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CAN UAH HOCKEY SURVIVE?

WITHOUT A CONFERENCE TO CALL HOME, TEAM FACES AN UNCERTAIN FATE

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'OUR KIDS LOVE MUSIC'

Dave Dieter/The Huntsville Times

Ten-year-old cellist John Frederick of Huntsville runs through his musical scales before heading into his audition with the Huntsville Youth Orchestra. For almost 50 years, the HYO has allowed North Alabama musicians an opportunity to experience musical education in an orchestral setting and perform for the public. Earlier this month, more than 130 musicians – ranging in age from 6 to 18 – auditioned for one of three HYO ensembles. **Most were prepared. Many were nervous. All were focused.** "Our kids love music," says HYO's manager Deborah Brown. "They have a passion for it."

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The hockey community in Huntsville spent the past week recovering from the shock of UAH's rejection by the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

And still, five days later, the question remains, "What happened?"

Without a conference to call home, the future of UAH hockey has become cloudy, at best. There are short-term options, but Tuesday's decision by the CCHA has UAH officials and supporters facing the unthinkable: Will UAH hockey survive?

The Chargers had applied to the CCHA because College Hockey America, which UAH helped form in 1999, is folding at the end of the upcoming season. Of the CHA's four members – UAH, Bemidji State, Robert Morris and Niagara – only UAH hasn't found a new home after this season.

And UAH has received overwhelming support from all corners of the college hockey world. Athletic Director Jim Harris said he had calls and e-mails from his peers and coaches.

"Overall, I'm disappointed and disappointed for Huntsville," said Niagara athletic director Ed McLaughlin, who also serves as commissioner of the CHA. "There's a lot of hockey tradition there. We were hopeful all four teams would find a home."

"It bums me out," said coach Tom Serratore of Bemidji (Minn.) State, UAH's top rival.

The vote by the CCHA Council was by acclamation, and bylaws prevent the final tally from being revealed. To be accepted, an applicant must receive at least 9 votes to join the 12-team league. Each school has one representative on the council, but the University of Nebraska-Omaha representative did not vote because that school is leaving the league to join the Western Collegiate Hock-

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Loss of Ares I work wouldn't end world

Marshall can make shift if panel takes a different track

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If the Augustine Commission decides to stop work on the Ares I rocket, space experts say Marshall Space Flight Center would likely be asked to focus on new rocket engines or a rocket based on the current space shuttle.

The White House-appointed panel last week continued its discussions on NASA's future, and much of the talk centered on stopping work on the Ares I rocket – after almost five years and $3 billion.

Instead, the commission

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