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NEWS BRIEFS

ChargerPath is the new way for UAH students to apply for employment through the university. All students have received a ChargerPath username and password through their UAH email accounts. ChargerPath can also be found at <https://coop-uah-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. ChargerPath is provided through the Student Success Center and Career Development, which is the new home for Co-Op and Career Services.

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While students were out enjoying summer, change took place for our campus portal online at <http://www.uah.edu>. The dated design you may remember was always a bit of an eyesore, and the staff down at the Web Development Team have been hard at work since as early as April 2009 on a totally new design.

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ARTS & LEISURE BRIEFS

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Chargers Hockey head coach Danton Cole has returned from his two-week stay in Slovakia after serving as assistant coach for the 2009 U.S. Under-18 Team. Working alongside Minnesota's St. Cloud State University's head coach Eric Rud, Cole prepared a group of 21 young hockey players to compete in the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament and represent the United States.

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Students Rally as CCHA Rejects Charger Hockey Bid for Membership

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On August 11, 2009, the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) denied the UAH Ice Hockey team's request to join the league.

The Chargers formerly belonged to College Hockey America (CHA), a league that UAH helped found in 1999. The league will not disband until after the 2009-2010 season. The CHA's other three teams, Bemidji State, Robert Norris and Niagara have all been picked up by other leagues.

The news came as a surprise to UAH and to many in the larger college hockey community. The CCHA appeared to be the best fit for UAH demographically. It was also a natural choice because conferences traditionally maintain an even number of teams, and the CCHA currently comprises 11 members.

The future of Charger Hockey is unclear. If UAH is not picked up by a conference before next season, the team may have to play as an independent. Without a league, UAH will have to fill openings left

in conference schedules.

"It has been disappointing," stated Charger head coach Danton Cole. "The way that we are approaching it, from Dr. Williams on down, is to keep working on it and try to figure out a solution. We will continue discussions with the CCHA and anyone else who will talk to us to keep the program going and explore every avenue possible."

In an announcement released on the CCHA website, CCHA Commissioner Tom Anastos states, "The CCHA will remain focused on maintaining and strengthening our existing members to ensure the conference's continued success and long-term viability."

The decision came after a vote taken by the CCHA's 11 member schools. The CCHA has not publicly released specific reasons for its rejection of UAH's application. Attempts by [italics]The Exponent[/italics] to contact the athletic directors of CCHA member schools were redirected to Anastos. Anastos responded to an inquiry into the decision making process by stating, "There are a variety of issues that are evaluated and reviewed when



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considering a membership applicant, including items directly related to the applicant, as well as items that are completely non-related to the applicant. Financial considerations, travel issues, scheduling matters, facilities issues, state of college hockey, etc, etc. We spent considerable time examining and discussing all of them." Anastos also emphasized that the league was not seeking new members at the time that UAH's application was received.

The vagueness of the CCHA's statements has left many at UAH and in the college hockey community speculating on the member teams' motives for rejecting the Chargers. Although UAH's loca-

tion, relatively small size and a poor attendance record have been suggested, these reasons are rebutted by critics who point to current CCHA members Ferris State's and Bowling Green's low attendance records and Alaska-Fairbanks geographical distance.

The CCHA decision has energized Charger fans to start a campaign to preserve the hockey program. At the center of the fan-led movement are Will Nickelson and Geof Morris, founders of <http://saveuahhockey.com>. The duo's Save UAH Hockey Facebook page, which includes daily updates on the status of UAH Hockey and

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How UAH Justifies Charging Almost 250% More for Parking

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"Fun Fact: Think parking and moving violations suck? They only pay for 7-8 percent of the budget."

"Fun Fact: Decal prices were \$15 only three years ago."

As soon as UAH announced that decals, which are required on every motorized vehicle that parks on campus, would cost \$120 for the '09-'10 academic year, students began voicing their disapproval mostly on Facebook and through Student Government meeting. The SGA called a meeting for students to pose pertinent questions to the administration about raising the price from last year's \$35.

On Aug. 6, 2009, Ray Pinner, VP of Finance; Mike Finnegan, Administrator of Facility Operations; and Chief Gailles stated the reasons for the price increase before fielding questions. The major reason behind the price hike is UAH's inability to draw money from its general funds to subsidize the price students have to pay. As it stands, all the operational costs

associated with transportation on campus break even after all the students, staff and faculty pay the full \$120 for their decal.

The economy was also quickly blamed, as Huntsville is starting to feel the rest of the country's economic troubles, especially when it comes to the budget cuts UAH is sharing with University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa and University of Alabama at Birmingham.

The increased operational costs are another reason. Maintenance is a big chunk of it, including the cost to maintain a street sweeper, power the lights, fix road defects, replace light bulbs, etc. Plans are also underway to add video surveillance to the parking lots, which adds to the budget as well as to students' safety. Another small percentage goes toward adding laptops to patrol units' vehicles, allowing them to file reports without being tied to a desk away from potential conflicts.

Despite UAH's claims to the contrary in the press release, our parking prices are now among the highest in the state. Sister schools

UA and UAB have varying prices for students to choose from, making it harder to draw a direct price comparison between the three. At the minimum, UAH students now pay more than every other school in the state besides UA and UAB.

The parking garage had little effect on the price increase, thanks to its being built largely with federal funds.

UAH license plates purchased for \$50 at the Department of Motor Vehicles still contribute to scholarships, but no longer serve as substitutes for decals. Summer decals are now \$40. New fines include \$50 for parking violations, \$75 for moving violations and \$100 for handicapped parking violations. If you don't plan on driving on campus and want your \$120 back, fill out the credit affidavit included with the envelope to get a reimbursement.

Make sure you clean your bumper before you affix your decal. You wouldn't want some dirt to make that little \$120 sticker peel off.

Delugach Named UAH's New Honors Program Director

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The Honors Director Search Committee, chaired by John Severn, associate provost, has selected Harry Delugach to fill the vacancy left by retiring director Jerry Mebane. Dr. Severn explained that they based their selection of Dr. Delugach on "his enthusiasm, vision for growth in the program and his creativity as a person who has an infectious enthusiasm for learning."

After attending Carleton College, where he earned a bachelor of arts in chemistry, Dr. Delugach went on to receive his master of science in computer science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Then he finished his Ph.D. in computer science at the University of Virginia. In September 1990 he joined the UAH Department of

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Alternate UAH Co-op Programs Can Help Enable Your Success

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UAH's Cooperative Education Department has more job openings than students to fill them. However, there are other job opportunities waiting for promising engineering students.

The UAH Systems Management and Production Center (SMAP) is a research center right here at UAH. It boasts the title of the "largest single employer of students at the University," currently employing 130 students from

across the community, 83 of which are UAH students. Dr. Gary Maddux, the center director, believes hiring promising engineering majors before they graduate gives them a head start in the career of their choice. Through a co-op like program called "Students Working at the Army in Parallel," or "SWAP," Dr. Maddux has the ability to interview and place students in positions on Redstone Arsenal that will help them gain valuable work experience.

A difficult catch-22 for engineering students is to find a job

without experience, yet you can't get experience without a job. Placing students on Redstone Arsenal to work side by side with established engineers grants students an opportunity to get some real hands-on experience with engineering concepts they previously only read in textbooks. Chad Merschman, a student currently going through the SWAP program, says it "has helped make some of my classes easier by giving me a place to use the concepts learned in class."

UAH's Co-op program possesses similar valuable job oppor-

tunities, yet the SMAP Center's close ties with Redstone Arsenal and defense technologies provide an advantage for students interested in working closely with the military. Eric Atkins, a UAH alumni who worked for the SMAP Center before graduating and becoming a Systems Engineer for the US Army, says, "Being immersed in the [Department of Defense] and NASA cultures... gave me an immediate sense of direction and purpose for my education... Suddenly, I wasn't just going to school to get an education, I was going to school

to ready myself for a career in the military and space industries."

When choosing between UAH's Co-op program and the SWAP program, Dr. Maddux recommends you evaluate where you want your future career to lead. "Our program is geared to serve those who wish to work in the defense sector, and particularly for the Army." It may not be for everybody, but Huntsville's defense engineering jobs help fuel our local economy, and there's always a

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Student Instructor Evaluations Gradually Moving Towards Online Format

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This summer, three colleges—Business, Engineering and Nursing—switched to the online version of the Student Instructor Evaluation (SIE). The SIE is the only method of anonymous feedback available to students. It is a simple, non-direct way of assessing courses and professors. The evaluation data is critical to the appointment and re-appointment of most non-tenured and adjunct faculty. Records are maintained extensively, and statistics compiled to study the trend in responses.

The College of Liberal Arts tried the online system in the Fall of 2005. Mr. Glenn Dasher, who is now Acting Dean of that college, saw the response rate drop from 71% to 24% in one of his classes. The percentage went up again to 78% the following year after going

back to the paper-based SIE.

The College of Business Administration, aware that the online system had failed to produce statistically significant results elsewhere, conducted a pilot study in the Spring 2009 semester and found the response rate to be within a $\pm 5\%$ variance. Dr. Dan Sherman, Associate Dean of Business Administration, explains that while the numbers have dropped within each class, the response rate is adequate.

So what is different this time around? The crucial difference, perhaps, is a university-wide focus on using online course tools, such as Angel. With courses and course material, and even instructor-student communication being handled through this internet-based system, the online SIE is a logical next step. The other crucial factor is the drastic budget cuts over the past two years. Testing Services (which

used to administer the paper system) saves up to \$500 in paper and ink alone.

Dr. Bobbi Jo Carter, Instructional Technology Administrator, also sees the online interface as a need that has been fulfilled. She cites the case of a visually impaired student who had to have a reader come to class to be able to complete the paper SIE. The keyword, for her, is accessibility – "accessibility for Distance Learning students, for students with disabilities; for students, in general." Students now have the leisure to access the Web site anytime during the last week of a semester and submit their responses in a private setting. The emphasis is on security and anonymity—there is no way to track back the identity of an evaluator, and since the online responses are directly submitted, there are fewer hands accessing the SIEs.

The benefits are not restricted to students alone—professors can now get the scores in a week as opposed to a month. There are also no typing-up duties involved. The most obvious is the cost benefit.

Do students see the evaluation as a must-do? Not unless there's some incentive, says Dr. John Pottenger, professor of Political Science. Over time, Dr. Carter sees an incentive system being put into place using some of the saved funds.

Vignesh Subbian, a recent UAH graduate and teaching assistant in Electrical Engineering, has seen both the student and instructor side of this process. On the students' side, they have the chance to provide a well-thought-out evaluation, and not feel cramped for time. Students can save incomplete responses and come back to complete the evaluation. All saved responses get submitted automatically when the deadline expires.

From an instructor's perspective, Subbian said that there is pressure on the instructor to remind the students to complete the

Faculty Committee Expresses Concern Over Academic Realignment

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In an effort to increase efficiency and effectiveness the administrations of both the school and the greater University of Alabama system are considering a reorganization of the academic departments at UAH. In response, the Faculty Senate passed a Sense of the Senate resolution on Feb. 3, 2009, creating a committee to ensure decisions about academic organizational divisions take faculty input into consideration.

The Academic Realignment Committee (ARC) consisted of two representatives from each college within the university and one representative from the library. The committee was responsible for making a recommendation about academic realignment based on faculty opinion and studies of the effect of realignment on other universities. ARC compiled their findings and recommendations into a formal report presented to the UAH administration after its completion on May 15, 2009.

Included in the ARC's report is a set of "formal procedures for faculty involvement to protect academic integrity in cases in which realignment occurs."

In their report the committee prioritized the development and quality of academic, creative, and research programs and achievements, maintenance of distinctions between disciplines, and preservation of UAH's reputation when considering realignment possibilities.

ARC studied several universities that significantly rearranged their academic divisions by relocating, merging, dividing, or removing departments or programs or considered doing so, including Indiana University, the University of Georgia, MIT, UMass Amherst, UA and UAB. When considering realignment options for UAH, the committee took into account the successes and failures of realignment on these schools, as identified

by the institutions themselves.

The committee concluded that major changes in the structure of departments or programs are not an appropriate fix for immediate or temporary financial crises. Instead they must take place over time, with a careful consideration of long term effects on quality of academics. If compromised, it could have negative financial consequences in the long term. The ARC recommends fall 2010 as the earliest date for reorganizations to occur.

The report includes concerns over loss of national accreditation for degree programs, problems arising from salary discrepancies across colleges and decrease in student enrollment and alumni support if disciplinary identities are lost and departments are merged.

The ARC report includes a proposed Faculty Senate bill which lays out procedures for academic realignment. The process calls for the development of an academic realignment proposal which will include input from faculty, staff, students and administrators. Evidence to support or reject the realignment is gathered and presented by the division in question for consideration by the faculty of the unit. An absolute majority vote by the faculty of the affected unit is necessary for the realignment to occur.

The ARC suggested and evaluated some alternative reforms that would not split or merge existing academic departments. These included establishing a freshman college, strengthening the Honors Program, eliminating the graduate school, assessing classroom utilization and utility costs, reorganizing the tuition and fee structure, and providing incentives for professors to take a semester leave.

It is unclear what form academic realignment will take at UAH as no specific plans have been made public at this time. Concern among administration, faculty and students over potential department mergers, divisions or eliminations

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Following the ChargerPath

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The new ChargerPath system helps connect students with possible employers both on- and off-campus. Students log into ChargerPath and set up an account with their information, résumés required, and can then begin looking for on- and off-campus jobs, co-op opportunities, degreed jobs or internships. Job-searchers do not have to look for immediate employment, but can specify when they hope to start a new job. For example, entering freshmen can put their names in the running for co-op opportunities while specifying their sophomore or junior years as their preferred start date. Another feature that Career Development director, Suzanne Norris, emphasized was the 24/7 nature of ChargerPath. Rather than filling out an application that must be delivered during normal business hours, students can upload their information at any time convenient to them.

ChargerPath helps connect applicants and employers. Once students are registered in the system, have uploaded their résumés and

specified what sort of employment they are looking for, they can then apply for a job. Employers can then browse the online applications at will.

ChargerPath is also home to information on other resources for UAH students. After logging in, students can find a list of a variety of workshops offered by Career Development and RSVP through their ChargerPath account—something that Norris believes will help Career Development tailor workshop locations to the number of expected attendees. Workshops will cover a number of topics, everything from ChargerPath tutorials to advice on how to dress or handle oneself in a business interview. Those signed up for workshops will also receive

reminders through the ChargerPath system.

Because it is a new system, the ins and outs of ChargerPath are still being learned and refined by Career Development. For students, a comprehensive guide and a smaller supplemental guide to the system can be found by logging in. Norris also encouraged students to be aware of all help buttons and video tutorials found in ChargerPath.

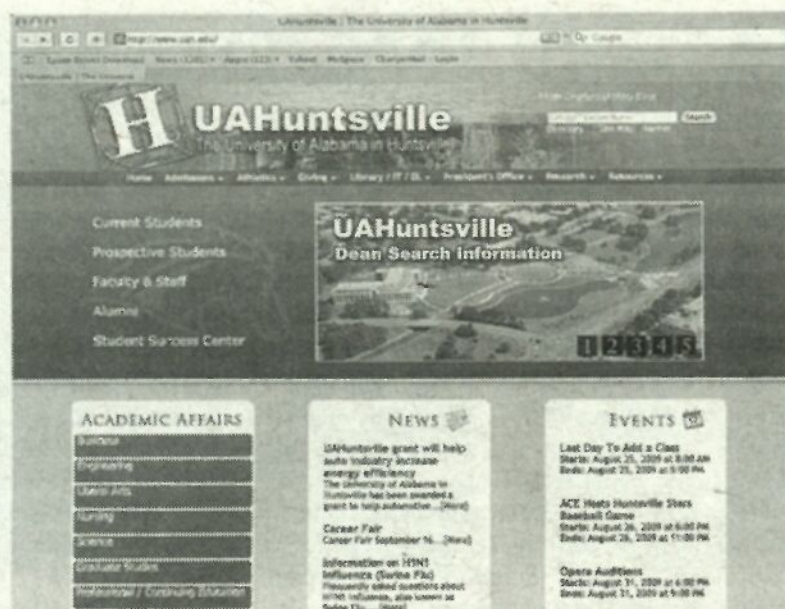
To get started in ChargerPath and to find links to topics such as resume and cover letter guidelines and a presentation on resume writing, students can visit <http://www.uah.edu/coop/login.php> or can log into ChargerPath through the email they received in their UAH email accounts.

ChargerPath Workshops:

Charger Path Overview
Why Am I Here? Where Am I Going?
Federal Government Recruiting
Charger Path Overview
Business Etiquette
Co-op 101
Interviewing
Resume Writing
Dressed to Impress
Federal Government Recruiting
What Can I Do with a Major in Liberal Arts
Mock Interviews and Resume Clinic
Career Fair Preparation

For more info: <http://exponent.uah.edu/?p=1248>

UAH Web site Refresh Brings "Web 2.0" To Campus



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While students were out enjoying summer, change took place for our campus portal online at <http://www.uah.edu>. The dated design you may remember was always a bit of an eyesore, and the staff down at the Web Development Team have been hard at work since as early as April 2009 on a totally new design. This brand-new face for the university online launched just two weeks ago, right in time for the fall classes. It brings new technologies, efficiency and social media to the university's online experience.

The new site design is cut straight from the breed of the "Web 2.0" design school. Web 2.0 refers to the second generation of Web sites that bring new technology and style to the Internet in order to increase usefulness. Gone are the blocky frames and table HTML, and in are more modern techniques such as Cascading Style Sheets (CSS), PHP (a scripting language for creating dynamic Web sites) and JavaScript. The introduction of these new methods has made the site more powerful and flexible for each user's needs, while providing a more pleasant visual interface for uah.edu. Clean lines and larger buttons make navigation quicker and the overall use of the site more enjoyable.

One specific feature that the Web Team is proud of is a new tool in the form of what they call ChargerPost. ChargerPost allows news and updates to be easily posted to the front page of the site. Those news and updates are also pushed down into multiple RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds. These feeds are an aggregate of articles, news and items that allow the user to access them in a condensed, efficient format. This type of straightforward information delivery will allow students and staff to know about the happenings on campus.

In addition, overall steps have been taken to make the site more straightforward to a visitor, based on what type of audience they fit in. For example, the site can adjust what information it shows accord-

ing to whether the visitor is a current student, faculty or staff member. This cuts down on clutter and streamlines the use of the site.

With this new site has come a wide move into various social media networks, connecting both the university and various organizations, clubs and departments more closely with students. The Salmon Library, UAH Professional Development, and even the Cycling Team can be found on Twitter (@UAHLibrary, @UAHPD, @UAH-CyclingTeam respectively), along with a host of others. Students can even submit their own Twitter username to a UAH Twitter Directory found on the site. For the more Facebook-inclined social student, a variety of associations and departments are starting group pages of their own there, offering the ease of event scheduling through the popular medium.

Students can even assist the Web team in populating the site via photo submissions. The team is accepting photos of the campus and university-related events, with credit given to the photographer. These can be submitted to webmaster@uah.edu. More details are available at <https://chargerpost.uah.edu/studentnews.php?id=84>.

One thing students might notice as they navigate to different pages within the site is a lack of consistency with the new design. They may find many pages that lack updates in both content and style. Adoption of the new design has been left left to the discretion of the different colleges around campus and departments for their own related sites. The Web Team has stated that it is working with many colleges in an effort to bring everyone up to speed.

Along with expanding the new design to other portions of the university, the development team has promised an ever-increasing number of features, including expanded content like webcams around campus.

New design, new features, and new media—they're all a part of the new UAH Web site. To see these improvements, simply check out <http://www.uah.edu>.

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UAH's Student Government Attends 2009 STARS Retreat

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What is the Higher Education Partnership and STARS?

The Partnership's goal is to provide a common voice for students: an organized effort to take a stand for Alabama's public universities and actively involve others in difference-making initiatives across the state. The Partnership created STARS, Student Teams Advocating Realistic Solutions, which is organized through Student Government Associations to help students become involved in advocating for their university. Each year the Higher Education partnership holds the STARS Leadership and University Advocates' Conference, which provides education and trains attendees how to stimulate and strategize for advocacy as well as rallying at the front steps of the Alabama State House on Higher Ed Day.

Why is Higher Education important?

According to a UNA report, for every \$1 invested in college students there is a \$10 return. Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership Gordon Stone stated, "Is it a surprise that UAH, USA and UAB bring in millions of dollars to their cities through patents and the businesses that spin off of them?"

"Did you know that one out of

four people in the state of Alabama can't read? It would take 13 football stadiums to fill all the illiterate people in the state of Alabama," said Dr. Bruce Berger, UA. In the fall of 2008, he and 22 of his students developed a program to help fight illiteracy (LITE, Literacy Is The Edge), which recruited 82 volunteer students to tutor adults and children in Tuscaloosa and West Alabama.

Mr. Stephen Black, UA, discussed caring about public policy and our moral responsibility. He stated, "How can we change our country for the better?" In 2004 he created Impact Alabama: A Student Service Initiative, a non-profit organization in coordination with universities and junior colleges throughout the state. Impact Alabama is dedicated to developing high-level service-learning projects. Impact Alabama includes FocusFirst, which screens children's vision for free, and SaveFirst, which does taxes for low-income families and students.

What Is SGA at UAH doing for you?

UAH's SGA members and 12 other state universities' SGA members attended this year's conference, held from August 9-11, 2009, in Destin, Florida. They will hold voter registration booths, educate those interested in contacting senators and House representatives from their area, and give opportunities

for students to become involved in STARS, as well as take students to Montgomery for Higher Ed Day on March 4, 2010.

Why should you attend Higher Ed Day?

Without the help of college students pursuing higher education there would be no medical care or research, and our economy would suffer. Higher education adds \$8 billion a year to our economy. In addition, it creates 69,000 jobs and adds to our quality of life. Finally, it means better public services such as the initiatives mentioned above. They give us our teachers, nurses, doctors, engineers, scientists, business owners, managers, public officials and other professionals.

The future of our young people is at stake. Our government officials should recognize that all levels of education is vital.

"It's about K-16, not K-12 vs. Higher Education; become engaged, get fired up, and be ready to go to Montgomery. LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE IMPORTANT," said Alabama state senator Jabo Waggoner.

Leave Your Mark because, as Gordon Stone said, "You are the hope of Alabama, you bring the greatest return and you are empowered by Higher Education." Otherwise, "we are subject to the whims of those if we don't get involved."

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The UAH Career Fair for the fall semester will be held on Sept. 16, 2009. The fair will last from 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the University Fitness Center. The Career Fair is open to all UAH students and alumni, regardless of year or major. Business attire is required. There will be 64 companies in attendance for this career fair, down from 68 for the spring semester's career fair.

The Student Success Center, a free resource for UAH students, is sponsoring the career fair. The SSC encourages all students to attend the career fair, which will offer everything from co-ops and internships to degree jobs for graduates. Katie Thurston, the career fair's coordinator, emphasized the fact that the fair will be beneficial to all students. Freshmen who may not wish to start a job right away

but who are interested in co-ops or interning are encouraged to use the career fair as a valuable networking and experience resource. Thurston also advised that students who are closer to graduating start looking for post-graduation employment at least a semester before they graduate—preferably even earlier.

The Student Success Center sponsors more than just the career fair—the Center is also putting on a series of workshops to help students in their job searches. Workshops will cover topics ranging from resume-writing tips to a "fashion show" highlighting proper business attire to mock job interviews. There will also be career fair preparation workshops to give students an idea of what to expect. A complete list of workshops and more career fair information can be found through the UAH ChargerPath system or through the Student Center Web site at <http://uah.edu/ssc>.

Congressman Aderholt Comes to UAH

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U.S. Representative Robert Aderholt of the 4th Congressional District of Alabama will speak at UAH's Shelby Center, Room 107, on September 1, 2009. His topic is "The Importance of International Relations in a Global Society."

Congressman Aderholt has recently visited Bosnia-Herzegovina and Belarus with the Helsinki Commission, and in his time at the House has been to over 25 coun-

tries. His journeys across the globe have focused on "building diplomatic relationships or promot[ing] peace, religious liberty and democracy around the world." He serves on the House Appropriations Committee, among others, and is currently in his seventh term.

The program is presented by the Global Perspectives Institute, a partnership between the UAH Office of International Programs and the International Services Council of Alabama.

Madison Hall, Your One-Stop Shop for Student Services

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All students looking for employment, co-op opportunities or writing help should now head to Madison Hall. The Writing Center, Career Services and Co-Op Program have all been incorporated into the Student Success Center, which is located in Madison Hall. Career Services. The Co-Op Program, now a part of Career Development, moved from the Engineering Building to Madison Hall over Spring Break, while the Writing Center moved from Morton Hall to Madison Hall after the summer semester ended.

The Writing Center offers help with all stages of academic writing—everything from brainstorming to grammar and editing. While the Writing Center won't necessarily proofread a student's papers, its services will help them develop their own ideas and writing style. The relocation of the

Writing Center is connected to the change in the Center's funding, which was formerly provided by the UAH English department, but which now comes from the Student Success Center. With the move, the Writing Center joins other student services such as the PASS (Peer Assisted Study Sessions) Program and general college advising.

Also located in Madison Hall is Career Development, which has merged Career Services and the Co-Op Program. Career Development assists in finding students jobs both on- and off-campus and provides co-op opportunities. Students of all class standings can use Career Development to find employment or as a source for many employment-related resources, such as resume-writing or business correspondence workshops.

More information on the services offered through the Student Success Center can be found at <http://uah.edu/ssc> or by visiting the Student Success Center's welcome

desk in the lobby of Madison Hall. Students interested in using the Writing Center can also find a link to the Center's Web site on <http://uah.edu/ssc> or can stop by Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Friday, Aug. 31

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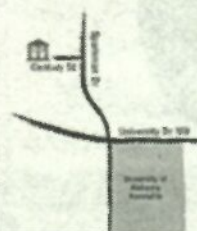
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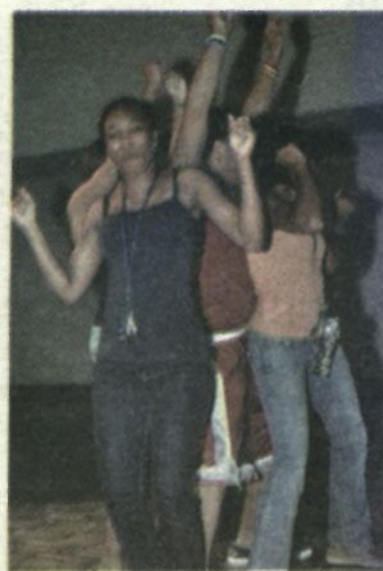
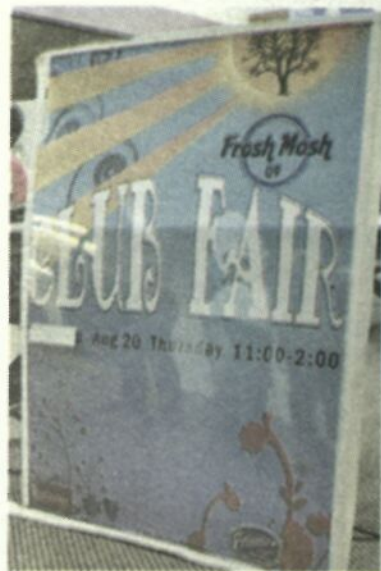


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A Loving Goodbye to University's Former Honors Director

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Senior Arts & Leisure Writer

Dr. Jerry Mebane received an enormous send-off at the Lowe House on Friday, August 21, 2009. Faithful students, colleagues, administrators and family members hailed Mebane for his contributions to UAH and his loyalty to the university's Honors Program. After food and wine were served,

Mebane received a roast from colleagues and friends.

Dr. David Neff opened the roast with a Resolution on Mebane, which was received with boisterous laughter from the crowd. Neff then presented a poem he wrote in tribute to Mebane, tearfully saying goodbye with "Thank you, Jerry. We will miss you."

Others quoted Shakespeare and mentioned what a joy it has

been to have Mebane's teaching and leadership in the English department. An email from Dr. Redonovich by Dr. Harry Delugach, the university's new Honors director, stated that he had done "excellent work . . . as the university's Honors Director."

One of Mebane's students, Archie Fields III, commented on the impact Mebane had on the Honors Forum. "Well, Dr. Mebane always led the discussion afterward in a very careful and thoughtful manner. It was always enjoyable to have him there to discuss whatever we did or heard in Honors Forum, so he was always great for that."

Another student, Elisabeth Spalding, noted what she would miss most about Mebane: "He took a very special interest in helping me cultivate a schedule focused on a curriculum that really worked for me and my interests. He was always there if I ever needed help and was very understanding. Further, he helped me figure out anything that I had troubles with."

Lastly, Mebane thanked everyone for coming to his retirement party. He stated that what he would miss most about UAH was "the classroom." And what will he do with all his spare time now that he is retired? "I plan on spending it with my grandchild," he said—who happened to be sitting on his lap during the roasting ceremony.



Former Honors Program Director, Dr. John Mebane, and Dr. Harry Delugach.
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Hockey Coach Returns from Slovakia

ERIC MORGAN
Staff Writer

Chargers Hockey head coach Danton Cole has returned from his two-week stay in Slovakia after serving as assistant coach for the 2009 U.S. Under-18 Team. Working alongside Minnesota's St. Cloud State University's head coach Eric Rud, Cole prepared a group of 21 young hockey players to compete in the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Tournament and represent the United States.

Cole says that his involvement in the hockey community contributed to his nomination to coach the Under-18 team. "Management called and asked if I wanted to do it," Cole explained, "and since school hadn't started yet, it worked

out well." He also modestly added that it was "a pretty big honor" to represent the United States.

Cole met with the players in Washington state, where he had fewer than two weeks to prep them for the tournament. From Washington, they flew to Piestany, Slovakia, to play. A translator was provided, so the language barrier was rarely an issue.

Eight teams competed in this year's tournament, which lasted from Aug. 11-15, 2009. The United States placed fourth after losing to Sweden 2-9 in the third place game. Canada took the gold medal, marking their fourteenth championship win in the tournament's history, while Russia finished in a not-so-close second. The Czech

Republic, Slovakia, Switzerland and Finland placed fifth through eighth, respectively.

The tournament, which is also known as the U-18 Junior World Cup, has been held every August since 1991. It was named for Ivan Hlinka, a legendary Czech hockey player and coach, after his death in a fatal car crash in 2004. Overall, Canada holds the most medals with seventeen total, fourteen of which are gold. The US sits in third with one gold, six silver and two bronze, trailing Russia by only one gold medal.

Cole said he would love to coach again if the opportunity presented itself, and would be glad to coach an Under-17 or Under-16 team as well.

Ziyenge Takes on Dual Coaching Roles This Season

ERIC MORGAN
Staff Writer

Tafadzwa Ziyenge has coached the UAH women's soccer team for the past ten years, and this year he'll be heading the men's team as well. He took over the position mid-season last October, coaching the last five games of 2008.

Ziyenge was asked to coach the men's team after former head coach Carlos Peterson had to be let go on allegations of mistreatment. Amidst a hiring freeze, Ziyenge has remained the interim men's coach going into the 2009 season. It does not appear that a replacement will be arriving anytime soon.

Ziyenge started his career as a UAH Charger in the mid-90s. As a Charger, he broke several UAH records, many of which have yet to be topped, such as most points in a season (25 in 18 games) and most game-winning goals in a season (8 in 18 games). Although Ziyenge believes that not all good players make good coaches, his experience on the field has proven to be very beneficial to the UAH soccer program. As head coach, Ziyenge has led the women's team to tre-

mendous success with a record of 82-74-8.

At first, Ziyenge, who loves a challenge, thought coaching two teams would be easy, but later admitted that it is "not something you should underestimate." Somehow, he manages to get in at least two hours of practice for each team, nearly every single day. Despite the excellent physical condition the coach is in, he is often completely exhausted by the end of the day, and things will only become more hectic when the season starts. For example, he has to be in Nashville, TN, on September 7 for the men's game against Trevecca Nazarene. Then, he has to take the women's team to Jackson, TN, on September 8 to coach their game against Union University. Overall, Ziyenge said that his players "have been very mature and understanding" about the situation.

As you might imagine, there is a huge difference between coaching men and coaching women. Ziyenge pointed out that one of the biggest challenges for him is coaching the men's team for two hours and then "chang[ing] [his]

personality entirely" to coach the women's team because of the different coaching styles required for each team.

You can catch the first men's game this Friday against Concordia College at 2:30 p.m. The women will play Limestone College directly afterwards at 5:00 p.m. Both games will be held at home.

Fall Intramurals Start in September

RAYMOND GILSTRAP
Editor-in-Chief

Registration for fall intramurals is currently underway for sandpit volleyball, soccer and flag football. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Sept. 2 2009.

The three sports are scheduled for weekends throughout Septem-

ber and October. Sandpit volleyball will be played on Fridays, soccer on Saturdays, and flag football on Sundays.

All students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the University Fitness Center are allowed to participate. Registration is open to individual and teams, although

Mike Logan, the intramurals coordinator, encouraged individuals to form teams because they will be placed randomly on teams at the end of the registration period.

For more information on registration call (256) 824-2966 or email at intramurals@uah.edu.

CHARGER SPORTS CALENDAR

Men's Soccer

Regular 0-0-0 Gulf South 0-0-0

August 28	Concordia College-Home	2:30 pm
August 30	Shorter-Away	4 pm
September 7	Trevecca Nazarene-Away	4 pm

Women's Soccer

Regular 0-0-0 Gulf South 0-0-0

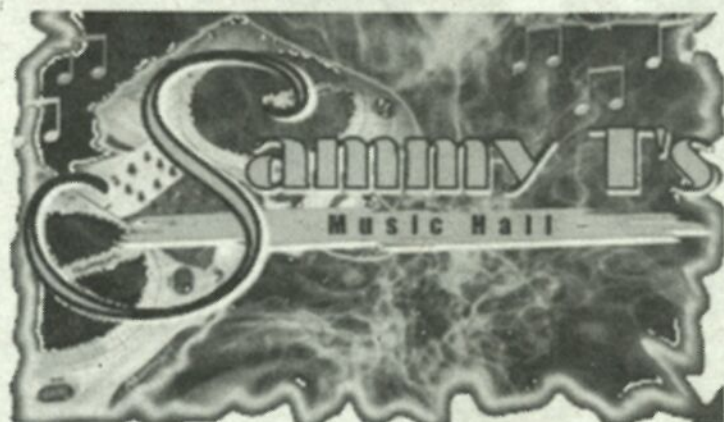
August 28	Limestone (SC)-Home	5 pm
August 30	Shorter (GA)-Away	2 pm
September 4	Auburn-Montgomery	12 pm
September 8	Union-Away	2 pm

Volleyball

Record 0-0 Gulf South 0-0

August 28-29	Arkansas Tech Tournament - Russeville, AR	
August 28	Southwest Baptist	11 am
August 28	Texas A&M-International	5 pm
August 29	Cameron	9 am
August 29	Arkansas Tech	1 pm
September 1	Lee - Home	6 pm
September 4-5	Francis Marion Tournament - Florence SC	
September 4	Charleston (WV)	8 pm
September 4	Francis Marion	6 pm
September 5	North Carolina-Pembroke	10 pm
September 5	Erskine	2 pm

Sport	Players	Roster Limit	Day	Dates	Times
Sandpit Volleyball	4-on-4	10	Fridays	September 11, 18, 25 October 2, 16, 23, 30	Mid-afternoon 'til early evening
Soccer	6-on-6	15	Saturdays	September 12, 19, 26 October 3, 17, 24, 31	Mid-morning 'til early afternoon
Flag Football	7-on-7	20	Sundays	September 13, 20, 27 October 4, 18, 25 & Nov 1	Early 'til late afternoon



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From HOCKEY on Pg. 1

its media coverage, has gained a following of over 2,950 fans from across the country.

Central to the Save UAH Hockey online presence is initiatives to increase fan involvement and support. "The big thing is keeping the word out there and keeping it in people's minds," claims Nickelson. One way to do this is to support the UAH Blue Line Club, an organization which supports the hockey team by defraying the cost of equipment and travel. Financial donations to the club go to this effort.

Morris stresses the importance for students and alumni to give back to the university when it is in need: "Giving to the Blue Line Club is \$25, which when you are a college student that's kind of rough, that is pizza and beer money, but if people learn to give back now that's the only way we can make this entire university community better." Contributions can be made to the Blue Line Club at <http://uahblueclub.org>.

Morris and Nickelson's efforts to get "butts in the seats" echo Coach Cole's sentiments that game attendance is the number one way a concerned fan can show support.

From HONORS on Pg. 1

Computer Science as an assistant professor; in 1996 he received tenure. He has also served on the UAH Faculty Senate. In his spare time, Dr. Delugach has been involved with community theater groups in Huntsville and the North Alabama Country Dance Society. He also plays twelve- and six- string guitars.

Despite having fewer opportunities to teach, supervise and advise students in his department, Dr. Delugach feels he can make a greater difference on campus as the Honors director. Regarding his teaching philosophy, Dr. Delugach commented, "Good teaching is the ability to show something new in things that are familiar and the ability to show something familiar in things that are new." How does he plan to apply this to his new position as the university's Honors director? Enthusiastically, he states, "This is the easiest part of my job. . . . The neat thing about the Honors Program is that a lot of the courses and ideas are interdisciplinary, where everyone has a discipline that they are much more familiar and can latch on to and then relate it to something else."

Dr. Delugach assumed the position of the university's Honors director on Aug. 18, 2009.

From SIE on Pg. 2

SIE. In Subbian's opinion, more can be done - the SIE can be made a tab on ChargerNet, for instance. This resonates with Dr. Sherman - he too attributed the success of the pilot study and the actual implementation on promotion within a classroom.

The reaction from the students

has been mixed. Many students feel that the evaluations should not eat into their personal time. The colleges, however, have deemed it a success.

The question remains --will students feel the need to submit the evaluation? To quote Dr. Pottenger - "It is usually the students who feel very strongly who contribute to such evaluations, and there is very little majority perspective". "The response rate is lower, but the feedback has been more valuable" says Dr. Carter.

From CO-OP on Pg. 2

demand for more engineers.

Eric chose to work for the SMAP Center over UAH's Co-op program to have more control over his schedule, allowing him to graduate in a reasonable amount of time. Chad Merschman has similar motivations. "Being an Industrial Engineering major, [some] classes are only taught once a year." The flexibility of his work schedule allows Chad to work a decent amount of hours that agree with his irregular school schedule.

Do not mistake the SWAP program as a competitor to the official UAH Co-op program. UAH has a robust Cooperative Education program that should not be overlooked. The greatest advantage Co-op has over SWAP is their ability to find jobs for any major, not just engineers. With Huntsville's growing demand for engineers, however, engineers are just as welcome. Alabama Senator Richard Shelby agrees that our Co-op program "provides an unparalleled opportunity for students to enhance their academics by combining classroom learning with practical work experience." Many students find great jobs during and after participating in the Co-op program. However, if you're like Chad, who couldn't find a job he interested in, the SWAP program is another great avenue to direct your education.

For more information on the Co-op program, go to <http://www.uah.edu/coop>

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From REALIGNMENT on Pg. 2

has left many wondering how they will be affected by the realignment. Many students are questioning if they will have any input on the future of their school. "I feel it is improper to leave students out of a discussion that would affect everything to their degree itself" states senior Chris Weed.

Even those who had an opportunity to provide input are uncertain what the future holds for the university; despite his involvement as a member of the ARC, Dr. Jeffrey Nelson asserts, "I am still unsure about that the President means by realignment and what his goals are."

Puzzles

Cryptoquote

Solve the puzzle by decyphering the the encrypted text below. This text is encrypted by a simple substitution cypher.

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-- Benjamin Franklin

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Courtesy of Matt Robinson

SGA Encourage Students to Vote for Amendment

RAYMOND GILSTRAP
Editor-in-Chief

The Student Government Association (SGA) wants students to vote for an amendment to the Constitution on Sept. 8 and 9, 2009. The voting will be held in the University Center (UC) lobby from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The voting will be a simple yes or no ballot; however, voting for the amendment is very important because it will extend the terms of

current members until the spring, allowing for an experienced president to speak at the Board of Trustees meeting in April.

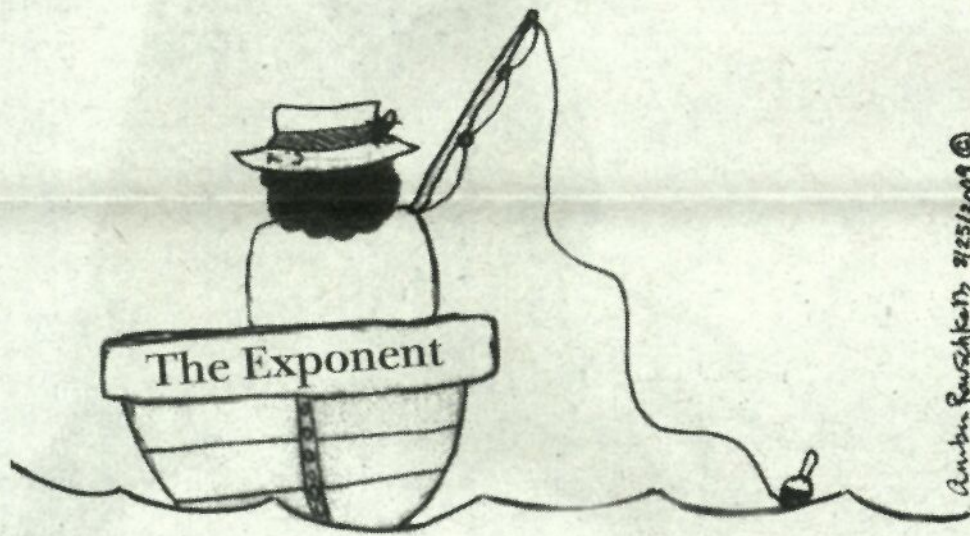
The amendment proposal is receiving positive and negative feedback across campus. The university is one of the few Alabama state universities that hold student government elections in the fall. The policy is an effort to allow freshmen to become more involved in the voting process. With the new amendment, UAH's SGA elections

will coincide with those of other universities across the state.

Those against the amendment see violations of politics and ethics because some of the current members of SGA were not voted directly into office but rather moved up in the hierarchy because members resigned from office.

So whether you are for or against the new amendment, you will have the opportunity to choose a side on Sept. 8 and 9.

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Amber Rauscher 8/25/2009

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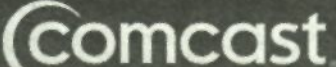
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