6 months cannot be vaccinated.)

Healthcare workers who provide direct, hands-on care to patients

So what exactly is the flu anyways? The "flu" as it is commonly called is actually a series of viral infections (only one of which is actually called "influenza") that are transferred through the air by respiratory droplets. There are three types: A, B, and C. Each of these may have several constantly mutating strains. It is a late fall/winter/early spring epidemic that spreads better in moderate climates and is hastened by the fact that individuals are spending more time indoors to escape chilly

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jukebox John Rush performed to a large crowd. He really lives up to his title too. He covers songs by more bands and performers than most people can count. At the end of the show there was a stump John competition where students tried to think of songs he could not play.

Wednesday was by far the best day of all. The novelties included air brush tattoos, wax hands, and sand art. Sadly, the wax hands this year were not done by Wacky Wax as last spring, and due to a faster process and somewhat crude setup the overall quality was not nearly as good. That being said, this company did have a friendlier staff and offered more colors; especially the highly sought after hot pink. To make a wax hand you must first slather your arm in lotion. Then, you dip it into a cooler of freezing cold ice water. When your arm is so cold it hurts, you take it out and quickly dip up to your wrist in hot wax (it does not burn though). Three wax dips, one ice water dip, and repeat. Then a worker carefully pokes holes in the structure with a paper clip to release the suction and gently pulls your hand out of the cast. Then, the edges are trimmed, and it is dipped into the colored wax of your choice. By far, the coolest thing was watching this color dipped hand that appeared white (be-

Amendment 8 will allow the legislature to levy excise taxes on automobiles, because I know we all want to

weather. It can be caught not only by being near sick people but from touching contaminated doorknobs, faucets, stair rails and most other things. In a culture where, according to the American Society of Microbiology, only 38% of the population washes their hands after sneezing, coughing, or blowing their nose, that is a scary thought. Does your computer lab keyboard and mouse now seem like a bit of a health hazard? It should. What's worse is that the Center for Disease Control says an infected individual can be contagious with the virus up to 24 hours before they even begin to exhibit symptoms and up to seven days after they begin to feel better.

Each year between 5% and 20% of the U.S. population will catch the flu. More than 200,000 will be hospitalized and roughly 36,000 will die. A person who catches the flu will exhibit symptoms of fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle and glandular aches, and possibly nausea, diar-

cause when colored wax is melted it is clear looking) be plunged back into the ice water so that the color seemed to explode. Unfortunately this step is where most of the hands seem to collapse. The ice damaged the thin, warm wax and the fingers became flattened, bumpy, or just plain stuck together. Still, it was pretty fun, and realistically any type of wax hand is not going to have a lengthy lifespan.

The sand art station was also very popular. Students could choose from about ten different types of containers for their project. There were butterflies, zigzags, honey bears, and even some that had a shipwrecked look to them. While you waited in line to for a sand funnel, you could decorate your container with markers and stickers. There were about a million different ones to choose from and one creative soul created an entire ocean scene on his bottle and then carefully filled it with varying blue sands. Others took a more avant-garde route, randomly selecting from the twenty some colors of sand and layering them every which way. There were dowels that could be used to create a tie dye effect and also mixing bowls for achieving that perfect shade of color. Many students enjoyed this craft so much that they got back in line and did it again!

pay even more for a car. The full text of these referendums as they will appear on the ballot can be found at

rhea, and vomiting. Complications caused by flu include sinus and ear infections, bacterial pneumonia, dehydration, and the worsening of chronic medical conditions.

So what can you do to stay healthy in the coming months as flu season begins to hit the U.S.? First and foremost, if you qualify for the shot, get it. If you don't qualify, check into FluMist, a nasal spray vaccine that contains a live weakened virus and is approved for healthy individuals ages 5-49. But remember, a flu vaccine of any type only offers limited protection. Boehme says, "The vaccine is effective against the strains covered by the vaccine, and that is the catch. The strains of influenza in a vaccine are determined a year in advance, based on the predominant strains circulating in Asia that previous year. Due to viral mutations and other factors, some years are a better match than others. One cannot 'catch the flu' from a flu shot because the vaccine...is not infectious."

Another important thing people can do is to protect

Wednesday night was the event that is going to have people talking until next Fall Fest. ACE arranged for school buses to carry students from UAH to The Maize, off of Highway 72 West. Buses carrying nearly 200 students left after dark and even the lengthy drive to what appeared to be the middle of nowhere was a bit eerie. Once there, everyone unloaded and some groups went to a side area for weenie roasting, smores making, and hayrides, while others were divided into groups to enter The Maize. If you have never been to a corn maze, much less in the middle of the night, after it has been raining, and without a flashlight, you are in for some big scares. Students who had previously been strangers clung to new friends as they ran and stumbled about the paths carved out of 10-12 foot tall corn fields. Numerous dead ends and special effects added to the challenge. And just as soon as you thought you found your way, any number of ghosts, werewolves, and scary clowns armed with chainsaws would jump out of the stalks and chase you until you thought you couldn't run anymore. Sometimes they would sneak up behind you, rev their saws, and literally scare you death. It reminded you of scenes from *Harry Potter* in the forbidden for-

www.al.com in the same election 2004 section.

Now nobody has an excuse for not knowing what is

themselves from contamination by staying away from sick friends and neighbors and washing their hands frequently, especially when out and about. If you think those pit-stops will be too much of a hassle, pick up a bottle of hand sanitizer. But when you do wash, remember to use soap and scrub for at least fifteen seconds (the amount of time it takes to sing Twinkle Twinkle), rinse thoroughly, and dry. If you have the option, use your paper towel to open the door on the way out of the bathroom. The ASM reports that only 75% of women and 58% of men wash after using the restroom.

The next step of protection involves all those things that keep your immune system in tip top shape such as getting enough sleep, managing stress, eating right, and exercising. Teens and young adults need about 9 continuous hours of sleep a day. And scary as the thought is of hitting the sack instead of opting for that last hour of studying, you may find that being alert the next day will help your grades more than being super informed but

est, only without the comfort of a magic wand. Amid all the running it was quite easy to become lost from your group, and across the fields you could hear folks calling out for each other and see them trying to use their cell phones as flashlights. City slickers. And, after about two hours of scary good fun, just when you thought you could not walk anymore, you reached the end (and some well deserved smores). As the last people tumbled out of The Maize and the final hayrides wrapped up, buses began to fill up and leave. But for the last group of students waiting to go home, the evening still was not over. The bus had pulled off of the gravel parking lot to the picnic area, and once everyone loaded up, became stuck in the mud. The driver revved the wheels in an effort to get free, but only ended up more stuck. Everybody unloaded and she tried again. The bus was now VERY stuck. The Maize owners unhooked the flatbeds used for hayrides from their large John Deer tractor, and with the help of the police department and some unmasked ghouls, hitched it up to the school bus. Everyone gathered around as they worked to tow the bright yellow school bus out. Finally, just as another bus returned and was about to be boarded, the first bus was freed to the sounds of

going on in the November 2 election. I hope this helped some of you. Now please go out and make an informed

fuzzy upstairs. Sleep with your room dark, and refrain from watching TV, etc, in your bed. If you fall asleep with your lights on and an accounting book on your stomach, you will not rest as well as you could. Too stressed? Consider talking to the school counseling center. In addition, try to get some form of exercise each day, drink plenty of water, take your vitamins, and eat healthful foods.

If worse comes to worse and you think you may be catching the flu, there are prescription antiviral medications that can be taken to lessen the severity. If you just have the winter crud, some over-the-counter flu medicines will help treat symptoms. You may also find relief in taking 1000 grams of Vitamin C twice daily or eating zinc lozenges. Most importantly, if you are really sick, stay home! It is far better to spend a few days pampering yourself than trying to forge through, ending up feeling sicker longer. Boehme says, "I think in college students, it (the flu) is often not taken seriously enough.

some good old country whoopla. It was nearly midnight when everyone returned back to the school, a little muddy, but all smiles. It was truly a night to remember.

Thursday was the grand reopening of Mom's as a café and the last day of novelties. From 10-11AM there were free food samples and registration for a drawing for a new bicycle. In the lobby, air brush tattoos were still available and so was a new activity, photo keychains. Students gathered to have little polaroids of themselves taken and inserted into ACE souvenir keychains. They were very cute, and like the buttons, were made in truckloads by some. In the Exhibit Hall there was a "scary" inflatable maze complete with obstacles and a large slide. Who said you ever have to grow up? Even some staff had a go at it, only to find that it was not as easy as it looked. That evening comedian Bill Bailey performed. And except for his constant use of expletives he was quite humorous with a touch of Seinfeld intonation, minus the Armani suit.

Friday marked the close of another Spooktacular Fall Fest. The activity for the day was a Halloween dance co-sponsored by ACE and the Black Student Association. From 9-11:30PM students and even some alumni, many

choice on November 2.

Consider that our student body runs around 7000. On average, we give flu shots to 200-250 students. And yet, if you really get the flu, you will feel really sick for several days and not feel 100% again for maybe a couple of weeks! That can have a major impact on your ability to keep up with your schoolwork!"

For help with most health related concerns, visit the nice folks at the Wellness Center. They are available by appointment by calling 824-6775 or by dropping in at room 203 in the University Center. There is a \$5 co-pay and they are open from 8:30AM-12:00PM and 1:30PM-5:00PM. Services offered include, but are not limited to, colds, flu, UTI's, asthma, family planning, STDs, and sprains. They also work with the Counseling Center to help students suffering with depression, anxiety, and stress.

If you have a topic that you would like to see covered, email your suggestions to me at SarahLiz82@aol.com.

in hilarious costumes, boogied down to the music of the DJ at the UC. There were festive decorations such as lit trees and floor, to ceiling spider webs. A buffet including fruit punch and chicken fingers was served. At the end of the dance there was a costume contest. The winner was a young man who was dressed quite convincingly as a dirty maid. People who stuck around were rewarded as the ACE team tossed out the last of the orange t-shirts* and distributed souvenir mugs at the exits. There was a stampede for the goodies, and afterwards things pretty much wrapped up for the night, and for another great fall fest.

Hats off to the many ACE directors and volunteers for working so hard to keep everyone on campus happy and entertained. The crafts, events, and entertainment they plan are really a step above what most colleges and universities get. Their hard work and dedication really show in not only how smoothly run, but how student-run everything is. To keep abreast of the next ACE events (and there are a bunch!) or to sign up for email reminders, visit their website at <http://www.uah.edu/ace>.

JOB

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Looking for a few GOOD Students! University Development is hiring for the Fall Phonathon. The Phonathon is a chance to use your marketing and public relations skills. Phonathon callers are very important to the University and help to raise money that aides all UAH students. The pay is good and the schedule is flexible. The perfect on campus job is in University Development! Phonathon begins in two weeks, so pick up your application in the Career Services office, Engineering Building 117. Candidates must have strong English pronunciation skills, friendly voice, and great communication skills. The dates for the Fall Phonathon are October 5th thru November 23rd and working hours are from 6:30pm - 9:00pm, Monday through Thursday. Call 824-4438 with any questions.

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MISC.

STC Hands-on Training Fall Schedule UAH Library Lab, room 211: Oct. 16, Advanced Photoshop, Oct. 30, Beginning Dreamweaver, Nov. 13, Intermediate Dreamweaver, Dec. 4, Advanced Dreamweaver, Contact president@stc-na.org to pre-register.

Looking for car pool: Gas prices too high? students now forming carpool from Boaz, Albertville, Guntersville area to Huntsville/UAH. Call (256) 840-9450 for info, leave message, all calls returned.

ROOMMATES

Female roommate wanted for a 3 bedroom house/1bath. 350 month plus utilities. 797-8477 or _hugz331@aol.com (mailto:hugz331@aol.com) Close to hospital or school, located off of Whitesburg.

3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Rent + utilities \$250 per month per person. Close to UAH. Call Karyn for info: 345-7336.

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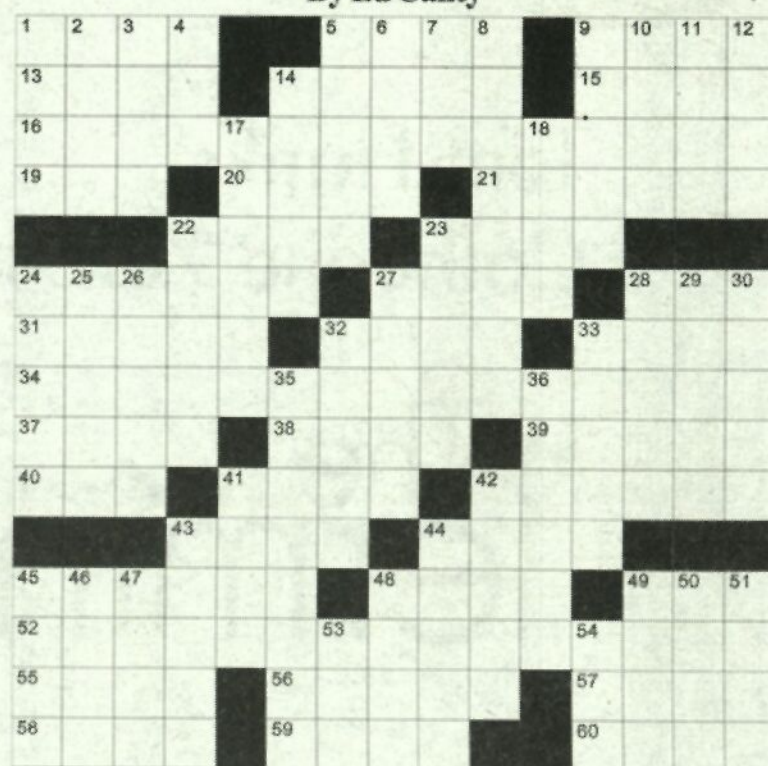
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Crossword 101

By Ed Canty



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Across

- 1 Mrs. or script lead in
- 5 Mrs. in Berlin
- 9 One from Glasgow
- 13 Zone
- 14 Take in
- 15 Sweat source
- 16 NHL squad
- 19 Sailor's urgent request
- 20 Sotto _____
- 21 Author Hemingway
- 22 Phnom _____
- 23 Genealogical diagram
- 24 Despises
- 27 Berry intro
- 28 TV spots
- 31 It can be drawn?
- 32 Deuces, e.g.
- 33 Sign
- 34 Beatles hit
- 37 Follows fire or yard
- 38 Relax
- 39 Pool shot
- 40 Cloud locale
- 41 Liver secretion
- 42 Priest's address
- 43 Freshman's digs
- 44 Laboratory path
- 45 Displeas
- 48 BMW, e.g.
- 49 "Catcher in ___ Rye"
- 52 Dr. Suess work
- 55 Aft
- 56 Sword material
- 57 "Cheer's" regular
- 58 Major follower
- 59 Mary _____ Lincoln
- 60 Group of ants

Down

- 1 Bachelors' digs
- 2 Sandwich cookie
- 3 Tennis units
- 4 Feather's partner
- 5 "Go get it"
- 6 Opposite of well

- 7 "Where ___ they now?"
- 8 Like a softball pitch
- 9 Book part
- 10 Roadwork marker
- 11 Assns.
- 12 Exam
- 14 Jungle kings
- 17 Go to extremes
- 18 Singing bird
- 22 60's activist, Elijah
- 23 A _____ Called Quest
- 24 Chasm
- 25 Dreary
- 26 Buddy or Hunter
- 27 It has an effect?
- 28 Pennsylvania religious group
- 29 Thick
- 30 Look of scorn
- 32 Hymn
- 33 Explain to many
- 35 Most odd
- 36 Popular .com
- 41 Former W. German capital
- 42 Type of error
- 43 Big name in mowers
- 44 Meditated
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- 50 Do damage
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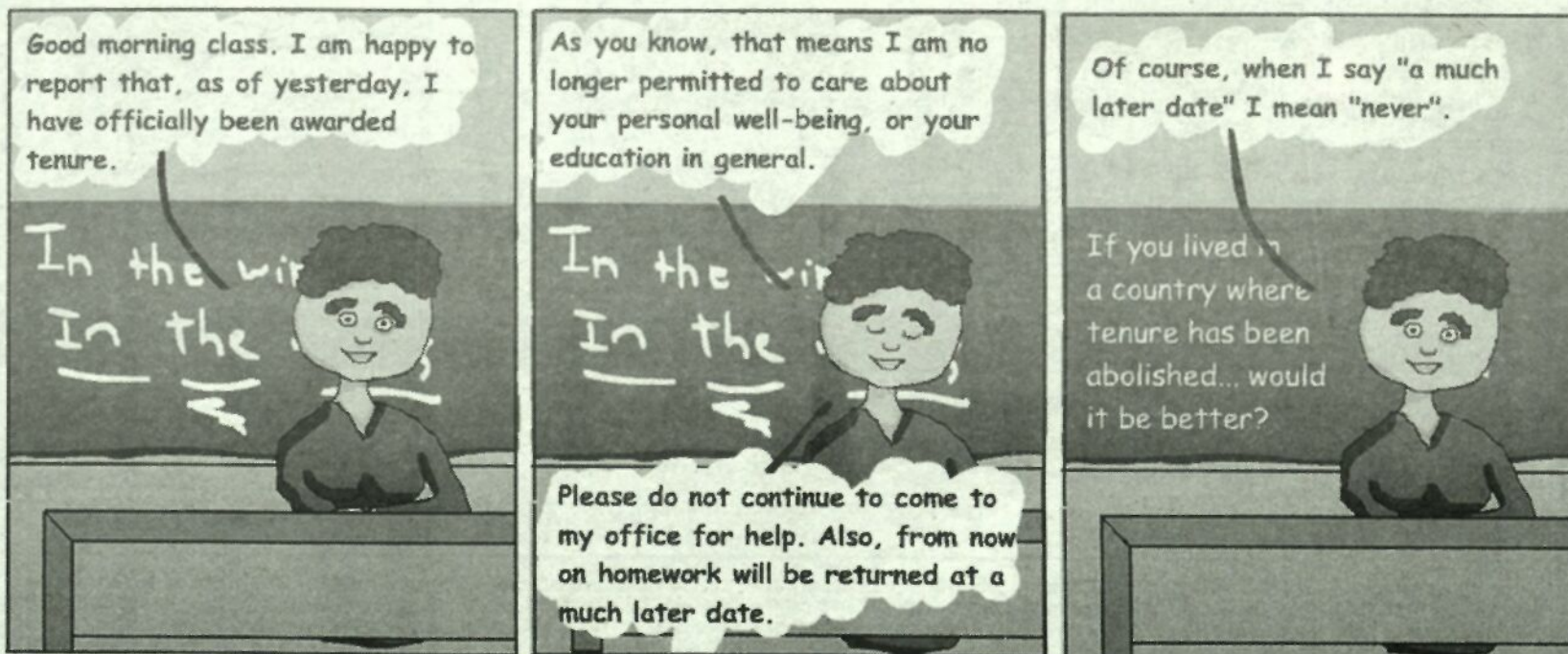
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Good morning class. I am happy to report that, as of yesterday, I have officially been awarded tenure.

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As you know, that means I am no longer permitted to care about your personal well-being, or your education in general.

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Please do not continue to come to my office for help. Also, from now on homework will be returned at a much later date.

Of course, when I say "a much later date" I mean "never".

If you lived in a country where tenure has been abolished... would it be better?

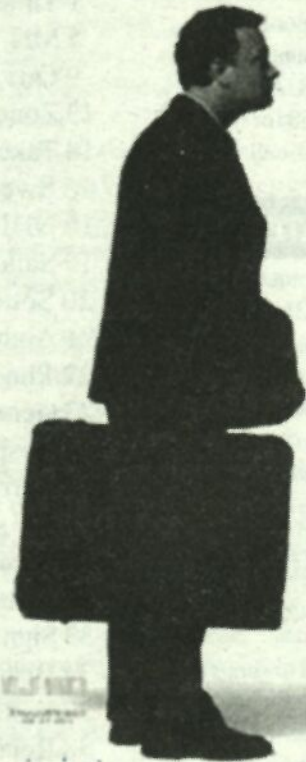


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