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The Exponent

Wednesday, January 11, 1989

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

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 B. Franklin, 88 apartments, now known as Off-Campus Housing, were purchased in June 1972, and 123 units were constructed on campus in October 1978. 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 enduring 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 new residence hall would cost \$800,925 for its first year of operation with anticipated revenues of \$315,000. This would leave a first year deficit of \$515,925. There is some disagreement about what action was taken by the

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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.

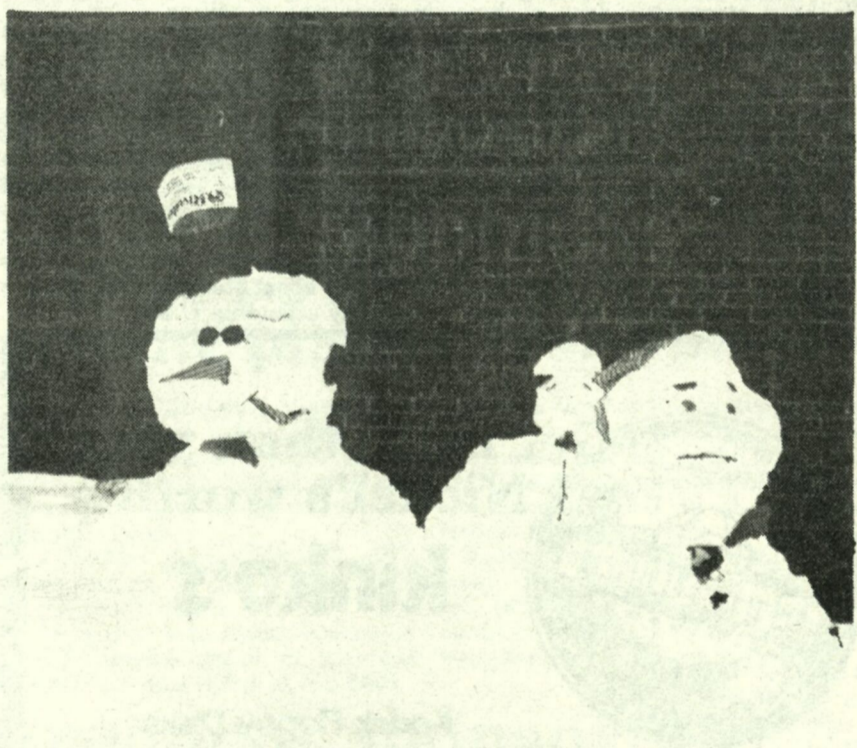
"The Finance and Administration division — with its oversight of the university's budget, personnel recruitment, purchasing process, and physical plant — is vital to the operation of this institution," Padulo continued. "It is essential that we bring on board someone with the necessary leadership skills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



Shades of 1988

Snowmen in Huntsville? Well, yes and no. Huntsville was expected to receive a bit of snow earlier in the week, but it never materialized. So for those who needed a dose of winter wonderland, we thought we'd show you a glimpse of this time last year when Huntsville was covered with a blanket of snow.

Above is an example of the creativity of some UAH housing students. When classes were cancelled and cabin fever began to set in, students got out of their apartments and created their versions of Frosty the Snowman.

photo by Kim Glasgow

Harwell named vice president for research



Kenneth Harwell

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 (of 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."

Off-campus housing needs repairs before dorms are built

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Board of Trustees on this proposal.

An article in *The Huntsville Times* published in early December seemed to indicate that the proposal was approved. Other sources have informed *The Exponent* that while the Finance Committee approved the proposal, the Board of Trustees

changed the resolution so that UAH was only granted permission to do a feasibility study.

A number of people on campus have criticized the building of a traditional dormitory and its proposed placement, due west of the University Center. Questions have been raised about financing, necessity, location, and the current condition of existing campus housing.

Suzanne Louise Stone, who has lived in campus housing for 6 1/2 years and was a resident assistant for 13 quarters, has stated it is "not fair to increase student fees to provide housing which may or may not be used" when there is a serious problem in off-campus housing.

According to Stone, there are wiring problems, flooding and sewage problems, and no insulation in off-campus housing. Also, she said, the stoves and refrigerators need replacing and normal maintenance has not been done. In addition, Stone said, the apartments have not been painted, the carpets cannot be cleaned, and there were two fires in off-campus housing last year.

Stone also stated that the neighborhood is bad, and families do not want to live in off-campus housing. "We have stereotypic drug pushers, transients, half-way house for criminals, and no security in the laundromats at night," she said.

Stone said, "It's better than it was, but it is still bad. No family who can afford anything else will stay in such conditions." In addition to all the other concerns, Stone said the apartments need new roofs and heating and cooling systems. She said that one or two million dollars would be needed to improve the off-campus apartments.

It has been reliably reported that a recent study on the condition of off-campus housing states that it would cost \$789,000 to do the repairs required. Responsibility for maintenance and improvements of housing has recently been moved from the vice president for Student Affairs to the vice president for Finance. Since the latter position is now vacant, nothing can be done about major repairs immediately.

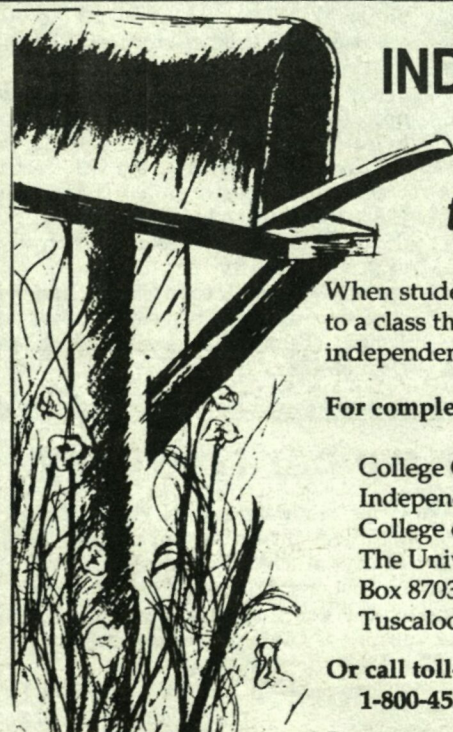
Dr. B. Jeanne Fisher, vice president for Student Affairs, has instructed Millie Anglin to request that Dave Brown, director of the Physical Plant, do the most pressing repairs. She emphasized that the first work to be done will not be cosmetic.

Students attending UAH who are taking nine hours currently pay \$96.30 in building fees. One source has said that building a traditional dorm would increase student tuition.

It is not known how much it would cost students if the off-campus housing were brought up to a standard where they would provide for "the services, conveniences, and amenities the resident students need in their daily life on campus." However, several students have stated that the university is more concerned about yet-to-be-recruited traditional students than it is about students and families currently attending UAH.

The Exponent is now taking applications for the position of Proofreader. Job responsibilities include checking all copy for errors, typesetting all corrections, and pasting up all corrections. Usually works Mondays and Tuesday only; occasionally on Sundays. \$60.00 per month.

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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 Gamma 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 honorariums of Alpha Epsilon Delta (medical), Alpha Kappa Delta (sociology), Alpha Lambda Delta (freshman), Alpha Psi Omega (theatre), Beta Beta Beta (biology), Eta Kappa Nu (electrical engineering), Omicron Delta Epsilon (economics), Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership), Administrative Science Honorary, Phi Alpha Theta (history), Phi Sigma Iota (foreign languages), Phi Kappa Delta (forensic), Phi Sigma Alpha (political science), Pi Tau Sigma (mechanical engineering), Psi 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 Cercles Francais (French Club), Slavo-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 Association for Computing Machinery are UAH's two math clubs.

UAH is well known for all of its musical organizations, such as Collegium Musicum, Huntsville Village Singers, Music Educators National Conference Student Chapter, Pep Band, UAH Choir, UAH Jazz Ensemble, UAH Wind Ensemble, and

the Ballroom Dance Club.

For science lovers, four clubs — Biology Club, Chemistry Club, Students for Exploration and Development of Space, and the Society of Physics Students — are available.

A number of clubs are available for those interested in medicine: Association of Nursing Students, Medical Careers Club, and Medical Student Association.

Many students enjoy politics; therefore, four clubs were created for them. These are the Public Relations Council of Alabama Student Council, World Issues Society, College Republicans, and the Resident's Advisory Council. For all of us who major or are interested in the humanities, there are six clubs: History Forum, Panhellenic Association, Model United Nations, Political Science Club, Sociology Club, and 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

A five-member team representing UAH finished sixth in the nation at the 1988 Pan-Am College Chess Competition held in New Brunswick, N.J. Dec. 26-30.

UAH finished behind Harvard, Yale, the Dominican Republic, Rhode Island, College, and Cal-Berkeley 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 Pendergrass, who scored three wins, one loss, and two draws; and Rodney Vaughan, who scored three wins and one loss.

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 or call the Student Activities Office at 895-6445.

College Bowl is the varsity sport of the mind. The local College Bowl Tournament is held in the fall and is used to select the members of the team to represent UAH in the regional competition.

Many participants from this year's local tournament have expressed interest in starting a club so they may continue to play this trivia-type competition throughout the year.

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.

Almost anyone who is in good health can donate blood. The main restrictions are that the donor must be at least 17 years old and must 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 she 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 two 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.

If anyone has any problems with last week's — or any — editorial, I suggest you set up an appointment with me to discuss it. I do not believe in using this newspaper as a tool for revenge or for personal gain. I consider the paper to be a forum for and about UAH. The day I begin to feel that I am being spiteful or that I am trying to use the paper for personal gain is the day I hang it up. I simply stated facts in last week's editorial, and with one exception — a missing letter "s" — the facts were accurate and understandable.

Also, despite the typos, many people *did* get my point about getting the facts straight. I received a great deal of feedback about last week's editorial — over 80 percent of it positive. Just the fact that there was more than one response is encouraging; and compared to the usual, the response was tremendous.

As for the Town Crier, one way to describe it would be to ask someone to imagine any rumor ever heard about Padulo, then publish it anonymously. Are any of the rumors true? I don't know. Someone I know wanted to verify the rumors as false, but it was suggested that this not be done because (more or less) it was not necessary to dignify the Town Crier by checking into the allegations. However, I disagree — there have been grumblings since the middle of last term, and the grumblings haven't showed signs of slowing down.

We've added a new word to our vocabulary at *The Exponent*. It's called *piadh*. Don't adjust your eyesight; it's not a typo. It has many meanings, but basically it's used to help get some of us through the day.

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

by Gregory Casteel
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*. We firmly support the right of free speech as guaranteed by the First Amendment, and we believe that anyone has the right to express his or her opinions and beliefs using any medium available to

them. The thing that upsets those of us at *The Exponent* is the fact that many of these fliers were placed inside copies of the Jan. 4 issue of *The Exponent*, located in various newspaper racks around campus. This action was *not* authorized by *The Exponent* editor, nor any of the staff.

I am almost certain that whoever placed these fliers in those copies of *The Exponent* had no malicious intentions. He or she probably simply thought that this would be an efficient way to distribute the fliers, and never considered the consequences. I'm sure that whoever did this thought that it would be harmless. But I'm afraid that it wasn't harmless. When something is inserted into *The Exponent* in this manner, it seems to imply that *The Exponent* is, in some way, responsible for the contents of those inserts. Thus, inserting these fliers into the paper is a form of slander against the reputation of *The Exponent*.

We at *The Exponent* try to run this paper in a professional and unbiased manner. As production manager, I am personally offended that someone

would do something to mar the reputation of this newspaper. While it is true that we have editorial columns that express a variety of opinions, and we print letters to the editor, we do not print unfounded rumors or slanderous/offensive material. Our editorials express the opinions of the *individual* writers, not necessarily those of the editorial board and staff of *The Exponent*. We don't print anonymous allegations, and we don't approve of anyone placing anonymous allegations in our paper.

If you must print these anonymous charges, go ahead — but don't drag *The Exponent* into the picture without our authorization. We had to spend much of the afternoon and evening Thursday trying to undo the damage that this has done to the paper. Our editor had to telephone President Padulo's office and explain that we had nothing to do with this incident. Our credibility was severely damaged, and we have been forced to go to great lengths to defend ourselves. We hope that something like this will never happen again. But just in case anyone decides to pull another stunt like this let me warn you, the campus police have been informed about the situation, and we have told them to stop and detain anyone seen tampering with the newspaper racks around campus. If anyone is caught placing unauthorized material inside copies of the paper, *The Exponent* will consider taking legal action against that person or persons. (Our business manager has informed me that, since we charge advertising customers for inserts, whoever placed these fliers in copies of *The Exponent* owes us about \$70.) To put things simply, we're not pleased with this situation, and we won't tolerate it happening again.

Rest assured the *The Exponent* had nothing to do with this "Huntsville Town Crier" slander sheet. I have personally spoken with many of our staff members and I am certain that none of them were involved in the printing or distribution of this document. Neither the editor nor I gave anyone permission to place these fliers inside copies of *The Exponent*. We have no more of a clue about who is responsible for the fliers than anyone else, and we are just as upset about them as anyone else (with the possible exception of Dr. Padulo).

We at *The Exponent* are not apologizing for the contents of this flier, since we are in no way responsible for the document. However, we would like to tell the person or persons who are responsible for the "Huntsville Crier" that if you must print these tasteless, unfounded allegations, please don't involve *The Exponent* in any way.



"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 had 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 groups 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. Disagreement on issues is no longer a matter of differing opinions, but of heresy. Instead of promoting such Christian virtues as love and tolerance, these tactics divide us and breed hatred.

More and more in this country there is a segment 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 — something 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. The venom is frightening. To disagree with them is 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 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 values.

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!

"...having Ronald Reagan...proves to be a huge advantage to Bush."

by Terry Foote
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 of profound importance, 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 sizeable victory over Michael Dukakis. From Reagan, Bush learned the importance of projecting an image of strength and "niceness" to the press. He also learned from Reagan the success of using emotional images and superficial language when dealing with the

American public. Finally, Bush had the advantage of being the vice president during one of the most successful administrations in the twentieth century.

Bush rapidly overcame his deficit in the polls when he began looking and sounding more like his boss. Just as Reagan called the Soviet Union an "evil empire" and also blamed all of America's problems on "those spend-thrift liberals," Bush followed suit by projecting equally wild emotional images of his opponent as being an unpatriotic ACLU member who is in league with atheists and criminals. Bush overcame the "wimp factor" by turning the election into a dogfight. Dukakis' recantations to Bush's allegations were based 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 same 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 likes 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 during the Carter administration and credit Reagan with the resurgence of the American economy. Reagan's seemingly good economic record was used to Bush's advantage during the campaign. All that the vice president did was regurgitate the supply side success rhetoric that Reagan has been delivering to the people for eight years. Nothing was ever spelled out specifically except for the ludicrous promise of "no new taxes."

In conclusion, I feel that without Ronald Reagan as a role model and predecessor, George Bush could never have become the President of the United States. I believe that a quote from Machiavelli's "The Prince" might surmise the future Bush administration: "Those who rise...to rulership merely by fortune have few difficulties in their ascent but many in retaining their position."

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"Padulo has an obligation"

To the Editor:

I would like to express my disapproval 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 University, 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 official school-wide poll. After all, these are the people it will affect the most, not the administration.

Something of this importance needs very careful consideration and more thought. My chief reason for opposition to the semester system is the hurry in which it is being implemented. I just heard of the proposal a few months ago; the next thing I know is that Louis Padulo announced to the Rotary Club that we will be changing. The "target date" now seems to be the fall of '90 — we are already in 1989! Perhaps this goal is too near. The students would be the ones to suffer!

Stephen Joiner
Engineering Student

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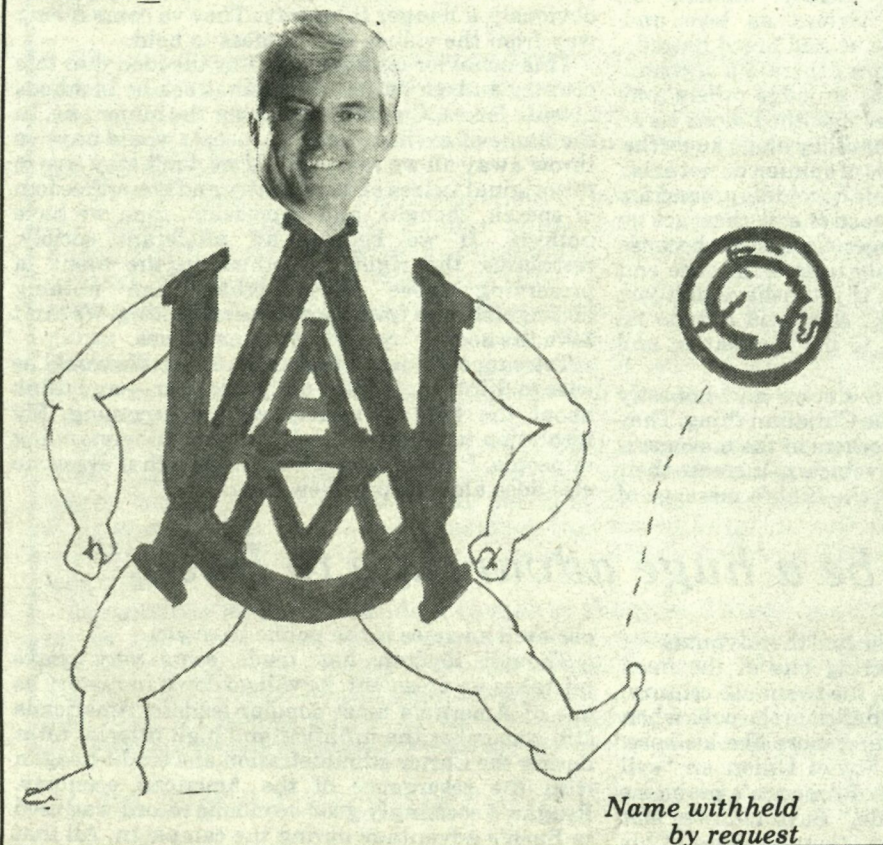
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Editor's note: The following editorial cartoon was received last week. After much debate, much of it internal, it was decided that this was indeed an editorial statement or, in effect, a letter to the editor. This submission has been verified as authentic;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

To the editor:



"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 to eliminate "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.

Jason Woodward

"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-Berkely
- (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 trip possible, especially Dr. Fisher 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 unbelievably 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 attractive qualities for anyone who claims to have membership in a civilized community of higher learning.

Dennis, It's great to see well-written columns in the pages of *The Exponent* again (notwithstanding Ms. 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, dispicably 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

rantings and ravings before she cleans house.

But, hey, Dennis, "It's only *The Exponent*," right?

P.s. Your Christmas gift is still in the mail, I'd tell you what it is, but they gave me only a brief space.

David Rogers
UAH Alumnus

"...no one should be the victim of anonymous attack."

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 me as a news reporter is free to call me or to write a Letter to the Editor. I believe that for the President of a 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, hearsay, 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.

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.

Whoever wrote and distributed the *Town Crier* did a disservice not only to the UAH President but also to those of us who are students, faculty and staff here. Academic freedom is not license.

When I read the Dec. 23 Huntsville Times article, I was angry, but I knew 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 or authors. If any person on campus has knowledge of the activities alleged in that rag and has not reported it in a responsible manner then they are guilty of condoning criminal activities. If any person on campus has proof of any of these accusations, all they ever had or have to do is present it.

In all of my dealings with Louis Padulo, I have found him to be articulate, intelligent and gracious. I might not agree with everything he says or does but I strongly feel that this University needs to regain some sense of civility and fair play and let the man attempt to do the job the taxpayers of Alabama are paying him to do.

On behalf of the students at UAH who agree with me on these issues, I (1) condemn the president's actions of Dec. 23rd and (2) apologize to him for the actions of his unknown critics of January 5. Needless to say, neither I nor anyone else at *The Exponent* participated in the production or distribution of the "Town Crier."

Sincerely,
Marian D. Sampson

Letter Policy

The editorial board of *The Exponent* has established the following policies concerning letters to the editor for the 1988-89 year:

The Exponent welcomes concise letters to the editor from the UAH community. Preference will be given to letters dealing with current events and UAH-related concerns or issues. All submissions should be typed, double-spaced, and signed; very neatly handwritten letters will be accepted. Letters will not be corrected for spelling, grammar, or punctuation.

The deadline for letters to the editor is Friday, 5 p.m., before the following Wednesday's newspaper. All letters will be verified as authentic before they are printed, and authors must present some type of identification upon submitting a letter in person. All letters must contain an address and telephone number where the author

can be reached. In the event that the author cannot be reached by Monday at 5 p.m., the letter will not be published until the following week. Names of authors will be withheld upon request; anonymous letters will be rejected.

The Exponent attempts to publish all letters to the editor. To give others an opportunity to present their opinions, letters of non-recurring writers will be given priority over recurring writers. Mass-produced or mass-copied letters will be published at the discretion of the editorial board. Letters that border on obscene, libelous, or in poor taste will not be printed.

Although *The Exponent* will not alter the content or meaning of a letter, the editorial board reserves the right to edit lengthy letters. All letters must be 500 words or less. The editor has final approval of all letters to be published.

For signs of life,
check for pulse

pulse

Campus events and happenings

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, whose 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.

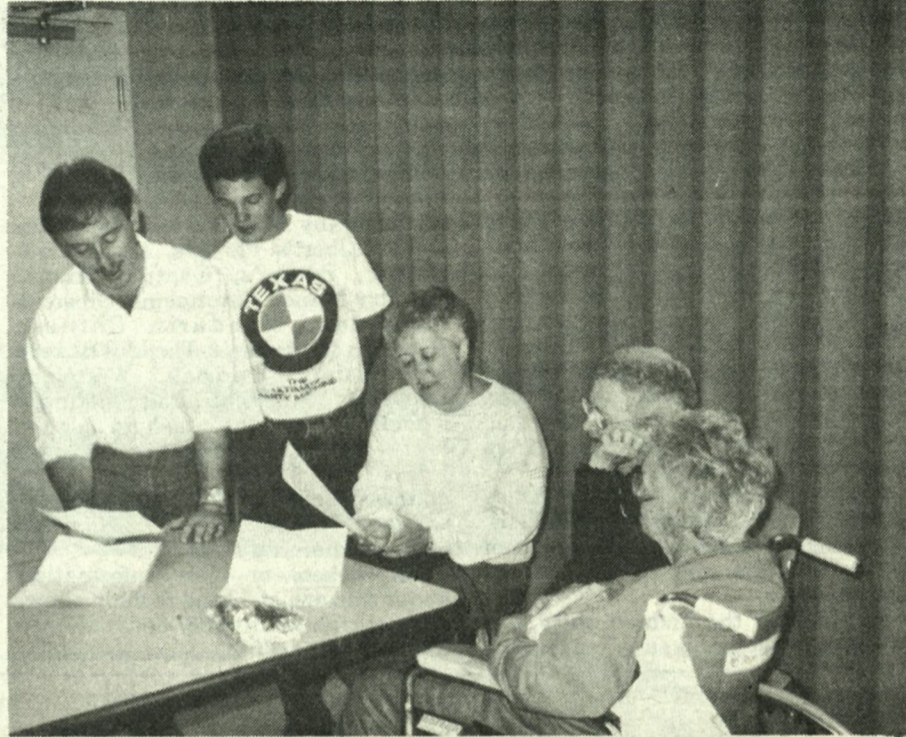
CKI also holds conventions throughout the United States and within its districts every year, giving

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, with socials and informal gatherings scheduled regularly.

In the month of December 1988 alone, the UAH Circle K club played bingo for residents and sang Christmas carols at the Lakeshore Rehabilitation Hospital, wrapped gifts to benefit Helpline, went Christmas carolling to benefit Meal on Wheels (raising more than \$100), packed boxes of presents for Christmas charities, and celebrated with a CKI Christmas party at the Noojin House and a pre-New Year's party at the house of Rich Thigpen, lieutenant governor of the Capital Division of CKI.

If you want to know more about CKI, just come to the open meeting. CKI is open to all undergraduate/graduate students regardless of major or GPA. There is no minimum GPA requirement except that a prospective member be in good standing with the University (not on probation). A student need only show interest and a commitment to service in order to join.

Refreshments will be available at the open meeting, and interested students will have a chance to talk with CKI members at UAH as well as members from other CKI clubs throughout the state. 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*

should you plan to attend one.

For more information, call CKI Vice President Beth Gonszewski at 895-6645 or 883-6123 or Treasurer Tinh Le at 534-0811.

Political Science Club

The first organizational meeting of the Political Science Club will be held today, Jan. 11, at 12:10 p.m. in Morton Hall, Room 240. There will be free pizza and soft drinks as we discuss our future activities.

Anyone who has a genuine intellectual curiosity in government, politics, and public policy is invited to attend. Also, students with career goals oriented to law or government service, or those who contemplate active participation in practical politics are encouraged to attend. For an active club, your support and input is needed.

CKI

Jason Steiner, the lieutenant governor of the Bronx-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 Vaughn 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. Crowde, vice president; and Craig X. Thompson, treasurer. Congratulations, men! We know you will uphold our standards admirably.

Delta Zeta

During Christmas break, Delta Zetas joined the Pikes for our 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. Our holiday Big Sister/Little Sister Lock-In was a great success.

Winter term is already very busy with the election of new officers and lamplighting for our pledges Thursday night when secret sisters will be revealed. Initiation will take place Friday night for the following pledges: Rhonda Allen, Tracy Belt, Laura Curtis, Christie Dale, Dawn Ezell, Janell Hayes, Lea McKinney, Stacy Parker, Lori Poyer, Jenny Whisenant, and Carol Wyskida. Congratulations 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 Vaughn who 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.

Kappa Delta

The members and pledges of Kappa Delta Sorority are glad to be back after a restful Christmas break.

In sending out the old year, we would like to congratulate our KD Supergirls for the month of November, Leigh Ann Roden (social chairman) and Katrina Evett (Panhellenic). 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 Passeur, 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 other events marked on our calendar. We wish everyone the best for a great new year!

Entertainment

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 modelled 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, Geronamo, 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.



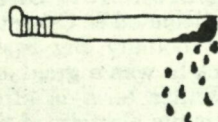
Shown are the models for the fashion show (l-r): Laura Atkins, Paul Brand, and Ulla Doane. Photo by Rudy Tjhin

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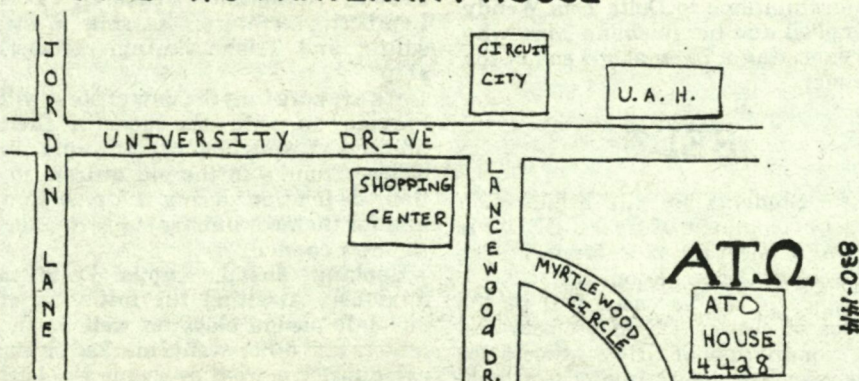
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Gibson, Russell, Pfeiffer star in new film

'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 promising 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 commercials 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 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 too 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

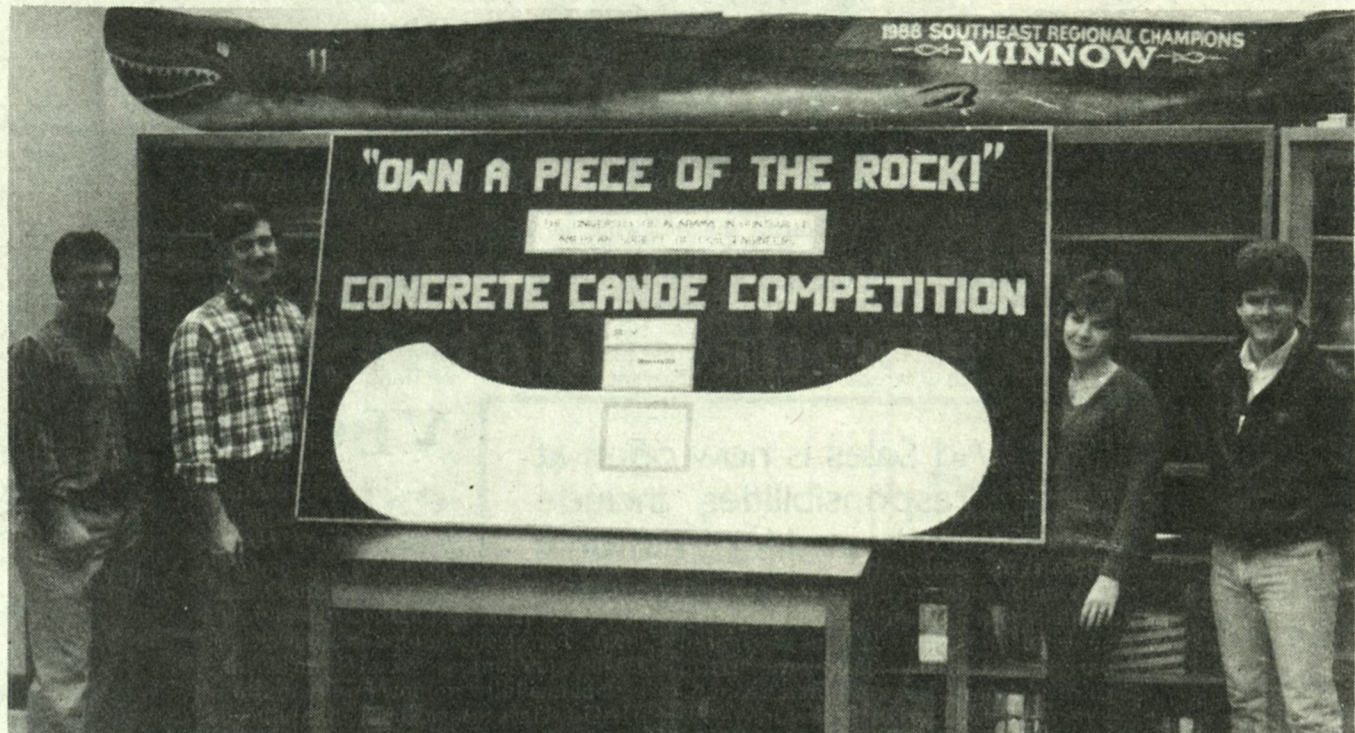
Fund raising efforts get underway for club

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" campaigns. 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 539-4448.

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.

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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 alphabets, 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.

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 tearsheet for Business Manager.

Ad Sales position is paid by commission only, 15 percent of all ads sold. For more information, contact *The Exponent* at 895-6090 or come by UC Room 104 to fill out an application.

VBCC skating hours, dates established for January

Public Skating hours and dates have been set for the month of January at the Von Braun Civic Center Arena. From 7 to 10 p.m. Jan. 23 and 30, the public will be able to take advantage of the ice to skate.

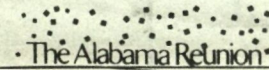
Admission is \$2 and skates will be available to rent for \$1. People will be

able to park in the west parking lot and enter through the skate lobby entrance of the arena.

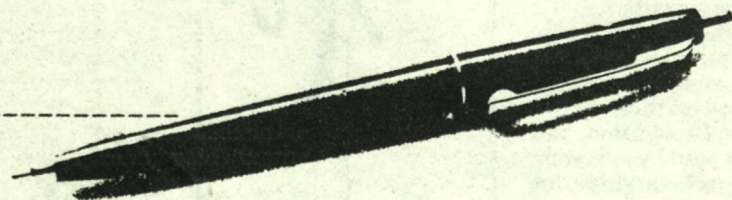
Groups of 20 or more will be admitted for \$1.50 per person with skate rental being the standard \$1. Concessions will be available. February dates will be announced later in the month.

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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. The parking lot is entered from Gallatin Street. 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 and writes 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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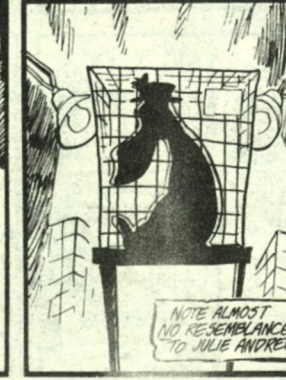
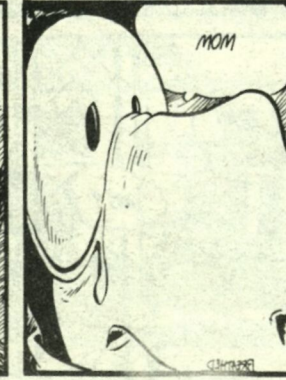
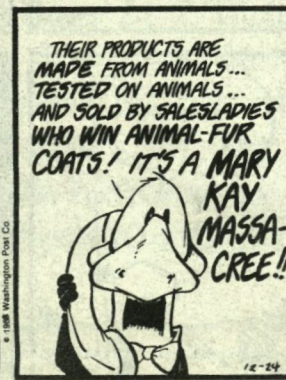
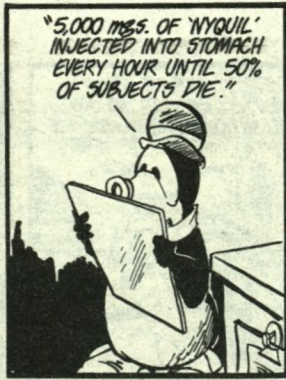


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Center's Dwayne Freeman was the principal investigator. It was co-sponsored by the Science, Technology and Energy Divisions of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

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.

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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).

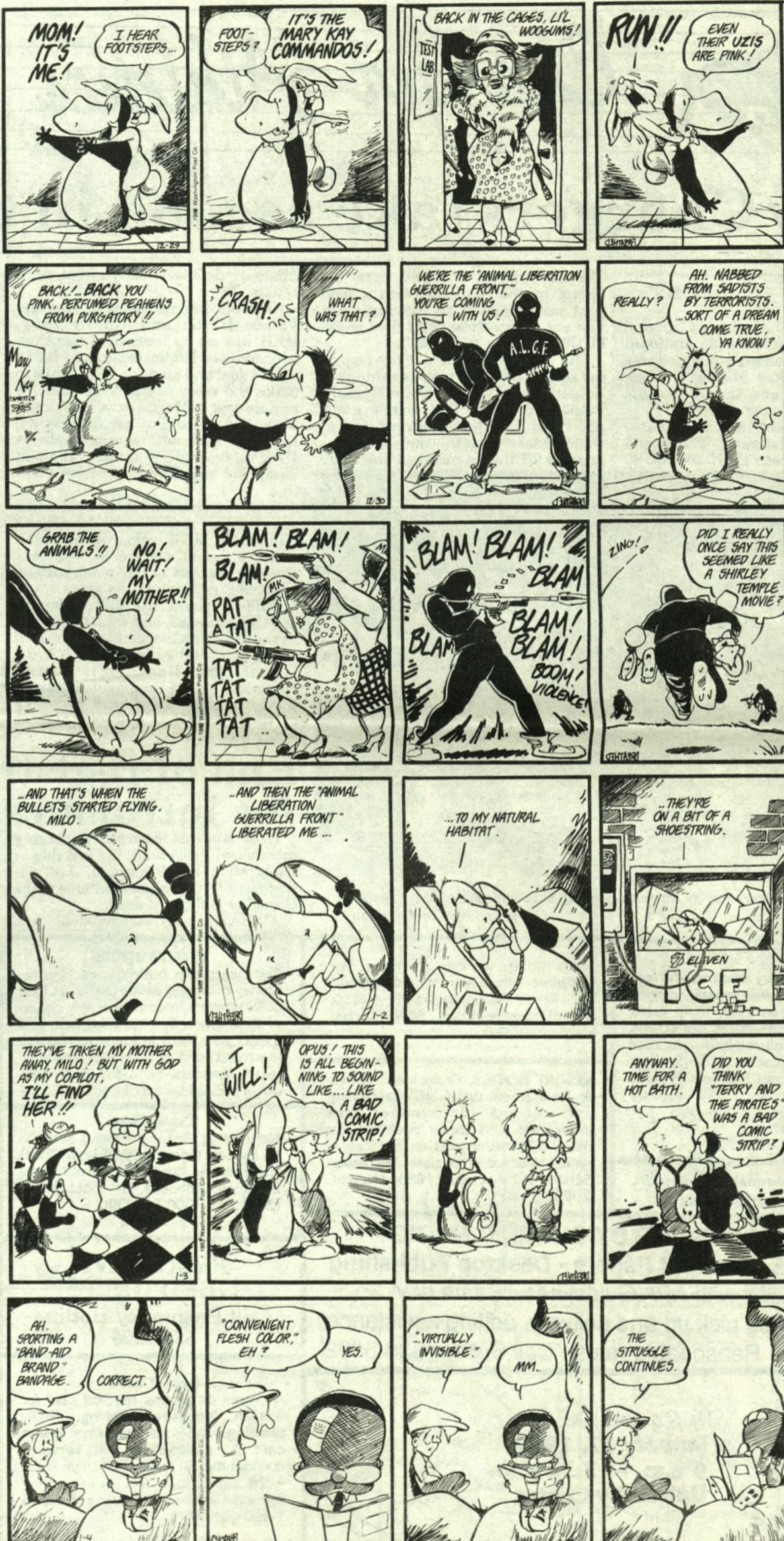
All entries must have been published in a university or college newspaper or magazine between April 1, 1988, and April 1, 1989. Each entrant must have been a full- or part-time student in an accredited university or college during the school year in which his or her entry was published.

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.

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Charger Athletics

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 University for Women (MUW).

On Friday night, Mobile defeated Shorter in the first game. 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."

The championship game on Saturday night was UAH vs. Mobile 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.

In the final minutes, UAH was forced to foul, and Mobile ran the score up to 67-56 as they became the victors. Tammy Petty was leading scorer for the game with 16 points and was chosen for the All-Tournament team. Vickie Tomlin and Valerie Martin both had 11 points against Mobile, and Martin was named the Tournament's Most Valuable Player. Congratulations to all the Lady Chargers for a well played tournament and the second place trophy.

The UAH women's basketball team will have next week off before playing Alabama A&M at the Von Braun Civic Center at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 17. The men's game will follow at 7:30 p.m.



The Lady Chargers (white uniforms) set up their offense against Mobile College.
photo by Kim Glasgow

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.

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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 Goonan 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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Hockey update

Chargers down powerhouse Merrimack

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goal went in. The final score: Chargers 8, 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 third 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 7:54 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.

Sophomore Denis Skapski scored the first Charger goal short-handed on an assist from Sean Kelly. It was only 35 seconds later at the 7:51 mark when Warrior Mark Ziliatto made it an even 1-1.

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 Heinze of Merrimack scored at the 11:50 mark.

Mike O'Connor put both of UAH's goals in the nets. 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.

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