

# AUM NIBUS

Chronicling the Campus Community and Beyond Since 1971

January 2014

Warhawk Issue - 9

## A Senior's Advice For First-Year Students

Jade Curtis

Whether you're an incoming college freshman or have been here at AUM for only a semester, here are some important reminders and tips a senior student thinks you should know:

Keep on top of your GPA- It is extremely important to keep your GPA as high as possible within your first year. If you achieve a high GPA at the beginning of your college career, it is easier to maintain it. Once your GPA drops, it is much more difficult to increase it.

Get to know your teachers- Whether you realize it or not, your teachers will be some of your biggest supporters and assets during your time in college. It is vital to form good relationships with them because they are more likely to help you with class assignments, grading and your future career.

Procrastination- We are all guilty of procrastinating at some point, but the more you minimize it, the better off you will be. Leaving assignments to the last minute may be possible in some rare instances, but the later you leave it, the more likely your grade will suffer. Always try to finish your assignments with time to spare because you are more likely to forget simple but important things such as a header on your paper, or checking your essay for spelling errors if you rush.

Expand your horizons- Obtaining your college degree is an experience, so make the most of it! Take classes that are interesting, challenging, and that you can learn the most from. Don't just take a class because it is easy, and you feel like you will have to do less work to pass the class. When choosing an elective, be open-minded and decide if that class will benefit you in the future.

## Where Are You Going to Be?

Dagur Jonsson

Now that the spring semester is underway, it is perhaps worth talking about the upcoming season for the sports teams here at AUM: tennis, softball and baseball.

Last season, the men's tennis team finished second in the NAIA national tournament. The women's tennis team followed up by winning the NAIA National Championship. Both teams have added to their rosters this year to enhance their chances of a possible repeat for the girls and a championship for the boys.

The AUM baseball team finished its season with an overall record of 32-24-1. With having to recruit ten new players this year due to seniors and other players leaving at the end of last season, the team is now fairly new, and it will be interesting to see how they do.

The AUM softball team finished the 2012-13 season 45-12 and won the NAIA opening round tournament. The Lady Warhawks are returning 13 of their players from the previous season, so they will be a strong team again this year. For the past three seasons, there has not been a huge attendance at home games with the sports teams, no matter who is playing. The main people that usually attend these events are close friends of the players and other student-athletes. However, I think it is time to turn the page and go out and support your school and fellow students who work so hard to combine both school and practices. Imagine competing in a sport in which almost no one comes and supports you, unless it is major friends. In some cases, the team could be playing for a national championship and very few students know of it and will come out and support AUM; but, very few is not enough to cheer on your team who is vying for a very important game or championship. Now next season is approaching very quickly, and before we know it will be summer already. AUM student-athletes need your support in every way they can get it. Our teams: tennis, softball, and baseball are very strong, and they are really fun and exciting to watch. Please review the schedule for the upcoming season and be there. Go WarHawks!

## The Console Wars

Kyle Edwards

With the holiday season finished and the dust finally settling over the Best Buys and Wal-Marts of America, the release of the two newest gaming consoles, Microsoft's "X-Box One" and Sony's "Playstation 4," still proves to divide and incite debate from the gaming community. Some gaming enthusiasts argue that the two consoles can't be compared, as they offer very different gaming experiences, while others argue that the two consoles can be contrasted quite easily. This contrast will yield different comparisons from consumers, of course, but some lessons are clearly learned from the success and competitive atmosphere from the gaming industry's history.

The overall economic impressions felt from the two releases, as well as the boosted sales from Nintendo's "Wii U" proves the growing value of this business. Some analysts predict that the gaming industry will be worth nearly \$83 billion by 2016. This is, of course, not just due to large and growing console playing consumers, but also through online and mobile game's exploding growth (Chapple). This industry has expanded and changed over 40 years and impacted nearly every home in America.

Over time, this growing business has proven to diversify the avenues through which consumers buy and play video games. It has also proven to intensify the competitive nature of a console's release, as many gamers only buy one console when released, if any at all.

As a consumer, it is getting harder and harder to determine which is the clear winner of the console wars. Some things





### AUM students enjoy video games in between classes.

*Courtesy of Kyle Edwards*

to consider when determining which is the better out of the two systems is the technology that each utilizes and offers to the gaming experience, as many of the upcoming titles will be released on both the X-Box and PS4.

The system's hardware is very similar. Both of the consoles host 8 Gb of Ram and 500 Gb of hard drive space. The two offer similar processors, HDMI outlets, can play Blu-Ray discs, and both require paid subscriptions to X-Box Live and Playstation Plus (respectively) for online multiplayer modes.

However, the X-Box One does seem to boast some additional features, including: WiFi-Direct, an HDMI input, and the motion sensory technology, X-Box Kinect. The X-Box One also requires a daily Internet connection to function. The trade-off however, is the price difference: as the X-Box One is \$500, while the PS4 is \$400 (Hatmaker).

The gaming landscape is changing. Some consumers will not buy any of the new consoles. Some will buy all three. These consoles embody the competition that the industry has to overcome. With that in mind, it is important to know that whoever wins the console wars, it is a temporary victory because there are sure to be more battles to come.

# AUM

**HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE** is *Your Home Away From Home!*



AUM Housing & Residence Life team is devoted to serve and support our Residents during their collegiate experience. Our Residence Halls range from economic to luxurious accommodations at **extremely** reasonable rates compared to apartments within a 5 to 10 mile radius of our AUMazing University. Our professional staff retains the experience and passion for creating and maintaining a desirable living community that upholds our University standard of excellence. From personalized Residential programming to 24/7 professional support, our community simply cannot be paralleled. Tours of our various Residence Halls are available M-F 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., not including holidays, through our Residence Life Office in The Nest of Warhawk Hall. For more info call 334-244-3296

*Stay up-to-date on all things Housing!*

**Follow us on Twitter:** @AUMHousingResLif

**Like us on Facebook:** AUM Housing & Residence Life

## The Season of Success

**Darrell Puckett**

The Auburn Montgomery Warhawks men's soccer team has gone up and beyond expectations this season. They are 14-6-1 this season with an impressive double-overtime victory over Thomas College in a 7-6 shootout and Oklahoma Wesleyan 3-2. They advance to the NAIA Final Four and will attempt to bring a national title back home. Of course these accomplishments has brought pride to the Warhawk nation, but win or lose, it's a victory in our books.

The Warhawks have accumulated a 7-4-1 record at home, while winning 10 games in SSAC play. That impressive conference record doesn't come without notice. The student body was very active during home and local-area games. Winning comes with a price of pain and suffering. No one on this team can win alone, but only with a combined effort of every single person is winning possible.

Coach Wulf Koch has helped mould this team into a group of relentless players. First-Team-All-American Vignir Johannesson, senior Eyjolfur Eyjolfsson, and junior Alan Harwell have leaded the Warhawks to a NAIA second-round playoff berth. This is no fluke. The three have lead AUM this far and look to seal a championship victory.

Harwell leads the team with 12 goals and seven assists, totaling 31 points. Johannesson chips in with six blocks. Freshman Phillip Hitpass brings another dimension on goal keeping in shootouts. Hitpass put together an impressive shootout performance against Thomas that resulted in AUM's victory. Nevertheless, the future looks bright.

Senior Dagur Jonsson has brought a lot of veteran leadership this season. "We started off really bad, but decided to turn the tables and since then, we've been really good," Jonsson said. "This season has meant a lot to me since it's my senior year; I've been really fortunate to have been able to play among those guys for the last three years." Every team needs a leader, and Jonsson has been just that.

Win or lose, the Warhawks have made AUM proud and looked forward to future seasons. If you're around campus and see a player, make sure to thank them on a great season!



***Thompson Insurance, Inc.***

***Serving policyholders throughout  
Alabama for over 50 years***

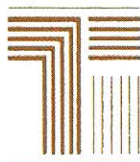
*With offices in Montgomery  
and Birmingham*



**RISK**

**RISK**

**RISK**



**THOMPSON INSURANCE, Inc.**  
**AGENTS AND BROKERS**

Located in Montgomery, Thompson Insurance offers insurance products with many companies including Amerisure, Auto Owners, Cincinnati, CNA, EMC, FCCI, Hartford, Penn National, and Travelers. Thompson has been recognized as a Best Practice Agency by IIAA for 18 consecutive years.



**334-277-8970 • [thomins.com](http://thomins.com)**



# Spring 2014 Academic Calendar

January 6 & 7	Classes Begin (Moved to January 8 & 9 Due to School Cancellation)
January 10	Tuition Due Date
January 11	Last Day to Add Classes
January 17	Last Day to Apply for Spring Graduation
January 20 & 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday/Student Holiday
March 7	Mid-semester Grades Due
March 10 - 14	Spring Break
March 19	Last Day to Drop/Resign Classes
April 25	Graduation Worksheets Due From Deans
April 28 & 29	Last Day of Classes
April 30	Reading Day
May 1, 5-7	Final Exams
May 10	Spring 2014 Graduation



## Meet The Staff

Caleb Conner	cconner1@aum.edu	Dagur Jonsson	djonsson@aum.edu
Jade Curtis	jcurtis1@aum.edu	Bobby Poitevint	wpoitevi@aum.edu
Kyle Edwards	bedward7@aum.edu	Darrell Puckett	dpuckett1@aum.edu
Nikki Headley	sheadle1@aum.edu	Lisa Ranieri	Iranieri@aum.edu
Allison Hendricks	ahendri3@aum.edu	Anne Stanford	astanfo1@aum.edu
LaTara Holloway	lhollow1@aum.edu	Katherine Williams	kwilli49@aum.edu

**Editor-in-Chief**  
Corsica Taylor  
ctaylo35@aum.edu

**Graphic Designer**  
Josh Myers  
jmyers3@aum.edu

**Webmaster**  
Matt Estes  
mestes1@aum.edu

## Interested in Contributing to the AUMnibus?

Email the editor, Corsica Taylor at [ctaylo35@aum.edu](mailto:ctaylo35@aum.edu), or call us at 334-244-3662. Also, be sure to check us out online at [www.theaumnibus.com](http://www.theaumnibus.com)!