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AUM's Curtis Leads Charge for another NAIA National Championship

Darrell Puckett

Being considered a winner for an athlete is the highest honor awarded. Competing and succeeding at the top level is necessary in order to grade an athlete's ability. AUM's Women's Tennis team has been tested before and showed the country that they are a legitimate title contender.

AUM won the NAIA National Championship this past season in Mobile, Ala., only having to win five team matches. The team consisted of Jade Curtis, Morgane Zowczak, Hagar Caro, Chanel Cunningham, Maria Vargas and Tiffany Williams.

The future looks brighter than ever, but what's the key for success in this upcoming season?

Jade Curtis, 23, from Saltash, England, has experience winning national championships before. She has totaled three in her career and believes that even with a new, younger team she can bring another championship back home. "We have a new group of girls this year," Curtis said. "But all of us have connected so well, and I believe that our chances are good this year."

Winning has become custom for AUM's tennis program, and expectations have been greatly raised. Coach Rolando Vargas's success hasn't been unnoticed by the community and must be highlighted. "Coach Vargas just wants all of us to be successful and work hard, so that our chances multiply for



Curtis looks to solidify AUM's chances for another NAIA National Championship.

Courtesy of Frank Williams

another championship run," Curtis said.

During her career, Curtis has racked up a 65-2 singles record, and finished 21-0 as the top women's singles player. She was named to the Collegiate Tennis Association's 2013 Collegiate All-Star Team along with AUM's Nicolas Pinones-Haltenhoff.

She just finished up her second straight undefeated season in singles, and currently has a 60 consecutive match streak going. Everything looks promising for another championship run, so look for the Warhawks to compete this season.

Winning isn't everything that sports competitions provide, but if you are a winner, then you deserve recognition. The AUMnibus community is proud to cover AUM athletic endeavors.

Do They Deserve Your Support?

Jade Curtis

Which collegiate sports team within AUM Athletics has won 21 NAIA National Tournament Team Championships? Which AUM sports team has been runner-up of the NAIA National Team Championships 11 times? The answer to both of these questions is the AUM Men's and Women's tennis teams. Even though the Women's team is ranked number 1 in the country within the NAIA rankings and the men are ranked number 2, did you actually know that? The answer is more than likely going to be no.

As one can see, AUM has the best Men's and Women's tennis teams in the country, but why is it that they have possibly the least amount of spectators watching their games out of all of the collegiate sports teams within AUM Athletics. Unfortunately tennis is not a popular collegiate sport, and that is understandable as most sports media coverage is dominated by football, baseball and basketball. However, I think it is fair to say that the Men's and Women's tennis teams here at AUM deserve AUM's support from students, staff, and tennis fans within the area.

Did you know that every single player on the Men's and Women's tennis team is international? Their tennis talents come from all over the globe from countries such as Australia, Argentina, England, Venezuela, Thailand, Morocco, Tunisia, France, Czech Republic and Columbia. I think it would be hard to find a more diverse and multi-cultural group of people. Each of these athletes have come to AUM to play for the tennis team whilst earning a degree, and every single one of them has earned that right from their tennis and academic skills. Players earn their sports scholarship by competing, training, studying and giving back to the community. Being a student athlete of any sport is not such an easy task, but it is definitely rewarding, and even more rewarding when you receive the support of the school and the community. The Men's and Women's tennis teams could definitely use more support for all their efforts. Last year, the Women's tennis team played against one of the best schools within their NAIA conference

and division, and no more than 10 people attended the game.

If after reading this article you have gained an insight into the Men's and Women's tennis team and feel like you think they deserve more support and encouragement then definitely come watch one of their tennis games in the Spring semester. Even if you only manage to watch one game, at least you'll show your support and appreciation for all their efforts.

Warhawk Softball Pre-Season Highlights

Darrell Puckett

After being eliminated from the NAIA tournament on May 27, 2013, the Auburn University at Montgomery softball team has been itching for another opportunity for a championship. The Warhawks' season ended abruptly against Reinhardt and finished with a 45-12 record. A lot of things went well for the Warhawks last season, but still there was something missing. A championship is the only result acceptable and this year's team knows that.

The thought of playing on the final day and taking home that trophy will be lingering this season. What's the key difference that could possibly help this team succeed this season?

Jennifer Jenkins, sophomore, 2nd baseman/utility player has a few thoughts on how this team can be more successful than the last. "A few key components that will help lead our team to a national championship would be our continual efforts to work



The Lady Warhawks look to win a NAIA National Championship this season.

Courtesy of Frank C. Williams

hard, push ourselves, be positive, and constantly pick each other up no matter the situation,” Jenkins said.

This mentality could very well be the answer, but I wanted another viewpoint.

Alexia Boggess, freshman shortstop had another perspective on what it will take this year. “I think we all drive each other to work harder because we know if we are not doing what we need to be doing someone else will step up,” Boggess said. The concept of hard work and belief that they have in each other will help solidify their championship hopes.

Working hard to prove critics wrong isn’t the goal, but it’s always rewarding to see your team succeed.

Every team needs someone other than the head coach to help push, so I sought to find that answer. “Our assistant coach is Scottie Wilkes.” Jenkins said. “She has done a fantastic job stepping up and making each of us work our hardest each and every day, and is constantly being a positive reinforcement for all.”

With the upcoming 2014 season ahead, this Warhawk softball team seems to know what it takes to win a national championship.

Affordable Golf Courses for Students

Dagur Jonsson

Being a student and living in the South doesn’t give you quite the option of playing golf as much as you would want unless you are a member of a community or a private club. However, there are two quality public courses here in Montgomery; both of them are fair in terms of pricing and within a 5-10 mile radius from AUM.

The first one is located at the heart of Montgomery’s Lagoon Park and is quite a challenge. Lagoon Park provides an exciting golf experience for both beginners and more advanced players. Lagoon Park is ranked among the Top 100 Public Golf Courses in Alabama by Golf Digest. If you are a student and you are looking to save money but still want to go and play golf, Lagoon Park has a great deal. The rate after 2 p.m. is \$29.99 with a golf cart. Compare it to every other quality golf course in Europe, and you would have to multiply this number by 2.5 at least.

The second golf course within our area is Tallapoosa Lakes Golf Course. It’s a 36-hole public

golf course, where you can test your ability almost at every hole. The fact that you can choose between two different courses (east & west) gives you a new challenge every time. Tallapoosa Lakes Golf Course also offers a great deal after 2 p.m. for only \$20, 18 holes and a golf cart.

Both of these courses are an amazing challenge and experience for those of you who want to play golf affordably. There are many courses here within the area, but not many public ones like Tallapoosa and Lagoon Park.

Fashionable Clothing on a Budget

Lisa Ranieri



Courtesy of Lisa Ranieri

Are you ready for a new wardrobe but don’t want to break your bank account? Bloom Upscale, Resale & Consignment Boutique is the place to go! Amy Dickinson, owner of Bloom, opened the boutique at the end of May 2013.

Before moving to Montgomery, Dickinson was a resident of Florida. She always wanted to open a boutique and when she moved to Montgomery she thought her business could thrive here. Bloom is located in the Festival Plaza Shopping Center on the corner of Vaughn Road and Taylor Road, next to Mugshots Bar and Grill. Bloom has nice, trendy cute clothing, jewelry, shoes, and handbags. “Instead of paying \$100, you could pay between a quarter or a third of the real price”, Dickinson said.

A fun fact about Bloom: one staff member speaks four languages! The staff at Bloom is considerate and very inviting when you walk into the store.

Some of the popular brands Bloom carries are Coach, Tori Burch, Free People, Michael Kors and many more! Make sure to check out Bloom’s Facebook page for the newest items the store has and for great deals!

2014 Miss Alabama USA & Miss Teen Alabama USA

Bobby Poitevint

Once again it is time for the Miss Alabama and Miss Teen Alabama pageants, which are held annually in the Montgomery Performing Arts Centre. This glamorous event will be held on Nov.15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The Miss Alabama USA and Miss Teen Alabama USA pageants have been a huge opportunity for young women in the Alabama area to reach out and help their community and state while achieving national spotlight. The Miss Teen pageant has been inspiring young women since 1983.

"I am often asked, what makes a Miss USA or Miss Teen USA winner", said Paula Miles, Executive Director of RPM Productions. "I would have to say ambition is the word that comes to mind. Defined as a desire for success, an objective or goal. Ambition coupled with poise, courage, beauty, grace, and intellect are the characteristics of a Miss USA or Miss Teen USA winner."

The current titleholder for Miss Alabama USA is Mary Margaret of Gadsden, Ala., who is currently pursuing her Master's of Science in Marketing at the University of Alabama. The current Miss Teen Alabama USA is Lorin Holcombe of Alexander City, Ala., who was crowned at the age of 17. Holcombe is majoring in pre-dentistry at Auburn University.

Tickets are currently on sale thorough the Montgomery Performing Arts Centre's box office and on Ticketmaster.com. Prices start at \$42. The box office will open two hours before the show starts.



Mary Margaret, Miss Alabama USA 2013

Courtesy of missalabamausa.com



Lorin Holcombe, Miss Teen Alabama USA 2013

Courtesy of missalabamausa.com

The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy—50 Years Later

Caleb Conner

It has been 50 years since one of the darkest hours in our nation's history. President John F. Kennedy was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Texas. The United States was modernizing, and tensions with the Soviet Union and Cuba were high.

Kennedy was in Texas to gather support for the 1964 presidential election. While the motorcade traveled through Dealey Plaza. The gunman, Lee Harvey Oswald, was positioned in a Texas schoolbook depository building; he was ready to take the shot that would change the country. Hundreds of people were around watching and waiting for the President and First Lady, Jacqueline Kennedy's brief drive-by appearance. No one was prepared for what was to come. Three shots were fired with the last fatal bullet striking the President in the head.

As it often happens for such dramatic, history-changing events, anyone who was alive, young and old remembers where she or he was on that day. Dr. Timothy Henderson, Professor and history department chair here at AUM, remembers that fateful day. He was in Charlotte, N. C., coming home from school when he heard the crossing guard say that Kennedy had been shot. "People were pretty much glued to their television for a while," Henderson said.

What was to follow this tragic event would leave the United States in a state of uncertainty. There were conspiracy talks of Cuban, Russian and even Mexican involvement. An investigation concluded

that Oswald acted alone; however, even 50 years later, President Kennedy's assassination is a focal point of movies and books. However, there are still more questions than answers. What we do know is that Kennedy left a permanent impact on our nation's history with the Cuban Missile Crisis, supporting the Civil Rights Movement and encouraging the space race.

Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country." Years later, this statement challenges us to do our patriotic duty for our country. So let's remember President John F. Kennedy on the 50th anniversary of his passing. We can look back at what our country has accomplished post-J.F.K., yet knowing our country's direction was forever altered that fateful day.

Shriek Week 2013

Kyle Edwards

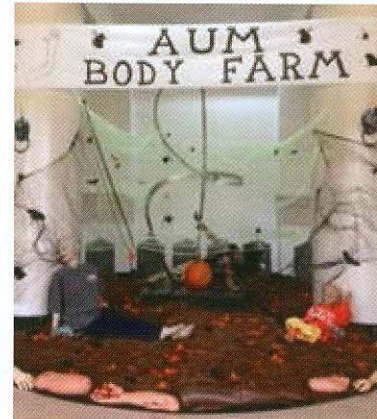
Once again this Halloween, AUM students celebrated the sinister season with the annual "Shriek Week." This week of frightening festivities provided students with ample tricks and treats alike to brave the horrors of Hollow's Eve. On Monday, Warhawk Hall started its daily Shriek Week T-shirt giveaway to any student who "liked" the Warhawk Hall Facebook page. On Tuesday, Warhawk Alley also sponsored a party with food and crafts, with spiders, skulls and Halloween decorations abound. On Wednesday, Student Involvement and Delta Sigma Theta sponsored and hosted a Halloween party. This "pajama mixer" was hosted in the Taylor Center's convention areas and supplied music, dancing, food and drinks. On Thursday, the day of Halloween, the Warhawk Alley aired a daylong scary-movie marathon.

The Library also hosted a "Monster Mash" open house from noon to 1:30, where food and drinks were provided. Many departments decorated their offices and halls extravagantly and students dressed up as witches, ghosts, superheroes and villains alike. This is reflected in AUM annual Office Decorating Contest that involves staff and faculty alike. The Housing Office won "Best in Show" and "Best in Theme", followed by the Procurement and Payment Services and Nursing and Student Health Center Offices, respectfully. I can only hope that next year's Shriek Week will be even better than this year's.



The Monster Mash at the Library Tower.

Courtesy of Kyle Edwards



AUM's Housing Office

Courtesy of AUM Staff Council

Warhawk Squawk

LaTara Holloway

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and many students can't wait to head home for a great home cooked meal and a break from classes. Although we tend to think that the food is the best part of the holiday, it's also important to reflect on the people and things that make life special. In this edition of War Hawk Squawk, we asked students "What are you thankful for?"

Photos courtesy of LaTara Holloway

Marina James
Biology
Junior

I'm thankful for all my sorority sisters, and my family.



Chris Searcy
Political Science
Freshman

This campus—I'm the SGA Freshman 50 president, so [I'm thankful for] the opportunity to be the voice of the freshmen and help to lead the school in a better direction.



Kelsey Fleming
Nursing
Junior

I'm thankful for getting into nursing school.



Rachael Welch
Nursing
Sophomore

I'm thankful for my life, my family, and the blessings I receive each and every day.



Calling All Writers and Artists!

The Filibuster, AUM's literary journal, is now accepting submissions for the 2014 publication. This student-led, creative arts journal showcases the talent of AUM students. Submissions include anything from poems and short stories to photographs and drawings. The theme for the 2014 edition is identity; submit a piece that explores important and unique aspects of your world. Any and all majors are welcome and encouraged to submit a creative work. So, why should YOU submit?

1. You're going to be published; what's a better way to show off?
2. Publishing looks awesome on a resume.
3. Most importantly, you can brag to all of your friends!



Get your pens, pencils, brushes, cameras, and computers ready, and let your creativity shine!

Send all submissions to filibuster@aum.edu. Please send all submissions as attachments to retain formatting. Each submission must be an unpublished, original piece. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 31, 2013.

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