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NEWS BRIEFS

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UAH Campus Scheduled for a Facelift

by Lisa Barbella
Senior News Writer

Wilson Hall is currently being stripped down to its skeleton which will serve as the frame for a new continuing education building. The visual arts and nursing programs will use the extra space in the new Wilson Hall.

An intermodal facility is being constructed across from the University Fitness Center. Its central location will allow students to park their cars and walk to their classes, reducing the traffic congestion on campus. City buses will make the facility a stop on their routes to Madison Square Mall, Research Park, Bridge Street Towne Center, and Wal-Mart. The campus police will also find their new home in the intermodal facility.

With the successful completion of the Shelby Center last year and the two new construction projects underway, UAH is looking at other potential developments to beautify and functionalize the campus. Among the plans being considered is a restoration or rebuilding of Madison Hall. The design of the new Madison Hall would add to the contemporary look that the Shelby Center established on campus. This building would house the administration just as the old Madison Hall did but would also accommodate enrollment services and student affairs. The outdated Von Braun center may also be restructured or replaced to reflect the up-to-the-minute research that is conducted inside. Performing Arts students could get the proper facilities they need to practice and perform at a professional level. Also, the track team may finally get to run in a true home meet with the addition of an outdoor track.

UAH students can look forward to the continued growth of a more modern and practical campus in the future. However, students must lobby for the changes they feel are the most important and against those they view as frivolous to ensure that the campus reflects the true needs of the students.

E-mail your comments on campus construction to President Williams at dave@uah.edu.

What About the “Other” Elections?

Trisha Hancock
Freelance Writer

It’s that time of year again, time for SGA elections. A few weeks ago, the lack of participation and overall halt in productivity of the Student Government was brought to light. The question was asked, “What is it going to take in order to see some progress?” Well that question has been answered with 30 hopeful candidates promoting change and guaranteeing improvements to the Student Government’s current state. It is broken into two groups, with each position possessing a different set of authoritative power. The senate, which has 24 candidates running, votes on bills and amendments. The President and Vice President are the overall governing authority and makes sure that job is taken care of.

The way in which a candidate can run for a senatorial office is somewhat self-explanatory. A student can apply under multiple ticket. This means, for example, a student named John Johnson who is a freshman majoring in Mechanical Engineering, could apply for freshman class senator as well as the senator of College of Science. This could greatly benefit the student in that depending on the number of applicants, a student could potentially run uncontested if one of the positions has multiple candidates in it, while the other has none. The UAH Student Government Associate Senate Candidates for 2008 are as follows.

Freshman Class: Lauren Terry, Tequila Taylor, Shala Lacy, Sarah Canel.
Sophomore Class: Peter Scharff, Kurt Miers, Jonna Greer.
Junior Class: Justin Roler, Senior Class: Rachael Hyles.
College of Liberal Arts: Jacob Caleb, Haley Seibushale.
College of Science: Blake Brewer, Chase Hyde, Morgan Minly.
College of Business: Liz Barton, Valerie Turget, Jessica Collerton, Zach Randy.
College of Engineering: Jeffery Woodward, Taylor Bryan, Stephanie Rodriguez, George Katchore, Sabina Rana, Blake Hall.

The Office of President and Vice President carry the obvious merit. The Vice President presides over the Senate meetings, where as the President runs the SGA as a whole. The Presidential and Vice Presidential roster this year is promising to be a close race. There are three tickets running this year each with a good chance of winning.

First there is Anthony Bowling (P) and Andrew Hazen (VP). Both men, like the other candidates, have been part of SGA in the past. Hazen delivered a speech that called for UAH to reorientize. He believes that the University needs raise new funds for campus safety in order raise awareness. Bowling echoed his running mates call for reorientization, suggesting like some of the other candidates that in light of the recent accident of Sarah Chapman a bridge be built over Sparkman Drive. This would enable students to cross safety and not fear the on-coming traffic. Bowling also wants to promote growth of the student population, and increase the awareness of the political in the Accurate Power polls, as of October 3, Obama is 6 points ahead (plus or minus the margin of error) in the popular vote, which really has nothing to do with the actual election it’s the Electoral College votes that will matter.

During the vice presidential debate my sibling commented that “people only vote at you when they are trying to trick you.” We noted how strange it would be to have Palin say, “I think that humans contribute to climate change” and then give a sly little wink to the American people. After watching Sarah Palin wink into the camera and wriggle her nose, I realized how tiresome this fluff-filled battle between the two campaigns has become. Unfortunately, the far-too-long campaign season is just beginning in earnest.

Politics With A Wink?
Sarah Fisher
Freelance Writer

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it is never a good feeling to wake up in Chemistry 101 and realize that you have no idea how to balance equations or to start at a pile of history notes and know the entirety of world history will be on the test next week.
The Exponent is hitting an advertising assistant to be trained to take over the advertising manager position at a future date. Must be an energetic self-starter and able to work independently with little oversight. Interested? Email editor@exponent.uah.edu.

The Art-Team to Hit UAH for Gallery Show
Kate Blake
Freelance Writer

Wanted by the government, surviving as artists for hire, the crack installation unit The Art-Team will surface for an exhibit at UAH's Union Grove Gallery from Oct. 6-17. The Art Team, whose name plays off the popular eighties TV show [The A-Team], consists of Barron Hall and Robert Butler, who describe themselves playfully as having "escaped from a minimum security conceptual art institution to the Greater Knoxville Underground." Their Union Grove Gallery show will feature Hall's last will and testament, a countdown clock ticking off his remaining time on earth and Butler's snow globes, which contain subtle, familiar scenes such as bus stops and playgrounds.

The installation is a typical Art Team presentation. Of their work, the Team says, "[It references] memories tied to the objects of everyday life... [We] create active spaces placing the viewers in physical roles, forcing them to become more aware of their surroundings and actions." Hall's clock, for example, speaks "about our time on the planet and how we choose to spend it," whereas the snow globes, with their miniature details of everyday settings, "speak to memory of events in our lives."

Jennifer Marsh, visiting assistant professor of sculpture, invited the pair to exhibit at UAH on the recommendation of University of Tennessee faculty member Jason Brown. Both Hall and Butler teach sculpture classes at UT, and, they say, "We love to share our thoughts and ideas." They'll be available to share some of these ideas at the reception to be held in their honor at 5:15 p.m., Oct. 17, or you can check out their Web sites at http://www.barronart.net, http://www.robertbutler.com and http://www.barronart.net/orteam.html.

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Step inside A Doll’s House

Stephanie Kaloi
Senior Arts & Leisure Writer

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The focus of the play is Nora Helmer, a married mother of three. Nora is played by Helena Janssen, a veteran of UAH stages. Her husband is Torvald, played by Clint Merritt. A close friend of Torvald’s is Dr. Rank, played by Archie Fields, III. The remaining cast and characters are Kristine Linde, Nora's old school friend, (played by Christin Stanfield), Nils Krogstad, an employee of Torvald’s (William Daniels), Anne Marie, the nurse (Megan Craft), Helene, the maid (Elisabeth Baxley), and the children of the Helmers, played by Victoria Finkel, Mackenzie Johnston, and Noah Merritt.

“A Doll’s House” begins with a promotion at work for Torvald, which is good news for all members of the household, but especially Nora. Kristine Linde, who is recently widowed, asks Nora to find out if Torvald can get her a job at his bank. During discussions, Nora divulges that she once, when Torvald was very sick, she borrowed money to save his life. In an effort to protect Torvald’s ego, Nora never told him about the money, and instead took a secret job and instead took a secret job to save his life. In an effort to protect Torvald’s ego, Nora never told him about the money, and instead took a secret job to save his life. In an effort to protect Torvald’s ego, Nora never told him about the money, and instead took a secret job and instead took a secret job to save his life.

The installation is a typical active space placing the viewers in physical roles, forcing them to become more aware of their surroundings and actions. Hall says, “A Doll’s House” is a timeless piece—the play handles important current issues and struggles even though it was written in 1879,” explains Craft. “I believe that students will really connect with the premise of this story and these characters we’re bringing to life.”

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The Bold Fist Gathers Gamers for All-Night LAN Party

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Campus Calendar

Wednesday, Oct. 8

- Men’s Soccer vs. Shorter, Charger Soccer Field, 1:30 p.m.
- Fall Break, no classes through Oct. 12
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- Volleyball vs. West Florida, Spragins Hall, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 11
- Volleyball vs. Valdosta State, Spragins Hall, 1 p.m.
- UAH Open House, UC, Registration, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 12
- Soccer vs. Harding, Charger Soccer Field: Women’s Game - 1 p.m.; Men’s Game - 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 14
- Honors Forum: “Advocating Tolerance in an Age of Persecution,” Angela Balla, English Dept., Franz Hall, 11:10 a.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 15
- ACE Movie, UC Exhibit Hall, 9 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 16
- Music Forum: Don Bowyer and Sarkis Baltarian Recitals Preview, Roberts Recital Hall, 9:35 a.m.
- Employee Benefits Fair (for faculty and staff), UC Exhibit Hall, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 17
- The Classical Studies Program presents “Raising the Dead: Exercise to Invigorate Latin Students,” Raymond Congo, Roberts Hall 419, 7:30 p.m.
- Faculty Recital by Don Bowyer, (Original Compositions), Roberts Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 18
- Hogue Sinfinieta, Charles Hogue, conductor, Roberts Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
- UAH Dance Club workshop, UC Exhibit Hall, 1 - 4 p.m. (free for students)
- Sunday, Oct. 19
- Faculty Recital by Dr. Sarkis Baltarian, piano, Roberts Recital Hall, 3 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 20
- Art Exhibition by Michelle Wilson, Union Grove Gallery through Oct. 31
- Tuesday, Oct. 21
- Volleyball vs. West Georgia, Spragins Hall, 7 p.m.; Oct. 26, 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 22
- Career Fair (sponsored by Career Services), UC Exhibit Hall, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- UAH Theatre Presents: “A Doll’s House,” by Henrik Ibsen, Chan Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.; Oct. 23, 5:30 p.m.; Oct. 24 & 25, 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 26, 2:30 p.m.
- History Lecture: “Life and Memory in America: Oral History in an Age of Public Amnesia,” Charles Morrisey, Baylor College of Medicine, Roberts Recital Hall, 7 p.m.

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Sea Monsters to Hummingbirds -- All in Indelible Ink

Chris Matthys — "It's a sea monster holding a severed human head. It's from the cover of my favorite record by the Angry Samoans." (Photo by: Sarah Fisher and Lisa Barbella)

Andrew Nacilla — "For me it's a symbol of peace, honor, and the code of the warrior." (Photo by: Sarah Fisher and Lisa Barbella)

Rebecca Purcell — "I got into a car wreck in March. The hummingbird symbolizes love and the glass symbolizes survival. Survival through love." (Photo by Sarah Fisher and Lisa Barbella)

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"I have a sea monster holding a severed human head tattooed on my back. "Really! Can we take a picture?"
Lena Barbiela and Sarah Fisher spent a few hours this past week asking random people a rather abrupt question: "Do you have any tattoos?"
According to Pew Research center, 36 percent of 18-24 year olds have tattoos and 40 percent of 26 to 40 year olds have tattoos. In other words, tons of people and their mother, quite literally, have tattoos. Thanks to all of you who willingly obliged, telling us about your tattoos and awkwardly smiling at us as we snapped your picture.

Veronica Ferrerica. "I got this butterfly at a comic book convention. There happened to be a tattoo guy right next to the booth I was in. It was an impulse buy." (Photo by: Sarah Fisher and Lisa Barbella)

Amber Rauschkolb — "The day I was cured of Ulcerative colitis, I got this tattoo. It reminds me to laugh at myself everyday and of how much I've had to endure." (Photo by: Amber Rauschkolb)

Monica Gilstrap — "Half my family is Japanese. The symbol is my family name." (Photo by Sarah Fisher and Lisa Barbella)

Thomas Watts — "My mom raised me Native American. The AIM stands for American Indian Movement." (Photo by: Sarah Fisher and Lisa Barbella)

Antonio Mazza — "Francisco and I broke up 3 and half years ago. I have got to find a girl with the same name!" (Photo by: Sarah Fisher and Lisa Barbella)

Will Boyd — "My mom died. It's a memorial to her." (Photo by: Sarah Fisher and Lisa Barbella)

Monica Skimeler — "I got it on a mission trip in Miami, to remember everything that happened there." (Photo by: Jason Varnedoe)

Rebecca Parcell — "I got into a car wreck in March. The hummingbird symbolizes love and the glass symbolizes survival. Survival through love." (Photo by Sarah Fisher and Lisa Barbella)
Hockey Season Begins During Fall Break
Raymond Gilstrap
Senior Sports Writer

While most UAH students will be enjoying the few days of Fall Break at various beaches or on family vacations, the Chargers Hockey Team will be heading out to Colorado Springs, Colorado this weekend to suit up for their season opener against Colorado College.

The Tigers of Colorado College are an early season favorite to win the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) title and is the team to beat this season, so the Chargers will get to see some good competition in their season opener.

It will be a two-day visit to the Centennial State for the Chargers, who will take on the Tigers in two games on Friday and Saturday night. And senior forward Derek Coner can't wait for the start of the season.

"Now that our freshmen from last year—our sophomores—have got a bit of maturity and we're starting to work under Coach Cole's system, I'm really excited about our process will be getting back to work under Coach Cole's guidance. This year because the next step in getting to greatness was the addition of assistant coach Chris Luongo, who coached the last two seasons at Wayne State, Luongo and Cole have a long history as the two of them played collegiate hockey together at Michigan State for four years. Luongo replaces Dennis Williams, who left to take an assistant coaching job at Bowling Green State.

To prepare for the upcoming season, Coach Cole had the team begin workouts earlier this year and the team is in better shape because of the earlier workouts. Also, the team has been practicing at the Benton H. Wilkinson Municipal Ice Complex in south Huntsville, where they have been working hard on different drills and plays that they plan to implement and execute during the 2008-09 hockey campaign.

"We're working mostly the new systems that we have under Coach Cole from last year," Senior forward Joe Federoff commented on what the team is working on during practice. "We're building on what we've learned, getting better so that we can score more goals. We didn't score a lot of goals last year and so we're working on finishing off plays and making sure that everyone is on the same page."

As a junior last year, Federoff was second on the team in total points, scoring seven goals and leading nine assists, on a Chargers team that didn't score many goals. The Chargers ended last season with a 6-21-4 record, a year after they claimed the College Hockey America (CHA) title and advanced to the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division I Ice Hockey Tournament.

This year, the team is planning to improve upon last year's performance. Scoring more goals will be key as well as building upon how well the team played at the conclusion of last year. "We want to improve upon what we did well during the second half of last year," Sophomore goalie Wyatt Russell stated while taking a break from practice last Sunday evening. "The second half of last year, we played a lot better because we knew what coach wanted of us. For the goalies, we pretty much know what to expect and what good playing should come through for us more this year as well."

This year will mark the 30th season of hockey here at UAH. As part of the festivities this season, the home opener on October 24th will be an exhibition game against the club team from the University of Tennessee. The exhibition game will be a special one because that first home game ever in UAH hockey history was against Tennessee.

The Chargers are looking forward to the exhibition match against Tennessee, but this weekend they will focus on defeating Colorado College.

Softball Team Prepare For Season By Playing Fall Games
Raymond Gilstrap
Senior Sports Writer

Like in major league baseball, the UAH Lady Chargers softball team has a "spring training" of sorts by playing softball games during the fall to help them prepare for the actual season in the spring.

"The purpose of fall softball is much like "spring training,"" Coach Les Stuedeman commented about the team having a fall schedule. "We are working on our fundamentals—hitting, bunting, catching, and throwing. Also, we are working on getting the new people on the same page and comfortable with our team and our philosophy. Improvement in all of those areas helps us improve for the spring season."

The Lady Chargers are undefeated so far this fall season. They opened their fall schedule back in September with the "Houn" Invitational in Decatur, Alabama on September 19th and 20th. The Lady Chargers defeated six opponents as they ended their 12-game span with the "Houn" Invitational in Decatur, Alabama on September 19th and 20th. The Lady Chargers defeated six opponents as they ended their 12-game span with a 9-0 record overall. The team qualified for the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) Division II South Region tournament and fought hard to earn a third trip to the NCAA Division II Softball World Series. After an opening loss to West Florida, the Lady Chargers won two straight games in the loser's bracket against Rollins College and Valdosta State, before their amazing season came to a close with a 1-0 loss to Tampa University.

This upcoming season, the Lady Chargers will be out for revenge. They will be seeking to claim their fourth straight GSC title, their ninth title overall, and they will be seeking to claim a spot in the NCAA Division II Softball World Series. By playing fall softball, hopefully the Lady Chargers will be well prepared in 2009.

Up next this fall for the Lady Chargers is Knockin' Cancer Out of the Ballpark tournament on Saturday, October 18th at Samford University Softball Field.

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Student Governments overall progress. He believes that this could be done through a SGA newsletter. 

Secondly we have Nevin Fowler (P) and Megan Bush (VP). Bush relayed the point that she wants to bring the University up to its full potential. This, she believes, is not being done under the current administration, due to the lack of participation. Fowler believes that the future of school lies with the current student body. Through his speech he pointed out that students at the University do not believe that they can make a difference. However by bringing new students into SGA, it will prove to the current student population that new voices can be heard.

Finally there is David Webb (P) and Jeremy Beard (VP). His speech was a bit different than the other candidates. Beard was named as one of the ten senatorial members up for removal from office. This was an issue that he addressed quite pointedly. He promised that issue which was keeping him from attending meetings has been resolved and would not present to be an issue ever again. Webb addressed the senate in saying, “The SGA isn’t seen as a credible organization.” He, like Bowling, thought that the issue of campus safety needed to be made a high priority.

This election will be one for the books. With the end of an era rapidly coming to a close, what will be SGA’s fate? Elections are being held October 15th and 16th.

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