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"Let us dare to
read, think,
speak and
write."
— John Adams

PRINTS

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The Student Newspaper of the University of Alabama in Huntsville

Will You Be My Valentine?

Strapped for cash? Need a simple gift? You are in luck! The UAH Chapter of Circle K International is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Carnation Flower Sale. The sale will be held in the lobby of the University Center on Thursday, February 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Friday, February 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beautiful carnations of various shades will be available for purchase. These flowers are great gifts for roommates, friends, parents, siblings, co-workers, instructors, professors, and anybody else!

Also, you will be eligible to enter a drawing for great food prizes which have been donated by: Lone Star Steakhouse, Applebee's, Jamo's Juice & Java, Jim 'N' Nicks, Rolo's Cafe, and Golden Corral.

Circle K International is one of the world's largest collegiate service organizations. The UAH Chapter is very active within the Huntsville/Madison County area. Interested persons are always welcome to our meetings which are held every Tuesday night at 8:30 p.m. in Mom's.

If you would like further information, feel free to contact Holly Denenny at 890-6445.

Get yourself a slice of Chicago

Jay Woodcroft
News Writer

"Showing people here in Alabama a slice of Chicago fiction writing" is how UAH graduate student Irene Smith-Steele describes her newly released *Guildworks: Writings by the West Side Writers Guild*.

Smith-Steele is a recent resident of the Huntsville/Madison area, having moved here in August of 1995 from Chicago Illinois, seems to be extremely busy these days.

Along with being a graduate student in the English Department and publicizing the release of *Guildworks*, Smith-Steele also manages to find time to work on her second novel which is more than halfway completed.

"I hope that people who read my excerpt in *Guildworks* will be turned on by it and will want to read more about it in my novel," stated Smith-Steele.

In *Guildworks*, an anthology of short fiction, essays



WEST SIDE WRITERS GUILD MEMBERS — A UAH graduate student is a member of the West Side Writers Guild of Chicago Illinois. (See Review) Rear, from left: Cranston Knight, Irene Smith, Harold Hunter; Front: Tina Jenkins Bell, Mark A. Boone. — Picture courtesy of West Side Writers Guild.

and poetry, Smith-Steele plants the southern seeds of protest that grew into Harold Washington's 1983 mayoral campaign.

But this isn't the first time Smith-Steele's work has been published by the West Side Writers Guild, as a chapter from her first novel, *A Movement of the People*, was included in the *West*

Side Stories collection.

Unfortunately, with three of its charter members relocated, the non-profit West Side Writers Guild was forced to disband and no longer continues to publish their works together.

This situation is what makes *Guildworks* such a special publication as

Smith-Steele notes:

"We published the book as a legacy of our work together, so we can say that this is what we produced while we were together."

Guildworks is available at Books-A-Million, the UAH Bookstore and the Culture Shoppe.

(See review, page 7).

Philosophy lecture dismisses necessity of God

Matt Cuthbert
Staff Writer

Last Friday, the
Administrative Science

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Building's Chan Auditorium was teeming with people as the Philosophy Department and the Alabama Humanities Foundation presented the first part of their "Morality Without God?" lecture series. About 175 people came to hear keynote speaker Dr. Charles E. Scott of Penn State University deliver "The Value of God."

Professor Scott has several years of teaching experience at Vanderbilt University and is currently a chair at Penn State. His books include "The Language of Difference" and "The Question of Ethics."

Dr. Scott's speech focused on the idea that humans are better off defining morality on our own rather than looking to a deity for answers. He argued that we should be able to discern right from wrong or good from bad without needing guidance from divinity.

According to Scott, the way we can make sound moral judgments is to allow greater attentiveness to our perceptions of both the physical and metaphysical world.

"The art is to perceive both emptiness and the things in it (concrete particulars)," said Dr. Scott. "Losing either would con-

stitute a moral lapse."

Nevertheless, Scott pointed out that merely "encountering either emptiness or things is neither moral or immoral."

The judgement we make rather than the encounter itself is what constitutes morality. Dr. Scott further claimed that our "best judgments of morality are founded on nothing...no absolutes."

Since humans seem to have no trouble noticing concrete particulars, Professor Scott suggests that "despair and serene contemplation can make us realize emptiness." However, he warned that "if we become lost in

emptiness, nothing else is nurtured or taken care of."

After Dr. Scott's delivery, the audience was invited to pose questions about the morality issue. Some questions prompted him to clarify his theme that God is not a good basis for moral judgement. He made reference to the witch trials that were supposedly carried out in the name of God to demonstrate a lapse in society's moral judgement.

The next lecture in this series will be Friday, February 21 at 7:30 pm in the Ad-Sci auditorium. Dr. Michael Hodges of Vanderbilt University will present "The Origin of Value."

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NEWS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Cultural Events
Tickets: There are tickets available for the February 21 Huntsville Chamber Music Guild performance of The Anderson Quartet and the February 22 Huntsville Symphony Orchestra performance of Carley Brey, cellist.

ATM: The ATM machine at the corner of South Loop and Lakeside Drive is now charging a \$1 service charge for people who do not bank at the credit union.

New Computer Lab: Remember that there is a new computer lab open in Research Institute that is open weekly until 1:00 AM and on the weekends until 6:45 p.m.

Student Directories: Student/Faculty/Staff telephone directories are now available in all buildings around campus.

Want to talk to your SGA representatives? You can contact the SGA through E-mail at sga@email.uah.edu. SGA meetings are Monday nights at 8:45 PM in UC 126 A. You may want to visit the SGA homepage at email.uah.edu/studentlife/organizations/SGA. We are available in our office in UC 106 to answer any questions or to respond to any concerns you may have about any aspect of the university.

Sincerely,
Ryan Merrell
 SGA President

Toward the end of last semester, the SGA displayed several poster boards in many buildings around campus asking, "If you could make one improvement to UAH, what would it be?" I am pleased that we received a tremendous amount of responses. The following is my attempt to categorize the responses.

Pertaining to Student Services:

- *ATM on campus.
- *ATM in the UC.
- *Change machine in UC and Laundry room in dorms.
- *Lower rates for housing.
- *Post office on campus.
- *New on campus apartments.
- *Clocks on campus set at all times.



RYAN MERRELL

- *Xerox machines that work.
 - *Free beer.
 - *College radio station that plays progressive music.
 - *Outside pool at Southeast Housing.
 - *Game room should be a free service for students with a student ID.
 - *Start a punk rock radio show.
- Pertaining to social life:**
- *More extracurricular activities.
 - *Students need to study more, play less.
 - *Students don't play enough, we need more campus social events.
 - *A lot more campus life.
 - *Students need more of a social life at UAH-more school spirit.
 - *A real band.
 - *We need a strip. re: the strip at Tuscaloosa (The Hound's Tooth, Buffalo Phil's, Brass Monkey, Ivory Tusk, The Varsity, The Booth, International Chile, Egan's).
 - *Need more of a college atmosphere-coffee houses.
 - *Greek houses on campus.
 - *Keep certain Greek organizations from acting like high schoolers-grow up people this is college.
 - *Track and football.
 - *Events need to be promoted so everyone knows.
 - *More non-Greek activities.
 - *Make it a wet campus.
 - *More recognition for the achievements of Greeks.
 - *Start a polo team.
- Thank you for your responses. If you had to pick five improvements, what would they be? Please write these down and drop them in the drop box outside the SGA office. You can email us at sga@email.uah.edu.

SHRM addresses current events for UAH students

Jim Dingus
 SHRM

The North Alabama Student Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) was formed in February 1992.

Our Chapter involves members from UAH, Alabama A&M University, and Athens State College.

Our monthly meetings are both educational and social events. They are intended to serve as a forum for students to gain a better understanding of the issues affecting the workforce and shaping the workplace.

Student members are invited to participate in activ-

ities sponsored by the local professional chapter. This opportunity lets students network with human resource practitioners from a variety of jobs and organizations in the Huntsville area.

Membership in the National organization brings monthly award winning publications addressing current events in human resources and business.

Members may also access SHRM's online services to obtain assistance in developing research papers and other services.

Want more information or a membership application? Please contact the advisor, Dr. Gramm at 890-6913.

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Stuff To Do:



Thursday, February 13

10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.: Circle K International Selling Carnations, UC Lobby.

12:30 p.m.: Chancellor's Address, Administrative Science Auditorium. Mr. Jim Oliver and Dr. Bill O'Connor will be addressing the Faculty Senate. All faculty are encouraged to attend.

2:00 p.m.: Math club meeting, Madison Hall Rm 302. Featuring Dr. Tad Janik; "On the Area of a Rectangle. For more information call Jason Rupert at 832-5239 or come by Madison Hall 318.

8:00 p.m.: Image of Christ Bible Study, UC 127. Series: "Operating in the Kingdom of God" with Gerald Flint. Subject: "The Power of Kingdom." All believers and non Christians welcome.

Friday, February 14
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

7:00 p.m.: UAH Hockey vs. Mankato State, VBCC Arena. For more information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

Saturday, February 15

10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.: NASFA (North Alabama Science Fiction Association) will meet at Teledyne Brown, Bldg. 1, 300 Sparkman Dr. in a conference room in the training area near the lobby, ask guard for di-

rections. The club meets at 6:00 p.m. with a topical program to follow the meeting. For more information contact Ron Lajoie at 205-461-3064 for more information and additional details.

11:00 a.m.: UAH Softball vs. Belmont University, Away. For more information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

1:30 p.m.: UAH Hockey vs. Mankato State, VBCC Arena. For more information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

5:30 p.m.: UAH Women's Basketball vs. West Georgia, Gulf South Conference match, Away. For more information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

8:00 p.m.: UAH Men's Basketball vs. West Georgia, Gulf South conference match, Away. For more information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

Sunday, February 16

2:00 p.m.: UAH Softball vs. Athens state College, Away. For more information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

Monday, February 17

5:45 p.m.: UAH Women's Basketball vs. Lincoln Memorial, Gulf South Conference match, Away. For more information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

7:45 p.m.: UAH Men's Basketball vs. Lincoln Memorial, Gulf South conference match, Spragins Hall Gym. For more information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

Tuesday, February 18

11:15 a.m.: African Origins of Egyptian Civilization; "A Black History Month Lecture," University Center R126. Sponsored by the Office of Multi-cultural Affairs, Co-sponsored by UAH Honors Program. Featuring Dr. Ivan Van Sertima. **FREE.** For more information call 890-6822.

7:05 p.m.: Huntsville Channel Cats vs. Tulsa, VBCC Arena. For more information call 551-2383.

Wednesday, February 19

10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.: Delta Chi Blood Drive, UC Exhibit Hall A.

12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.: Weekly "Brown Bag" Seminars, GHCC Room D101. Open Availability.

Thursday, February 20

Resume Drop: For Spring Interview Day, UC 212. To participate, please bring additional resumes on Thursday or Friday for the companies with which you would like to interview. Candidates must be registered with OCS. The last day to register is February 19, 1997.

5:30 p.m.: UAH Women's Basketball vs. Alabama A&M, Mayor's Cup, Away. For more

information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

7:30 p.m.: UAH Men's Basketball vs. Alabama A&M, Mayor's Cup, Away. For more information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

8:00 p.m.: Image of Christ Bible Study, UC 127. Series: "Operating in the Kingdom of God" with Gerald Flint. Subject: "The Power of Kingdom." All believers and non Christians welcome.

Friday, February 21

Resume Drop: For Spring Interview Day, UC 212. To participate, please bring additional resumes on Thursday or Friday for the companies with which you would like to interview. Candidates must be registered with OCS. The last day to register is February 19, 1997.

Saturday, February 22

TBD: UAH Softball at Gulf South Sunshine conference Shoot-out, Away. For more information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

5:45 p.m.: UAH Women's Basketball vs. North Alabama, Gulf South Conference match, Spragins Hall Gym. For more information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

7:30 p.m.: UAH Men's Basketball vs. North Alabama, Gulf South Conference match, Spragins Hall Gym. For more information contact the Athletic Department at 890-6144.

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NEWS

CAMPUS NEWS

Alpha Tau Omega's 7th annual basketball dribble across North Alabama in the making



ATO FRATERNITY PARTICIPATING IN LAST YEARS 'DRIBBLE': Members of Alpha Tau Omega are planning this years dribble across North Alabama. Photo courtesy of ATO.

The Theta Pi Chapter of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity will be holding its seventh annual Basketball Dribble to begin at 7:00 pm February 21.

Members of the fraternity will be dribbling a basketball from Flower 's Hall at UNA in Florence, AL to Spragin 's Hall at UAH in Huntsville, AL.

The entire 'dribble' is expected to last 12 hours and will not be expected to arrive in Huntsville until 7:00 am Saturday February 22.

The event is the fraternity's expression of school spirit in conjunction with the UAH v. UNA home basketball game February

22 as well as support for the community.

Members will raise money prior to the event and donate all proceeds to the Madison County Action Team of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving).

MADD representatives will be present to publicly receive the donation during halftime of the men's basketball game February 22.

In the past Alpha Tau Omega has donated proceeds from the Basketball Dribble to organizations such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters of North Alabama, HelpLine, and the University Athletic department.

Anyone interested in this event or would like to contribute to the event can contact the president of Alpha Tau Omega, Robert Goyer, at (205) 830-1414 or (205) 722-8027.

The Theta Pi chapter of Alpha Tau Omega was founded at UAH February 3, 1979.

Alpha Tau Omega national fraternity was founded in September 1865 by O. Glazebrook as a leadership fraternity with high visions and goals for undergraduate men.

With nearly 150 active chapters in 45 states nationwide, Alpha Tau Omega is one of the largest national fraternities.

Valentines day is national condom day

Special to PRINTS from ASHA

The American Social Health Association will sponsor National Condom Day on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, reminding couples to "love responsibly" by protecting one another's sexual health.

"As a romantic occasion, Valentine's Day is an appropriate time to focus on the importance of safer sex," said ASHA president Peggy Clarke.

"We encourage sex partners to talk openly about the sensitive subject of sexual health and to use condoms to protect one another from sexually transmitted diseases."

According to the Institute of Medicine, five of the top 10 most frequently reported infectious diseases in the U. S. are sexually transmitted.

One fourth of new STD cases each year occur in teenagers.

In many cases, STDs, including HIV/AIDS, herpes, human papillomavirus, chlamydia and gonorrhea have no symptoms.

"By using a condom, you may avoid transmitting an infection that you don't even know you have," Clarke emphasized.

In 1994, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported the results of two studies that monitored couples in which one partner was infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and the other partner was HIV-negative.

By using latex condoms consistently and correctly, 98 to 100 percent of the couples in the two studies avoided transmitting HIV to the uninfected partner.

Among types of condoms, the male latex condom is considered the most effective in preventing STDs. The female condom, which is made of polyurethane, is also considered very effective for STD prevention.

A male polyurethane condom is now available, although its effectiveness against STDs is still being tested.

Natural membrane condoms are not recommended for STD prevention.

A nonprofit organization, ASHA offers two free brochures on condom use through a toll-free number.

"Condoms, Contraceptives and STDs" discusses the relative benefits of various birth control methods in preventing pregnancy and STD infection.

"Better Sex, Healthy Sex" encourages couples to use condoms to make sex healthier and more enjoyable.

Either brochure can be ordered by calling 1- 800-972-8500.

Free, confidential information about STDs is available through the National STD Hotline, operated by ASHA, at 1- 800-227-8922.

SGA WANTS TO KNOW!!

The SGA would like you to pick five improvements from the student responses given in the President's Corner that are priorities for you. Please write them down and drop them in the box outside of our office in UC 106 or email us at sga@email.uah.edu.

ATTENTION:

All 1995-96 Alpha Lambda Delta Initiates: Certificates and pins are available at The Exponent or email Janell Johnson at johnsojd@email.uah.edu for more information.

NEWS

UAH students gain opportunity for an outside work experience

Dave Denton
University Relations

It's not unlike a classroom project, but there is one big difference in this classroom task.

This project involves a 400,000-square-foot manufacturing plant.

The work is part of a national effort to get students work experience outside the classroom and in the actual work environment, according to Paul Compton, an assistant professor at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

"The National Science Foundation recognized that we were shoving a lot of theoretical information at our students and they were not getting their hands dirty," he said.

"They wanted to stress hands-on education."

This has led a pair of UAH students to spending their spring semester looking for a more efficient layout for PPG's Huntsville facility.

The large manufacturing plant in northeast Madison County designs and builds aircraft and ballistic windows.

The students, J.D. Stingel and Angela Allred, move around the plant floor where they measure and draw the plant's layout.

"The plant was built in 1969 and while floor plans have changed for some departments, the entire floor plan hasn't been updated since the plant opened and it has never been designed to integrate all of the work in the various departments," said PPG Senior Engineering Associate Byron Cooper.

Stingel and Allred are charting the flow of PPG's manufacturing process and are looking at ways to improve the plant's efficiency.

The two students have been at the plant since the beginning of the year and will continue their work

through June.

Allred, a Decatur native and Austin High School graduate, said working at PPG has been a good learning experience beyond the classroom.

"It's different when you get the chance to work on something that is the scale of this plant," she said. "It's different. In class, you have a facility layout and all of the data given to you. Here, we're starting from scratch."

Stingel and Allred share a small office with Cooper along the edge of the manufacturing floor. Their desks are covered with graph paper. Permanent walls and equipment and distances between them are penciled in. They convert those charts to digital form with Intergraph Corp.'s Microstation software.

Stingel, a Butler High School graduate, said his goal is to find efficiencies by moving equipment to optimum spots around the plant.

"We are studying how the product flows through the facility and how we can add value by eliminating wasted space and travel time between manufacturing processes," he said.

Allred said putting long distances between manufacturing processes kills a plant's efficiency.

"There is no value added to the product if it has to spend time moving around inside the plant," she said.

Both students said PPG's manufacturing process is a little different than a typical manufacturing plant.

Most manufacturing plants use straight lines to set up their production. That system works well for companies who have a limited number of products, but PPG produces 1,100 different products and ships 3,000 transparencies a month.

"The products here move around in batches rather

than down a straight production line," Allred said.

"But we're finding ways to improve that process. Our goal is to find the most efficient method possible."

Cooper said the 15-month project is expected to be completed by the end of the year, but the UAH students have already played an important role in helping gather information and providing analysis of that data.

Once that analysis is complete, Cooper will consult with other managers of the plant to get their input on possible changes.

Those changes will be incorporated into a new plant design and will be used by PPG management to change the company's manufacturing layout.

"They (Stingel and Allred) are assets to our project," Cooper said.

"I've been real pleased with how quickly they have picked up things while they have been on the job."

Stingel and Allred are both seniors at UAH and both are studying industrial engineering. Allred graduates in May while Stingel will be finished in August. Both expressed interest in pursuing a master's degree.

Compton and Dawn Utley, assistant professors in UAH's Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, are involved in the project and are overseeing the students' work.

Compton said much of the work relates directly to Industrial Engineering 424, and ergonomics and methods analysis class.

"The laboratories put together as a result of this National Science Foundation grant allowed these students to work in a live setting in a manufacturing plant," he said.

"The advantage for the faculty is we can help the students make a more effective transition from the academic world to the actual work environment."

"From the Margins" Love in writing, writing in love

Walt Huntsman
UAH Writing Center

Not everyone loves to write, but writing has long been used as a means of expressing one's love for another.

It is even possible that the first message ever written on a cave wall was some Cro-Magnon man expressing his love for a Cro-Magnon woman, meant to be read, of course, after she recovered from the Cro-Magnon club blow to the head.

There are a variety of ways to express one's love in writing, from the more traditional (and private) letter or poem, to the more public sky written or electronic scoreboard message, or the more painful (and semi-permanent) tattoo.

No matter which form a love letter takes, it is the most important kind of writing a person can do.

That other person then may give love to someone else, and, before you know it, the entire world in wrapped up in one giant love fest.

The mere fact that you are writing a love letter will mean something to the per-

son who receives it, but there are some things you can do to make your message extra special and increase the chances that it will have the desired effect.

First and foremost, be sure to include specific details, things only known to you and the person you are writing to.

Don't merely say, "You are beautiful." Use a particular example.

For instance, "You're beautiful when you smile. I love the way the corners of your mouth curl up."

Or, "When you rub my shoulders, you send chills down my spine."

Such detail keeps yours from becoming a form letter; it can only be meant for one person because the examples only apply to one person.

This is more important than using rhyme, perfume, or fancy rhyming.

Here are some important things to keep in mind:

- Know your audience.
- Be honest and sincere.
- Know what you feel and what you want to express.
- Pay attention to word choices.

The amount of effort and

creativity invested are also important and will be readily apparent to the intended recipient.

Amazingly, these same elements are vital to any writing, whether it be a resume, a job application, a term paper, even this article.

A conscientious writer will try to follow all of these guidelines.

Whether you are writing about love, about Shakespeare, or about the latest development in genetics engineering, a UAH Writing Center consultant is ready to work with you.

For help with your love letter, your resume, or your next term paper, come by the Writing Center in MH 228, or call 890-6592 to set up an appointment.

Our consultants love to write and would love to help you with your writing.

"From the Margins" is intended to become a regular column.

If there are writing-related topics you want to see discussed in this space, e-mail your suggestions or comments to us at: at email.uah.edu or simply bring them by the Writing Center.

Lancers: Live the Tradition

Applications are being accepted for the 1997-98 UAH Lancers. The Lancers are UAH's official student hosts and hostesses. They help the university president and administration at official functions. Lancers also assist in recruiting faculty and students. To become a Lancer, you must be a full-time UAH student for at least two semesters and have at least a 2.5 GPA. Applications are available at the UC Information Desk. Deadline for application is March 21, 1997.

LOSE 20 POUNDS IN TWO WEEKS!

Famous U.S. Women's Alpine Ski Team Diet

During the non-snow off season the U.S. Women's Alpine Ski Team members used the "Ski Team" diet to lose 20 pounds in two weeks. That's right - 20 pounds in 14 days! The basis of the diet is chemical food action and was devised by a famous Colorado physician especially for the U.S. Ski Team. Normal energy is maintained (very important!) while reducing. You keep "full" - no starvation - because the diet is designed that way. It's a diet that is easy to follow whether you work, travel or stay at home. (For men, too!)

This is, honestly, a fantastically successful diet. If it weren't, the U.S. Women's Alpine Ski Team wouldn't be permitted to use it! Right? So, give yourself the same break the U.S. Ski Team gets. Lose weight the scientific, proven way. Even if you've tried all the other diets, you owe it to yourself to try the U.S. Women's Alpine Ski Team Diet. That is, if you really do want to lose 20 pounds in two weeks. Order today! Tear this out as a reminder.

Send only \$8.95 (\$9.60 in Calif.)-add .50 cents RUSH service to: American Institute, 630 Quintana Road, Suite #136, Morro Bay, CA 93442. Don't order unless you expect to lose 20 pounds in two weeks! Because that's what the Ski Team Diet will do.

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Scholarship Opportunity!

The Sunkyong Group of Korea, one of the top 100 companies of the world, and Leadershape, Inc., one of America's foremost leadership development organizations for student leaders, join forces to challenge you to enter the 1997 Fifth Annual Global Leaders of Tomorrow Essay Contest. The contest consists of an essay in which you must address the topic "What visions and values do you believe should guide a leader (in Business, Government/Law, Science, or Media/Communications) in today's global society? The essay must be no longer than 5 pages, typed and double-spaced. All contest entries must be postmarked no later than April 15, 1997. Send entry and release form through <http://campus.net>

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A little knowledge never hurt anyone

Kinda different, huh? So, what do you really think of all these changes. My hope is that if we take drastic measures in the look of the paper that finally we can get some student response. We may make the final decisions as to what is represented in the paper, but it is ultimately YOUR paper. We do our best to highlight, cover, and investigate YOU and what this university has to offer you.

This may come as a surprise to many of you, but there is actually quite a lot to do here. Perhaps not so for those of you from the major cities around the nation, but this campus is definitely better than most.

Yes, UAH is a challenging school, but doesn't that say something about you if you are attending such a competitive and often difficult school and you survive?

I can definitely attest to the overwhelming feeling of

drowning in a swamp of homework, work, and any and all of the other organization you may belong to or projects you are knee deep in attempting to complete.

The bit of philosophy that has always kept me afloat (not counting the one or two slight mental breakdowns), is that God does not give you any test that you cannot handle. Sometimes I think to myself that He must believe that I'm a pretty outstanding person based on

the tremendous tests I've had to endure and endeavor to solve. If you think of problems in that manner then you are constantly trying to prove that you are capable of accomplishing a task or solving a problem rather than viewing the negative and difficult aspects which push goals and dreams further and further away.

I realize I may sound like I'm rambling, but there are just so many points I would like to touch on.

Lately, it seems as if I am constantly hearing complaints about the uselessness of that math course or that english composition class. I must admit that at the time that I took many of my core requirement classes that I became frustrated because I could not see the

exact relevance. However, the more I think about it the more I am thankful for the positive outlook on education instilled in me at an early age. You see, I have always been taught that education and knowledge in all areas is important to the development of one's character. Think of how many different people you can interact with if you know even a small amount of information about both science and foreign language for instance. Maybe you don't like to meet new people and take the huge leap across your personal boundaries, but I am constantly amazed by what other people teach me about myself. Just a thought. In the meantime, have fun, smile and learn.

Sincerely, Alicia Tyson

Ah, sweet memories

"I hide in my music, and forget the day..." -Boston

Music plays such a big part in our lives, doesn't it? I know it's been important to me, and I'll bet it's important to you also. I don't care if you're a cold-hearted little freak with the emotions of *The Terminator*, I bet there are some songs somewhere that meant a lot to you. In fact, I bet you can catalog your life by songs.

I know I can....
"I don't like spiders and snakes, and that ain't what it takes to love me..." -Jim Stafford

Does anybody remember this classic? I think maybe Black Oak Arkansas wrote it, or covered it or something, but I know Jim Stafford sang it, because I saw him sing it at my first concert many moons ago. My older brother, Tim, liked Olivia Newton-John, and was going to the concert. I liked Jim Stafford, so Tim took me along with him. Actually, my parents may have coerced him into doing so.... I think I was 11, so Tim was maybe 17.

"Though it's cold and lonely in the deep dark night, I can see Paradise by the dashboard lights." -Meat Loaf

No kidding, this song was big when I had my first real kiss with anybody that wasn't a pillow. We used to spend the summers at my grandparents place in Tennessee. Her parents had a mobile home in the same campground. She was a couple of years older than me, but I had an advantage: I was the only full-time male boarder under 40 in the place. I guess she figured beggars can't be choosers....

"How they dance in the courtyard, sweet summer

sweat; some dance to remember, some dance to forget..." -The Eagles

My brother Tim was 6 1/2 years older than me. My first 9 or 10 years of life, I saw him as this incredibly old, powerful being; he was Untouchable. God only knows how he saw me... Anyway, about the time I hit 10, something remarkable happened: Tim and I



SEAN JACO

actually began communicating. He took me to the movies.

(Young Frankenstein and Blazing Saddles, to be exact.) He took me to see Jim Stafford. He began to let me into his life, and I was thrilled. I felt older and worthy.

Now, despite his strange attraction to Olivia Newton-John, my brother loved The Eagles. He had a couple of albums. (These were flat round plastic disks with the music somehow recorded onto them. You spun them and ran a needle, preferably diamond tipped, through the grooves, and music came out. Don't laugh! I'm not making this up!) After he died in November of 1977, I listened to Hotel California about a billion times. Even 19 years later, I still think of him when I hear The Eagles.

"Why worry, there should be laughter after pain, there

should be sunshine after rain, these things have always been the same; why worry now?" -Dire Straits

Not long after high school, I met what I thought was my first great love. Eyes so dark you could fall into them, long thick hair, a mouth quick to smile and a runner's body; buddy, I thought she was it. She thought I was it, so we got along pretty well. The light happy music of The Cars and Dire Straits became my anthem. Indeed, my motto was Why Worry Now.

"Some people claim there's a woman to blame, but I know it's my own damn fault." - Jimmy Buffet

Eventually, we broke up. After a while, I came out of my funk and started to listen to happier stuff again, like Jimmy Buffet. The man is simply a musical genius. He has a way with words that I can never have, and he can capture the emotions of life in a casual phrase. "My whole world lies waiting behind Door Number Three." -Jimmy Buffet

I met my wife in 1988. All fall I had a feeling of expectation, like something was going to happen any moment, something good and grand and amazing. I walked into the Administration Building at Camp ASCCA one December day, and there she was. Love didn't happen instantly, but within four days I knew this was what I had been waiting for all fall.

"There's a little bit of fruitcake left in every one of us." -Jimmy Buffet

There are literally hundreds of songs that make me think of things, or people, or times. They all make me smile, even the sad ones. I'll bet you smile at yours, too.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor, I would like to apologize to Dr. and Mrs. McManus, Ron Koger, Dr. Jeanne Fisher and the entire Alumni Affairs staff for the letter to the editor which appeared in last week's *Exponent* and was published incorrectly and without my consent. I was just trying to let the members of *The Exponent* Staff aware of the fact that students who had graduated in the past year were entitled to receive a diploma ordered from outside the University if they were not

satisfied with the one they received. I thought *The Exponent* would be the best vehicle to get the word out to students. I was not aware that they would print the information which I gave them. This information was simply meant to document how long the problem has been going on. It was not meant to shed bad light on any employee of the university or UAH itself. I apologize if anyone took it this way.

Sincerely,
PJ Pettigrew

February 14th

That special day is almost here.
The one that sweethearts hold so dear.
Flying Cupid pulls back his bow.
His arrow will reach man below.
Then women's eyes will turn to men,
And men will hope for love again.
Rebirth of love in empty lives
Will be the hope in some glad eyes
Others will simply revel in
A mate's true love and devotion.
The souls left alone will await
Something to truly celebrate.

- K. Leigh

To read more poems by K. Leigh and other poets, check out the Poetry Creations Webpage at: <http://fly.howay.net/~rsherman/leigh.htm>, or try the Poetry Library at: <http://fly.howay.net/~rsherman/library.htm>

EDITORIALS

Black History Month: appreciating the meaning

A full appreciation of the celebration of Black History Month requires a review and a reassessment of the social and academic climate that prevailed in the Western world, and especially in North America before 1926 when Black History Month was established.

It is important to recall that between 1619 and 1926, African Americans and other peoples of African descent were classified as a race that had not made any contribution to human civilization. Within the public and private sector, African Americans and other peoples of African descent were continually dehumanized and relegated to the position of non-citizens and often defined as fractions of humans. It is estimated that between 1890 and 1925, an African American was lynched every two and a half days.

The academic and intellectual community was no different than the bulk of mainstream America.

Peoples of African descent were visibly absent in any scholarship or intellectual discourse that dealt with human civilization. African Americans were so dehumanized and their history so distorted in academia that "lavery, peonage, segregation and lynching" were considered justifiable conditions.

In fact, Professor John Burgess, the founder of Columbia University graduate school of political science, and an important figure in American scholarship, defined the African race as "a race of men which has never created any civilization of any kind ..." It was this kind of climate and the sensational, racist scholarship that inspired the talented and brilliant African American scholar, Dr. Carter Godwin Woodson to lead the struggle and search for the truth and institutionalize what was then referred to as "Negro History Week."

A Harvard-trained Ph.D., Dr. Woodson dropped out of mainstream academia to de-

vote his life to the scientific study of the African experience in America, Africa and throughout the world. Under Woodson's direction and contributions from other African-American and white scholars, the "Negro History Week" was launched on a serious platform in 1926 to neutralize the apparent ignorance and deliberate distortion of Black History. Meetings, exhibitions, lectures and symposia were organized to climax the scientific study of the African experience throughout the year in order to give a more objective and scholarly balance in American and World history.

Today, this national and international observance has been expanded to encompass the entire month of February. The expansion, of course, has increased the number of days for celebration, but its strength and importance lie in the new meaning that has emerged.

As Ralph L. Crowder points out in an article in the December 1977 issue of the

Western Journal of Black Studies, "it is no longer sufficient to devote the entire month to the celebration of great Negro contributions to the American mainstream." I believe, like Dr. Crowder, that it is necessary to use the occasion to examine the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultural and political experiences of the masses of African Americans and other peoples of African descent. In North America, a variety of programs-including lectures, exhibitions, banquets and a host of cultural activities are presented throughout the month of February to commemorate the occasion. At Vanderbilt University, the Black Cultural Center has been in the forefront of programs developed to mark the observance.

The activities will include lectures, a Black History Month community banquet, dance performances, Black oriented movies, and an exhibition. The intention of the founders of Black History Month was not, and is still not, to initiate a week's or a

month's study of the universal Black experience. Instead, the observance portrays the climax of a scientific study of the Black experience throughout the year. The month of February is significant and recognized in African-American history for the birthdays of great African American pioneers and institutions.

These include the birthdays of Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, Langston Hughes, Eubie Blake, NAACP and the first Pan African Congress. Historians may also recall that the first African-American senator, Hiram Revels, took the oath of office in February 1870. Black History Month takes on a paramount significance as we approach the 21st century.

Civil rights laws and celebrations such as Black History Month have exposed the legal consequences of overt discriminatory practices and racial harassment. The struggles for civil rights in America

and achievement of independence by African countries in the 20th century have shown the strength, the humanity, the ingenuity and the contributions of Black people to the human civilization. However, these revelations have not neutralized the prevalence of prejudicial attitudes which generate discriminatory acts both in a national and international arena.

Behavior may be controlled by laws, but attitudes can only change through education and the elimination of ignorance. I believe strongly that Black History Month should be the reaffirmation of struggle and determination to change attitudes and heighten the understanding of the Black experience.

In the words of Ralph Crowder, "The observance must be a testimony to those Black pioneers who struggled to affirm the humanity of African peoples and a challenge to the present generation to protect and preserve ... the humanity of all peoples of African descent." As we celebrate the 1997 Black History Month, let us remember that our study of the human experience is compromised when the experiences of Black people are neglected or treated only as "interesting" diversions.

Happy Black History Month!

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Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor: Americans will not accept another Vietnam-type war with large numbers of Americans coming home in body bags. Consequently, a new strategy was devised by the United States government after Vietnam to make the world safe for the Fortune 500. It is called "low intensity warfare."

Low intensity warfare is the reversal of the guerrilla strategy of outlasting the imperial power. Now, the strategy is for the imperial power to wage war on the civilian population and make them so sick of it that they will no longer support the guerrillas. This strategy relies on terror, torture, disappearances, mutilations and assassinations.

Do the very worst thing possible to horrify the general population! In Guatemala, eyeballs are gouged out in torture and corpses are hideously mutilated. New and horrible methods of torture are invented like putting rats in women's vaginas or torturing children in front of parents and relatives. In Mozambique, Renamo re-

lied on castration or severing people's arms and legs with machetes.

In the Jesuit journal "America," Rev. Daniel Santiago, a priest in El Salvador, reported in 1990 the story of a peasant woman who returned home one day to find her mother, sister and three children sitting around a table, the decapitated head of each person placed on the table in front of the body and the hands of each torso placed on top of the heads as a mocking. A bowl of blood stood in the center of the table. Also, death squads in El Salvador decapitate people and place heads on pikes to dot the landscape and intimidate any opponents of the status quo.

The planners of this strategy figure that the American people, many of whom are living comfortably in suburbia and have adequate diversions like television, etc., will not complain about these atrocities. That is, if they even know about them because of scant coverage in the corporate media.

Terror makes people docile, compliant and intim-

idated. It is a perfect situation for the Fortune 500 to move factories there and pay people 10 cents an hour with no benefits, no safety precautions, and no concern for the environment. Use women and children who are the most easily intimidated! Use contractors so responsibility can be denied! Use death squads to kill any union organizers!

In my opinion, this is the greatest evil ever perpetrated on earth. Millions upon millions of people are victims, and the corporate media are complicit in this evil by their silence about what are war crimes comparable to the Nazi holocaust!

After the Bolshevik revolution, the United States and fourteen other capitalist nations invaded Russia, intent on destroying this threat to global capitalism.

When Hitler came to power, American corporate investment in Germany increased significantly, and American corporate giants like GM, Ford and DuPont had factories there. Nazi Germany was seen by American capitalists as a

bulwark against the westward expansion of Bolshevism from the Soviet Union.

After World War 2, captured Nazi war criminals like Klaus Barbie and others were used by the CIA in Bolivia and Argentina to teach torture techniques to the police and military. Then, these horrors expanded to all of Latin America.

The atom bombs that were used on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were not used to save American lives, but to intimidate the Russians and show them the terrible destruction of nuclear weapons. General Groves told the surprised atomic scientists that the atom bomb was for use against the Soviet Union- not Nazi Germany!

American billionaires like Joseph Coors and Bunker Hunt directly funded the Contras in Nicaragua and the Renamo army in Mozambique. Both armies committed absolutely appalling human rights violations and burned public schools, medical clinics, and farmers co-operatives.

There is a common thread running through all these

seemingly separate events- the desire of the American ruling class to protect their wealth and power and their willingness to resort to fascism and horrible atrocities to do so. There is complicity not only with the Nazi holocaust, but with the subsequent slaughters in Guatemala, Indonesia, East Timor, Angola, Mozambique. Hardly a country on earth has remained untouched by established fascism to protect capitalism.

In a real democracy, this theory and the pertinent evidence would be the number one topic for discussion in the media.

Unfortunately, reality must be ignored in deference to the rich and powerful. However, ignoring reality has a price- we could go the way of the dinosaur!

Sincerely,
Gary Sudborough

Editor's note:

If you feel strongly about these or other similar issues please respond. The additional letters by this author will be run in the following

Thursday is named for Thor, Norse god of thunder, and Jupiter, Roman god of thunder and rain. Jupiter is also known for committing sexual violence while disguised as a blameless animal. And they call it "classical" studies! Classical for whom??
— James Garner

LIFESTYLES & ENTERTAINMENT

Fade In

Erik R. Templeman

The paper is changing — and so is L & E. Not only is our staff growing, but breadth of our coverage is expanding as well.

When I became the L & E Editor in November of last year I made it my goal to offer fellow students a wider perspective of our local culture by reviewing major events in and around Huntsville as well as previewing upcoming attractions. The key is to present the reader with informed entertainment options. This could include recommending a video for an "economy" weekend, or covering the local music scene for a change of venue.

Certainly, I wanted to stay away from the direction of the Huntsville Times's Life and Entertainment sections, which offer pitifully little local coverage and has become fat and bloated with syndicated columnists like Liz Smith. If you want to find out about George Clooney's latest hairstyle, read Liz Smith in the Times. I, for one, would rather hear about our own cozy little techie metropolis.

Hey, Huntsville's a great city that offers more cultural enrichment than you'd think. We've got a long way to go, but to make local culture better we have to encourage it.

Luckily, there are plenty of new faces and a couple of old ones who are up to the task. N. Wolf Winset is our new man on theater. Luisa Reyes reviewed a museum exhibit last week and a symphony this week. C. Jamaica Holliday will be covering local restaurants and bands. Yancey Martin will apply his sardonic wit to the entertainment world. And Matt Cuthbert will continue to be our jack-of-all-trades.

We've also added "The Scene" (page 10), an easy reference to everything interesting going on that week.

We're making some real progress, but, as always, we need your feedback and support. If there are some events that we're just not covering, tell us. If we royally screw something up, let us know. My e-mail address is templee@email.uah.edu. Use it. This is our paper.

Bandito Burrito adds flavor to city

C. Jamaica Holliday
L & E Writer

When you drive into the parking lot of Bandito Burrito for the first time, you may not notice the defining trait of this restaurant that confronts you even before entering the colorful building. From VW Bugs to Mercedes Benzs, the diversity in the parking lot is a clear indicator of the diversity of the patrons dining within. It's no wonder that the restaurant attracts people from all walks of life. This place is anything but another cookie-cutter fast food place run by a multi-million dollar corporation. Bandito Burrito is pure local fare.

Owner Oscar Gutierrez always had something a little different in mind; this is apparent from the moment you walk through the doors.

The first thing you notice at Bandito Burrito is the decor. Beer signs and strings of orange and green chili peppers light every corner of the restaurant. A blue and white sombrero and painted gourds hang from the wall and a cactus stands in an out of the way corner. Colorful bottles of Mexican fruit sodas line the counter and clean tables and chairs fill the room.

The most impressive aspect of Bandito Burrito is



HUNTSVILLE'S OWN — Bandito Burrito offers Huntsville "something a little different" at its three locations on Governors Drive, Big Cove and South Parkway. — Photo by C. Jamaica Holliday.

not so much its atmosphere but its food. Delicious Mexican food, made to order by hand is both mouthwateringly good and affordably priced between around \$3 and \$6 per meal.

Bandito Burrito has something for every appetite. Meat lovers have beef burritos and other meat dishes to choose from while vegetarians have their pick of many choices, including bean burritos, no carne, and salsa and chips.

People who just want a small snack are out of luck because the large portions will fill up any customer — so come with an appetite. Those who bring larger ap-

petites can get the "Big Meal," which is still under \$6.50 and includes more food than most people could eat in one sitting. If these meals alone aren't enough for you, Bandito Burrito serves many delicious side dishes for any taste. These too come in ample portions.

Besides soft drinks, Mexican drinks and various beers are also offered to those of age.

Although Bandito Burrito is not fast food, most orders are ready within 5 minutes — and the food is always brought directly to your table.

Gutierrez not only guarantees a clean restaurant

with good food but also a friendly environment. He clearly cares about his employees. Many of the people behind the counter and in the kitchen are aspiring musicians. Gutierrez nurtures the talented and enterprising young people of Huntsville by advertising local artists, their groups and their concert dates in prominent places in his restaurants. He also finds and even serves as a venue for their shows. The newest location, Big Cove, is larger than the other two and should begin featuring local artists on occasion beginning next month.

Information on these shows

and many others in the Huntsville area can be found posted at all Bandito Burrito locations.

So how did such a fun and loose place end up in a straightlaced town like Huntsville? Gutierrez felt that Huntsville needed something a little different and the success of his three restaurants on Governors, Big Cove, and the South Parkway show that more than a few Huntsville residents agree.

Gutierrez's idea of Mexican flavor in an easy-going atmosphere seems to have been a long time coming to Huntsville — but well worth the wait.

African-American authors unite in Guildworks

Shafunda Holtzclaw
Special to PRINTS

Introductions can be the most powerful tools that authors use to capture their audiences. I was certainly captured when I read the introduction to an anthology entitled "Guildworks: Writings By The West Side Writers' Guild."

The introduction tells the story of the writers involved in the West Side Writers' Guild. It describes what they hope to accomplish through "Guildworks" and their reasons for coming together to complete the book. As with much of the rest of the anthology, I was left wanting to hear more.

I was ready to be completely captivated by African-American authors had yet to be recognized by

mainstream America. The scope of their works ranged from poetry, essays, short stories, even an excerpted novel. These people had "forged an alliance based upon a mutual interest in writing and upon a common identity as natives of Chicago's West Side."

I wondered if I would be able to identify with their stories and their characters. In my short time on this earth I have seen my share of poverty, drug addiction, and crime. However, some of the stories they describe in the poetry are far beyond anything I have seen.

In some ways this diminishes what the reader is able to gain from the stories. However, the guild's literature encompasses a broad experience. One essay, entitled "A Visit to the Poe House, March 1994," discusses the role we play in

our own destiny:

"No matter how destitute or how impoverished one's surroundings, the human spirit can prevail through artistic expression."

Certainly, one of the most compelling parts of this

book was the four-chapter excerpt of "A Movement for the People," a novel written by UAH's own Irene Smith.

The excerpt, set in Tennessee, seems to be part of a wonderful novel. I can't wait to go pick up my

personal copy. The four chapters will definitely leave you on the edge of your bed wondering what will happen to Rosemary and Mildred. I hope you enjoy reading this work of art as much as I did.

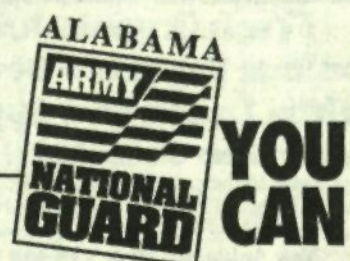
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TRTC stages parody of Shakespearian classics

N. Wolf Winset
L & E Writer

Do any of your English classes require you to read Shakespeare this term? Worse, do any of them require you to read several works by Shakespeare? If so, don't bother renting the movie versions or buying Cliff's Notes. Instead, rush over to "The Compleat Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)," now playing at Theatre Round the Corner in downtown Huntsville. This ambitious comedy presents all 37 Shakespeare plays, as well as hundreds of sonnets and poems . . . in the space of ninety minutes. . . with three actors.

Needless to say, the trio of brave thespians is kept busy. This hilarious show, which mixes scripted material with improvisation, is a fast-paced rush to complete the troupe's theoretical goal of introducing Shakespeare to a wider audience by covering every single piece Shakespeare wrote. Filled with speedy costume changes, the performers must take on many different roles within each segment, making "The Compleat Works" a virtual hurricane on stage.

Thankfully, the players were up to the task, maintaining high energy levels and a feeling of chaos while never becoming too fast to understand or follow. Filled



MEN IN TIGHTS (AND IN DRAG) — The cast of "The Compleat Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)" offers its own frenetic take on "Hamlet." From left to right: Dallas Dickerson, Phil Thames and Eugene Banks. — Photo by N. Wolf Winset.

with physical humor and Chaplinesque slapstick, this show is as kinetically comic as any of the best stand-up comedians, "Mad TV" episodes, or Jim Carrey movies. The audience was kept continually laughing for an hour-and-a-half. Everyone left smiling.

Costumes and sets for this play are sparse, but clever. A golden set showing London's Globe Theatre, where Shakespeare originally staged his plays centuries ago, offers a respite from the traditional improv

black background while making the stage cozier. To give order to the performers and to maintain continuity, costumes for each player are based on a primary color, as reflected by their high-top Converse sneakers and matching leggings. Since the play frequently breaks the fourth wall (between the performers and the audience) and since it's a comedy, lighting is often part of the action.

Eugene Alastair Banks (played by Eugene Banks), who portrays several char-

acters throughout the play, has incredible charisma on stage. Beginning the show as a very subdued and rumpled professor in the style of "Masterpiece Theatre," Banks is capable of dramatic shifts in persona — all totally believable — within the space of a few minutes. Shining eyes and a deep inner fire enable Banks to capture the audience's attention. Excellent voice control and solid comedic timing further develop Banks's characters throughout the play.

Providing a visual contrast to the shorter, robust Banks is the tall, lanky emcee, Dallas Dickerson (played by Dallas Dickerson). Also responsible for a schizophrenic plethora of parts, he lends a fresh approach to the intellectual cynic.

Complete with a beatnik/gen-x goatee, Dickerson begins the play as the master of ceremonies who wants to bring culture to the world and returns to this persona several times throughout the night. My

favorite line: "Laurence Olivier doesn't have to put up with this. . . (thoughtful look). . . well, not anymore, anyway."

Phil Thames (played by, — you guessed it — Phil Thames) rounds out the cast nicely. Responsible for many of the female parts, Thames is a cross between Miss Piggy and Tiny Tim — possibly on acid. With broad range, Thames also does justice to a variety of gruff, neurotic and otherwise affected characters, providing balance to the more cerebral Dickerson.

The production's use of three actors instead of four is effective, creating constant comedic tension on stage through a less-balanced arrangement. If any two actors group together, the third stands out. These actors' energetic, enthusiastic, and enlivened "No Holds Bard" approach to comedy works excellently and memorably.

A final note: After listening to too many unfunny companions painfully imitate Monty Python over the past twenty years (one incident leading to my subsequent arrest), it's nice watching actors have fun with Shakespeare without merely caricaturing, in one way or another, John Cleese & Co. This is an original show and if you only see one play this year, see this one. If you only see two, see this one twice.

(See The Scene, page 10.)

HSO's classical series elevates listener

Luisa Reyes
L & E Writer

Last Saturday night, the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Maestro Taavo Virkhaus, performed the fourth in a series of seven classical concerts for its '96-'97 season. Pianist Louis Lortie was the featured guest artist.

Mr. Lortie has established himself as Canada's foremost pianist and is considered one of his generation's outstanding musicians. He is especially well known for his interpretation of Chopin, who wrote primarily for the piano.

The evening opened with the moving overture "Parachute Dancing" by Libby Larsen. The high-

light of the evening was Frederic Chopin's "Piano Concerto No. 2," played by Lortie, who gave a passionate performance, conveying to the audience his sincere love of the piano and his material. The Canadian musician brought the piece to life with penetratingly clear tone. The evening concluded with Ralph Vaughan Williams's "Symphony No. 2: 'A London Symphony.'"

The concert was under the very capable baton of Maestro Taavo Virkhaus. This is Virkhaus's eighth season with the Huntsville



Maestro Taavo Virkhaus

Symphony Orchestra. Born in Tartu, Estonia, his family emigrated to the United States in 1949 after being refugees in Europe for five years.

Virkhaus first began piano lessons at the age of three and violin lessons at the age of five. Since his father was a conductor, Virkhaus has known all of his life that that was what he wanted to be. To him, the greatest thing about conducting is getting to know the masterpieces he conducts. It gives him a humble feeling when he discovers how much more is in the pieces.

The conductor encourages college students to attend concerts and discover the pieces for themselves.

"Of course [students should attend!]" says Virkhaus. "What we play is the best intellectual music from the past three hundred years. It is a treasure that has been passed down to us and only the greatest pieces have survived."

Many UAH students may even recognize some of the orchestra members: Dr. Sanders from the music department is the principal trumpet and a recent UAH graduate, Karen Callaway, plays the flute.

HSO's next performance is on February 22nd with guest artist Carter Brey, winner of the prestigious Gregor Piatigorsky Memorial Prize.

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Film Co-Op sponsors Black Maria Film Festival

Matt Cuthbert
L. & E. Writer

Last weekend, the Film Co-op hosted the 16th annual Black Maria Film Festival. On Saturday and Sunday, audiences were treated to 18 different films at the Huntsville Public Library and the Huntsville Museum of Art.

The Black Maria Film Festival showcases independent films and videos from all over the country. This was the festival's seventh year to visit Huntsville.

The founder and director of the event, John Columbus, describes the goal of the festival as an opportunity for new directors to display innovative pieces that would otherwise have extremely limited exposure.

"Our mission," said Columbus, "is to present work which is creative, diverse, explores the human



THE BLACK MARIA — Designed by Thomas Edison, the world's first film studio had a roof that swung open to allow for more light and sat on a circular track so that the entire studio could be turned to follow the sun. — Photo courtesy of NEA.

spirit, and expands the artistic boundaries of film and video."

The name "Black Maria" comes from the world's first film studio, designed by Thomas Edison. Columbus hopes that by recognizing

Edison's development of the motion picture, other artists will be inspired to produce work that reflects similar creative genius.

This year, the Huntsville stop of the Black Maria tour showcased such films:

"The Church of Saint Coltrane" (Jeff Swimmer, Gayle Gilman, & Al Klingenstein) - Are these people struck with divine inspiration or are they simply loony? This documentary studies a church that

views jazz legend, John Coltrane, as a saint and devotes its services to his music.

"Gabriel Goes for a Walk" (Karl Staven) - A fast-paced, dog's eye view of his own walk around the city.

"Shaft of Light" (Bill Tomlinson) - In this amusing stop-motion animation piece, a group of workers believe they are "blocked" by a shaft of light and decide to wait. Their superiors become annoyed when one of the workers engages in free thinking and suggests they "go around."

"Jessica" (Ellen Walters) - A wonderful documentary about a ten-year-old girl named Jessica who talks about her life in a poor family in North Carolina.

"Pickled Okra" (Paul Stricher) - This comedy follows the misadventures of a man who is out of place even in his own environment. During Mardi Gras, his blunders include getting himself stuck in a bathroom stall and being mugged with a carrot.

Future Film Co-Op projects include next week's animation festival. (See The Scene, below.)



The Week in Video: Trees Lounge adds new role for Buscemi

Matt Cuthbert
L. & E. Writer

After a series of impressive performances in independent films like "Reservoir Dogs," "Living in Oblivion," and " Fargo," Steve Buscemi has taken a step up in the cinematic world as he adds directing to his repertoire. From his directorial debut, "Trees Lounge," it is clear that Buscemi is just as adept behind the camera as he is in front of it.

The Trees Lounge is a bar frequented by the local reprobates of Long Island. Buscemi plays Tommy, one of the bar's most frequent customers. Most of Tommy's days and nights are spent at the Trees as he employs alcohol to dull the sting of his pathetic lifestyle. Even his friends at the bar who practice the same deplorable habits consider him a loser.

Tommy's life has spiraled downward as each event worsens the next. He "borrows" \$1500 from the garage where he works and loses it in Atlantic City. When his boss finds out, the next thing Tommy loses his job. To make matters

worse, Tommy's girlfriend (Elizabeth Bracco) leaves him for his best friend, Joe (Anthony LaPaglia). It doesn't help any that Joe was also Tommy's boss.

Tommy can't seem to get another job since Joe won't give him a recommendation. When his uncle dies of a heart attack, Tommy takes over driving Uncle Al's ice cream truck. He proceeds to screw up his life further when he gets involved with his ex-girlfriend's 17-year-old niece (Chloe Sevigny).

Despite his string of failures, Tommy is always welcomed at the Trees Lounge.

The most distinguishing feature of this movie is that it isn't the typical story of an alcoholic. It doesn't dwell on spousal abuse or drunk driving (though these are important issues); it simply focuses on the degradation of the spirit. Tommy and his friends at the Trees Lounge look upon their lives with despair. Nevertheless, with the assistance of alcohol, they manage to muddle through. *Grade: A-*

Also out this week:
Trainspotting
Grace of My Heart
A Very Brady Sequel

Art/Exhibits

Splendors of a Golden Age: Italian Paintings from Burghley House Museum — This is your last chance to check out this exhibit at the Huntsville Museum of Art. The paintings will be on view from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. through February 16th.

White Mountain Painters: 1834 - 1926 — This is also the last week for this stunning exhibit, which HMA closes on February 16th.

Comedy

Chip Flatow, hypnotist — Performing at D. J.'s Comedy Club, Chip will appear at 8p.m. & 10p.m. on February 14th & 15th and at 8p.m. on February 16th. Admission is \$10. For more information, call 536-3329.

Concerts

Blanks 77 & WaaG —

Punk and ska brought to you by the Friendly Musicians Society. The show begins at 7:00 p.m. on February 15th in the Exhibit Hall.

Festivals

7th Annual fine Arts Festival — Enjoy a day of art, dance, music and drama at the Academy for Academics and Arts on February 15th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 532-4750.

10th Annual Chocolate Festival — Gorge yourself at the VBCC on February 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 533-6497.

Film

Alchemist of the Surreal Animated Film Series — Showtime is 8:00 p.m. on February 15th at 1210 Meridian Street. Admission/ Donation is \$3. For more information, call the Film Co-

Op at 539-FILM.

Music

Saturday Music at the Lundberg Farm — Highlighting various forms of classical music, this 65 - 75 minute performance will be at the Lundberg farm on February 15th at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For more information, call 882-3144.

Spoken Word

Patricia Johnson — Winner of the 1996 National Poetry Slam, Johnson will perform on February 15th at Jamo's Juice and Java at 413 Jordan Lane at 5:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. Admission/ Donation is \$2.

Theater

Auditions: I Remember Mama — Director Bob James needs 12 females and 8 males (teen and up). Auditions are at the VBCC Playhouse on February 16th & 17th.

Call James at 883-9566 or HLT at 852-8730.

The Compleat Works of William Shakespeare (abridged) — This kinetic farce, presented by Theatre Round the Corner, will begin at 8:00 p.m. on February 13th - 15th and at 2:00 p.m. on February 16th. For ticket information, call the TRTC box office at 539-7797. (Also, see review, page 8.)

Hamlet — Huntsville Little Theater's production of this classic begins at 7:30 p.m. on February 14th & 15th and at 2:00 p.m. on February 16th at the VBCC Playhouse. For more information, call HLT at 852-8730.

School House Rock — This blast from the past will be at Decatur's Princess Theater on February 14th - 15th at 7:00 p.m. and again on the 15th at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 350-1745 or 350-8216.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

UAH — creme de la creme!

By Jennifer Lewter

The longer I go to school here, the more impressed I become with UAH's faculty and students. I may whine and wimper about my math classes, or silently curse out my former professor who believes that a 79.3 is a "C," but the truth is, I like it here.

I like it when I go back to my hometown and people ask me where I'm going to school. And when I say "UAH," they always ask "Isn't that supposed to be a hard school?" I just look at them matter-of-factly and say, "Well, yes, I think so."

But the true beauty of UAH goes much deeper than its tough reputation among the village people. Nearly every day, I hear about yet another impressive academically-related accomplishment that someone from UAH has made.

Our engineering students dominate the annual national Concrete Canoe competition, and we've won national Moon Buggy races.

A small team of engineering students has recently won the opportunity to fly a microgravity experiment on NASA's KC-135 later this semester (this is the first time NASA has held this competition for undergraduate college students).

And a couple of days ago, someone informed me that scientists at our Research Institute fly KC-135 experiments "all the time." (Who are you guys? Why didn't I know this?!)

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UAH student named national co-op

UAH News Release
Special to PRINTS

Chris Persons, an electrical engineering student at UAH, has been named 1996 Outstanding Cooperative Education Association (CEA) Student of the Year.

Persons, who completed his course work in December, will participate in graduation services in the spring. Persons was selected for the honor on the basis of outstanding scholarship, intellectual achievement, leadership ability and on-the-job achievements.

He will receive a 1,000 dollar cash award at the CEA conference in San Diego, Calif., in April.

Persons was employed as

a co-op student at Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) in Huntsville. He has been recognized locally, regionally and nationally.

"We in the Co-op Office are thrilled that Chris has won this competition," said Suzanne Norris, Director of the UAH Co-operative Education Program.

"We felt so strongly that Chris had all the characteristics of a strong candidate that we did not hesitate to nominate him to compete at the national level.

"This award will bring coast-to-coast recognition of the co-op program at UAH and the quality and value of co-op work experiences that students receive at Huntsville companies

like CSC," Norris said.

"I was very surprised when I received the telephone call saying I had won," Persons said.

"Honestly, I still have not comprehended the magnitude of this award, but I'm sure its effects will be long lasting. Attending UAH and enrolling in the co-op program are probably the best steps I could have made," Persons said.

"I've gained invaluable education and work experi-

ence, as well as the confidence and technical skills needed to prepare myself for my career."

Persons has a 4.00 grade point average and is a UAH Honor Scholar. His most outstanding endeavors include, the development of the Interactive Graphical Electromagnetic Scattering System

(INGRESS) software program, pioneering a procedure for generating radar cross sections of 3-D objects.

Persons is a member of four national honor soci-

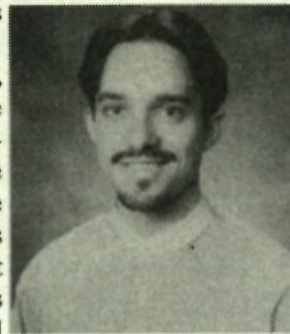
eties, and he is also the recipient of numerous honors and awards.

He is planning to pursue a career in the fields of optics and electromagnetics in either industry or academia.

Persons' advice to students in Alabama contemplating a college education:

"You'll never know what you are capable of, and you will never fully discover your interests until you seek higher education. Never put limits on yourself."

Persons, who was recently awarded the prestigious Georgia Tech Presidential Fellowship, is conducting optics research under the instruction of noted optics professor Thomas K. Gaylord.



CHRIS PERSONS

Moriarity accepts promotion to associate dean

UAH News Release
Special to PRINTS

Dr. Debra Moriarity has been named associate dean of the College of Science at The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Her appointment was announced today by Dr. J. Graeme Duthie, dean of the college. She replaces Dr. F. Lee Cook, who retires in April.

"We're very pleased that Dr. Moriarity has accepted this appointment," Duthie said. "She has an excellent reputation for her work with students, for the mentoring she has done, and for the time she has devoted to advising students in both biological sciences and pre-professional programs."

The associate dean coordinates recruiting and reten-

tion activities for the college. She also supervises student advising in the college and organizes special events and programs.

"There are a lot of positive things I hope I can do, especially in terms of student advising," Moriarity said.

"I really hope to be able to do some good for the college."

Moriarity, a professor of biological sciences, joined the UAH faculty in 1984, after one year as a research scientist in the department.

In 1995 she received one of four UAH Foundation awards for excellence in teaching.

She also received the 1992 Dean's Service Award, which is presented to a faculty member whose activities cross discipline boundaries and contribute



DR. DEBRA MORIARITY

significantly to the college's development.

She is a member of UAH's Natural Products

Group, which is studying plant extracts gathered by UAH faculty and students. The group hopes to find compounds of medical value.

Despite her new administrative responsibilities, Moriarity plans to continue both teaching and research: "We'll see how long I hold up, but I'm going to try to do it all."

"My research with the National Products Group means a lot to me."

"We're getting a lot of good data, we're getting funding, and we're getting a lot of good student participation."

She has been or is chairperson of the university's Pre-Professional Advisory Committee, the Animal Care and Use Committee, and the Radiation Safety Committee.

Phytopathological Society announces potato late blight workshop

News Release
Special to PRINTS

The American Phytopathological Society announces an on-line Potato Late Blight workshop February 17 through April 18. Presentations, recommendations and on-line discussions will update participants about the status of this fungal plant pathogen. The workshop is free and open to the public at <http://www.scisoc.org/>.

"The workshop agenda includes interactive sessions on the history of the fungus;

traditional and molecular host-plant resistance; disease management; and the future of the potato in North America," said Cindy Ash, APS director of scientific services.

Its a timely topic because the late blight fungus, *Phytophthora infestans*, has gone through genetic changes. Today the fungus is causing serious disease losses for potato growers.

That's why over 200 Canadian, Mexican, and US growers, processors, seed certification specialists, agri-chemical professionals, cooperative extension spe-

cialists and researchers met recently for the North American Late Blight Workshop, January 8-11, in Tucson, Ariz.

They discussed leading-edge research, assessed needs and prioritized recommendations.

The American Phytopathological Society's on-line workshop is a continuation of this critical discussion.

"One recommendation generated by participants at the workshop in Tucson is the development of economically feasible, rapid, and reliable identification

methods for late blight of potatoes and tomatoes. Another is the evaluation of the relative importance of inoculum sources such as cull piles and home gardens," said Bill Brown, North American Late Blight Workshop coordinator.

Late blight is the destructive disease responsible for the Irish potato famine that resulted in the migration of over one million Irish to the United States.

Ireland's weather in early summer 1845 was favorable and potato plants grew rapidly. Unexpectedly, the weather changed and rain

fell for weeks.

The potato plants and their tubers rotted in these cool, damp conditions.

There was little that Irish potato farmers could do but watch the demise of the crop. Plant scientists had yet to identify the responsible fungi and protective fungicides had yet to be invented.

Today, through the efforts of plant doctors and other plant scientists, late blight is better understood and a number of methods are used to limit blight.

However, recent changes in the genetic makeup of the

fungus promise to keep plant scientists working even harder to keep potato fields healthy and producing abundant potato tubers for market.

The American Phytopathological Society is a professional scientific organization devoted to the study of plant diseases and their control.

APS promotes knowledge about this specialized science and today is the premier organization advancing modern concepts in plant health management in agricultural, urban and forest settings.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Students analyze 'green goo' from tropical plants

UAH News Release Special to PRINTS

In a small Wilson Hall laboratory laden with the smells of solvents, a small band of student scientists at UAH is purifying and analyzing "green goo" taken from plants in tropical forests.

Learning on the job, these undergraduate volunteer researchers do "grunt work" for several UAH faculty seeking natural products: previously unknown compounds that help these exotic plants thrive in humid jungles by killing or inhibiting bacteria, fungus, viruses — or the animals that graze on their leaves.

"We're lab rats," says Deb Hinton, a senior graphic design major from Guntersville.

"That means we do what we're told."

Hinton is one of about a half dozen undergraduate students working in a unique research laboratory

loosely organized by Dr. William Setzer, a popular associate chemistry professor who leans more to bush shorts and Hawaiian shirts than to suits and lab coats.

His helpers are students who volunteer their time.

"I slowly beat my way into this lab," Hinton said.

"I remember reading an article about the natural products research five or six years ago and I thought, 'Boy, I'd like to meet them.' Now here I am, serving their every need."

Jennifer Stephens, a senior biology major who has studied opera and theater at Indiana University at South Bend, joined the research effort in January '96, in part to help fill a six-hour gap between classes.

"A year or so ago I knew he had students up here, but I never thought I would be up here," she said.

"I thought research was the furthest thing from what I wanted to do." Now she plans to attend medical school after earning her de-

gree from UAH. Her research experience has paid dividends — in class.

"Because of what I've learned here," she explained. "I fly through a quantitative analysis lab."

Setzer and his students hope the long-term payoff of their efforts will be more meaningful than a few good grades: some extracts show promising anti-cancer, antiviral, anti-microbial or antifungal activity.

"I'm working on an antiviral extract of *Oreopanax xalapensis* (a Costa Rican member of the ginseng family)," says Mary McCool, a senior biology major originally from Denver.

Last summer she helped Setzer collect plant samples from North Queensland, Australia.

"We've got an extract from the bark of a big Australian vine in the black pepper family that just murders cancer cells," Setzer said.

"We're pretty excited about that. Ryan Merrill, the



LAB RATS — Dr. William Setzer, rear, with a few of the student scientists who assist in natural products research. From left, Katie Divis Muster, Amanda Hopper and Mary McCool. — Photo courtesy of Neal Brown

SGA president, is working on that one." Stephens is studying an extract from *Didymopanax pittieri*, also a member of the ginseng family.

"It looks like it blocks a protein receptor," Setzer said. "It turns out the protein that normally fits into

that receptor is important to the digestion response, so it could turn out to be an anti-obesity drug."

In addition to isolating an anti-bacterial compound extracted from the bark of *Cardwellia sublimis* ("a big old tree in Australia," says Setzer), senior biology

major Amanda Hopper is working on a possible anti-cancer compound.

The compound, which kills liver cancer cells but not healthy liver cells in the lab, was one of the first isolated from plants gathered in Costa Rica.

Spring 1997 Lecture Schedule

Sunday, February 16:

2:30 p.m. — 4:30 P.M. SH 206

"HOW TO BECOME AN AEROBICS INSTRUCTOR" (2HR CLASS)

Monday, February 17:

11:00 A.M. — NOON SH 206

"WALK THIS WEIGH"

NOON — 1:00 P.M. SH 206

"RISKS AND BENEFITS OF EXERCISE"

4:00 P.M. — 5:00 P.M. SH 206

"BODY FAT"

5:30 P.M. — 6:30 P.M. RH 423

"SURGEON'S GENERAL REPORT ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY"

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18:

11:45 A.M. — 12:45 P.M. SH 206

"SURGEON'S GENERAL REPORT ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY"

4:15 P.M. — 5:15 P.M. SH 206

"BODY FAT"

5:30 P.M. — 6:30 P.M. SH 206

"ATHLETIC SHOES"

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

4:15 P.M. — 5:15 P.M. SH 206

"HEALTHY EATING OUT"

5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. RH 423

"CPR (2hr class)

*SH = SPRAGINS HALL

*RH = ROBERTS HALL

**The CPR class has an optional CPR book that may be purchased for \$1.25. If you would like to purchase the book, bring the payment at the time of the class.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

UAH, Russian scientists analyze metals flown on Mir

UAH News Release Special to PRINTS

Research scientists from UAH and Russia were on campus recently to begin analysis of the final two glass containers holding sintered metals flown aboard Mir, the Russian

space station.

A year ago, a space shuttle carried 67 metal samples in 18 ampuls to Mir.

Russian cosmonauts and American astronaut Shannon Lucid conducted experiments on the UAH package for about a month last spring.

It was the first American experiment accomplished using Russian equipment, according to UAH scientist James E. Smith.

Russian scientists Gennady Putin and Alexander Ivanov joined Smith at a laboratory in the engineering building on the

UAH campus to analyze the final two ampuls.

Putin is chairman of the physics department at Perm State University in the Urals region of Russia while Ivanov is deputy chief for space technology and materials for Energia, a subcontractor to the Russian Space Agency.

Smith, chairman of UAH's Chemical and Materials Engineering Department, is studying the bonding of various metals in microgravity. He has the world's largest database on metal composites processed in space.

The samples were superheated in the Russian "Optizone" furnace, which is heated by three 400-watt halogen lights. Using the high-temperature furnace in space, the metals are processed by liquid phase sintering.

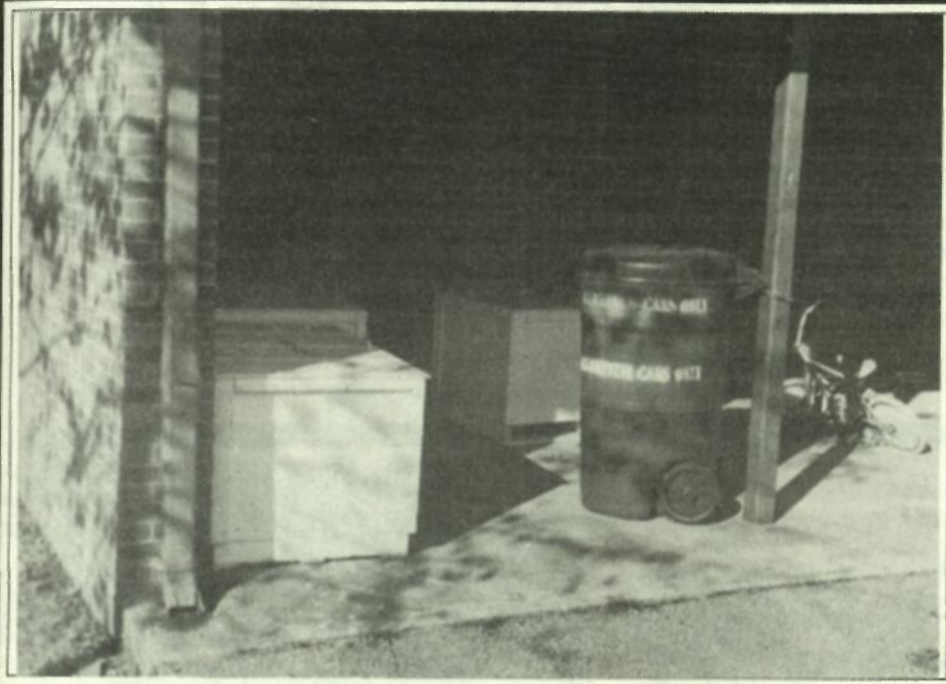
The process bonds pressed-powered metal "compacts" by heating the samples above the melting point of one of the powdered metals.

By conducting these experiments in space, new insights may be gained about industrial materials process-

ing on Earth.

Liquid phase sintering experiments in microgravity may provide greater understanding of alloy behavior and changes in the porous nature of these metal composites.

Several industries could benefit from this research and improved understanding of metal composites. Sintered metals, such as tungsten, are used for such applications as filaments in electric lights, precision cutting tools or contacts in high-voltage electric switches.



RECYCLE RECYCLE RECYCLE! — For those of you yearning to save the Earth, there are recycling bins on campus, located at Southeast apartment building 706. You may deposit aluminum cans, white paper, newspaper, and computer paper at this location. Housing officials are currently trying to set up a plastic recycling program as well. Read *PRINTS* for the latest! — Photo by Jennifer Lewter

UAH from page 11

We've got an outstanding co-op program here, and we even have a nationally recognized co-op student this year to prove it (see page 11.)

We have an impressive history of graduate, undergraduate and faculty involvement Space Shuttle experiments, including biology professor Dr. Marian Lewis, whose 12 Shuttle experiments may have won her the honor of being the American scientist with the most experiments flown. (And she teaches here at UAH!)

UAH also boasts an astronaut on its resume — Jan

Davis's picture is usually found in our school's brochures, and she is quoted as saying something to the effect of, "UAH is a tough school."

And just in case you didn't know, the College of Nursing at UAH initiated the very first "National Conference on Nursing in Space" back in 1988, and the UAH Nursing and Space Life Sciences Committee promises to continue hosting the conference on even years.

The Committee also hopes to eventually incorporate Aerospace Nursing courses into the nursing college curriculum as electives, or perhaps even as a specialty someday. (But if

you can't wait that long, consider taking Dr. Lewis's Gravitational Biology course!)

I know there are countless amounts of accomplishments and honors UAH has fostered over the years that I have failed to mention, and even some that are occurring now that I simply don't know about.

By all means, if you are aware of news-worthy science projects and events happening on campus that have not received campus-paper coverage, let us know!

Or if you'd like, send in your own articles and photos. We do appreciate help from our readers.

The Aerospace Medical Association is hosting its 68th Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, May 11-15, 1997.

Key topics at the conference will include: Clinical Aviation Medicine Grand Rounds, NASA Life Sciences, FAA Seminars for AME's, Women in Aviation issues — Health Care and Human Factors, Fatigue — Prevention and Management, Civil and Military Aviation Issues, and Air Medical Transport and Nursing.

For a registration form and/or more information, contact: Aerospace Medical Association 320 South Henry Street Alexandria, VA 22314-3579. Phone: (703) 739-2240, Fax: (703) 739-0652

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The Huntsville Squadron of Air Force ROTC had a fantastic Fall '96. We're kicking off Spring '97 already in high gear. You will see regular recruiting booths in the U.C. along with several flyers for campus events that we have in the works. For those of you who may not know, Air Force ROTC is an officer training program that gives you the foundations for being a top-notch Air Force officer. Many civilian jobs have their military counterpart, and you can start immediately after graduation (PLUS get money for school!). If you want to be a pilot, nurse, doctor, engineer, or plan on any other career field, give us a call. You can reach the detachment in Birmingham at (205) 870-2859. If you prefer a local number to talk to someone in ROTC, call Cadet Chad Hill at 922-5768 and leave a message.

Aim High — Air Force!

SPORTS

Quick Sets

By Stephanie Trammel

Were you satisfied with the Homecoming festivities this year? Attendance at the hockey and basketball games was good, but the pre-game activities designed to be Homecoming festivities were not a huge success. For example, there was a cookout and bonfire at Southeast before the women's basketball game. Several of the sororities and fraternities participated, but the student body representation was poor. Maybe the reason for this is that the event was not well publicized, or maybe if it had been coordinated by the students instead of the athletic department, more students would have been there. By all means, though, I applaud the athletic department for trying to increase school spirit. They also had a very good idea in the Spirit Walk, fashioned after the tradition at U. of Alabama football games, but a disappointing few participated. If we want to build school spirit, we must be less apathetic towards events like this. Otherwise, we won't see any change in the future.

UAH nets victory

Michael Napier
Sports Writer

The UAH hockey team extended its winning streak to 13 games with 5-1 and 11-1 wins over Minnesota-Crookston last weekend at the Von Braun Center.

Matt Parker, a Huntsville native, extended his point-scoring streak to 21 games, setting a new UAH record. He started his streak in the second NCAA game of the season against Maine on November 2, and broke the old record of 20, set by Shane Bowler in the 1994-95 season.

Parker has scored 17 goals and 22 assists for 39 points over the 21 games.

Tony Guzzo leads the team in scoring with 46 points (16 goals, 30 assists), followed by K.C. Schneider with 43 (14 goals, 29 assists). Parker, Guzzo, and Schneider comprise UAH's top scoring line.

The Chargers (19-3) will host rival and Division I Mankato State next weekend at the VBC. Game times are 7:00 p.m. Friday night and 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon. It will

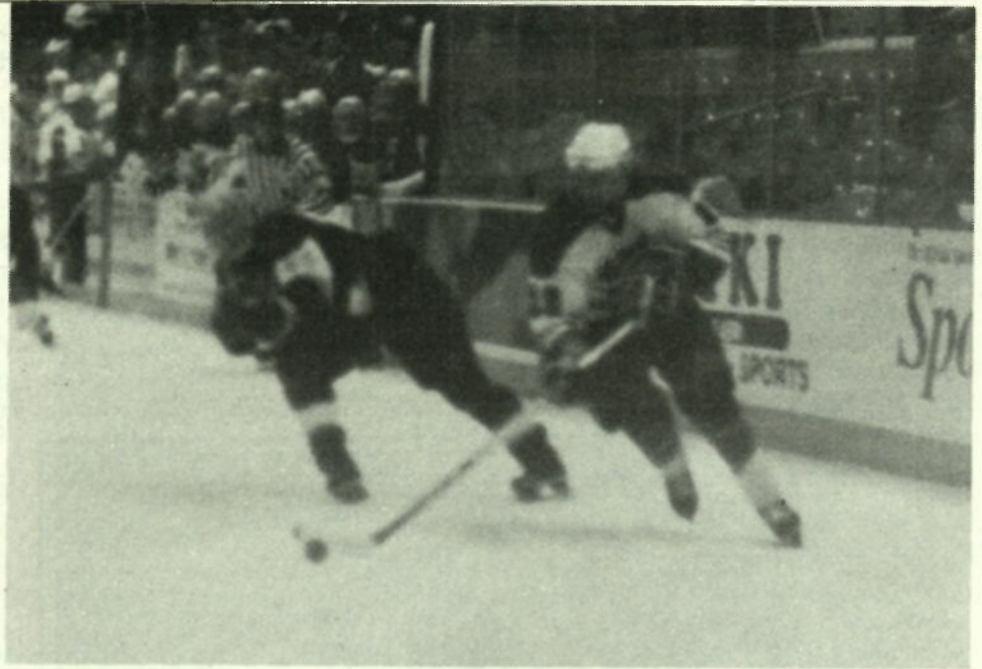
be the final regular season home series of the season.

UAH 5, Minnesota-Crookston 1 (Fri.)

A crowd of 3,280 saw Huntsville native Matt Parker score UAH's third goal for his 16th of the season to extend his streak to 20.

UAH took a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Jay Woodcroft and Mark Motowski. Eric Bilyeu and Parker scored in the second for a 4-0 lead after two periods. UMC scored with 4:23 left in the third, but Tom Williams followed for UAH just 30 seconds later for his ninth goal of the season.

UAH goaltender Cedrick



BACK OFF! — An easy romp for the Chargers against UMC. — Photo by Tasha French

Billequey made 24 saves of 149 minutes and 28 seconds without allowing a goal. Paul Schloss had two assists. UMC goal snapped Billequey's personal streak

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Softball voted No. 1

Stephanie Trammel
Sports Editor

Birmingham, AL-Defending champion Alabama-Huntsville is the team to beat for the Gulf South Conference Softball Championship, according to a poll of GSC coaches.

UAH charges ahead of the pack as the choice to repeat as GSC champions, receiving 8 of 12 votes to win the conference title.

As the preseason favorite, Head Coach Les Stuedeman is ready for the upcoming season. "We return every starter from last year's squad. Gretchen Knowlton and Jamie Madewell are 100% after suffering broken legs last season. We feel like we have many things to improve upon from 1996," Stuedeman said.

In addition to being selected as preseason favorite in the East division and the conference, the Lady Chargers also placed five players on the All-GSC Pre-season Team. This led the conference along with Delta State, who also had

five representatives in the mix. UAH pitcher Wendy Hurst was the GSC Tournament Most Valuable Player. She also set four national records last season with innings pitched (411), appearances (62), games started (59), and complete games (57). Utility player Allison Rutledge was an All-South Region selection last season. Third baseman Tracy Porter was an All-GSC selection and led the Chargers in six offensive categories, including RBIs, doubles, triples, and home runs. Catcher Misty Gray was also chosen for All-GSC as well as GSC Player of the Week in 1996. Outfielder Mandi Brown is one of the top defensive outfielders in the conference and was a part of the 1996 GSC All-Tournament team.

Their quest to repeat as conference champions begins this weekend as they face Belmont University on Saturday and Athens State College on Sunday. This

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Alpha Tau Omega

"You can tell by the way I use my walk, I'm a woman's man ... whether you're a brother or whether you're a mother, you're stayin' alive, stayin' alive" Sound familiar? If it does you might have a little disco madness like the rest of us Taus. Well Saturday night is your chance to get all the sounds from the 70's you want. ATO is hosting a 70's PARTY this Saturday to cure all those Saturday night fevers. The party fires up at 8:00 pm and won't stop until 2:00. So throw on a tube top, some bell bottoms or a mini skirt and come join us. Everything's happening at the house (706 South East) — see an ATO for details.

Be sure to congratulate a member of our Spring pledge class, Beta Delta while you're at the party. Ryan Chambers, Paul Dixon, Dave Hardin, Sam Hughes, Greg Kimbro, Tim Lindsey, Kris McDougal, Nathan Smith, Eric Thompson, and Ron Trotard make this year's Spring pledge class. Formal pledging was this past Sunday — Congratulations guys!!

With so much going on you may not have heard of the 7th annual Basketball Dribble scheduled for February 21 - 22. For those of you new to school or simply haven't heard about it, let me be the first to fill you in. Every year the brothers of Alpha

Tau Omega support UAH chargers by dribbling a basketball from UNA in Florence to UAH just before the UAH v. UNA game. We raise money from all your donations and give all the proceeds to a charity of our choice. This year we've selected MADD (Mother's Against Drunk Driving). If you see an ATO this week be sure to tell him you support him; with twelve hours of exhausting dribbling ahead of us, every little bit counts. All contributions are welcome. A \$25 donation or more earns you a limited edition ATO Basketball

Dribble t-shirt! Don't hesitate to drive by next Friday night and beep your horn while we dribble down Hwy 72. See you Saturday night!!

Circle K

UAH Circle K would like to thank all of our guests who came out to our Spring Semester Open House. It was great meeting all of you and look forward to seeing you again. We would also like to thank those who donated stuffed animal for Bears on Patrol. These stuffed animals have been donated to the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and Circle K is planning its annual Valentine's Day sale. We will be selling carnations on Thursday, February 13th and Friday, February 14th in the UC Lobby. Stop by and buy some for your sweetheart. Circle K is the world's largest collegiate service organization. We have meetings every TUESDAY at 8:30PM in UC MOM's. If you would like more information, please see Holly Denenny in UC 100 or call Carrie Anne Floyd at 379-5802.

Delta Chi

How's it going eh? Things have been going great in Delta Chi. Recently, housing started renovations on our chapter room. We would like to thank Dr. Frank Franz and John Maxon for having enough confidence in us to invest in our future.

Upon completion of the chapter room (and permission from housing) we will have our housewarming party. Date is yet to be set.

This Saturday has a few special events planned. First we will start the evening with a much anticipated Delta Zeta mixer. Then, it's time to re-visit the decade in which we were born at the ATO 70's party (PLUG PLUG!!)

Thank you and have a good day!

Delta Zeta

If you haven't gotten your valentine a present, stop by the U.C. and pick up some balloons on Friday between 2 and 5. Otherwise you'll be in big trouble!! Speaking of sweethearts, Happy Birthday Laur!!! We would also like to let the Delta Chi's know how much we are looking forward to the mixer on Saturday. You'll have a wonderful week, and good luck on midterms.

GSA

It is that time of year again ... the time to elect new officers for the upcoming year. We would like to thank President Noah Rhys for his two years of service leading the organization. Noah is retiring from the political arena so we are searching for someone interested in accepting the baton as it is passed. We also need nominations for the offices of Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

You can nominate yourself or someone else who is interested. You do not need any executive experience, just an interest in issues which affect graduate students. For those of you who are newer to the GSA, you can check out our goals and some of our accomplishments on our web page: http://www.atmos.uah.edu/~lem-er/gsa/gsa_home.html If anyone is interested in running or nominating someone for any of the available positions, please email gsa@email.uah.edu. This is the current officers mailing list. You may also leave written notice with Fay Rhodes at the SGA office in the UC.

Kappa Delta

We ain't got nuttin but luv going on in our little chapter. People keep asking us where are all those great girls are coming from. It really doesn't really matter to us where they are com-

ing from, all that really matters is what they are going - and that's KD!

Congratulations to our newest members. Way to go girls!! Also, congratulations to Chi Omega and Delta Zeta on a great rush. A special thanks to Tamitha Cobb (VP Membership). You are doing a super job and making us all very proud. Keep up the good work. To all you Kappa Delta's out there, remember!!! Thanks to the brothers of Sigma Nu for a great mixer. We had a blast. In case anyone has forgotten (all you guys out there) Valentine's day is tomorrow — February 14. If anyone is stressing about what to get that special someone in your life come by the Kay Dee Kard table.

Our Kay Dee Kupids will help you make your own personalized card for your honey or best friend. All proceeds will benefit SCAN. Since we are talking about love we would like to congratulate Marybeth Owen who was lauded by PKA's Jeff Sellers.

That just proves it's not just our new members who are getting smarter. Everybody is going KD!!

We wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. To all those who get flowers and BALLOONS tomorrow from someone who loves you we HOPE you enjoy them! KAPPA DELTA - An Eternal Sisterhood.

Math club

Exciting news. February 13 we will be holding our first talk of the year.

Dr. Tad Janik, a distinguished professor in the Math Department will be discussing a curious topic, "On the Area of a Rectangle." As he himself has asked, "Why is that so? Is this a formula product of invention of those who write textbooks, a matter of free choice? Or is it forced on us in some way without any alternate possibility. In other

words, can it be proven?" This is a question that he will answer, so come out and listen. Lunch will be provided for \$1, sandwiches chips and drinks. The talk will be in Madison Hall, room 302 at 2:00 p.m. On February 13. For more information contact Jason Rupert at 837-5239 or come by room 318 in Madison Hall.

Prelaw Society

Are you worried about how to get into Law School? Have you taken the LSAT and want to improve your score? Come and learn how to prepare for this grueling exam!!!

The Pre-Law Society of U.A.H. announces its first LSAT study session on Sunday Feb. 16 at 2:00pm in UC 126. Any student who is interested in the field of law is invited to attend this session and gain information about the Law School Admissions Test. For questions please contact: Tracy Snyder at snydert@email.uah.edu

Society for Ancient Languages

Last week, Society Vice President Justin Rose presented the Latin section with his translation of three Catullus poems celebrating desire and beauty of Lesbia compared to others. In addition, members of the Society attended the Mythology Conference on "Myth, Sexuality and Power: Images of Jupiter in Western Art" at the University of Georgia in Athens, featuring a performance of Aristophanes' Birds.

The Latin section meets on Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. in Roberts Hall 406, and the Greek section meets on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the same location. For more information, contact our advisor, Dr. Richard Gerberding, at 890-6530, or visit our website under the "Student Life" section of the UAH Homepage.

SPORTS

UAH invades West Florida

Courtesy of UAH Sports Information

Pensacola, Fla. - The UAH basketball teams split with the University of West Florida here Saturday afternoon.

The UAH women's basketball team defeated the Argonauts, 68-58. Currently ranked second in the Gulf South Conference East Division, the Lady Chargers improved to a 14-7 overall record and 7-3 in the conference with its third straight win. West Florida dropped to 12-9 overall and 5-5 in the GSC.

The UAH men's basketball team lost its second straight, 75-66. The Chargers fell to 7-14 overall and 3-7 in the GSC. West Florida improved to 6-4 in conference action and 12-9 overall.

WOMEN: UAH 68, West Florida 58

"This team grew up tonight," UAH head coach Tia Sossamon said. "This was a huge win, and I am extremely proud of the whole team, especially the way we fought back when we were nine points down in the game."

UAH was up by only one point and the first half and by as much as nine in the second. Although the Argonauts outshot the Chargers 41 percent to 36 percent overall from the floor, UAH put more balls in the air and were able to score more points.

Leading scorers for the Chargers were Kristi Arnold with 18, Becky Stitt with 14, and Jennifer Lowe with 12.

Little led the Argonauts with 23 points. She was followed by Johanna Little and Christy Cates with nine points each.

MEN: West Florida 75, UAH 66

"Our kids played hard, and I'm not going to fault them," UAH head coach Bill Peterson said. "We also didn't commit a lot of turnovers; we just didn't make the big plays when we needed them."

The Chargers led 39-35 at the half after shooting 46 percent from the floor. UWF came out strong in the second, shooting 50 percent from the floor and holding UAH to only 24 percent. The Chargers shot a game total of 35 percent from the floor, and the Argonauts

shot 55 percent.

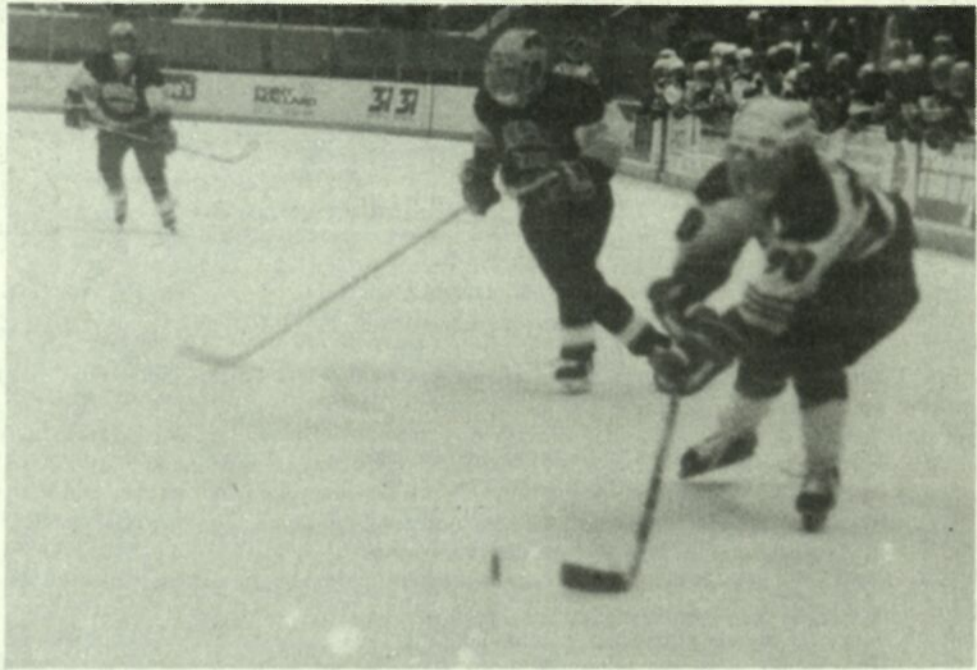
"When we're on the road, we try to keep our concentration and stay focused," Peterson said.

"We played great in the first half, then came out in the second and didn't. We are really close to being a great team. We just have to learn to win the close games.

"The team as a whole played really well. We just didn't do a good job of getting the ball to the right people late in the game. West Florida made some really big plays late in the game that really held us. We just didn't answer. We didn't score the big baskets. We're still young and building a good foundation for next season."

In the last ten minutes of the game, the Chargers trailed by as little as two points and as many as 11. Leading scorers for UAH were Travian Smith with 19 points, Javis Littles and Brian Garstang with 16 points, and Primoz Samardzija with eight points. Smith and Littles each had eight rebounds.

Leading scorers for West Florida were Jerry Fogle with 22 points and Sean Flynn with 17.



SWEET SHOT — Eric Bilyeu takes the offensive in Saturday night's game against Minnesota-Crookston. Highlights included a hat trick by Mike Hamlin — Photo by Tasha French

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UAH 11, Minnesota-Crookston 1 (Sat.)

Matt Parker scored a goal and an assist for game num-

Softball From page 14

will be the Charger's first time to face the Belmont Rebels, an NAIA power with strength at pitcher. UAH went 3-1 with Athens State this fall, but they are not expecting the Lady Bears to be a pushover.

"They are consistently good and are ranked in the

top 5 for NAIA. Playing at Athens will be a challenge," commented Coach Stuedeman.

UAH is deeper in talent, (this season) and their goal is to go beyond conference to take the regional crown.

According to Stuedeman, "We have high expectations, but we must continue to work hard."

him 13 goals on the season. He scored the Chargers' lone goal in the first period.

In the second, UAH scored eight goals, seven in the second half of the period. The Chargers scored goals three through seven in a span of 2:59, setting a new school record for fastest five goals.

Nathan Bowen had two goals for UAH. Jamie Baby and Jim Alauria each had a goal and two assists.

Cedrick Billequey made 17 saves to raise his record to 12-2 and extend his personal winning streak to six games.

Other goal scorers for the Chargers were Tony Guzzo (his 16th), Mark Motowski (his 4th), and Eric Bilyeu (his 9th).

UAH fell to 7-15 overall and 3-8 in the GSC with

Buzzer-beater gives UAH win over Valdosta State

Michael Napier Sports Writer

Valdosta, Ga. - Clutch city for the UAH women's basketball team. With five seconds remaining, April Wessner drained a three-pointer to tie the Chargers with Valdosta State Monday night at 54-54.

This sent the game into overtime.

Then with the score tied at 69-69, Kary Snyder's buck-

et at the buzzer gave UAH its fourth straight win overall and fifth straight in the Gulf South Conference. This time, the 71-69 win was over the third-ranked team in the South Region and the first place team in the GSC East.

"We just beat the No. 3 team in the NCAA South Region poll at their place," UAH head coach Tia Sossamon said. "Needless to say, this was a huge win.

"I have to commend

Jennifer Lowe. She played all 45 minutes and didn't get a break. She showed to be a true leader and the senior she is. I thought all 11 players contributed and we needed all of them to win the ball game."

Lowe paced the Chargers with 24 points, followed by Kristi Arnold with 15 and Melissa Coffey with 10.

UAH is now 15-7 overall and 8-3 in the GSC. This win put the Chargers in the driver's seat for a GSC

Tournament berth. Valdosta fell to 16-6 and 9-2.

Hayden Whitehurst and Vicki Williams led VSU with 16 points each.

MEN: Valdosta State 68, UAH 62

Brian Garstang paced the men's team with 16 points, followed by Travian Smith with 11. But it was not enough against the stronger Blazers.

"We played really hard,"

UAH head coach Bill Peterson said. "Our effort was excellent, but we didn't shoot the ball well and we didn't shoot from the free throw line well like we have.

"We played pretty good defense and made them take some difficult shots, but we've got to do a better job of getting the ball to the right people on the offensive end."

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Dear Prospective Member:

Liberia should have a special place in the conscience of the United States of America. Its impetus to become a nation came from the United States. For 149 years, it was a stalwart ally of the United States. Yet for the past years, as a civil war has taken almost 200,000 lives, displaced more than two-thirds of the population and destroyed its infrastructure, the United States has treated this great tragedy as a regional problem.

Liberia has a unique historical and cultural link to the United States. Settled by African Americans, many of them former slaves, in the early decades of the 19th century, Liberia became a republic in 1847. The United States influence on Liberia is reflected in the African nation's constitution, the star and stripes of its red, white and blue flag, the structure of its government, the names of its cities, its schools' curriculum, its official language and the remarkable degree of good will its citizens feel toward America. Through all the major conflicts of the 20th century, Liberians been among the most dependable allies of the United States. In both World Wars, Liberia declared war on the enemies of the United States and offered vital air bases, ports, and natural resources to support the United States military. During the Cold War, Liberia voted with the United States on every significant resolution at the United Nations. It hosted facilities for electronic monitoring and became the largest base for United States intelligence-gathering in Africa.

Yet when Liberia's security was most at risk because of civil conflict the United States government deferred to ECOWAS, an under-funded regional organization composed of some of the world's poorest nations. Half of the \$10 million earmarked by the United States to support a peacekeeping force had not been committed by April 1996. Meanwhile, the cost to the United States of responding to the humanitarian crisis since 1990 has been emergency relief assistance valued at over \$445 million, over \$66 million provided in the past year alone, more than eight times the amount committed to peacekeeping.

In the absence of a viable security plan, the torrent of refugees continues to undermine Liberia's relations with its immediate neighbors. Though the United States has implored those nations to admit Liberian refugees, its own record of Liberian admissions decries the long relationship with that nation.

The approach to achieving peace in Liberia has revolved around the ECOWAS process for six years. This process has, in turn, been dependent on a core group of ECOWAS nations with the will and very limited resources to engage in diplomacy or to commit forces for peacekeeping. Fourteen peace agreements have been largely brokered without the United States and other international parties, such as the United Nations or OAU, present with ECOWAS as working partners at the negotiating table. The result of this agreements and the resources, and leverage, necessary for successful implementation, This failure to produce a concerted approach to all aspects of the peace process, from mediation to negotiation and implementation, produced the tragic results that we have witnessed in Liberia.

On August 17 the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) concluded meetings that provide a new timetable for the peace process. Starting August 20, the warring factions are to observe a cease-fire, dismantle checkpoints and withdraw from zones of combat. The peacekeeping force, expanding from 8500 to 18000 troops, is to deploy throughout Liberia in November. Demobilization is to be completed by January 31, Elections are to be held on May 31 with a turnover to an elected government on June 15. The revised plan calls for sanctions against members of the warring factions that obstruct the peace process. Sanctions include restrictions on travel, freeze on economic activities, exclusion from electoral process, and war crime charges.

Now the United States has another opportunity to assert its international leadership at a critical juncture to ensure that the success of the new peace process. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States must heighten its diplomatic efforts to help coordinate the process of peace and gather the funding that is necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization in Liberia.

The United States should take the necessary steps to ensure that its commitment of \$30 million to support the ECOMOG peacekeeping force is obligated before the end of the fiscal year 1996. While the United States pledge of \$30 million is a step in the right direction it will not alone enable a doubling of ECOMOG to the 18,000 troops necessary for deployment by November. It is vital that the United States provide additional funds to make up this shortfall or take the lead to obtain significant pledges from other donor countries.

A top priority of the United States should be the implementation of a serious program for demobilizing Liberia's combatants. Regretfully, no additional funding has been pledged by the United States to improve what was an inadequately funded and designed demobilization plan. In fact, some of the funds allocated in early 1996 for reintegration of Liberia's 60,000 combatants have been diverted elsewhere. The United States should take the lead in designing a comprehensive demobilization program. This program will not involve United States troops, but should include the resources for every stage of demobilization from encampment to training and counseling of combatants. A contribution of \$20 million (non-food related) from the United States will provide the resources necessary to initiate a wellconceived demobilization program and encourage future contributions from other international donors.

President Clinton and the United States Congress must make Liberia a priority on our foreign relations agenda in Africa. United State leadership is critical if the key elements are to be achieved on schedule under the new peace plan. This leadership will not lead to an involvement of United States troops. It does mean that the United States through its Special Envoy, must heighten its diplomatic efforts to coordinate the implementation of the peace process and gather the additional resources necessary for effective peacekeeping and demobilization.

The United States should strengthen the response of the international community to the needs of the peace process. The foundation for a new international approach to the peace process already exists with the International Contact Group for Liberia, the group of donor countries that have pledged support to the peace process. The concept behind the ICGL should be expanded to a tightly coordinated partnership that includes the United States, ECOWAS, and the United Nations. This high level of cooperation will ensure that scarce resources are effectively utilized.

The outbreak of fighting in Monrovia in April-May of 1996 was the latest in a series of clashes in Liberia's intractable war. During the past nearly seven years, the war has produced shocking humanitarian conditions for Liberian civilians. The most recent fighting exacerbated even further these conditions. Humanitarian assistance organizations have been unable to deliver food and other emergency services because of the fighting in Monrovia. Their resources looted by gangs of combatants and the safety of their relief workers threatened, these organizations closed or dramatically reduced their operations in Liberia.

As a result of the civil war in Liberia, an estimated 800,000 Liberians are internally displaced; another 800,000 are refugees in neighboring countries that are among the poorest in the world. Approximately 50 % of the population in Monrovia, upwards of 350,000 persons, were forced to flee their homes due to the April-May fighting and another 3,000 died. During June-July some 3,300 new cases of cholera were reported in Monrovia and a July survey found malnutrition rates for children in displaced shelters have increased up to 25%.

Now that the dust of the Civil War in Liberia is settling down, an era of a NEW LIBERIA is at hand. Whether anyone likes it or not, a leadership is bound to emerge, supposedly to shoulder the national responsibilities of politics and administration and to ensure the continued survival of the Liberian people and culture.

That such leadership will be genuine and committed is a matter that you as Liberians and friends of Liberia can decide, or at least influence. But choosing national leadership is a serious and difficult business. In Liberia, bombed-out homes and shops are painful reminders of what happens when leaders are chosen unwisely. We cannot allow this to happen again. This is why the Liberian Social Justice Foundation is campaigning for PEACE, SECURITY, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, EDUCATIONAL AND POLITICAL JUSTICE IN LIBERIA.

The Liberian Social Justice Foundation has carefully examined the administrative and operational policies of both the past and present administration in Liberia, and in our candid opinion, much more needs to be done to help Liberia go in the direction she needs to go. We as Liberians must try to have a positive influence on the selection of the national programs and the corresponding leadership which will inevitably affect our lives and the lives of our people for many years to come.

My fellow Liberians and Friends of Liberia, the Liberian Social Justice Foundation has embarked on a mission to ensure that PEACE, UNITY, SECURITY, FREEDOM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE prevail in Liberia. This is an awesome responsibility that can only occur if we cooperate as a team. History will judge us not by what we say, but by what we do. With God and the determined mind, there is nothing we cannot achieve for our Liberian Society. It is in this light that I urge you to support and contribute to the Liberian Social Justice Foundation's programs.

Liberia, the African nation established in the 1800s by freed American slaves, has been torn by civil war since 1989. What does the Liberian Civil War mean to Americans in terms of health care, humanitarian relief, stability throughout Africa and the continuation of missionary work? If you share in the dream of peace in Liberia, a country founded upon American ideals, you are invited to become more informed by writing to the LIBERIAN SOCIAL JUSTICE FOUNDATION, POST OFFICE BOX 31438, CINCINNATI, OHIO 45231. (513) 931-1872.

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