Three in a Row!

CBHP Begins Another Tradition of Excellence

The Alabama Crimson Tide football team has prevailed in game after game this season, but students in the Computer-Based Honors Program have started a winning streak of their own. For the third year in a row, CBHers won first place in the Homecoming lawn decoration competition in the independent organizations category. The slogan for this year’s lawn decoration was “Roll Tide Roll from Sea to Shining Sea”, and it exemplified the spirit of Crimson pride that can be felt across the nation. CBH students also decorated the windows of the Ferg as part of Paint the Town Red, and we won first place in our category for that competition. Homecoming co-chair Elizabeth Junkin said, “Homecoming was great this year, and we couldn’t have done it without all the CBHers’ help.”

CBH sponsored a Homecoming Queen candidate for the second year in a row. Caroline Ball, a senior majoring in Applied Mathematics, ran for queen using the slogan “I’m Ballin: Caroline Ball for Queen.” University of Alabama students chose Caroline as a member of the 2008 Homecoming Court, which is comprised of the five candidates receiving the most votes. We are proud of Caroline and the way she represented the Computer-Based Honors Program in the parade and during half-time of the Homecoming game on November 1, 2008. On her Homecoming experience, Caroline stated, “Being a part of the Homecoming Court will be one of my favorite UA memories. I was proud to represent CBH.”

Every year, CBHers come together to create not just decorations that show our school spirit, but also memories and a chance to get to know other students in the CBH family. As a member of the Seebeck Society, your membership dues are critical in making Homecoming possible. If you pay your membership dues by December 31, 2008, you will help CBH in next year’s Homecoming activities and receive a tax deduction for the amount donated. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for donation information. Thank you to all those who have and will assist in funding the Homecoming activities. All of the current CBHers appreciate your help in showing our Crimson pride “from sea to shining sea”.

CBH Homecoming Co-Chair Elizabeth Junkin and Creative Consultant Jared Lauridsen pose next to this year’s first-place lawn decoration.
CBHers worked on the lawn decoration for a week leading up to the November 1, 2008, Homecoming game. For the third year in a row, CBH won the independent organization category of the lawn decoration competition.
CBHers painted the windows of the Ferguson Center as part of the Paint the Town Red Homecoming competition. They incorporated Alabama football into symbols of the United States (Top and Bottom Left). They also incorporated a football into the icon from the Firefox internet browser (Top Right).

Caroline Ball rode in the Homecoming Parade as a member of The University of Alabama’s Homecoming court (Bottom Right).
The Computer-Based Honors Program is proud to announce that CBHP Director Dr. Shane Sharpe has been chosen as interim dean of the Honors College. Dr. Sharpe will officially become interim dean on January 1st after the retirement of Dean Bob Halli, the founding dean of the Honors College. The Computer-Based Honors Program would like to congratulate Dr. Sharpe on his recent accomplishment, as well as Dean Halli on his years of service and retirement!

If you have recently moved, changed email addresses, or just want to make sure your information is correct in our records, please send an email with the correct information to cbhp@bama.ua.edu. We will verify and/or update your information so you will receive updates and newsletters from the program.

CBHP Application Deadline: January 12, 2009
CBHP Freshman Orientation: February 16-17, 2009

The Computer-Based Honors Program greatly depends on donations from our alumni and friends of the program. These donations help current and future CBHers further research experiences through the Randall Endowment and help foster a family feeling in the program by funding Homecoming activities and socials throughout the year.

Donations to the Catherine J. Randall Endowment or Seebeck Society membership dues can be sent in the form of cash or check (payable to The University of Alabama) to

Computer-Based Honors Program
Box 870169
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Or make an online donation at ua.edu/advancement/giving/donate
Choose “Honors College,” then select either the “Catherine J. Randall Endowment for CBHP” or “Seebeck Society.”
On September 20, 2008, alumni and friends of the Computer-Based Honors Program met to celebrate the program’s 40th anniversary. The program was founded in 1968 and has enjoyed forty years of growth and success. The celebration included a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Computer-Based Honors Program Undergraduate Research Lab, a Seebeck Society meeting, lunch, and a research fair given by current students. During the meeting, Mr. Rodney Yerby was elected the new president of the Seebeck Society. The day-long celebration provided a wonderful opportunity for alumni to reconnect with the program and with old friends. Those in attendance reminisced about the program’s past and looked forward to the strong future of the Computer-Based Honors Program.
INTERNSHIPS AND SUMMER TRIPS

A few CBHers share their summer experiences...

Tyler Campbell (1) volunteered in Iris Ministries Orphanage in Maputo, Mozambique, Africa.

Rachael Blevins (2) interned in Honolulu, Hawaii, working for NOAA’s National Marine Fisheries Service through the Hollings Scholarship Program.

Richard Cockrum (3) interned at Stehlin Cancer Research Lab in Houston, Texas. He also traveled to Ecuador with a University of Alabama class.

Beth Knowles (4) interned as a technical writer at ADTRAN in Huntsville, Alabama. She is shown standing in front of ADTRAN.

Elizabeth Junkin (5) worked at Brookwood Pharmaceuticals in Birmingham, Alabama.

Kyle Scott (6) worked at Orion Propulsion of Madison, Alabama.
CONGRATULATIONS & SALUTATIONS

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Julia Bevill will be pursuing her Masters degree in Finance and Economics at The University of Alabama.

Stephanie Cantu will be attending medical school after participating in Child Family Health International's program for Rural and Urban Comparative Health in Ecuador.

Haynes Haselmaier will be working with NAVOCEANO at Stennis Space Center in Mississippi.

Robert Jones will be working as a software engineer at the Harris Corporation in Melbourne, Florida.

Drew Taylor will be pursuing his Masters degree in Electrical Engineering and working as a teaching assistant at The University of Alabama.

Vera Welch will be working in Memphis, Tennessee.

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Mary Katherine Alsip is pursuing her Ph.D. in Communication & Information Sciences at The University of Alabama.

Ryan Keller is pursuing his Masters degree in Electrical Engineering at The University of Alabama.

Meg Lawson is pursuing her Masters degree in Accounting and working as a teaching assistant at The University of Alabama.

Dylan Whisenhunt is attending graduate school at The University of Alabama.

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Anna Slagle was not listed in the previous newsletter. She accepted a fellowship to pursue her Ph.D. in Economics at The University of Alabama.

Congratulations, Graduates! We wish you the best of luck in the future!

Welcome, Freshmen!

The Computer-Based Honors Program is excited to welcome our 2008 freshman class! This year’s class has a 33 average ACT score, 1484 average SAT score, and an average high school GPA of 4.23 out of 4.0. This class also includes 22 National Merit Finalists. These 45 students from 12 different states are studying majors in the Colleges of Arts & Sciences, Commerce & Business Administration, Communication & Information Sciences, Education, Engineering, and Nursing.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Thank you for joining the Seebeck Society. Please check all of the following that apply.

__Membership ($25 or $10 for graduate student)

__Lifetime Membership ($500)

__Additional Donation. Amount $_______

Total: $________

Payment options:

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Check one:  __Alumni  __Parent

Check one:  __Friend  __Student

Check one:  __I am renewing my membership.

Check one:  __I am joining as a new member.

Benefits of membership include a Homecoming Reception, annual meeting vote, and newsletter. These goods and services provided in return for your contribution have insubstantial value, entitling this gift to be tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Send form to: Computer-Based Honors Program, Box 870169, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0352. You can send address or news updates to jbatson@bama.ua.edu.