Padulo proposes "traditional dormitory"

by Marian Delaney Sampson
news reporter

There has been a great deal of comment lately in the local media about UAH President Louis Padulo's attempt to get the University of Alabama's Board of Trustees to approve a "traditional dormitory" for UAH. Padulo announced his intention to build a traditional dormitory in a number of public forums during the winter term prior to seeking the Board's approval at the Dec. 9 meeting in Birmingham.

What is the status of housing at UAH? Currently, 34 percent of UAH students own their own homes, 44 percent live at home with their parents, 10 percent live in non-campus rentals, seven percent rent on- or off-campus apartments, and nothing is known about where the other 5 percent of students live.

According to "A Survey of the History of the University of Alabama in Huntsville," by Gayle R. Franklin, 88 apartments, now known as Off-Campus Housing, were purchased in June 1972, and 125 units were constructed on campus in October 1975. These combined units provide housing for approximately 750 students, or about 10 percent of UAH's current enrollment, according to Franklin. Various sources in the UAH administration have reported occupancy rates of 80 to 92 percent in apartments owned by the University. On Nov. 21, Padulo sent a resolution to Dr. Thomas A. Bartlett, outgoing chancellor of The University of Alabama System. He informed Bartlett, "We anticipate a project of 300 beds, 90,000 square feet, with estimated construction costs as follows: Construction $5,250,000; Architect and Engineering Fees $340,000, Furnishings $450,000 and Contingency $260,000; Total Project $6,300,000."

The draft copy of the University Housing Program Statement, dated October 1988 and prepared by Millie Anglin, director of Housing, states, "The new construction will provide facilities for activities and programs in the following areas: Suite-type rooms for student residents. Enhanced reception area, Reading/Study lounge, Computer study area, Head resident living quarters, Office, Housing student staff (resident assistants) and Recreation/TV lounges."

The program statement also states, "As the 'home away from home' for many students, University Housing provides for the services, conveniences, and amenities the resident students need in their daily life on campus...Housing provides an environment that is conducive to learning and that promotes the educational, social, cultural, and recreational development of its student residents. University Housing serves as a unifying force in the life of the university, cultivating regard for and loyalty to UAH."

After 20 pages of very specific detail about the proposed traditional dormitory, a preliminary budget and projected revenue statement is attached. This statement states that the cost to construct the residence hall would be $800,925 for its first year of operation with anticipated revenues of $315,000.

There is some disagreement about what action was taken by the continued to page 2

Thompson resigns as VP for Finance and Administration

UAH President Louis Padulo has announced that he has accepted the resignation of Kenneth W. Thompson, UAH's vice president for finance and administration.

According to Padulo, he had received a letter from Thompson expressing Thompson's desire to resign from his post at UAH.

"I have discussed the matter with Mr. Thompson and have accepted his resignation with disappointment," Padulo said. "Over the next several weeks, we will be discussing further the timing of that resignation and an appropriate transition to his successor."

Padulo said it is his intention to initiate a national search in the very near future to identify Thompson's replacement.

"The Finance and Administration division — with its oversight of the university's budget, personnel recruitment, purchasing process, and physical plant — is vital to the operation of this institution," Padulo continued. "It is essential that we bring on board someone with the necessary leadership skills and insight to guide this key area."

Thompson has held the vice presidential position at UAH since 1984. He came to UAH from Michigan State University, where her served as vice president for finance and operations and treasurer. He has held similar positions of responsibility at Texas Tech University and the University of South Florida.

Town Crier stirs up controversy

Late last week, the Huntsville Town Crier made its way to UAH in the form of a one-page, double-sided, legal-size sheet of rumors and allegations about UAH President Louis Padulo. Many of UAH faculty and staff received the anonymous publication when it was slipped under their doors.

Other people unintentionally picked one up when they picked up issues of The Exponent — an undetermined number of Town Criers were inserted inside the campus newspaper after The Exponent was circulated.

This is to disavow any connection between The Exponent and the Town Crier. Unfortunately, the Town Crier was printed anonymously, so there are no clues as to who was responsible for the scandal sheet.
Dr. Kenneth E. Harwell, dean and chief executive officer of the University of Tennessee Space Institute, has been named vice president for Research and associate provost at UAH by UAH President Louis Padulo. Harwell, who has been in his current position since 1982, is responsible for the administration and management of all activities and operations of the UTSI campus, which is devoted to graduate education and research in engineering and science. Among other duties, he has served as UTSI’s Chief Research Officer and as the University of Tennessee’s representative to the national Universities Space Research Association.

In announcing Harwell’s appointment, Padulo emphasized the importance of his background. “Ken Harwell is bringing to UAH a wealth of experience as a campus and research administrator, faculty member and principal investigator in several research fields particularly pertinent to UAH’s current and future research interests,” Dr. Padulo said. According to Padulo, Harwell will coordinate all UAH research activities, including its existing Research Centers (Optics, Microgravity, Robotics, and Artificial Intelligence, and the variety of energy, atmospheric, and computer research projects of the Johnson Research Center) and will report directly to the president regarding those research endeavors. In his role as associate provost, Harwell will work closely with UAH Provost Allen Spitz to further integrate the activities of the research centers with the academic colleges.

“I have been very impressed over the years with the significant growth of UAH and am looking forward to joining the institution,” he said. “UAH has been very successful in establishing new research centers in the last five years and several outstanding persons have been attracted to head up those centers. I am eager to help them move forward toward their goals of being recognized as world class centers.”

Harwell named vice president for research
Student Organizations exist for all needs

by Lynn Wallace  
news reporter

UAH has 93 clubs and organizations on campus, with more forming each quarter.

Many people on campus are familiar with the fraternities, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Chi, Kappa Alpha Psi, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Chi and the sororities Alpha Kappa Alpha, Chi Omega, Delta Sigma Theta, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, and the Order of Omega. For the dedicated students, there are the honoraries of Alpha Epsilon Delta (medical), Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology), Lambda Delta Delta (freshman), Alpha Psi Omega (theater), Beta Beta Beta (biology), Eta Kappa Nu (electrical engineering), Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics), Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership, and Administrative Science Honorary), Phi Alpha Theta (history), Phi Sigma Iota (foreign languages), Phi Kappa Psi (forensic), Phi Sigma Alpha (political science), Pi Tau Sigma (mechanical engineering), Pi Chi (psychology), Sigma Theta Tau (nursing), and Tau Beta Pi (engineering). 

Many religious organizations, such as the Baptist Student Union, Campus Ministry Association, Fellowship of Christian Students, Muslim Student Association, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes are located on campus.

If interested in serving your community, Circle K, Compass Club, and Lancers are the clubs to join. Forty-six academic clubs are chartered at UAH, offering a diverse selection for anyone interested. For those interested in foreign languages and literature, the German Club, Japanese Club, Le Cercle Francais (French Club), Slovo-Slavic Club (Russian), and Tertulia (Spanish Club) offer much.

For engineering students, the National Society for Black Engineers, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, American Institute of Industrial Engineers, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers, and the Society of Women Engineers are available. Mathematics Club and Computing Machinery are UAH’s two math clubs.

UAH is well known for all of its musical organizations, such as the Baptist Student Union, Ensemble, UAH Wind Ensemble, and Village Singers, Music Educators Association for Campus Entertainment (ACE), and the Student Alabama Education Association. The Karate Club and Rowing Club offer something for the physically fit. If money is important, the American Marketing Association, Data Processing Management Association, Financial Management Association, and National Management Association are worth joining.

For those artistically inclined, the Drama Board and the Art Club “Focal” are here.

Many clubs and organizations are formed by, but not limited to, specialized groups, such as Korean Student Organization, Black Student Association, Chinese Students and Scholars from Mainland China, Chinese Student Association from Taiwan, General Union of Palestine Students, and the Indian Student Association.

The Forensic Club, Accounting Club and Amateur Radio Association are a few more clubs. Perhaps the best known organizations are Students Over the Traditional Age (SOTA), Association for Campus Entertainment (ACE), and the Student Government Association (SGA).

In case these 93 clubs and organizations do not fit the needs of UAH, it is very easy to charter your own club.

UAH chess team finishes sixth in nation at Pan-Am


UAH finished behind Harvard, Yale, the Dominican Republic, Rhode Island College, and Cal-Berkley during the eight-round event that drew the top college chess teams in the Americas.

The UAH chess team consisted of Charles Meidinger, who scored four wins, three losses, and one draw; Bill Melvin, who scored six wins and two losses; Gerald Larson, who scored two wins, three losses, and one draw; Dan Pendegrass, who scored three wins, one loss, and two draws; and Rodney Vaughan, who scored three wins and one last.

Some 36 teams attended the tournament, which lacked only the powerful Columbia University squad, that team declining to participate for unspecified reasons.

College Bowl organizational meeting planned for Jan. 18

Any students interested in starting a College Bowl Club should attend the organizational meeting Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the University Center, Room 137. Please feel free to bring your lunch.

The College Bowl Club will elect officers, adopt a constitution, and determine the club’s activities. Any student interest in learning more about the club should attend. Call the Student Activities Office at 895-6445.

Exponent sponsoring much needed blood drive

by Spencer Glasgow Jr.  
staff reporter

Give the gift of life at the American Red Cross blood drive, sponsored by The Exponent on Friday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The annual event will be held in the University Center Exhibit Hall. All students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to come by and donate a pint of blood.

With the anyone who is in good health can donate blood. The main restrictions are that the donor must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 lbs. In some areas, 17-year-olds must also have written permission from a parent or guardian.

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"The day I begin to feel that I am being spiteful... is the day I hang it up"

by Kim Glasgow
editor

This week's topic is the Huntsville Town Crier. But before I get into that, I want to point out that there were two typographical errors in my editorial last week. (In case anyone is wondering what happened, I've been trying to hire a proofreader since early November but haven't had any success yet.)

The first error was that solicited should have been the word used in the question "How does Padulo know they [the rumors] were unsolicited?" I feel my point was understood, though, because of the context. The second error was that a letter "s" was left off and made a sentence read "he stated that some people would dismiss what I was going to say "as a smear campaign" thought up by disgruntled professors." As a correction was pasted up, it covered the "s." The sentence should have read that she (Cindy Rodriguez) had made the statement.

Also, I failed to clearly point out something. Padulo had stated that The Exponent printed rumors about him on the front page of our paper, and I said last week that perhaps he was referring to Ms. Rodriguez's editorial. I failed to mention that her editorial, as with all editorials, appeared in the editorial section, which was page four of that issue.

Despite any misunderstanding caused by the typos, I stand by every bit of my editorial of last week. If the typos were the most important part of that editorial to some people, I'm sorry. That was not the only thing I had hoped people would get out of it. But as I stated last week, we are not perfect on the newspaper staff, and perhaps the typos helped prove that.

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"I'm sure whoever did this thought that it would be harmless."

by Gregory Castell
columnist

I had already written my column for this week and had turned it in, and I thought that I could rest for awhile. But I was mistaken. Thursday afternoon when I came into the office, a major "incident" occurred. This incident was so significant that it was decided that I should scrap my previous article and write a new one dealing with this issue. I'm sure that many of you have seen something called the "Huntsville Town Crier" circulating around campus. For those of you who have not seen this, it is a scandal sheet of sorts, filled with nothing but rumors and innuendos about Dr. Padulo. This two-page document (which, I am informed, has spawned a sequel) is unsigned, slanderous, and in extreme bad taste. But this is not what has angered us at The Exponent.

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"1988 was an election year...that seems to bring out the worst in us."

by Larisa Thomason
columnist

Last year, like every year as far back as human memory, people all over the world were hated, imprisoned, and even killed because they held different beliefs than those in power. Pick a country anywhere on the globe — even the United States — and you will find evidence that true freedom of speech and action is still only a dream. Since it's a new year now, a good resolution for us all would be to resolve to be more tolerant of others. That will be harder than we expect because 1988 left some deep wounds in this country that we must now try hard to heal.

1988 was an election year and lately that seems to bring out the worst in us. I believe that the major cause of this is political group-masquerading as religious entities. My example is the "Biblical" Scorecard which proports to grade candidates according to the Bible's stand on such issues as Social Security spending, Star Wars funding, and environmental regulation. By placing political issues in the realm of the spiritual, groups such as this remove the possibility of civil public discourse because to be against their agenda is to be against God. That sounds like the language of theocracy, or at least it was before God became a Democrat.

More and more in this country there is a feeling that feels they have the right to judge others and control our actions. They feel that they alone have the corner on morality and that they alone know the will of God. Honest differences of opinion do not exist for these people because there is no middle ground for them — nothing is either good or evil, there are no shades of gray. This is a dangerous mindset because it produces people who firmly believe that the end justifies the means and that if you believe that you are doing "the Lord's work" then you can do no wrong. Beliefs like that led to the Inquisition and could again.

Many of these people are sincere and honestly believe that they are doing the Christian thing. They have been led astray by the others in the movement who are using it simply as a vehicle to increase their own power base. They twist the Bible's message of peace and love and turn it into something ugly — hate. Read some of their literature attacking anyone they don't like. They condemn anyone who disagrees with them to court their wrath because then you are obviously a danger to society. They've come a long way from the values they profess to hold.

This behavior is rationalized by the idea that this country and our culture is under attack by insidious outside forces, Communism being the major one. In the name of saving ourselves, people would have us throw away all we represent. If we don't stay true to the original values of this country and honor freedom, freedom of speech, thought, and expression, then we have nothing. If we become an intolerant society, restricting the rights of others in the name of preserving those same rights, then nothing distinguishes us from those we are fighting. We can't save the society by destroying its very foundation.

Tolerance. Hope. Compassion. Love. We would be wise to think about them daily this year — and think about the kind of society we are becoming. My resolution is to be more tolerant and understanding of people. I hope I succeed and I hope that everyone else does also. Happy New Year!

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by Terry Foot
political columnist

I am sure that everyone at UAH and the rest of the United States is overjoyed that SOMEBODY won the 1988 Presidential election, and that we will have a much deserved four-year respite from it all. But despite the media's massive and prolonged coverage of the election, how much do we really know about George Bush and his plans for America's future. It is a question that cannot be answered in the end, but unfortunately does not have a very clear answer.

What is clear is that having Ronald Reagan as a mentor and ally proves to be a huge advantage to Bush. The two most valuable aspects of the Reagan administration were carefully employed by the Bush campaign to bring about his victory. The first comes in the form of the "wimp factor" by turning the election into a dogfight. Dukakis' recantations to Bush's allegations on legalistic and moral suppositions which have the tendency of boring the American people. The consequences were that Dukakis seemed too clinical and not particularly nice, which in turn hurt him even more at the polls. By the end of the election, Bush appeared to be strong and at the time he was more likeable to the people than Dukakis. Bush learned from Reagan that you can get away with calling a man an "invalid" or sell arms to our arch enemies if the public like you.

Though Reagan has made some very grave mistakes as president, he will go down in history as one of America's most popular leaders. Americans still remember the inflation and high interest rates caused by "those spend-thrift liberals," Bush followed suit by projecting equally wild emotional images of his opponent as an unapartriotic ACLU member (which he is) and even a "stickler" for laws. Bush learned from Reagan that you can get away with calling a man an "invalid" or sell arms to our arch enemies if the public like you.

"Padulo has an obligation..."

To the Editor:

I would like to express my disagreement of Louis Padulo's attack on the school newspaper as well as his remark calling The Exponent staff "amateur kids". Although I am not an English major as Dr. Padulo once was, I greatly enjoy reading the well-written articles contained in The Exponent. I feel that as president of the Student Body Padulo has an obligation to the faculty and students to account for the lies that he told The Huntsville Times in the December 23 issue.

Ms. Glasgow, I sincerely understand how upset you and your staff must be from these uncalled-for attacks on our school newspaper. As for my views on the calendar change, I think that before any rash and expensive decisions are made, every student and faculty member should be asked his opinion in an school-wide poll. After all, these are the people who will affect the most, not the administration.

Something of this importance needs very careful and more thought. My chief reason for opposition to the semester system is that it would have a negative effect on the quality of education. I know that Padulo is against the semester system, but I am not convinced of his opinions. I also know that Padulo announced to the Rotary Club that we are doing "the Lord's work" and I am not sure that he is doing that in an effective manner.

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**Editor's note:** The following editorial cartoon was received last week. After much debate, much of it internal, it was decided that this was indeed an editorial statement or, in effect, a letter to the editor. This submission has been verified as authentic; however, the author wishes to remain anonymous.

**To the editor:**

Dennis, it's great to see well-written columns in the pages of *The Exponent* again (notwithstanding Ma. Glasgow's thoughtful observations of this crazy world). I can only hope the severe conservative-bashing you gave Mr. Moral Majority will make others of his ilk think twice before they set pen to paper. I have to shake my head in disbelief when these all-knowing, despically smug right-wingers set out to tell the world how wonderful they've made it for all of us — well, all of us White, Anglo-Saxon protestant straight, upper-class men, anyway. I know the students of UAH deserve better, as their intelligence rises far above the gutters from which the right-wing ideological stench arises.

I'm sure the current editor, Kim Glasgow, my friend and former production manager will put up with only so much of these pre-adolescent character assasinations.

I feel strongly that no one should be the victim of anonymous attack. If there are disagreements with Dr. Padulo's actions, these should be brought to his attention by the people concerned. I also believe that Dr. Louis Padulo has a right to a trial by his peers or at least be offered a chance to respond to legitimate criticism offered in a legitimate forum.

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When I read the Dec. 23 Huntsville Times story, I was quite interested to know who to be angry at. When I read the "Town Crier," I was not only angry but also (for the very first time) embarrassed and ashamed to be on the same campus with the author and his students and faculty, please come up with One Official Reason for the change. Nobody knows why we are changing, how much it will cost, what courses will change, etc. But should't this have been thoroughly studied and THEN a decision made? Oh well — no need to cloud the issue with the facts.

Jason Woodward

**“Nobody knows why...”**

To the editor:

In the January 4th *Exponent*, Allen Spitz says that the settlement of the Title VI lawsuit (of which the semester change is but a part of) is one of the "vestiges of segregation." The calendar change is for legal purposes. But in the same article, Jess Brown states that "academic calendar decisions should be driven by what kind of calendar is best for quality teachings". As you try to pull a fast one on the students and faculty, please come up with One Official Reason for the change. Nobody knows why we are changing, how much it will cost, what courses will change, etc. But shouldn't this have been thoroughly studied and THEN a decision made? Oh well — no need to cloud the issue with the facts.

**“I wish to express...thanks”**

Dear Mr. President:

For the first time, a team representing an Alabama university competed in the Pan-American Intercollegiate Chess Championships this year, on 26 December through 30 December, 1988, at New Brunswick, New Jersey. Thirty-six teams entered, and the final standings of interest are:

1. Harvard
2. Yale
3. University of California-Berkeley
4. UNPHU (the University of the Dominican Republic)
5. Rhode Island University
6. University of Alabama in Huntsville

After a rocky start, the UAH team caught fire and stormed into the top places with three match wins in a row in the final rounds. Although the number of teams entered was somewhat smaller than in years past, the tournament was extremely strong; for example, Harvard's alternate player was approximately as strong as our first board.

I wish to express sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this tournament possible, especially Dr. Fischer and yourself, without whose help Alabama would still be unrepresented in this competitive arena.

Sincerely,
Gerald A. Larson
Chess Club President

**“I know the students of UAH deserve better”**

To the editor:

Congratulations, Dennis on the excellent response you gave to the unbelievable far-fetched rantings from UAH Neo-Nazi-ish type person number 507. Would someone please wipe this ultraconservative's mouth? The foam and drool are not especially inviting. It is time for someone to wipe this ultraconservative's mouth!

To the editor:

Dear Editor:

I feel that two issues need to be dealt with by me as personal opinion, rather than as news stories. Therefore, I would like to use this forum to state that (1) I think the attack on *The Exponent* attributed to Dr. Louis Padulo in the Dec. 23 Huntsville Times was uncalled for. Anyone who feels that they have been unfairly treated by the University to use his access to the local media to criticize a student newspaper is not behaving in a professional or ethical manner. (2) One measure of my refusal to behave like an "amateur kid" is that I have had access to almost all of the information published in the scurrilous broadside "The Town Crier" plus even more damaging gossip, off-the-record, hear-say, rumor and innuendo, slander and libel, yet I chose not to write in *The Exponent* what seemed to me to be little more than character assassination.

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Circle K International has busy holiday break, plans open meeting Jan. 19

Circle K International (CKI) is currently accepting new members to be inducted into the club for spring term. Pledges will be accepted from January until April. An open meeting will be held Thursday, Jan. 19 at 8:15 p.m. in Exhibit Hall A of the University Center. All interested graduate/undergraduate students are invited to attend.

CKI is the largest collegiate service organization of any kind, with over 250,000 members in over seven countries. The club’s main purpose is to serve the community and to help those who are less fortunate.

On the international level, CKI is involved with organizations such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) and Project Concern International. On the local level, the UAH club works with organizations such as Chi-Ho Children’s Home and the Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital.

Along with service, CKI offers students many leadership skills and opportunities. CKI is sponsored by Kiwanis International (who the members are at the professional level in their careers and can be of assistance in students’ career moves and decisions). CKI also works with Key Clubs at the high schools, giving CKI members a chance to help younger students.

CKI also holds conventions throughout the United States and within its districts every year, giving members a chance to travel, learn about the club, become better leaders, make new friends, and have fun. CKI stresses friendship as an important part of the college experience as well, and there is no minimum GPA requirement except that a prospective member be in good standing with the organization.

If you want to know more about CKI, just come to the open meeting. CKI is open to all undergraduate/graduate students, as well as members from other CKI clubs throughout the world. Don’t miss this opportunity to get involved at UAH and to meet lots of new people!

Circle K International members lead Christmas carols at Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital.

If you can’t make it to the Open Meeting, give us a call or just come to one of our regular meetings on Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m. in the University Center, Room 131. Our service projects will be announced in The Exponent.

Kappa Delta Sorority is pleased to be back after a restful Christmas break.

In sending out the old year, we would like to congratulate our KD Super Girls for their dedication and hard work. To all of you! We also appreciate a job well done by pledge educator Leigh Leopard.

We congratulate Lori Royer who is now lavaliered to Paul O’Conner of Alpha Tau Omega, and Carol Ann Thomlison is lavaliered to Edwin Crowder of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Congratulations to Delta Zeta Wendy Campbell and her husband Alan who are expecting a baby at the end of the summer.

Seds

The students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS) is having a meeting at 8:15 p.m. in the University Center, Room 131.

Topics to be discussed will be the status of current SEDS projects and the nomination of SEDS officers for this year. Everyone is invited to attend.

CKI

Jason Steiner, the lieutenant governor of the Bronco-Metro Division of the New York District of Circle K International, will be visiting Huntsville January 11-16.

Alabama District Lt. Governor Rich Thigpen will be hosting Steiner’s visit to Huntsville, which will include tours of the Alabama Space and Rocket Center and Marshall Space Flight Center. Both lieutenant governors, as well as members of the University of Alabama in Huntsville CKI Club, will be traveling to CKI’s regional Y’ALL Conference in Helen, GA, Jan. 13-15.

Circle K International is the world’s largest service and leadership organization for college students and is sponsored by Kiwanis International. Local CKI Clubs exist at UAH, Alabama A&M University, Calhoun State Community College, and Athens State College.

Pi Kappa Alpha

The men of Pi Kappa Alpha, in a continuing effort to spread Christmas cheer, held our fifth annual Christmas party for the Headstart program. Gifts and refreshments were distributed to the 17 tykes. We would like to thank the Delta Zetas for their cooperation with this joint project, especially Suzanne Smith and Carol Ann Vaughan for the extra time they spent with us. Also an extra ordinary thanks to Mike “Flex” Jones for being a wonderful Santa.

In more recent news, new officers were elected during the Christmas break. Our new president is David S. Marion; Edwin A. Crowe, vice president; and Craig X. Thompson, treasurer. Congratulations, men! We know you will uphold our standards admirably.

Delta Zeta

During Christmas break, Delta Zeta joined the UAH traditional Christmas party for underprivileged children, complete with presents, refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus. Delta Zetas also fixed Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army, sponsored individual children for Christmas, and participated in Operation Red Ribbon.

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In sending out the old year, we would like to congratulate our KD Super Girls for the month of November, Leigh Ann Roden (social chairman) and Katrina Evett (Panhellemic). Their dedication and hard work has really paid off, and Epsilon Lambda would like to show its appreciation to these girls. December brought the chapter Christmas party as well as the Annual Alumnae Wassail.

After bidding farewell to a successful ’88, Kappa Delta is already planning for the new year. The chapter officers for 1989 are Christy Honeycutt, president; Angie Step, vice president; Janet Steely, treasurer; Andrea Paseur, assistant treasurer; Lori Lambert, secretary; Katrina Evett, editor; and Trisha Loring, membership.

We are sure that the new officers will provide us with the best of their abilities throughout their time in office. Thanks to the old officers for their dedication during the past year and for their continuing support under the new council.

Looking ahead, Kappa Delta is anxiously awaiting the initiation of our fall pledge class as well as the mixers and social events marked on our calendar. We wish everyone the best for a great new year!

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Unusual fashions come to University Center

Show to display new 'streetable' sheets

When the words "sheets" and "fashion" pass under the same sentence, another word, "toga," often springs to mind. Not this time. In a special fashion show put on by the UAH Women's Club and Westpoint Pepperell, "streetable" fashions made from sheets will be featured at the University Center Jan. 20 at 11:30 a.m.

Diverse fashions designed from sheets made by Westpoint Pepperell for both men and women will be modeled by students, faculty, and staff of UAH, according to Renee Mooney, director of Alumni Affairs and co-chair of the fashion show.

Also during the fashion show and luncheon, door prizes supplied by each of the many sponsors will be given away: Albert's Flowers, Brooks and Collier, Bruno's, Castner Knott, Country Manor, Geronoano, Gibson's Barbecue, Mandarin Chinese Restaurant, McRae's, The Mill Bakery and Eatery, Parisian, Westpoint Pepperell, Winn Dixie, and Yeildings.

Tickets for the fashion show, luncheon, and chances for the door prizes are $6.50 each. Door prize chances alone are $1. Proceeds from the event will go to the UAH Women's Club Scholarship Fund.

For tickets or more information about this one-of-a-kind fashion show, contact Ulla Doan at 881-5653 or Renee Mooney at 895-6084.

Gibson, Russell, Pfeiffer star in new film

'Tequila Sunrise' struggles to overcome weak premise

by Lawrence F. Specker
features reporter

"Tequila Sunrise" has a lot going for it. It has a great title, one that is mysterious and intriguing enough to attract the attention of many moviegoers all by itself. The movie also has no less than three good actors whose names are known and recognized by many people. And its commercial show glimpses of awesome camera work and suspenseful confrontations.

Does "Tequila Sunrise" live up to its name? Is it really worth five bucks?

In the acting department the answer is a resounding "yes." Mel Gibson, Kurt Russell, and Michelle Pfeiffer all turn in respectable performances, even though they all have trouble coping with a hard-to-swallow premise and unconvincing dialogue.

Gibson does the best job in the role of a veteran drug smuggler trying to retire without getting busted or killed. Pfeiffer places second in the easier role of a beautiful restaurant owner who becomes caught up in a romantic tug-of-war between Gibson and Russell. Russell comes in third as a cop trying to bust Gibson but this should not be held against him. The incongruous situations and lines he has to deal with make his role the hardest of the three by far.

As the story goes, Gibson wants to retire quietly and live a long, healthy life with Pfeiffer and his son. This is difficult, if not impossible, to do: all his customers and connections want him to keep working, and one of his main Mexican suppliers is applying heavy pressure on him to move one huge last shipment.

Russell is a narcotics officer who was best friends with them when they were younger. In the past, he has avoided busting his friend, but the time has come. Not trusting Gibson to quit smuggling, he assures him that if he makes one wrong move it will all be over. Pfeiffer is torn between two strong men who may really love her or who may just be using her.

This premise is just too fantastic. It is hard to imagine a good cop tolerating a notorious drug dealer for 15 years just because they were high school buddies. It is also hard to accept the easy manner in which the smuggler's past is glossed over. It is as if 15 years as a professional cocaine smuggler, with all the crime and corruption and death that such a past implies, means nothing to anyone. Not the cop, not the reformed (?) smuggler, and not the girl.

A really, really good movie is one that creates its own world around the audience for a while. "Tequila Sunrise" fails to do this, because the ugly reality is just to glaring to overcome.

In spite of its faults, "Tequila Sunrise" is a good movie and is (barely) worth the five bucks required to see it. It just isn't worth the four bucks more I had to pay for a medium popcorn and soft drink, unfortunately.
"Own a piece of the rock," urges ASCE

Fund raising efforts get underway for club

In last week's *Exponent*, the photo that should have accompanied the concrete canoe article was inadvertently left out.

The American Society of Civil Engineers at UAH are preparing for fund raising in 1989 with coffee sales and an "Own a Piece of the Rock" campaign. ASCE will be competing in concrete canoe competitions, set for April 6-8 at the University of Miami - Florida.

Shown in the photograph are (left to right) Bruce Peters, Paul Blum, Donya Harbin, and John Vital. They are standing next to the banner bearing the names of the donors to the "Own a Piece of the Rock" fund raiser.

*photo by Rudy Tjhin*

Break monotony of winter blahs with Jamaican spring vacation

by Penelope Holmes
features reporter

The UAH Alumni Association and JETT Travel will be sponsoring a spring break trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, for UAH students April 4-7, 1989.

Tickets will cost $425 (subject to change by the airlines), which will include roundtrip airfare from Huntsville to Montego Bay, three nights at the Seawind Beach Resort, near the beach, airport transfers, U.S. departure taxes, and hotel service charges. The hotel has a pool bar, horseback riding, a nine-garden setting, and three restaurants.

If 26 or more people go on the trip, their names will be "put in a hat." One name will be drawn, and that person's money will be refunded, so their airfare and hotel will be free. In addition, two percent of the money paid by everyone traveling will go to scholarships for incoming UAH students.

Questions should be directed to the UAH Alumni Association at 895-6085 or to JETT Travel at 539-4445.

Activities calendar set up in UC Lobby

An activities calendar has been set up in the University Center Lobby. This calendar will be kept by the Student Activities Office and will include the activities taking place on the UAH campus which would be of interest to students. Any club of department having information on programs they would like to appear on the calendar should contact the director of Student Activities, Lori Robinson. The calendar can list up to seven activities per day and includes all 12 months.

If you are wondering what is happening on campus, stop by and see.
Japanese is not impossible, says Narita

by Lynn Wallace
news reporter

Many people believe the Japanese language is impossible to learn. However, Professor Hajime Narita, professor of Japanese, disagrees. The method of learning is easy for students to follow. Japanese has three major writing systems: the well known Chinese characters, and two phonetic systems. Of the two phonetic systems, one is similar to the alphabets. In the past, the Japanese course was taught with Chinese characters. This method made Japanese a difficult course because the first three or four weeks of the class were required for learning the Chinese characters. Presently, Narita is using the phonetic system similar to the alphabet, thus eliminating the wasted weeks. Narita teaches what he calls "survival Japanese" — Elementary Japanese. Students learn to communicate for daily life in Japan. The students are taught daily expressions, common phrases and words. He also uses current videotapes as learning devices.

Narita stated that his objective for Elementary Japanese is "not a profound understanding of the language but to get concrete feelings of the Japanese language through basic structures applied to various ways of learning."

A Japanese Language Club is currently active. It is attended by both Japanese language students and Japanese residents from the surrounding community. The club was formed to enable the Japanese and the students to create an understanding of cultures between each other.

Narita has created a video library about modern Japan. The video library contains many videos on the social aspects of Japan. "Faces of Japan," a CNN series, is included with this collection. These tapes may be checked out at the University Library, the Foreign Language Lab, and the Japanese Language Club. They will be available after Jan. 20, 1989.

For further information, contact Narita at 895-6300.

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One position in Ad Sales is now open at The Exponent. Job responsibilities include selling ads to local and/or national companies, ensuring that ad copy is ready for Ad Designer on Fridays at 2 p.m., and preparing tear sheet for Business Manager.

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Sleep disorders to be topic of Prescription for Health lecture

Having trouble sleeping? You aren't alone. According to Dr. Harold Moessner, it's estimated that roughly one in every three adults will have trouble sleeping within any given year. Moessner is an associate professor of family medicine at the UAH School of Primary Medical Care.

On Tuesday, Jan. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the CSC Lecture Hall, he will give a free public seminar entitled "Insomnia and Other Sleep Disorders."

"We'll talk a little about specific sleep disorders, including sleep apnea and snoring, narcolepsy, sleep-walking, and problems resulting from traveling across time zones or working late shifts," said Moessner.

Moessner's seminar, "Insomnia and Other Sleep Disorders," is part of the Prescription for Health free public lecture series presented monthly by the faculty of the UAH School of Primary Medical Care.

The seminars are held in the UAH Clinical Science Center Lecture Hall, at Governors Drive and Gallatin Street across from Huntsville Hospital. Please phone the UAH School of Primary Medical Care Communications Office at 551-4424 for more information.

Conway Twitty, Merle Haggard, and Skip Ewing to give concert

On Friday, Jan. 20, country music legends Conway Twitty and Merle Haggard will be appearing with popular newcomer Skip Ewing in the Von Braun Civic Center Arena. Tickets are still available and are $16.50 for all seats.

Twitty has had 53 number-one singles, 17 of which he wrote. His direct and intimate style has been popular since the beginning of his career in the '50s and continuing through his latest album, "Still in Your Dreams."

Haggard's career has been remarkably varied, from "Okie from Muskogee" to gospel, and he has been named "Entertainer of the Year" by the Country Music Association.

Skip Ewing knew from childhood that he wanted to sing country music, and he went after his goal methodically. Now he not only sings but has acted as producer for his album, "The Coast of Colorado."

Ewing will be opening at 8 p.m. for Twitty and Haggard. Tickets are available at the VBCC box office or at the new FASTIX location at Parisian in Huntsville.

UAH research center receives energy award

The UAH Johnson Research Center recently received the U.S. Department of Energy's National Award for Energy Innovation. The center earned the award for Project Inflate, a research project to collect data related to transportation fuel conservation. Johnson Research

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Center's Dewayne Freeman was the principal investigator. It was co-sponsored by the Science, Technology and Energy Divisions of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

The project's goal was to educate the public on the overlooked energy conservation measure of properly inflated tires.

The Johnson Research Center project was the only one chosen statewide for the award. The Department of Energy announced 74 winners nationwide for unique conservation and renewable energy projects across the country.

Literary magazine now available at Information Booth

The UAH literary magazine "Shadows" (formerly "axis") is now available at the University Center Information Booth. All UAH students, faculty, and staff are welcome to pick up their free copy. Copies are going fast, so be sure to pick one up as soon as possible.

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Rolling Stone announces journalism competition

Rolling Stone and Smith Corona are proud to announce the 14th Annual College Journalism competition, recognizing excellence among today's college writers.

The category winners will receive $1,000 each from Rolling Stone and electronic typewriter products from Smith Corona. At the judges' discretion, a grand prize of $1,500 plus a Smith Corona product may be awarded.

Rolling Stone editors will judge the entries. Categories are: Entertainment Reporting (profiles and news features on music, film and personalities); Essays and Criticism (analytical, evaluative, or interpretive compositions on any subject); and General Reporting (any subject).

All entries must have been published in a university or college newspaper or magazine between April 1, 1988, and April 1, 1989. Each entrant must have been a full- or part-time student in an accredited university or college during the school year in which his or her entry was published.

Entries must be received by June 17, 1989. They cannot be returned. The winners will be announced by fall 1989 and will be notified by telephone or mail. The names of the winners will be published in a future issue of Rolling Stone.

There is a limit of one entry per student in each category. All entries form, which appears below. This form may be duplicated.

To facilitate judging, please mount tear sheets of your articles from the magazine or newspaper in which they appeared, on cardboard or poster board. Entries should not exceed 9" x 14". Larger tear sheets may be folded or reduced.

On the front of the envelope containing your submission, mark the category or categories that you've entered. Note on the entry form the address where you will be living when the contest results are announced.

Mail entries to:
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Lady Chargers take second in tourney

by Jennifer Grace  
sports reporter

On Jan. 6 and 7, the Lady Chargers hosted the Minit Man Invitational basketball tournament. The three teams invited were Shorter College, Mobile College, and the Mississippi College. Both teams played evenly in the first half. UAH shot 46 percent from the field and Mobile shot 44 percent. In the second half, Mobile improved their shooting percentage to 52 percent and, for the game, had a total of 26 defensive rebounds to UAH’s 12.

The championship game on Saturday night was UAH vs. Mobile College. Both teams played tournament and the second contest was between UAH and MUW.

The Lady Blues of MUW came out strong in the first half with a field goal percentage of 58, having made four out of five three-point field goals. MUW led at the half 42-37.

The Chargers came out fired up in the second half and took advantage of three steals by Vickie Tomlin, Barbara Baine, and Tammy Petty to take a one-point lead. The two teams continued to trade baskets until the last four minutes of the game when the Lady Charger defense really went into action.

After successive steals by Charger Valerie Martin and Tammy Petty, UAH was up by four. With less than two minutes left in the game, Baine drew a foul and made one free throw to make the score 67-62. Near the one-minute mark, Martin was fouled and connected on both of her free throws; the lead was now seven points in UAH’s favor. MUW brought the ball down and scored from the three-point line.

UAH then inbounded the ball, and it was stolen dished out to Donna Graham of MUW again at the Three-Point line, and she scored. Suddenly the lead was cut to one point with 40 seconds remaining in the game.

Baine brought the ball down for UAH, was fouled, and was two for two at the line. The Chargers hung on until the end to win by three points 73-70.

Assistant Basketball Coach Hiawatha Brown Commented that the Lady Chargers “tried hard, played up to their potential, and our defense really paid off.”

End of registration is near for intramural basketball

To all students interested in playing intramural basketball, the last day of registration is Wednesday, Jan. 11. Registration forms are available at the Spragins Hall front desk.

All UAH faculty, staff, students, and alumni are eligible to play unless they have recently lettered in basketball. There will be a captains’ meeting Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at Spragins Hall. The games will begin on Sunday, Jan. 15.
UAH’s Jones selected for Southeastern tourney team

The Southeastern Athletic Association held their first annual men’s basketball tournament Dec. 29-30, 1988, at Columbus College in Columbus, GA.

Lincoln-Memorial University won the tournament by defeating Columbus College 105-90 in the championship round.

Immediately following the tournament, an SAA All-Tournament team was selected. The team was comprised of Thomas Jones (UAH), Darrell Cox (LMU), Lawrence Buell (LMU), Nick Sanford (LMU), and Rico Durham (Columbus). Sanford was also selected to receive the tournament’s Most Valuable Player Award.

Table tennis tournament January 21

The third annual Table Tennis Tournament will be held Jan. 21. The entry deadline is Jan. 16.

This year, the winners will receive a free trip to Florida State University in Tallahassee, Fla., on Feb. 3-5 to compete in the Association of College Unions-International Intercollegiate games tournament.

The tournament will be double elimination and divided into A and B divisions. For more information, please contact Brenda Hopkins, University Center, Room 100, at 895-6445.

Chargers improve record

by Heather Stewart sports reporter

The Charger hockey team chalked up two more wins as they defeated the University of Connecticut Huskies 8-2 and 6-2 on Friday, Dec. 9, and Saturday Dec. 10, at the Von Braun Civic Center.

Five minutes into the first period, Sean Kelly opened the scoring for the Chargers on an assist from Richard Sloan. Two more goals went into the Huskies net as Jim Geonan and Mike O’Connor added to the scoreboard to close the first period.

Early into the second period, Mike Bulka scored his first of two, followed a minute later by teammate Todd Awender’s goal, as the Chargers went ahead 5-0. With only fifteen seconds left in the second period, it was Richard Sloan unassisted to score the Charger’s sixth goal.

It was Sloan again in the middle of the third as assists were earned by O’Connor and Bryan Moller. It was another Charger and another goal as Bulka’s second of the night went in at the 6:32 mark. O’Connor was in on the assist.

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Chargers down powerhouse Merrimack

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goal went in. The final score: Chargers 6, Huskies 2.

Saturday night would prove to be no easier for the visitors from Storrs, Conn., as it was one and again dominated by Charger offense.

It was Bryan Moller who would score early in the first period to put UAH on the board, with assists coming from Dino Ferrante and Kelly, Connecticut tied it at the 11:48 mark on a goal from Jeff Ray. Charger Mike O’Connor, who was celebrating a birthday, made it 2-1 with an assist from Richard Sloan.

On a power play, Kelly scored the Charger’s second goal, assisted by Bulka and O’Connor at the 5:20 mark.

In the second period UAH’s Don Erbach opened up the scoring with his first goal of the season, assisted by Sloan. Sloan put his own away at the 7:34 mark on an assist by O’Connor.

Less than three minutes later, the Chargers scored again. This time it was Jukka Vanhatalo with Bulka assisting at the 5:20 mark.

With less than two minutes left in the game, the Huskies again put in the last goal of the game to make the final Chargers 6, Huskies 2.

UAH goalie, Chris Parsons had an incredible weekend with 59 saves in the two-game tally. The Chargers increased their record to 9-4-1 after the two game weekend.

Following the series with the Huskies, the Chargers faced the tough Merrimack Warriors over the New Year’s Eve weekend.

The Chargers pulled out the stops for a 3-2 upset over the Merrimack Warriors Dec. 30, but it was an unhappy New Year’s Eve for the Chargers and fans the following night as they were handed defeat in the form of a 6-2 loss.

Merrimack, the top-ranked NCAA Division I Independent team was stunned to have a loss handed to them by the Number 5 ranked Chargers.

Early in the second period, it was Charger captain Dino Ferrante who, assisted by Shane Prestegard and Todd Awender, put the Chargers up 2-1. It was Ferrante again at the 4:20 mark, as his second was assisted by Richard Sloan and Mike Quenneville.

The Warriors scored once more in the third, but at the buzzer it was Chargers 3, Warriors 2.

It was a different story Saturday night entirely. The Warrior offense started and ended triumphantly in their 6-2 win.

UAH Coach Doug Ross was surprisingly unperturbed at the end of the Warriors’ onslaught. “Merrimack has an excellent team. We made a step in the right direction... We outshot them. We could have won tonight with a couple of breaks,” said Ross.

Ross may have wanted better things from his team, but he had nothing but praise for sophomore defenseman Denis Skapski.

“He was a real impact player for us blocking shots, and [he was] the best defenseman on the ice,” said Ross.

The Warriors opened the scoring with a goal by Richard Pion with 55 seconds left in the first period. In the second period, Andy Heitze of Merrimack scored at the 11:50 mark.

Mike O’Connor put both of UAH’s goals in the net. His first came with 2:30 remaining in the second period, with assists coming from Shane Prestegard and Denis Skapski.

In the third period it was Bryan Hayward and Jim Alcott of the Warriors that would increase their lead to 4-1. Ross made a goalie change as Chris Parsons came in for Doug Brown.

O’Connor scored his second and UAH’s last goal with 7:56 remaining in the game. He was again assisted by Prestegard and Skapski.

The Warriors closed their scoring drive with two more goals — Agostino Casale at the 5:33 mark and Alcott with 4:05 remaining.

The Chargers will travel to Maine to take on the Black Bears of the University of Maine-Orono Jan. 20-21.

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