New Graduate Record Examination Will Be Longer, More Difficult

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Millions of college students across the country who seek to enter graduate school will soon face a considerable challenge to their educational plans. These students will find the requirements more demanding than in the past due to a new, more difficult Graduate Record Examination set to become standard Aug. 1, 2011.

According to Kaplan Test Prep, the world’s leading corporation in exam services, “if you can take the current GRE, do so — it’s to your advantage.”

The new examination will be an hour longer and will emphasize more difficult topics such as data analysis, complex mathemathics and in-context reasoning skills in reading portions. In addition, the scoring scale associated with the former examination will be sterly revised. Instead of rating performance on a 200- to 800-point scale with ten-point increments, the new exam will score test-takers on a 130- to 170-point scale with one-point increments.

Lee Weiss, GRE instructor and director of graduate programs for Kaplan, said that the rationale for a more demanding version of the standard graduate school admission exam is based on an enormous body of research conducted by Educational Testing Service, which develops and administers the GRE. These in-depth studies, which focused on graduate and MBA programs around the world, led them to the conclusion that the current exam does not adequately measure students’ ability to perform on the graduate level.

“According to ETS,” Weiss said, “they wanted to create a GRE that’s more predictive of student success in graduate school and business school and include question types that better reflect the kind of thinking test-takers will do as enrolled students.”

Meanwhile, colleges and universities across the nation do not necessarily see the new GRE as a step in the right direction. In 2010, Kaplan surveyed what they considered to be the top 200 graduate and MBA programs in the U.S., soliciting their opinions regarding the updated exam. Only 17 percent of these institutions said they believe the new GRE will assess students’ academic potential more accurately, with the remaining 83 percent responding that either they were not sure or did not feel it will be more effective.

The news of a more challenging GRE has millions of aspiring graduate students anxious about the exam. On the other hand, undergraduate students might ask “Why do you hate it?” and then they have to think about it,” he said. “It challenges people to establish a view, but then sometimes to defend it, to think beyond it.”

He also believes that sculpture is uniquely suited to this sort of surprise impression. ”Whereas with most art you have to go somewhere to look at it...here the art is brought to you and placed within your sphere of experience,” he said. “Naturally people walk around and see buildings and sidewalks, but sculptures are only suited to this type of experience.”

The Spaces Project Brings Sculpture to UAH Campus

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Sitting behind his desk in Morton Hall, Glenn Dasher mused on the importance of contemporary art: “If you ask people whether the Mona Lisa is a work of art, people automatically say yes. If you ask them whether that big brown rusty thing out there is a piece of art, they don’t know what to answer because they have to figure it out.”

That “big brown rusty thing” is one of the 11 new pieces of sculpture that have recently shown up all across campus as part of the Spaces project, a two-year public art exhibition that Dasher has been working on putting together for the last 20 years. There are 25 pieces in total, with the other 14 on display at various locations downtown, at the art museum, on the Alabama A&M campus and at Lowe Mill.

The intellectual conflict that Dasher describes is also part of why he feels these works are so important. As a sculptor himself, Dasher has had his own work shown in similar exhibitions and has been interested in the idea of displaying sculpture on campus since 1989. It was not until recently, with the successful installation of the Geode in front of the library, that the idea was finally able to gain traction.

“People were just afraid of putting art out in public because they think it’s going to be controversial...but once people saw [the Geode] in place they thought ‘Wow, it looks good there’ and got enthusiastic about it.”

If nothing else, Dasher believes that these pieces can provide something more visually stimulating than staring at the sidewalk between classes. “If people say ‘I hate this thing’ then someone else...
Exciting New Dance and Fitness Classes at the University Fitness Center

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The student body’s government has brought change to UAH. It shows how to successfully come up with and execute a plan that increases its own activities, other clubs’ activities and student participation.

Recently, a call went out to every club’s and organization’s president to come to a meeting. It delegated responsibilities and laid out clear goals to motivate students and better communicate with one another.

As SGA representatives went to the Conference of Student Government Association meeting at Texas A&M, they brought back new ideas that have been tested throughout universities nationwide.

“I think [the conference] is what sparked the interest to make so many changes,” Jonna Greer, SGA president, said. “We knew the changes would be drastic internally and externally, but the SGA members were supportive. Though sometimes we felt overwhelmed, everyone kept a great attitude and continued to work toward our goals.”

SGA has implemented a Five Star Program that motivates clubs and organizations to increase their membership and attend UAH events as well as have their own events and fundraisers. It is one of the ideas that came out of the conference that is receiving a big promotional push as clubs are being recognized for their achievements.

The new guidelines are creating a better communication network between each club and the SGA, in effect tying students together. Every club needs a club e-mail for effective communication. Re-registration has been moved to April so each year can have a fresh start without a month’s being wasted in setting up the system again. Registration has also caught up with the Internet age; it is purely online.

The involvement extends to faculty as well, as advisors have to attend a workshop to maintain active roles in their clubs. The clubs are also being asked to increase their visibility around campus. This contributes to the campus life, making it more diverse. SGA itself is increasing its events calendar.

On March 29 SGA will take 100 students to see the USA national team in action against Paraguay in a friendly match-up in Nashville, Tenn. The cost is only $10 for the ticket and transportation.

The campus now has an official community service day on March 12. The SGA will also take the students down to Montgomery to lobby for Higher Education Day, or against budget cuts that increase tuition. Breakfast, lunch, a T-shirt and transportation will be provided at both events.

SGA Initiates Changes in Clubs, Student Participation

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Tabatha Jarmulowicz’ Exit Show Asks, “What is Art?”

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UAH frequently showcases various art exhibitions by its students, and each student depicts his or her various perspectives in trying to define the indefinable “art.”

“Art has to be seen to be communicated,” Tabatha Jarmulowicz said at her senior exit show at the Union Grove Gallery, going on until March 18.

In today’s world, art can be and is anything that can be displayed. If it’s displayed where an audience can view it, then it draws opinions. “Artwork seems as if it’s made for doing art, it’s per person, per viewer,” said Jarmulowicz.

We use words, they come with pre-scribed definitions. When you prescribe definitions. When you hear a series of ink sketches of the delicate nature of art and the way it can be used to represent actions, emotions or just the process of the way of displaying yourself to the world.

Art seeks to remain innovative because people who create are continuously changing themselves. “To take away my control and do something automatic” and find out “how . . . my brain figure[s] out music with my hands” led Jarmulowicz to create oil paintings in complete darkness. By patting out various paints and letting the music dictate her hand movements she created textured strokes of color that don’t correspond to anything conventional. Each work has music to accompany it and combines sight, sound and touch to create art.

For Jarmulowicz, her exit art show is guided by “experimentation . . . each series is a complete separate idea I’m trying to work with.”

Several pieces from Jarmulowicz' art show.
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Tabatha Jarmulowicz at her exit art show.
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suddenly they see something that doesn’t serve any purpose but to be intellectually [fascinating]; it allows them to think about something outside the everyday and the mundane.

Associate Professor Jimmy Kuehnle agreed. “By having an object in front of you instead of a 2D image in a magazine or something, you’re forced to viscerally respond to the art.”

As for the benefit to the university, both professors believe that the exposure can only be good. “It puts UAH as one of the leaders in the arts community,” Dasher said. “The Huntsville Museum of Art, the symphonies and most of the big theater groups all came out of this place originally in the ’70s. We were successful but they outgrew us. This is an opportunity to once again join with the other leaders in the arts in our community.”

Dasher has been impressed by the cooperation among different parts of the art community within Huntsville in making the Spaces project a reality. All the money put toward funding the project was even raised through donations, so that no taxpayer money had to be used.

At UAH, three of the 11 pieces currently on display will remain permanently. The others will be rotated out for other pieces during August 2012. For those who want to learn more about the works across campus, the art department will be hosting walking tours on April 7 at 4:30 p.m. and April 8 at noon. Tours will meet at the Wilson Hall Gallery.

In the end, Dasher believes these pieces aptly represent the purpose of the university itself. “All of these pieces in some way are about ideas and intellectual pursuit beyond function,” he said. “They don’t serve any purpose but to stimulate the mind, which is what universities are supposed to do.”
Charger Chic: Edison Broce

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Across campus, everyone has his or her own brand of style, and in the mix is the international take. From Europe are the clean, slim lines of simplicity. From East Asia are the layers for guys and short dresses for girls. Edison Broce brings a cool breeze from tropical Panama.

"M for Men" magazine declares the revival of silhouettes to be a "modern classic" for 2011. Broce’s dark colors give the ensemble a professional feel, but the stripes make it look lighter. Each piece has a feel to it, and Broce looks collected. Everything is well-fitted and ends precisely.

The pants are neither too long nor short; the sweater ends perfectly right at the belt; the sleeves stop at the wrist; the white collar is not wrinkled; and the watch and the dress shoes just add class.

It’s a change from guys dressing in a laid-back way, or for that matter, from anyone’s dressing in a laid-back way. There’s a misconception that you have to be in New York or a metropolitan area to be creative. But in reality, dressing well creates the feeling of a big city right here in Alabama.

No matter what, Huntsville does stand out as one of the least Alabama-like cities. Most of its population has come from all parts of the country and the world, for Huntsville has a significant international community. UAH has students from 80 countries—that’s almost half of the world’s countries represented. So this blends to give UAH a unique angle and its own feel.

As an end note, though their tastes differ, Broce also looks uncannily like Mike Posner of Panama.

Ministry Brings Hope and Community to UAH

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Interested in the spiritual life on campus, when Cornell Rogers came to UAH in 2006, he immediately began looking into what student organizations were doing.

He felt inspired to start hosting a Bible study on campus later that year. Hope Community College Ministry, or HCM, which was at that time called the New Sihlah College Ministry, started as just a few students studying the Bible once a week. The group’s aim was to present the Gospel and address life issues relevant to young adults.

In November 2008 they decided to be chartered as an official student organization by UAH to account for a steady uptick in membership. Word of mouth has further propelled rapid growth and solid turnout to the ministry’s events, with attendance ranging from 20 for weekly worship to over 100 for special events, which are usually held twice a semester.

In April 2010, HCM became an important part of the emotional and psychological healing process for many students in the aftermath of the campus shooting. The organization held an event called “The Shutdown” which, according to Rogers, "infused the students with hope – an eternal hope."

Rogers says that one of the main reasons he felt called to start the group was to help give students a strong doctrinal foundation, which he believes is the most important thing one should gain from the spiritual life on campus. In weekly Bible studies, HCM doesn’t want to just preach to students. Their method is one of an open format: guided discussion (where questions and comments are encouraged) has proven to be most effective and interesting, thus turning new visitors into regular attendees.

“We know that everyone has something to contribute, no matter..."
Chargers Softball Remains Perfect Through Short Weekend

JONATHAN KEENUM Staff Writer

Heavy rain soaked the softball fields at West Georgia, but not before the Chargers picked up two more wins on the year, keeping their undefeated streak alive.

The wins put the Chargers at 2-0 in conference play March 19 against Tusculum, followed by a crushing defeat by Harding, led by an outstanding performance from Stephen Blake, who went 8-1 on the year, with five strikeouts. The Bisons extended their already huge lead to as much as 10 in the second, but UAM refused to go away. The Boll Weevils kept it to a two-possession game for most of the first half. UAH and UAM battled back and forth with 12 lead changes and no team leading by more than four. The back-and-forth battle continued into the second half before the Chargers began to pull away with seven minutes left in the game.

The Chargers improved their play and cut Harding’s lead down to four near the sixth minute mark in the first half. The Bisons then went on an 18-4 run to close out the first half and take a 45-28 lead into the break.

Things got worse for the Chargers in the second half. UAH continued to struggle to make shots, while Harding actually shot better conference record intact as they visit North Alabama this weekend in a two-game series against the Lions. Both the Saturday and Sunday games are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. UAH returns home March 16 in a non-conference battle against Faulkner before continuing home conference play March 19 against Lambuth.

Basketball Awarded No. 1 Seed; Will Host Regional Play

JONATHAN KEENUM Staff Writer

The weekend was bittersweet for Charger basketball. It began with a dramatic victory over Arkansas-Monticello in the Gulf South Conference Tournament, followed by a crushing defeat by Harding, and ended with the Chargers’ selection as the No. 1 seed in the South Region.

The Chargers were almost bit by the upset bug in the first round of the GSC tourney as UAM kept pace with them for much of the first half. UAH and UAM battled back and forth with 12 lead changes and no team leading by more than four. The back-and-forth battle continued into the second half before the Chargers began to pull away with seven minutes left in the game.

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Baseball Continues Conference Play on Road

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Baseball Record 12-7 GSC 2-0

Date Opponent Site Time
March 12 North Alabama Away 1:00 p.m.
March 13 North Alabama Away 1:00 p.m.
March 16 Faulkner Home 1:00 p.m.

Date Opponent Site Time
March 11 West Georgia Away 1:00 p.m.
March 12 Tusculum Away 3:00 p.m.
March 12 North Georgia Away 11:00 a.m.
March 13 Tusculum Away 3:00 p.m.
March 13 North Georgia Away 3:00 p.m.
March 15 Miles Home 1:00 p.m.
March 16 Albany State Home 1:00 p.m.

Date Opponent Site Time
March 12 West Florida Away 9:00 a.m.
March 13 Cameron Away 12:00 p.m.
March 14 Tuskegee Away TBA

Date Opponent Site Time
March 10 West Georgia Home 1:00 p.m.
March 12 West Florida Home 9:00 a.m.
March 13 Cameron Home 12:00 p.m.
March 13 Central Oklahoma Away 9:00 a.m.
March 14 Tuskegee Away TBA

Baseball Schedule for March 12-17

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other. Many of them say their closest friends on campus have been made through HCM. The group strives to be one in which "everybody’s somebody, and nobody’s a nobody," and is extremely welcoming to newcomers.

Besides the weekly sessions, beginning April 12 HCM will host a series of special events to celebrate a great semester. Already planned are a live Christian rock band, rap artists, poetry and more. HCM can be found on Facebook as Hope Community College Ministry.

Sudoku

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

Crossword

Across
1. Slip
6. Higher
11. Federal Communications Commission
14. Adherent of Hinduism
15. Daughter of one’s brother or sister
16. Retirement plan
17. Communion table
18. Staggers
19. Slow run
20. Jesus Christ
22. Trellis
24. Fruit
26. Having red hair
30. Middle
34. Metal-bearing mineral
35. Semitic language
36. Female given name
37. Living in a city
39. Partially opened flower
40. Standard of perfection
41. Sport
42. Small in amount
43. Like an elf
44. Coming before (prefix)
45. Fungal disease of cereals
46. Midmorning break
47. Steps for scaling a fence
48. Small drink of liquor
49. Carves
50. Transmitted
51. Hanging ice
52. Plot of ground
53. Tinned luncheon meat
54. Irish province
55. Calculation
56. Animale existence
57. Ireland
58. Transmitted
59. Used to be
60. Mischief children

Quotable Quote

It is not the brains that matter most, but that which guides them — the character, the heart, generous qualities, progressive ideas.

-Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Solutions to last issue’s puzzles:

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