Students can expect fee increase

by Stacey Poer
staff writer

UAH students who plan to attend school this fall can expect to pay more to do so as building and housing fees are increased.

The current general building fee will be increased by approximately eight percent according to John Smith, Director of Accounting and Financial Reporting.

Smith believed that the Student Union’s building fee would be increased similarly. These increases are being made “in order to bring the engineering building and the new Student Union building on line,” said Dr. Jeanne Fisher, Vice President for Student Affairs.

Stephen Bruce, Union Director, speculated on the reason building fees were not raised when construction was in the planning phase. Pointing out that buildings are financed in two stages. The first phase involves accumulation of funds, typically in the form of a thirty-year bond indenture. At that point student fees are not required.

In phase two, the operational costs of the new building are estimated. Income must then be generated accordingly to accommodate the expense. Thus student fees rise.

“It’s just simple, basic accounting,” said Bruce.

The proposed increase in housing fees is needed mainly to cover maintenance costs, said Leigh Lunday, Assistant Director of Housing. The charge for 3-bedroom apartments on campus is expected to increase by $25 per quarter for a double space, and $35 for a single space. Lundy also said that as more students request housing space, there will be fewer single spaces available.

Charges for off-campus housing and one-bedroom apartments are not expected to increase.

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Dr. Wright stated, “He will bring a rich background of experience to his new position. Of special note is that much of Ken’s training and administrative emphasis throughout his career has been in the area of computer administration, which will be vital to us in the successful implementation of Project ACCESS at UAH.”

Project ACCESS is the recently announced program funded by UAH and the Sperry Corporation aimed at making UAH “a model (see THOMPSON pg 7)
Athletics changing

After several weeks of speculation, rumors were confirmed last week when Dennis Killips, Director of Athletics, resigned. UAH's athletic department has been involved in many controversies recently, concerning the basketball program, which include ineligible players, recruiting methods, finances, etc.

There has also been concern that the quality of UAH's athletic program in general is not on par with UAH's high perception of itself as an academic institution.

Top UAH officials are looking for a new director who will address those problems and also address the community relations aspect of his job to assure that Huntsville is supportive of UAH athletics.

We realize that Killips' resignation and his eventual replacement will not in itself solve the problems. They run much deeper in the department than just that.

But we hope that, as a new director goes through the natural and expected process of evaluating his department, weaknesses will be found and other rumored resignations will also come true.

Resignation needs review

Within recent weeks, Prabha Sharma, a research librarian here resigned her position due to irreconcilable differences between herself and the library's administration.

Although we are not sure of the reasons or even if there is a definite correlation, we have noticed that teachers and staff who are popular with the students seem to have less difficulties with their colleagues than those who are less popular.

We don't understand that sort of attitude. It would seem that these people who can communicate well with students should be encouraged as much as possible.

Last week in special session, the SGA legislature met to pass a voice resolution encouraging the library to change its policies and to improve its grievance procedure to prevent this from happening again.

That resolution is printed below.

We strongly agree with and support the legislature in their efforts to affect change.

Alumni busy raising money

To the editor:

The University of Alabama in Huntsville Alumni Association has finally, over the last few years, made rapid growth in fund raising. Since this is the most traditional and certainly one of the most important functions of an alumni association, this is very welcome. This development is especially important in light of the unique needs of a university seeking academic excellence and secondly, due to the historical inadequacy of legislative funding. Whenever members of the university community come in contact with alumni, it would be helpful to recognize the reinforce this increased spirit of giving.

There are, at this time, three primary sources of alumni fund raising: (1) the Alumni Phone-a-thon, (2) the Alabama-Auburn ticket drawing, and (3) the Alumni University Club.

The Alumni Phone-a-thon has grown for contributions of $8,000 in 1981 to over $21,000 this year. This result is largely due to the efforts of Brett Beard and the significantly increased participation of the UAH alumni and clubs and organizations from all over the university.

Secondly, the Alumni University Club which was instituted this year has already received over $7,000 in pledges. This is a phenomenal initial amount to raise the first year.

Why all this work?

To the editor:

Every quarter it's always the same. During the last few weeks of class, the majority of UAH professors continue the age-old, worn-out practice of piling assignment upon assignment in addition to the sacred final exam—whose own value is also questionable.

What is the purpose of the mountains of homework, research papers, term papers, etc.? Are they trying to determine the point where breakdowns occur most often?

UAH is supposed to be a moving, progressive school of higher learning. Why do our teachers insist on instructing by the bulk method rather than just teaching useful information at a pace that improves quality?

Come on, people, haven't you heard of pacing yet?
International Students Organization
Taking foreign students' interests
by Ann Davidson
staff writer

"Willingness to understand across cultural and international boundaries is our slogan," said Jelie Zine, President of the International Students Organization. The recently formed ISO welcomes everyone, "We will be happy to have people join us and be part of the ISO and help us achieve its goals," said Marita Owoferia, a member of the ISO. According to its constitution, the goals of the ISO are (1) to provide assistance to recently arrived foreign students, (2) to promote social and intellectual exchange between students from various nations, and (3) to provide a forum to encourage students from various nations to share knowledge about their native countries and cultures with groups in the university community and with the general public.

One way the ISO plans to promote social and intellectual exchange is by having host families invite foreign students to their homes for the holidays. "So they can share in the happiness and joys of holidays, like Christmas, Thanksgiving and Mothers' Day."

"This will help the foreign students learn more about the culture," said Zine. "And make them not feel lonely," added Owoferia. "It can help their performance at school knowing somebody cares," said Zine.

According to him, "the American family itself is going to learn. It would be a kind of window for the foreigners to learn about other cultures."

"Tutoring is provided to uplift the performance of students at UAH, and since international students are UAH students, it will be (see ISO on page 7)."

Billy Idol rocks Spragins Hall
by Dorseta Wegert
staff writer

The walls of Spragins Hall shook with the thundering cries of Billy Idol fans last Saturday, May 19.

After a 30-minute performance by his backup group and a 45-minute delay because people refused to step back from the stage, Idol dazzled his audience for a solid hour.

Idol abandoned his screaming followers after two encores, nonchalantly dropping his microphone to the floor and exiting the building.

Publish or perish issue raised
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is that publishing is the result of research, and is an indication that intense, scholarly investigation is going on, be it in the classroom or in the field. "It shows that a professor has enough understanding of and enthusiasm for his field to present his own ideas to a community of scholars," he said. "As much as we're interested in maintaining a high quality faculty publication is one way we have of being assured that quality is present."

However, a contrasting opinion is held by some students. Kathy Lawhon, a senior at UAH, said that publishing does not always point to high quality learning within the university.

"The publish-or-perish principle at UAH forces teachers to publish in order to keep their job," she said. "This contributes to a decrease in quality in teaching." And, she added that, taking an idea that is "obvious", they label it with an original "fancy name" in order to publish.

She said that she believes many good professors are terminated because they do not publish.

Dr. Martin said that he disagreed with Lawhon's idea that publishing forces a decrease in quality of works. He said that a work has to be high quality in order for a scholarly publication to accept it.

On the other hand, Jane Mitchell, a junior at UAH, said that she agrees that "a teacher's value should be placed on their teaching ability instead of on their publishing ability."

"I think if it's a stupid rule to base somebody's salary or their position in school on whether or not they publish," she said. "It may be important to publish, but it seems to me that UAH stresses it too much."

She added that good students are going to appreciate someone who "stimulates them," and that this stimulation may not occur if a teacher spends all of his time writing and researching.

"This business of placing everything on publishing is bad," she added.
Three candidates vying for local mayoral election

by Kim Best
staff writer

On July 10, the residents of Huntsville will elect a new mayor for the city.

At this writing three individuals have qualified to run for office. They are Joe Davis, present Mayor; Jane Mabry, councilwoman; and Jim Copeland, an engineer.

Davis is running for a fifth term, having been the mayor of Huntsville for the past 20 years. Much concern has been voiced over Davis' poor health. The Mayor underwent triple by-pass surgery recently. However, Davis is unconcerned. "Personally, I don't feel that the state of my health is an issue," he said.

When asked about ways that his administration had worked with the UAH community he said, "The city has always had close relations with UAH. We've committed money for them under new foundations and always made available anything to the extent that we could."

Davis said that the job situation for students still in college is rough in Huntsville, unless the student is technologically oriented. This is due to the high technologically oriented industries located in the city. The overall industry picture is mixed, said Davis. Although there are a lot of high-tech industries, there are still a great number of blue-collar industries.

"The city is trying to entice more high-tech industry," said Davis, "because it is a high paying, clean industry and has an extremely bright future."

Davis has no programs or policies in mind that will directly affect the UAH community. He does hope that the more industry that does come in, the better job opportunities there will be for college graduates in the area. Davis' main campaign strategy is to run on his past record. "The people know what kind of government we've had in the past—mostly successful."

Despite his long tenure as mayor, Davis does not feel that the race will be an easy one. "The only time you have an easy race is when you have no opponent," he said.

Councilwoman Jane Mabry is Davis' main opponent in the mayoral race. She ran against him in 1980 and lost by a few percentage points in a run-off. "Huntsville is in very good shape," said Mabry, who has been involved in city government for the past ten years. "I can take part credit for that."

Mabry does not feel that there are any burning issues in this particular race, but does feel that "this election is very crucial. Huntsville is fixing to boom again" with all the new industry coming in and expanding developments.

"It's time to manage very carefully," she said, so that Huntsville can keep operating on a good financial foundation.

If she had to pin down a specific platform to run on, Mabry feels that she is the best person for the job. "It is time get the ordinances that are legislated by the council enforced properly," said Mabry. "If they are not enforced, then they are not effective. I feel like its time for some changes."

Mabry feels that there is not a close enough relationship between the area colleges and the city. "There is a lot of expertise that could be utilized, and the whole community could benefit," said Mabry.

"The old cliche, 'information is power' comes to mind when I think about the various colleges throughout the city," she said.

Regarding UAH, Mabry feels that a good research university is a great asset to a city and the city needs to do all it can to nurture that.

"Students and professors have some very valuable information and city policymakers should not be afraid of using that talent," she said.

Mabry feels that the key to this election is how undecided people (which includes many students) will vote.

"If I can identify those people," says Mabry, "I'd like to have their vote. City government affects everyone," she said, "and it is very important that the government is run right."

Jim Copeland could not be reached.
Psychadelic Furs’ bite fading

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UAH crew teams hampered by weather

by Stacye Poer
staff writer

Bad weather undermined the efforts of UAH's Crew Team at the Dad-Vail Collegiate Crew Championships in Philadelphia last May 11-13.

In spite of the problems, the Men's Pair with coxswain took fourth place overall. Coach Chuck Eadon was pleased with their success, although they won a second-place medal last year, and were expected to do as well this year.

The weather became a factor in the men's Light Four race, when the UAH boat got swamped and had to be stopped to prevent sinking. "We're a fair-weather team, basically. We practice on a river which is usually calm in the morning, so we don't get many opportunities to practice in bad weather," said Eadon.

This was a problem for some other teams as well. After seven boats went under in six races, the remaining morning events were postponed until later that afternoon.

Another disadvantage suffered by the team was a late personnel change on the Women's Varsity squad. As a result of the river flooding, the women had only two practices together. They finished fourth in their heat.

The Men's Novice Four came in fifth in their heat. According to Eadon, the most impressive team at Nationals was from the University of New Hampshire, who won the trophy for having the most overall points. "They came out of nowhere," said Eadon. "They got a four-fold increase in funding this year. I guess they just got tired of getting beat by the University of Massachusetts."

Florida Institute of Technology, a team which UAH competed against earlier this season, won the national title in Men's Novice Eight. Jacksonville University's Men's Pair won the new national championship for that race.

The next big race for the women will be June 14-17 in Oakridge, Tennessee. The Women's Open National Championship is likely to provide the toughest competition possible for the women, says Eadon, since the Olympic team will be there.

The women have been working out extensively in preparation for the event and they plan to enter boats in Flyweight Four, Lightweight Four, Senior Pair, and Senior Four divisions.

Choir concert set for Friday

The UAH Choir recently completed a three-day tour of north Alabama.

The 32 voice chorus, directed by Dr. R.Paul Crabb, sang a total of five concerts in high schools, a junior college and a church.

The choir will present its home concert on Friday, May 25, at 8:15 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Humanities Building. The concert is free of charge.

The recently elected officers of Panhellenic, the organization that coordinates sorority activities, are seated—Jennifer Bagley, president; standing, from the left—Leigh Ann Brown, vice president, and Lee Larkin, secretary-treasurer.

Panhellenic officers elected

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beneficial to the community of
they also receive tutoring," said Zine.
The ISO is also interested in transportation and orientation for new foreign students.
"When the foreign students arrive at the airport there is no one to bring them on campus and help them get situated in the University, help them through registration, or even show them where the post office is," said Zine.
"Tom Counts has been really helpful and instrumental in appointing a committee to look into the problems of the international students," said Owoferia. "He showed interest in our problems. He is really willing to get involved," added Zine.

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Thompson has also expressed enthusiasm over the appointment. "I'm looking forward to joining the staff at UAH," Thompson said. "It's an institution with an exciting future in a city and state with an exciting future. I am particularly attracted to its commitment to excellence and the strong community support it enjoys."

Vice President Thompson has served in his present role at MSU since September of 1978, coming to that post from similar positions of responsibility at Texas Tech University and the University of South Florida earlier in his career.
Thompson holds a masters degree in Education Administration from the University of South Florida and a bachelor's degree in Linguistics from Capital University of Columbus, Ohio and has received additional education in educational management and computing from the Harvard Graduate Business School and CDP. Before his career began in higher education in 1976 as Computer Systems Director at Florida State University, Thompson was employed for six years as a computer systems manager for the RCA Corporation. He has been an active participant in community and civic affairs in Florida, Texas and Michigan.
Thompson is also being appointed to an adjunct faculty position at UAH, where he will teach a course in management information systems within the School of Administrative Science.

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