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Newly Appointed President Altenkirch Discusses His Plans for the University

KARA MILLION
Staff Writer

In an interview last week, newly appointed UAH President Robert Altenkirch discussed his overall philosophy for developing the university and even the controversial partnership of the New Jersey Institute of Technology with the University of Colorado Boulder for the National Solar Observatory contract.

When asked what drew him to UAH, Altenkirch replied that it was the reputation of the institution as well as its proximity to NASA and Redstone Arsenal, as well as its relationships with the businesses in Research Park.

"It's a strong institution," he said. "It has a good reputation all around the country."

Altenkirch believes that the experience he had as president at NJIT will serve him well in addressing UAH'S needs.

"What you'll find is that a lot of the issues and a lot of the initiatives that you are confronted with are very similar from institution to institution, particularly when we're talking about from public institution to public institution," he said.

"A lot of the things I saw over a nine-year period, I'm going to see some of the same issues bubble up here, and so I have some experience in dealing with them."

Altenkirch's priorities for UAH include continuing to work with the university's existing partners and attempting to increase enrollment. In reference to a published summary of the support UAH receives from each research partnership, he stated that NASA and the Department of Defense together make up 67 percent of support for the university. Altenkirch hopes to maintain the strong base of support with the institution's largest partnerships while growing the other areas as well, such as the National Science Foundation.

"It's the same strategy as the stock market," he said. "You want to diversify your portfolio, even out the ripples, and keep your whole enterprise growing. The strategy is to play on your strength and to use it to broaden your base and also to go after large-scale projects."

One of the major academic issues Altenkirch stressed was the need to enlarge the enrollment at UAH. With state funding for schools decreasing all across the

country, Altenkirch believes that the university needs to minimize its fixed costs and focus on its main revenue streams, one of which is tuition. Turning from a practical point of view to a philosophical one, Altenkirch further asserted, "Growing the enrollment and expanding [academic] programs as part of that plan then gives you a larger breadth of activity, which is a good educational experience."

Altenkirch insisted, however, that despite his emphasis on expanding the program mix, he does not intend for UAH to stray too far from its technologically oriented roots.

"Engineering and science are always going to be big components at the institution," he said. "But you also have the opportunity to grow programs that can relate to them that broaden the student's educational experience, like in liberal arts and business."

He is investigating opportunities to expand the professional programs at UAH, such as the nursing program.

In response to the buzz recent-

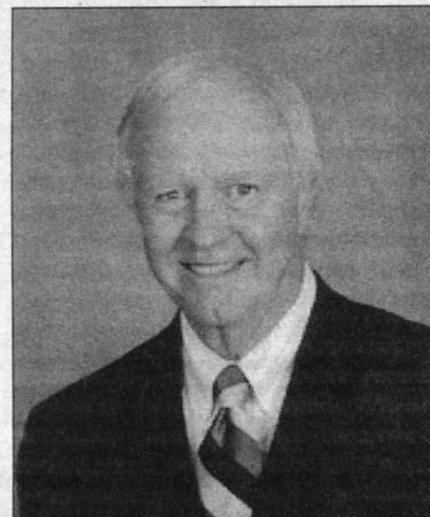


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ly generated concerning NJIT's partnership with CU-Boulder, UAH's primary rival for the NSO contract, Altenkirch said that such a relationship between institutions is nothing new.

"Institutions partner with each other all the time," he said. "As a matter of fact, if you look at our [UAH's] NSO proposal, there are also other educational partners with Huntsville. NJIT partnered with Colorado and Hawaii on many dif-

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New Student Center to Include Pub, Shops, Theater, Meeting Rooms

AARON SNODDY
Staff Writer

Construction for UAH's Student Center is scheduled to begin in spring 2012, bringing to fruition months of hard work to improve the student experience for the university.

"I strongly feel that this building will change the face of the university and raise the bar for student life on our campus," SGA president and steering committee member for the project Ravi Patel said. "Since my freshman year in 2007, our university has come a long way in the form of student life and activities on our campus."

He continued, "Many students not only want a great education, but they also want a great experience from a university."

The \$25 million structure will provide space for student organization offices, meeting rooms for student organizations with computer and projector capabilities, a theater with a box office, as well as places for students to get away from the stress of college life, including a retail store, pub/sports bar, and two or three new dining options.

Regina Hyatt, dean of students and associate vice president of student affairs, and other mem-

bers of the planning team, toured universities across the Southeast, such as the University of Memphis and Vanderbilt, to get a more realistic view of what a student center should be for a campus.

"Having a place that is built specifically for students that is comfortable and conducive to engagement is the number one difference between a student center and any other type of building," Hyatt said.

In wake of the recent demotion of the UAH hockey team to club status due to its financial shortcomings, some view the multi-million dollar construction of a new student center as ill-advised. Hyatt explains that the planning was included in the campus master plan, but the timing just happens to coincide with the decision about the hockey program.

"There will be food service in the building along with other retail [outlets] that will generate revenue," Hyatt added. "But the profitability of the building comes when students say that they had an experience in the building that was exciting or fun or life-changing."

Despite the bad timing, feelings about the student center remain positive.

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Staff Writer

Last week, the rush of registration terrorized UAH students as everyone fought to get into the right classes. However, the question remains: how does one know what the right classes are?

In most colleges, until a student has filed a plan of study, he or she is required to meet with an advisor to get an access code. In some colleges, such as nursing and engineering, students are still required to use an access code. There are also potential problems with general college and faculty advisors.

Do the general college and faculty advisors receive formal training to advise their students? Frank Bell, a general college of liberal arts advisor, has an actual advising certificate; however, the advisors of the colleges of business, engineering and nursing all have informal training, which include "on-the-job training." While informal training may not seem as good as a formal certificate, these advisors do have years of experience or have been informally trained by former advisors.

"I have been working as an advisor for eight years and was the coordinator for our office for three

years prior to that," Barbie Garner, the college of engineering advisor, said. "We work closely with our [faculty] advisors to learn the curriculum and requirements for engineering programs."

College of Nursing advisor Laura Mann has also received no formal training, but was trained by the college's former advisor.

The faculty advisors who advise students after they file their POS have either a master's or doctoral degree in the field of study for which they advise. However, by this time, the student should have a better idea of what he or she needs to take for general education requirements, the most confusing part of the registration process.

There are always concerns with taking the right classes and scheduling. Theoretically, general college advisors and faculty advisors are there to help guide and ease students through the registration process.

The problem, however, lies with the differing and complicated requirements for each undergraduate degree. For example, nursing and engineering students have their own general education requirements, which are different than

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Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge a Local Resource for Bird-Watching, Hiking, Fishing

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Just under the bridge before the Decatur/Priceville exit is one of the refuge's many water-control areas from which U.S. Fish and Wildlife employees use the water to attract resident and migratory waterfowl.

Each winter, refuge employees flood the harvested field to provide for the "dabblers and divers," the ducks which are labeled according to their feeding patterns. Some ducks such as mallards are dabblers--those that stick their bottoms in the air while feeding--and others are divers, which submerge themselves completely underwater.

Refuge employees also conduct several surveys during each season to assess how many species of bird they have residing on or visiting the refuge. They then report and catalog this data for larger-scale population trends over several years.

The best time for wildlife viewing at the refuge begins in mid-December when all of the migrating birds either roost or stop by for the winter. Larger birds, such as Sandhill Cranes, make a home at the refuge. Distinguishable by their

bright red heads, the large numbers of sandhills make it to the refuge by mid-November. Even the American Bald Eagle resides in the refuge during the winter months. This national bird is a rare find within the refuge, but there are currently at least one adult and one juvenile, both spotted two weeks ago.

The refuge does not only house birds--there are also residential alligators that have migrated from the Gulf.

"They can get pretty big," U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Lisa Lehnhoff said. "But unless they start causing trouble we'll let them mind their own business, and we'll mind ours."

The Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge is a viable resource for all Huntsville residents and is important as a national conservation effort as well.

Many UAH students either don't know about the wildlife refuge or remember visiting it during elementary school field trips.

"We used to go every year in elementary school," senior Natalie Parker said. "But then I just kind of forgot about it, and I haven't been since."

Park Ranger Theresa Adams says this is a common problem with the refuge's lack of visitors.

"Lots of people just forget about us and they always confuse us with Joe Wheeler State Park," she said.

Even for nature enthusiasts, the wildlife refuge is rarely at the top of anyone's hiking lists; however, because it's so close to home it is a resource that students can make use of for personal recreation such as hiking, boating, hunting

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Advantages of Holding Two Degrees in Differing Disciplines

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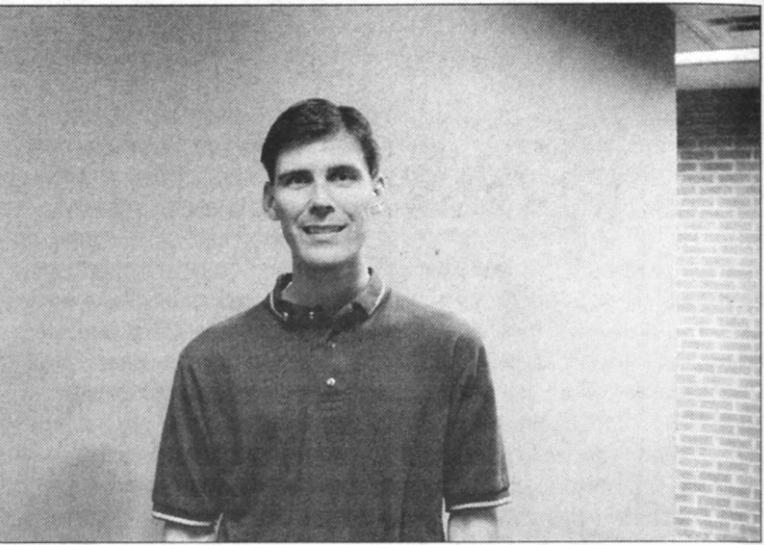
Most UAH students major in accounting, mechanical engineering and various other singular degrees. Many students double major in related fields like accounting and finance or biology and chemistry.

However, what about the students who have decided to pursue varied interests? Senior Kara Million has combined biology and English together to create one large undergraduate experience. Instead of seeking two Bachelor of Science degrees or two Bachelor of Arts degrees, Million will get a Bachelor of Science in biology and a Bachelor of Arts in English, in which case she must fulfill both the B.S. and the B.A. general education requirements.

"I chose biology because I wanted to go into veterinary medicine," Million said. "I chose English to hone my writing abilities because I want to be a novelist as well."

The combination of these two degrees makes sense when explained, but initially one might think that combining the two is just a pain and a waste of time. However, Million will only have to work one semester in addition to the regular four-year track because of CLEP and AP credit.

"Each of my majors enhances the other," Million said. "Working in biological science encourages me to take an analytical approach



Dr. Hank Alewine successfully combined dissimilar degrees in accounting and biology.

to literary criticism, while English allows me to develop my writing skills, which are extremely important in science for writing papers."

The significance of Million's academic pursuits shows her fellow students to follow their passion, because that is clearly what Million has done and without large sacrifice on her part.

Dr. Hank Alewine, a professor in the college of business, has also combined two seemingly different subjects for a very successful career as an environmental accountant. Alewine received a Bachelor of Arts in biology, and then went on to receive a master's and a doctorate in accounting. He has now combined the two subjects to pursue research in environmental accounting.

"My research explores how people cognitively process environmental cost accounting information," Alewine said, explaining

the relevance of the combination. "Environmental accounting is the measuring, capturing, recording and reporting of information on an entity's activities that have an impact on the natural environment. Environmental accounting information may be measured in financial terms or nonfinancial terms."

This summary of relevance connects two seemingly unrelated degrees into a very relevant entity. Alewine encourages those who would like to combine different degrees to pursue what they are truly interested in.

"Having two degrees in different fields may also open the door to career possibilities that did not exist for students studying only one subject," Alewine said.

This encouragement validates Million's decision for her degree combination, but also does the same for any other student who is combining oddly paired subjects.

Jarrold Mosteller: Nominee for Co-Op Student of the Year

CHRISTINE MILTON
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In late October, Jarrold Mosteller, currently a UAH senior, was nominated for the Co-op Student of the Year Award for the 2011 calendar year. The award is presented by the Cooperative and Experiential Education Division of the American Society for Engineering Education.

Candace Phillips, the career coordinator for the colleges of engineering, nursing and science, and Dan Welch, Mosteller's current supervisor at the Science Applications International Corporation, nominated the 29-year-old.

Phillips was able to attend an "Intern Day" event, at which a select few of the interns at SAIC were invited to create a presentation based on their work over the summer.

"Jarrold's elaborate presentation was wonderful; it is obvious that he has a true passion for the field of engineering," Phillips said.

Welch's nomination package stated, "Jarrold's work ethic allows him to effectively and innovatively support his team and overcome re-

alized obstacles during his employment with SAIC."

To qualify as a nominee, the student must be enrolled in a four- or five-year undergraduate program, be registered in a co-op education program and have completed at least two work sessions or be in the process of completing his or her second work session. In addition, a student must be nominated by a member of the Cooperative and Experiential Education Division.

Mosteller started UAH as a sophomore in 2009. He has a degree in human and resource management from Athens State University. Before enrolling at UAH, Mosteller worked under a contractor within the Transportation Security Administration for about three and a half years. At age 27, he found himself laid off and decided to return to school to obtain a degree in mechanical engineering.

In May of 2011, Mosteller began a summer internship at SAIC. When school started in the fall, SAIC kept him on as a parallel co-op student until his graduation in December 2011. Mosteller already has an offer to work full-time as

a mechanical engineer at SAIC, which will start in January, immediately after his graduation. He will be working on force protection and other projects that have to do with security measures involving the U.S. military.

"Jarrold is a great friend," Rickie Nagel, a college friend of Mosteller's, said. "It's been a pleasure to study and work alongside him, and he's got a bright engineering career ahead of him."

Mosteller and Nagel started UAH together in 2009 after both were laid off. They both acted as a motivator for each other throughout undergraduate school.

Mosteller's dream job is as a petroleum and natural gas engineer. Unfortunately, such a job is not possible in Alabama. However, Mosteller hopes to obtain his master's degree in that field someday.

"I'm very interested in developing new equipment to better tap petroleum and natural gas resources," Mosteller said. "I would also like to help innovate technologies that would be able to harness natural gas as a sustainable energy source."

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Charger Hockey Begins Long Road Test with Losses at Providence

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The Charger hockey team has begun a brutal 11-game road test with a pair of losses against Providence as UAH continues to search for its first win of the season.

UAH entered the first game of the weekend seeking to break a two-game scoreless streak in which the Chargers dropped two games to Ohio State by a combined total of 6-0. Despite the lack of support from the offense, sophomore goalie Clarke Saunders put together an excellent showing Friday night in a 3-0 defeat by the Friars. Saunders blocked 45 of the 48 shots he faced, his second consecutive 40-save performance.

The Chargers remained in contention until late in the third, when the Friars took a 3-0 lead with the man-advantage. Providence was 2 for 4 on the power play while UAH was unable to take advantage of

any of its five power play chances. Providence also held a 48-21 advantage in shots and won 53 face-offs compared with UAH's 29.

Sophomore Nickolas Gatt tied the team-high in shots for a game this season with seven, matching a feat freshman Kyle Lysaght has achieved twice.

The Chargers found themselves down 2-0 once again in the second game of the series as Providence continued to take advantage of its power play opportunities. UAH responded in this contest by ending its three-game scoreless funk in the second period.

Lysaght scored a power play goal to end the 215-minute drought for the Chargers and pull to within one. The Friars extended their slim lead just 19 seconds later when sophomore Derek Army put one past Saunders.

Providence went up 4-1 early in the third period with a score just 51 seconds in. UAH was able

to pick up another goal on its second power play of the night when sophomore Mac Roy fired in a shot at the 6:41 mark, but the Chargers were unable to get any closer.

Despite the higher scores, both teams were down on shots from the previous night as Providence registered 35 tries while UAH attempted 18. Saunders put together another 30-plus save game as he turned away 31 shots in the contest.

UAH plays Merrimack Nov. 23 and then takes on UMass-Lowell. The team ends its three-game run Nov. 26 in Durham, N.H.

The Chargers will not return home until the New Year's weekend as they take on Mercyhurst Dec. 30 and 31. UAH hits the road once again in an 8-game road trip before returning home for the last time as a Division I hockey team as they face off against the United States National Development Team Under-18 squad Feb. 24 and 25.

Charger Volleyball Ousted by North Alabama in Conference Semifinal

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After pulling off a stunning upset in the first round of the Gulf South Conference tournament, the Lady Charger volleyball squad fell to rival North Alabama 3-0 to end the 2011 season.

UAH opened the weekend with the first conference appearance for the Chargers since 2006 by clinching the no. 6 seed. UAH was matched up against no. 3 seed and a heavily favored Christian Brothers squad.

The Lady Chargers were not intimidated and played at one of their highest levels of the year for the entire match.

The first set saw both squads playing well as Christian Brothers took an early 9-6 lead. The Lady Chargers were able to keep pace before finally gaining a 16-15 lead and maintaining the advantage en route to a narrow 25-23 victory.

The second set was a different story as the Lady Chargers kept the momentum from the first set and

quickly took a 19-9 lead.

CBU would get no closer than nine points for the remainder of the match, and the Lady Chargers closed it out in a dominating 25-14 win. The Lady Bucs were struggling to find good shots against UAH with only a .090 hitting percentage through the game's first two sets.

It looked as if Christian Brothers had figured things out in the third set as they went up 9-2, but the Lady Chargers shook off the opposition's early lead and regained composure by scoring 11 of the next 16 points. The team found itself down only 14-13 midway through the set. After six lead changes and eleven ties throughout the remainder of the match, UAH was able to dig down just enough to not only win the set and match but to do so in an impressive 3-0 sweep.

Just hours later the Lady Chargers were set to take on the No. 2 seed Lady Lions in the semifinals. UAH was up late in the first set 18-15 before UNA was able to find

its rhythm and take control of the contest. The Lady Lions took the first set 25-21, but UAH did not go down easily.

The Lady Chargers were out-matched against an extremely talented UNA team that jumped out to an early 9-2 lead in the second match. UAH fought back but could only close within five before UNA caught fire and took the second game 25-15. The Lady Chargers started the third set keeping pace with the Lady Lions, but once again UNA grabbed the momentum, taking the third set 25-15 and sweeping UAH 3-0 to move on to the finals. UNA would lose to GSC powerhouse West Florida, which won its fourth consecutive volleyball title.

The 2011 season marked another small step forward in the rebuilding process for the Lady Chargers volleyball program. UAH finished the year at 10-25 overall and was able to make the GSC Tournament after missing it by only one game last season.

Men's and Women's Basketball Teams Dominant in Season-Opening Wins



Photo courtesy of UAH Athletics

JONATHAN KEENUM
Staff Writer

It was one big party Monday night at Spragins Hall as the men's and women's basketball teams opened up the season with dominating wins against Fisk.

The Lady Chargers picked up their third straight season-opening win as they put on an offensive show against the overpowered Lady Bulldogs and cruised to a 105-60 victory. The onslaught marked the fifth-highest scoring total in program history.

Freshman Juanice Newton had a stellar collegiate debut by picking up a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Six Lady Chargers scored in double-digits, led by sophomores Jasmine Hammon with 16 points and Jordan Smith with 15.

The defense also played very well by holding Fisk to just 37.5 percent shooting and forcing 40 turnovers by the Lady Bulldogs, including 27 steals. Fisk was only able to score 28 in the first half, thanks to an aggressive defense by the Lady Chargers.

Head Coach Roy Heintz was very pleased with his team, but was also impressed with the energy from the student section and took to Twitter (@RoyHeintz) to thank the fans after the game.

"Student section was off the

charts tonight," Heintz said. "Great job Blue Crew! From the opening tip, our students were great!"

The men kept the home crowd jamming as they also frustrated Fisk with strong defense and an efficient offense en route to an 89-65 win.

The Chargers were unable to pull away from the Bulldogs during the first 15 minutes of play as Fisk refused to back down, and UAH held just a two-point lead with 5:02 left before halftime. UAH then showed why the team is the favorite in the South Region by switching into high gear and finishing the half on a 13-0 run to take a 43-28 lead.

The Chargers then made sure Fisk had no hope of a comeback by starting the second half with a 13-2 run over a three-minute span to take a commanding 56-30 lead. The Chargers were up by as much as 34 before the game came to a close.

Junior Jamie Smith led the Chargers in scoring with 16 points, followed by fellow juniors Zane Campbell with 15 and Xavier Baldwin with 14. UAH shot just under 60 percent for the game while holding Fisk to just under 38 percent.

The Chargers wanted to play at a high level tonight and set the tone for the season before starting

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New Bookstore Serving UAH Proves to be Top Choice for Students

Everything costs you more these days. Food is expensive, tuition is always rising, and gas prices are getting ridiculous. Wouldn't it be nice if prices went down for once? Good news! Infinity College Bookstore recently opened on Holmes Avenue, just two minutes from campus.

Infinity College Bookstore sells and rents UAH textbooks at lower prices. You'll easily save 10% or more on the cost of textbooks at Infinity. Over the course of a college career, this could save the average student \$300-\$500!

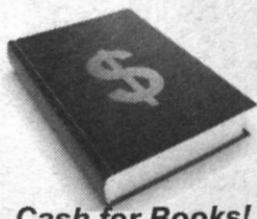
Infinity College Bookstore buys textbooks year-round. Students frequently find that they get more money for textbooks at Infinity than anywhere else. Infinity will often buy books that are missing CD's and access codes. They even buy some old editions

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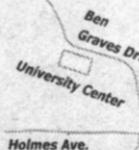
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ferent projects.”

Altenkirch claimed, in fact, that he was not even aware that NJIT was part of the NSO proposal until an article about it appeared in a newspaper in April:

“It was Colorado’s proposal; I didn’t know about it because it was not a proposal that went through NJIT.”

Altenkirch agreed with Dr. Vistasp Karbhari, the provost of UAH, that a relationship with CU-Boulder may prove beneficial for the university.

“Universities will compete with each other and collaborate with each other at the same time,” he said. “It’s not unusual. It happens all the time.”

According to Altenkirch, his people skills are a major asset that

he will bring to the office of the president.

“I work with people very easily,” he said. “I don’t pound the table. I can work to bring people together so that they’ll pull in the same direction. Nothing is ever done exactly the way you want it, but if you get close to it, that’s good enough for me.”

Turning from business to pleasure, Altenkirch listed golfing and

woodworking among his hobbies. He also likes to attend professional sporting events.

“I wish I were younger so I could compete,” he said with a grin.

He is a cooking enthusiast who possesses multiple barbecues, including both a dry and a wet smoker. He and his wife have a total of five cats and one dog, which remain in her care in New Jersey

as the family completes the move to Alabama.

Altenkirch was named the new president of UAH on Sept. 21, 2011. Although he moved to Huntsville from New Jersey, Altenkirch is no stranger to the South, having served as vice president of research at Mississippi State for 11 years before becoming the president of NJIT.

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those required for a regular science, liberal arts or business major.

There are also complications within the seemingly more “regular” requirements, like the education major’s requirement for CM 113, a communication arts class that is required to fulfill a humanities course. Other majors, such as English, are not required to take CM 113.

“The education major is the most complicated out of the college of liberal arts,” Bell said.

This variety is not just within the college of liberal arts. Nursing majors have to take extra philosophy classes, and science majors have to make sure they get in a computer science course. Because of all this variation between colleges and even within majors, there can be some discrepancies with advising and ensuring that a student takes the right courses.

For this reason, Bell said, “Students should not depend on

the online catalog, because it is not as clear as it could be, but it is good for instantly updating information.”

The catalog also has a few problems, such as not containing the specific general education requirement charts for the college of engineering, which further reinforces the student’s need to actually meet with an advisor.

For those in the colleges of engineering and nursing, it gets even more complicated. Both colleges have special requirements and there are also certain exceptions, like the education major in the college of liberal arts.

Another concern is for students taking advantage of their faculty advisors. Most students only go to their advisors when absolutely needed, especially if they have filed a POS and do not need to see their advisor for an access code. Other students, like senior communication arts major Emily Roach, visit with their advisors once each semester but find a lot of

convenience in not requiring an access code.

“I don’t have an access code and I like it a lot better,” Roach said. “It’s a lot easier to register.”

Senior Chrissa Mayhall, an aerospace engineering major, has filed a POS but she still needs an access code.

“Yes, I have an access code, but the engineering department just recently changed it [so that] you do not have to meet with your advisor to get it,” Mayhall said. “Now, if you have a certain GPA, they e-mail it to you.”

Meeting with advisors is beneficial not only for the student but also for the student-advisor relationship.

“Developing a strong relationship with your advisor and explaining your passion is very important to ensure that you are doing what you want to do,” Bell explained. “Majoring in something that will ‘make money’ but that makes you miserable is a bad idea.”

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their tournament stretch.

“We needed this win,” Campbell said. “We are about to go to North Carolina and play two really tough teams, so we wanted to come in tonight and play good basketball, and play hard and get our tone set for the season.”

“Our next four games on the road are going to be very tough,” Head Coach Lennie Acuff said. “They are important because they are road games; they are all region games and games that we will have to play well in.”

The women now head to Columbia, S.C., to take on Benedict before beginning a Thanksgiving tournament in Pensacola, Fla. The Lady Chargers return to action at home Nov. 30 against Montevallo. The men’s squad has a tournament in Salisbury, N.C., at the Catawba Classic, followed by another tournament in Pensacola, Fla., before returning home to face Harding Nov. 28.

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and fishing.

The refuge has three open hiking trails: Atkeson Cypress Trail, adjacent to the visitor center, Dancy Bottoms Trail near Flint Creek and Flint Creek Trail, located on the north side of highway 67.

The refuge allows many recreational activities other than hiking, such as hunting and fishing. Managed hunts are held for small game, deer and feral hogs. The required refuge hunting permit may be obtained at the visitor center, refuge headquarters or online; however, only a regular state fishing license is required to fish and can be obtained at any bait shop. Fishing tournaments occur every year as well.

The refuge encourages wildlife photography and bird watching as the refuge’s pride resides in its numerous bird counts during the winter season.

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