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Huntsville needs the ‘gift of life’

by Lonell Morrison
intern associate editor

The fact of the matter is that Huntsville needs blood, plain and simple.

For the past 15 years, the local Red Cross has been trying to get students and faculty members of UAH to contribute to that need. Thus far it has helped, but only to a minimal extent. The average output from UAH blood drives has usually been between 40 and 50 units of blood, which is relatively low for an institution the size of UAH. Officials of the Red Cross are unsure whether the poor showing can be helped, but only to a minimal extent.

The average outtake from UAH blood drives has usually been between 40 and 50 units of blood, which is relatively low for an institution like UAH, contends that many people believe that they can give blood if an accident occurs to a loved one. But that idea might just as well take a life rather than give one. According to Carter, newly given blood takes between 48 to 72 hours to process, for safety reasons of course.

“Don’t wait for an accident to happen, because the blood won’t be available in case of severe emergencies,” she said.

But the Red Cross doesn’t blame the people of Huntsville for not giving blood. It is more of a problem of education, if people don’t understand the grave importance of giving as soon as possible. In Huntsville, the state’s second largest user of blood, the need is that much more important.

On Friday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., The Exponent would like to encourage members of the UAH student body, faculty, and staff to give and give. Members of campus organizations are encouraged to come and bring as many members as possible. Actual blood donation will only take about 15 minutes of your time.

For more information, call The Exponent at 895-6090, or contact the American Red Cross.

Model U.N. to represent Yugoslavia at conference

by James E. Spain
news reporter

The UAH Model U.N. will travel to St. Louis, Missouri to represent Yugoslavia in the Midwest Model United Nations Convention Feb. 22-26.

“It’s basically a simulation of the United Nations with the Security Council, General Assembly, and Economic and Social Council,” said Gregory Casteel, vice president and treasurer of the Model U.N. The club’s other officers are Jenny Thomas, president, and Kristian Muller-Lindemann, secretary. Their faculty adviser is Dr. Brad Gitz.

About 14 students from UAH will attend the convention, which will be held at the Clarion Hotel. UAH will be the only school at the convention from the Southeast.

Model U.N. members from UAH will represent Yugoslavia in the Security Council, Economic and Social Council, and four General Assembly committees: Political and Security, Special Political, Economic and Finance, and the Legal Committee. According to Casteel, there should be two representatives on each committee and council so that they can work in shifts, since the sessions will last most of the day.

In addition, there will be a working group, a committee which will work on a specific problem. The topic of this year’s working committee will be religious discrimination. Only one student from each participating school can be on this committee.

“Model U.N. members must research Yugoslavia’s views on important issues and draft resolutions on them. In St. Louis, certain resolutions will be presented and participants will debate and vote on them.”

Gregory Casteel

Students participating in the competition must take on the character of the country they are representing and will be judged on how well they do this in addition to how often they speak. Representatives of competing countries can call another country out if they think their representatives are behaving out of character.

Last year in St. Louis, on their first trip out of Alabama, UAH’s Model U.N. took second place in a speech category. The club had previously competed at Auburn and the University of South Alabama in Mobile. When they are not competing, their time is spent preparing for competition.

Contrary to popular belief, the Model U.N. is not sponsored by the Political Science Department, but consists of students with various majors.

Martin Luther King Jr.’s birthday celebrated at UAH by BSA

by Ardis Morton
features reporter

Monday, Jan. 16, was the day set aside to honor the late Martin Luther King Jr., in the United States. Here at UAH, the students have not forgotten about the man or his dream. Several activities were planned to honor King’s life and achievements.

During the morning and afternoon hours, a booth was set up in the University Center lobby where video tapes of King’s most famous speeches were played. There was also a selection of memorable photographs along with books and magazine articles about the life of King.

At 5 p.m., a small memorial service, sponsored by the Black Student Association, was held in the University Center Exhibit Hall. The service largely consisted of students sharing what King meant to them. Although attendance at the ceremony was not full, those students who did participate seemed to appreciate having some type of formal recognition of a man whose message affected all.

One of the highlights of the service was when Dr. Lee Williams of the UAH history department shared some experiences that he gained while growing up during a time of hatred and oppression.

Although King is no longer with us, his movement can continue in our hearts. This was the idea that Williams stressed to the students. He reminded them that they could not forget about the past just because it may have been painful. Instead they should remember those who fought for their freedom. They should look to the future while remembering those who paid the ultimate price for them to enjoy the opportunities that many take for granted.

See inside — The Exponent
Forum informs students on SGA activities

by Marian Delaney Sampson
news reporter

The Student Government Association held an open forum for students in the University Center Exhibit Hall on Jan. 18.

John Ortiz, president of the SGA, began the forum by stating that its purpose was to inform students of "what SGA has done, what we are doing, and what we plan to do, and to talk about semesters." He then introduced SGA legislators and officers and the Association for Campus Entertainment directors to the student body. He also gave an overview of the SGA budget and how student activity fees are spent.

According to Ortiz, SGA provides for and handles student insurance. Also, in the past year, SGA has hired a full-time secretary. This has improved the communication between the SGA and the students, he added.

Another project of the SGA has been to fight for a reduction in the price of soft drinks in the vending machines on campus, according to Ortiz. Although the administration has reduced the price from 60 to 55 cents, Ortiz said SGA plans to continue to work for a reduction to 50 cents.

SGA is also in the process of raising money to establish a computer lab in the University Center. Ortiz said that both Dr. Ron Koger and Dr. Louis Padulo support this project. This project was also approved by the students in the fall 1988 election. According to Ortiz, the SGA plans to have the lab established by the Fall of 1989.

The SGA has arranged for free legal services for students. Ortiz said a lawyer will be present in the SGA offices for two hours on Friday.

Ortiz next asked and answered the "two most-asked questions on campus." Is it definite that UAH is changing to a semester system and when? Ortiz said the answer to this question is "Yes, the fall of 1990." The second question was "why the change to semesters?" The answer according to Ortiz is "to settle the Title VI lawsuit and to promote a better college environment for students."

Ortiz and other legislators then answered questions from the students. A reception was held immediately after the question-and-answer period. Several students commented that the forum was very beneficial in informing them about what SGA was doing and who their legislators were.

UAH sponsors financial aid workshop

Are doubts about financial aid making your workshop a nightmare? Then you should attend "Financial Aid Night," a free seminar sponsored by UAH's Office of Admissions and Records.

The workshop will be held Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m., in the University Center Exhibit Hall. All high school seniors, juniors, and their parents are invited to attend. The seminar will be hosted by James B. Gibson, director of financial aid at UAH.

Gibson will provide information concerning the many types of financial aid available and the processes required for securing assistance. Loans, grants, scholarships and work programs will be discussed. This program is for every college-bound student, regardless of college choice.

Le Cercle Francais planning annual Mardi Gras party

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Riley speaks out about semester system

by Penelope Holmes
features reporter

“Our term system is pretty unique,” said Dr. Clyde Riley, professor of chemistry at UAH, in a recent interview. “Incoming students generally don’t understand it at first.”

Riley spent his undergraduate years at the University of Rochester, N.Y., a school whose traditional semester system echoed most other universities.

“It worked well,” said Riley about Rochester’s semester system, “but UAH is a different institution. Most students commute; many of those work. There are engineers in the co-op program. Some students look at those who won’t.”

UAH’s competition with other universities has brought up some hot points among students and faculty at UAH. In the interview, Riley listed the term system as being one of UAH’s advantages over other schools, with other strong points being location, course programs, and that it is just a “good school.”

“UAH may become less effective with other schools if it changes systems,” Riley commented. “Some of my colleagues think a traditional system will make UAH students better in general. It might be possible, but it is not necessarily true. You have to look at those who won’t.”

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Riley also briefly discussed the possibility of dormitories at UAH, stating that he “would eventually like to see dormitories on campus. But that is a chicken/egg situation. Do you build the dorms first and then recruit the students for them, or do you recruit the students and then build the dorms?”

Riley added, “Some of my colleagues would say that we have a good thing going at UAH. We must be doing something right at UAH, because it has grown so much...without a traditional system.”

SGA Office Hours

The following is a list of the office hours of the current SGA officers and legislators for the winter term:

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The Student Government Association has an executive secretary, Joanne Sutton, who is the SGA office from 8:15 a.m. until 5 p.m. If you have any questions about the SGA, please call 885-6428 or 885-6429. The SGA invites you to stop by and talk to us during our office hours in the University Center, Room 106.
It’s that time again — blood drive and The Ragplonent

by Kim Glasgow

editor

“Give the gift of life” — yes, it’s that time again. Time to roll up your sleeves and give blood. I hope by now everyone is aware that The Exponent is sponsoring a blood drive this Friday, Jan. 27. And I hope as many people as possible will come out and donate a pint of blood.

UAH is an un-traditional school from all indications. This includes university functions, like the blood drive. This is kind of strange for someone who grew up in Decatur, Ala., which is hick city compared to Huntsville. But Decatur had Austin High School and Decatur High School. Austin made it into the Guinness Book of World Records in 1980 by helping collect 1668 pints at their blood drive. Even the smaller Decatur High School managed between 700 and 950 pints per blood drive during my four years there.

Maybe I shouldn’t compare UAH to high schools in smaller cities. How about colleges? During my last year at Calhoun College, around 200 pints of blood were collected, and this from a junior community college. CCC is an even more commuter school than UAH, but UAH seems to be the proverbial turnip when it comes to blood. Last year, The Exponent sponsored a blood drive and netted 66 pints. When I heard how low the total was, I felt as if we had failed. But then the nurses at the Red Cross told me 66 pints collected was the best turnout they’d had at UAH.

I learned a few things in the past few days that I hadn’t known before. For example, a Red Cross nurse told me 6 percent of the people donating blood for the other 95 percent. Seems a bit lopsided. Another thing I learned is that the American Red Cross does not exist to collect blood. The nurse I spoke with said the Red Cross is a medium for blood to be supplied. “We choose to make ourselves responsible for blood,” she said.

I hope everyone who is able will take time out of their day Friday and come by the University Center Exhibit Hall to give blood. I realize some of you are squeamish about giving blood. But if I can do it, anyone should be able to. Until almost three years ago, I had given several times a year, and I was working toward getting my second gold pin from the Red Cross. Then in April 1986, I was in a hospital, where the nurses stuck an IV in my arm. Eventually, I ended up with an IV in one arm and in one hand. And I swore then that if I ever got out of that hospital, I’d never let anyone poke me with a needle again, not even to give me blood. It took me almost two years to work up the nerve to give blood again, but last January, I trooped in to exhibit hall ready and waiting (and hoping) for the nurse to find some reason for rejecting me as a donor. She didn’t. So, guess who gave after swearing she’d never do it again? If I can do it, anyone can. Yes, Greg, that includes you, too, even though you did give at/on the office (floor).

Now for the truly serious matter of the day — The Ragplonent has arrived, and just in time. Please remember as you read over it that our lampoon issue was done in good humor. We’ve tried not to offend anyone. Ask the people I’ve been on the phone with — “Are you sure that sounds okay? How does Steve feel about that?” We’ve tried to poke a little fun at liberal arts, engineering, vending machines (thanks “The Wolf” for being a good sport, dormitories, Opus I-A, and the concrete canoe, among other things. If we have offended anyone, I speak for The Exponent staff when I say that none of The Ragplonent was written with any malice.

They want a return to the old days when illegal abortion... death...

by Larisa Thomason
columnist

Last Sunday was the 16th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision. Since 1973, the argument against abortion as the killing of innocent life has been the same. Evidence of their lives and bodies of their wives and daughters, much less poor or minority women? Not much.

Several years ago, I went to Montgomery to help lobby the Legislature against the Parental Consent bill which forced young women under age 18 to get their parents’ approval before an abortion. One version of the bill stated, “life begins at conception,” a principal at the heart of the so-called pro-life movement. The problem with this little statement is that if it becomes law, the safest, most effective types of birth control pills would be outlawed as abortifacients. When I pointed this out to one of the house committee members, she got a blank stare and then asked, “You mean there’s more than one kind of birth control pill?” Here this man was making a decision about something that affects the life of every person. And he didn’t even have the pertinent biological facts! And he didn’t care.

I’ve always been amazed at how many “pro-life” activists reassure us with the statement that they would support a woman’s right to choose abortion if she is a victim of rape or incest. It seems that there is an inconsistency here between how they argue and be in favor of life no matter what the length or quality. What is the difference between a baby conceived during a rape and one conceived accidentally by a woman whose birth control fails? Is one less innocent than the other? When they say that a woman shouldn’t have to bear a child resulting from a rape, then they tacitly admit that the woman DOES have some say over her body, that her feelings about the pregnancy DO matter. Their whole argument against abortion as the killing of innocent life falls apart because most of them stand ready to sanction some abortions, even when the woman’s life is in danger. The real issue is the preservation of life, it is control over women’s bodies and lives.

One of Gloria Steinem’s favorite sayings is “If men got pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament.” Truly, only one of the most galling things about the abortion debate is that women are in the hands of a group of predominantly middle-aged, upper-middle-class white men — the most fitting description of the Congress, state legislatures, and the judiciary. How much do these men know about the lives and bodies of their wives and daughters, much less poor or minority women? Not much.

Interestingly enough, they make frequent arguments about women’s roles in society to nothing more than a walking womb whose function is always procreation. How about the description of the “pro-life” advocates decrying the ruling. You see, in their eyes the law was done, done, done. They want a return to the old days when illegal abortion was the leading cause of death among pregnant women. They’ve always been amazed at how many “pro-life” activists reassure us with the statement that they would support a woman’s right to choose abortion if she is a victim of rape or incest. It seems that there is an inconsistency here between how they argue and be in favor of life no matter what the length or quality. What is the difference between a baby conceived during a rape and one conceived accidentally by a woman whose birth control fails? Is one less innocent than the other? When they say that a woman shouldn’t have to bear a child resulting from a rape, then they tacitly admit that the woman DOES have some say over her body, that her feelings about the pregnancy DO matter. Their whole argument against abortion as the killing of innocent life falls apart because most of them stand ready to sanction some abortions, even when the woman’s life is in danger. The real issue is the preservation of life, it is control over women’s bodies and lives.

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Correction

In last week’s newspaper, The Exponent printed an article that stated the Association of Computer Machinery was a math club. According to Ed Bosworth, assistant professor of computer science and the chapter adviser of ACM, ACM has a student chapter at UAH but it is not a math club. Bosworth said that if it were classified as a club, it should be called a Computer Science Club.

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UAH is faced with a genuine academic dilemma.

by Terry Foote
columnist

The word "politics" is usually associated with the various levels and processes of government, but it also has a much broader connotation. The inter-relationships of most human organizations is political to some extent, which means that one faction tries, through skilful negotiation, and sometimes manipulation, to advance its own desires at the expense of another group. In this article I will be dealing with politics in its broader context by discussing UAH's situation.

I used to think that a university was free of the superficial political conniving most commonly associated with the "outside" world, but UAH proves this is not true. There is an enormous rift between the "hard" sciences (particularly engineering) and the rest of the colleges on this campus (particularly liberal arts) which creates a very tense atmosphere at best. The hard sciences hold the noticable political advantage because they have the undaunted support of the administration, and hence receive the overwhelming majority of attention and revenue.

When one compares Roberts Hall to the Engineering building, it is obvious which school is held in higher regard. A common argument for this situation is that there is not much demand in this city for the liberal arts. The consequences are that the university promotes itself to the community as "the M.I.T. of the South" and has established a powerful rapport with Huntsville's largely engineered oriented business community.

This, UAH relies upon the free market to determine how it will promote its various schools. The hard sciences have the distinct economic and political advantage because of their value in the free market, while the other colleges suffer because of their small lack of value to the university and community. In the short run, those who are enrolled and teach in non-engineering subjects suffer, but in the long run, EVERYONE loses.

I have been a liberal arts student at UAH since (don't laugh) the fall of 1983 and have closely observed the situation throughout the years. The unfunding and lack of recognition hurts both the students and faculty. Many students I have known feel unappreciated and often look for other universities in which to pursue graduate studies. The faculty often seems disillusioned by the lack of recognition that their scholarship receives and frustrated by the lack of funds to expand graduate programs.

Engineering students are also harmed by a university that does not encourage Liberal Arts studies. In Allan Bloom's book "The Closing of the American Mind," the author describes the dilemma of today's technical student by stating that they for the most part have "...the utter inability to distinguish between important and unimportant in any other than by the demands of the market." How may anyone be a well educated individual with good writing skills if he views liberal arts studies as an obstacle? The next time you look through a schedule of courses, notice how many technical writing courses are offered by the English department. This is proof that engineers are not encouraged to write.

UAH is faced with a genuine academic dilemma and its standards for scholastic excellence are compromised. If UAH wants to move beyond emulating (as it does with M.I.T.) to being emulated, it will have to remove the political barriers by recognizing and expanding its non-engineering colleges much more. After all, M.I.T. does have one of the best economics programs in the nation.

The goal should NOT be to outlaw abortion but ...

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I commend you on your efforts to improve relations between UAH and A&M but your behavior at the Mayor's Cup Classic cannot go unmentioned. The same group of people has picketed the local women's clinic every week for years. Unlike most people on either side, they are willing to get involved, and I have a lot more respect for people who act on their beliefs than those who sit by while they suffer. I respect them, but I think their focus on abortion as the only problem is too single-minded.

The pro-life movement is too concerned with the single issue of abortion. The pro-choice movement doesn't focus solely on abortion, but rather on its causes, because the goal should NOT be to outlaw abortion, but to make it unnecessary. To this end, it lobbies for safer, more effective birth control; prenatal care for women so that the babies they choose to be born are healthy; and mandatory parental leave and day care funding so that a woman doesn't have to choose between a child and the job that feeds her family. Illegal abortion won't solve any of these problems. It will only make them worse. The prochoice movement IS on the side of life — women's lives, your friends', sisters', and daughters' lives.

When abortion is illegal, women die and no Supreme Court ruling can change this fact. Illegal abortion won't solve any of these problems. It will only make them worse. The pro-choice movement IS on the side of life — women's lives, your friends', sisters', and daughters' lives. When abortion is illegal, women die and no Supreme Court ruling can change this fact.

If you want to start improving relations between UAH and A&M..."

Dr. Padullo,

I commend you on your efforts to improve relations between UAH and A&M but your behavior at the Mayor's Cup Classic cannot go unmentioned. As the great emancipator from the north, you took it upon yourself to explain to the assembly about the upcoming hockey match at which you have invited A&M's pep band to play. As if your droneing tone and poor speech habits weren't bad enough, your attempt at humor was horrid. No one needs to "teach A&M students" about hockey, nor will the visiting team be shocked to see "black folks playing music" at the game.

These statements not only had a condescending tone but made U.A.H. seem intellectually dominant. If you want to improve U.A.H. relations then start by improving your own. Your ignoring the local community speaking does more damage than your controversial executive decisions. It's better to have people wonder why you didn't talk than have them wonder why you did.

Sincerely,
Michael Cline

"Last Tuesday night a meeting was held...freshman class...discouraged."

To the editor:

Is there an explanation for the apathy portrayed by the students at UAH?

Last Tuesday night, a meeting was to be held for the freshman class; however, only one person took time to show up (Thanks, Shelley!). As officers of the freshman class were very discouraged, time and money were spent on advertisements publicizing the event, name tags, and refreshments to prepare for the meeting. We had hoped to bring together the freshmen so that we could talk about planned activities and listen to their ideas.

We realize that many students have classes and work at night, and there was also a basketball game. Nevertheless, we feel that some interest could have been shown. We really would like the support and input of the freshman class. However, when questions and complaints are raised by freshmen students who do not know what is going on with their class, it will be their own fault for not taking an active role.

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...Find a Mozart piece and listen to it just once."

by Gregory Casteel

This Friday, Jan. 27, is an important date to anyone who loves great music. It is the birthday of the greatest composer who ever lived — Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. This Friday will mark the 233rd anniversary of Mozart’s birth. Every music lover should take a few moments to remember the great composer and his music.

If you are totally absorbed in classical music, as I am, you might want to spend the day Friday in celebration of the music of Mozart. If you are just a casual listener of classical music, listening only on occasion, I suggest that you take some time Friday to listen to some Mozart, maybe even buy a good Mozart tape or CD. For those of you who hate classical music, please do me one little favor — find a Mozart piece and listen to it just once. You might just learn to like it.

For signs of life, check for pulse
Artificial Intelligence discovered in humans

R.E. Searcher
tech reporter

UAH Senior Research Scientist Danny Ford announced today the breakthrough he has been waiting for — Artificial Intelligence has been discovered in humans.

"It was the dream of a life-time," stated Ford from his office in the Research Institute. "I never would have thought something this big could be discovered at UAH, right under our noses."

He and Research Associate Mike "The Shade" Brady had been working on another project when they discovered they had a major story on their hands. According to Brady, one day late last year, he and Ford received a call from a UAH professor who said he had a student who was "beeping incoherently."

"We realized this might be the discovery we were waiting on," said Brady.

Although the human has a human name, Ford and Brady said he has been named GED (General Education Deficiency). The senior research scientist noted that he has affectionately nicknamed the human "Zippy."

It seems that there are some potential problems to be worked out with GED. As Brady explained, AI is, in layman's terms, the study of how to make computers behave more like humans so that humans don't have to behave like computers to use them. The problem is that natural language processing, which is a part of AI, can be somewhat ambiguous.

"After further testing on GED, we discovered the student was beeping incoherently because he was trying to parse [understand] an ambiguous statement made by his professor," said Brady.

A big problem in AI, said Brady, "will be getting GED over this hurdle so he won't keep beeping in class and, so he can learn to deal with the ambiguities in everyday life." However, since the important discovery of AI in humans, GED has been kept in an isolation lab. This is because of fear that since Al has been discovered in humans, perhaps one day a student will evolve out of GED.

"That is one of our concerns," said Ford. "We don't want that to happen because GED isn't ready to come out of the isolation lab yet. We tried to isolate him ... We're afraid of setting loose a student virus similar to the recent computer virus we've been hearing about."

Brady added, "Artificial Intelligence isn't ready for the real world yet."

The big question about GED seems to be, "Does the human understand Liberal Arts?" Unfortunately, the answer is not hopeful.

"No, no," said Brady. "The largest stumbling block for GED will be Liberal Arts. There are so many ambiguities in that field that just aren't in more technical fields. Also, there is the very real possibility that since GED has Artificial Intelligence, it could also evolve into the horrors of Natural Stupidity. I believe he is going through an internal struggle between Al and NS right now."

Ragplonent uncovers Iran/Coke scandal

by Bernward and Woodstein

news reporters

(Huntsville) — What started on the campus of the University of Alabama in Huntsville as a student protest against an increase in the price of Coca-Cola in campus vending machines has exploded in a series of revelations of possible illegal activities involving high-ranking administration officials, up to and perhaps including Lewis padrulo, newly invested president of UAH.

Readers of The Ragplonent's sister publication, the stodgy and conservative Exponent, may remember wading through several articles in November concerning profits, or lack thereof, from on-campus vending machines. Now the full story is beginning to emerge, due to a source of the highest credibility. This source is well-liked, and we have chosen to honor her request for anonymity. We will call her Chicken Little.

FIRST SIGNS OF TROUBLE
Chicken Little first contacted The Ragplonent early this month; requesting a meeting late at night in the parking deck at the Von Braun Civic Center. What follows are some excerpts from this and other conversations held with her this month.

"I know Padrulo has had a rough time here. People think he wants to turn this place into the University of Alabama in Boston. But that isn't so," she said, lighting a cigarette. "He's no would-be Boston Brahmin. He knows how to adapt to each new place he goes. His dream isn't Boston culture. It's football. Ask an old friend of the Padrulo family, Claire Voyance."

"Yes, I have counseled Dr. Padrulo many times. I know Padrulo has had a rough time here. People think he wants to turn this place into the University of Alabama in Boston. But that isn't so," she said, lighting a cigarette. "He's no would-be Boston Brahmin. He knows how to adapt to each new place he goes. His dream isn't Boston culture. It's football."

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Perhaps the most chilling revelation, though, was Brady's pronouncement: "We're afraid that if he [GED] ever got into the hands of some James Joyce, he would be thrown into an irreversible fit."

Run to Iran

The Federal Aviation Administration has declined to comment on whether they will yank the license of Gordo Almslie, renegade pilot and physics professor who made a total of four runs to Iran carrying about 300 cases of Coca-Cola in a rented Cesna Caravan each time. When informed that the Iran/Coke scandal was already breaking, Almslie agreed to talk to The Ragplonent.

"Did I fly the stuf to Iran? Sure. Four times. The first two times Steve [Bruise] went with me. The Iranians respected him. They called him, "the Wolf." The third flight was the day of Padrulo's investiture, Oct. 28. That flight I made alone. On the return I was rae too unhappy to see the Huntsville Jetplex again."

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Coke profits went into Swiss bank account

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Almalie continued, "Aye, I did make one more flight. Steve had to roll the price back to 55 cents, but he didn't want the Ayatollah to think he was about to disappoint him. So on that last flight, I took one of the Marriott chefs. The chef and I parachuted into the Ayatollah's compound. We served up a turkey dinner and the chef created an ice sculpture for the occasion, in the shape of the letters "UAH." "Did I do it for the money? I might have. Would I do it again? No chance. They're crackers, the lot of them."

SMUGGLED PAPERS

Indeed, things were heating up enough that Bruise decided to do something to keep his records more secure. According to Chicken Little, Bruise decided that exam week would be a good time to do some paper reshuffling in his office, since people were beginning to lose heart for the holidays, and regular routines could be disrupted without anyone finding things amiss.

Chicken Little alleges that vital papers were smuggled out of the University Center by Bruise's secretary, Hollie Hall, who folded the papers, stuck them in the top of her panty hose, and simply walked out with them. Contacted by telephone, Mrs. Hall said, "No comment," and hung up.

THOMPSON RESIGNS, RECORDS DESTROYED

It was soon after the Christmas break that the vice president for finance, Kenneth W. Thompson, resigned. Thompson has been unhappy for some time that the real reason for his resignation was his discovery of large sums of money being transferred from the First National Iranian Fidelity Bank to two branches of Credit Suisse, both in Zurich, Switzerland, and New York. The Swiss bank account was registered to Dr. Padrulo, and the fake President Nixon voice on it. We attended the news conference held by P.R. man Dick Fongsung, but that was a waste of time, since all he did was deny everything.

There are still many questions unanswered here. If Steve 'the Wolf' Bruise's income is only from his salary, then why are there traveler's checks with his name on them floating around Huntsville? Why would he run up a $1,250.69 bill at Bama Boots? Why would he treat 11 Iranian students to a John Denver concert at the VBCC?

The Ragplonent has recently tried to question Dr. Padrulo, but all we can get is his answering machine with the fake President Nixon voice on it. We heard the news conference held by P.R. man Dick Fongsung, but that was a waste of time, since all he did was deny everything.

The Ragplonent has been assured that the matters in this article are merely the tip of the iceberg, only the beginning of revelations of academic and financial shenanigans.

ASCE/Crew Team win EPA research contract

by Ineeda Paddle

environmental specialist

Officials from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced Monday that the UAH Crew Team and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) have been given a joint research grant of $10,000. The ASCE will build a special concrete canoe to sit three Crew members, who will canoe from Pittsburgh, PA, to Cairo, IL, and complete the trip in record-setting time.

The purpose of this ambitious project involves the paddles needed to propel the canoe. At several intervals along the route, the crew will study the canoes and placed in sterilized boxes. These boxes will be labeled according to location and expressed mailed to ASCE members, who will analyze the pieces of wood to determine the amount and type of pollution in one of the nation's most important waterway systems.

The EPA lists the reasons for awarding the grant to two UAH organizations as being based on the simple fact that "Year after year, the two groups always rank high in their competitions." The EPA further stated that they were excited about discovering what "stuff" is in the different locations. There have been no statistics because no other concrete canoe has ever traveled this route before.

Hardy states, "The Crew is in training at Ditto Landing right now. We are braving the cold because Spring weather is forecast. We want to be in shape to complete the trip in one month."

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Steroid use discovered in UAH Food Services

by Parsleig Soce

cafeeteria correspondent

The steroid scandal has finally hit UAH but athletics is not involved. Our cafeteria correspondent has learned that the UAH cafeteria has resorted to pumping steroids into the shrimp that are to be used for the new boiled shrimp dinners.

"Plum's not sure" is how the ad refers to the boiled shrimp dinners that were to be served beginning St. Patrick's Day. However, this reporter has learned that those shrimp were to begin with. Workers spent thousands of hours pumping steroids into the petite shrimp to make them big enough to be served. Even the baby shrimp weren't spared the agony of steroids.

An anonymous source told The Exponent how workers were forced to inject the sea creatures with the hormones. "Gosh, it was awful," he said. "You could just tell how painful it was for them. "Course, it hurt the workers, too. We had to do the dirty work for their bosses." Another source, known as Cut Throat, reportedly defended the practice of pumping steroids into the shrimp.

Throat said that if the beef industry could "beef up their beef by what they feed their cattle, then why can't the shrimp industry pump up their little guys so they'll be plump and tender?" After all, it really doesn't hurt the shrimp. They're just dumb seafood. Besides, look at how lobsters are "beefed up" to make them more appetizing.

Plans to serve the boiled shrimp have been shelved until the controversy dies down. That may be a while off, however, since it was learned that many of the pumped-up shrimp may have been served — sort of as guinea pigs — at the October inauguration held at UAH.

No one is talking about it on the record, but it seems that the shrimp cocktail were actually experimental shrimp used to see if any taste differences could be noted. This reporter contacted many attendees of the inauguration but the only comments printable were various choking and gagging noises as they rushed to the nearest restroom.

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Investigation underway to solve birdnapping

by Scoop Investigator
news reporter

There has been a birdnapping on campus. This large, pink-feathered, long-legged bird flew in from sunnier climes to attend the coronation of King Lewis I at UAH.

Arriving too late for the food, frolic, and festivities, the pink bird went to the fishpond in the Japanese Garden between the Bevill Center and the University Center. There he met the goldfish who were present at the reception held during the royal inauguration.

The bird decided to spend Thanksgiving dinner with his new found fish friends.

The life of the fine feathered friend

At left is the birdnapped pink bird
(photo by Strrolling Cameraperson)

Redneck enrollment across a completed survey of universities which asked for the ratio of rednecks in each university.

Many educationally prestigious institutions ranked much higher than UAH. For instance, Harvard had a redneck enrollment of 12.3 percent while Boston U and Liberty Baptist showed ratios of 10.1 percent and 13.6 percent respectively. After doing some research, Mrs. Lougie found that the UAH ratio was only .9 percent, which was the lowest in the nation.

Mrs. Lougie’s discovery was quite timely because a week after she told her boss about the ratios, Weiner received a letter from the U.S. Justice Department stating that UAH had one year to “actively recruit and enroll more redneck students or THE DEPT.” would file a discrimination suit against UAH.

If UAH were to lose the suit, UAH would be forced to merge with Drake Technical College and the Alliance Tractor-Trailer Training Center. The merger would increase the UAH (or UDRATT as it would then be called) ratio to well above the national average of 7.1 percent.

Hopefully, the suit will never be filed because the UAH recruitment office is actively seeking students of redneck ancestry.

In fact, over $60,000 in scholarships were awarded during the 1988-89 school year to help worthy rednecks. According to Wanda Whitertrash, scholarship chairwoman, most of the scholarships went to young, male, “Bubba” type individuals.

However, the committee felt that it was important to include others as well. Therefore, several four-year full-tuition scholarships were given to the winners in the women’s division of the tobacco-spitting contests at the Cullman and Limestone County fairs.

The committee believed strongly that it should give older Southerners a chance to prove themselves. Therefore, the ROTA Scholarship was created. Only Rednecks Over the Traditional Age are qualified for this award.

The first recipient of the ROTA Scholarship is Lester "Raim" Phillips. Phillips is 52 years old and lives with his wife, Bertha, on the outskirts of Boaz. While double majoring in English Literature and Latin, Lester will continue to work part-time as assistant manager of the "White Sheets R Us" outlet store.

Mrs. Whitertrash remembers meeting Lester when he came in for the scholarship interview. "He was wearing Worksteer, steel-toed boots, Dickies green workpants, a yellow CAT cap, and a white, V-neck T-shirt that didn’t quite cover his protruding belly," she recalls.

This was impressive but Mrs. Whitertrash really knew he should get the ROTA scholarship when she reached out to shake is hand and Lester exclaimed proudly, "Pull my finger!"

"Ah, yes, We have a winner!" Mrs. Whitertrash shouted.

Many students have already noticed this mini-invasion of a new culture. One of the easiest ways to spot a redneck on campus is to look for either a 4-wheel-drive pick-up truck (with roll bars) or a black Trans Am with a rag stuck where it/should be.

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"But I did notice that there were a lot of flies in the room," said Staff.

The bodies were found after students in adjoining classrooms complained about the smell. The cause of death has not been determined as yet, but authorities believe it had something to do with the excessively high levels of hot air in the room.

We’ve seen this sort of thing before where Chaucer and Milton were involved," stated Madison Deputy Coroner, Dr. M. Balmer, "but the condition is not found exclusively in English Lit. We’ve had cases of the same sort of thing happening in math, science, and history classes also.”

The university has no standing policy concerning such tragedies, but President Padruilo is expected to give a speech to the entire student body in memory of the late (i.e., dead) students. The speech will be next Friday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.

NEWS FLASH

Just before going to press, The Ragplonent learned that the UAH Board of Trustees has made its final decision concerning the housing situation at UAH. By a unanimous vote, the Board firmly rejected the traditional dormitories proposed by UAH President Lewis Padruilo and opted for another solution. They decided that the current On-Campus Housing site, and will spill over to the open areas between the University Center, Library, Nursing Building, and Science Building. If needed, the Frisbee golf course will also be converted into part of the Trailer Park.

Entire English Lit. class discovered to be dead

by Librarian

Yesterday, the Madison County coroner’s office discovered the bodies of 23 UAH students in Room 362 of Morton Hall. According to the medical examiner, the students had been dead for approximately two weeks. The corpses were all students in the EH 206-09, English Literature, class. The Ragplonent was able to get an exclusive interview with their professor, Dr. John Staff.

Dr. Staff said that he never noticed that his class was deceased.

"They did seem a bit quiet," Staff claimed, "and I wondered why they didn’t get up and leave when class was over. But I figured they all had another class in the same room after mine."

According to the professor, he had
"I would never consider printing such a letter"

by Kim Glasgow
acting Ragplonent editor while Lou Grant is out of town

Here at The Ragplonent, we take our journalism very seriously. Our reporters dig far and deep for the material they write, such as the article about the entire English Lit class being discovered dead. You would have never seen such a journalistic article in our sister paper The Exponent. We pride ourselves on our integrity.

I often receive letters to the editor that I cannot print for a variety of reasons. For example, some letters aren’t signed, while others don’t contain an address or telephone number. There are other letters where the writer actually suggests what goes into it, so I have to abide by HIS rules. When I submitted a really cute futuristic cartoon, he refused to print it because he wanted his OWN article about domestic violence to go in. Now I ask you, which do you think is more important — a dumb article that just rehashes everything everyone already said about men and women and violence, or a truly creative piece of work about a future world?

As I am sure you know by now, I have had a keen interest in our organization’s newsletter. I feel a good newsletter reflects a good organization. However, the vice president seems determined to prevent me from submitting any items for publication. He keeps saying that HE is responsible for what goes into it, so I would have to abide by HIS rules. When I submitted a really cute futuristic cartoon, he refused to print it because he wanted his OWN article about domestic violence to go in. Now I ask you, which do you think is more important — a dumb article that just rehashes everything everyone already said about men and women and violence, or a truly creative piece of work about a future world?

As you can see, this is a letter full of baseless allegations, and the author chose not to give us the information we always ask for. Therefore, I would never consider printing such a letter, and I would hope that no other paper would consider it either. So the next time you write a letter to the editor and it’s not printed, ask yourself (but not aloud because people will carry you away to the looney bin). "Did I sign my name...legibly? Did I leave a phone number where the editor could call to verify the letter? Did I leave my address so the editor could verify my letter in writing? Did I put baseless allegations that might border on libel in my letter? Have I solicited rumors to print in my letter?" If so, YOU could be the author of THIS letter, or you may know someone who did write it.

Dear Ms. Editor:

This is a gripe letter. I work in a organization on campus and I feel that some of its "finer" points should be examined. So I am making this an open letter to the president of the organization, but the letter is specifically about the vice president of the organization. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE, YOU DIRTY ROTTEN SCUMBAG OF A VICE PRESEDENT!! IF I QUIT THIS POSITION, YOU’LL HEAR FROM ME AGAIN AS LONG AS YOU LIVE!

First off, why can’t I have a larger desk like the rest of the higher-ranked people in this group? There is no reason I shouldn’t be given a larger desk since I have been here as long as the rest of them, and I have a great deal of very important materials that I need to put somewhere. So why can’t I have a bigger place to put my stuff?

Second, the vice president of our group acts like he personally owns the organization’s computer. He told me (not asked me) to get off the computer because he needed to use it for "group business." Well, I was here first and there is no reason that I should have to let him use this computer. So he asked me to use the computers in the computer room. Problem? Not really, except that he could have done the same thing and the fact that I didn’t have the proper software. I think he is just using his higher-ranked position over me to make me feel less superior.

Third, I was noticing in our latest newsletter that you have changed the typeface from Bodoni Bold to Helenna Script. This new type, while it is a nice one, does not look like a professional newsletter ought to look. The copy looks fairly nice, but the headlines are just too fancy for a newsletter like ours. I realize this was an "executive" decision made by people much higher ranked than me, but maybe these executives could have discussed it at a meeting (after consulting with the president, of course). This particularly disturbs me because I have worked in this group for four months and I wasn’t consulted about this quite abrupt change.

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I realize this is quite long, but I hope you’re still with me. Mr. (name withheld), please speak to the vice president about these items. If possible, please do so without mentioning my name, because I’m sure he would consider it a personal attack against him. It’s not. I just want to see some JUSTICE done in this organization.

Sincerely,
Name Withheld because we don’t print baseless allegations and because he didn’t give us his name, address, or phone number.

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"Drive-Like-A-Bat-Outta-Hell-If-You-Want-To-Day"

by Parker Moore
former temporary acting associate editor

This is a serious subject but sometimes we have to laugh at the seedier matters of life in order to tolerate the ridiculous and unsavable. I would like to dedicate this to the "lady" at the stop sign beside Morton Hall. I am sure she was just being nice and trying to wave at me but failed to put up all of her fingers. Anyway, this silly assortment of sordid ramblings is dedicated to her and all of those who feel that driving laws were made for the other driver. This is to show what it would be like if someone didn’t drive defensively.

The day was bright and sunny, soft fluffy clouds drifted along. It was a peaceful day, but something was amiss on Earth. The president of the United States had proclaimed “Drive-Like-A-Bat-Outta-Hell-If-You-Want-To-Day.” And, boy, everyone did.

Before I left my driveway, I sat on my seatbelt and glanced at the speedometer. It was zero mph. I looked at the speedlimit and saw 45 mph. I knew I had to head out. I aimed at the speed limit and stepped on the gas. It was almost like starting a wave of my fist and a few loud obscenities. I couldn’t get too angry. My fellow drivers were mixing it up pretty good, too, playing tag with loaded dump trucks and tailgating. Sixty-five-plus speeds gave thrills and chills a plenty around curves, over hills, and through construction sites. The best times were spent that eventful day outrunning ambulances and other emergency vehicles.

The biggest and best excitement came from watching drivers switch lanes. Lessons in getting to work on time can really be learned from these super drivers. Just watch ’em sometime.

Speaking of watching, on this “drive-at-your-own-risk day,” no one looked beyond their hood ornament. The most exciting and the best test of driving skill came at intersections. All traffic lights were left yellow since the Traffic Division decided that was the color most drivers preferred driving through.

...there exists a cave on campus...under the soccer fields.

by The Ragplonent staff
A modest proposal

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Letter Policy

The Ragplonent has very high standards for letters to the editor: we will print anything.

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that a traditional dormitory be built adjacent to the University Center. This proposal has created a good deal of controversy on campus, in the community, and in the Board of Trustees. In an effort to resolve this issue and to help out our president, The Ragplonent would like to suggest that a feasibility study be undertaken to determine if this site is adequate for the location of a traditional dormitory. The numerous benefits that could accrue from this are almost too obvious to mention; however, since one of the purposes of journalism is to restate the obvious, here is a partial list:

1. Money could be saved on interior design and cooling. Cave temperatures year-round average a comfortable 67 degrees.

2. Money could be saved on a building: who could presume to improve on Mother Nature’s own rocks?

3. Money could be saved on interior decoration and upkeep for interiors (reason: see above).

4. Money could be saved on a cafeteria since mushrooms and other stuff could easily be grown onsite. For protein, the river running through could be stocked with cave fish (if there’s no actual river, it’s a fairly continued way in the back somewhere
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Another left-wing, Communist plot cleverly designed

by C.A. Conspiracy conservative columnist

Many people have spoken out against the proposed student housing to be built sometime in the future, especially the Campus Conservatives. Note that the Liberal elements on campus have remained silent during all of this furor, not wanting to draw attention to themselves. Well, readers, guess why? The Boston elements that have seized power in the school have a hidden agenda. This whole dormitory scheme is a liberal, Communist-inspired plot to take over the minds of unsuspecting UAH students.

My secret sources reveal that the liberal-communist forces at UAH plan to play subliminal messages into the rooms over loudspeakers. These loudspeakers will be cleverly hidden behind pictures of President John F. Kennedy that will be in every room. The messages will be incorporated into a constant barrage of New Age music that will play night and day. This plan represents a grave danger to Conservatives’ control of thought on campus. My sources have uncovered a partial list of messages that will invade the minds of our patriotic Conservative student body: “Cut Defense Spending,” “Support Socialized Medicine,” “Vote Democratic,” “Jimmy Carter Was A Great President.” The list of chilling, leftist sentiments goes on.

It gets worse, fellow students. The dorms will be staffed by furloughed murderers and rapists from Massachusetts. Is it any wonder that the name rumored to be proposed for the dorms is “The Michael Dukakis Center?”

Not only will students’ minds be warped by subtle Liberal propaganda, their lives will be at risk from the bleeding-heart liberals’ army of unformed criminals. Remember, the liberal is self-will itself be the dorm security guard for the girls’ floors.

No minds or bodies will be safe in these “Horror Houses of Liberalism.” Another aspect of the plan is the recently-announced semester system. Though President Padrulo called it a goodwill gesture to Alabama A&M, my secret sources have revealed the real reason. You see, the subliminal messages must be fully indoctrinated. However, with the semester system, the school would have much more time to turn students into fellow travelers. So there we have another left-wing, Communist plot cleverly designed as an innocuous do-gooder program.

Yes, Lenin lives on in the hearts of the Liberals and they will stop at nothing to undermine our patriotic, God-fearing, always-Right, American way of life. They have already taken over once great universities such as Harvard, and Columbia — now they are turning to us. Why UAH? Well, it is a well known bastion of Conservative thought. If they can win here, can the whole western world be far behind? It isn’t a sudden thing either, the infiltration has been slow and steady for a number of years, even among the faculty. Have you ever noticed how few professors start their classes with the pledge of allegiance? Not very many, and it isn’t just coincidence, folks. No, it is a cunning attack on all that makes us great.

But you can help! Now that their cover has been blown, the Liberals will be on the run. NOW is the time to demand equal subliminal message time in the dorms! If they can beam liberal/communist messages, then we should demand to be able to broadcast conservative/American messages. Call President Padrulo and Comrade Dukakis and let them know how you feel — there isn’t much time to save ourselves.

“[we] made it to the playoffs”

Dear editor,

I would just like to take this opportunity to let the UAH community know what a great thing their university has done for them. In particular, I would like to use this as a chance to thank Harold Wilson, Labor Party Chairman, and Fu Li Cook for their help. Without them, UAH would never have had the chance to compete in the international intercollegiate sport Tiddledywinks Championships.

UAH recently went to Cambridge, Mass., where the Charger Tiddledywinks Team made it to the playoffs. Through their determined spirit and expert abilities, the Chargers placed second in the world in the competition, defeating such powerhouses as the Iraq Bombers, Moscow-on-the-Hudson River, London Broilers, and Asian Minors.

I would also like to take this time to thank former acting UAH President ROBOPRES and Tiddledywinks Team advisor Weinik Martendael. Thanks to them, the UAH community can be proud of their Chargers. Also, thanks to these two great men for their gratifying guidance. We understand that they were tiddledywinks champs in their own right when they competed in their native Cambridge.

As a concerned student, I contacted the campus Safety office and forcefully voiced my objections. Of course, those in power denied any involvement in the plot. Their cover story is that the signs were removed by vandals — but nobody really believes that! They gave themselves away by their reaction when I confronted them. They laughed loudly and nervously trying to cover the horror they felt at being discovered.

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Yes, these Right Turn Only signs are a subtle plot to bend students’ minds and turn them into Republicans! The intent is obvious to anyone with eyes. The administration is following the well known axiom of the Right: “As the steering wheel goes, so goes the voter.” It isn’t enough that, for the past eight years, we have been subjected to fascist terror under the reign of Ronald Reagan. Now the disease is spreading to our own campus! Students must unite and fight this!!

Sincerely,

Tydl D. Wynks

“Well, isn’t that special?”

by the Church Lady

for The Ragplonent

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Opus II makes it big on the NASCAR circuit

by Morgan Andretti
race car correspondent

After winning the NASCAR Winston 500 at Talladega, racing experts have started to admit that there is a new force in international racing, and it has UAH written all over it. That's right, OPUS II. the latest incarnation of that infamous flying banana from the UAH Human-Powered Vehicle Program, has made the move from mere intercollegiate and private competition to the fast-paced world of professional motorsports.

Since deciding to go professional after Memorial Day 1988, the Opus team, with driver Jeff "Slingshot" Lindner, has won every Winston Cup race they have entered, plus the 24 Hours of Daytona, the IHRA Spring National, two F1 Grands Prix, the Pike's Peak Hillclimb, the TNT Tractor Pull and Monster Truck Smash, and last Friday's feature at the Huntsville Speedway.

"We seemed to be doing okay in the IHPCA (International Human-Powered Vehicle Association) events, but the money was just not there. So, after adding a rollback and fire extinguishers, we decided to go for the big bucks and entered the 24 Hours of Daytona," said Dr. Mark "Big Daddy" Bower, faculty adviser to the HPV program.

"In the last few hours at Daytona, Jeff became a little winded. We then reminded him that the final grade was based on how well the team finished in the race. We also added that the winners get to split a great big magnum of champagne. There was no stopping him after that. We went on to win, setting a new distance record in the process," said Bower.

Since the weather was so nice in Florida, the Opus team hung around for the Daytona 500 in early February. According to Lindner, "For the most part, I felt confident to draft behind the leaders for the first half of the race, but then the team radioed and said that the winners get to split a lot of free beer. At that moment, I switched off the air conditioning and decided to get this thing over with. We, of course, ended up in the winner's circle after completely lapping the field."

Since then, it has been non-stop for the Opus team. They have been skipping around the world, winning race after race in various types of racing. They have even dominated drag racing, setting a scorching 350 mph trap speed for the quarter-mile. "I would have had a lower elapsed time, but I had not taken the baseball cards out of the spokes," said Lindner.

The only two races the Opus team does not plan to enter are the Baja 1000 and the Indianapolis 500.

"Though the money is pretty good for both races, we really don't like Mexican beer. As for Indy, the only thing the winners get there is the traditional bottle of milk," said Lindner.

WARNING: Do not read the phone book!

by Y.B. Normal
science correspondent

(Washington, D.C.) — The Presidential Commission on Science and Other Brainless Junk That Nobody Really Understands (TPCOSBJTNRU) released a report today that has sent shock waves throughout the scientific community.

According to Dan Quayle, President Bush's "science czar" and spokesperson for TPCOSBJTNRU, a multi-billion dollar long-term study of telephone directories has just been completed. The results of the study were shocking. According to the report, subliminal messages are being hidden within the text of the phone book which may produce effects similar to brainwashing in anyone who casually reads through the white pages.

Many members of the scientific community are skeptical of this finding; but Tipper Gore, director of the HPV program, claims that these two scientific community. Many brilliant scientists claim that these two government organizations are being unduly influenced by political considerations.

However, the President's Office Of Propaganda (POP) denies that the problem is a real one. "We have done many tests involving phone books," claims Mrs. Gore, "and our research shows that subjects who read through the white pages on a regular basis show many of the same symptoms as do subjects who are forced to watch nothing but 'Three's Company' reruns for a week. In both cases, the subjects demonstrate very high levels of violent behavior."

Mrs. Gore stated that the fact that these tests were conducted on Death Row inmates in the Arizona State Prison in no way influenced the outcome of the tests. Mrs. Gore added, "The yellow pages are even worse than the white pages. They are filled with profanity — words such as 'gynecology' and 'lingerie'. Would you want your child reading this?"

Despite Mrs. Gore's views, there is still much doubt about the claims of TPCOSBJTNRU and TPCOMCT—TPSBLTRITFP among members of the scientific community. Many brilliant scientists claim that these two government organizations are being unduly influenced by political considerations.

Dukakis donates dollars for dorms — delightfull

by Ired Homer
dorm correspondent

At a future press conference, Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis is expected to announce his plans to donate money to the proposed dormitory on the UAH campus. It seems that Dukakis was very impressed with Huntsville when he visited last summer, but he expressed concerns that UAH lacked the "traditional college life" of the universities in his home state.

The dorm is expected to be built by 1990 and its name will be the Charger Blue Stable House. The building will be named for the horse-like mascot of UAH and will be built with a wooden cottage motif. The Stable House will bed down 300 students; other features will include a cafeteria, ultra-modern laundry facilities, telephones in every room, and an exercise area.

The new dorm is expected to be a real boost to the landscape of UAH; even so, many people are crying foul. These people remind everyone to beware of Greeks bearing gifts. They fear that future UAH freshmen will be required to pay for the building's upkeep through a series of mandatory fees, such as required on-campus living, meal tickets, laundry tokens, and phone credit cards.

When contacted by The Ragplonent, Dukakis expressed amazement that the UAH campus does not have the traditional dorms. Although he met with University officials to help speed things along, he encountered some difficulties convincing the Board of Trustees to accept his donation. According to several sources close to the situation, several members of the board didn't see the need for more student housing, let alone dorms.

Dukakis is reported to have said, "I feel like I'm trying to give you people — with open arms — money for a much-needed dormitory, yet you are making me give with one arm tied behind my back. I didn't realize I would be fighting with the people I'm trying to help. The real losers — if the Board of Trustees doesn't accept my donation — are the students. After all, that's why we're all here."
Traditional student discovered on UAH campus

by David Attenborough
finder of the strange and unusual

After months of research and weeks of waiting, the National Geographic Society has concluded its quest for evidence of traditional students at UAH. The discovery of a traditional student has flown in the face of convention, according to Dr. Dwayne Garstka of the biology department.

"We have fossils dating back to the Oligocene Era, but none supporting evidence of Dormicus Habilitae or the closely related Majorus Nondeclaricus. With this exciting living example, we have proof that the two species have merged into one and that the traditional student is not indigenous to UAH, supporting the lack of fossil records," said Garstka.

The traditional student, once found, was tranquilized with spiked beer darts, tagged, and a radio beacon placed around its neck in order to track its movements by satellite. While still tranquilized, the traditional student was netted and airlifted by Sikorsky Sky Crane to the National Geographic Labs at the Woods Hole Institute in Massachusetts. At the lab, blood and tissue samples were taken to study the possibility of cloning of traditional students for the populating of the world with new traditional dormitories at UAH. Afterwards, the specimen was crated, flown by Lear jet back to UAH and parachuted back to the cafeteria where it was first snared.

"The difficult part was actually snaring the traditional student, not to mention just finding one," said Egghead. "The Range Rover would not fit into the cafeteria where we knew the traditional student often feeds. We set up a special observation blind behind a facade of students eating and studying. When we saw a student wearing a fraternity sweat shirt, using a meal ticket, and talking about asking his father for money, we knew we were on to something.

"After tranquilization," continued Perkins, "we checked his records, and indeed, we had found a traditional student. We were beginning to think that UAH was a barren wasteland for the TS. All the right information was there: name — Les Nussman II; home town — Terra Haute, Indiana; Class Standing — junior; major — undecided; employment status — unemployed; financial aid — parents only; GPA — 2.1.

Also, he is unmarried, 20 years old, lives in campus housing, and takes all his classes in the morning, according to Perkins. He does not own a car and often asks his parents for money. During Christmas and the summer, he migrates to Terra Haute via Delta and works in a McDonald's.

In an interview, the traditional student said his fraternity initiation involved swallowing goldfish and paddling; and if UAH had a football team, he would attend the accompanying bonfire pep rallies. It also appears that he is the only human being to know the UAH fight song, previously thought to have never existed.

"With this rare specimen, we must be very careful to protect it," states Perkins. "To ensure that, we have sprayed him with a special indelible blue dye for easy recognition. It would be a tragedy to have the traditional student population at UAH go extinct before further on the exact location and nature of the wounds.

 Attorney Larry Mason, representing the student, said, "My client has an excellent defense — assumption of the risk. That is, this freshman knew he was going into a dangerous situation. There were signs on the door, weren't there?"

Ragplonent staff member charged with assault

Lana Lang, attacked me with an Exacto knife.

As he choked back tears, he continued, "I tried to keep her away, but she was like a crazy woman, screaming and biting. I ended up with 32 stab wounds and cuts, total, some of them really serious." For some reason, Humanitarian declined to comment on the incident.

President Padulo to be replaced by a robot

by Dan Rathernott
for The Ragplonent

The search for a new UAH president has finally come to an end. UAH scientists have built a new President, who they call ROBOPRES (Robotic Official Built Of Parts Restored from Electric Screwdrivers). Although the Presidential Search Committee was originally looking for a human to fill the position, Dr. Igor Egghead, the UAH science professor responsible for ROBOPRES, soon convinced them of the advantages of an automated administrator.

"Although the initial investment of $10 million to build a new president may seem expensive, ROBOPRES will pay for himself in just a few years," said Egghead. "Not only will we not have to pay him, but he can work around the clock.

ROBOPRES, however, feels that this is discrimination against machines and is demanding a salary of $200,000 a year and a five-hour work day. "Just because Dr. Egghead built me doesn't mean he can push me around," he said. "Robots deserve the same rights as people, even if we aren't human."

Egghead said there are still a few minor problems with ROBOPRES' artificial intelligence unit. The current UAH president will retain his position until final adjustments are made.

But how does he feel about being replaced by a robot?

"I think that UAH must move into the future, and a robotic president will certainly help us accomplish that. I think it fits in perfectly with UAH's role as a space-oriented university and captures the imagination of the students and the faculty both," he said.

After ROBOPRES has been perfected, Egghead has plans to begin work on ROBOED (Robotic Observer Of Editing Duties), a robot which will replace Lou Grant as the Ragplonent editor.

Traditional dorms are a big success in Japan

by Ping Pong Ball
foreign correspondent

After 10 days in negotiations, UAH President Dewey Panoodle and the Japanese government came to an agreement for a solution to the Japanese problem of overpopulation.

"Noodles," as he is so affectionately called, suggested to the government that they create a traditional dormitory to house its citizens. Each room in the dormitory would house an entire family of traditional citizens. Therefore a traditional dormitory would house an entire family or approximately 1,500 people. Each floor would have a common bathroom with 20 shower units, 20 sinks, and 20 toilet units.

"We're basically trying to do the same things we did with Hinkley and other cars in Texas," said Noodles.

An additional bonus was thrown in by Noodles. For the first year, he will pay for the dormitories with all of the money needed to ensure the smooth flowing of all bodily functions. Panoodle later commented by saying, "I think we're lucky they ain't haven to pay for late fees," Panoodle later commented.

In exchange for his heading the traditional dormitory project, Noodles will receive majority stock in the Behihana Food Company and, effective in 1993, he will become emperor of Japan for two years. Inside sources say that Noodles has been offered an immediate position as ruler of Cambodia for a similar plan. When approached about the deal, he simply stated, "If dere is such a deal, I ain't heard 'bout it. Heck, the ide'o bein' a dipker, sur' sounds sweet!"

If proven effective, the Panoodle Traditional-Dormitory plan may become a worldwide housing plan.
Elvis seen alive and well here in Huntsville

by Ima Fann
Elvis correspondent

It was not a Blue Christmas for campus Elvis fans as several sightings of the King of Rock 'n' Roll in Huntsville since Christmas have led to an all-out frenzy.

"It's just great!" said Angie, President of UAH's Elvis Lives Club. "We have documented six separate sightings on campus alone, and near 40 sightings city-wide. There were even a few sightings in Hazel Green and Armored."

"Yeah, it was Elvis I seeen," said Brenda Sue. "It was the King standing there renting a Nintendo at the video place round the corner. He was still the same old fellow, too."

"I saw him right here on campus," said an unnamed English major. "He almost ran me down while I was trying to cross the road to Morton Hall. And he was in a jeep, of all things."

"I saw him, too," said Eric, a science major. "He was in the parking lot outside the dorms last Tuesday night peeking in car windows."

The King of Rock peering in cars?

Steves saves ten trapped students at UAH

by Mary Widow
elevator correspondent

Friday, Jan. 13th, UAH sophomore, Elaine Stevens, became a heroine to 10 other UAH students by rescuing them from an incapacitated elevator.

At precisely 12:08 p.m., 11 students entered the left elevator in the Roberts Hall building and began to descend to the ground floor. Seconds later, the elevator came to an abrupt halt and the students were left in a state of panic.

Meanwhile, over the panic, the elevator captives screamed for assistance. But their desperate cries were drowned out by the turmoil on each floor. Luckily, Elaine Stevens remained calm.

In a matter of minutes, Stevens had created a stack of textbooks in the center of the elevator, climbed up, and burst through the roof of the elevator cab. Adroitly, Stevens shimmed up to the third floor and pried open the elevator doors.

Witnessing the chaos of the third floor, Stevens realized why their cries had gone unanswered. She also realized that her job was not over. Instinctively, Stevens grabbed riot inciters and knocked him cold. Her actions earned cheers from the crowd, and brought an end to the riot on the third floor.

Without wasting time, Stevens found a janitor, and the 10 other passengers landed on ground level unharmed.

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Heavy metal symphony orchestra to appear at UAH

by H. Rocker
features reporter

Musical Crap With Instruments, a heavy metal symphony orchestra, will appear in concert Friday, Feb. 29, at 6 p.m. in the Roberts Hall Recital Hall.

The program will include pieces by composers such as Mozart, Bach and Osborne, featuring Bach's Opus 13 with electric harpsichord and kazoo and Mozart's Synthesizer Trio No. 2 S/2 op. 34 K. 550.

The guest soloist for the concert will be none other than "Boom-Boom" Bach, who will simultaneously play two flutes while standing on her head and chewing gum.

Tickets will cost $1 million and are available in the office of the UAH president.
Guru claims Town Crier endangers ecosystem

by Kama Suta
guru adviser

If you're the typical UAH student/teacher/staff person, chances are good you have a lot of unanswered and seemingly unanswerable questions that you just don't know what to do with. "Why do I have to deal with flies in the middle of January?" for example. Or, "What will happen to us if it rains for another 20 weekends straight?" You're probably wondering how you'll ever find the answers to these petty, yet annoying questions.

Well, if you had the time you'd probably drop by the UAH Art Museum and visit the cellars office of the school's resident Guru, Dr. S.S. Snotford, M.H., S.H.

But then again, who are we kidding? Nobody goes there. It's art, for crying out loud! And the place is inconveniently located, nearly 50 feet from the University Center. That's much too far for anyone to walk on this campus. Leave it to the reporters, you say, and others of such ilk.

Well, never let it be said that we of The Ragplonent would hesitate to leave the student body's base desires unsatisfied. I spoke with Dr. Snotford recently, over a bunch of Cheez Whiz, French Sardines, and fine imported saltsines.

RAG: Nice art up there. Your duties do include running this museum, do they not?

BBS: "Yes, of course. I'm glad you like it. Actually this is a slow month for eroticia and most of what you have seen is from my personal collection." 2:

RAG: How many students do you think know this a museum of eroticia?

BBS: "Only the dozen or so who visit. Hey, have you noticed the flies? It's so warm they think it's time to come out of the ground. The next time we have a good cold snap, they'll all die off and we won't have many flies this summer. That's the nice thing about the global warming trend: it makes winter mild and pleasant. Too bad it makes the other three quarters of the year a living hell. Can't win them all, I guess." 3:

RAG: Tell us, what will be the result of all this rain? Will Alabama slide off into the ocean, as some campus groups have suggested?

BBS: "Not a chance. I personally think it's the other way around: the ocean is going to cover us up once the melting of the polar ice packs really gets underway. We'll have a wave come along Holmes Avenue, but it's hard to tell exactly at this point. The whole university could be forced to relocate to Monte Sano Mountain."

RAG: How soon do you see this happening?

BBS: "Right about the time the semester system goes into effect. But don't worry — the ASCE tells me they plan to start work on a concrete ark soon. They're building on the site of the Soccer Pond."

RAG: That's pretty soon. What makes you think all the predictions of your fellow scientists could be so off.

BBS: "To be fair, there's no way anyone could have predicted the massive amounts of hot air released into the atmosphere by debate over the semester system, the 'Town Crier,' and so on. Padrulo should have been more careful, with the entire Earth biosphere hanging in the balance. He may have literally caused the end of UAH as we know it, though not in a way anyone had imagined."

RAG: That's pretty heavy. Tell us, what other duties come with the position of UAH's Guru-in-residence?

BBS: "Basically, I'm responsible for the University's Karma. Since taking this position last quarter I have nursed it back to health from its previous sickly condition. I'm really putting my heart and soul into it, and next quarter I should be taking it for regular walks around campus."

RAG: That's impressive. Can we see it?

BBS: "No it's resting. Just wait a while. Where were we? Oh yes, my duties. I'm also responsible for observing on-campus phenomena such as Holy Vortexes, the gaping sinkhole forming in South Loop Road by campus housing, and the formation of the UAH Discordian Society."

RAG: There's a cabal on campus?

BBS: "Well, it's still in the conceptual stage at the moment, but I have high hopes. Anyone interested can reach me care of The Ragplonent, if that's okay."

RAG: Sure. We'll leave you to your work. Thanks for the food.

BBS: "Don't mention it. Fornod."

Padrulo admits that he

Editor's note: The following contains all of the allegations and opinions surrounding Dr. Lewis Padrulo's presidential actions and decisions.

Ragplonent picks the best and worst movies

by Sibert and Ebkel for The Ragplonent

It is my pleasure to bring to you, after months of extensive research, The Ragplonent's list of the 10 best and 10 worst movies.

Before proceeding, I would like to point out that the best movies as shown below are the ones that hold up after hundreds of repeated viewings, and the worst are those that inspire potential viewers to go to any lengths to avoid ever having to see them again. Please note also that these lists are the conclusion solely of our own painstaking research; the truth has not been polluted with the opinions of the ignorant public.

First Best: "Death Hunt," starring Lee Marvin and Charles Bronson. This movie cannot be beaten when there are six inches of snow on the ground outside.

Second Best: "Winter," the high-water mark of movie animation.

Third Best: "Buffalo," the epic based on the twisted legend of Hunter S. Thompson, an example to us all.

All-Time Best: "Smoky and the Bandit," of course.

**Report on the progress of the calendar revision debates**

by Ian Trepid

calendar correspondent

From its secret padded perch high atop majestic Monte Sano, the 28th annual UAH Calendar Committee regrettably reports another stalemate in its ongoing quest for perfection.

Its exalted chairman, a typical product of the Merit Pay System, who actually taught a course some years back, described the latest stumbling block.

"The blue-ribbon subcommittee on trimesters was compelled to report against that system, having found its three terms to be absolutely equal, and with equality having been decreed in recent years, judged that its impact would be counterproductive," he said.

According to the chairman, a trimester system, with one term of 10 months, put forward eloquently by the pro-procrastination forces, was mostly beaten back only because they had failed to buy a calendar for use as a visual aid in explaining their system. Incidentally, they had yet to decide which 10 months to use.

An historical study disclosed several matters of interest to calendar buffs. An effort was made some years ago to substitute an almanac system for the calendar system, based on learning curves, testosterone levels, and phases of the moon.

**‘advantages to developing the caves for student housing’**

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simple matter to drain the existing ponds or divert them to the site.)

5. Money could also be saved on plumbing facilities (see number 4: river could provide.

6. Money could be saved on all of the engineering labs since design of the facility could be turned over to students. Also, students could get the hardware and hands-on experience they’ve been asking for.

7. The site is very convenient to Spragins Hall, so attendance at all sporting events could be made mandatory.

8. The site could be provided with instantaneous lock-down to provide for instances of unrest and disobedience, not to mention wanton females seeking male companionship.

9. A joint program could be developed with A&M in the development and marketing of funs. This would square with their agribusiness function. (If certain types of mushrooms were grown, it could also square with their proposed pharmaceutical and our medical missions).

10. Of minor importance, underground tunnels could connect all of the buildings on campus. With the eventual incorporation of a rapid-transit system, students could be whisked to any place in campus where they were in short supply.

11. With this system, students could be forbidden to have cars on campus. This would eliminate the need for adequate parking or time between classes.

12. Student noise could be contained except when they were allowed above-ground for class or special events.

13. Students themselves could be contained except for the exceptions noted in number 12.

**Top 30 Songs**

1. My Prerogative — Louis Paludo
2. Don’t Worry, Be Happy — Lynn Russell
3. Brand New Funk — Charger Locker Room
4. Wild World — Admissions & Records
5. Smoother Criminal — Steve Bruce
6. Supernowman — Jeanne Fisher
8. Two Hearts — Marbury & Padulo
9. Put A Little Love In Your Heart — Student Body
10. Surrender To Me — Chief “Bud” Nymay
11. Straight up — SEDS
12. Wild Thing — All the Greeks
13. Waiting For A Star To Fall — Physics Department
14. Killing Me Softly — Gary Biller
15. I Wanna Have Some Fun — Janice Dam
16. It’s My Parody — Louis Paludo
17. Parents Just Don’t Understand — UAH Preschool
18. The Lover in Me — Allen Spitz
19. Giving You The Best That I’ve Got — John Ortiz
20. A Little Respect — The Secretaries
21. Little Less — Gee, we really couldn’t think of anyone
22. Look Away — Exponent reporters
23. Baby, I Love Your Way — UAH Preschool
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**Psychic sees future of UAH**

by Karla Karma

psychic soothsayer

The outlook will be sunny for UAH this year. But the crystal ball shows some possible changes coming up.

First, I see a bright future for the SGA as an elderly millionaire buys them a Lear jet after confounding them with the government of the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Research Park will suddenly pull all Research and Development contracts from NASA and the defense department. These contracts will then be converted into agricultural department contracts. UAH will adjust accordingly and all engineering graduates will earn either a bachelor of science in vegetable engineering (BSVE) or a bachelor of science in animal engineering (BSAE). Those desiring a BSVE or BSAE will take classes in crop dusting, boil weevil eradication, prune making, grape picking, and cow grazing on Bermuda grass.

Three English and three history professors from UAH will form a group that buys Florida lottery chances and they will win a $42 million jackpot. The professors’ group will then use the money as leverage to force officials to allow liberal arts students to go to classes without wearing veils and to delete the rule of Liberal Arts students walking three steps behind engineering students.

A well known and well loved physics professor who skydives will announce to everyone that he is retiring from skydiving and will devote his spare time to teaching elementary school students about solar flares and other misunderstood stellar phenomena. (start them early!)

Two math professors will be imprisoned after a fight at a bar over who flunked the most liberal arts students.

And two UAH art students will be expelled from college after allegedly mugging a computer science major, holding him at knifepoint, and demanding to know what GOSUB and ASCII were and how they could use those two secret cool words effectively.

The crystal ball is now cloudy.

**Did You Know?**

There are over 400,000 people named ‘Earl’ in Alabama.
Charger concrete canoe joins ranks of professionals

by Con Creighton

canal correspondent

(UA) — UAH officials announced today that the ASCE Concrete Canoe members have accepted an offer for the canoe to go professional, joining the ranks of collegiate competitors.

"It is with deep regret that I tell you we must accept this offer," said N. Jen Eyr, head of the canoe team. "Even though we received a $10,000 EPA grant, the Charger Crew Team is using most of that just to update their ancient equipment."

Not only will the concrete canoe team receive sponsorship from various nationally known companies, but this sponsorship will provide them with newer, more corporate-looking design.

According to one member of the UAH team, a number of companies were interested in sponsoring their canoe. For example, he said, Beach Knott chewing tobacco and John Deere farm equipment wanted to get their logos on the canoe before anyone else.

In addition to an updated look to the canoe, another big change has been the switch from oars to a 150 HP boat motor and a smaller trolling motor. Said one UAH team member, "We wanted to see that baby FLY, that's really where the money's at."

As for the trolling motor, other sponsors told the UAH canoe team about treacherous "slow zones." These are penalty-situation areas in races in which the boat must be able to slow down at a moment's notice. Also, the "slow zones" are often several miles long, hence the need for a trolling motor.

One controversial issue surrounding the Charger Concrete Canoe Team going professional is that UAH is losing yet another collegiate powerhouse. Recently, it was announced that Opus, the human-powered vehicle, had gone professional and was doing quite well at last check.

A disgruntled, high-ranking UAH official spoke to us after we promised him anonymity.

"It's money that matters," he said. "It's getting, like, too much. I mean, it's totally every man for himself now, man. Like, what next? Will our, ya know, Charger Tiddledywinks Team be next?"

New water sport is sweeping the nation

by Fulusa Swann

sports reporter

Attention all you semi-sports fans: the athletic event you have all been waiting for has finally arrived. Yes, UNDERWATER JUGGLING is now a collegiate-level sport at UAH.

Having always been popular out West, UWJ (underwaterjuggling) is making its way down South, and UAH, always the pioneer in untraditional sports, is as good a place as any for UWJ to start.

Head coach PeeWee Herman agreed.

"Gee, when I found out that UAH needed a juggling coach, I jumped at the chance. I used to coach at a small college deep in the heart of Texas, but moving to Alabama was a really swell idea," he said.

Herman has had years of experience with the sport. He was one of the pioneers of UWJ in San Diego, Calif., where the sport originated several years ago. It is the hope of the athletic director at UAH that having a big name filmmaker will bring some prestige to the program — even if he does park his tricycle in front of Spraglin Hall every morning.

Of course, Herman has already attracted several fine recruits to UWJ: Movie star and former Mr. America Arnold Schwarzeneggar has enrolled at UAH to participate in UWJ, while pursuing a degree in nursing.

"Making movies are okay," he said, "but underwaterjuggling is a real challenge, and that's what's on my mind." Herman has parlayed his expertise into a highly lucrative career, enabling him to hold his breath for very long periods of time.

Unlike juggling on dry land, UWJ requires objects to be juggled that won't float. Bars of soap have been accepted by the NCAA and are currently used in nationwide competitions. Ivory soap, of course, was banned.

The object in each division is simply to get in as many tosses as you can without dropping the soap or having it dissolve, whichever comes first. Style and originality are also considered by the three judges who watch the event from a window on the side of the pool, beneath the surface (this viewing area has recently been added in the pool at Spraglin Hall).

Needless to say, hand-eye coordination and skill are a must in this sport. That's why hockey goalie Doug Brown has decided to participate in juggling during the off-season of hockey.

"I figured, how much tougher could thing get around a few slippery bars of soap be than catching those pucks flying at me at 90 miles an hour," Brown said.

"How much tougher indeed!"Brian Harris found out when he decided to trade in his basketball for a couple of soap balls.

"Wow, like, this juggling bit is really, really cool," Harris remarked. "Being down under the water for so long is like a real trip. The sounds you hear are totally..."

Coach Herman is bringing home some totally original ideas to this old sport.

"We've experimented with different kinds of soaps, you know, soaps shaped like little fishes, soap-on-a-ropes, that sort of thing," he said. "The best seem to be those little soap balls like your grandmother gives you every Christmas and you put in a little glass jar on the top of your toilet bowl. Those kind work the best!"

Athletic trainer Debbie Lee has also been working with Herman on these new ideas and she said, "Well I don't know about the soap-on-a-ropes just yet, but liquid soap is definitely out of the question."

So, juggling enthusiasts, don't miss a second of the action. The Chargers will travel to sunny Malibu beach in March for their first meet this year. Herman is little concerned about his team's readiness for this event.

"In Malibu, the competition will be held right out in the big, blue ocean," said Herman. "I hope the guys aren't affected by the salt water. It will probably sting a bit at first, but not mention the huge waves which will throw their timing off."

Herman plans to alter conditions at the Spragins' pool to suit his needs.

"I think the salt trucks are arriving tomorrow," Herman said thoughtfully.

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University Center to display works by Jack King

by Jane M. Dudley

features editor

Some of the works of sculptor Jack King will be on display in the Exhibit Hall of the University Center through Feb. 17. King, who holds an M.F.A. from the University of Georgia, began his career as a newspaper reporter and is now associate professor of fine arts at Augusta College in Augusta, Georgia.

King prefers to work in clay and bronze. In his "Artist's Statement," King said that his sculptures show a "moment of balance" between "an intentional feeling of action or unrestrained freedom at the moment it is coming under (or being released from) the influence of order or control."

With this in mind, the viewer can enjoy the sculptures much more than with a "cool" viewing.

One striking piece is "Icarian Wing," made of cast bronze, with a heavy patina. The title refers to the Greek myth of Icarus, who fashioned wings of wax and feathers but flew too close to the sun so that the wings melted and he fell to the sea. The King sculpture suggests feathers, but seems to melt down to just two spars at the base.

"Voyager" is another bronze piece, but this is mostly polished, with one part textured almost like rough-cut wood. With the title, the piece may have been inspired by the Voyager spacecraft.

Among the porcelain pieces is "Spirit Trap: Joshua's Neoclassic Column." The column is made of a white porcelain which does not have a conventional heavy glaze, but rather a light blue wash or tint. Two small snakes are wrapped around the top and bottom rims, with one climbing up. From the top of the soft-looking column, dry stalks of bamboo shoot up, making that balance King mentions.

The balance seems to be in the porcelain itself in another piece, "Spirit trap: William Carlos Williams." A non-artist would not know that the texture of the same kind of porcelain could vary so much in one piece.

"Star Catcher" is a mixed-media piece of wood, plastic, aluminum, and tar. This is surely a piece for those who profess not to like "modern art," in contrast to "Miss the Beat If You Close Your Eyes" and "Pillow Bottle," which may be for acquired tastes.

Those and other pieces by Jack King are well worth viewing. Take time before Feb. 17 to see them in the University Center's Gallery.

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Over 30 students attend CKI biannual open meeting

Over 30 students attended the Circle K International (CKI) biannual open meeting.

"We're really happy with the big turnout," said CKI Vice President Beth Gonsewski. "We had students from the University of Alabama, the University of North Alabama, Jacksonville State, and Calhoun Community College CKI clubs, as well as several prospective members from UAH.

Prospective members attending the meeting included Tammy Wiek, David Wisener, Glen Yates, Tania Frias, Kim Le, and graduate students Jang-Tai Lin and Maruf Rahman.

"We'd like to thank all these students for coming, and invite them to attend our regular meetings and service projects," said Gonsewski.

The CKI governor of the Alabama District, Matt Brown, as well as the lieutenant governor of the Valley Division, Bayne Hagan, spoke to interested students about CKI during the meeting.

"I want to congratulate the CKI club at UAH for doing such a great job," said Brown.

Since the reactivation of the club last February, CKI has grown to include 30 members with several prospective members yet to be accepted into the club.

"CKI will be accepting members through April. Students need only show interest and a commitment to service in order to join. Regular meetings are held every Tuesday at 8:15 p.m. in the U.C., Room 131. All undergraduate and graduate students are invited to attend. For more information, contact Beth Gonsewski at 865-6645.

Charcoal guitarist to play at Roberts Hall

by Mary Wallace

features reporter

Charles Duncan, classical guitarist, will present a solo concert in the Roberts Hall Recital Hall on Saturday, Jan. 28, at 8 p.m.

Admission is free for UAH faculty, staff and students. Tickets are $7 in advance and $8 at the door for the general public. Tickets are available at the Fret Shop, located on Pratt Avenue, and at the University Center Information Desk.

Duncan has studied guitar extensively, including a scholarship to the Segovia Master Class in Santiago de Compostela, Spain. His talents include flamenco and jazz as well as classical guitar. But Duncan is also a teacher and author of the book, "The Art of Classical Guitar Playing," which is an advanced-level text for colleges and conservatories.

Free babysitting will be provided for Saturday night's performance.

Don't miss a thing!

Charity penny drop

The Theta Pi chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity challenges all other fraternities and sororities to a charity penny drop.

The rules are simple. One penny is equal to one vote and any other denomination up to $20 is equal to minus the number of pennies in the denomination (i.e. one quarter equals minus 25 votes). The results of the penny drop will be printed in the Feb. 1 issue of The Exponent. The winner will choose the recipient charity, which can be any recognized non-profit organization — for example, Big Brothers/Big Sisters or Progress Place. The competition begins Jan. 25 and ends Jan. 31. This is your chance to find out which Greek is the most popular on campus! Good Luck!

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by Lawrence F. Specber
features reporter

While "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" can't be classified as a blockbuster by any stretch of the imagination, its general success has been impressive, especially for a movie starring Steve Martin. Martin has come a long way from the days when his "acting" was no different from his stand-up comedy (in other words, sure-fire method of bad acting). What works well on a "Saturday Night Live" skit might not be so effective in a feature film.

Martin must really be pleased with the critical and financial success of "Scoundrels." If "Plains, Trains, and Automobiles" was a first, hilarious success, and in this case it seems to have worked.

The premise of "Scoundrel" is simple: two men who make their living by tricking wealthy women out of food and money decide the town isn't big enough for both of them. They reach an agreement: they will hold a contest to see who the dirtiest rotten scoundrel is, and the loser will leave the ripe little coastal town, never to return.

What follows is a hilarious succession of double-crosses and triple-crosses, each one more incredible and more funny than the last, that is reminiscent of "The Sting" in complexity and quality. The outcome of the contest is constantly in doubt, as the advantage switches from one rat to the other, and every new reversal comes as a complete surprise to the audience.

You won't know which of these jackals comes out on top until the dust has cleared, I assure you. That's a pleasant change from the foregone conclusions of most new comedies. "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" is definitely worth the money, and I recommend it to everyone. But if you do plan to see it you'd better hurry — it has been showing for a while and may not be around much longer.

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by Schuyler Sargent Sampson II for The Exponent

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Padulo speaks about electrical engineering at UAH

by Marian Delaney Sampson
news reporter

Dr. Louis Padulo, president of UAH, spoke to the IEEE Jan. 18. His announced topic, "The Semester System," was changed to his experiences in electrical engineering and the UAH electrical engineering program.

Padulo told the audience that it was a group "preparing for careers as real engineers, real innovators, and real managers." He said that he was a student member and faculty adviser of IEEE.

"I started a chapter at Stanford with other Universities in the Bay area. Some of my best friends did the same things at other California campuses," he said.

According to Padulo, engineering is the largest profession. "Electrical engineers are the largest number of us. We totally dominate the education societies by our sheer numbers." Today engineering has about one million students by our sheer numbers.

"Our top five percent of math students are only as good as the average Japanese student. That's scary." He then added. "Everybody almost is better than us in measures of what our high school kids know."

"What about college? We've been dropping in engineering. We used to be a fifth of all admissions of full-time freshmen, now we're 14 percent. In math it used to be 4 1/2 percent, and now it's less...."

According to Padulo, computer science admissions are down from 8.8 percent to 2.7 percent. Although college enrollments are stable, Padulo insists, "Engineering used to be done by men. Male enrollment dropped by 25 percent. But the girls have come in, right? Women went down from 9.1 to 8 percent."

"In addition, he said, "Women are half the population in the country, and half the enrollment of UAH. If you pick a big field like law or medicine, women are half the enrollment in graduate schools. It is strange that female enrollment has stuck below 10 percent. You're the dumb ones; those of you who stick with engineering are the very best in the country."

Padulo calls it "tragic that half of them don't make it. Engineering takes in the best kids in the country and only half make it! What happened to them? Are they among the homeless? Are they sleeping on bridges? No, they switched majors. About 42 percent of freshmen switch majors."

Padulo asked, "What would you switch to? What were you studying when you made the switch? Math, physics, chemistry? No. You won't choose one of them. They go into business. That's what almost all switch to. Business schools welcome them. Oh, they don't like to characterize themselves as schools that take kids that wash out. These business majors [who were former engineers] are the only ones who want their kids to be engineers. Engineers want to try to get their kids to be doctors or lawyers."

Padulo said, "Half of the PhD candidates in the United States are foreign nationals. Americans stop after bachelor's and go part time. It's just natural to have international graduate students. Our system [of education] is very superior at the graduate and maybe at the undergraduate level."

At UAH, there are many foreign students. According to Padulo, only six percent of UAH students are not from Alabama.

"We have no Japanese students," he said, "We hope to get some. It's surprising to me to have so few students from out of the state and out of the U.S. Huntsville is not the Sonnet City, we're the Rocket City."

Padulo estimates that UAH has 230 full-time faculty. He said there are 97 in engineering, 71 in science, 26 in business, and 67 in liberal arts. He said that first-time freshmen selected the following majors this year, 125 engineering, 130 science, 101 business, 108 liberal arts, and five nursing.

Padulo insists that is a remarkably uniform choice which shows UAH is a place that attracts more than just engineers.

Padulo then gave some statistics for graduates in various fields of engineering. He said, "Everybody knows engineering is the toughest.

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we're the brightest. One reason students don't stay is the grades. People who like skiing, tennis or dancing will not continue if people tell you you're no good.

He added, "Actually engineering is the easiest if we compare the grades. Engineering gave 36 percent As and three percent Fs. Liberal arts gave 29 percent As and six percent Fs," he said, "I'm not saying it means anything." Padulo continued speaking about engineering at UAH.

UAH has students in engineering classified as follows: freshmen, 98; sophomore, 87; junior, 194; senior, 288. He said that the last two statistics indicated that UAH was a school to which students transfer.

Padulo concluded his speech to the engineers by comparing the practices of MIT and Stanford. Padulo stated, "They turn out equivalent products, but the way they do it is completely different." Students asked a number of specific questions about the engineering program at UAH. Padulo told students that the average time to finish an engineering program nationwide was 4.78 years. He also told UAH engineering students that they are going to be proud of UAH for "the rest of your life."

"I hope you enjoy your University days as much as I did mine. I like it so much I came back and professed," he said, "It sure beats working. Learning is more fun if you can share it."

Alpha Kappa Alpha

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., announces its winter 1989 Rush Party. The rush party will be held Friday, Jan. 27, in the University Center, Room 126, from 7 — 9 p.m. All interested young ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Guests will obtain information on the upcoming pledge period of Omicron Zeta chapter. Anyone who is interested in participating in the winter pledge period should contact Carmen Battle, president, at 895-2569, or Yuette Garner, vice president, at 895-9676. We look forward to seeing you there!
Lady Chargers give A&M a run for the money

by Jennifer Grace
sports reporter

It was a tough first half for the Lady Chargers against Alabama A&M last Tuesday, Jan. 17. Outscored 36-21, the Chargers fought back in the second half, moving ahead to win 73-65.

Coach Leila Nabors was well pleased with her team’s performance: “We got far behind in the first half, but we outscored them 46-37 in the second half and not a single call went our way. I think that says a lot for what they did out there. No matter what happened, we were composed and poised. We played the best basketball game we’ve played in the second half. I’m proud of the players and wouldn’t trade them for any other team.”

All of the Lady Chargers made notable contributions in scoring. Tammy Petty was the leader with 14 points, followed by Kim McBride with 12 points, and 10 points each from Paula Story, Barbara Baine, and Valerie Martin. Vickie Tomlin hit the boards to pull down 10 rebounds, and Story and Baine also had five steals apiece.

Congratulations to all the Lady Chargers on a remarkable effort and well played ballgame.

Chargers lose to Maine's fifth-ranked Blackbears

by Heather Stewart
sports reporter

The Charger hockey team traveled to Orono, Maine, to take on the Blackbears, the fifth-ranked collegiate hockey team in the nation.

The Chargers lost both confrontations. The first came on Friday night, with a strong 3-1 effort, and it was a disappointing 6-2 defeat that ended the 2-game series Saturday night.

UAH was without 3 key players Friday night. Centers Bryan Moller and Richard Sloan missed the trip due to injuries. Sean Kelly also sat out Friday’s game due to penalties but joined the Charger line-up Saturday night.

The Chargers’ effort Friday was above average, considering their opposition. UAH Head Coach Doug Ross called it “maybe our best overall game of the season.”

Maine scored first on a power play goal that came at the 12:58 mark in the first period. That goal was quickly followed by a second at the 15:05 mark to close the first period.

The Chargers came on the board in the second period. It was Down Rugg with Ralph Drensek assisting that would combine to put the only Charger goal in at the 3:37 mark.

In the third period, the Chargers had 11 shots-on-goal, but it was the Blackbears who scored to solidify their lead and take home a win. The last goal of the night came with 9:15 remaining in the third period.

It was a power play goal that opened Maine’s scoring, their first goal coming at the 5:26 mark.

Both of UAH’s goals were scored by Sean Kelly. His first came on a breakaway with Dino Ferrante assisting to even the score 1-1.

Maine went ahead less than a minute later on another power play goal that closed the first period.

The Chargers missed key opportunities to score in the second period, but the Blackbears also refused to capitalize and the score remained 2-1.

The third period belonged to Maine, though, as they put four more goals away. UAH only managed one more, with Kelly’s second breakaway goal coming at the 8:09 mark. Todd Awender and Mike Quenneville were in on the assist. The final score read Blackbears 6, Chargers 2.

UAH goalie Chris Parson had an impressive weekend with 71 saves in the two-game series.

The UAH Athletic Association showed support for their Chargers as players, parents, and friends travelled this weekend. They’ll take on St. Johns University next Friday and Saturday night at the Von Braun Civic Center.

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UAH teams come up empty against A&M

by Kelly Baldwin
sports editor

The Chargers and Lady Chargers went head-to-head with Alabama A&M last week, but both UAH teams came up empty as the Bulldogs won the men's game 97-73 and the Lady Bulldogs slipped by the Lady Chargers 73-65.

UAH's leading scorer, Thomas Jones, had a poorer than average showing racking up only 15 points, but was able to snag 18 rebounds. The Chargers were behind by 12 at the half and never pulled closer than to within eight.

"My team showed a lot of heart and class," said Charger Coach Tony Ingle. "Thomas [Jones] was out of sync and too uptight and excited."

UAH was led in scoring by Gunars Balodis with 17 points, followed by Jones with 15, and Darrin Bradley with 14. Charlie Holley was named as the Chargers' MVP with 10 points, four assists, and four rebounds.

The Chargers' record fell to 5-11.

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