Padulo speaks on future possibilities

by Kim Glasgow, editor, and Marian Sampson, news reporter

Will UAH be raising tuition? According to UAH President Louis Padulo, UAH will have to raise tuition just to honor current contracts it now has.

Padulo spoke March 29 at a meeting that was called "a public forum on the future of UAH." The purpose of the forum and its preceding reception, according to Huntsville realtor Mary Leo, was to help raise money to build a traditional dormitory at UAH. The reception was sponsored by the Huntsville Board of Realtors.

Larry Perreault, president of the Huntsville Board of Realtors, explained at the meeting that after a committee had visited UAH and spoke with Padulo about various concerns, "We were so impressed with his message that we came up with the idea of a public forum to discuss the issue," Perreault then introduced Padulo.

Although the president's speech was expected to deal with the proposed $6.3 million, 90,000-square-foot dormitory that would house 300 students, he covered numerous topics during the 90-minute speech before actually discussing the dorms. Among the topics he covered were the investment-minded community of Huntsville and UAH, out-of-state enrollment at several Alabama universities, and a tuition increase.

Both NASA and Marshall Space Flight Center are "investment-minded," according to Padulo. They are good examples because "They are building today things that ain't gonna fly in 10 more years. They designed those and invested in them five or ten years ago ... Companies here ... build the buildings because they intend to be made into something that somebody's ... going to need. They don't wait until five or two after the need is there ... That's what I mean by 'investment-minded community.'"

Padulo also discussed the benefits of increasing enrollment at UAH, a particular out-of-state enrollment. He said, "College kids are thought of as wind-up consumers - you just wind them up ... and they buy, buy, buy. Conservatively, college students spend about $7000 a year in town."

By putting this into "practical terms," Padulo said that if UAH enrolls one new student, that one student would pump $7 million into the Huntsville community. According to Padulo, all economists will tell you that there will be a "multiplier effect" that means a multiple of $7 million would actually be pumped into Huntsville. Using "the most conservative [multiplier effect] anyone has ever used - three," he said that those 1000 additional students would bring in $21 million into Huntsville in one year.

One potential problem faced by UAH is that "Alabama has a negative image throughout the world that it's too 'uppity,'" Padulo said. No. Are they embarrassed that [for the first time ever] their student government president is a female? Yes they're embarrassed. They tried to stop that from happening. Fortunately, they lost that fight in court."

However, stated Padulo, UAH "is not embarrassed that she's from Florida ... They've always understood that it's important to have out-of-state students."

UAH is severely lagging in out-of-state enrollment in comparison to other universities in Alabama. According to Padulo, in addition to the above figures for Auburn and UA, Troy State has one-third of its students from out of state, and Alabama A&M has 35 percent. In comparison, UAH has only seven percent.

Even if UAH added 1000 students to its enrollment, which it stated was 7500, that would only change the university's out-of-state enrollment from 5 percent to 12 percent. However, if enrollment increases by 1000 students, "You need some place to put them," he said.

According to Padulo, the dorm will benefit not only out-of-state students but it will also benefit local students. "It's a con job," he said, that Huntsville students do not deserve to live in dormitories. Somehow, people at UAH thought having a dorm was too "uppity," he said.

Current housing at UAH is too difficult for incoming freshman. "We don't have a meal plan ... we don't have a student center open on weekends." Spitz said that students should not have to worry about cooking, shopping, and keeping house. "No one wants to inflict it on an 18-year-old. You don't want to make them worry about how to run a household."

If UAH enrolled 1000 more students, it would also create a need for more faculty. "If we add another 50 faculty," he said, "we have to add another 50 faculty."

Next week we will have the continuation of Louis Padulo's speech to the Board of Realtors and his speech to the Board of Trustees in which he discussed the board-approved Administrative Science Building and the Materials Science Building. He also discussed the need for increased tuition and fees at UAH.

Calendar change issue remains unresolved

by Marian Delaney Sampson

Dr. Allan Spitz, vice president for Academic Affairs, gave an interview to The Exponent on semesters and tuition increases. Spitz is also the UAH provost, chair of the Budget Advisory Council, and chair of the Title VI Calendar Revision Committee.

According to Spitz, there will be no calendar decision until after the committee meets with the Faculty Senate on April 6. He said, "We will delay our final recommendation to the president until we hear the wisdom of the Senate."

Spitz said that his committee - which includes Dr. Jim Gilich, Dr. Ron Koger and Dr. Roy Meek - had met with student groups in four open meetings. The committee has also met with almost every department chairman and with the faculty of every college.

The committee had "received and considered" information from both IEEE survey and The Exponent poll, said Spitz. He said they had also received letters from a range of people, "principally students and employers" concerning the change to semesters.

According to Spitz, his committee had briefed UAH President Louis Padulo on what "we have learned so far." The committee is currently in the process of "trying to assess what the costs might be in a change" to semesters as a result of a change in both revenue and teaching loads. He said there will be costs associated with the need to hire additional faculty members.

The Title VI committee is also considering the need to schedule additional classes to meet the needs of diverse groups of students, Spitz said. Although this is not particularly cost-effective, it must be done to meet the needs of UAH's student body, he said.

Spitz said, "The situation here [at UAH] is as complex as in a University five times as large. We serve many different legitimate constituencies. The traditional [semester system] will have to be modified to serve our student populations. However, I feel very strongly that once implemented, the traditional semester system is a better system for the delivery of instruction under most circumstances."

In discussions about fee and tuition increases, Spitz said, "No final recommendations have come before the Budget Advisory Council, except for a $5 a term registration fee increase." He said in three or four weeks, "We're going to talk about where we are. It is certain that there will be increases. It's quite clear that a substantial increase will have to be considered. What kind of support we have will depend on how the president and the Board of Trustees react to the recommendations."

Spitz said increases will be necessary because of UAH's physical plant expansion, maintaining operating budgets, and providing support for faculty and staff. He added that any increases "will be prudent and will be designed to enable us to meet our obligations."
University to explore potential of recycling

by Sherhonda Allen
for The Exponent

UAH is looking to save money in its disposal of non-hazardous wastes by implementing a Campus Recycling Pilot Program.

Dr. Michael H. Eley, an associate professor of biological sciences and a research scientist in UAH's Johnson Research Center, has been appointed the university's Waste and Recycling Coordinator by UAH President Louis Padulo. Eley will oversee various segments of the university that either generate or are responsible for disposing of non-hazardous wastes. The program is scheduled to get underway next month.

"The whole concept of recycling is to reduce the waste, reuse the raw materials in waste, and recycle those materials that can be used again," Eley said. "My idea with this pilot program is to demonstrate the effectiveness of an institutional recycling program and to develop UAH in this area as a leader in non-hazardous waste management."

In addition to coordinating UAH's recycling program, Eley will develop and implement ways to minimize waste disposal costs and generate revenues through the sale of recyclables that could include computer paper, newspapers, cardboard, aluminum cans, and plastic.

Specially marked containers will be placed in each building on campus. The UAH community as a whole will be asked to take a few minutes to deposit paper, cardboard, cans, and other items into the containers for workers under the guidance of the pilot program.

Also, on April 22 UAH will participate in a campus-wide "Bagathon" in cooperation with the Clean Community Program. Eley said he has asked clubs on campus to participate in the Bagathon and has received a favorable response from the UAH chapter of the Student Alabama Education Association.

"Through this pilot program, we're going to develop a local expertise in the waste management field," Eley said. "This is a research project that will include student training, and down the line I'm hoping to have these trained students working in the community. It could also become a continuing education course for the public sector."

Eley added that, initially, he will use existing resources at UAH to implement the program. Later, he said, he hopes the program would become self-sustaining.

"I would like to see any profits from the program go into scholarships for students in the study of waste management," Eley said.

Quantitative data and cost analysis from the program will be recorded to eventually evaluate the impact on UAH's waste disposal. This data could in turn be beneficial to businesses, industries, and other institutions in the development of additional waste management programs.

CMDS-sponsored rocket scheduled for launch today

by Jane M. Dudley
features editor

This morning, Consort I, a rocket sponsored by UAH's Consortium for Materials Development in Space (CMDS) will have been launched, if all went right, at 8:40 a.m. Huntsville time, from White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

Dr. Charles Lundquist, director for CMDS; Dr. Francis Wessling, project manager for Consort I; and others from UAH are planning to be present for the launch, which will be the first commercial space flight for the study of materials sciences.

The suborbital flight, reaching apogee at 198 miles, will last 15 minutes. This will produce just over seven minutes of microgravity for the payload of six experiment packages. These experiments will provide information to allow scientists to learn more about fundamental effects at work in materials processes.

The CMDS was established at UAH in 1985, and is one of 16 Centers for the Commercial Development of Space, sponsored by NASA. There will be more experiments in the future on other sounding rockets, on Getaway Specials, and ultimately on the Freedom space station. But now while commercial activities in space are at this early stage, NASA is covering launch costs.

Last October Donald K. Slayton's Houston firm, Space Services, Inc., was chosen to provide the Starfire I, a twostage rocket, 52.3 feet tall and using solid fuel. As part of Space Services' responsibilities for integration and management, it obtained a launch license from the Department of Transportation's Office of Commercial Space Development, making the Consort I the first launch under these new DOT regulations.


A flight simulation was conducted March 14 at UAH before the payload was shipped to White Sands for its scheduled launch.

Goodall, Addington leaving posts in Communications Arts Department

by Michael Anthony
news reporter

Two professors are leaving UAH's Communication Arts Department.

Dr. Buddy Goodall has tendered his resignation as department chair, and Dr. Thomas Addington, a faculty member, is preparing to resign as well, according to sources within the department.

Goodall has accepted a position at the University of Utah, while Addington will be going to the University of Arkansas. This will leave the department 40 percent vacant. Dr. Roy Meek, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said that when this happens, "the department will take a serious look at the prospective replacements as to how they will fit into the department's plans for the future."

He added that the department may need to reevaluate that future.

An interim chairman will be selected from the remaining faculty members to begin serving next fall when the resigning Goodall's department chair will be open. Addington's position will also become open at that time, again according to departmental sources. Of the three remaining full-time faculty members, Drs. David and Rita Whillock and Dr. Carol Roach, inside sources state that Roach will be named interim chairman.

Dr. David Whillock, a faculty member of the department, said, "classes will be taught as scheduled, and there will be no disruption for Communication Arts majors as a result of the resignations." He added that the department is looking for instructors who are especially capable in rhetoric and speech.

"We want someone who will aid in our forensics program," he said.

An ad has been placed in the classified section of "SPECTRA" a speech and communications journal. According to Meek, applications should be in by May 1, and the positions should be filled shortly thereafter. Neither the dean nor anyone in the communications department had much information concerning possible starting salaries for the prospective applicants.

Goodall, Addington, and Dr. Louis Padulo were all unavailable for comment.
Teamwork brings computers to library

Officials of UAH, the Student Government Association, and The Exponent joined with representatives from Apple Computer, Inc., late last term to dedicate the new Apple Computer Resource Center in the UAH Library. The Resource Center, located in the Library's third-floor reserve room, was made possible by the donation from Apple of the initial hardware for the center. That gift to the students includes six Macintosh workstations, three printers, and assorted peripheral devices necessary to tie the equipment together and connect it to a seventh Macintosh donated for The Exponent offices in the nearby University Center. Maintenance of the new equipment is being donated by Abax Data Systems, a local authorized Apple Computer dealership.

“Apple Computer, Inc., is delighted to have the opportunity to develop a partnership with the University of Alabama in Huntsville,” said John Lippert, Apple Southeast district sales manager, who represented Apple at the dedication. “As a demonstration of our interest in developing this partnership, we are pleased to make this donation. We look forward to working closely with the Student Government Association and other interested groups on campus in the development of similar facilities for use by students, staff, and faculty.”

SGA President John Ortiz said the SGA has been working for some time to set up such a computer center for the students but that, until now, SGA’s limited financial resources have precluded such a venture.

“The Resource Center at UAH has been greatly needed by our student body,” Ortiz said. “With the help of UAH President Louis Padulo, Apple Computer, Inc., the SGA, and the Library, UAH Computer Services, and others, it is now a reality and will provide real benefits for the students for years to come.” Ortiz said he hopes SGA will be able to add additional workstations in the future to the initial six now installed in the Resource Center.

Exponent Editor Kim Glasgow said the strong graphics capabilities of the Macintosh computer in the newspaper office will enable the student newspaper to move away from the old-fashioned, time-consuming, and expensive publication methods it is currently employing.

“I would like to thank the people from Apple for making this donation,” said Glasgow. “The campus newspaper is in the process of switching to a newer, more professional type of desktop publishing. The Macintosh is just what we needed to get started.”

Glasgow also noted that the additional workstations in the library will permit more of her reporters to work simultaneously on their stories than is now possible with the limited equipment and within the small quarters of the newspaper office.

Because of the current limitation on the number of machines and space in the reserve room, access to and use of the Macintosh workstations will be limited for the present to UAH students, faculty, and staff. Those wishing to use the computers must present current student or employee identification. The computers will be available for use during the normal operating hours of the UAH Library.

Apple Dedication Ceremony

Pictured in far right photo is SGA President John Ortiz; in near photo are UAH President Louis Padulo, and SGA computer committee representatives Cheryl Bankston (chairperson), and Dennis Wingo.

Computer Center is latest step in Library expansion

by Mike Simmons

for The Exponent

The opening of the Apple Computer Resource Center in the UAH Library is the latest step in the Library’s campaign to expand its accessibility and information exchange via the new technologies made possible by advances in computerization.

The Resource Center, located in the Library’s third-floor reserve room, was made possible by the donation from Apple Computer, Inc., of the initial hardware for the Center. That gift to the students includes six Macintosh workstations, three printers, and assorted peripheral devices necessary to tie the equipment together and connect it to a seventh Macintosh donated for The Exponent offices.

The Center makes these workstations available to UAH students, faculty, and staff for their personal use. The center provides a variety of subjects. By calling the catalog from home or from an office computer, users can avoid unnecessary trips to the library and/or identify specific materials prior to sending for them.

The UAH Library has hosted demonstrations of the system from as far away as New York and has been working with local organizations like the Huntsville City Schools and “The Huntsville Times” library to see that access is available to those who need it.

The library director said that within the next two years there will be at least four different computer systems in Huntsville-area libraries and it is critical that these four systems be able to talk to one another if we are to use library resources effectively.”

Williams said, “Eventually it is hoped that one might call the UAH Library catalog and, if we cannot meet the need, then be referred electronically to Alabama A&M, Redstone Scientific Information Center, or even a downstate library without having to master the commands that will be in use in those systems.”

The library director said that within such a compatible system items could be identified, requested through electronic mail, and either shipped or faxed to either the library for pickup or directly to the user. He explained that all of this is technologically possible right now but that “political and financial concerns currently stand in the way.” He expressed optimism, however, that “given time, moving materials from library to library and to city to city will become increasingly commonplace.”

However, he issued words of caution that planning and preparation for those linkages should be made now to insure that various library systems are compatible.

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Promotions, awards of tenure announced

Dr. Allan Spitz, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, recently announced promotions in academic rank and awards of tenure for the 1989-90 year.

According to Spitz, Dr. William McKnight, physics department, College of Science, has been promoted to associate professor emeritus. The following professors were promoted to the rank of associate professor:

- Dr. Sam Campbell, biology department, College of Science;
- Dr. Horwitz, physics department, College of Science;
- Dr. James McCollum, management sciences, College of Administrative Science;
- Dr. Nagendra Singh, mechanical engineering, College of Engineering.

According to Spitz, Dr. David Graves, music department, College of Science; Dr. David Neff, English department; Dr. Paul Crabb, music department, College of Liberal Arts; Dr. Richard McNider, mathematical sciences; and Dr. William Setzer, chemistry department, received these promotions. Crabb was also awarded tenure.

In addition, the following were awarded tenure: Dr. William Crump, family medicine, School of Primary Medical Care; Dr. Niles Schoening, economics department, College of Administrative Science; Dr. Ted Stafford, management science, College of Engineering; and Dr. Roy Torbert, physics department, College of Science.

Smith named director of Governmental Relations

by Rick Mould for The Exponent

Gary D. Smith, special assistant to the dean at the University of Tennessee Space Institute, has been named director of Governmental Relations at UAH. He will serve as liaison with federal, state, and local government for UAH.

Smith has been responsible for federal and state relations at UT-SI since 1986. He worked closely as a liaison with the legislative and administrative bodies of the state of Tennessee and the federal government. His responsibilities included monitoring legislation and evaluating its impact on UTSI. He also directed the institute’s news services activities.

"UAH has grown and established itself as one of the region’s leading research universities,” said Smith. “I look forward to the challenge of playing an important role in making UAH one of the nation’s top centers for research and education.”

Smith has worked at UTSI since 1980. He began as manager of the institute’s fuels, combustion, and diagnostic section. From 1981 to 1985, he was facility laboratory manager for UTSI’s energy conservation programs.

"Gary will be an enormous plus for the university,” said Dr. Kenneth Harwell, UAH vice president for University Advancement. "He adds a new dimension that will strengthen UAH’s role in the state and nation.”

"Careers in Nursing” video to air Thursday, March 30th

An informative video, "Careers in Nursing," will be aired Thursday, March 30, at 1:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

"Careers in Nursing" is being sponsored by COLLEGE USA — The Learning Channel, the premier educational channel. The series is a 13-part series that introduces college-bound students, their parents, and non-traditional learners to college campuses and courses. Each week a different career will be highlighted. The "Careers in Nursing" video will offer viewers a close look at the challenges and rewards faced by today’s professional nurses.

Interested viewers may call a 24-hour, toll-free number, 1-800-344-2872 to request information on any college included in the series.

Students in the North Alabama area should call the UAH College of Nursing at 895-6512 for more personalized information on nursing careers.

Bevill Center will host major conference on flow problems

The Bevill Center on the UAH campus will host the 7th International Conference on Finite Element Methods in Flow Problems. Approximately 500 scientists and engineers from 30 countries are expected to attend this conference. The conference will bring together researchers engaged in numerical computer modeling of flow problems in all branches of science and engineering, including the burning of fuels in automobiles, jet aircraft, rockets, and space shuttle engines.

The first International Conference was held at the University of Wales, Swansea, United Kingdom, in 1974. Since then, it has been held in Italy (1976), Canada (1980), Japan (1982), the United States (1984), and France (1986).

Dr. T.J. Chung, professor of mechanical engineering at UAH, will serve as the general chairman for this year’s conference.
Awards Banquet honors student leaders

by Spencer Glasgow
staff reporter

The 1989 UAH Student Leadership Awards Banquet was held last night, March 28, in the University Center Exhibit Hall. These awards are presented each year to recognize outstanding student leaders and student advisors and the contributions these individuals have made to student life at UAH. The banquet was preceded by a reception.

There were three awards given at the banquet — Distinguished Leader, Most Outstanding Student Leader, and Outstanding Student Group Advisor. A list of the winners was not available at press time; an in-depth article will announce the winners in next week’s Exponent.

The Distinguished Student Leader Award recognized leaders from five groups — Student Government Association; Greek organizations; academic clubs and organizations; other clubs and organizations (excluding fraternities and sororities); and athletics.

Thirty-four students were nominated for this award. The nominees are as follows: Cheryl D. Bankston, Carmen M. Basta, David J. Bortnick, Ming-Fa M. Chang, Michael A. Conn, Raymond J. Cronise, Katrinna M. Evett, Gayle B. Franklin, Kimberly D. Glasgow, Kelly M. Herrill, Andrea M. Hill, LeAnn B. Hill, Judith L. Jarvis, Carol L. Mueller, Son Chi Nguyen, Michael D. O’Connor, and Paul H. O’Connor.


Eleven students were nominated for the Most Outstanding Student Leader Award. The nominees are as follows: Marisa A. Benavides, Michael A. Conn, Ginny Frazier, Kimberly D. Glasgow, Beth M. Gonsewski, LeAnn B. Hill, John M. Ortiz, Marian L. Sampson, Susan L. Spencer, Eve J. Walker, and Don K. Watson.

In addition to the student leader awards, there were eight nominees for the Outstanding Student Group Advisor. The nominees are as follows: Ms. Billy Asherbranner, Dr. Walter J. Batchelder, Dr. Gary M. Biller, Dr. Thomas L. Cost, Mr. Fletcher Davis III, Ms. Jill Lancaster, Dr. Clyde Riley, and Dr. Ostap Stromeyer.

Two to one majority disapproves of current system

Survey shows faculty critical of instructor reviews

by Jack Dempsey
Exponent faculty advisor

In February, 260 questionnaires concerning the Student Instructorial Evaluations were sent to UAH faculty. The mailing list included only paid teaching faculty members and did not include part-time, Continuing Education, and other faculty members whose responses would have been desirable.

The questions and the results are as follows:

(1) Do you believe that the current system (SIE, SIR) has served to significantly improve the quality of teaching at UAH?

- yes — 14
- no — 54
- other or no opinion — 12

(2) Do you believe that the current system and its 20 questions form are fair and relevant for measuring teaching quality throughout the University?

- yes — 19
- no — 53
- other or no opinion — 9

(3) Do you favor this form’s being sent to Department, Dean, or other offices to be used for administrative purposes?

- yes — 21
- no — 45
- other or no opinion — 15

(4) Would you favor another better/form/sample being used in that way?

- yes — 37
- no — 21
- other or no opinion — 23

(5) Would you favor a relevant standard form to be seen and used only by the professor?

- yes — 38
- no — 27
- other or no opinion — 23

(6) Do you favor the UAH expenditure of $60,000 per year for these forms and their processing?

- yes — 9
- no — 59
- other or no opinion — 13

(7) Do you favor the UAH expenditure of $30,000 per year for these forms and their processing?

- yes — 16
- no — 43
- other or no opinion — 13

(8) Could VOLUNTARY participation in a student evaluation system be effective?

- yes — 19
- no — 44
- other or no opinion — 15

(9) So you believe that the current system could be used administratively, even the lower figure of $30,000. A better than 2:1 majority believes that a voluntary or unqualified applied system cannot work, and surprising majority expressed willingness to boycott an unfair system.

The responses included many specific references to the abuse and inappropriateness of the system and suggestions for correction and improvement, which will be made available to the Senate Personnel Committee when it decides to address this issue.

My personal feeling is that this process nominally fulfills the desire for teaching evaluation while not imposing the rigors and costs of a genuine faculty improvement system. It is demeaning and misleading, and it should be suspended by the Faculty Senate until it can be replaced by a truly useful system.

The next Exponent will contain a questionnaire for students to answer on this issue.

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“...these announcements were made off campus...”

by Kim Glasgow
editor

Several weeks ago, I said in an editorial that rent in campus housing might be increasing if a proposal was approved. Since then, I’ve heard that tuition is also on the agenda for an increase. What I didn’t mention in the editorial — which I now realize was a mistake to leave it out — is that the rent hike isn’t necessarily to cover losses in housing at UAH. I have heard suggested. According to financial statements of 1984-88, there hasn’t been an overall loss. There have been annual profits and losses which total a net profit of over $9000. If housing is paying for itself, then what can be the reason for wanting to raise rents?

And for increasing prices, it seems as though lately if you want to hear if we’re going to have to pay more in tuition, you have to go off campus to get it straight from the horse’s mouth. Earlier this month kept holding the line on student tuition was going to be increasing, but no one knew anything for certain. No one that I knew of has spoken on campus about it. Then twice in a week and a half, UAH President Louis Padulo announced that the university may have to raise tuition fees between $235 and $350 per year for full-time students.

Both times, these announcements were made off campus — to an audience of Army personnel the first time and to the Huntsville Board of Realtors the second time. I don’t think that either audience was nearly as interested in hearing that UAH was increasing tuition as would be the UAH students. As I said before, students often must plan for any increase in costs, especially if they are on a tight budget. I can’t understand why the president of a university would announce to off-

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campus meetings that the university needs to increase tuition and fees when the students themselves should be the ones to be hearing about it.

Perhaps the fault lies in that of the students and The Exponent, though. I mean, maybe it’s our own fault for not attending these meetings that he speaks at. If more people knew that the UAH president was going to speak, and if they had any idea what he was to speak on, the UAH community would be more aware of his plans for increasing costs. And yes, the campus newspaper may also be at fault. We do not always know when he is expected to speak at functions, so we are not able to cover his speech as we should be. In the future, however, I will do what I can to rectify the situation by trying to have a reporter present.

Also, in listening to Padulo’s speech to the Board of Realtors, in which he mentioned to discuss the proposed dormitory, I was amused by his attitude toward the media and towards students. The president of our university was discussing an increase of between $235 and $350 per year, which broken down comes to a minimum of $80 per term for the full-time student. To hear him speak, you would think it was no problem to come up with the additional money. Then in discussing the media, he said, “When the Huntsville Times gets ahold of the tuition increase, they’ll scream in headlines UAH to raise tuition 12 percent” and he made panting sounds as a dog would. He did this twice as he mentioned the Huntsville Times and how they might report the proposed increase. Perhaps he is insinuating that the media is like hounds? What would be expected of them?

Also the treatment of college-age students was questionable in my opinion. For example, he mentioned that it was a lot to put on an 18-year-old to have to move into an apartment on campus and also have to worry about cooking and shopping and keeping house. That’s part of growing up. If we were talking about people who are in middle-school and that age bracket, I would say we probably should let them stay young a little while longer. But these are adults who are (I assume) capable of learning basic living skills such as cooking, washing their own clothes and dishes, and vacuuming the carpet when the dust gets an inch thick. Sure, college life is different from high school, but that’s no reason to treat an 18-year-old like he/she is incapable of taking care of himself.

“[introducing] the National Service Through Childbirth Program.”

To the editor:

I was pleasantly surprised to learn that Larisa Thomason has finally abandoned her archaic notions of self-ownership and moral self-determination that she had used to justify her pro-Choice position in order to justify her mandatory 2-year National Service plan. Though I think her plan in its present conception would be successful in eliminating the persistent cult of individualism we still have in this country, there are still some additions and modifications I would like to suggest.

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Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. They will be published in order of receipt, so please write as soon as you can.

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Spring at last!

Welcome back for the “best quarter”

by Gregory Casteel
columnist

It’s SPRING!!! Welcome back to UAH for Spring Term 1999. spring is the best season of the year, especially on a college campus. You freshmen who have never experienced spring on a college campus are in for a treat. I think that spring at UAH isn’t quite as exciting as spring at some other universities — we lack the campus life that exists elsewhere, but even here, spring is the season that everyone looks forward to. Warm sunny days seem to liven things up around campus. People are outside, enjoying the weather. The tall and wide students seem to be cloistered indoors, studying in silent misery. But in spring, we break out of our shells and enjoy ourselves. This is the best term to be a college student. It’s true that you’ll be suffering through classes, longing to be outside in the fresh air, but you’ll get your chance to enjoy the spring weather, believe me.

Spring is great, and I hope that all of us get to enjoy it to its fullest, but the beginning of this column is not “An Ode to Spring.” I would like to address a somewhat more serious matter that is important to those of us who belong to the UAH community. I hope that members of the administration are reading this, because, after all, they are the only ones who can do anything about the situation.

UAH is a unique university in many ways. We don’t seem to follow the traditional pattern that most other universities follow. I could give many examples of this, but I will limit myself to two. First, the UAH campus is extremely “spread out.” We have only a few buildings distributed over a large campus. At other universities, the buildings are densely packed that you can practically walk out of one building and immediately enter the next. Here at UAH, this is not the case (without exaggeration) you have to drive from one building to the next. We even have a major city street cutting through campus. Besides that, we don’t even have good sidewalks connecting the buildings. So, getting from one class to another is more than just a casual stroll.

The second way in which we are unique is that we are a commuter university. Most of our students live off-campus. And most are not within walking distance. This means that there is going to be a lot of cars on the UAH campus. Because UAH is so spread out, and because we are a commuter university, we have a couple of very important problems to deal with — traffic and parking.

Anyone who has spent any amount of time on the UAH campus knows about our traffic and parking problems. Between classes, there is nothing, but one big traffic jam. Whoever designed the road system at UAH must have never considered the possibility that people would be driving on it. Everyday I drive on “The Loop,” I feel more like a Grand Prix driver than a college student. These roads simply weren’t designed for traffic. But the traffic problem is nothing in comparison to the parking problem.

What is the parking problem at UAH? Simple. There aren’t enough parking spaces, and the ones we have aren’t convenient to the buildings they are supposed to be convenient to. In the parking lot in front of the University Center, this parking lot is supposed to serve four buildings — the library, Morton Hall, and Roberts Hall. So it shouldn’t be surprising that it is often crowded. In fact, during the busiest class periods you simply cannot find a parking space.

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“...criminal rights groups... continue to handcuff police”

by Nelson Papucci
guest columnist

My name somehow reached those anti-gun lobbies’ mailing lists, and I have since been bombarded with their literature. At first I thought it was a joke, but after reading their propaganda, I became scared at how naive and serious they are. These anti-gun people, whose arrogance makes me sick, are determined to make America safe for criminals.

The very fact that handguns are legal in this country serves as a deterrent to crime. Some outlaws would be far less hesitant to break into somebody’s home if law-abiding citizens were completely banned from possessing handguns. These criminals prey on the weak and elderly, not to mention the large number of single women with children. Keeping guns legal and accessible forces thousands of would-be criminals to think twice before breaking in.

Our cities’ streets are already flooded with every type of weapon imaginable. What makes anyone believe these thugs would ever turn in their guns? In fact, in cities like New York and Washington, D.C. where gun-control laws are the strictest in the nation, crime and murders continue to skyrocket.

Once the government and the liberals get their foot in the door, there is no telling when they’ll quit. They want a seven-day weekend in which to get all the sales. If they get that, it would become a seven-month waiting period. Then two years. Then, a complete ban on handguns and shotguns. Look what happened in Massachussetts. Once their governor, Michael Dukakis, was able to secure rigid gun-control laws he pushed successfully for controls on mice and BB-guns. If the criminal justice system could be trusted to keep these thugs in jail, and also start executing the 2,000-plus murderers on death row, the NRA might be amenable to certain restrictions. However, criminal-rights groups like the ACLU have lawyers who continue to handicap police while getting mínimo Ted Bundys back on the streets before they are ready.

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I remember during the months prior to the election, whenever I would go into a gun shop, they were packed. People were genuinely scared of the prospect of getting a president who would enact bans on our current guns. I remember when Michael Dukakis was able to secure rigid gun-control laws he pushed successfully for controls on mice and BB-guns. If the criminal justice system could be trusted to keep these thugs in jail, and also start executing the 2,000-plus murderers on death row, the NRA might be amenable to certain restrictions. However, criminal-rights groups like the ACLU have lawyers who continue to handicap police while getting mínimo Ted Bundys back on the streets before they are ready. In Switzerland, every teenage male is required to possess and be able to operate a rifle. As a result, they have one of the lowest crime rates in the world. They do not want their nation to become another South Africa. In South Africa, a repressive government rose to power and the citizens, having been almost completely disarmed, are powerless to resist it. This type of tyranny was what our Founding Fathers feared whenever they enacted the right to bear arms in the Constitution.

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To the editor:

When I read Mr. Andrews editorial in the March 8 issue of the Exponent, I got the impression that he really could not understand why so many people are against the Confederate flag flying atop the capitol in Montgomery. True, it is a historical monument. It is a symbol of the tremendous amount of disunity that existed within our own country and that still exists today. And yes, men did die for what they strongly believed to be "right"; however, it is not really a question of convictions, it is the matter of morality.

The other day, I heard someone say that the most precious thing a man is born with is his freedom. How could you even begin to imagine not once being able to eat where you want to, to sleep when you want to, to live how you want to, to being a possession, a piece of property...total dehumanization? You say it does not represent racism. Tell me, then, why does the Ku Klux Klan march around waving the Confederate flag? And who are the people they are trying to convince the most everything they stand for? The fact that the flag over our capitol is not authentic is irrelevant because it serves the same purpose, it is perceived the same way, and it transmits the same message: Alabama is proud of having suceded from the Union for its states "right," the so-called right to keep other people in bondage.

So you see, I was not ignorant to the facts to begin with. Mr. Andrews. I just wanted you to understand that the flag to those who oppose it represents the immeasurable hypocrisy of the "Bible Belt." It is a reminder to especially Blacks that the South did more want to change and that, in its eyes, the enslavement of the black people was just a business without any faults. The Confederate flag is a slap in the face of all Blacks. It sends the message that some people still believe that black people never did deserve that freedom which they were denied of for so long. If something like this is that offensive to so many people, then it should not be there.

Yours truly,
Sasha L. Boone

"The UAH [PRCA] gives students the chance to learn..."

Dear Editor:

In a recent article about student participation in campus clubs and organizations, the writer misidentified the purpose of one of the clubs mentioned in the article. The Public Relations Council of Alabama (PRCA) is a professional organization that promotes understanding among students, professional practitioners and the community about the ethical practice of public relations and provides support in the community through the use of our skills.

The UAH chapter gives students the opportunity to learn more about the public relations profession, to network with professionals in the field and to work on service projects that utilize public relations skills. The next meeting will be a presentation on the purpose of PRCA to your members.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Smith
Student Chapter Liaison
Public Relations Council of Alabama

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To the Exponent:

Your survey on students' preferences for different types of calendar systems was flawed from the start. The survey was drawn from those who were enrolled in UAH fall quarter. People who are satisfied with the present system are more likely to be enrolled at a given time.

I have a B.A. and M.A. in mathematics from UAH. I am currently working on renewing my teaching certificate, which I originally got from UAH. I am a computer programmer/analyst. I work full time and have a house and yard to take care of. I find that also taking a semester's worth of courses in a quarter's worth of time is exhausting. There have been many times I wanted to take a course but didn't because I didn't have the time and energy at that point for the accelerated courses at UAH. I also feel I would get more permanent value from courses at UAH if they were not so rushed. I suppose one's point of view depends on whether one wants to learn something of value, or just get a piece of paper to help get a better job.

Patricia Shannon

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Dear Editor:

Many of us (probably more than some would like to think) who share and applaud Paul O'Conner's statement in last week's issue of [Exponent, March 8] concerning our status as a university and the general attitude toward Dr. Padulo's reforms.

All students should be considered an important part of the university, and there are those of us, however small a minority, who are rather tired of the non-traditional students, as important as they certainly are to our population, whining and complaining that their interests are always primary. In my opinion, just the opposite is presently the case. The reasons why we do not have many things that other universities' (not technical institutions or junior colleges) have such as a yearbook, better dorms, and more student involvement with the campus, all stem from the situations and attitudes of the majority commonly known as the non-traditional or commuter students.

It is in our best interest to meet the needs of all of our students, non-traditional and traditional, alike. But before we all go around blaming the cause for this problem (on anyone else) such as the president of our university, let's take a look at the problem really lies in our own back yard. What are we, the students of a rapidly growing metropolitan university education and experience at UAH?

Carol A. Vaughn

"I am a liberal. I am also against gun registration because I believe the Constitution..."

To the editor:

It was amusing to see a writer to the Exponent against gun control laws using as his main argument also extolling individual liberties. It is the conservatives that want to control people, children, what and what to pray while at school. It is the conservatives that made a hero out of Reagan and North for disobeying the laws passed by congress, which is also elected by the people. I am a liberal in the true meaning of the word. Against registration because I believe the constitution guarantees the right to bear arms so that we can defend ourselves against the government, if need be. I think it is far more likely that a Reagan or North would install a right-wing dictatorship than a left-wing dictatorship. After the last UAH presidential elections. I am more convinced that this is likely to occur eventually.

Patricia Shannor

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In the telephone survey conducted by The Exponent concerning the semester system (the results of which were printed in the March 8 issue of The Exponent), the volume of information collected is called the sample. Statistics distilled from that sample appear as a certain percentage of the sample. The article at one point incorrectly referred to a group of students as "samples." This terminology is incorrect. All opinion surveys are created with a certain amount of bias, be it intentional or unintentional.

Remember, we are measuring opinion, which in itself is a very subjective quantity.

The Exponent, with the help of a faculty member with vast experience in opinion polling, went to great lengths to ensure that the survey was a scientifically accurate, uncontaminated list of students used for the survey was the latest one available. Very few of the students contacted were not enrolled. All students were contacted as "samples." This number, most had graduated and would not have been affected by the calendar change.

— Morgan Andriulli, features reporter
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Strange" people were doing "strange" things at the University Center on Saturday night. However, this was different. This was organized strangeness! Okay, semi-organized strangeness.

The event was sponsored by the Association for Campus Entertainment and was simply called "Strange" Talent Night starring comedian Eddy Strange.

Taking time out of his busy weekend schedule was the Easter Bunny who served as M.C. for the evening. The crowd was treated to a side of Mr. Bunny's personality that doesn't surface very often.

The cigar-puffing mass of obnoxious fur pelted two unsuspecting students in the front row with candied eggs. Evidently, they reminded him of two kids who had relieved themselves on his lap during a Polaroid snapshot incident at a local mall.

Next, the only act to enter the talent contest performed. Basically, six students entangled their bodies in such a way as to form three midgets who then danced to "Lollipop, Lollipop." When asked about the lack of competition, one participant replied, "We would have won anyway, because there's no strangeness stronger than that which comes from the heart."

The highlight of the evening was the performance of Eddy Strange. He has reason to be strange, since "he was born in a trunk, raised in a glove compartment, educated in the back seat, and finally thrown out on a major interstate." One of Eddy's funniest observations was that the only time a man and a woman have the same expression on their faces is when the woman has just been sexually stimulated and when the man has just hit his funny bone.
Chase returns in top form in "Fletch Lives"

by Lawrence F. Specker
features reporter

Chevy Chase has returned to the screen in one of his most popular movie roles, that of the extraordinary investigative reporter known as Fletch to his friends. He's known to his enemies, on the other hand, by a wide variety of names and identities, ranging from ex-temple to faith healer to maid, a range which allows Chase to use his comedic flexibility to greatest effect.

Perhaps this is why "Fletch Lives," the new sequel to "Fletch," is so enjoyable: because the lead role and the lead actor are so well suited to one another. Fletch is not only a man of many faces, he's a man who switches from one to another with insane swiftness. The role doesn't just give the actor a chance to portray many different characters in a short time, it demands of the actor the ability to do so.

Oddly enough, instead of seeming to be strained by the role, Chase seems to be at home, to be even more laid-back than his easy-going, sloppy persona. Perhaps Chase enjoys the chance to hog the stage, showing off the skills he has been honing to perfection since the wild days of "Saturday Night Live," without sharing the action with other comedians or making do with a minor role.

Whatever the reason, I must confess that I liked Chase's Fletch from first sight. Fletch is a consummate B.B. artist, something we can all respect. No spot is too tight for Fletch to wriggle out of — or into — with a contrived name and profession, and his own totally insane brand of chutzpah.

Most importantly, the sequel is not worse than the original. "Fletch Lives" is not just another cheap, money-grubbing rip-off of a popular film. Well, maybe it is, but it doesn't matter — Fletch really does live, and his antics are every bit as amusing as before.

The conclusion, as with many movies these days, wraps up all the loose ends just a little too neatly for belief, but that just leaves Fletch free to ride off into the smog with his leading lady. As light entertainment, "Fletch Lives" rates quite well, offering plenty of pleasant silliness without being merely stupid.

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Spring Children’s Hour activities scheduled

by James E. Spain
news reporter

Children’s Hour Activities for the spring quarter in the University Center began on March 25 with an Easter Party. Several other activities have been planned for the remainder of the quarter.

On April 1, UAH alumnus Tim Brumlow will return to teach the children to draw cartoon animals. “Let’s Make Marionettes” is planned for April 8, where household odds and ends will be used to create puppets. To help with this activity, parents are asked to bring empty vegetable cans.

On April 15, the children will be taught to make decorative stained glass kites from construction paper and tissue paper.

“Cooking with Penny” on April 22 will be highlighted by a visit from Penny the Chef, who will cook with the children. This will be the last Children’s Hour in April.

Children’s Hour will return on May 6 with a Mexican Fiesta where the children will learn about Mexico, be introduced to basic Spanish phrases and numbers from 1 to 10, make maracas, and eat Mexican food.

On May 13, children will have the opportunity to make Mother’s Day gifts. May 20 will be “Craftsman Day,” and the children will be painting wooden crafts.

Spring Children’s Hour activities will conclude on May 27 with a picnic at the UAH Duck Pond, with lots of food and games. In case of rain, the children will meet at the University Center.

Children’s Hour activities are open to children ages 3-11 and their parents. Any student, faculty, or staff member or parent in the community who has children these ages is invited to bring them to Children’s Hour. According to Karen Weaver, “This is a time for parents and children to spend together.”

The activities are held Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. and usually last about an hour: 45 minutes for the activity and 15 minutes to eat and visit with friends. All activities, with the exception of the picnic, will be held in the University Center. For more information about Children’s Hour, call 895-6445.

Signs of Spring

Signs of Spring are all around us, from children climbing trees to the annual appearance of the Easter Bunny, and yes, even the “little people.” But beware, with “spring comes “Spring Fever” and classes become even harder to sit through.
CATHY R. WARD, critical care registered nurse, will speak on "Transitions from Clinical to Management Roles in Nursing" in the first floor Lecture Room in the Nursing Building on Monday, April 3 from 11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Ward is the nurse manager of the Cardiac Surgery Intensive Care Unit and Intermediate Care Unit at the University of California at Los Angeles Medical Center. She has had over a dozen of her research papers published in major medical journals.

The program is presented free of charge by the Lecture Series of the Association for Campus Entertainment.

**Graduation requires early application**

Students who complete requirements for degrees in the summer and fall terms receive degrees at the December Commencement exercises.

Students who complete requirements for degrees in the winter and spring terms receive degrees at the June Commencement exercises.

Applications for graduation must be filed six months prior to completion for undergraduate degrees and three months prior to completion for graduate degrees. Application forms are available in the Office of Records, located in the University Center, Room 116.

**DCE offering wide range of subject matter**

The financial workshops offered might also be of particular interest to UAH students. "The workshops help people just starting off [from college]," said Wilson. The workshops cover key concepts in money management, such as investing for the future and minimizing taxes. Other financial courses include classes in home buying and selling, and a course on the basics of investing.

Many other subjects that range from pleasant diversions to reading and study skills for students are offered each term from Continuing Education. A wide variety of photography courses is offered, as are language courses such as sign language and Russian for scientists and engineers, to name a few.

Continuing Education catalogs can be obtained at the University Center Information Desk, display racks at local restaurants, or at the Continuing Education Office in Spragins Hall, Room 108. To register for classes call 895-6010, or for more information about Personal Development self-enrichment courses call 895-6355.
Nominations now open for “Awards of Excellence”

Nominations for the UAH “Awards of Excellence” are now being accepted.

Each year the faculty, staff, students, and alumni of UAH are invited to submit nominations for the UAH Annual Awards Celebration Dinner, sponsored by the UAH Alumni Association.

This year’s banquet will be held on Friday, May 5, in the Von Braun Civic Center North Hall, with a special reception to begin at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and there will be dancing until midnight.

Bruce Askins and Cheryl Smith, chairpersons of the Awards Committee, request that nominations be received by April 15. Nominations should be no more than one page in length and should be sent to the Office of Alumni Affairs, Room 128, University Advancement Center, UAH, Huntsville, AL 35899.

Awards of Excellence will be presented in five categories. Outstanding Alumnus of the Year will be presented to an individual whose career or service accomplishments have achieved prominence and recognition bringing honor to himself/herself and acclaim to UAH.

Outstanding Leadership in Government is given to an individual in local, state, or national government who has displayed leadership and support to UAH. The nominee should have a strong belief in the importance of higher education and be devoted to the well being of the University.

Distinguished Faculty Award is presented to a full-time faculty member who has proven to be an effective teacher and whose devotion to sound scholarship is recognized by his/her peers. The nominee will have given consistent time to the education of students, the strengthening of the profession, and the overall advancement of the university.

Outstanding Student Scholar is presented to a student who not only excelled in the classroom, but whose leadership, integrity, and discipline has benefitted the UAH and Huntsville communities.

Staff Appreciation Award is presented to a full-time staff member who has demonstrated untiring dedication and devotion in truly exemplifying the spirit of today’s leadership in education.
Tennis Team struggles through working vacation

UAH Women's Tennis Team warms up before their match with Kentucky Univ.

by Jennifer Grace sports editor

While most people were off sunning themselves during spring break, the UAH tennis team was playing matches against some tough competition. Last Wednesday, March 22, the team went to Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green. The UAH women's tennis team was defeated 7-2. Two of the seven WKU wins were due to defeats by UAH, as the team was short one player for singles and doubles. The UAH wins came from freshman Stacy Condra, playing in the number one singles position. Condra won her singles match by a score of 6-2, 6-2. She and doubles partner Sybil Petersen won their doubles 6-4, 5-3.

The UAH men lost to Western 1-8. Tim Phillips in the number three singles position lost in a close three-set match 7-6, 3-6, 1-6. Number four Lloyd Klusendorf also lost in three sets 6-0, 5-7, 4-6. Phillips and Klusendorf won second doubles by default. The number one doubles team of Don and Milo Cameron lost 4-6, 7-5, 1-6.

The UAH women played again on Friday, March 24, against Mississippi College, after having been rained out on Thursday against Livingston. UAH defeated Mississippi 9-0. All of the singles matches were won in straight sets.

Kelley Herrell and Stacey Condra both won by scores of 6-1, 6-0. Sybil Peterson's score was 6-2, 6-0 while Jennifer Grace won 6-4, 6-1. Tracie Oster won at number five 6-1, 7-5 (7-5). Randi Kenny took a 6-2, 6-0 victory for the Chargers.

In doubles, Condra and Herrell won 6-2, 6-4. Grace and Peterson defeated the second doubles team of Mississippi 6-1, 6-0, and Kenny and Oster won 6-3, 6-4. Congratulations Lady Chargers!

Indian Day at Russel Cave

Indian Day will be celebrated at Russel Cave in Bridgeport, AL, on April 15. Demonstrations will begin on Indian Day at 10 a.m. and end about 4 p.m. Last year over 900 people from all over the United States attended the annual event.

In conjunction with the Indian Day celebration, the Bridgeport Alabama Reunion Committee will be sponsoring free ferry rides. The Bridgeport Ferry, which is usually closed on Saturdays, will be open on April 15.

For more information contact William Bynum. During the day, call 205-437-2395, and at night, call 205-439-3660.

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Dance/exercise event to benefit heart association

All physical fitness enthusiasts are invited to participate in the Sandee's Aerobics “Dance for Heart” event to benefit the American Heart Association. The two-hour aerobic dance/exercise event will be held on Saturday, April 1, at the Spragins Hall gymnasium.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., with warm-ups at 10 a.m. Sandee's Aerobics instructors are directing the event, in which they and their students secure pledges for the American Heart Association. Their aerobic classes during the week of March 27 - 31 will also be designated as “Dance for Heart” classes.

All proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association to fund cardiovascular research, professional education, and community programs. Sandee's Aerobics has been the top money-raiser in the state for the past five years. This year's goal is to raise $10,000.

There will be door prizes and every participant will receive a free gift pack. After the event, refreshments will be provided.

Dancers with pledges will be admitted free of charge. Sandee’s Aerobics requests that dancers who do not wish to collect pledges make at least a $10 donation to the AHA on the day of the event. The same donation is asked from observers.

Anyone who would like to participate or make a donation to the AHA, contact Sandee’s Aerobics at 539-6161, or send a check payable to the American Heart Association to the following address:

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For more information, please call The Exponent at 895-0690 or come by the University Center, Room 104 and fill out an application.
The 1989 intramural basketball champions are Air Force, who defeated Kettle in the finals played March 12. This season has been the best to date for intramural basketball, as 40 teams participated this year. The intramural staff expressed its appreciation to all those who participated in this very successful season.

Spring intramurals are just around the corner. Currently, registration is underway for intramural softball and volleyball. Registration will take place until April 5. There will be a Captain’s Meeting April 6 and play will begin Sunday, April 9. Registration forms are available at the front desk of Spragins Hall.

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