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Welcome to UAH
Tech talk
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As any jaded fifth-year senior here at UAH can attest and as new readers will soon find, any class in which the instructor will assign papers, e.g., Western literature, can result in much of the general education requirements, will include a screen from the instructor about plagiarism and proper attribution. Part of the motivation, of course, is that the instructors want to see samples of their students' work, but it is also important to acknowledge the large amounts of effort and time that creators put into their work.

Would it then be good to attach an attribution to everything? From a strictly pragmatic point-of-view, such a policy may become a burden in some. Imagine that every time someone mentioned a famous Supreme Court ruling, say Roe v. Wade or Marbury v. Madison, he had to give the full attribution, which, for these examples, are Roe v. Wade, 410 U. S. 113 (1973) and Marbury v. Madison, 1 Cranch 137 (1803). News anchors, politicians, and judges would find it daunting.

Yet another consideration is that some authors don’t want their names associated with what they’ve written. Anyone who's read any quick style guide knows that sometimes the author’s name is not included at all. In these cases, it would be impossible to determine who contributed the work.

Another concern is that some authors who have not written a book, or a few lines of code, may be known by only a few people. For such people, the attribution may serve as a form of recognition for their work. This is particularly important for anonymous or pseudonymous authors, who may choose to use a pseudonym to protect their identity.

The semester tuition for the 2000-2001 school year was $1,642, while the semester tuition for the 2001-2002 school year increased by $126. Therefore, full-time undergraduate students who are residents of Alabama and enrolled in 15 semester hours pay $1,768 in tuition and fees, which places UAH slightly below average for tuition and fees at institutions in the southeast United States. Non-resident students enrolled in 15 semester hours at UAH will pay $3,715.00 in tuition and fees. The increase may not appear to be an extremely large amount. However, when students buy required textbooks and school supplies, on top of paying tuition and fees, bills tend to pile up quickly.

Scott Vezyl revealed that “universities usually experience a four to five percent tuition increase.” Vezyl also stated that “the tuition increase will not go toward funding the residence halls or the new fitness center, nor is it a result of prorogation.”

The administration has done an incredible job of holding tuition increases to a minimum in these days of prorogation, but the university had no choice of increasing students’ tuition because of reduced funding from the state. This increase will ensure that UAH students will continue to receive a quality education in a state-of-the-art classroom environment,” said Ray Garmer, Director of News Services.

According to Ray Pinner, Vice-President for Finance and Administration, UAH officials look at other universities in the southeast United States to note the tuition and fees at other campuses. UAH also considers the financial need of students on campus. Pinner said, “the president is committed to conservative tuition increases.” Since the 1997-1998 school year, UAH has had relatively mild tuition increases. In 1997-1998, the tuition increased 4.97 percent. In 1998-1999, the increase was 3.88 percent. In 1999-2000, the increase was 5.78 percent. In 2000-2001, the increase was 5.33 percent. Pinner stated, “The increase is higher this year because of the loss of state support and the need to enhance institutional scholarships and graduate student tuition waivers.” Luckily, UAH has not experienced drastic tuition and fee increases like some universities.

The bright side of the increase is that UAH officials plan for a small portion of the tuition and fee increase to be devoted to enhancing technology on campus. Officials reported that the $126 tuition and fee increase includes a $2 per credit hour technology fee, which will be used to upgrade computers. Officials estimate that the $2 per credit hour technology fee will impart UAH with approximately $300,000 every year. Fortunately, this money will allow UAH to consistently upgrade computers, as well as other technological equipment, which will provide students and faculty with the most recent and up-to-date equipment.

According to Pinner, “UAH hopes to replace IC’s approximately every 4 years, which will include upgrading the hardware and software, but we cannot guarantee anything yet.” In summation, officials are dedicated and determined to providing UAH students with the most up-to-date technology, which is a definite plus for the campus.
UAH partners in bone disease breakthrough

By Sarah Fluhler
News Writer

A new tool has recently been developed for the use of studying a wide range of debilitating bone diseases including osteoporosis. This carefully honed tool, which was developed by scientists at UAH's Laboratory for Structural Biology (LSB) and at Research Genetics, has the unique ability to screen genes. The new "gene filter," will help researchers study the possible cause of some bone diseases such as osteoporosis. Scientists have found that there are approximately 5,000 genes involved in the bone growth process. The gene filter will allow researchers to determine which of these 5,000 genes are active, as well as which genes are inactive, under specific circumstances. The gene filter begins its process by first embedding a specific genetic material onto a nylon membrane. In this case, the "specific genetic material" would consist of the 5,000 genes known to play an extremely important role in the process of human bone growth. To run the test, RNA must be extracted from a biological sample such as bone or tissue. Then, the filter may be exposed to a special solution, which the RNA is contained inside of. This solution containing the RNA will quickly bind to "active" genes that will eventually produce the same particular RNA. As soon as the test has been completed, a researcher observes each individual gene that is on the filter. One is also able to tell if the corresponding gene was active while it was in the sample. When these samples of healthy and diseased tissue are compared, it is believed that researchers will find certain genes that are being "turned off" or on at inappropriate stages. For example if they found a particular gene that is over-stimulated in people with osteoporosis, researchers could then begin their attempt to design a specific medicine that is able to regulate the function of that particular gene. This medical breakthrough could have a tremendous impact upon women all across the United States who suffer from osteoporosis. It is estimated in the United States alone, 40 percent of women who are over the age of 50 will suffer at least one bone break due to osteoporosis.

The gene filter is selling for an extremely low price of only $1,460. "We are hoping that every pharmaceutical company and especially every medical researcher that is in the process of working on osteoporosis and related subjects will want to buy a gene filter," says Meehan. The research that led to this unique invention was supported by a grant that was given for this purpose by NASA's Space Product Development Office. Meehan stated that "when astronauts travel into space they experience a significant amount of bone loss, therefore bone mineralization is something NASA wants to get their hands on. We promised NASA that we would identify the genes that are involved in bone mineralization. We want to approach this from a molecular level."

Attention Seniors!

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Greek Speak

By Patrick Bobo
Columnist

Welcome back Greeks and welcome back fellow students. Throughout the semester, this column will be about our UAH Greeks. However, this column is not solely for entertainment, but to give all students a different point of view regarding UAH Greeks. It will not only seek to promote communication and awareness between Greeks, but also attempt to help all UAH students understand the nature of fraternities and sororities across the campus.

Aside from the news nature of the column, my intention is to also clear any misconceptions or rumors that the Greeks and to show the problems that we as individual students, chapters, and as a Greek continuity encounter throughout the year.

At UAH, Greek events commence around the first two weeks of fall. During this critical period of time, some of the most intense Greek activities occur. The libidity of our chapters, rush, is conducted during this critical time. Rush is the time when we search the incoming freshmen and returning upper-classmen for potential new members. Rush is intense for all chapters, but at the same time creates some of the most memorable times that we experience as Greeks. This is a time when we try to make rush as easy as possible for everyone, to see whether you are serious about rushing a fraternity or a sorority or not. We invited all to come and have fun with us. We are social organizations, and we invited everyone to pass the fun enjoyed and experienced.

Rush is the first step in a process. Whether you choose to rush, or whether you choose to recruit, or not, we invite all to come and let us dispel the myth. Who knows...you may have a college career filled with typical, Animal House, attitude towards Greeks. Whether you choose to attend rush and parties and choose the one that is best suited for you, or you have a college career filled with community service, parties, socials, and fun and as a result make lifetime friendships.

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New program gets freshmen involved

By Patrick Bobo

By Grindel Weldon

News Writer

Yikes! School just started and students are already facing essays, papers, due dates and worst yet, writer's block. Relax, help is on the way. The Writing Center, UAH Writing Center is opening on Monday, August 27. For the eighth year in a row, UAH students, staff, faculty and administrators can make up to 30 minute appointments each week with a Writing Center Consultant. For free assistance with any aspect of the writing process, standing weekly appointments throughout the semester are also available for writer's who desire more continuity.

The Writing Center staff is made up of students with strong written communications skills from a variety of academic backgrounds. They can completely handle questions concerning first year research papers, lab reports, as well as graduate theses. Even if your paper is blank, they can help you get started and moving in the right direction. The Writing Center also serves ESL students and has ESL consultants.

Appointments in the writing center are 30 minutes in length. During this time consultants objectively read a client's work, discuss and help with turning the material into something understandable. The Writing Center and its consultants is invaluable to improving their writing skills. Monica Hickman, a recent UAH graduate, recently visited the writing center and the consultants "really helped me organize my thoughts into a coherent paper. After visiting the writing center I felt more confident with my paper and more at ease with turning them in."

Alanna Frost, an instructor in the English department makes visiting the Writing Center a requirement for her courses. According to Frost, "the one on one interaction the students get from the consultants is invaluable, helping them improve their writing skills." She notes that student's writing skills always improve with "consistent use" of the Writing Center.

For students who have difficulty fitting even a short 30-minute appointment into their schedule, the Writing Center also offers virtual consulting via the web site at www.uah.edu/writing. "I really liked the virtual consultation option," continues Hickman, who wishes she had time to sit down with a consultant. She could still get feedback on her work via email. "Assignments submitted for review via the web will be responded to by a consultant who is currently involved with SCA by the entire chapter, however immediately an immediate response is not guaranteed. Students must allow for a relaxed environment, in which students can turn work in and get a reply. The Writing Center web site also offers more detailed information about its services and mission.

Even if a student is not meeting with a consultant, the Writing Center offers a relaxed environment in which students can come to compose, revise and edit their work. There is also an extensive resource library of handbooks, dictionaries, style manuals and other reference material that is available for use within the Writing Center.

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Provost gives insight on new academic programs

By Heather Byland

News Editor

After one year at UAH, Lewis Radonovich, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, revealed that the university plans to implement several new academic programs and goals for UAH. Radonovich stated, "In my one year here, I am very proud of our students. Radonovich and others have been striving to increase student learning on campus, and several academic programs that will help students with the UAH over the next few years will surely help Radonovich reach his goal.

One new program is a math learning lab, which will be located in the library. This lab is occupied by a full-time technician to assist students with any problems. Radonovich feels a math learning lab "is a great way to develop communication skills." At the math lab, students will have the opportunity to do drill work and testing. Equally important, students will be able to interact with mathematicians to ensure that they become proficient with math skills.

In addition to the math learning lab, UAH intends to implement eight new academic programs within the next few years. Three of the programs will be devoted to undergraduate students while five of the programs are designated for graduate students. However, the graduate programs will also benefit undergraduates.

Featured among these programs is an undergraduate combined language program. In order to meet state standards, UAH combined five language programs: French, Spanish, Russian, and Foreign Language and International Trade into a program for language majors. Officials hope this new addition to UAH will benefit numerous students.

The second new undergraduate program is a Certificate in Computer Mediated Communication. This certificate will make possible employers of the applicant's proficiency in certain computer programs.

The final undergraduate program is a Marketing Track in E-Business which allows marketing management majors to earn a concentration in E-Business. Radonovich said this program involves adding and modifying a few courses.

The first graduate program is a Ph.D. in Biotechnology which has been approved and will commence in the fall of 2001. This is an interdisciplinary program involving both the Colleges of Engineering and Science and is intended to establish research with graduate students as well as some undergraduates. The proposed program has received strong support from several Huntsville companies.

Radonovich said, "Bio-technology is in its early stages in Huntsville." This may be one reason so many companies support the new UAH program.

The second graduate program is a Masters Degree in Management Information Systems (MIS) which will also be available in Fall 2001. Radonovich stated, "This program is ideal for graduates who complete a Bachelors degree and desire to obtain a Masters degree." With this degree, graduates will be capable of walking into a company and starting as the chief information officer.

The third graduate program is a joint Ph.D. in Civil Engineering. Radonovich said, "This program is unique in that it is a joint doctoral program between UAH and UAB." Graduates of this program will receive a diploma with the university seals of both UAH and UAB. Radonovich proudly stated that "this proposed program was reviewed by a Civil Engineering firm in Virginia Tech, and he gave the proposal a high rating."

The fourth graduate program is a shared Ph.D. in Computer Engineering. This program is unique because it is shared with UAB, which means that one school offered the program, and the other school did not. In this case, UAH offered a Ph.D. in Computer Engineering; however, officials felt there were not enough graduates to continue the program solely at UAH. Therefore, sharing the program with UAB will produce more graduate students. In addition, this program was recently approved and will start within the next few years.

The final graduate program is in a Masters in Software Engineering, which is a cooperative program between the College of Science and the College of Engineering. Radonovich revealed that "Industry in Huntsville drove the demand for this program." Likewise, officials expect graduates to be very employable.

Each of these programs are closely inter-linked, even though each of these programs seem to be carefully divided between undergraduates and graduate students. Radonovich stated, "All of these graduate programs involve research projects. Therefore, undergraduates have the opportunity to work on these projects." Officials are also excited that these programs will provide undergraduate opportunities.

Fall 2001 Frosh Mosh again a success!!

By Patrick Bobo

News Writer

The Student Government Association's third annual Frosh Mosh was a huge success this week. Students of all ages turned out for three days of free food, games, and bands in SGA's most heavily planned event of the year.

After the freshmen settled into CCCR after moving in, they experienced first hand the beauty of free food at the Student Affairs lunch. Immediately following this was the repainting of the Charger Blue horseshoes strongsuit which was sponsored by University Advancement. The first ever Make Your Own Beach Party went well as Delta Zeta Sorority took home the prize of best party. After more food and music, many students and faculty enjoyed watching Ethan and the Ewok play on the UC Lawn.

Monday got off to a slow start, with the freshmen slowly drifting out of their beds. The Creeks sponsored lunch, and Huntsville businesses showed up to hand out pens, shirts, and free checking accounts at the business table. After filling up on Gibson's BBQ, sponsored by the SGA, students went to play the Tune In Game show in the Exhibit Hall. After a hard-fought battle, hockey player Kevin Ridgeway took home the grand prize. Also given away were frisbees, school supplies, and a full book. At 830 students began arriving for Frosh Mosh's big event. Cowboy Mouth began playing at 9:00 and played until 11:00. Ending with their radio hit "Jenny Says," the band kept audience participation high. Dale Jobes was pleased with the concert. "I was happy with the turnout and audience participation. I didn't expect the concert to be as big as it was." The fun was not over yet, though, as the fun out crowed for the other equipment worked well into the early hours of the morning.

Tuesday, which had not happened at press time, was also filled with more fun for all. More free food, inflatable games, and Dr. Franz's annual President's Picnic were on the schedule. The ACE sponsored comedian, Billy Burr put on a show for students, and UAH's own DJ Kiami-kaze and DJ Play put on a show at the Foam Party.

As the events came to a close, SGA was tired but happy with the way things had gone. Frankie Bibby, Frosh Mosh Director, said, "We put a lot of work into this event especially this year, and we would like to thank everyone that helped. Without the sponsors, vendors, UAH staff, and especially my committee, I would not have been able to make this successful again."

As ideas and plans began to be put on the table for next year, let's hope SGA keeps Frosh Mosh as successful as it has been in the past.
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LaFiore heads strong volleyball squad

By Antoine Bell
UAH Sports Information Director

The 2001 volleyball season holds a lot of anticipation for the Lady Chargers. With all six starters and all but one letter-winner returning from last year’s 21-14 team, this could be the season that the Lady Chargers make it back to the NCAA playoffs.

Four seniors anchor the UAH roster, led by record-breaking middle blocker Ellen LaFiore. During the 2000 season, the Lady Chargers’ leading scorer was the most decorated player on the team. She was also one of the most feared players in the Gulf South Conference. She set seven new UAH records and broke several GSC marks.

The 5’11” senior averaged 5.23 kills per game in 2000. She also led the team in service aces (57) and blocks (132). LaFiore was also a stud on defense. In addition to leading the way in blocks, she was second on the team in digs with 339.

Return to quartering back last year’s off-sider Jane Baumgartner (5’6”). Baumgartner battled through injury all season in 2000. However, she came on to have an outstanding year. She finished with 193 assists and broke the UAH and GSC record for assists in a match when she had 86 against Montevallo.

Seniors Lindsey Dunham (5’7”, Hitter) and Erin Denny (5’10”, Hitter) return to help LaFiore patrol the net. Dunham was second on the team average this year.

Coach Taube also signed three new players to bolster the Lady Chargers lineup. Samantha Polkowski (5’8”, Setter), Kristian Kleminsky (5’9”, Outside Hitter) and Molly Healy (5’10”, Hitter) were pressed into action in last year and did an awesome job.

Polkowski finished the season as the team’s fourth leading scorer with 2.17 kills per game. Sterling played most of the 2000 season on a bum ankle. She had to fill in as an off-sider when Baumgartner was injured. She dished out 216 assists. However, her specialty is defense. Despite playing in pain, Sterling had 275 digs, while averaging 1.11 kills on a bad day.

Kleminsky was probably one of the team’s most improved players in 2000. She averaged 1.56 kills during the season after finishing the 1999 season with only nine kills.

Tournament team during her career, while maintaining her status on the A-B Honor Roll.

Healy is an import from St. Louis, MO where she prepped at Ursuline Academy. She was a member of the All-District and All-Star Metro Women’s Athletic Association teams in both 1999 and 2000. She also carried a 3.5 GPA and received several academic honors.

The Lady Chargers’ road to the playoffs is sprinkled with some tough competition. Along with the usual challenging GSC schedule, the Lady Chargers will play in four tournaments. UAH will also play nonconference matches against Henderson State, Missouri Western State and Truman State.

Cross Country looks to have a big season

By Keith Conrad
Sports Writer

A winning attitude can go a long way towards success in any sport. In order to be successful, a team must have a proper balance of attitude, chemistry, hard work, and of course some talent here and there never hurts matters.

Last year, Harding was able to sweep both the men’s and women’s titles in the City Conference, and would definitely have to be considered the favorites to repeat as Gulf South Conference champions this year. “We are going to have to improve quite a bit throughout the season and run our best at the end of the season to have a real shot at winning a championship,” said Charger head coach David Cain.

“Although we have a strong team, I know we have a lot of work ahead of us and a great need for each member to improve,” said Cain. “The GSC Championship gets tougher each year, and with last year’s conference newcomer Harding University, we really have our work cut out for us.”

After an impressive showing last year however, the Chargers have every right to be excited about the coming season. At this time last year, the Charger men had a very talented team that seemed to lack a great deal of depth. This year has seen a dramatic turn-around in that department, with all seven runners from the 2000 season returning, including James Terverwiller, who was a redshirt last year. Terverwiller was 2nd team All-GSC in 1999.

In addition to the seven runners from last year’s squad, the Chargers also welcome three newcomers which give the Chargers reason to believe they can contend for the GSC Championship.

“I believe there is definitely strength in numbers,” Cain said to UAH Sports Information. “When you have eleven guys fighting to be one of the team’s top seven, the entire team steps up to a higher level.” Among the newcomers to this team will be two of Alabama’s best high school seniors.

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Playing for a greater goal

Well here goes another season of University of Alabama in Huntsville Athletics. Let’s just hope that this year’s campaign can prove as successful as last. The spring season even saw the softball and baseball teams capture Gulf South Conference titles. This fall, the cross country team and the men’s and women’s soccer teams all look forward to building on their successes in 2000.

Each team boasts a large roster of returning players. Any time you can return talent and experience to your roster while being able to just patch up holes at other positions, you are in great shape. Sophomore Susan Bogenschutz and Cory Vik of the women’s soccer team were named to the pre-season All-GSC team. Edward Katamba and Joseph Mujwala earned the same honors for the men. Candace Chambers, Lesley Davis, James Terverwiller and Andrew Hodges of the cross country team have all been named All-GSC in previous seasons.

With the pre-season accolades come the pre-season polls. Each team is picked to finish at or near the top of the GSC East Division. Of course none of these awards or polls mean anything, potential gives way to production come game-day. The talent has to translate into success. New players have to mesh and the chemistry has to be just right. Any number of things could go wrong. It is the courage necessary to win title and hang banner.

The volleyball team is garnering similar pre-season prestige as the other women’s sports. Similarly, the baseball and softball teams have all six starters, into the Tampa Invitational this weekend. (Photo by Danny Parker)
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from last year, Matt Wilson and Daniel Friedline. "One of the things I am most excited about is that I don't know who my top seven runners will be because each are capable of being them," Cain said. "It will be a matter of who steps up the most." The Lady Chargers are entering the 2001 season with a record number runners on the team. Nine veterans return from the 2000 cross country season, in addition to six newcomers. One of this year's top veterans will be senior Candace Chambers, who was first team All-GSC as well as All-Region in 1999. Amy Phillips and Lesley Davis where the teams top two runners from the 2000 season. Both were on the All-GSC 2nd team as freshmen. They will return this season as sophomores and look to push the team to the top of the GSC. Natalie Faehey will be in her first cross country season, and should make a big impact on the team after a stellar track season this past spring. "I expect our top four runners to be very solid, followed by a dog fight between the other eleven women to round out the team's top seven. We have so many talented runners that I am just looking forward to seeing who is going to give that extra effort needed to be one of our team's best." Your first and likely only chance to catch a glimpse of the 2001 addition of the cross country team will be on Saturday, September 8, at the annual UAH Howard Bentley Invitational at Sharon Johnston Park. Cain expects a challenging field of around 20 colleges. Then the Chargers travel to University of Alabama to compete in the Crimson Classic, which includes some of the top Division I schools in the southeast. Afterwards, the team travels to Greensboro, N.C., for a good opportunity to see how UAH matches up with some of the top Division II teams.

The following week, the Chargers will get a taste of the GSC Championship course at the Rhodes Invitational in Memphis, Tenn. On October 13 the teams travels to Fayetteville, Ark., to compete in the Chili Pepper Festival at the University of Arkansas. "This is an important meet for us because it is our only opportunity to get the regional meet distance of 10,000 meters for men, and 6,000 meters for women prior to the regional meet."

should seemingly help build the team's confidence and perhaps give them a slight advantage going into regionals. After a week off, both teams travel back to Memphis for the GSC Championship. That will be followed by the NCAA D-II Southeast Regional in Atlanta, where the top two teams qualify for the National meet in Slippery Rock, Penn.

Katamba and Mujwala ready to kick-start 2001 season

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Last season, the UAH Men's Soccer team finished with a heartbreaking loss to their Gulf South Conference rivals, Christian Brothers, in overtime. This season, with many players returning and an influx of talented newcomers, UAH will look to reclaim their perch back upon the top of the GSC. Head coach Carlos Petersen is excited about the returnees. "We will have a lot of experienced players returning and our younger guys will feed off of their play."

Senior defender Edward Katamba and fellow sophomore midfielder Joseph Mujwala were named pre-season All-GSC. Petersen expects both to be the backbones of the team. "I believe Eddie will be one of the leaders of our team," Petersen said. "And Joe (Mujwala), being a senior and having started for four years will be significant in the leadership role as well."

Senior defender Jacob Nolike will also play an integral role to this year's team. "Our captain will be Jacob Nolike and I expect him to continue his outstanding play."

The vice-captains for this year's team will be junior defender Ndubueze "Ndu" Onwuchuruba and fellow junior Ryan Mills. "Both will give us pretty good leadership," Petersen said.

Senior forward Robert Smith, who wrote his name into the GSC record books with five game-winning goals last season, will help spearhead the offense. "Rob is going to be a significant piece to our offense. He will help Joe (Mujwala), Ryan (Mills) and the others push the tempo offensively."

Petersen will also welcome the influx of four talented newcomers to this year's team. Forward Kevin Joseph and midfielders Harande Eli, Jonathan Burnett, and Steven Van Horn were all named to the Top GSC newcomers' list for this season. "Harande (Eli) was a very nice find for us," Petersen said of the sophomore who hails from Trinidad. "He's a very good midfielder with a lot of experience. He has a cannon foot from twenty-five yards out."

Joseph, who also hails from Trinidad, will add depth behind Mills, Smith, and senior Francis Katamba at the forward position. "Kevin was a redshirt from last year," Petersen said about the fresman forward. "He's an attack-minded player who can put the ball into the net and is crafty in the open field."

An advantage Joseph may have over the other newcomers is that he saw UAH's style of play first hand as a redshirt last season. "He got to learn our style of play and when he comes in, he will have a huge advantage by knowing the system."

Van Horn, who comes via Flower Mound, Texas, and will add additional depth to the midfield position, "Both are very good, talented young players."

"They (Burnet and Van Horn) played a lot of club soccer which helped them get the experience needed to become significant contributors to our team," Petersen said.

A hole that needs to be filled is the loss of goal tender Toro Hill to graduation. "Toro (Hill) will be missed, he was a great goalie who displayed outstanding poise in the net."

Petersen expects sophomore Nathan Daniel to adequately fill Hill's enormous shoes. "Nate's (Daniel) level of play has increased from last year. He will be able to step in and take Toro's place," Petersen said. "Nate (Daniel) has tremendous potential and I envision him becoming a great goalie for us."

Another loss to the soccer team came when Ryan Pratt, Petersen's right hand man, took the coaching post at Montevallo University. "Ryan was a great friend and our program will miss him. We wish him well at Montevallo and I look forward to seeing him across the sidelines when our teams play against one another."

UAH starts the season with two home games against Morehouse and Cumberland. "Morehouse College is a very talented team. They are very skillful, fast and are a knowledgable team. They will be a very good test for us to start the season."

A new wrinkle will be bestowed upon this season as well. The venue for the conference tournament will switch from Vestavia Hills to Huntsville. The tournament will take place on November 3-4 at the John Hunt Complex, just miles away from the campus of UAH.

Although coach Petersen is happy that the GSC tournament will take place in his backyard, he is also aware of the mindset that comes with preparing for tournament games. "We like the fact the tournament will take place in Huntsville. There are different positives and negatives that come with that. But we come to play in the GSC tournament as evidence by their success during Petersen's no matter where it takes place."

UAH, with a potent roster at its arsenal, will surely be one of the teams to beat in the GSC this season.

The season kicks off Saturday, August 25 at 4 p.m. at Charger Field versus Morehouse College.

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