Faculty Senate discusses writing skills bill

by Lawrence F. Specker
associate editor

Faculty Senate meeting number 288 was held Thursday, April 19. At this meeting the Senate discussed several matters related to the current operation of the University, as well as others related to strategic planning of future operation. The Senate also considered three bills, two of which could have a profound effect upon the student body of the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

One of the main focuses of attention was the need to prioritize budget proposals for the upcoming year, as the cost of suggested new universities is far greater than the anticipated growth in revenue. Minor updates of tuition and fees were mentioned as a source of revenue which would be used to cover some of the proposals. It was noted that pay levels for junior staff at the University are 30 percent below market, leading to a costly turnover rate, and that recent pay increases for campus police had corrected a similarly problematic rate of turnover.

An upgrade of the campus mainframe was another proposal mentioned. The present system has been found to be inadequate or useless for many bookkeeping and registration functions, making it impossible to obtain timely reports and information. A switch to an IBM system has been recommended as being expedient, if not essential. The need for strategic planning was stressed. The budgeting process has been lacking this planning for several years, with the result that yearly budgets have been put together in a matter of days and have contained many unreviewed, stopgap measures. The Senate planning committee is currently organizing and orienting itself to deal with this problem.

After hearing its committee reports the Senate turned its attention to several bills awaiting passage. Before voting to adjourn the Senate studied three bills, numbers 205, 206, and 207. Bill number 205 concerned the election of Senate Committee Chairs, and was passed unanimously.

Bill number 206, which is probably of much greater interest to the student body, concerns a core curriculum program at UAH. The bill was passed with one dissenting vote and one abstention. It includes the statement that "There is a general impression among the faculty and administration of the University of a need to increase the depth and breadth of competency of its graduates", and adds that "The Core Curriculum Task Force and Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee have been examining the means by which such competency might be achieved in an ongoing process for several years..."

The bill lists suggestions of characteristics that graduates should be expected to possess, including "skills essential to communicate effectively, in both oral and written form, solve problems analytically, formulate aesthetic judgements, think creatively and critically, synthesize diverse information and ideas...basic knowledge about modern natural, physical, and social sciences, their history, basic principles, and methods, the principals of modern mathematics, statistics, and computing, the literary tradition of the western world, the fine arts, the political and economic systems of developed nations, especially the United States, the historical development of western civilization, the foundations of ethical conduct, at least one non-western culture, at least one foreign language..."

The conclusion of the bill mandates establishment of a core curriculum "with all key elements to be in place by Fall 1992," and that this core address both skills in English, mathematics and critical thinking and skills.

University Housing inspection program underway

by Christie Dale
reporter

During the Winter term, a program of health and safety inspections of all University Housing units, both in Southeast Campus Housing and University Circle (family) Housing began. Between five and ten units are inspected each week with a follow-up visit 36-72 hours later to assure that any problems found during the original inspection were corrected.

Inspection are done by two full-time members of the Housing staff, and follow-ups are done by the same person who did the original inspection. After the initial inspection, the inspectors leave a list of items to be corrected within the unit; then they return to make sure that the unit is in acceptable condition. If, after the second inspection, the apartment is found to be unacceptable, a report is submitted to the Director of University Housing for disciplinary action. Failure to correct the problem can result in termination of the apartment lease.

Jane Mathis-Hopson, Director of University Housing, states that the inspections are not to invade privacy or to cause hardships. Instead, their purpose is to make the units last longer while also helping to keep problems from occurring. Inspections will help residents to check out faster and prevent cleaning and damage charges. At the end of spring, when most residents check out, many units would not have been thoroughly cleaned all year. That means 9-12 months of wear-up to scrub the units throughout the year, the whole process is easier. In addition, a major cleaning of the apartment must occur before the unit can be leased again. Inspections throughout the year, make this process faster.

Ms. Mathis-Hopson remarks, "It's really been going well. People have been happy to make the units last longer while also helping to keep problems from occurring. Inspections will help residents to check out faster and prevent cleaning and damage charges."

Above: Huntsville Mayor Steve Hetinger presents President Padulo and Dean Harold Wilson with a flower which yield a nectar that is a valuable source of honey.

Padulo kicks off Earth Week with ceremonial tree planting

by Eddie Cracker
intern reporter

To kick off Earth Week at UAH, university president Dr. Louis Padulo and the Alumni Association staged a tree planting. A sparse crowd attended the ceremony, which was held last Monday in front of Roberts Hall.

Dr. Padulo spoke of the importance of taking care of the earth, and cited UAH's efforts toward environmental improvement. These include the recycling program on campus and a plan to make the school's buildings more energy efficient. The president also mentioned his trip to a dentist with bad teeth because the school's research facilities had formed a new dental program to evaluate and improve other school's energy efficiency, while nothing was being done to improve UAH.

The tree, which was donated by the Alumni Association, is a Linden. These trees are known to grow eighty feet tall, and have a diameter of three feet. The tree has fragrant yellow flowers which yield a nectar that is a valuable source of honey.

Space Services, Inc. to launch new CMDS rocket May 16

The launch of a commercial suborbital rocket that will carry 12 microgravity experiments has been set for May 16 by the UAH Consortium for Materials Development in Space (CMDS). The rocket and launch services are funded by a grant from NASA's Office of Commercial Programs. Commercial participants provided most of the funding for the payload.

The UAH CMDS is one of 36 NASA Centers for Commercial Development of Space. The Concorse 3 mission will have experiments from three other NASA commercial development centers. The Payload Integration Center for the Advanced Materials, Battelle Columbus Laboratories, Columbus, Ohio; and the Space Experiment Center of Pennsylvania State University and the Center for Biorformance Space Technologies, University of Colorado. Payload integrators for the experiments is supported in part by McDonnell Douglas Corp., Huntsville.
College of Nursing to hold "Let's Pretend Hospital 99"

The UAH College of Nursing will lessen hospitalization fears of 1700 youngsters this year when they participate in the fifth annual "Let's Pretend Hospital." On April 24-27, the simulated hospital will open its doors from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Von Braun Civic Center.

The project is a joint effort of the UAH College of Nursing, Huntsville Hospital, Huntsville Hospital Auxiliary and the Huntsville Hospital Red Cross Volunteers. This is the fifth year for the successful event. Invitations have been extended to first-graders in city, county and private elementary schools.

"The purpose of the make-believe project is to teach children what they can expect during a hospital visit, and lessen their fears and anxieties associated with hospitalization," explained UAH assistant nursing professor Doris J. Heaman. "A special emphasis is placed on patient-family education at the College of Nursing," Heaman pointed out. "This project gives nursing students an opportunity to apply developmental theory in teaching the children about nursing and health care," she added.

The simulated hospital setting includes an admitting area, emergency room, patient's room, radiology, operating room, pediatric play-room and business office.

Nursing students demonstrate activities that occur in these designated areas. Emphasis is on the hospital as a place to help people get well.

The children are sure to be taken by surprise as "Groth-the-Croc," and new feathered friend "Ji-Can - Tu-Can," Huntsville Hospital's lovable mascots, greet them their official greeting as they arrive.

Prior to the event, area teachers participating in the project would receive information packets to help prepare the first-graders for the visit. The packets include a bibliography and other reading materials to prepare the children for the unique experience. Children are also asked to draw pictures of a hospital setting to be displayed during the event.

Each school classroom selects a pretend "mother," "father," and "patient."

Heaman said UAH College of Nursing students develop a vocabulary list of terms, and serve as consultants for the project, as well as write scripts and present health education entertainment skills.

"The short skills are performed in a holding area as the first-graders wait to move through the various stations of the pretend hospital," Heaman explained.

Prior to going to school, the children will receive a "goodie-bag" that will include a coloring book, nurses cap, stethoscope and other health related items.

Faculty Senate discusses Writing Skills Resolution

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broadth of knowledge.

Bill number 207, a writing skills resolution, promises to have an impact at least as great as that of bill number 206, an impact which could be all the greater as it could arrive even sooner. The bill was not passed due to a great deal of debate over the implications of its wording, but it seems almost certain that the bill will be passed, in one form or another, in the near future.

Specifically the bill addresses the problem that many students are or appear to be sadly lacking in writing skills. The Senate proposes to address this problem by creating an interdisciplinary writing center or program which will serve as a resource center for students judged to be in need of aid. The bill points out that the University currently has no program for strengthening writing skills beyond Freshman Composition courses.

The bill suggested that each undergraduate program identify a minimum of two upper-level courses which will include substantial writing activities. This portion of the bill came under strong scrutiny, and was the subject of debate which was not resolved when the Senate voted to adjourn.

Most significantly, the bill suggests that the University seriously consider a writing skills examination which would measure students' writing skills prior to their junior year. Passing the examination would be a requisite for graduation. No doubt such an examination, if brought into being, would affect the studies of a great many students in all fields of discipline.

The lengthy debate on the Writing Skills Resolution prevented several other bills from being brought to a vote. These bills, which include a measure addressing the need for an orientation program for new faculty, will presumably be voted upon at the next Senate meeting, at which debate on the writing skills resolution will also be continued.

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The UAH CMDS and the Center for Advanced Materials will perform materials experiments and the Penn State and Colorado centers will conduct biotechnical experiments. Both types of experiments will utilize the effect of microgravity in their investigations.

The Consortium 3 experiment package is essentially the same payload which was flown on the aborted Consrot 2 launch which took place Nov. 15, 1989 from White Sands. The Consort 2 Launch was terminated 30 seconds into the flight by White Sands Missile Range Flight Safety personnel. A Space Services Inc. Investigation Board determined that the incident was caused by a mechanical failure in the MIDAS gyro platform that provides gyroscopic input into the S19 boost guidance system. The mechanical failure caused the vehicle to cone which led to the premature separation of the payload. The payload was recovered undamaged.

The third commercial launch for the UAH CMDS and Space Services, Consrot 1 was launched successfully on March 29 and carried six microgravity experiments.

MacDougall to speak April 29

Dr. John MacDougall, associate professor of political science at UAH, will speak at the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library's final edition of the 1990 Sunday Forum Series April 29 at 2:30 p.m. "Invisible Indonesia: The Silent Giant," will be the subject of Dr. MacDougall's lecture. Dr. MacDougall had a first hand look of Indonesia from his 14 month stay as a senior Fulbright teaching research scholar at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta.

The program is free to the public and refreshments will be served. For more information contact the Friends of the Library at 532-5986.

Co-op presenting short films

The film Co-op will represent eleven short films which won awards this year in the Ninth Annual Thomas Edison Black Maria Film Festival, a worldwide competition, on Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m., in the Main Public Library auditorium.

The director of the Festival will be present in person to introduce the program and to answer questions. The films include humorous experimental animation, unique approaches to temporary issues like A.I.D.S. and the 1980's social, personal, poetic films. A donation will be requested at the door and early arrivals will be greeted with a special video treat. Call 539-F.I.L.M. for details.
Study shows need for more management courses

A recent study conducted by the 3M Meeting Management Institute (MMI) revealed that 68 percent of U.S. colleges and universities don’t offer courses to prepare students to be effective meeting leaders. Yet according to a study conducted by the Wharton Center for Applied Research, managers spend 25 to 60 percent of their time conducting or participating in meetings.

The MMI surveyed 1,900 U.S. colleges and universities. In their responses, schools indicated what classes they offered to prepare students to conduct meetings. Only 2.5 percent of the schools responding offer courses specifically related to meeting management. Most of the classes cited as meeting management relate more closely to organizational theory, communications, management and leadership principles.

Virginia Johnson, manager of the MMI, says, “The results of the survey show the importance of bridging the gap in meeting management between colleges and universities and organizations where effective meetings are essential in day-to-day operations.” 3M formed the MMI to increase productivity in the meeting room. The Institute sponsors research on meeting productivity and effectiveness and disseminates information on the MMI or MMI-sponsored studies, contact Virginia Johnson, 3M Austin Center, A-145-111, Austin, TX 78769-2563.

Grissom High senior Rusty Campbell wins contest sponsored by College of Science

Rusty Campbell, a student at Grissom High School, is the winner of a design contest sponsored by the College of Science at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Campbell’s design, a series of colored spheres, depicts what science and technology means to students. It will be used on buttons to promote science and technology week. This contest was one of several sponsored by UAH in honor of National Science and Technology Week April 22-29. He will be presented $50 and a certificate at the annual meeting and banquet of the scientific research sorority Sigma Xi on April 26.

Campbell’s teacher at Grissom is Norma Harrison. Honorable mentions in the design contest have been awarded to Mark Bosley-Grissom, Mike Berry-Mountain Gap Middle School, Julie Gorum-Whitesburg Middle, Brian Moses-Lee High Magnet, and Natasha Poularikas-Huntsville High.

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NASA announces graduate student training fellowship

NASA announces graduate student fellowship for persons pursuing a Ph.D. degree in aspects of Global Change research. These fellowships will be available for the 1990/1991 academic year. The purpose is to ensure a continued supply of high quality scientists to support rapid growth in the study of Earth as a system. Up to 25 awards will be made in 1990; the number will increase substantially in future years subject to availability of funds.

Applications will be considered for research on global biogeochemical cycles, radiation and physical climate interactions, the hydrological cycle, and solid earth processes. Atmospheric and ocean physics, chemistry and biology, ecosystem dynamics, soil science, geology, geophysics, and cryospheric processes are all acceptable areas of research, providing that the specific research topic is relevant to NASA's Global Change research efforts including the Earth Observing System and Mission to Planet Earth.

Awards are made for an initial one year term and may be renewed annually for three years, based on satisfactory progress as reflected in academic performance and evaluations by the faculty advisor.

The amount of award for 1990 is $20,000/annum which may be used at the discretion of the student to defray living expenses, tuition and fees. A further amount of $2,000 is available by request for the faculty advisor's use in support of the student's research.

Students entering or already enrolled in a full-time Ph.D. program at accredited U.S. universities are eligible to apply. Students may enter the program at any time during their senior year prior to receiving their baccalaureate degree, but must be accepted and enrolled in a Ph.D. program at a U.S. university at the time of the award. An individual accepting this award may not concurrently receive other federal funds including that from other federal fellowships, traineeships, or federal employment. United States citizens and resident aliens will be given preference, although the program is not restricted to them.

No applicant shall be denied consideration or appointment as a NASA Global Change Fellow on grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, age, or sex.

A student receiving support under the Global Change Fellowship program does not thereby incur any formal obligation to the government of the United States. However, the objectives of this program will clearly be served best if the student is encouraged to actively pursue research or teaching in global change research after completion of graduate studies.

If a student terminates the Global Change Fellowship program earlier than anticipated, the unused student/university allowance shall be returned to NASA.

Proposals will be judged by NASA Headquarters on a competitive basis. Criteria for selection include: (a) academic excellence as based on transcripts and letters of reference, (b) the quality of the proposed research for students already in graduate school, and (c) the relevance of the proposed research to NASA's role in the U.S. Global Change Research Program (Mission to Planet Earth). Selection panels will include representation from the Office of Science and Technology Policy's Committee on Earth Sciences, and professional societies in the Earth Sciences.

Applications are required to make available (a) complete application form (b) a three page research proposal for those already enrolled in a program of study or a statement of research interest for those entering graduate school, (c) copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts and (d) 3 letters of support. Five copies of the application form, proposal, and transcripts should be forwarded as a package; the letters of reference should be requested to be sent separately and it is the student's responsibility to ensure that the letters have been sent. The deadline for receipt of all materials at NASA Headquarters is May 15, 1990 for the 1990/1991 academic year. Materials should be sent to:

NASA Global Change Fellowship Program
EPM-20/Code EE
NASA Headquarters
Washington, D.C. 20546

Results of the competition will be announced June 15, 1990.
Governor Guy Hunt, declaring "there are no more environmental bargains to be found here," signed legislation Tuesday sharply increasing the fees for dumping hazardous waste in Alabama, a law he called "one of the most important pieces of environmental protection legislation in our state's history.

Hunt, in a State House ceremony, signed into law a bill raising the dumping fees to $40 a ton for hazardous waste generated inside Alabama and $112 a ton for waste shipped in from outside the state.

"Sunday is Earth Day, a day set aside to remember the importance of protecting our environment. In Alabama, we are going to start celebrating early by signing into law one of the most important pieces of environmental protection legislation in our state's history," Gov. Hunt said at the news conference.

The governor said the new law eventually will force a reduction in the amount of hazardous waste dumped in Alabama by making it less profitable for waste producers to ship to Alabama.

"For many years Alabama has been a hazardous waste dumping ground of the nation. In Sumter County is the largest toxic waste dump in the world, and last year almost 800,000 tons of hazardous chemicals were dumped there," Hunt said.

"Although the dump at Emelle is probably one of the safest such facilities in the country, many believe it is a ticking toxic time bomb. In 20 or 30 or 50 or 100 years it may leak and pose a much greater threat to the safety of generations to come," the governor said.

"Today we will take an important step toward scratching Alabama's name off that list of favorite places to dump hazardous waste," he said.

"On the day I took office just over three years ago, toxic waste producers in other states could drive their problems to Alabama and dump them for only $6 a ton. But today, Alabama is taking down that sale sign. With this law it's going to cost $112 a ton to bring hazardous waste into Alabama from other states. Let the message go out. There are no more environmental bargains to be found here."

Hunt said that "in time, this sharp increase in dumping fees will force other states to start doing a better job of taking care of their waste problems. They have the technology available to them now, but they have never had the incentive to use it because Alabama has always welcomed dumping with open arms."

"When this bill was being debated, some in the hazardous waste business warned that this would dramatically reduce dumping in Alabama. Good! That's what we want to do," Hunt said. "And if it is reduced, we're going to make sure it stays reduced."

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"...the two-party system is at last a reality!"

by Nelson Papucci
guest columnist

Probably the major issue in the campaign will be the state's economy, but here Democrats may not have a dead end. The Governor's office reported a record $3.2 billion in industrial development in Alabama in 1990. The unemployment rate fell that year to 7.1%, the third straight year it has dropped. Alabama ranks number one in all states for its economic improvement over the past five years according to the Alabama Enterprise Development. The verdict seems to be in: overall, the governor has done an tremendous job in recruiting new industry to the state and creating an economic climate conducive to further investment.

Of course, he's accomplished this with the Democratic-controlled legislature just about everything in its power to embarrass the administration (especially in this election year). The Democrats have controlled the state for over 100 years, and accordingly must bear responsibility for the stagnation we've experienced, economically, educationally, and socially.

It is the governor's other achievements are the implementing of a spousal-rape law (until Hunt, Alabama had been the only state for years in the nation with general spousal rights), and finally paying attention to the needs of the northern part of the state.

Hunt has done more for North Alabama than any governor in history, at last helping Huntsville get services from Montgomery in proportion to what we pay in taxes.

Hunt's reality through on his accomplishments, though, the governor will need not only a second term but also allies in the state legislature. One race in particular Hunt is targeting is the District 21 House seat, encompassing North Huntsville, Moores Mill, and Meridianville. The current incumbent, Dewayne Freeman, has been a constant thorn in the governor's side and Hunt has made it clear that for the state to progress Mr. Freeman has got to go. Freeman in fact actually switched districts after failing to get re-elected to his seat this year. His hard-charging opponent is Randy Hinshaw, State President of the Young Republicans and head of the committee opposing Mayor Hinshaw's tax increase. The race promises to garner statewide attention.

In Alabama, it seems, for the first time in state's history, the GOP is highly competitive at every level, in every race. Centuries of inertia and inertia, the two-party system is at last a reality!

"I must admit to a certain...idealism..."

letter to editor

For weeks I looked forward to Earth Day. I must admit to a certain amount of idealism about our local proceedings. A day in the park with good local and other live bands always sounds like fun to me. Put that with a fantastic opportunity to educate people and increase awareness and you can understand my hopefulness.

Unfortunately I left Brahman Springs Park very disappointed. Yes, there were no bike routes, yes, there were many booths set up to disseminate information. But all in all I hoped for more.

There were very few booths that drew me in. While most of the sponsors with booths set up I is admitted to have quite a bit to say, only a handful bothered to make their information interesting enough to even pick up a flyer.

There were some excellent displays as well, namely Opening Books and Garden Cove Produce. But I really was stunned by the number of apathetic faces behind the tables.

What was more ironic about Huntsville's Earth Day celebration was its location. Brahman Springs has become a rather filthy place, a shrine of apathy about the environment.

My husband and I rode our bikes to the park, with great difficulty might I add. We decided to play the frisbee golf course and found moving through the wooded course difficult because so many trees had been recently cut. Branches, and woodchips littered the woods and bulldozer tracks made mudholes all over. Ironically, just a few hundred yards away, people were being urged to plant a tree for Earth Day. The park was strewn with litter outside the field where the event proper was held, much of it recyclable cans and bottles. I suppose, really, I came away from Earth Day more aware. I have deflated myself into thinking that action on my personal level is enough. It is not.

We need to push for citywide bike trails and bike racks in public places to encourage bicycle commuting.

"Your issue...was an unbelievable farce."

letter to editor

Earth day is finally over, and I, for one, am grateful. Perhaps the Exponent can now turn its attention to something else. Your issue of April 18 was an unbelievable farce. You printed eight different Earth Day articles, and they were all carbon copies of the same leftist mythology. The only mention given to a differing viewpoint was an attack on the position of the John Birch Society; which, I admit, is a very radical organization. However, when given a choice between today's 'environmental mafia' and the John Birch Society, I will gladly take the Birchers.

In my own attempt to balance the Exponent's coverage, I would like to cite two recent federal studies. The first is a study of acid rain which was conducted by the Commerce Department. The study concluded that acid rain actually does less than ten percent of the damage that environmentalists claim. The second study would I call your attention to was conducted by NASA. This study concerned that favorite of liberal storytellers: global warming. The scientists concluded that the atmosphere where it was thought that global warming would first be detected is still at a normal atmospheric level for ten years, 1979-1988. Their findings were quite interesting. The hottest year was 1986. The years 1987 and 1988 were both cooler. Furthermore, the average temperature of the first five years. In short, acid rain damage is being proved to be quite negligible, while global warming is only a myth. So, who is paranoid, the Exponent or the Environmentalists? This time, I'll take the Exponent.
"...I hope everyone takes advantage of learning more..."

letter to editor

I cannot think of a group of people who deserve more praise and recognition than those Alabama citizens 60 years old or older. These people are rich with wisdom and their gentle manner cannot be matched. For these reasons, I was pleased to sign a proclamation to declare May as older Americans Month, Sunday May 6 as Senior Appreciation Sunday, and May 2 as Older Alabamians Day, just as important, in May the Commission on Aging has arranged a day-long seminar to update older citizens about issues that directly affect them.

The most recent estimates reveal the number of persons in the state age 60 and over has reached almost 60,000. At all levels of government we are concerned about the growing population's welfare and happiness. While many in the public and private sectors have expressed united support for programs to improve the quality of life for these older citizens, there still remains a need for others to understand the role of older persons in today's society. That is why I proclaimed certain dates in May for fellow citizens to educate themselves about the needs of the elderly. I hope everyone takes advantage of learning more about these wise and well respected people by either calling your local senior citizens center or the Alabama Commission on Aging.

Guy Hunt, Governor

"If you want a large response, take a poll on the constantly rising price of attending..."

letter to editor

I am a UAH student and I am writing in reply to your editorial in the April 18 issue concerning the lack of reply to your abortion poll. I believe I speak for at least some of the student body when I say that, no, we do not have the time to respond to much of anything other than our homework assignments. Since I've been here I've seen nothing of the "enriching experience" that college-life is supposed to provide. I go to class all week and my extra-curricular activities consist of insurmountable homework and working to pay for the privilege to do said homework. If you want a large response, take a poll on the constantly rising price of attending this institution. As for your abortion question, I'm pro-choice, but I've wasted time I should have spent studying by writing to tell you that.

by a disillusioned student

Thank you! I Believe the time was well spent. ed.

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25 April 1990
Chi Omega
Last week, the sisters of Chi Omega celebrated the 95th anniversary of our founding. We had a fantastic time at our banquet and formal. We would like to congratulate the sisters who won awards for their contributions to the Fraternity! Marie Bolivar received an award for Outstanding Freshman. Amy Smith was chosen Outstanding Sophomore. Amy also received the Evelyn L. Land Scholarship! Most Outstanding Junior is Jean Preston. Margaret Balmut was chosen Most Outstanding Senior. Amy Dickson received an award for Most Outstanding in Extra-Curricular Activities. Stephanie Roper was chosen as Most Enthusiastic. Dena Childress received the award for Chi Omega of the Year! Chi Omega would also like to congratulate our sisters who received awards in their other activities. Amy Dickson received the Joe Elzy Award for Most Outstanding Marketing Student!! Christa Snow was recently elected Vice President and Cheryl Wernle was elected Secretary/Treasurer of BACCHUS. We are very proud of you for your recent accomplishments! Have a great weekend and meetings, the student DPMA offers you the opportunity to participate in both the campus and community leadership projects. These projects include: providing free instruction for the novice through the SGA’s Macintosh lab, designing a database for the Harris Home for Troubled Youth, the establishment of a professional DPMA chapter in the Huntsville area, and the “Data Dance Marathon”, a new project for the group. We even play intramural softball.

In the last quarter, the DPMA has sponsored a tour the MIS department at the Huntsville Hospital, lectures by local information professionals, picnic and softball games, and was recognized with three student leadership awards. You can be a part of this exciting group.

Membership in the DPMA is open to all students, and our next meeting is Monday, April 30, at 12:15 p.m. in room 316 of Morton Hall. We would love to see you to the planning of Greek Week, as well as everyone who participated in the events.

IEE
The UAH Student Chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers will meet Thursday, April 26, at 3:15 in Room 135 of the Engineering Building. This will be a short meeting, and prospective members are welcome to attend.

ATM
It has been a good couple of weeks for ATM at UAH. Both volleyball games were victorious in games and the softball team defeated the Old Swillers 19-5. Spring Rush continues to go well and there have been no rush returns. Anyone who is interested in rushing a sorority or fraternity should contact Toni Morgan in UC Room 100 for more information. Greek Week was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who participated and those not participating in Greek Week; as well as everyone who came out and support this worthy cause!

Panhellenic
Congratulations go out to all Greek letter organizations on their Spring pledge classes. Keep up the good work in rush. Anyone who is interested in rushing a sorority or fraternity should contact Toni Morgan in UC Room 100 for more information.

Sigma Chi Gamma
The brothers of Sigma Chi Gamma were proud to portray the Greeks Advocating the Mature Development and are an administrative group. We even play intramural softball.

Delta Zeta
Delta Zeta would like to thank everyone who attended Tahiti Sweetie. It turned out to be a great party. We’re looking forward to Crush Party this weekend. Guys, be looking for those invitations. Thanks to the ATO’s for a fun mixer. We all had a great time getting to know each other. Pledges received their Big cards on Thursday, April 12. Congratulations to all the Big/Little pairs. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired was a huge success. It was held the Friday before Easter on the Nursing Building lawn. All the children who attended loved it. Congratulations to all the Delta Zeta’s. A candlelighting was held to reveal that Mary Howell is the next BACCHUS meeting will be April 25, 1990 at 12:15 p.m. in the U.C. Deli (room 146). We will be appointing members to the GAMMA (Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol) committee, as well as other important committees. We will also be hearing about future events. BACCHUS is open to all UAH students, and we encourage you to attend. For more information, contact Cheryl Wernle at 881-2442.

DPMA
What do employers want? They want employees that are professional. One way that you can show your future employer that you are a true professional is through involvement in a professional society. If you recognize the need for professional development and are an administrative science student you might want to look at the Data Processing Management Association. The UAH student DPMA is a chapter in the South Atlantic Region of DPMA, and is composed of information professionals.

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Upcoming events at Mom’s this quarter will include Amateur Night, May 18th. A $50 first prize will be offered and the audience will choose the winner. The contest will be open to the general public.

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Hinojosa, Williams to perform at 1990 Springfest

As a part of "Head South of the Border with UAH", the annual Springfest celebration, Mexican-American Tish Hinojosa will be appearing at UAH. Her first A&M album "Homeland" offers the theme of "the strife and sweetness that make the southwest one of the nation's culturally richest regions." In the album she explores a variety of musical forms—western swings, country and western, folk, straight Pop—all from a unique Hispanic perspective.

Tish plays regularly in Austin, Texas, numerous other clubs and colleges across the US and has been a regular at the Kerrville Folk Festival since 1979.

Appearing with Tish will be Mike Williams. He is described as "a very friendly down-to-earth wandering minstrel who has been everywhere and seen everything." Some of his experience he sings about, others he just tells about but either way he comes off as a splendid entertainer.

To quote the UAH student newspaper, the Exponent, "if he returns to UAH, don't blow your second chance to see him."

The show will be Friday, April 27, at 8:00 p.m. in the UAH University Center. Admission is free to all and some Mexican delicacies will also be served free of charge.

Works of Bach, Mozart to be performed at free concert

Choral Orchestral works of J.S. Bach and W.A. Mozart will be performed at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity in downtown Huntsville on Saturday, April 28 beginning at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge for this concert held in one of Huntsville's most beautiful and oldest landmarks.

Professor of Music at UAH, D. Royce Boyer, who is also Choirmaster at the church, will conduct the Nativity Choir, soloists and chamber orchestra in Bach's famous Easter cantata, "Christ lag in todesbanden" and Mozart's festive "Coronation" Mass.

The concert is one of several musical events and worship experiences held at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity as a part of its second annual "Great Fifty Days Festival," the period spanning Easter and Pentecost. A brochure listing all events can be obtained by calling the church at 533-2355.

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FIND OUT "AT THE MOVIES"

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* Monday, April 30th—"Look Who's Talking"
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Next Friday, the Outdoor Movie:
Starring Henry Harrison Ford in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"
(movie is shown on GIANT outdoor screen)

All movies are FREE! So come and bring a friend.
See you at the movies!
All films donated by Cobb Prime Time Video on South Parkway
Sponsored by the Association for Campus Entertainment
**Rocky Horror** returns to UAH, courtesy of ACE

by Eric Schlegal

On Sat., April 21 The Rocky Horror Picture Show was again shown on campus. As always, the movie was organized by ACE and screened in the UC Exhibit Hall. Admission was $1.00 for UAH students and $5.00 for the general public. The picture ran from about 12:30 to 2:20. The movie was originally scheduled to begin at midnight after the doors opened at 11:30. However, the crowd was kept waiting outside in occasional heavy bursts of rain until midnight. As a result about half an hour passed before the entire audience had bought tickets and gotten seated.

For those not familiar with Rocky Horror, it is a cult classic that encourages audience participation. The movie by itself would be incredibly dull and almost incomprehensible. At the beginning all virgins, or first timers to Rocky, are brought up front and initiated. Throughout the movie the audience does things like throw rice at the movie's wedding scene. They also exchange lines with the movie such as, "What's your favorite show?" "'Lost in Space.' " "'Mine too.'"

The audience also gets up to dance to the movie's wedding scene. They also allow boring lulls in the energy and excitement. However, the majority of the audience did enjoy the long wait outside had a toll on the audience. The film broke twice allowing boring lulls in the energy and excitement. However, the majority of the audience did enjoy themselves.

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OUTDOOR MOVIE
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1 FULL HOUR OF CARTOONS

• Friday, May 4, 1990

7:30 p.m. Cartoons
8:30 p.m. “Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade”

• Where: on the lawn north of campus housing Bldg. 706.
• Bring a blanket or lawn chairs
• Bring snacks and drinks if you wish

POPCORN & SODA POP will be available.

This event is FREE to everyone so bring your friends and family!

Sponsored by the Association for Campus Entertainment & UAH Campus Housing

Movies provided by Cobb Prime Time Video on South Memorial Parkway
Montgomery Museum hosting rare exhibition

L’Estampe Originale: A Portfolio of Nineteenth Century Prints from the Collection of the Brooklyn Museum, an exhibition featuring one of the few remaining sets in the world of this highly proclaimed collaborative printmaking venture, will be on view at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts May 2 through July 1, 1990. Organized by the American Federation of the Arts, this exhibition presents ninety-two graphic works by Bonnard, Paul Gauguin, Pierre Signac, Henri De Toulouse-Lautrec, and Edouard Vuillard. Several artists from other countries are also represented, such as the American painter James McNeill Whistler and the British illustrator Walter Crane. L’Estampe Originale, a comprehensive record of the diverse artistic movements characterizing French art of the 1890’s, notably art nouveau and symbolism, was produced during a time of great creative ferment in the graphic arts in France. In 1893 Andre Marty, the publisher of Le Journal des Artistes, in collaboration with the art critic Claude Roger Marx, conceived the idea to publish on a quarterly basis a series of albums of original prints. The venture resulted in ninety-five original prints presented in nine albums, with written prefaces by Claude Roger Marx. Published in Paris between 1893 and 1895, the series was printed in editions of one hundred and sold by subscription. The most famous print from the project is Toulouse-Lautrec’s “couverture” for the first album, one of the artist’s largest single lithographs. Depicting the interior of Chez Ancourt, the best lithographic printshop of the day, this work features the dancer Jane Avril examining a proof that has just been pulled by the master printer Pere Cotelle. In this piece, Toulouse-Lautrec captures the excitement that color lithography engendered at the time. It is rare to find a complete cycle of L’Estampe Originale, as most were broken up and sold separately between the years 1900 and 1910. These prints from The Brooklyn Museum come from one of the two portfolios known to exist in the United States. The exhibition was coordinated for the AFA by Marie-Therese Brincard.

Constitution Hall Village Museum offering spring classes

Summer is here and baskets are as popular today as they were in the early 19th century. Filled with flowers or herbs from the garden or packed with a lunch for your family, baskets are a handy item to have around the house. The museum’s annual Summer Basket Workshops will give you an opportunity to create your own basket from natural materials. If you’ve never made a basket, instructors will be available to help you learn. Demonstrations of weaving techniques, such as randing, slaying and three rod waling will be taught. The workshops will take place May 3 and 5, beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day. Call today for reservations, 532-7551. A $25.00 fee covers the cost of materials. For more information, contact Emily Rodgers, 532-7551.

Food for thought: words from Abraham Lincoln

compiled by Kelly Lynn Pennick
intern reporter

Food for thought: Words from the mouth of Abraham Lincoln.

It is difficult to make a man miserable when he feels worthy of himself and claims kindred to the great God who made him.

Truth is generally the best vindication against slander.

Stand with anybody that stands right, and part with him when he goes wrong.

When one is embarrassed, usually the shortest way to get through with it is to quit talking or thinking about it, and go at something else.

Laugh because I must not cry.

If you call a tail a leg, how many legs has a dog? Five! No; calling a tail a leg don’t make it a leg.

When a man hears himself somewhat misrepresented, it provokes him - at least, I find it so with myself; but when misrepresentation becomes very gross and palpable, is more apt to amuse him.

I leave it to my audience, - if I had another face to wear do you think I would wear this one? - (Lincoln had been called a “two-faced man” by Douglas)

Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.
UAH Basic Shooting course ends with class match

by Aaron D. Koger
sports reporter

At the end of the Winter term the UAH Basic Shooting Course held a pistol match for the students in the class.

The match consists of students shooting sixty shots from standing, sitting, kneeling and prone positions. The shots are worth up to ten points each with a maximum score of six hundred points. The course of fire is similar to the police qualification course most of us have seen in the movies.

The men’s division of the shooting match was won by Martin Schultz who had a near perfect score of 585. George Smythe was second with 566, William Grisson was third with 556 and Alan Poteet was fourth with 466.

The women’s division was won by Sandra Pape, who had a score of 407, followed by Lisa Villanueva with 286, Ruth Schaefer with 232, and Karen Cotton with 207.

In the class the students learned safety and the laws concerning gun use. They were also thoroughly instructed in the cleaning and care of guns. If you have questions about the course call Spragins Hall at 895-6007.

Huntsville Ultimate Summer League will hold games

Ultimate frisbee is an Olympic caliber worldwide sport. There are over 25 countries in which Ultimate is played. The sport originated in the U.S.A. where there are presently over 300 competitive teams and over 40 noncompetitive, just for the fun of it, Summer leagues.

NOW HUNTSVILLE IS STARTING IT'S OWN SUMMER LEAGUE. Ultimate is a conglomerate of the field mobility of soccer, the defensive strategies of basketball and the quarterback receiver coordination of football.

The Huntsville Ultimate Summer League will have games on Monday and Thursday for 12 weeks starting on May 22. There will be a midseason tournament and social June 30-31 and an end of the season championship and intensive social.

The U.A.H. Frisbee club would like to start a team in the Ultimate Summer League and needs players. All male and female students wishing to join should call: Paul Cothran 536-2218 Rusty Borman 536-6381 Floyd Roberts 544-1967

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