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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 pledged again and again for any 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 to 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 year was going to run out, 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 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 student 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 losing time at school, will probably have to do without. The university's certified registered nurse practitioner Julia Health was available. The printed pictures were then inserted into a button machine and presto! Instant "punk'd" or "paper geek" signs available. You simply picked what you wanted, and after paying a token to have the tattoo artist find the stencil and then carefully sprayed the design with colored inks onto your skin. The whole process took just three seconds and the ink dried even faster. Depending how carefully you washed, 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 Exibit Hall. A large inflatable mattress type design covered the floor as students piled 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
**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 Shinab.

The Delta Chis have Oktoberfest 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, hazings, 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 11AM-4PM.

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 Truwick 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 hosting 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 dropped 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.

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.

**HH Contributes to UAH Nursing**

By Joseph Terrell

The Huntsville area, like many other areas across the country, is experiencing a nursing shortage. And 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 college.

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 deciding 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."

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**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 plans.

Dr. Wu's presence at the workshop is greatly valued and his continued support for solar exploration was 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 their project up to go ahead with the plan.

Dr. Wu advised the Chinese officials of his idea of combining 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 was greatly valued and his continued support for solar research across the globe will be added to UAH's great reputation.

**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 appointees, 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:

- Freshmen: Mon - Thurs 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
- Fri 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- Sat CLOSED
- Sun 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
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 across 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 (AIChE).

They will compete for the honor of being "best design engineers" and for several other awards provided by the sponsor, General Mills, and AIChE. That includes a $2000 prize for the winner to be invested in future projects.

**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 pouring 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 Invenetio, a short piece acknowledging the Carthaginians, and ends with a Benedictio that wishes all good fortune to the audience. Then 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; the first 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 Hyde not only read, but also translated his piece. In this case, *Propertius* seems to have taken a nasty pill. Wonderful!

The musical interlude, Wher'e You Walk by Handel, was played by Deans Gardner, cellist, Erin Park, piccolo, and Daniel 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 Corinna. Joseph Richardson, who read Ovid, chose Amores, a piece that demonstrated the jealousy of a loving lover, mooning across the room at his lady—in front of her husband!"

Leslie Hodges read two selections by Catullus, who excavates 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 was 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 know: Hodges has hopes to provide influences from ancient poets to the Medieval and Renaissance periods.

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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**UAH AIChE Chemical Car Ready for Competition**

By Alberto Hernández-Barral

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-member team that won the regional contest last spring. *UAH Insight* (vol. 14 (num.1) and Joanne Estrada's article in The Exponent, (on the web, it was published on April 5), 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 mentality. 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 for students from across the University of Alabama. 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 issues, 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 exhaustion 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 combustible; 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 AIChE 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 AIChE, 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 AIChE Student Conference, check out the following link. (http://students.aiche.org/conferences/regionalconference.html)
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 chairwoman. 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, entertaining 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 fund request was filled during the controversial month of October; however, the funds will not be transferred 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. This 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 responsible for beautifying the new hangout.

Basic groundwork was presented by Mital Molli and President Erik Thacker for the new International Student Council. This organization will offer public 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.

SGA Review

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 Cafe 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 announced 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.

A special ultraviolet camera makes it possible to see the underlying skin damage done by the sun. And since 1 in 5 Americans will develop skin cancer in their lifetime, what better reason to always use sunscreen, wear protective clothing and use common sense.

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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.

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Sci-Tech Sedna, Another Planet or Something Else Entirely? By Tim Gerrard

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, Executive 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 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 discussions focusing on the beginning of a new phase in the development of this conference. 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 Tumblin. 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 Admin. Craig Steidle, NASA Architect Gary Martin, and Brigadier General Simmon "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://w eb.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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CLUBWIRE

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.

The UAH Formula SAE team ("Charger Motorsports") is the fastest way to gain real world experience. If you have interest in a mock engineering firm and are wanting to apply what you've learned in class, stop by room N19 in Tech Hall Mondays at 7:00 pm. Whether your major is business, programming, web design, journalism, or engineering, we have a place for you. Late arrivals and ALL majors are welcome. For more information visit www.chargermotorsports.com.

Comparative Religion Club - Do you feel that no one understands your point of view about religion? Do you want to understand more about a particular religion? Come join us on Thursday Nights at 7PM in Morton Hall Room 601. We're happy to have you! Come Express your opinion. Forward Questions to the President at majord@email.uah.edu

On 30 October Friday, The Iapetianum Club will host its Halloween Showing at 7pm. We're holding the showing at SummerTree Apartments 778. The agenda includes Kokowa Greenwood. Hundred Stories, Yakuymono Moon Phase, etc. Contact jimmybhsq@hotmail.com for more information and RSVP.

Editor's Note: The Exponent reserves the right to edit all submissions for content. Due to space requirements, please limit content to approximately 75 words. All submissions must
A Brief Update on UAH Athletics

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

UAH Chargers Split Weekend Series

By Chris Karigan

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

October 22 UAH 2, HCU 1

The Chargers were ready to begin the regular season, facing a tough opponent in the Crusaders. Both teams tried to score an offensive goal, 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 break blood at 10:56 into the second period to take the lead 1-0. Senior wing Craig Bushey would return fire for the Chargers at 18:48 in the second period on a power play goal with help from junior left wing Chris Tommack and senior goalie Scott Munroe. 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 Tommack 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, taking the lead again at the 15:12 mark with a minute left in the game and in 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 Chargers on top for good. Junior goaltender Scott Marceau 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 Center would add another goal for the Chargers on a four-on-five power play with some help from Steve Canter and Brett McCunnachie. 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 breakaway 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!

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Lady Chargers Finish GSC Season

By Mike Anderson

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 5-00, 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 Schemanau, who hit the game winner in the 59th minute off a pass from Katie Kneip. The insurance goal came in the 85th minute from Schemanau from Shelby Poore and freshman Tina Nicholas for the final.

In net, Sarah Sollie made all three saves she had an opportunity to make the shutout, her third of the year, eclipsing her total from 2002, 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 2003 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

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 23-7 on the season with an 8-1 record in Gulf South Conference play. The Chargers only lost one game this season against the University of Central Missouri at a score of 30-23, 30-22, 30-25.

The Lady Chargers won the match at Spragins Hall with a score of 25-17, 25-19, 25-19. Senior Kristin Kleminsky continued their win streak with a three game sweep of Henderson State. Junior outside hitter Emily Miller stacked up her 26th double-double of the year with 14 kills and 11 digs. Kleminsky added 12 kills, and Junior hitter Molly Healy contributing 11 kills of her own. Senior 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. Make it eight for now with the loss of Shaun 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 the score to 5-0 at the 45-minute mark. Finally, senior middle blocker Micah Bell assist at 28:08 into the game. Senior middlefielder Micah Bell would score at 17:50 off of a Nicholas Longinotto and Daniel Distevesto assist, to bring the total to 5-0 at the 45-minute halfway mark. After the half, another senior middlefielder, Jonathan Osborne, continued the rout at the 57:30 mark with help from Mitsu Matsuo and Sam Petit. After 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 Sammerness, Daniel Boosmah, 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 Charleston offense the game ended with 43 shots on goal compared to Delta State's five, the game was mercyfulely 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!
Books-A Million is a hangout for me. I know for some people it’s not the ideal hangout but for me it’s a cool place to go and chill, plus it doesn’t look awkward for a person who likes books or checks out books. Many days when I have a break between classes and don’t really want to go all the way home I got to B&M 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 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 out of the blue, etc.) and reinterpret it 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 even 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 her.

Hey, you say. At least it made me say that. How many times have you, 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 to discern the difference between love and lust seemed to them a necessary step for them to 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 women think up to convince ourselves of our love’s devotion, majority of our diary entries and 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 advice. This book is great because it gives a credible 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 come to the realization that someone is going 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.

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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 Blueprint, 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 first 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 latched onto the story and 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 a cappella version. This spurred several DJs and would-be DJs to place Jay-Z’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 their own 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 1986’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 project praised the spirit behind it. Combining arguably the finest artist in rap with arguably the greatest artists of all time was simply an intriguing 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 had hosted the album for free download on Grey Tuesday earlier this year. It is still available online at www.illegalalbum.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 websites had hosted the album for free download on Grey Tuesday earlier this year. It is still available online at www.illegalalbum.org. And the legal battle is still unsettled, to my knowledge.

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The album’s most groundbreaking in his history result is the production of “99 Problems” by Danger Mouse, which is often referred to as the “Black Album.” Jay still talks about his bustling days, coming from rags to riches, and boasts about his marriage. The beats 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 earlier feel and remind this reviewer of Nelly’s “Ride Wit Me” in production. With Danger Mouse at the helm, “Album” 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” 9.5 and it shares that song’s avant garde spirit.

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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.georgebush.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.sheblyforcongress.com. Democrat Wayne Sowell is also in the race and you can check out his site at www.waynesowell2004.com. 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.com). 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 $7,000 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 Mourou; 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
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 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 Rights and 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 liberal Democrats, preserved Capitalism by briefly underwriting its principles in order to prevent a massively organized movement by the people against capitalism. African Americans and Women, as well as other groups, still remain among the disadvantaged and disempowered, even after the great protest movements of the sixties, their histories of alienation and oppression but all 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 confirm 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 anyone else, pretty leftist. But in the political world, politicians have to make all kinds of horrible compromises just to keep the government from being strangled to death. There isn’t much we can do for them on their own except to keep extreme crises such as the ones we’re facing 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 repressed 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 begins, 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 begin as a means of giving more power to those states that were more likely to support the liberalist (i.e., modern Democracy is a Capitalist) agenda. On top of that, nowhere in the Constitution does it state that the representatives of states cast the vote for the president must follow the state’s decisions. 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 changed if we stay down, but they cannot be stopped. Kerry can hold back the forces that seek to strangle the people, but he can do no more.

We must 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 option may be Canada or a gun.

Americans Are Together But Still 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 daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never appear. I refuse to accept the view that mankind will ever be split by avarice and enmity...I believe that man is truly and unconditionally loved; this will always 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 questions now have been where we have gone far enough, or maybe even too far.

Mr. Brown focused on the Supreme Court’s decision to separate members of society that aim to need to know the color of our skin has nothing to do with how far our country, and our world. There is nothing to do with how far we will get in life, unless we let it. I hope that we will be united to stand up to the terrorists and keep our country safe. We cannot stop them. This is up to all of us, as people, whose relations to each other preclude the Politics of Alienation. Together we can rise under Kerry, and champion the Civil Rights that Kerry cannot. We can organize to protest, spread awareness, and fight starvation, hand-in-hand. 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 option may be Canada or a gun.

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 grand-children will pay no more attention to skin color than to eye or hair color. Moreover, I, as an American, 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.
Wednesday night was the event that is going to happen right up until the end of Fall Fest. ACE arranged for school buses to carry students from UAH to The Maize in West. Buses carrying nearly 200 students left after dark and even then the lengthy drive and fatigue of the students was the middle of nowhere was a bit eerie. Once there, everyone unloaded and some groups played on the residential obstacle course and other groups roasting, smores making, and hayrides. Some people wandered out of The Maize and the final hayrides were divided into groups to enter. The Maize turned out to be a corn maze, much less in the middle of the night, after it had been raining, and without a flashlight, you are in for a big scare. Students who had previously been strungers clung to new friends who stuck around were rewarded as the ACE team was dressed quite convincingly as a scary thought. Does the flu that you could thought you could not anywhere, you reached the end (and some well deceived). 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