Library automation is in the works

by Mark Yerby
staff writer

The UAH Library is continuing to make progress towards the automation of many of its services.

Within the last several months, three automated systems have been implemented to speed and enhance the information facilities of the library.

The newest addition is a link with the Online Computer Library Center. This system was implemented in January of this year, and allows one to peruse the contents of over three thousand different libraries throughout the country.

This system includes an inter-library loan procedure through which materials might be borrowed from another facility. According to Dr. Del Williams, director of the library, only about a sixth of the library’s holdings have been entered into the system at the present time.

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Another system presently in use is the Faxon Linx, which contains data on the status of periodicals at UAH.

This system was implemented in August of 1984, and allows one to locate a certain periodical revealing which floor and wing it is on. It also indicates whether or not the material has been converted to microfilm.

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The funding for the library was increased $250,000 this year, plus a one-time grant of $200,000 from the administration. Also, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education has allotted roughly 20 thousand to 25 thousand dollars to the UAH library as it has other libraries this year for improvements.

According to Williams, these funds will be used towards an increase in automation and also used to increase the library’s holdings.

Student Survey Inside

The student government association has a survey in today’s issue of the Exponent. Please take the time to fill it out and deliver it to the SGA office, room 106 of the University Center.

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New grievance officer is already busy

by Joy Hamilton
staff writer

Francis Brouse, a sophomore, has been appointed grievance officer by Student Government Association president Casey Wilson.

As grievance officer, Brouse will handle complaints about the administration, student government, and faculty, and will act in the students’ interest as an advisor and investigator.

“Mainly, the grievance officer gathers complaints and either channels them to the right authority or will investigate to see if there is any way to solve the problem,” said Brouse.

“I will then tell the student body what the results are,” Brouse added.

Although the academic year began only a few weeks ago, Brouse has already handled several complaints.

One complaint, which was voiced not only at a recent meeting of the SGA legislature, but also in a letter written to the Exponent, has been investigated.

The complaint dealt with the price of soft-drinks from the vending machines on campus. The accusation was that the current price of fifty cents is too high. It was also believed that UAH receives a profit from the soft-drink sales.

“Why we don’t own the machines, the Coca-Cola company does,” said Brouse. “That’s why the Cokes are fifty cents. If they wanted to lower prices, they would have to contact the Coca-Cola company. UAH only gets a percentage of the profit. That percentage goes towards electricity,” said Brouse.

Another SGA member felt that the pool games in the University Center gameroom were too expensive. It was suggested that the games be lowered to twenty-five cents per game, instead of the current fifty cents.

Yet another idea was that the SGA could purchase a pool table to combat the price.

“I discovered that the price of the pool games is seventy cents or higher in other places. It is also very unfeasible for the SGA to purchase a pool table,” said Brouse.

“They cost thousands of dollars and would take years to break even,” Brouse added.

One of the biggest problems Brouse has faced so far is the question over Spragins Hall hours. Students have complained that the hours the facilities are open are not in tune with their needs.

Brouse met with Paul Brand, director of Athletics, to discuss the problem and possible solutions. The process has now begun to find out what hours the students want Spragins Hall to be open.

A survey is now being conducted to find the hours students would like.

“If students want to have an input, they need to fill out that survey. These surveys are located in the athletic department of Spragins Hall,” said Brouse.

“The results will help determine what hours the facilities will be open,” Brouse added.

For future plans, Brouse would eventually like to place a complaint and suggestion box by the information booth in the University Center. She says she also hopes to locate similar boxes in other buildings on campus.

“I don’t think many students are aware that this position is here,” said Brouse.

“If a student has a legitimate complaint, I can see what can be done to solve or correct it,” Brouse said.

Any complaint that a student has can be placed in a suggestion box, or filed with Brouse directly. She can be located through the SGA office, which is room 106 of the University Center.

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However, the drive fell short of the goal by over $12,000. UAH’s fall potential is as high as $105,000.

Finally, interim Dean Wyaklida of the School of Engineering discussed the ABET Accreditation visit.

A committee of seven individuals visited the engineering department on Sept. 16 and 17 to inspect the facilities.

A preliminary report of the findings is expected in January or February of 1986, with the final report due in August. The committee will then decide if the engineering department will be re-approved for accreditation.

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SGA-Exponent Student Survey

Name
Address
Phone number

1) Do you feel UAH needs a FM radio station?
   Yes  No

2) Which radio station do you listen to most often?
   (rank in order of preference)
   WAAY  WZYP  WEUP  WFIX  WLHR  WRSA  WHIP
   (OTHER)

3) What time of day do you listen to the radio most often?
   (Circle your response)
   Morning (on the way to school or work)
   Midday, Lunchtime
   Rush hour (on the way home)
   Evening

4) What type (or types) of format would you suggest for a UAH radio station?
   (circle your response or responses)
   Adult Contemporary
   Soul
   New Wave/Dance Rock
   Country
   Heavy Metal
   Classical
   Jazz
   Top 40

5) Would you be interested in being a Disc-Jockey for a UAH radio station?
   Yes  No

6) Do you feel the SGA should support and initiate a campus radio station?
   Yes  No

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions about this questionnaire, call the SGA office at 895-6428. Questionnaires should be sent to the SGA office, room 106 of the University Center. The deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, October 18th.

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Christian Emphasis Week
Oct. 14 - 16
Three Free Lunches
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
at 12:15 p.m.
Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. - "A Fireside Chat"

Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. - Rally
Dr. Chester Swor Speaking,
A popular motivator of Christian students nationwide.

AT THE BSU
Returning students support group forming

by Dennis Nichols
staff writer

Students taking college courses after an extended absence from the classroom are often faced with challenges that surpass those of the usual academic grind.

For this reason, the Returning Students' Support Group is being formed to assist older students in making the transition back into a scholastic environment.

Organized through the Office of Student Affairs, the support group will serve the special needs of non-traditional students (students not entering college as an immediate follow-up from high school) as well as serve as a social outlet.

"What we are trying to do here is to ease the transition back into an academic routine," said Dr. B. Jeanne Fisher, Vice President for Student Affairs.

"Many of our older students are confronted by the complicated system of registration and class scheduling that UAH has. One of the objectives of the support group is to make these things easier to comprehend."

In 1980, an organization called Support Older Students (S.O.S.) met every week for almost a year. In that time, according to Fisher, the group became very close even though it failed to perpetuate itself.

The need for such a group persisted, however.

Unlike most established universities, UAH boasts a student body that is comprised about 25 percent of the undergraduate community.

Even though the average age of a full-time student was 23, a part-time student was on the average about 27 years old.

Over 600 students were 30 years of age or older.

The non-traditional student at UAH is confronted with some unusual difficulties. Many are divorced and must work and/or have families.

Though these students enter classes with greater motivation and more clearly defined objectives than the younger traditional students, they may have difficulty adjusting to their new academic roles, according to Fisher.

Many have all but forgotten how to study and their grammar and mathematics skills have gotten rusty.

What is more, some non-traditional enrollees are intimidated by the supposed high scholastic calibre of the younger students.

The first meeting will be held its first meeting this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in room 126 of the University Center.

"The first meeting will be experimental. With enough student involvement and participation we will be able to continue this program," said Fisher.

Hi Mom!

Not bad for an Econ. major! Huh?!!
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**HAVE YOUR-SELF AN HPE WINTER**
Gameroom plans tournament fun

by Carolyn Burnett
staff writer

The University Center Gameroom, located across from the bookstore on the bottom level of the University Center, is planning several special events to attract students.

"We want people to know it's there," said Brenda Hopkins, assistant director of the Center. UAH T-shirts and jackets will be given away to top scorers on selected games. "We will also be giving away a stars pinball game to the highest scorer of that game," said Hopkins. The game will be awarded about the first or second week of December.

Other events include a pizza party, a ping-pong tournament, and even a monopoly tournament with state, national and world championship possibilities. Any interested student can sign up in the gameroom. A pool tournament is also scheduled for Friday afternoon beginning at 6:30 p.m. There is a $2 entry fee and the sign-up deadline is 5 p.m. today.

Winners will be selected by a process of double elimination, according to Glenn Wills, night manager for the Center. Prizes will be announced as the playoff nears toward the end of the quarter. "Then we'll start the whole process over again in the winter quarter," said Wills. The gameroom has video games, pinball machines, ping-pong tables, pool tables and three comfortable TV rooms.

Students can also check out board games. Both Hopkins and Wills assert that they are "open to any suggestions." "We could have tournaments coming out of our ears if there is a particular game students would like to play in a tournament," Wills said.

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Speak out through forensics team

by Rhonda Carroll
staff writer

Do you like to voice your opinion and get course credit for it at the same time? If so, then you are a candidate for the forensics team.

Forensics is an activity sponsored by the communication arts program and directed by Chris Sharpe. Although it is geared toward students with communications arts or political science backgrounds, anyone can join the team. "We have one four-member team right now, but we would like to have more students involved," said Sharpe.

There are two areas in forensics: debate and individual events.

"In debate, we use a format called Cross-Examination Debate Association," said Sharpe. "We use the CEDA format because it improves communication skills, argumentation, organization and delivery skills."

The team debates two topics each year, one in the fall and another in the spring. This year’s fall topic is “Resolved: That significant government restrictions on coverage by the United States media of terrorist activities are justified.”

We will debate this topic until January then start on the spring topic,” said Sharpe.

Individual events is made up of several categories.

"The communication analysis category allows advanced communication arts students to use the skills developed in upper-level classes," said Sharpe. "Theatre is a category that deals with dual interpretation, prose and poetry, dramatic interpretation and readers’ theatre."

After-dinner speaking is a third category.

The team competes with other schools nationally in tournaments that are held for two or three days on weekends.

"Tournaments help students learn argumentation skills and how to speak on their feet," Sharpe said. "It also teaches social skills."

"The forensics team offers something for almost anyone," said Suzi Fowler, a member of the forensics team.

"Meeting new people and facing new challenges really binds the team together. It’s a great place to make friends," Fowler added.

Meetings are held every Thursday at 1 p.m. in room 232, Morton Hall, and anyone can attend.

If interested in forensics, call Chris Sharpe at 895-6645.

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Scholarships offered through Pep Band

Did you know that members of the UAH Pep Band are awarded scholarship money for their participation? That's right, while making friends and supporting UAH athletics you can also earn money toward your educational costs at UAH.

The UAH Pep Band has developed a tradition of excellence which has led to their being described as "the best ongoing Pep Band in the State of Alabama." They have received invitations to perform at professional athletic events from as far away as Kansas City, Missouri, and have distinguished themselves on campus by winning the 1984 UAH Spirit Award.

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Most of our members are working at outside jobs as well as attending UAH, and very few are music majors or minors. You will never be required to miss any classes for rehearsals or performances.

New and exciting plans are already underway for this year's band, including some travel to away games. All expenses for any such travel will be born by the University including meals and lodging when necessary.

Auditions for this season's Pep Band will be held on Thursday, Oct. 3, at 8:00 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 5, at 11:00 a.m., in the Recital Hall of the Humanities Building. Interested players who are unable to attend should call the Music Department (895-6436) to make other arrangements.

Even if you haven't played in years, this year will be! Blow the dust off that horn and attend the auditions.

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Eurythmics tell how to 'be yourself'

by Twana Lee
staff writer

Pop pick for this week is a new one from the Eurythmics. Annie Lenox and David Stewart have banded together with some familiar talents in music to create an album that is hot. It is entitled "Be Yourself Tonight." Diversity is the most obvious feature of this album. "Be Yourself Tonight" contains pop, soul, dance and easy listening music. The album opens with a popular tune, "Would I Lie to You?" The lyrics show a less than subtle approach to using words to make you want to move. "Now I'm leaving you." The lyrics clearly explain the song's intent: "Now this is a song to celebrate. The conscious liberation of the female state."

Not only are the lyrics snappy and spirited, but also the music has a groove that makes you want to move. "There Must Be an Angel (Playing with My Heart)." This song has an added attraction of cocky harmonica played by Stevie Wonder. The lyrics express the unmistakable feeling of being in love: "I walk into an empty room. And suddenly my heart goes 'boom'! / My heart." There must be an angel playing with my heart."

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Featured on this song is a splendid duet of Lenox and the Queen of Soul herself, Aretha Franklin. Backups on this tune are divinely done by the Charles Williams singers gospel choir. (Poppers may recall that we were first introduced to the gospel sound incorporated in pop music with Foreigner's smash hit, "I Want to Know What Love Is." The trend is set and catching.)

Drums, lead guitar and organ are played to the max on this same tune by Mike Campbell, Benmont Tench and Stan Lynch, who are all from the popular group the Heartbreakers.

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