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

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Board of Trustees has a busy two days at UAH

by Mary Wallace, reporter
and Marian Delaney Sampsion, editor

On March 21 and 22 the UAH institutional meeting of the Board of Trustees was held.

The two days began with a luncheon for the students and faculty, followed by board members and their spouses on Thursday. Special events were also held to honor Dr. Gary Biller (substituting for Vice President Ben Masters), and to testify at the desegregation trial in Birmingham.

After lunch, students presented a varied program on UAH activities to the Trustees.

Kim Morris begins the students' presentation with an overview of the Center for computer science and computer facilities for students. UAH students are amongst the best in the world. The Materials Science and Optics buildings will come on line. These buildings and their associated facilities are currently in operation. In addition to the buildings, the students are required to take classes in other buildings. The students have the benefit of being at the University to get their degrees and help create. The students students at UAH. They should be praised for their efforts to stimulate interest in their subjects and for encouraging serious inquiry in academic matters that are related to their interests and their work.

Aydin Mekic said that she applied for the program as a freshman and was told that if she completed the prerequisite courses she would have a job. She is co-oping at a company that pays.

Jim Mason said that his experience coping with NASA allowed him to "to tie in class projects with his work experience and get real world work experience." He was co-oping at NASA.

Dr. Bankston and Dennis Wingo presented a slide-show on some of the activities of the Exploration of Data in Space and Development of Space (SEDS) are involved in. In addition to slides, Wingo and Bankston had a mock-up of the SEDSAT 1, a satellite that was being built by UAH students and scheduled to fly in June 1993 on the Small Deployable Depoloyer System (SDS).

This will be the third flight for the system but the first deployment of a satellite into a high earth orbit. The first deployment was according to Wingo. This satellite will carry several experiments including Bankston's SEDSAT 1 and Wingo's TASS (Tethered Accelerometer System). Together the experiments will provide information on tether dynamics.

After the SEDSAT presentation Ben Masters, SGA President

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"Ladies and Gentlemen, I am pleased that I have been allowed this opportunity to speak before you. We welcome and encourage the student presence. The student voice may.

"My remarks this afternoon will address some student concerns and aspirations; and hopefully pinpoint the university's present location as seen by the students, and describe our visions of the future.

"The primary goal of students at UAH is to secure the best education that we can in a timely manner, at a reasonable price, and in an atmosphere that encourages us in our efforts to be successful.

"The University has largely succeeded in these areas. It is possible in most disciplines to complete an undergraduate degree program in four years. Part-time students enjoy the flexibility that the ten-week term offers. But students need to hope that they do not. Students are willing to invest money in their education. Students are willing to pay for the best education available. We students do not wish to pay for the worst education available.

"Students have seen line item charges on their bills. Tuition and fees must be paid, yet students are fully aware that there is no guarantee that these fees will ever spend on acquiring materials for the laboratories. I am aware that the process is under investigation. It should be.

"The atmosphere at UAH does promote a competitive spirit amongst the members of the Administrative Science Building.
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The next three information items concerned UAH and UAT. A development of psychology track in the Ph.D. in psychology will differ at UAH. The Department of biology and microbiology at UAT will merge to form the department of biological sciences. Also, annual reports for endowed chairs at UAH was submitted to the Board of Trustees.

The last item information concerning the upcoming resolution to approve a Humanities Endowment Scholar at UAH. Dr. John Yost came forward to discuss the program to the committee. The "Eminent Scholars" will be a rotating endowed chair among the Humanities department. The chair will draw students, faculty, and external funding to the University, he said. According to Yost, the "Eminent Scholar" program is a way to harness the Endowment for new opportunities and resources.

Program Committee Chairperson Thomas voiced his concern that the individuals select the "Eminent scholar" who "stands equal to" and is "worthy of" representatives of their respective fields. Yost assured them that scholars will pass rigorous intellectual testing.

John Henry Cardinal Newman wrote that "the first and most eligible "means of human dignity is knowledge," and it is "under this definition of dignity that we all desire to raise ourselves above the level of our fellows, and of the time in which we live." Yost said that, if UAH is to ever evolve fully a "clear conscious view of his own opinion," he would be "asked for an audience to his truth," not for "rhetorical exercises in".

A UAH faculty "expects a greater discipline and select the next president of the University from the Board of Trustees," said Yost. "It teaches him to see...continued on page 3"
Two UAH Presidential Candidates Visit Campus

by Marian Delaney Sampson

Two of the 152 candidates for the UAH presidency visited campus during finals week. Both were put through a grueling schedule that began with breakfast with the UAH foundation members, open meetings with students, faculty senate, an open meeting that included a short lecture and a question and answer period, a faculty reception and a press conference.

Dr. Frank A. Franz and Dr. Lee B. Jones

Dr. Frank A. Franz visited on Monday, March 28. Franz is provost and vice president for academic affairs as well as professor of Physics at West Virginia University at Morgantown.

Calling Huntsville an "extraordinary community" Franz said that he is impressed with the commitment to UAH among the groups that he had met. He said that he was also impressed with the commitment to UAH from the System and the members of the Board of Trustees.

Franz said that his visit had been pleasant. Saying that it was important for the Board of trustees continued from Page 2 things as they are, to go right to the point, to disentangle a skein of thought, to detect what is sophisticated, and to disregard what is irrelevant. It prepares him to fill any post with skill, and to master any subject with facility.

"During the past year, students have joined others at UAH and in Huntsville in the re-evaluation of our academic mission. We have drawn some conclusions."

First, we are not a two-tiered or di-vided campus of one technical complex and one humanities laboratory. We are a single university with the potential and goals to become one of the most outstanding universities in the country. Secondly, students do not desire to return to any former status or to continue in our present position. Students seek leadership that will provide a stable foundation from which we can move steadily forward as a university. Thirdly, students are willing to take responsibility for our part in formulating UAH’s identity. This is our university, and, like our future, it becomes what we decide to make of it. Our responsibility for what it is or what it is not makes UAH ours, and makes us UAH students.

"This is why, fourthly, students have sought during the past year to understand the possibilities that are members of the UAH community. At the beginning of the year, President Moquin personally prom-ised, above all else, to be honest and straightforward. He has kept his promise. Students especially appreciate the efforts of the Provost, Dr. Yost, and the other admin­istrative officials who have consistently, patiently, and openly dealt with student concerns throughout the year. This year has been a period of growth and cooperation among UAH faculty and students."

"I would be remiss in my obligations as Student Representative if I did not address our financial condition. Students under­stand the difficulties caused by proration; students realize that the demands for quality education may require an increase in tuition and fees. Students, however, are concerned about the extent to which they will be called upon to help shoulder UAH’s drive toward solvency. Although students have been bewitched by our recent fiscal situation, we are more interested in our future direc­tion. On the eve of new leadership, we students are confident that our present tem­porary limitations are exceeded by our de­termination and ability to move forward."

"Because we are at such a critical jun­cture of new beginnings and possibilities as a university, students seek the Board’s evaluation of the performance of the Office of Vice-President for Finance and Admin­istration over the past two years. For with­out recognizing both our past mistakes and successes, we will be unable to avoid the repetition of the former and may not be able to recreate the latter."

"Students appreciate the Board’s con­tinued attention to UAH and your willing­ness to hear and address current student opinions. We hope that your visit to the UAH campus has been informative, pro­ductive, and enjoyable."

"Thank you, Mr. Chairman."

The full Board heard reports from all of its committees. All resolutions were introduced for consideration, and all of them, with the exception of those introduced in the interest of the Provost, Dr. Yost, and the other admin­istrative officials who have consistently, patiently, and openly dealt with student concerns throughout the year. This year has been a period of growth and cooperation among UAH faculty and students.

The UAH Budget: The Library

The editor’s note: Because of the number of times the library has surfaced in recent discussions of UAH finances, the ex­ponent interviewed Dr. Del Williams, director of the library.

Q. Exactly what has happened to the library budget?

A. In this go-around, we lost $237,000.

Q. What is the consequence of this for the library?

A. The library had not had any budget­ary increase (beyond salaries) for five years. We were able to absorb the inflation­ary costs on books and periodicals in the past because of reserves, we can no longer do that.

Q. What exactly does this mean?

A. We will lose 22 percent of our per­iodical money due to inflation. The in­flation rate on periodicals and books runs around three or four times the consumer price index.

Q. Why is this critical?

A. Because we are at such a critical jun­cture of new beginnings and possibilities as a university, students seek the Board’s evaluation of the performance of the Office of Vice-President for Finance and Admin­istration over the past two years.

Q. What will happen now?

A. Well first of all there are now no allocations for departments to buy mono­graphs. We are delaying equipment pur­chases for chairs. We are delaying purchas­ing some computer software, we are delay­ing purchasing some CD-ROM products.

We just simply cannot afford these. There will be a substantial cut in the periodicals list for next year. We are cur­rently working with the deans and the fac­ulty on this.

Q. What about services to students?

A. The library hours are not going to change. We are not going to decrease them.

Q. What are the members of student workers. There will be additional delay in getting books shelved. There will be less staffing to "read the shelves" [make sure they are in order].

Q. Does UAH have a "friends of the library" group?

A. No. Frank Davis [former director of development a post now vacant] and I tried to start one a couple of years ago, but there was not the kind of ground swell that was needed. There was not a program developed for the receiving of small gifts. We did not have an easily identifiable external con­stituency. We decided that the time was not right and put it off.

We do get a few small gifts from people but we have not actively solicited them.

Q. What is your biggest concern?

A. We have made a lot of progress at this library. There are more books than there were four years ago, there is more depth to the collections, we can cope this year if it is just a hiccup. However, we are standing still. Collections are living, breathing entities that must be nourished if they are to flourish.

We need an operating budget that pays for the heart and soul of the university.
Moquin Testifies in Title VI

by Marian Delaney Sampson
editor

It is UAH's turn on the witness stand in the never-ending desegregation lawsuit brought by the US Justice Department against the state of Alabama.

On Wednesday, March 20, President Joe Moquin spent four and a half hours on the witness stand in Birmingham.

Moquin was grilled about UAH's origins. He said that he told the court, "If they [Alabama schools] had not been segregated, it would still have been proper thing to do to have a school that had an engineering program (such as the University of Alabama) provide courses in Huntsville."

Moquin said that the role of the Association of Huntsville Area Companies (AHAC) in the 1960's was not "to bludgeon the community into doing the right thing. We found that Huntsville was very responsible and interested in doing the right thing."

Moquin said that when he became president of UAH, "I satisfied myself that there was a sincere and conscientious effort being made to employee minorities and more specifically to attract black students."

"I trust the determination and the commitment of our faculty and staff to hire blacks," he said, "I would not belabor them with unnecessary memos."

Asked about the deposition of ex-president Louis Padulo that one of the reasons he was asked to resign was because of his race, Moquin said that he was present when that deposition was taken. He said that Padulo did not originally list that as a reason for his resignation but was asked if that could be one of the reasons and agreed to it.

Moquin told the court that all of the engineers in the United States less than two percent are blacks. He said he did not know how many had terminal degrees in their fields. He explained to the court that 90 percent of UAH faculty did have terminal degrees. He said that the low numbers of blacks on the UAH faculty is caused by the lack of available blacks not by discriminatory hiring practices.

Moquin has evidenced a commitment to equal opportunity for a number of years. He was a member of the A&M Board of Trustees, established a minority scholarship fund while CEO of Teledyne Brown Engineering, and worked with AHAC to help ensure equal opportunity.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR ORIENTATION '91

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DEADLINE FOR COMPLETE APPLICATION IS APRIL 16, 1991.

Man appeals drug conviction on freedom of religion grounds

by Mary Wallace
reporter

Local man, Elton Rheuark, 33, plans to appeal his drug possession convictions on the grounds of freedom of religion — the first appeal of its kind in Alabama, according to The Huntsville Times.

Convicted of 2nd degree possession of marijuana for personal use only, a mistake, and first degree possession of psilocybin, a felony, Rheuark testified in his February, 1991, trial that his use was his religious sacrament. Psilocybin, a controlled substance, was grown by Rheuark in psychocutaneous mushrooms.

In his self-defined religion, Rheuark used the plants to form "symbiotic bonds... which are used to explore inner truth, facilitating communication with the self and universe." Because marijuana and mushrooms are his sacraments, Rheuark believes the state's prosecution of him to be religious persecution.

In trial, he read, "The Alabama State Constitution grants me the right to worship in my own manner and forbids any interference on my rights as a citizen because of my religious principles."

Judge Jeri Blakenship instructed the jury that "predilection to commit an illegal act cannot be protected under constitutional rights for the free exercise of religion."

Rheuark was sentenced one year for possession of marijuana and one year and one day for possession of psilocybin on March 22, 1991. Blakenship suspended sentence and placed Rheuark on probation for two years. Rheuark filed an immediate appeal. Blakenship held over his $10,000 bond.

Besides his dispute with the court over freedom of religion, Rheuark believes he has suffered other injustices by the system. On March 17, 1990, Rheuark's parents called paramedics (from California) when they believed their son to be ill due to drug use. When police arrived at Rheuark's home, they discovered plants and paraphernalia but could not search legally without a warrant. Rheuark signed a consent form, but he said, "I thought I was signing something so they could take me to the hospital. Since my parents wanted me to go, I cooperated."

Rheuark believes the search to have been an illegal one, but Blakenship admitted the evidence. Rheuark also believes the felony charges of psilocybin possession to be unjust. He testified that the spores were legally obtained by mail order and no mushrooms were left when police searched his home on March 17, 1990. "I'd eaten them all," he testified.

Whether or not his possession could be proven, Rheuark believes the law to be unjust because he was using the plants for personal use in his religion. Rheuark was restrained from informing the jury that it is their right to determine the justness of a law as well. According to the Constitution, the jury retains the power to veto an unjust law, though courts are not obliged to inform jurors of this veto power.

While being booked on March 19, 1990, Rheuark claims to have suffered brutality in the county jail. After refusing to have his picture taken sitting on the floor and unplugging the flash, Rheuark was kicked in the head several times as well as being thrown against the wall and floor. Later, he was treated for cracked ribs and other injuries.

Rheuark filed a formal complaint both with the county and the FBI. According to Rheuark the County has completed their investigations, but will not disclose their findings and claims to have lost photos of Rheuark's injuries.

Because Rheuark scratched one of the officers in the scuffle, he was brought up on harassment charges. Judge Faye presided over the hearing and ruled against him. Rheuark has appealed this ruling and is awaiting a trial by jury. Rheuark and his attorney, Jackie Ferguson, will be taking the appeal of his drug convictions to the state Court of Criminal Appeals, then to the Alabama Supreme Court. Rheuark said, "I'm willing to take this case to the United States Supreme court if necessary."
Sanz Discusses “Hidden Rape”

by Marian Deasley Sampson

The Interview:

Dr. Donald L. Sanz, director of the counseling center at the Appalachian campus of the University of North Carolina, came to UAH on March 15, 1991 to talk on the subject of “hidden rape.” Prior to his presentation he talked with the exponent.

Sanz said that he preferred the term hidden rape to “date” or “acquaintance” rape because it seemed like a strange dichotomy to place a friendly term in front of the word rape.

Sanz began his counseling career at Florida State University in 1969. He said that in his 22 years in the field there had been a “tremendous increase in violence in relationships and violence against other people.”

According to Sanz, there is an increased awareness of the victims of rape, incest, and dysfunctional families. However, he said there is also an increase in the incidences.

He said that it is his belief that society has become more violent even though statistics on the changes are difficult to come by.

Sanz major thrust is on the necessity of setting up programs that “have relevance and meaning for people.”

His center at the 11,500 student Appalachian campus has nine full-time and six part-time staff as well as seven full-time clinicians. It includes a substance abuse clinic as well as a Wellness Center.

Sanz heads up the Preventing Sexual Abuse Team at Appalachian. He said that this team targets different groups.

“The prevalence of rape on college campuses is unbelievably large. We train people — such as athletes — to role models,” Sanz said.

According to Sanz, one in three or one in five female students are victims of completed rapes during their college careers.

“Because in most cases one offender does multiple rapes, we encourage him to try and stop one guy from going around and raping a number of women,” he said.

“We go into residence halls, we train RA’s, we train orientation leaders, written that no woman should be raped,” he said. “But we also talk to women about being responsible for their behavior.”

Sanz said that most of his programming efforts are directed toward men, “because in the vast majority of cases men assault women.” Most of the awareness efforts are aimed at women.

By creating a total program at Appalachian, Sanz said, “We can honestly tell people that if they do this they will deal with it honestly and compassionately.”

In addition to the counseling center, Appalachian has female police officers, trained to respond to rape incidents, and support groups for the victims.

Sanz said that institutions can progress from training individuals to training groups to increase awareness of the problem. He said, “The first step is to find out what the problem is, then bring people in from various groups within the university and say ‘Look, we have this problem.’ ”

According to Sanz, the goal is prevention. He said colleges must find a way to communicate that it is really a problem. In order to establish a prevention and treatment program, he said, “You have to get support from the top. You must have a policy that says that this university will not tolerate sexual assault.”

“There are a lot of men who will not rape because they know that they will get in trouble if they do,” he said. “Legally some interesting things are happening across the country. Several times they do report it they will be dealt with on violations of the university.”

“In cases of rape, 80 percent of the time it is someone you know,” he said, “These can be just as violent and much more psychologically damaging than stranger rapes.”

Sanz visit was sponsored by the ACE lecture series. Dr. Walter Batchelder of the College of Administrative Science paid the expenses for the lecture.

The Lecture: Violence in Dating

Sanz lectured to a small group at UAH. He said that he first became interested in this subject because he was a Vietnam veteran and recognized that Rape victims experienced something very similar to Vietnam Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. In rape victims it is called Rape Trauma Syndrome.

He said “it is a whole lot easier to prevent rape then to treat it.”

Sanz began his lecture with the audience introducing themselves and telling why they came to the seminar. He asked Judy Ray, director of Helpline’s Rape Response Program if people were getting raped in Huntsville. Ray responded, “Everyday. Most of it is acquaintance rape. The victims get little help and support. These are seldom reported so there is no finalization.”

Sanz said that it is first important to understand the whole phenomenon called rape. He said that the concept of rape is an act of violence, domination and aggression of one person if they do another.

He said that there was a great deal of data on the prevalence and incidence of rape and that the incidence is going up. He said that along with this the “lack of caring and understanding and appreciation for the victim is going up largely because of society’s tendency to blame the victims — although in stranger rape people can be sympathetic.”

“Rape is forced penetration, sex against one’s will, which includes when one is unable to consent. Rape is a lack of consent coerced, against one’s will,” Sanz said.

“I am convinced that a tremendous number of women students who have been raped do not know that they have been raped and a tremendous number of men are unaware that they are rapists,” he said.

Sanz said that women often did not understand why they felt so bad after these experiences.

Sanz said that women are socialized to please men, not to be assertive, not to cause trouble, and to be nice while men are trained to be aggressive, to win and to score.

He said that men often misinterpret “no” as maybe because men want to. “Sanz gave several illustrations that he uses to educate men.

He said “Men need to understand that women have a fear that they do not experience. Men also need to understand the experience of women who have been raped.”

He described one vignette in the socialization of women where a young woman who was raped in a room where there was an open window was asked, “Why didn’t you scream?” Her response was “I didn’t want to embarrass the rapist.”

In talking about the potential of men to be rapists, he said that while men really do not want to think of themselves as rapists as many as 70 percent of men in surveys are saying that they would rape if they knew they could get away with it. In one survey of college fraternities, men were asked how many times a woman must say “no” before they believed her. The average response from this group was 3.5 times.

In addition to his seminar, Sanz showed one educational tape produced by Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity When “No” Means “Rape.”

Sanz ended his lecture with some discussion of strategies groups could adopt to form a “Rape Prevention Task Force.” He also provided the audience with a handout on the topic.

New Traffic Control Signs from the Physical Plant

In response to concerns expressed by numerous members of the University Community, the intersection of North Loop Road and the Holmes Avenue extension has been changed into a three-way stop intersection.

This change should hopefully address the concerns expressed about vehicles exceeding the speed limit in this area of the campus and also allow for much safer ingress and egress from the Science Building/Administrative Science Building parking lot at the south entrance/exit from North Loop Road.

This change was reviewed and approved by the Campus Planning Committee on March 8, 1991.

AED

Alpha Epsilon Delta is currently taking nominations for Officers for next year. Please give any nominations to Dr. Moriaty, SB 258. The person being nominated must be a member of AED or be an inductee. You may nominate yourself. New officers include: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian. The tentative date for the Induction Ceremony is Friday, April 19, 1991. Members and Inductees will be invited by mail.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2, in the Commons. Special Announcement from the Alabama Department of Public Safety

Additional Alabama state troopers will be patrolling March 29-31. The additional manpower is aimed at speed limit enforcement. All motorists should be particularly careful when driving, paying close attention to speed limits and all other traffic laws.

THERE ARE TWO SIDES TO BECOMING A NURSE IN THE ARMY.

And they’re both represented by the graffiti you wear as a member of the Army Nurse Corps. The caduceus on the left means you’re part of a health care system that along with educational and career advancement are the rule, not the exception. The gold bar on the right means you command respect as an Army officer. If you’re earning a BSN, write Army Nurse Opportunities, P.O. Box 7713, Clifton, NJ 07015. Or call toll free: 1-800-USA-ARMY, ext. 438.

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Promotion and Tenure Decisions

Effective 1991/92 Academic Year

by Dr. John K. Yost
to the exponent

It gives me special pleasure to inform you that I have approved the recommendations for the promotion and the awarding of tenure for the following individuals:

- Mr. Steve Floyd, Management/Marketing
- Dr. Russell Chipman, Physics
- Dr. Reza Adhami, Electrical/Computer Engineering
- and Dr. Opat Stromecky, Foreign Languages/Literatures
- Dr. John Pottenger, Political Science
- Dr. William Schoenberg, Civil Engineering
- Dr. Francis Wessling, Mechanical Engineering
- and Dr. Allen Withee, Economics.

Rast Raises Gifts to UAH to $200,000

with $50,000 for Humanities Campaign

UAS Trustee Emeritus Thomas Rast and his wife Minnie, center, recently met with UAH President Joe Moquin, left and Carol Ann Vaughn, student trustee, to announce the Rast's $50,000 contribution in support of the eminent scholar's chair in the Humanities. Rast is chairman of Johnson-Rast & Hays Company of Birmingham.

by Phillip Gentry
University Relations

Birmingham real estate developer Thomas Rast has pledged $50,000 in support of UAH's eminent scholar in the humanities, increasing his total gifts to UAH to more than $200,000.

"I think, if we're going to achieve a full university status, we've got to put some emphasis on the humanities and not let them suffer," said Rast, who is a University of Alabama System trustee emeritus, and chairman of the board of Johnson-Rast & Hays Company of Birmingham.

Hays Company of Birmingham. "I know it's tempting, being where we are, to go more to the technological and research side of education, but we've got to take care of the other side of education as well."

The endowed chair in the humanities may be used to recruit a scholar in one area of study, such as ethics and science, moral philosophy, or language and literature, or it may rotate annually among visiting scholars. Eminent scholars are considered experts in their academic disciplines, scholars with international reputations, and leaders in teaching and research.

HEMSI Community Education/UAH

Save A Heart Saturday

UAH students may learn CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) on Saturday, May 18, 1991, with classes beginning each hour on the hour from 8 am to 12 noon. Participants may attend throughout their own pace, with most completing within 4 hours.

There is a nominal fee of $5.00/person. Registrators must pay the $5.00/person fee. Participants may attend without a reservation if space exists.

Fill out the registration form and drop it in the registration box at the UC or mail it along with the fee to: Save A Heart Saturday; P.O. Box 7108; Huntsville, AL 35807

UAH students must pre-register by May 11, 1991 to receive the class free. All late registrators must pay the $5.00/person fee. Participants may attend without a reservation if space exists.

Participants register, view a film and demonstration, read a booklet, practice on a manikin, and demonstrate skills to a volunteer American Heart Association instructor before receiving an American Heart Association certificate, valid for one year. Students will learn mouth-to-mouth breathing, one person CPR, and choking techniques. They will also receive a tee-shirt. Anyone over the age twenty may attend. Training will take place at the University Center.

3-M Honors UAH Engineering Students

The UAH student chapter of the AIAA would like to give thanks to the following organizations for their support of our Big Brothers/Big Sisters fundraiser on Feb. 2, 1991: The Huntsville Beverage Co.; Pepsi Cola/Buffalo Rock Co.; The UAH Circle-K Club. Due to the help from these three organizations, the fundraiser was a complete success! We raised approximately $25,000.00 dollars in a 6 hour period. Thank you for your support!

Currently our AIAA organization is involved with "The Student Job Search Workshop" which is also sponsored by the College of Engineering. The workshop is being held at the University Center in room #146 on the following dates: March 22, 23 & 28, 6:30-9:30; April 1, 6:30-9:30. For more information call Joseph Carden @ 876-1549 or leave a message @ 895-9992.

FOUR YEARS OF COLLEGE DOWN THE TUBES.

If you think the tests in college are tough, wait until your first job interview. Last year, America's businesses lost $60 billion to drugs. So this year, most of the Fortune 500 will be administering drug tests. Failing the test means you won't be considered for employment.

After all, if you're into drugs, how smart can you be.

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UAH Campaign for the Humanities
Wins $400,000 NEH Challenge Grant

by Phillip Gentry
University Relations

The UAH Campaign for the Humanities has won a $400,000 challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs John Yost announced today.

The one-to-one matching grant requires that the university raise $1.2 million in matching money in the next three years. "This is a tremendous endorsement of our humanities program at UAH," said Provost Joseph Moquin. "It is a credit both to what we have already accomplished, and to the potential for growth in those programs. Meeting the terms of the challenge grant is certainly now our top fund raising priority."

"The NEH challenge grant is a major incentive as we seek an endorsement to secure the humanities' place in the university and the community," said Dr. Johanna Shields, history professor and a university coordinator for the UAH humanities campaign. "Huntsville can become a model for how a high-tech community gains from the support of past civilizations and provides leadership for a prosperous future."

The NEH grant will be used with private, corporate, and state contributions to create a humanities endowment at UAH, she said. "Our endowment will support the creation of the Humanities Research Institute, which will sponsor annual programs to bring distinguished scholars to the UAH campus. It will support research by our faculty, and enhance the library."

"In this highly competitive decade, it is important for us to maintain and build upon the core of excellence we have in the humanities," said Dr. Roy Meek, dean of Liberal Arts.

"I can't say enough about the work that has gone into the humanities campaign," Moquin said. "I know the days and weeks of work that went into this grant application, as well as the other projects being developed in the humanities."

The endowment will include a $1 million endowed chair in the humanities. The university may recruit a single eminent scholar to fill the chair, or scholars in a wide variety of fields within the humanities might receive one-year separations. The endowed chair is the sixth for UAH.

Humanities disciplines at UAH include history, literature, foreign languages, philosophy and ethics, art, theater, music history and criticism, political philosophy, comparative politics, and philosophical and historical studies in sociology, psychology, and communication arts.

Governor's Committee on Education

Governor Hunt's ad hoc advisory committee on education reform wrapped up its work March 13, giving final approval to recommendations to the governor for major education reform. The basic areas of agreement were those reached by the working group of the ad hoc committee and included these areas: strengthening the core curriculum; further development of choice programs; upgrading requirements for a standard diploma; local management of schools; lengthening the school year; alternative teacher certification program; testing of would-be teachers; improving salaries of educators; incentives for schools to perform better; the need to revise tenure and fair dismissal laws; professional development for teachers and administrators; state intervention in schools not performing up to standards; a plan for use of technology in the classrooms; eliminating education pork barrel projects; improving programs for students at risk of dropping out; establishing a group to coordinate adult education programs and set standards and evaluate performance.

Gov. Hunt met briefly with the ad hoc group, thanking group members for their participation. Here is a transcript of Gov. Hunt's remarks to reporters afterwards:

"I'm very hopeful. I think we have an opportunity for a consensus for change and I think there's a broad area of agreement that will come out of this. What we expect to do is that once they get this final report to us we'll try to merge those ideas with the ideas coming out of our education study commission. Judge McFadden has some people he has asked to help write legislation. We will have the broad group of people as much as possible involved in that legislation. We want to get it prepared in time that we can meet with the leadership and the committee in the Senate and the Senate so they understand where we're coming from on it. So think next week we will probably be in a position to begin to consider the drafting of that legislation."

"I really sincerely believe that these people who have been meeting on this are sincere in their desire to bring about some changes and I think with that sincerity if everyone will just give some on some of the issues so that we can bring it about we can bring about some meaningful changes in the state."

Management Expert to Speak at UAH

by Kim Ann King
University Relations

UAH's Center for the Management of Science and Technology (CMOST) will sponsor a lecture by Dr. Charles Gearing of Georgia Tech, who will speak at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 1991, in the auditorium (room 125) of the College of Administrative Science. A panel discussion featuring local experts will follow the lecture.

Dr. Gearing will report on his findings from town nationwide surveys on the educational and corporate objectives of technology management and he will address the formidable tasks that universities face in designing new management of technology programs to meet the needs of corporations.

Dr. Gearing is well known for his extensive work in higher education as dean of the College of Management at Georgia Tech from 1978 to 1983, director of its Corporate Liaison Program from 1983-1985, manager of Georgia Tech's Centennial Capital Campaign (which raised $203 million) and associate vice president for development from 1985-1989. In 1989, he assumed responsibility for the development of the school's new graduate program in the management of technology, which began this year.

Dr. Gearing's lecture marks the second time CMOST will bring a world-renowned management of technology scholar to Huntsville.

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Hettinger to announce services to homeless

by Mary Wallace

Mayor Steve Hettinger will announce today the initiation of a medical detoxification service for the Huntsville homeless to begin April 1.

UAH student and homeless advocate, Melissa Hiley, told the exponent that the service will be run through the Mental Health Center in conjunction with the City Health Department and the Homeless Action Committee (HAC) of which she is the head. According to The Huntsville Times, the city also plans to open a day center for the homeless in the next 12 to 18 months.

Hiley, a freshman sociology major, first became involved with the homeless issue when she lived three months without a home. She spent one and a half of those months under the Governors Drive bridge. "It is important for people to realize that any of us can find ourselves in that situation if certain circumstances occur," she said.

Hiley worked on the HAC providing services to the homeless, such as transportation and supplies, until her efforts became political in the summer of 1989. "On rainy Thursday morning I received a call from a member of Governor's Drive homeless who informed me that the police were hauling away everything they owned," said Hiley.

Hiley and two other HAC workers went down to the bridge to find police and sanitation trucks hauling away everyone's personal possessions. "At that point," she said, "Our efforts turned political because it was obvious the homeless needed protection. They needed an advocate."

For the past eighteen months, HAC members have attended city council and local organization meetings. "All we wanted was for the city to start dealing with the problems of the homeless instead of dealing with the homeless like they're a problem," said Hiley. "The attitudes of both the public and political officials have changed over the past year. Now we can do something to solve these problems."

After coming to UAH, Hiley attracted other faculty and students into getting involved. Faculty members Beth Higgins and Nancy Finley and student Sheri Clark, all of the sociology department, have worked on projects for the homeless including rallies and blanket drives. "The people at UAH as well as the other local colleges such as A&M and Oakwood should be commended for all their efforts. We have a large resource of really special people," said Hiley.

Hiley also involved Dr. Mary Lynne Dittmar, of the psychology department, who has worked closely with Hiley as a consultant to the HAC.

"The homeless issue has always concerned me, but Melissa's efforts galvanized me to take action," said Melisa. "For the past few months, Dittmar has attended city council meetings with Hiley and helped her write a proposal last month for the Mayor's Homelessness Commission. In the proposal, they identified the problem and outlined a two part shelter facility. Services would include a day center which would provide 24 hour services, such as information about opportunities for the homeless, showers, laundry units, limited daycare, small storage, and meals.

The second part of the program would be shelter itself for families, couples, and individuals. The shelter would provide education, legal services, banking services and health care.

According to Hiley these services are desperately needed because Alabama does not have the kind of funding other states have to combat this problem. She said, "Alabama has the lowest amount of food stamps and no welfare for these people." One of the problems that the city is facing is that a lack of information about Huntsville's particular problem. A group from UAT was commissioned to conduct a year long study of the situation. The group hired Hiley as a consultant, and the results should be available this summer.

The new detoxification program announced today will be run by the Mental Health Center, which will locate homeless individuals who will benefit from detoxification, and provide medical service for those individuals.

Hiley said, "The HAC will provide transportation for those people from the Mental Health Center to the detoxification center and back. We will also provide transportation to the day center, New Horizons, which will be an out-patient drug and alcohol facility.

Hiley said that nationally 25 to 40% of the homeless abuse alcohol (and some drugs). "The detoxification program will help, but I believe our success rate will not be good if more basic needs (shelter) are not met," said Hiley.

"The program announced by Hettinger is an interim solution," said Hiley, "though long term solutions are in the works." Hiley said that these new programs will be innovative and are still in the planning stages.

"We will implement while we are planning in order to allow flexibility within the programs," she said.

A fundraiser for one of the new programs will take place this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Monte Sano State Park Amphitheater. The concert will include Swank, Lime, Microave Dave and the Nuzles, and Lonesome Lovers. A $5 donation will be requested but not required. Funds raised will be used to set up a street clinic by Dr. Robey of the Public Health Department in conjunction with the Salvation Army.

According to Dittmar, Robey has expressed willingness to devote time and some public funds to the special medical needs of the homeless. "Those without shelter are vulnerable to all the illnesses housed people are, but they are particularly vulnerable to upper respiratory infections and skin disorders," said Dittmar.

Because these programs are still in their infancy, Hiley said that HAC needs volunteers of various backgrounds for all levels of the organization. "The philosophy of HAC is that normal people can help normal people. We need to reach out to the people under the bridge, and they need to reach back. We can form a human chain to pull people out of there," said Hiley.

Although we need volunteers to help provide basic services, we also need volunteers to help administratively," said Hiley. She said that they need donations as well as volunteers to provide transportation, clerical duties, and administrative duties.

Those interested can contact Melissa Hiley at 533-9710 or 720-9932 (a voice mailbox) or Dr. Mary Lynne Dittmar in the UAH Psychology department.

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Calculus Workshop
Spring Quarter 1991

Are you planning to study calculus (MA 153, 154, or 233) during the Spring Quarter?

If you are, you may be interested in participating in the Calculus Workshop program. Students work on calculus together with other students in a congenial atmosphere. Workshop staff provide guidance and expertise. The workshops meet for four hours a week. There is no charge for the program.

If you wish to apply for the Spring Quarter workshop, please fill out the following form and return it to Marcus Pendergrass or Lavinia Spilman, Department of Mathematical Sciences, UAH. Enrollment is limited.

Name: ___________________________ Student Number: ___________________________

Campus Address: ___________________________

Campus Phone #: ___________________________

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I have indicated interest in attending the Workshop for (check one):
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Are you an odds and ends kind of person? Do you enjoy scavenger hunts, or does going out look like a scavenger hunt fanatic's nightmare? Well, here is your chance to show your stuff!

A.C.E. is holding its first ever scavenger hunt Saturday, April 13, 1991. To join in on the fun and possibly win $100.00, just follow these simple, easy to follow instructions.

1. Get your group together. Groups can have any amount or number of members, but everyone in the group must be associated with U.A.H. in one way or another (students, faculty, and staff are eligible).
2. Register your group. Registration for the groups will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 1991. Applications may be picked up and turned in at the University Center Information Booth or the A.C.E. Office [UC 107].
3. Show up! At noon on Saturday, April 13 in the lobby of the University Center, the hunt will begin! Scavenger hunt wars will be passed out then or be there on time!
4. Collect your stuff. Get all of the items on the list. Get them here, get them there, just get them!
5. Come back to the UC with your goods. The deadline for turning your items back to the UC is 9:00 p.m. At that time, judges will check off your items and determine who has the most. **To ease of a tie, the goods will be split among the winners.**

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For more information, please contact Kathy Wilson, A.C.E. Special Events Director at 835-8426.
EDITORIALS  
March 27, 1991, Wednesday

by Marian Delaney Sampson
editor

This has been a very busy few weeks at UAH. It seems as if the Budget is the story that will die not. At the recent Board of Trustees meeting, Chancellor Philip Austin explained to the trustees that UAH’s financial difficulties were caused by a “personality problem.” Austin declined to elaborate on this further.

Being fairly familiar with the “personality problem” that caused the financial difficulties, I feel that that is too simplistic an answer. Part of the reason UAH is experiencing money problems is structural and not personal.

Jay A. Fazekas, in one office. The office of the President, UAH is not a constitutional entity with checks and balances. Although the Board of Trustees has final authority and responsibility for fiscal matters in the system, it tends to delegate these powers to the presidents of the three campuses.

For two years, staff, faculty, students, alumni, and friends of UAH tried to tell the Board that there was a problem on this campus, but were ignored. Indeed, on several occasions the Board expressed its confidence in the management of the institution.

The Board okayed all of the large expenditures for buildings and other items. Now the Trustees seemed startled that the solving of the “personality problem” has not solved the financial one.

Spending that was done in two years on this campus has determined the University’s course for the next decade. Was this spending necessary? Will it continue?

There is certainly a good case to be made that UAH needed space. But seven buildings at once? Is that too much or too many?

There is also a case to be made for the fact that some of the faculty and staff were and are underpaid. But raises each year across the board despite declining enrollment?

We are now the proud possessors of several white elephants. (No, I will not name them—you pick your favorites.)

And there is still a large disparity in salaries on this campus. While 179 persons make over $50,000 a large number receive under the poverty level.

Speaking of privileges, experiences I registered last Friday. I would like to think that it is not available to me to build a dormitory and then not provide adequate parking or eating facilities with it. Or does it?

If UAH is going to get it’s house in order all parties must work together. I think that a case could be made that those individuals who chose and maintained our “personality problem” while he spent us into a river of red ink, have some obligation to help us recover.

Students will be asked to pay more all the way around to attend this institution, at the same time class offerings and student services will be cut. I seem to remember a student demonstration that occurred at a Board meeting two years ago where students were proped up just what was happening to go on.

It somehow does not seem fair. But then, life isn’t, you know.

I was really proud to be a student at this University last week. I listened to students at luncheons and meetings all week. They were voicing their concerns for and sharing some of their dreams for this University. They talked to presidential candidates, to faculty, to administrators, to trustees and to me.

The decision to donate the 1991 senior gift to the library is an example of the dedication that students have for this institution. Oh I know there are those who decry the lack of opportunities and school spirit—but in this minute they do not look familiar, but we have been asking for what we want to be. (There are certainly a number of other options for higher education in this region and state).

UAH has been very well served by Interim President Joe Moquin. He had done a great deal to repair some internal fences. There are a number of other administrators who have worked hard and on hard on trying to get us through the rough places. However, they have not been given the one thing from the System or the State that they need to operate — MONEY!!!

It seems to me that three years is long enough for an institution to remain in turmoil. Let’s find the funding we need and get on with the business of education. If UAH can have a football team, we should have a library.

If all we need is $3.5 million to get out of the hole then let’s figure out where to get it. (Car washes? Bake sales? Voluntary donations? UAH-AID? Vice presidents buying their own gas?)

It is not really a very large percentage of our total budget.

Whatever we decide to do, let’s do it before a new president comes to campus. The candidates who have visited are very impressed. Let’s give the winner a house-warming present of a clean financial house so he doesn’t have to spend all of his time looking for fat in a very lean body.

Notes from the Undergrad

by Doug Brewer
news editor

I’m be-ack. I bet you thought you got rid of me, didn’t you? Well, too bad. I want to start this week with my expressing my gratitude to my instructors of last quarter for seeming to award me with passing grades. Thank you. Your pets will be released unharmed, as per our agreement.

So, did everyone get a great spring break? Is it me, or did it seem to last only a couple of days?

I, myself, did what all good college students do when we are stuck between quarters. Iowered in a corner of my living room and prayed that the mail would somehow not reach my house with my grades.

Speaking of frightening experiences, I registered last Friday. I would like to think that I don’t register early because I like to keep a close eye on student life here at beautiful, vibrant UAH. You know, I want to experience college life for the fullest.

I would like to think that. Actually, the truth is that I’m excruciatingly lazy, and always wait until the last moment to get anything done.

Anyway, I decided to take what is considered an English elective. Since I have already had English electives, there was some question as to whether I would be able to take another.

Excuse me? Let me get this straight. It is possible to take too many courses in my major field? I plan to try to make a living by stringing together parts of speech on pieces of paper. According to this university, the fact that I want to take a class in this area might be held against me when it comes time to divvy up the sheepskin.

Which is a circular sort of way, brings me to my point. Johnny West wrote a very sensitive editorial asking for social and civil rights. Some of the written responses and verbal messages to exponent staffs have not been very sensitive and most have not dealt with the issue.

I do not understand the anger, hostility, fear, intolerance and prejudice that some people donate about this subject. And I am amazed at all of the people clauts who have where the humanities come in somewhere below hockey, where business administration has somehow become a science, and where a new coat of paint for Morton Hall is considered equal to $47 million worth of science buildings.

Oh, and where underfunding the library is preferable to paying administrators less money.

All in all, there’s very little change of expanding the English department to include creative writing.

I hear you. Why, you ask, doesn’t the young sir change his major to Communications and minor in Technical Writing?

Ahem. I have nothing against tech writers. Honest. It’s just that the idea of describing keyboard functions gives me the hiccups.

God help me. I want to commit literature some time. I am a student at UAH. I don’t think the two should be mutually exclusive.

So whether whatever committee sits down to decide what to do with the new grant money from the National Endowment for the Humanities, hopefully someone will remember those of us in the really fuzzy studies.

And maybe pigs will sprout wings. See you next week.

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Loose Change

by Jim Dollar.

People Need Courage to Be Real

We hide things from ourselves. And I don’t only mean things like the car keys, the checkbook and the remote control device. I also mean big things, like what we think and how we feel. We hide things from ourselves like what we want, and intuit, and know. Like what we perceive; what we love; what we hate; what we enjoy; what we despise; what we fear, relish, desire, dread - hiding things from ourselves is what we do best. Teaching our children to hide things from themselves is what we do second-best.

That’s where we learn it, of course - in our childhood. Our parents joined forces with our teachers, our preachers into the world. Instead of teaching us to deal successfully and consistently with what is there, where with what we perceive to be essential reality, it teaches us to see, feel, desire, etc. what isn’t there, but what “should” be there.

For instance, Little Wally gets livid when the rain cancels his family’s picnic and yells out in his loudest and most defiant voice, “I hate God for making it rain!” His parents, teachers, preacher/priest (or any other responsible adult in the neighborhood) immediately chastises the child, saying that he doesn’t “really” mean that, and that “good little boys” don’t talk that way or feel like that.

Well, what’s Little Wally to do? He does the only thing a smart tot can do. He trades his essential reality in on the improved model, and begins to live in the world of make-believe as the adults in his life ask him to hide things from himself. And he grows up into me and you, cut off from his basic perceptions, living behind a mask that he doesn’t know is a mask, talking about things that aren’t real, that aren’t real - as though they are.

Little Wally grows up into me and you, playing Let’s Pretend with a world full of other Little Wallys, teaching his children to become just like he is, an expert in the art of make-believe. And the sadness of that situation is that he never gets to be who he is! He never gets to be himself. He never gets to be real. He loses touch with his True Self and lives a cheap, plastic, shallow life behind the Social mask.

And he wonders why he’s never content, or comfortable, or at peace with himself and easy with his life. And he tries to run from the awareness of what’s missing or find what’s lost, in any one, or combination of, several thousand addiction possibilities, including work and religion.

And no one ever tells him that what’s needed is the courage to uncover what’s concealed.

Group Therapy

by Mona Sider.

Adult Behavior Depends on Childhood Care

Questions: “I am very needy, and very dependent on my husband, and he doesn’t like it. My unmarried brother is very independent, won’t ask for help, accepts almost nothing from me or anyone else, and I don’t like it. We were raised by the same parents, in the same household. Why are we so different?

Answer: Perhaps we are different so that we can entertain each other or, at least, be interesting to each other.

In any case, because we are different, we respond to the same situations in different ways. If we all responded just the same, the ice cream store would need just one flavor of ice cream, and the restaurant could cook just one dish and please every diner. If we were all the same, we would trample each other in an effort to get to the same place at the same time or to find the same things. We would all want the same things from each other. We would lick each other’s ice cream cones and eat off each others plates (among other things both delightful and squally to contemplate).

We would, most of the time, be bored, bored, bored. However, curiously, we all respond in different ways. Therefore, we responded to our parents in different ways. We began displaying our individuality the day we were born. We have all functioned as individuals ever since. Functioning (rather, dysfunctioning) at either extreme - very needy, as in your case, or very independent, as in your brother’s case - leaves out the middle whereby give-and-take happens.

In Facing Codependence, the author says that children who grow into very needy and demanding adults, or into adults who are needless and wantless, may have gotten there through three possible situations, in which they have gone to a parent with wants or needs. They got there by:

1) “Having the parent emasculate with and always take care of everything, never letting the children do anything for themselves, 2) being attacked, or 3) being ignored.”

A child who is never allowed to do simple tasks for himself or herself, grows up expecting things and services to be provided. This is a major problem in a lot of relationships.

Sunny Side Up

by Lavale Mills

Pray for Peace in Middle East

The morning was cold as I remembered - very cold for Montgomery, Ala., in the early part of December. I had gotten out of bed at 6 when Ruble got up to get ready to go to the Air Force base. After a seemingly never ending bout with morning sickness I finally gave up and went back to bed.

Ruble and I had been living in our “efficiency apartment” on DuPont Street for three months. Although it was an old converted carriage house and furnished with our landlady’s discarded antiques (some very odd pieces), still we loved it.

Our gas burning kitchen stove was from the 1930s era and had only one temperature - VERY Hot! That provided me with a good excuse to cover up the fact that I wasn’t a very good cook.

Despite all our odds and ends and the chilly drafts we could feel coming in around the windows, we felt very fortunate to be living in the section known as Cloverdale. It was near Huntington College and just down the street from where F. Scott Fitzgerald and his Zelda had lived.

The history connected with our neighborhood and the lovely antebellum and early 1900s homes that lined the street seemed to make our converted carriage house the perfect place for two people to begin their lives together.

Everything seemed almost storybook perfect. But on that cold December morning our “perfect” happiness on DuPont Street was about to come to an end.

I heard our car turn on the winding drive that led to our front door. I wondered why Ruble would be coming home so soon. I looked at the clock and saw it was 10:15. “Maybe morning sickness is catching,” I thought to myself. Before I could get down to unlock the door I heard Ruble’s key in the lock. One look at his face and I knew what the papers he held in his hand said. I turned to go back in the bedroom. I begged him to please not tell me why he was home so early, because in my heart I knew.

Ruble has always been one to face life head-on. His philosophy was then now - you don’t run from problems, you face them head-on and deal with them as you have to.

“I’m going back to Vietnam,” he said. “There is a lot of trouble going on there and I consider myself too important now to be here.”

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Today, most blacks and whites are surprised at what is considered black leadership in America. There seems to be very little, if any, mention of Christian behavior and unity within the black community in order to reap a certain amount of kudos from other black leaders in the black community today. Of course, these portions of the black community claim to speak for the entire black community, and the media believes them. A case in point is Reverend A1 Sharpton of New York.

In the era of civil rights, the black leader's image may easily become associated with fraud, tax evasion, looting charity, drug abuse, defamation and secret tapes - as in the case of Sharpton. The clarity of purpose seems to have been smeared a bit, to the point that Sharpton can claim to be the victim of some sort of elaborate conspiracy aimed at besmirching "leaders" like him.

Wilbert Tatum, publisher of the Amsterdam News, a black New York newspaper, offered this theory about the new black leadership: "[the media] has created a caricature of black leadership that is far, far from the truth. He wore jogging suits. He wore a medallion and gold chain. And the unforivable of unforifiables, he had processed hair. The whole black community was shocked, amazed and said, "We're going to promote this guy because we can point up the ridiculousness and paucity of black leadership."

It is possible that the media is to blame for the attention which Al Sharpton has received. It is also possible that all the individuals (black and white) who listened to and believed Al Sharpton's message are to blame. The real question at hand is: Have we (black and white) come to accept the worst in regards to race relations?

The editorial boards of the North Jersey Herald and the News of Passaic, New Jersey, made a decisive and risky move in deciding to no longer report stories associated with Al Sharpton. The boards believed that the media was giving Sharpton the attention he desired. To be more clear, it was not that the papers did not want to cover new stories important to the black community; simply they did not want to help, as the papers put it, "a reverend of racism and a minister of hate."

The time has come to stop paying homage to individuals who claim they represent the black community and yet do not live up to solid values. One ought to become a leader of any community only through merit and good works, not through manipulated self-assistant appointment. Sharpton's record is hardly one of complete accomplishments. The Washington Post reported in March of 1990 that Sharpton's organization, the National Youth Movement, has never been anything more than single room with a telephone and a transient staff. Of course, having a small office does not condemn an organization, but never recording any solid accomplishments does. No one has been able to point to anything actually produced by Sharpton's organization.

If an organization can be manipulated for the purposes of opportunism by such a leader, then surely so can the color of his skin. No longer are individuals allowed the luxury of supporting a "leader" simply through allegiance to skin color. When whites do this, it is called racism (e.g. the Ku Klux Klan). Many blacks have found themselves following anyone proclaiming himself a "black leader," with the emphasis on "black," as a result of a solely race-based consciousness.

The good news is that there is opportunity to changing this demagogic and fearful trend in race relations. The Daily News polled whites and blacks in New York at the height of Sharpton's heyday and discovered that the majority of the public believed that Sharpton was damaging race relations. It is clear that 90% of whites and 73% of blacks in New York believe that the time for the likes of Al Sharpton has passed. Perhaps this awareness resulted from their having to feel the wrath of numerous racially motivated incidents and violent demonstrations which occurred during Sharpton's media reign.

Another positive signal, weak as it may be, is coming from the existing black leadership. Fact: only two black leaders have dared to even speak about Al Sharpton. After all, Sharpton puts most black leaders in an awkward position, having to show allegiance to the "fight against racism" while also working within the mainstream political system. Mayor David Dinkins of New York, after being called a "liberal hypocrite" by Sharpton, tried to fend for himself, telling New Yorkers that Sharpton's best asset is making "good copy." Congressman Major Owens (D-NY) also supports this sentiment, referring to the reverend as a opportunist who sells papers.

Perhaps the result of the poll in New York and the signals from the elected black leadership offer hope for the future. The question is, how many other communities will have to experience what New York went through in order to understand that not all self-professed "black leaders" are true black leadership? The answer to this question can only come from the black community's response to such "leaders."

by Joely Merrill
For The Forum Syndicate

Letters from Governor Guy Hunt

We all are pleased that the men and women who fought in Operation Desert Storm will soon be coming home. They did a remarkable job and proved that the United States of America is the very best place in the world to live.

The support our state gave the troops and their families during this national conflict was vital to the success of the campaign. The support our state gave the troops and their families was your approval of their commitment to the nation.

We are proud of the brave men and women who lost their lives in support of their country and of the families who supported those who served.

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Thank you for your consideration.

To the Citizens of Alabama:

As the State and Nation rejoice over the tremendous victory of freedom over the end to the war in the Persian Gulf, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Alabama for the overwhelming support that you have given to our men and women uniform who have achieved this victory.

Just as our soldiers have performed in an exemplary manner in the Persian Gulf, the families left behind have gallantly borne the burden of their sacrifices honorably carried on the tradition of the American family. Each family member deserves recognition for your steadfast support of our way of life under the strain of financial hardship, single parenthood and the loneliness of having a loved one in harms way.

Communities and civic organizations throughout Alabama have supported our troops in numerous ceremonies, parades and rallies. Your heartwarming support of our troops will be long remembered as your contribution to the victory. The greatest gift which could be given to the troops and their families was your approval of their commitment to our country's decision to defend the freedom of Kuwait.

Media support of our State's involvement in the mobilization and deployment of Alabamians was outstanding. The compassion, professionalism and ethical standards demonstrated by our radio, television and newspaper personnel must stand as an example for other correspondents throughout the nation.

Again, I congratulate all Alabamians on their support of our men and women in uniform who are defending our country and the freedoms which we cherish. I ask that you keep our service members in your thoughts and prayers until each of them returns home safely.

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