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"Let us dare to read, think, speak and write."—John Adams

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**Model UN kicks into gear**

**by Cindy Rodriguez**

UAH's very active Model UN Club is just about ready to explode into action. The students in the club have been gearing up for the Model UN sponsored by the United Nations. The situations which students who attend the Model UN encounter are as close to the real experience as possible. Each student is expected to be well prepared in representing his/her chosen country's cultural, political, and economic background. According to the nation represented, each student may also make logical decisions about that country's view concerning terrorism, nuclear proliferation, human rights, and the arms race in outer space (SDI).

Dr. Maw-Kuen Wu, Assistant Professor of Physics at UAH, is currently directing a research project involving the super-conductivity of materials. Until recently, research in this area has been limited by the necessity to use liquid helium (an expensive cooling agent used in cryogenics) to cool materials to a point where their conductivity is induced. According to Wu, in order to render these super-conductors more efficiently in terms of cost, researchers have concentrated their efforts on raising the transition temperature from 20 degrees above absolute zero, to 77 degrees above absolute zero, the expense of liquid nitrogen. At a meeting in Boston this past December, which Wu attended, an IBM laboratory announced that they had succeeded in raising transition temperatures to 36 degrees on Kelvin scale. Several research groups have been involved in this area of research including Bell Labs, and the University of Houston, where Wu earned his Ph.D.

Wu's research team is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation and the state of Alabama. Specifically, the research at UAH is concentrated on altering the characteristics of conducting materials in an attempt to raise transition temperatures to that of liquid nitrogen. Dr. Wu reports that they have had some significant results. Wu pointed out several direct applications for these super-conductors. In addition to a 40 percent increase in the transmission of electricity, super-conductors can be used to produce high-energy magnetic fields for the containment of nuclear energy, they can be used to create high speed trains through the production of levitation; and perhaps the most significant consequence of the success of this research would be a "revolution in the computer industry," due to a greatly increased rate of energy transmission within the components.

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**UAH plans improvements for Lakeside Drive area**

Construction work is scheduled to begin soon at Lakeside Drive, adjacent to the Engineering Building, to replace damaged/deteriorated pavement and curbs. Also, additional sidewalks will be installed along Lakeside Drive. The section of pavement and curbs to be replaced will be the areas of Erskine Street and Lakeside Drive located near the entrance driveway to the Engineering Building/Research Institute East Parking Lot. The sidewalk that now terminates at the entrance driveway will be extended across Lakeside Drive to Loop Road. Then on the east side of Loop Road, it will be continued north and will tie into the sidewalk at the University Housing entrance driveway.

The contractor has agreed to do the repaving work on a Saturday so the project should cause minimal interruption to daily traffic in that area of the campus.
Advice given for coping in UAH environment

by Gene Garrett

UAH Bursar

The student's normal environment is one of continuous stress. Exams, term papers, research, homework, family relationships, financial problems, employment, lack of leisure, all these and other factors result in relentless pressures.

We believe that many significant reductions in stress producing situations can be accomplished. This article will be the first of a series which will address each of these goals and the space permitting, subsequent issues of The Exponent will include additional articles on the broad topic, "How to Cope with the University Environment."

This week we will discuss "Advance Planning", more specifically how early registration can produce substantial benefits in reduced frustration. Early registration for spring term is scheduled for the period February 5 through February 18. Based on student behavior in recent years, about 75 percent of spring term enrollment will occur during this period. These are people who have studied the University catalog and timetable of classes. They have conferred with their advisors. They probably have communicated with any sources of financial assistance including the financial aids office, departmental chairpersons, sponsors, etc.

Consequently, 75 percent of the student body will have avoided unnecessary stress. Their schedule requests will be processed with priority given to graduate students, seniors, juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, in that order. This priority system insures that, as students approach graduation and therefore have more critical class scheduling needs, they will receive preferential service in class assignments.

Frequently, when there is unusually heavy demand for a particular section, departments will have time to secure another classroom and instructor in order to create an additional section. Also, it often happens that adjustments in class offerings can be made to avoid cancelling a course due to low enrollment. This flexibility is not possible during final registration.

Approximately 50 percent of early registration schedule requests will be honored. For the 5 percent who will not be given complete schedules a special "schedule adjustment" session will be held at 8:15 P.M. on January 30 and January 31. This session is scheduled well in advance to accommodate the great number of students who will be needing to make changes to their schedules.

The "schedule adjustment" session is much more relaxed than final registration. Early registration participants receive a schedule/bill in the mail. They may bring arrangements to handle their financial obligations in a more relaxed atmosphere. Their initial advantage is an opportunity to adjust their schedules without competing against students in the final registration period. The "schedule adjustment" session is much more relaxed than final registration.

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Smoking is no laughing matter for actor-comedian Robert Klein. Now an ex-smoker, he knows quitting can be a tough role to handle. That's why he teamed with the American Lung Association to create a public service antismoking TV, radio, and print campaign.

Kicking the habit was not a quick study for the acclaimed high-energy comedian, who has twice been nominated for a Grammy award for the best comedy album of the year and has often appeared on The Tonight Show and The David Letterman Show.

"After three tries," Klein said, "I finally said good-bye to smoking." Because he himself struggled to join the millions who are ex-smokers, Klein can speak with conviction about smokers who failed in earlier attempts but still long to quit.

"Even the most addicted smokers can break the chains of smoking," Klein said emphatically. "They think they can't, but if I'm any example, they can."

Take it from this ex-smoker who was once a premold student: "Smoking is no joke. Lung cancer and emphysema are tough acts to follow."
Whillock's specialty: Vietnam War

by Dan Pendergrass
features writer

Forgive David Whillock if his career occupation finds him paying relatively small sums to sit in semi-lit rooms and cast aspersions on the performance of professionals.

Whillock, a recent graduate of the University of Missouri's Ph.D. program and a new addition to the Communication Arts department, teaches film history and criticism, along with dabbling in theater, and the production of documentaries and advertisements for various clients.

Though he professes a keen interest in all areas of film and television, Whillock's main interest lies with the Vietnam war film-a genre that took a radical turn with the 1985 release of Platoon, a movie dealing with the day-to-day life of the foot soldier.

"Platoon shows a new way of looking at the Vietnam War, much different than movies like The Green Beret or Apocalypse Now," Whillock said. "Close and dirty is a good way to describe the new approach: graphic slow-motion shots, a very realistic approach as compared to a movie like Apocalypse Now, which deals with the war as an abstract, the idea of men fighting each other, not a war."

Interestingly enough, Whillock said the original script to Apocalypse which he had access to in the 1970's- followed a storyline akin to the new Stanley Kubrick work.

"The original Apocalypse Now script was very similar to what Platoon is today: the same type of graphic approach to combat scenes, a study of the everyday life of the soldier."

A documentary Whillock produced on Charles Jones and other Vietnam soldier-poets has been distributed on an international scale, and he sees other opportunities in the field. Whillock is currently researching an article on the Vietnam flicks while moving toward writing a book on the subject.

"It's a growing genre, and there hasn't been that much written on it. It's an open field in a lot of ways."

Whillocks studies have afforded him the opportunity to witness the production of such works as Hill Street Blues, Romantic Comedy, and Three's Company. Before beginning his Ph.D. studies the Arkansas native was once a select group the Hollywood Workshop chose for a 10-day tour of the on-camera settings of the works mentioned above.

Whillock, who began college intending to major in Asian studies, has worked closely with the Richards Group, a major advertising firm based in Dallas, Texas, and lists numerous TV, radio and billboard advertisements in his portfolio.

"They were sort of New Wave commercials," Whillock mused. "The high concept approach - not pushing the product so much as the feeling you get using that product."

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And though he looks forward to working in film, theater or TV again, Whillock says he enjoys teaching most of all.

"I really enjoy teaching; it's something I worked toward, and it's fun." Whillock completed his Ph.D. in the minimum time alloted, taking 12 hours a semester and leading up to his graduation in 1986.

"I've come to appreciate sleep since I left school," he quipped.
Blank Slate

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Exponent has had some disgruntled readers complaining that Kephart and myself have taken up too much editorial space. Following is a sample of the interest shown by other people to write editorials.

TABULA ROSA
Dear Editor,

Student involvement. This is what gives a university its power and its diversity. UAH students are lucky because their university has a wide variety of activities, events, clubs, and organizations for students. There really is something for everyone, and enough opportunities exist for every student to get involved in what he or she wants to do.

Each student here is a member of the Student Government Association (SGA). Whether he or she realizes it or not, each one has within himself the potential to be a leader. If you have the desire to be a leader then run for an office. Assert yourself as a leader in your class, or in student councils and committees. New ideas and fresh expertise will be welcome.

The UAH Lancers 235 Madison Hall
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Sanely,

Kenneth Hovanes

MTV obscenity hits sour note with viewer

by Bruce Hagood

For every new art form there is someone to come along and proclaim it dead, but rarely has an art form been proclaimed so dead, so fast, as the one that brought rock video, and its major outlet, MTV. MTV is the pornography of fascism. Available around the clock, a closed system where nothing outside its frame of reference is allowed to intrude, it most closely resembles the lowest porn commodity, the "loop": a frame of reference is allowed to intrude, delivering instead a stupor of collage of visual and aural surprises, whose meanings have been frozen long in advance. Promising pleasure in the gut before it is organized in the intellect. Obscenity is a violation, felt in the senses, not the rational, socialized means "offensive to the senses" - theSphere works. You might find there's more
to it than you thought.

If SGA isn't exactly what you want in an organization, then look in the departments at UAH. Departmental clubs and honor societies not only look good on resumes, but they can also bring you into contact with professionals in your area. Broadsheet yourself by learning from these clubs. Next, there are intramural sports. MTV has no intramural categories for many events; if your sport isn't recognized, talk to Paul Brand. He is always open to ideas. Participating in intramurals enables you to enjoy competitive sports without having to commit as much time and effort as varsity teams require. Just get some friends together and work out all of your nervous energy while defending your team's reputation.

The final step in student involvement is support. Support your fellow students who are working to make UAH more student oriented. Attendence at hockey games, film lectures and SPC events is appreciated. The SPC works hard to schedule entertainers that the students will enjoy. Show your appreciation by attending the events and giving the SPC some input on what you want.

Student activities are developed to benefit you, the student. A university should broaden its students and help them to grow so that they will be prepared for "the real world." Get more from your college experience than just an academic education. Remember, UAH students of today are the UAH reputation of tomorrow.

The Big Country singer fidgets behind his rock-star pose; he seems uncomfortable, as if his clothes didn't fit, because they don't. An fashion, the shoulder pad style was designed to make one look larger than life, powerful, aggressive, invulnerable. But when everybody has to wear shoulder pads, all they can signify is that "one is wearing shoulder pads" - at best, that one is "in fashion," and can afford to remain so. But fashion, unlike style, is a dictatorship - and the Big Country singer is performing as a dissident of that dictatorship more than as a member of the community of people who want peace. The longer you look, the more the grimacing, grimacing face seems to match the unhapy, stiff expressions of the face. And bodybuilders mouthing his words a few seconds on either side of his performance inserts; they're all doing what they're told to do. The singer isn't wearing shoulder pads; they're wearing him. Invented to signify power, they now signify that whatever wears them has none - even the power to choose one's own clothes.

Oh, anyway, they signify that he's a rock star on MTV. That's something, even if they make them squirm. He'll get used to it, or he'll be off the air. Such are the delights of an art form born dead.
Who is your favorite professor and why?

Allen Waldron
Sophomore
A: "Dr. Forte. Everything he does is relevant to the course being taught. He teaches you well without requiring too much out of class work."

Gina Smith
Senior
Marketing
A: "Professor Billye Asherbranner. She's always so nice and friendly to everybody. She's not just like a teacher; she's like a friend."

Jill Fisher
Senior
MIS
A: "Dr. Goins. Well, I'm so interested in the subject he teaches and he is really interested in the students and their progress in class.

Lisa Hale
Junior
Biology
A: "Dr. Richard Leonard. He was able to communicate material that was covered in class on the students' level. In other words, he didn't talk over our heads. His enthusiasm made the class very interesting. I was fascinated because he really enjoyed the material.

Barry Black
Senior
Chemistry/Pre-Med.
A: "Dr. Forte. He teaches calculus and linear algebra. He just makes everything interesting and he's not real demanding."

Sheree Barnes
Senior
Secondary Ed./History
A: Andrew Dunar. I had a class with him during the first quarter he was teaching out here; it was Foreign Relations. He allowed class discussion which provided insights to America's foreign policy, past and present."
Compass Club sponsors blood drive

The UAH Compass Club will be sponsoring a blood drive this Wednesday, January 28, in the University Center Exhibit Hall, from 12 to 4 p.m.

Mirecourt piano trio to appear at UAH

The Mirecourt Piano Trio will appear at the UAH Humanities Recital Hall, Thursday, January 29, at 8:15 p.m. The performance will be sponsored by the Huntsville Chamber Music Guild.

BSA meeting today

There will be a Black Student Association (BSA) meeting Wednesday, January 28 in the UC, room 103. The scheduled time to begin is 5:00 p.m. Please be on time as important topics need to be discussed. For more information, contact Angela Gardner at 817-9188.

SOTA is for students over traditional age

by Cindy Rodriguez

Known as S.O.T.A., this group was founded to confront the problems which students over the traditional age face while going to UAH. The S.O.T.A. group holds meetings every Thursday at 12:15 p.m. at the University Center. Anyone over the age of 25 is welcome to attend. The meetings are presided over by Dr. Jeanne Fisher, Vice President for Student Affairs. For more information, contact Dr. Fisher at 895-6700.

Society helps minorities in technical fields

The National Society of Black Engineers will hold its first meeting and planning session for the spring semester Monday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Formal Dining Room of the University Center.

NSBE is a student run organization developed for minorities studying or working in the technical environment. Along with many services and activities, members of NSBE have many benefits available to them. This includes help with pursuing a degree and suggestions on how to advance in the technical workplace.

English department sponsors teaching and reading seminar

The 1970's and 1980's have seen the rise of new and different ways of reading and interpreting literature. To address some of the implications of these new approaches to literature, the UAH Department of English is sponsoring a seminar entitled "New Critical Approaches in the Classroom: New Questions, New Answers." Professor Douglas Murray will be chairing a panel consisting of Professors Richard Moore, Jerry Melbane, and Patricia E. Davis. Each participant will review current thought about a single significant figure.

Statistics department sponsors colloquium

The UAH Department of Statistics will sponsor a colloquium Friday, January 30, from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The colloquium will be held in Madison Hall, room 308, with guest speaker Dr. Nathaniel D. Reynolds, University Space Research Association, Earth Science and Applications Division, MSFC.

Reynolds' speech is entitled Linear Baroclinic Instability in the Presence of Large Scale Topography. The effect of a planetary-scale, wavenumber 2 topography on baroclinically active disturbances is investigated for a channel domain in a two-layer, quasi-geostrophic context.

Results of rotating annulus experiments of Li, Kung, and Pferrer at Florida State University (FSU) are used to choose governing parameters. The time-independent solutions yield a stationary wave pattern with a ridge slightly upstream of the topographic ridge, in qualitative agreement with the FSU experiments. The time-dependent dynamics are solved by two methods: an asymptotic approach in which the ratio of the nondimensional topography height to the rotational Froude number is a small parameter, and a numerical approach in which the dynamics are cast into a matrix eigenvalue problem. Results are discussed in relationship to observed features of the atmosphere and annulus experiments.
Ernst Goss: A researching instructor

by Kathy Niemi
feature editor

First impressions of Dr. Ernst P. Goss include that he is cooperative and self-sacrificing. Those derive from his promptness to return my calls and his modest shrugging-off my mention that an interview with him was in high demand from admiring students.

His office, jumbled with magazines, papers, books, and projects, represents his life - somehow out of the chaos, order emerges. Amongst the waves of paperwork stand eerily three books - one on analytical geometry, another on econometrics, and the other a guide to swimming. The jumble of his life varies from working for a vending machine company, to terms inspection firm, and an asphalt laying business to working for the Navy, a research laboratory, and teaching at a liberal arts college, where students and faculty alike gathered around cozy fireplaces, smoking pipes and discussing their latest trip to Europe.

He is a Southerner..., but as a Navy air-crewman, he spanned the distances between Newfoundland and Bermuda. Out of this potpourri of vocations and places emerges Dr. Ernst P. Goss, the Chairman of the UAH Management Systems department. He is both a researcher and a professor.

He prefers the title Professor Goss to Dr. Goss, explaining that "professor" describes his position more accurately.

"I'd rather be called Professor than Dr. Goss, because I think of myself as a teacher."

When Professor Goss was a young boy, he never foresaw himself becoming a teacher. He mentioned laughingly that he had his sights set on something important, like Senator. Now, he extols the importance of teaching and cannot picture himself doing anything else.

Perhaps, even when he received his B.A. in Math and Accounting from the University of South Florida and his M.B.A. in Quantitative Methods from Georgia State University, he did not realize that he would someday teach. While pursuing his Ph.D. in Economics (specializing in statistically-oriented econometrics) at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, he worked as a graduate assistant, teaching macro- and microeconomics during 1977-78.

Goss then worked at this same university in the Center for Business and Economic Research, where he gained his practical knowledge of computers. Next he performed solar energy research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory. After teaching business, statistics, and economics courses at Marvville College, he came to UAH in the capacity of Associate Director of the Center for High Technology Management and Economic Research and Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems. His career has led him to his present position as Department Chairman.

MIS is, as Goss defines it, "an amalgam of business and computers. In a word, it's the application of computers to business." The function of MIS in a business is to enhance information-gathering and dissemination, and, in some cases, to achieve a competitive advantage.

In implementing an MIS, Goss stresses the importance of foreseeing its impact on organizational structure, especially since people will be interfacing with computer terminals instead of interacting in the halls as before. Some companies choose to ignore studying an MIS impact, but Goss informs: "Some companies choose to deal with it, and those tend to be more successful."

Goss points out the two facets of MIS: the software/hardware aspect, which involves the designing of an MIS in order to achieve competitive advantage and to achieve organizational goals; and secondly, the dealing-with-people aspect. Because of its bi-faceted nature, MIS broadly appeals to both the quantitatively-oriented students and those with organizational talents.

Goss describes the rewards of teaching: "When I first started teaching, this young woman in the class named her dog after me. Those things...maybe they sound stupid, but I just sort of liked it."

Knowing that he has made an impact on students' lives pleases Goss. He enjoys seeing former students who have retained impressions of his classes.

Goss' rapport with students is good. During this half-hour interview in his office, at least three students casually visited for friendly conversation. One even gave him a birthday gift. He treasures these nice little things: "I could be making more money, but be less satisfied."

He has worked in gray governmental cubicles before - he likes the freedoms of teaching.

Right now Goss is working on an academic project-the Study of Predicting Reliability of a System, and a contract, which consists of building an energy database for the Alabama Department of Energy. In his projects he utilizes his statistical background in combination with his knowledge of using the computers.

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I asked Professor Goss about students' apprehension about professors who appear to care more for research than teaching. He emphatically believes that there is no excuse for such attitudes and that professors have enough time to do both well.

He propounds, "I think a person should do both well...The research, the academic and applied (contract research), enhances a person's freedom of teaching."

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Goss is forever moving, growing, pursuing happiness. Concerning his happiness he declares, "If some point in time comes when I don't love it here, I'll leave." He is bent on expanding himself.

When I entered Professor Goss' office, a "Congratulations" banner had been stretched across his door. I never found out what it was for. I congratulated him, and he congratulated me. Professor Ernst P. Goss on being in heaven, he feels is right for it.

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BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

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Hockey team gets double victory

Chargers storm Iowa State University

by Hajin Kim
sports reporter

Just like the snow storm that was extending from the Southeast to New England on Jan. 23, the UAH hockey team came out storming against the Iowa State Cyclones at the Van Norden Civic Center. The Chargers scored the first goal at the 4:31 mark by Mike O’Connor. Mike Finn later made it 2-0 at 13:35 in the period.

But after the goal by Finn, a scoreless 45 minutes passed before Iowa State put the puck into the net past goalie Chris Pirzenta, who had 30 saves in the game.

With 36 seconds left in the third period, Dave Wallenstein gave UAH its 2 goal lead by scoring on a power play. This made the final score 3-1 and improved UAH’s season record to 9-7-2.

On Jan. 24, the first ten minutes of the game against the ISU Cyclones looked like an extension of Friday night’s game, which was scoreless for a long time. UAH came storming along, though, to score 5 goals. Started by Mike Lobes at 10:05 in the period, UAH scored five goals in nine minutes with goals by Lobes, Spanier, Gilbert, and Wallenstein.

UAH led 5-1 going into the second period. However, the Cyclones made an attempt to come back by scoring three more goals, making the score 7-4. But the Charger’s very own Richard Sloan brought the momentum back into UAH’s favor by taking the puck, skating through the Cyclones, and making the light behind the goal turn red. Another goal was added by Jon Jones at 00:47 to make the score 9-4. Other scorers during the period were Mike Fairbanks and Finn.

The third period was scoreless but never calm. ISU’s Myron Freund was scored on by Sloan, Sloan brought the momentum back into UAH’s favor, and Mike Fairbanks scored three consecutive goals.

UAH’s Jim Spender gets into position to score one of the Chargers’ five goals during a first period scoring spree.

At 14:30 in the period. Fifteen other penalties were committed in the period, which of course were followed by the usual hockey rituals.

Suggestions offered for new sports programs

by Kelly Baldwin
sports reporter

In light of the recent efforts of UAH to expand its sports program, I have been motivated to write this column. UAH is currently trying to include a new baseball and softball program here and I understand that lacrosse may also be coming to UAH for Yale transfer students only, however, I would like to make some suggestions on some sports that UAH might want to individualize as programs.

1. Synchronized Swimmering. This could be a really BIG money-maker for UAH because everyone watches this sport. The crowds are exciting and the swimming is beautiful. This sport is especially exciting when a swimmer swallows water. The crowd chants “Swoopin’” or “Swumpin’” is a favorite amusement in South Georgia swamps (pronounced “swumps”). To play, you get your best friend to take you in his jeep or old pickup. You throw an old hound dog back into the back, pin a Rebel flag to the rear window, spit tobacco juice out onto doors of the jeep or pick-up, drive said vehicle into a “swamp” and try to get it stuck in the mud. Once it is stuck, you split a half-case of Bud (NEVER Miller) with your friend and the hound dog. The object of all this? It is not readily visible to non-locals, but being an ex-local, I know the object and I will trust y’all not to tell the Yankees (they have a nasty habit of laughing when told). The object is not to get drunk, but to get the old hound dog drunk. Then you call a 24-hour wrecker service, which is paid by your emergency road insurance, and get them to pull you out. Great fun in the football off-season.

2. Snapping Turtle Racing. Hey, don’t laugh. Any school that is thinking about lacrosse, can think about turtle racing. The owners of the turtles will run in front of the snapping turtles while the little terrapins (or is it terra cottas?) race after their owners backs to the finish line. This sport will be useful in giving the hockey players a great way to keep in shape during the off-season.

3. Cow-Knocking. (Suggested by our creative production staff.) This sport is very popular in south Huntsville around the farm down there (you know which one). This is practiced practically everywhere, but has yet to be organized. With a variety Cow-Knocking teams could make an impact in the fields with many a kitchen and heardford. This sport would be a guaranteed success, but the drawback is that it must be performed after the farmers all go to bed so they can’t shoot rock salt at our team members.

4. Bull Walking. This sport has already been perfected in some sections of society. The Charging Bull Walkers would be able to have matches with the city’s senior citizens, high school teenagers, and UAH students who are skipping Freshman Comp. A real thriller.

5. Fishing. Limitations: Fishing must take place in Big Spring Park downtown and team members are limited to goldfish under three feet long. There is a catch here. Team members who end up in the city jail and/or must pay a fine for participating in this sport cannot (I repeat, CANNOT) appeal to the Department of Physical Education to pay for bail and/or fines out of their lab fees (remember, those lab fees went toward putting goldfish into the Spragins Hall toilets for practice).

6. Bullfighting. This one is good for the UAH female population because those matadors wear the cutest tight satin pants. After the bullfight, chips can be collected for bull chip tossing (there ain’t no buffaloes’ round here, guys). One problem with this sport can be foreseen—a matador is defeated by the bull, will his family be able to get a refund for his tuition? (Probably not). I know there are only nine items on my “Ten” list, but I am too tired to think up another one. I need help. I had given a little thought to suggesting Missle Riding, but the G-forces may be too much for the uniforms once through the atmosphere.

Fraternity plans 25-mile basketball dribble for charity

by Cindy Rodriguez
sports editor

The Annual Basketball Dribble from Athens State to UAH has been slated for Saturday, January 31. The dribbling will begin at Athens State gym at 9:30 a.m. It is 25 miles from Athens State to UAH and the basketball dribblers are expected to arrive at Spragins Hall in approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes. This is the fourth year in a row that the Athen’s State fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon has been raising money for charity. This year they are accepting pledges for their 25 mile adventure to benefit the Athens-Limestone Ambulance Service.

For more information, please contact Doug Boyd at 232-9837.
Spotlight on Sports
Dr. Osrop Stromecky

On behalf of myself and The Exponent, I would like to congratulate Dr. Osrop Stromecky on his 30th anniversary with UAH. We wish you many more successful years as a professor and as a soccer coach.

Since 1969, Stromecky has led a double life. Not only is he a respected professor of the Slavic languages and literatures, but he also enjoys the honor of being UAH’s head soccer coach.

Stromecky is a renowned soccer coach, and in these many years he has helped the spread of soccer immensely. He is even sometimes referred to as the “father of soccer” in Alabama.

Dr. John Wright, UAH President, had several comments to say about Stromecky: “I believe that any university where a faculty member can combine his interest in teaching in any other way (like soccer) is fortunate. Having Stromecky as a soccer coach has been a definite asset to UAH. The university is proud of his many achievements; these achievements have brought much recognition to UAH. We are also fortunate to have a Russian scholar such as Stromecky.”

Since establishing soccer at UAH in 1969, Stromecky has gone on to accumulate many impressive things. He has been District Coach of the Year for twelve years, Area Coach of the Year for six years, and was the National NAIA Runner-Up coach in 1974. He has also led the Chargers to the NAIA National Tournament seven times.

A tough coach, Stromecky expects his team to be top-notch students as well as players. At the beginning of every soccer season, before discussing strategy, he stresses the importance of each player’s grades. Weekend tournaments are no exception to the rule. Stromecky makes sure each athlete has both his books to study and his soccer equipment.

Thomas Aspith and Frank Davies are just two UAH soccer players who are a true testament to this rule. Both are honor students pursuing their majors in political science, business, engineering, and Slavic languages and literatures. Six of them have even gone on to become medical doctors.

While writing this article, this reporter sought to find out more about the man behind both the professor and the soccer coach. The following UAH faculty were asked to comment about their colleague.

Chairman of the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department, Dr. Dominique Penot said: “He is very knowledgeable in all the Slavic languages. He is also very patient and enthusiastic about his work.”

Dr. John MacDougall, a professor in the Political Science Department, said: “Dr. Stromecky appears to be one of those rare scholars who is capable of generating enthusiasm among students for studying the Slavic languages as he is stimulating the championship playing of soccer. He has long been described as the father of soccer in Alabama and the father of Slavic languages in North Alabama. He is a real builder of important works.”

Enough cannot be said about Stromecky. During the soccer season, even in his Russian classes, you may find him out on the soccer field whipping his team into shape.

Overall, we dedicate this article to a man who has served UAH well, both educationally and athletically. We would like to end this article by also congratulating Dr. Stromecky on his upcoming birthday. Although he was born on Groundhog’s Day, Feb. 2, you will never catch this man hiding from his shadow.
UAH cheerleaders need campus support

by Cindy Rodriguez
sports editor

Today, cheerleaders hold a more important and respected place in university activities than ever before. Upon them rests a great responsibility to represent their university well. They are not only an important part of athletic events at the university, but they also guide the student body toward better sportsmanship and spirit, and by so doing, affect the mood of the whole athletic program. A cheerleader, according to Gwen Artis, the Charger's Cheerleader advisor, must have an energetic, forceful personality, with an ability to charm an audience and adapt to changing situations. The Charger Cheerleaders have "lots of energy they want to share," says Artis, "but they need the support of the student body." Unfortunately, the cheerleaders lack this support. Artis is looking for any ideas on how to improve the UAH cheerleading section, especially at hockey games.

Last year was the first time the cheerleaders accompanied the Charger Hockey team at the VBCC. Section 18 at the VBCC has been reserved for all you rowdy hockey fans. The cheerleaders invite all you fans to come and sit with them.

The Charger Cheerleaders are a part of the Universal Cheerleading Association. They participate in college spirit camps, and try to keep up with the latest cheers. For those interested in becoming involved with the Charger Cheerleading program, cheerleading tryouts will be held sometime in April. Please contact Gwen Artis at the UAH Athletic Department for any information or suggestions for the cheerleading program.

Intramural basketball schedule for February 1

1 p.m. Pikes vs. ATO
Staph vs. Delta Chi

2 p.m. KAP vs. BSU
Med Center #1 vs. Blue Demons

3 p.m. Kettle vs. Court Jesters
Raiders vs. Bombers

4 p.m. Med Center #2 vs. Ball Hogs
Spartans vs. Barbarians

5 p.m. Jazz vs. Humpa Humpa Humpa's Chi Omega vs. BSU (women)