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Smith is named Player of the Year

By Ronak Patel
Sports Writer
March 15, 2001

Senior Joe Smith was named Gulf South Conference Player of the Year after averaging 16.9 points and 5.3 assists per game. (Photo by Danny Parker)

UAH students stage protest as Governor arrives in Huntsville

By Paul Lindgren
Staff Editor
March 1, 2001

UAH students gathered at Huntsville International Airport on Saturday, February 24 to protest against unfair budget cuts to colleges and universities as Governor Don Siegelman was scheduled to arrive at the airport to receive an award.

Students protested at the Huntsville Airport Saturday night to show their concern about the Governor's budget cuts. (Photo by Dauphne Rogers)

Frosh Mosh 2000: Better Than Ezra calls the shots

By Jennifer Roberts
News Editor
August 31, 2000

Better Than Ezra is a popular, New Orleans-based "college rock" band that was formed in the late 1980s by three guys at Louisiana State University. Below, drummer Travis McNabb talks about the impact of their music, their influences, Napster, and how they are lucky to be calling their own shots.

Jennifer: What kind of a contribution do you feel your music has made to the American music scene?

Travis: (laughs) Wow. I don't know if we think of it that way. Basically, we just like making music, and, for me, personally, as a musician growing up, there were just certain bands that I loved or certain music that really affected my life. And music that's important to you really can change the way you feel about things or can affect you. So, if there's some small group of people out there that feel that way about the music we make, to me, that's the goal or the ideal thing. As far as some great change in the world or anything, I don't know. I don't know that we've had any big musical impact or not. It's hard for me to say anything about that. But just for the people who are really fans of the band, for it to have any personal meaning to them...that's really the most important thing to me.

Jennifer: A lot of bands have claimed to have been influenced by other musicians or by other artists, such as visual arts or literature. Is this true of Better Than Ezra?

Travis: I think so, to some degree, especially lyrically. Kevin, our singer, writes all the lyrics.

Our Year-In-Review Insert highlights events from the 2000-2001 school year. Articles are reprinted with the original issue dates appearing beneath the bylines.
University bookstore announces new policy

By Bettina Phillips
News Writer
September 28, 2000

The UAH Bookstore, located downtown in the University Center, has announced a change in its textbook return policy. The store will now accept returns for textbooks regardless of condition, even if they are damaged or torn. This change is intended to provide more flexibility for students who may need to return books due to unforeseen circumstances.

The store has also introduced a new textbook search feature on its website, allowing students to easily locate textbooks for their courses. This service aims to reduce the burden of physically going to the store and searching for textbooks.

In addition, the bookstore has expanded its online ordering options, making it easier for students to purchase textbooks without leaving their dorms. The store has also implemented a more efficient in-store checkout process to reduce waiting times for students.

Cafeteria’s health rating drops to 70 percent

By Carter Garza
News Writer
February 22, 2001

UAH’s University Center Cafeteria (UCC) scored a 70 percent health rating on the Alabama Department of Public Health’s recent inspection this month. The cafeteria, located on the second level of the University Center, serves the majority of students who take part in a student cafeteria plan, which is provided for free to freshmen living in campus housing.

The poor health rating was received on February 5 and will be posted for 30 days. The rating is a measure of the overall cleanliness of the facility, maintenance of machines and storage, and performance of the cafeteria staff.

In an interview with the Interim Vice President of Student Affairs Delois Smith, the lowest health score was regarded as “expected.” Smith said that the cafeteria is a high traffic area and a broken dishwasher was to be the reason for the downgrade.

The inspection revealed several minor cosmetic problems, such as boxes stored at the wrong level, improperly stored cleaning supplies, an unclean dumpster, waste concern storage, and unclean restroom areas. The inspector also noted minor infractions cited by the Health Department: an oil spill in the loading dock area and a broken dish washer.

According to UCC officials, the oil spill in the loading dock area was not a fault of the UCC staff. The General Manager of the company that leases the UCC Allen Kinkead explained the spill.

The grease spill was at the loading dock. We have a company that comes to collect the grease from a storage receptacle. There’s a company that hooks up a hose and pumps the grease out, and they spilled the grease,” said Kinkead.

The grease spill was recorded as a four-point violation of the health code. Four and five point violations are categorized as critical violations. The other four-point violation involved the chemicals in the dishwasher. Food Inspector Fipps explained the violation.

“They use a chemical machine out there in the UCC. During the final rinse cycle, there was no chemical. There has to be a minimum of 50 parts per million. They’re still using chlorine out there; and there has to be 50 ppm. It couldn’t get past the chemical test strip,” Fipps said.

In addition to the grease spill, Kinkead also noted that a broken water pump, but the sensor that was supposed to do,” Fipps said.

O programming was made. Everything was working. They program it for thirty days following inspection. As of the time of publication, Kinkead went on to assure students that the machine problem does not affect the quality of food service in the cafeteria. “Fortunately we do 90 percent of everything on paper and plastic. It’s disposable. So, what we do wash, is washed in a three-compartment sink.”

Refund policies remain the same. The deadline for refunds has passed, but Davis reminds students that, in the future, they will have to sign a receipt in order to obtain a refund.

Davis and his team are open to suggestions for the store, and he encourages students to seek assistance from him or any member of management at the bookstore should a problem arise.

The UAH cafeteria displays the recent health rating score of 70 percent. (Photo by Duphine Rogers)

They take classes and tests. We have temperature logs for food and inspections of sanitation are stored away times a day.”

Despite the fact that UCC officials believe that students have nothing to worry about, students are advised to take extra precautions and to avoid eating food that has been served directly on plates. Washed trays will be immediately reused and a higher health rating has been posted.
Can you afford to eat at the Charger Cafeteria?

By Sheldon Hull

December 7, 2000

Students at UAH appear to be driven toward the goal of graduation, or at least the success of attaining good grades for the current semester. In order to achieve these goals, some sacrifices have been incurred as students seek refuge at the Charger Cafeteria.

By Jason Moore

October 12, 2000

In the past month, UAH underwent a scourge of automobile-related vandalism. Since September 5, there have been 186 instances of vandalism, or car thefts. In most instances windows were shattered in order for the cars to be plundered. According to Steve Whitlock, Resident Director of the Central Campus Housing and Residence Life (CCRH), up until September 21, 21 cars had been broken into in ten days. Six out of 21 cars were unlocked or had their windows rolled down. Six out of 21 cars had stereos with detectable faces that were not removed, indicating a preference for factory installed stereos. The break-ins were relatively scattered throughout the campus, though there was a greater frequency of break-ins late at night between Morton Hall and CCHR. The targeting appeared to be random and the more bountiful and accessible prospects receiving more attention.

By Dauphine Rogers

Editor-in-Chief
August 24, 2000

Thanks to the new Chargercard, students will have one less line to endure at the beginning of each semester. Standing in line for the Chargercard is no more. The Chargercard has become more accessible to students, who are able to utilize the services available.

Ten fully developed, students can come to this campus without a dime in their pockets.

All students must get one of the new Chargercards, as the old student ID cards will soon be invalid. Director of the University Center, Steve Bruce, said that they have to have the new cards to all students by October 1, 2000, at which time, old ID cards will become unusable.

The cards issued will provide the following services in addition to all of the services of the old ID cards:

- Access to computer labs (that require ID)
- Bookstore accounts
- CCHR access
- Information desk purchases (snacks/tickets)
- Laundry machines in CCHR and Southeast Housing
- Meal plans
- Future services provided by the Charger Card

Freshman Amy Blanchard has her picture taken for the new Chargercards. (Photo by Dauphine Rogers)
Frosh Mosh 2000 kicks off fall semester

By Bettina Phillips

**Newscast** August 24, 2000

The fall semester kicks off an interactive and energetic start at student faculty, and community participate in Frosh Mosh 2000 this week, but the main event of the festivities begins tomorrow night at 7 when the bands, “Better than Ezra” and “Life in General” perform live on the quad.

The Student Government Association (SGA) endeavored to create a bigger and better second annual Frosh Mosh this year at UAH while still not restricted to freshmen living on campus, but involve the incoming class and the community. “This year the SGA has invited the community, worked closely with ACE (Association for Campus Entertainment), and involved the colleges of the university,” says Geoff Morris, Executive Vice-President of the SGA. Morris also states that participants of Frosh Mosh during this year and this year's work was added to the list of fun and games.

Although the finale to this week’s activities will take place tomorrow evening, students continued in athletic competitions and fun games since they moved in on Sunday. Free food, games, charity work, and a variety of entertainment continued to lead up to the concert.

Breathing heavily and bent from exhaustion after a game of capital flag on Monday, local freshman and mechanical engineer major Michael Francis said, “It’s been a lot of fun. I’m meeting some people here before classes so I think I get my money’s worth. I’m looking forward to more fun, games, and starting new classes.”

The endless list of activities for the week consisted of messy competitions, a make your own video opportunity, a “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire” game, comical entertainment by Erin Foley, and much more.

Today from 11-3, in-attal-able games will take place on the UC lawn. At noon, the Beta Alpha Pi will sponsor a grill-out, and, at 8 tonight, there will be a ISA Step Show and a 70’s party at the UC Exhibit Hall.

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Saturday will officially conclude the Frosh events with a free, Women’s Studies-sponsored pizza party in the Chan Auditorium of the Administrative Sciences Building.

The busy schedule was strategically planned by the SGA and faculty to extend throughout the week. “Students will remember the fun they had while classes were in session and not just the fun they had prior to the beginning of the fall semesters,” said Morris.

On behalf of the SGA, Morris thanks the SGA President, James ‘Kodi’ Kordowski, SGA’s Vice-President of Financial Affairs, Bert Holt, and faculty and staff Members Debra Raney, Joel Longeman, and Steve Bruce.

The concert tomorrow night is expected to draw many at-the-gate ticket purchases. Although tickets may be purchased at the gate for $8.00, they are available at the front desk in University Center for $6.00 per ticket.

The quad has been the central location for most of the activities this week.

Students take a break from the activities of Frosh Mosh to enjoy a cool drink. Activities included struggle competitions, games, and more food. A concert by Better Than Ezra will end the week. (Photo by Jennifer Roberts)

and, according to Morris, it be used more throughout the year for campus events. It is centered, placed between the library, the Nursing building parking area, Roberts Hall, and the University Center.

Both Frosh Mosh bands have their own websites at www.betterthan Ezra.com and www.lifelonggeneral.com. Songs to be played at upcoming concerts may be accessed at the “Better than Ezra” site.

Volunteers are needed to help with stage set-up. If you are interested in helping, contact the SGA 824-6375 or the ACE at ext 4248 as soon as possible.

By Paul Lindgren

**Section Editor** March 15, 2001

Governor Don Siegelman and SGA representatives from Alabama universities met at the Siegelman’s home on March 6 to discuss the latest offer that the governor has placed before higher education.

The proposal offered a 4.5 percent cut in K-12 funding and a 9.8 percent cut in higher education funding. The state would float a $59 million bond issue, the proceeds of which would have brought higher education’s cut to an equitable level with K-12.

This same proposal, which would have set the precedent of favoring K-12 over higher education, had been consistently rejected by Tom Meredith, Chancellor of the University of Alabama System, Gordon Moulton of the University of South Alabama, and Troy State Chancellor Jack Hawkins. The three university representatives have been regular guests at the table of Siegelman, fighting for an equitable solution to the proration crisis.

Prior to the meeting with the governor, students were briefed by Executive Director Gordon Stone and other figures of the Higher Education Partnership who were crucial in summoning student council with the governor. Universities and students want an equitable cut of 6.2% across the board for both higher education and K-12.

Twenty-three students were ushered into the Siegelman’s conference room where the governor began by selling this latest offer straight to the students. He suggested that the stubbornness of higher education was prolonging the painful debate in Montgomery and campus across the state.

“Whoever draws the short straw is going to need some help,” said Governor Siegelman.

The difficulty is that it has been made worse by, quite frankly, the refusal of higher education to take the 4.6 percent proration budget.” Siegelman referred to his budget as an equal cut of 4.6 percent across the board because the bond issue would add higher education’s cut from 9.8 percent down to that level.

Students were immediatelyflustered by the idea of issuing debt to cover a shortfall in tax revenue, what one student described as “issuing a home mortgage to buy your groceries.”

“There is adult education and there are early learning opportunities that we really need to focus on,” explained Siegelman. “[Alabama] is beginning to focus on those early learning opportunities.”

The governor suggested reforms that would help avoid another Education Trust Fund crisis in the future, such as performance-based budgeting and creating a State Board of Regents to help manage the universities, none of which could help the immediate situation facing higher education.

“You did the fair thing and the right thing a month ago,” said SGA Vice-President Geoff Morris to Governor Siegelman. “We didn’t like it, we weren’t happy with it, but it was fair. I’m concerned and concerned that it seems your original actions violated this statute.” Morris referred to a 1965 statute that stated K-12 salaries could not be cut. This statute has been the principle grounds by which Siegelman and other lawmakers have supported a more substantial cuts for higher education.

“You treated everyone fairly in the first place,” continued Morris. “What we ask for, and what Senate Bill 24 asks for would get us back to that fair treatment that you gave us one month ago.” Senate Bill 24 was passed during special session stating the proration cuts must be equitable, but was subsequently killed by the House.

A tirade of verbal responses from the students followed Morris’s statement, expressing general distaste for this latest offer in the proration crisis. “Whatever the solution is here, and I don’t have one,” said Governor Siegelman, “that wasn’t my idea, but it was the best one that came out of discussions.”

Afterwards, Siegelman was invited to the Higher Education Rally on the lawn of the State House, but he declined, stating he would be in Shelby County at that time. Siegelman, who has wanted to be known as Alabama’s education governor, stated he would like the opportunity to meet with SGA representatives and other interested parties.

After the meeting, the students walked to the street steps of the Statehouse where the Higher Education Day rally was already under way.

“I think he was trying to divide the university political front that has been set up over the past few years through the Higher Education Partnership,” commented Morris. The Higher Education Partnership was formed in the wake of the Fob James administration and has united Alabama universities behind a unified lobby.

Four hours following the meeting, an audit of the Partnership for Higher Education was requested by state agencies.

After having his offer of a 9.8% unani­mously rejected by higher education parties, Siegelman has as­sented to the opinion of Alabama Attorney General and is now pushing for an 11.5% cut to higher education.

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**SGA representatives clash with Governor**

By Paul Lindgren

**Section Editor** March 15, 2001

Governor Don Siegelman meets with SGA representatives from across the state and discussed possible solutions to the proration crisis. (Photo by Paul Lindgren)

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Salmon library begins its expansion efforts

By Justin Rutledge

News Writer
August 24, 2000

Move over, Spragins Hall. In the fall of 2001, students will have a new place to workout and enjoy athletics.

Currently under construction is UAH's new 74,100-square-foot sports and fitness complex, which will be located at the southeast corner of Holmes Avenue and John Wright Drive.

The center will feature three basketball courts, an indoor running track, a swimming pool, cardio- vascular fitness, and weight training and aerobics equipment. The center will also offer a rehabilitation area, locker rooms, a patio, and a juice and snacks area.

"Students expressed concern that it was difficult to gain access to Spragins Hall for general recreation," stated President Frank Franz. "We studied the schedule for Spragins extensively. After you take out the times for HPE and CE classes, and the needs of the athletic department, there was very little time left for general student recreation."

Sara Redington, a junior in Foreign Languages and Internation Business, says she has had many difficulties using the gym in Spragins Hall for her personal recreation. "I have been inconvenienced in the past by scheduling conflicts for the weight room. On several occasions I would get kicked out during the middle of my workout because of classes or athletics training.

The recreation center is not only expected to benefit those who are interested in general recreation, but it is also expected to benefit those in athletics. According to Ray Carver, Director of News Services, Spragins Hall has a seating capacity of 2,800. However, 1,000 of those seats are not currently being used because of the weight training and aerobic area located behind the School of College Authority. The test will come from university Archived, Special Collections, and storage space.

As for parking accommodations, some short-term parking spaces are being added. The Holmes Avenue parking lot will receive an additional 75 parking spaces as well. The Alabama Virtual Library has received $3 million in funding from the Alabama Legislature. The virtual library is a centerpiece of databases, Internet encyclopedias, educational journals, and various other information aids. It will take the UAH library to new technologically convenient heights as the university moves comfortably into the new century.

Student recreation center coming in year 2001

By Jennifer Roberts

News Editor
August 24, 2000

At a cost of $2.9 million, Spragins Hall for general recreation, and HPE classes, the university decided to follow a plan suggested by the students that would eliminate the costs of the existing recreation center. 

Homecoming Court. Chris Brown is a senior and was nominated by MERS, where he serves as President. Brown is Vice Chairman of ASME, Vice President of USBR, and Vice President of International Student Association.

President Frank Franz congratulates homecoming queen and king. Eric Konieczny and Cassondra Marshall. (Photo by Danny Parker)

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By Jennifer Hill  
*News Writer*  
January 18, 2001

Photographer Alvin Gillens and Terren Hess, historian/curator of the Mittlebau-Dora memorial, officially opened *Discovery and Despair*, an exhibit of black and white photographs, and artifacts from this underground concentration camp Sunday, January 14 in the Union Grove Gallery on the campus of UAH. Both Gillens and Hess gave a talk about the exhibit and answered questions from the audience.

The name Mittlebau-Dora may hold little meaning for most people, yet for some it conjures painful memories of a concentration camp where brutality, starvation and death were an everyday occurrence. Located nearly two miles north-west of Nordhausen, Germany, this concentration camp during the 1940's was the hub of V-rocket production, employing a slave labor force of 60,000 politically dissident or racially unfit prisoners. Of these 60,000, 20,000 died because of starvation, hanging, beating, or disease. Gillens and Hess have been highly instrumental in expanding the public's knowledge of the atrocities that occurred in Mittlebau-Dora. Gillens, a well-known photographer is currently assisting in the creation of the documentary film, "The Dora Caves-The Dark Side of Genius" which describes the details of what transpired in the underground concentration camp.

After the war, American soldiers ranstacked Dora in attempts to recover any information that the U.S. could use for their own military programs and then turned control of the site over to the Soviet Union. After a second destructive search of its tunnels by the Soviet Union, Dora was handed over to the Russians and remained unopened for nearly 50 years until 1995. Gillens was one of the few who were first allowed into Dora's dark tunnels to examine and remember in nearly forgotten history. Gillens described his photographs in a recent National Forum class as a "tribute to a section of history that is hard to confront" and "a memorial to those who died in furthering the progress of technology.

Mittlebau-Dora concentration camp was central for the production of both the V-1 and V-2 rockets that were designed by the Nazi S.S. commander, Werher Von Braun. Von Braun, a leading rocket scientist of the time, was employed by Germany in 1932 to further his military aims and was fully aware of the use of slave labor in building the rockets he helped design. However, Mittlebau-Dora proved to be a pivotal site of scientific progress for Von Braun despite the thousands of innocent lives that were brutally extinguished in bringing his dreams to reality.

The exhibit and talks have been sponsored by the Humanities Center, the Honors Program, the Office of International Education and Research, the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, the Department of Art and Art History, the Department of History, the Department of Political Science, and the Department of Sociology. Marilyn Coffey, Staff Assistant for the UAH Department of Art and Art History, has been instrumental in bringing this exhibit to UAH, since she is the person who provided information about the exhibit coming to the U.S. to UAH administrators.

The exhibit has been up since January 11 at 10 a.m. and was followed by talks at 11 a.m. by Gillens and Hess. Gillens' photographs were officially put on exhibit in the Union Grove Gallery on January 14. The exhibit is free to the public and will be on display through February 9. For more information and gallery hours, contact Marilyn Coffey at (256)-824-6141.

By J. Caleb Clanton  
*News Editor*  
April 5, 2001

Geoff Morris officially withdrew from the race for SGA President early Wednesday morning. The decision came only hours after Morris officially submitted his resignation to the Student Elections Board on allegations that Morris had violated a university rule. Morris, who currently serves as SGA Executive Vice-President, was previously set to challenge Dale Jobes for the SGA's highest executive office.

A formal complaint against Morris was filed by Jobes on March 21. The complaint alleged that Morris violated a campaigning rule that restricts public campaigning until the eligible campaigning date of April 2. According to the complaint, Morris allegedly campaigned on March 21 in a discussion posted on the UAH Athlete for Hockey web page. During the posted web page discussion, Morris said, "I now have competition for SGA President: all UAH students, voting 04/11-04/12, and I invite you to vote for me." There was no formal decision handed down from the Student Elections Board on the matter, but a second meeting had been scheduled for Wednesday, April 4 at 2 p.m. prior to Morris' withdrawal. The Student Elections Board has the power to disqualify a candidate if he or she violates a rule. The board was scheduled to meet Wednesday afternoon to make a final decision, however Morris had already withdrawn from the race.

In an Exponent interview, Morris claimed that his decision to withdraw did not come as a result of the investigation of the complaint against him. "My position in doing so are personal in the fact that over the past several weeks I found that I don't have an overwhelming desire to do the job," said Morris. "And I see a candidate that does." Morris said in reference to Jobes.

"The actions of the board made me see that I did not want to fight for it," said Morris. "My original action was that if they kicked me out, then I wouldn't run. It's that's not a reaction that you would want from someone who would be running SGA.

Effectively Jobes will now be running unopposed, which essentially designates him a certain shoo-in for SGA President. Jobes expressed his regret concerning Morris' withdrawal. "It's definitely unfortunate," said Jobes. "I really wanted to run against him."

For him [Morris] he made a good decision," said Jobes. "He said that unfortunately he wasn't having as much fun with the SGA as he used too."

When asked about running unopposed for SGA President, Jobes said that he, "still plan[es] on running a campaign."

By J. Caleb Clanton  
*News Writer*  
December 7, 2000

UAH Professor Dr. John Christy is appointed as the state's climatologist

UAH's John Christy is appointed as the state's climatologist.
By Jennifer Roberts

What do PlayBoy's "Sexy Girls in Sports" and UAH have in common? Roseleena Blair.

Sophomore Roseleena Blair was recently suspended from the UAH tennis team after having passed nails in a spurs edition of PlayBoy Magazine.

On August 28, upon hearing about Blair's appearance in the magazine—in which Blair mentions her involvement with the UAH tennis team—the university followed standard procedure and notified the NCAAsince learning of 19-year-old Blair's eight-page spread, which was shot in late June, many UAH students have asked, what is the big controversy?

Blair was suspended pending the NCAA's review of the case because she accepted an undisclosed amount of money for the photoshoot. According to NCAA Bylaw 12.5.1.3, a student athlete's decision that failed to impact financial gain.

"The major concern is that athletes cannot be treated differently than any other student. She appeared in a magazine that has women athletes in it, and she was there because of her affiliation as a tennis team member," said Joel Longeron, Director of University Relations. "The NCAA says you cannot do that. Because of your athletic prowess, you may not use that to gain remuneration."

As for Blair's future on the team, there is a possibility that she will be reinstated. According to Longeron, Jim Harris, the Director of Athletics at UAH, will make a recommendation to President Franz regarding this matter. However, Longeron also stated that while Blair's future on the tennis team is in question, her academic future at UAH is in no way in jeopardy because of her decision to pose nude.

This week, Blair will take part in a seminar for students-athletes on the rules and regulations of the NCAA. "What we need to make sure is that all our students know the rules and regulations that the NCAA has put out there regarding student athletes," said Longeron.

As for his reaction to Blair's decision, Harris told the Times, "I don't believe the young lady did this to embarrass the institution or the athletic department. She is a beautiful young lady who was earning her keep and just made a mistake. That's it.”

The Exponent attempted to contact Miss Blair for comment. Antoine Bell, Director of Student Information at UAH, informed The Exponent that Blair is at this time, unwilling to give any on-the-record interviews.

SA President Escorted Out of Frosh Mosh Concert, Impeachment Attempted Monday

By Bettina Phillips

A bill to impeach SGA President, James Kodrowski, failed Monday night at the association's meeting. During the meeting, the bill, SGA Speaker of the House and College of Liberal Arts Representative, Jennifer Roberts, resigned.

The impeachment hearings responded to allegations of underage possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages by Kodrowski, failed prior to it away from this campus of no concern to anyone else, especially since it does not effect my ability to carry out my official responsibilities," said Kodrowski.

As an SGA official, Roberts initiated impeachment proceedings on Monday night. Following the secret-ballot vote, which resulted in a 50-50 decision that failed to impeach Kodrowski, Roberts concluded the meeting with the announcement of her resignation: "I had faith that the SGA would vote to impeach James Kodrowski to set an example of what will not be tolerated by a representative of the student body. Considering that the motion to impeach failed—an action that was called for by myself—I feel that it is in the best interest of the student body and the SGA that I resign to avoid any unnecessary and inappropriate conflict within the SGA, said Roberts. Furthermore, in spite of the fact that SGA representatives of strong character. I feel that there was too much hypocrisy and dishonesty associated with this matter. Thus, I personally wish to have no further affiliation with the SGA.

Prior to the meeting, Geof Morris, Executive Vice-President of the SGA, asked Kodrowski to resign, but he refused. "I offered him the opportunity to resign before the proceedings began in order to save the SGA time and trouble. If Mr. Kodrowski did indeed partake of alcohol at the concert, I consider that to be an unbelievable instance of lack of judgement and irresponsibility on his part. Members of SGA are, and should be, held to a higher standard, and we are directly responsible for an event such as the concert. We should pay particular attention to all responsibilities given to us, said Morris.

According to the SGA Constitution, improper conduct and violation of university policy serves as reason for removal from office for any SGA member. It also allows SGA representatives to deem what is appropriate and inappropriate conduct by members of the association.

In addition to the accusations that he improperly conducted himself, Kodrowski faces allegations that he broke campus rules, which restrict student possession of alcoholic beverages to certain housing facilities on campus. Vice President of Student Affairs, Delois Smith, had this to say, "Obviously, I was very disappointed to learn that Kodri had not adhered to the policies and guidelines in place for the concert concerning the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages. It needs to be understood by our students that policies and procedures are established by the university for the overall good and safety of our students and applied to all students. When a conscious decision is made by any student to disobey established policies, one has to be equally prepared to accept the consequences of that choice," said Smith.

"We are continuing to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident and will act according to established university policies governing student conduct."

To allegations that the university sponsored or provided alcohol for the band, SGA advisor Steve Bruce replied, "The university did not provide alcohol for the band in any way, shape, or form." According to the current UAH handbook, a student is subject to expulsion for ignoring policies concerning alcoholic beverages on campus.

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A student was wounded in an armed robbery on Tuesday, March 22, approximately 2 a.m.

Details about the suspects are limited, but the student — who campus police say wishes to remain anonymous — says he was exiting the engineering building through the back door, when he was approached by two black males approximately in their late teens or early twenties.

The men asked the victim what time it was, when the victim said it was 2:03 a.m., the perpetrators proceeded with further conversation.

One man pulled a knife and asked the victim to hand over his wallet. The victim complied. The man then asked what the victim had in his backpack. The victim, searching the contents of the backpack, found pepper spray and sprayed the man in the face. The man armed himself with the pepper spray and attacked the victim.

After the victim gave the men his wallet, $24 in cash, a pocket computer, and a cell phone, the two men fled the scene in a late model 4-door, white Pontiac.

When questioned by campus police, the victim said he did not recall ever seeing the two men on campus before the robbery. At this time, campus police do not think the two are related.

Huntsville Police put together a composite of the two men they want and let them leave.

The victim was unable to identify the men in a photo lineup, and police do not have any solid suspects at this time.

According to Officer Michael Albino with the UAH Campus Police Department, the likelihood of catching the two men is slim, unless they strike again.

"I am not sure if the two are bold enough to try it again, and campus police only hope the men will not hurt anyone in the process."

UAH student wounded in armed robbery on campus

By Allison Caputo

March 22, 2001

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Strong winds strike UAH's Sigma Nu house

By Carter Garza

February 22, 2001

The UAH chapter of Sigma Nu felt the damaging winds of a sudden storm that took parts of northern Alabama by surprise last Friday afternoon. At 1:30 p.m. on February 16, the Huntsville-Madison County Emergency Management Agency sounded 99 tornado warnings in the valley amid reports of wall clouds and high rotations in the sky.

Winds reached high force, toppling out between 90 and 107 miles per hour. Straight-line winds uprooted a large oak tree and sent it crashing into the Sigma Nu fraternity house on the corner of Jeff and Capshaw roads in Huntsville. Fortunately, no one was injured in the incident.

Madison County Sheriff Joseph Whisnant said that most of the damage from Friday's storm was centered in the area of Jeff and Capshaw roads. "The damage here is that we didn't have more damage," he said.

In other areas of the county, there were several instances of downed power lines and uprooted trees. Response time was aided by the timing of the bad weather. The damage occurred during the changing of shifts for Huntsville Police Department, so incident reporting officers were dispatched to areas in need of assistance before they could make their rounds.

Fortunately for the brothers of Sigma Nu, no one was home when the storm hit. Witnesses say that three of the four trees on the property were still standing. Albino says that it caused the damage to the Sigma Nu house itself. Another of the trees was caught through the air and into a neighboring home. Sigma Nu Jonathan Stephens reaction to the storm was thank ful. 'I'm just glad no one was one. When I saw it on the news, I was shocked.' Stephens says what pleased him is that the house did major damage to the roof. "We're going to be extensive. 'Where it fell was where the entertainment center. It got the TV and the Nintendo 64.'"

Sigma Nu members who were left homeless by the storm were able to move into a fraternity on campus.

The fraternity was renting the house that got hit and was in search of a new rental room to open as their new fraternity house. Stephens says that the fraternity was fortunate to escape injury, adding that "at least we got our security deposit back."

UAH welcomes new provost Dr. Radonovich

By Patrick Bobbo

August 24, 2000

This month, Dr. Sam McManus retires after filling the position of provost for seven years. Dr. Lewis J. Radonovich will fill the position and that of vice president of academic affairs.

Dr. Radonovich has a rich education background. He received his B.A. from Thiel College in 1966. From there, he went on to earn his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Wayne State University in 1976. He also worked as a postdoctoral research associate for four years at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Radonovich is no stranger to universities. Dr. Radonovich was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences when he was at the University of North Florida from 1993 until this appointment. While at North Florida, the college of Arts and Science grew 62 percent. He also had started a pre-medical and a pre-law program and degree programs in physics and international studies.

UAH President Frank Franz said that Dr. Radonovich's "knowledge, experience and leadership in academia, research and administration will be a valuable asset for our students and faculty."

Prior to the appointment at North Florida, he was on staff at the University of North Dakota and held a wide variety of positions. At various times, he was chair of the Chemistry Department, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and a professor of chemistry. Dr. Radonovich has also been the recipient of many awards, including Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor of the University of North Dakota, awarded to him in 1993.

SGA President James Kodorowski said, "Dr. Radonovich is quite impressive. He was very in tune with student concerns when I spoke with him." And, he will need to be as the provost has important duties. The provost is the chief academic officer at the university and is the chief executive officer in Dr. Franz's absence. He is to be a leader in all academic programs and has a job which curtails countless other duties.

Upon receiving his appointment, Dr. Lewis Radonovich said, "I'm looking forward to the challenge of building on the university's past successes."

Vandalism strikes Central Campus Residence Hall

By Bettina Phillips

October 12, 2000

The discovery of five broken glass cases that house fire alarm stations at the Central Campus Residence Hall (CCRH) during the last week of September led to an investigation of the matter by the Resident Director of CCRH and the campus police. Students took pride in the residence hall and want to keep the fire alarm equipment in top-notch order for the safety of the residents," says Whitlock.

Whitlock is in the process of interviewing students involved in the incident, which may lead to appropriate punishment for the guilty party or parties. According to Whitlock, falsifying an alarm is a criminal offense, but as Resident Director, Whitlock is entitled to investigate problematic residential matters. He may seek assistance from proper authorities if the guilty party is uncooperative.

"The majority of the time residents take responsibility for their actions, which may lead to appropriate punishment for the guilty party or parties," says Whitlock. "Whitlock encourages an educational atmosphere in a system that may demand that a resident offender conduct a program, create an informative pamphlet, or produce a bulletin board on safety within the halls of CCHR.

Numerous facts about the incident remain unknown. Whitlock has not been able to pinpoint a cause for the fire alarm failure, which took place between the alarm and the device used to break the glass is currently unknown. Depending on the time of the incident, the campus police or the university's police department may respond.

Whitlock does not believe that the acts of vandalism are related to the failure of several fire alarms earlier in the semester. He emphasizes the dependability of the alarm system in operation and states that a back-up system is in place at CCHR. He insists that the around-the-clock staff on hand is efficient and says that, in case of emergencies, staff members will go door-to-door at CCHR to secure the safety of students.

"It has been a quiet year, and I appreciate that. It shows that the students respect the system and care for the safety of their fellow students," says Whitlock.

He states that no alarms have sounded as a result of fire, smoke, or pranks this school year. According to Whitlock, the alarm system is very sensitive and has only sounded once when triggered by the steam from a broken hot water line.
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Chargers scalp Spartans, Pierce en route to No. 1 nat'l ranking

By Danny Parker
Sports Editor
March 15, 2001

No longer does the UAH Baseball team have to look up in the national rankings. According to the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper, the Chargers (15-2) are the No. 1 team in the country, taking 2 of 3 games this past weekend in Montgomery. Ala., against the formerly top-ranked University of Tampa Spartans.

At the beginning of the season, the players on the UAH team made an agreement with head coach Bobby Pierce that if there were 10 games or 15 in a row at any point in the season, the squad would be able to take the Clippers to Pierce's soggin and re-move all his hair.

After the Chargers defeated Tampa 5-1 on Sat­

Day, March 10, Pierce was sure to become a little nervous as the team's win-

ning streak reached 14 games.

Sunday's double-header saw UAH take the first game 10-4 before fall-


ing in the nightcap 5-4 in extra innings.

Despite the defeat, the streak reached 15 games and the Hair felt like clouds reigns down from the heavens.

The Huntsville Times quoted Pierce as saying, "This is just a good, hard-working group of guys.

Through 17 games I can't ask for anything more of the team or the country. We've played a lot of good games this year."

After the teams played, Tampa coach Kevin Schomas fell behind early and allowed his offense to take the lead. After the teams swapped scores, Hector Guadalupe singled in Clay Rice to tie the game at three.

Three straight hits by Long, Guadalupe and Barnes culminated into a 4-3 lead for UAH in the top of the ninth.

However, the Spartans scored two runs in the ninth inning to tie the game, UNA's Rita Bernhardt sailed over the hair. All-American candidate David Gates proved his worth as he belted a homeron in the 2-4 victory on the day.

Philip Donaldson added two hits as well while showing his value with a save of the game in relief of Bass.

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Entertainment

The Five Spot: Chaos reigns live on Election Day

By Paul Lindgren
Entertainment Editor
November 16, 2000

I can only imagine how late the rest of America must have been last Wednesday morning. I'm not talking about you early risers either. I'm talking about us junkies who stayed awake well into four in the morning wondering just what the hell was going on!

No one seemed more incensed or clueless, however, than our ever-vigilant media folks. Those poor souls endure grueling shifts of twelve or more hours on air, and by God it showed! When did Bernard Shaw become a wise-ass and Dan Rather a drunk, all on air?

I'm not sure what kind of unmistakable words of someone who really screwed up when it was found that Gore was rapidly gaining on Bush in the Florida count. It must have been a prank call by an individual Gore gave when he initially conceded the election.

And those poor Florida election officials! I think the recount took so damn long because the anchormen wouldn't hang up and let them do their job.

Oh, he was just a flautist of information, said Bernard Shaw, sarcastically, after a Florida official plunked up on CNN. And there was Tom Brokaw who just stared up at the ceiling with his mouth open holding back his temer to some panicstricken producer who wouldn't stop whispering instructions to him from behind the camera. Since when do you catch the media with its pants around the ankles like this?

But the media wasn't in complete chaos that late. Was anyone else listening to Dan Rather on the CBS crew? How much did he drink before going on air? There was at one point the unmistakable look of Ed Bradley glaring at Dan Rather like he just came off the mothership. Dan Rather has enough sound bytes of himself to put Jay Leno out of business. Here are some of the things he said on air during election night:

- "When it comes to a race like this, I'm a long distance runner and an all-day hunter."  
- "It's heating up like a New York City elevator in August."  
- "You talk about a knock-down, get up race..."  
- "The contest was tighter than rusted hinges on '55 Fords."  
- "[Gore] back in the door, his shirt's on fire, and the bill collector's at the door..."  
- "...in Austin, between the 10-gallon hats and the Willie Nelson sweat bands..."  
- "This race is tighter than a tight bath suit on a long ride home from the beach..."  
- "If frogs had pockets, they would carry handguns..."  
- "This will show you how tight it is: its spandex tight!"

I'm a smoker, I'm a joker, I'm a midnight toaster.

He even referred to Bob Schaefer as the "Deputy Dog" and California's electoral votes as the "big burrito." Well, I think ole Dan Rather is just ready for the pasture.

And so for some of you who chose to crash so early Tuesday night, you may never get the chance to see the media in such chaos again. Few things were as authentically entertaining as Election Day, and it could be a shame.

Keller Williams brings the house down again

By Paul Lindgren
Entertainment Editor
March 1, 2001

Keller Williams returned to Mom's Cafe in a blowout performance before a crowd of nearly seventy students on Tuesday, February 20. The show, which was arranged by the Association of Campus Entertainment, brought the house down as Williams gave his usual knock-out performance of jamming, hip grooves combined with noncelebrity mixing and comical lyrics. UAH students were joined by dozens of out-of-towners from as far away as Auburn, Nashville, and Chattanooga.

Mom's Cafe was a packed house with near standing room only as the word got around of Williams' explosive popularity in the undergound college music scene. I managed to interview Williams two hours prior to his show. I sat with him as he was eating dinner in the UAH cafe. He was eating strawberry yogurt and sitting with his sound manager, Lou. Williams was very receptive to being interviewed and welcomed the opportunity for popular coverage.

Paul Lindgren: Who were some of your musical influences - both older and contemporary - who have had the greatest impact on your music?

Keller Williams: "Michael Hedges. He's not alive anymore. His whole show helped me the direction I am on now. I'm not sure what kind of music I would be playing today if I were not born."

PL: "Who are some musicians you enjoyed performing with most?"

KW: "Springsteen... definitely. They've done a lot of good for me, physically, mentally, and spiritually..."

KW: "We're a democracy where the madman with the mad ideas is free to speak."

PL: "How do you enjoy performing with him today if he were not there?"

KW: "Oh yeah... Certainl... But I won't say anything."

Indeed, Williams seemed to enjoy playing in the quaint atmosphere of a mom's cafe. Everyone is hailing in on every note and breath in silence, which is energy itself, like them both equally powerful.

KW: "You performed at Mom's last week. What did you like most about the atmosphere of this small venue?"

KW: "It's quiet. The folks are less boisterous. With my music, I'm used to people talking as they do in bars when people are drinking beer and feel compelled to talk. But in places like Mom's, people tend to listen to the music more closely and won't miss the groove, even if they don't get up and dance. You can't deny the intimacy of a small room."

PL: "Do you have any upcoming projects you'd be willing to share with us?"

KW: "I've got another album coming out. I will be recording it with Ty North on bass and Jeff Sipe (aka Apartment Q: Strings) on drums. It hasn't been recording yet, and probably won't until summer. So the album will probably be released early next year."

PL: "Will you be playing any of the songs from your new album tonight?"

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Departing staff bid Exponent farewell

By Dauphne Rogers
Editor-in-Chief

The majority of the salaried staff at The Exponent will not be returning in the fall. We have every confidence that the new Exponent staff will do quite well in our absence, and we would like to take the opportunity to wish them the best of luck for the upcoming year. We hope the UAH community will support their efforts with the same appreciation and level of involvement that has been shown to us.

Thank you, our readership, for all of your comments, club wire submissions, classifieds, letters to the editor, suggestions, and concerns.

We thought you might enjoy reading some of our departing thoughts on what we have gained by working at UAH’s student newspaper. We have also included comments from our Faculty Advisor and a member of the Publication’s Board.

Caleb Clanton, News Editor

“Well, if there is one thing I have learned from working with The Exponent, it is that nothing gets done at a paper without a lot of cooperation and commitment. Luckily, despite our pop up conflicts along the way, that has not really been a problem. I have been impressed with the fact that The Exponent has survived and has improved with very little resources. All of the staff - Paul Lindgren, Danny Parker, Dauphne Rogers, Jennifer Sharp, Terra Tusler, Jessica Tubbs - have done an awesome job, each while juggling a fairly difficult amount of outside responsibilities. Also, my news writers, especially Patrick Bobo, Jennifer Hill, Carter Garza, and Matt Stokes, are to be commended. Without them, there would be no paper. I have had a good time and have certainly learned a good deal about journalism - but mostly about working with people. Thanks ya’ll.”

Paul Lindgren, Entertainment Editor

“For years will I say that my job at The Exponent had been the most fulfilling working experience yet. I’m not sure why it was so. Perhaps it was the idea of writing for food, or smoking cigarettes with fellow egos, or manipulating public opinion. In any case, I know I regret nothing from my tenure here at both UAH and The Exponent, and I can only wish each and every person I’ve worked with here at The Exponent, the SGA, the University Center and ACE the best of years to come. I’d also like to thank each and every one of my writers, including Kim Staton, Lauren Exer, Alan Becker, Justin Edwards, Jorge Rub, and Angela Frederick, for their hard work and dedication in helping making The Exponent look the best it ever has. I bid you all farewell.”

Joel Lonergan, Publication’s Board Member

“I would like to take the opportunity to compliment you and the entire staff of The Exponent. Under your direction, the paper is by far the best it has ever been. Writing is crisp, timely and interesting. The paper looks good and you have done a great job of getting the paper on sound financial footing. You and the graduating members of The Exponent staff will be missed, and I hope that you will realize the impact that you all had on the paper and the campus of UAH.” Editor’s Note: The preceding paragraph was taken from a written response to Dauphne Rogers concerning an Exponent party invitation.

Danny Parker, Sports Editor

As the staff member of The Exponent with the longest tenure, it is my privileged duty to talk of the leaps and bounds this paper has made since I first started writing in February ’99. I have to give a special thanks to former Sports Editor Stephanie Trammel for giving me the opportunity to write about my love for the national pastime as it exists here at UAH. I would also like to thank Justin Thurman for making our paper Web accessible for the people that cannot come to the campus to read our material. Dauphne Rogers earns a special thanks for making the Sports Editor. Even though I probably got the position by default, I have enjoyed the title and feel that I have made a respectable mark on others. Amy Beth Lloyd, Jennifer Roberts, Amy Doggart, and Emily Gaither have all shown me what little value the man has on this earth. Terra Tusler and Jessica Tubbs for making me realize that I am not funny. I once thought I was, but these women have allowed me to now see the light. A special shout out goes to my fellow section editors, J. Caleb Clanton and Paul Lindgren, for finally making the female-male ratio in the office a little easier to cope with. Jennifer Sharp deserves some sort of plaque or medal for not having a nervous breakdown waiting on completion of my section on a weekly basis. Cybil Watkins, Keli Woodard, Rene Harrison, Ronald Foted, and Keith Conrad all deserve a thank you for helping me make the sports section what it is today. Lastly, I would just like to extend an olive branch of peace to my fellow staff members in hopes that I am not sued for sexual harassment or battery charges. All in all, the experience I have gained and the friends I have made at The Exponent have been worth far more than the check I receive each month for my gas money. Best of luck to you all!”

Dauphne Rogers, Editor-in-Chief

“I’ve been at The Exponent for over 2 years, and I have been blessed to work with many talented and dedicated individuals during my time here. I am confident that the quality of both the newspaper and the staff have continued to rise semester after semester. I would like to thank everyone for working so hard and being so reliable. You have made me aware of the success that it has become. I have gained a lot from each and everyone person that I have come in contact with through working at The Exponent. You have won me so much. I will miss you all.”

Dr. Clarke Rountree, Faculty Advisor to The Exponent

“It has been almost a quarter of a century since I picked up my first copy of The Exponent as an undergraduate here at UAH. It is very easy for students, faculty, and staff to take for granted the service this news source provides to us, as well as the hard work and dedication of the students who conduct interviews, attend SGA meetings, concerts, and sporting events like games, write up stories and opinion columns, sell advertisements, pay bills, lay out the newspaper, drive it to the printer, and distribute copies all over campus. Literally dozens of hands have contributed to this effort over the past year, notably the firm hand on the rudder provided by Dauphne Rogers, Editor-in-Chief. The hard work of Dauphne, Danny Parker, Caleb Clanton, Paul Lindgren, Jennifer Sharp, Terra Tusler, Jessica Tubbs, James Doggett, Takhir Sabirov, Emily Gaither, Jennifer Roberts, Steve Bruce, Joel Lonergan, and dozens of writers has made this the best student newspaper I have seen at UAH. I am privileged to have had the opportunity to work with this group, and with Dauphne in particular. I wish them well as they leave us to make their marks in the world.”

Jennifer L. Sharp, Layout Editor

“There are a lot of things I could talk about my time working at The Exponent, but more than the work experience, and more than the “real world” experience I have gained (well, as real as you can get at a college newspaper), the most important thing I will remember are the friends I have made and the laughter and tears those friends and I have shared. I want to thank each member of this staff for the fun times, the bad times, and all the times in between. Thank you for challenging me and helping me to prove that, yes, Danny and Paul, I am a GENIUS!!”