Charger Cards

By Dauphne Rogers
Editor-in-Chief

Thanks to the new Charger Card, students will have one less line to endure at the beginning of each semester. Standing in line to get student ID cards validated has now become a thing of the past.

Starting today, students can get their Charger Cards in room 110 of the UC between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Fridays. Pictures will be taken for the Charger Cards at the time of issuance. There will be no charge for the new cards unless a student has to have the card replaced. The replacement charge will be $20.00 per card.

The card basically functions as a debit card. Students will have the option of putting grants, loans, or cash amounts on their card in order to utilize the services available. All services are optional with the exception of freshman meal plans.

Frosh Mosh 2000 kicks off

By Bettina Phillips
News Writer

The fall semester kicks off to an interactive and energetic start as students, faculty, and community participate in Frosh Mosh 2000 this week, but the main event of the festivities begins tomorrow night at 7 when the bands, "Better Than Ezra" and "Life in General" perform live on the quad.

The Student Government Association (SGA) endeavored to create a bigger and better second annual Frosh Mosh this year at UAH. The events are not restricted to freshman living on campus, but involve the entire campus and the community. "This year the SGA has involved the community worked closely with ACE (Association for Campus Entertainment), and involved the colleges of the university," says Geoff Morris, Executive Vice-President of the SGA.

Although the finale to this week's activities will take place tomorrow evening, students have competed in athletic competitions, games, and free food. A concert by Better Than Ezra will end the week. (Photo by Jennifer Roberts)

Students take a break from the activities of Frosh Mosh to enjoy a cool drink. Activities included athletic competitions, games, and free food. A concert by Better Than Ezra will end the week. (Photo by Jennifer Roberts)

Student recreation center coming in year 2001

By Jennifer Roberts
News Editor

Move over, Spragins Hall! In the fall of 2001, students will have a new place to workout and enjoy athletics.

Currently under construction is UAH's new 74,100-square-foot sports and fitness complex, which will be located at the southeast corner of Holmes Avenue and John Wright Drive.

The center will feature three basketball courts, an indoor running track, a swimming pool, cardiovascular fitness, and weight training and aero­bics equipment. The center will also offer a rehabilitation area, locker rooms, a patio, and a juice and snacks area.

Students expressed concern that it was difficult to gain access to Spragins Hall for general recreation," stated President Frank Franz. "We studied the schedule for Spragins extensively. After you take out the times for HPE and CE classes, and the needs of the athletic department, there was very little time left for general student recreation.

Sara Redington, a junior in Foreign Languages and International Trade, says she has had many difficulties using the gym in Spragins Hall for her own personal recreation. "I have been inconvenienced in the past by scheduling conflicts for the weight room. On several occasions I would get kicked out during the middle of my workout because of classes or athlete training."

The recreation center is not only expected to benefit those who are interested in general recreation, but it is also expected to benefit those in athletics. According to Ray Garner, Director of News Services, Spragins Hall has a seating capacity of 2,800. However, 1,000 of those seats are not currently being used because of the weight training and aerobic area located behind the upper stands on one of the sides of the gym.

After years of trying to consider the needs of athletics, students interested in physical fitness voted to support the recreation center project in the spring of 1999. Construction workers level the ground at the corner of Holmes Avenue and John Wright Drive. This site will host the recreation center and HPE classes when completed. (Photo by Danny Parker)
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and You
By Dr. Sue Kirkpatrick
Dean Liberal Arts
A warm welcome to all new
students from the College
of Liberal Arts

"The task of education, acculturation, and
socialization is to convert brains into minds."—
Elliot W. Eisner

Spending an hour in the lobby of University Cen-
ter, and the diversity of UAH students becomes
apparent. And yet, between orientation and gradu-
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UAH Welcomes New Provost

By Patrick Bobo
News Writer

This month, Dr. Sam
McManus retires after fill-
ing the position of provost
for seven years. Dr. Lewis
J. Radonovich will fill the
position and that of vice
president of academic af-
fairs.

Dr. Radonovich has a
rich education back-
ground. He received his
B.A. from Thiel College in
1966. From there, he went
on to earn his Ph.D. in
physical chemistry from
Wayne State University in
1970. He also worked as
a postdoctoral research
associate for four years at
Cornell University.

Dr. Radonovich is no
stranger to universities.
Dr. Radonovich was dean
of the College of Arts and
Sciences when he was at
the University of North
Florida from 1993 until
this appointment. While
at North Florida, the col-
lege of Arts and Sciences
grew 61 percent. He also
had started a pre-medical
and a pre-law program and
degree programs in
physics and international
studies.

UAH President Frank
Franz said that Dr.
Radonovich's "... knowl-
edge, experience and lead-
ership in academia, re-
search and administration
will be a valuable asset
for our students and faculty."

Prior to the appoint-
ment at North Florida, he
was on staff at the Univer-
sity of North Dakota and
held a wide variety of po-
sitions. At various times,
he was Chair of the Chem-
istry Department, Associa-
tie Dean of the College of
Arts and Sciences, and a
professor of chemistry.
Dr. Radonovich has also
been the recipient of many
awards, including Chester
Fritz Distinguished Pro-
fessor at the University of
North Dakota, awarded to
him in 1993.

SGA President James
Kodrowski said, "Dr.
Radonovich is quite im-
pressive. He was very in-
tune with student con-
cerns when I spoke with
him." And, he will need
to be as the provost has
important duties. The
provost is the chief aca-
demic officer at the uni-
versity and is the chief ex-
cutive officer in Dr.
Franz's absence. He is to
be a leader in all academic
programs and has a job
which curtails countless
other duties.

Upon receiving his ap-
pointment, Dr. Lewis
Radonovich said, "I'm
looking forward to the
challenge of building on
the university's past suc-
cesses."

Across the Campus

Do you plan to be involved in student
activities this year? Why or why not?

Toby
Hieber
Freshman
Engineering

"Yes, maybe a fraternity or
other clubs because I want
to get to know people.
Joining student activities
is a good way to do that."

Wendy
Hill
Freshman
Undecided

"Yes, I want to have fun!
I'm thinking about the
math club or ACE."

Phil
Hahn
Freshman
Aerospace
Engineering

"Yes, I plan to join AIAA.
I think getting involved
will be a great way to meet
people and get to know
the school."

Lisa
Butler
Freshman
Undecided

"Yes, I am interested in
campus ministries. I plan
to get involved in both the
community and the
school."

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Looking for a job?

Career services provides assistance in finding both on-campus and off-campus employment. There are notebooks listing various current job openings for you to look through. If you are interested in on-campus employment you will need to bring two forms of identification (usually your Social Security Card and Driver's License but please feel free to contact the office about alternate forms of identification) and complete a few forms. You only need to bring your student id. card for off-campus jobs.

Call 824-6612 or go by Room 117 of the Engineering Building for details.
An Introduction to the 2000-2001 Student Government Association

By Geof Morris
SGA Executive Vice President

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the governing organization for the University of Alabama in Huntsville's student body. The SGA is the voice of the students in advocating student concerns and desires to the University community.

The SGA is the supervising organization of student-led and-oriented clubs and organizations on the UAH campus. Students wishing to join or create a club need to contact the SGA to find if a club with their interests is already in place or if not, to obtain help in creating an organization to fill that niche.

The SGA also advocates positive changes in the University system, seeking to continually improve student life by receiving student concerns and suggesting courses of action that will better the student body and the University as a whole. The SGA also focuses the leadership efforts of the student body to help create a united, cohesive campus.

The SGA Office is in Room 106 of The University Center; contact us via phone at (256) 824-6375.

The SGA may also be found on the Web at http://sga.uah.edu/ and is reachable via email at sga@email.uah.edu.

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By Stephen Franidin
Chicago Tribune

It was close to midnight when they knocked on the door of the modest apartment in an isolated, hilltop building. They said they were police. They said they did not have a warrant and needed just 15 minutes.

Overhearing his wife talk to the two police officers, Abdul Sattar Qassem, an outspoken political science professor with a doctorate from the University of Missouri, hurried to his bedroom. He needed just 15 minutes. He knew he would be away more than a few minutes. He knew he was going back to prison.

His crime that February night was his words. The 50-year-old professor at An Najah University in Nablus had signed a petition in November denouncing corruption within the Palestinian leadership. The document blamed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for letting corruption take place.

Qassem was arrested and held for 40 days. In February, he was detained until late July, set free only after a wide-scale campaign by Arab and other human rights groups.

It is a heartbreak that swelled lately with Arafat's vows to declare an independent Palestinian state on Sept. 13, although even he admits he may reassert that deadline. "We need institutions that work. We need a genuine democracy," said Hanan Ashrawi, a Palestinian community leader whose criticism of the rule in the Arab-controlled area has often led to political isolation. Their most troubling problems, Palestinians say, include arrests and harassment of political dissidents, arrests of Palestinian journalists and pressure on them to censor criticism of the Palestinian leadership.

Amnesty International said more than 350 people were arrested last year for political reasons, a number of them journalists, politicians or members of Islamic opposition groups. Another 200 arrested in previous years were still being held without charges or a trial, the human rights group said.

Nearly two-thirds of Palestinians say they cannot criticize the Palestinian leadership without expecting to be arrested, according to a survey by the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research in the West Bank city of Ramallah. "Palestinians know the kind of democracy they want and that they don't have it," said Shaliki.

Political activists say things will change, but only after the pressure of the peace talks fades and once the generation that spent years abroad in the Arab world as fighters and Palestine Liberation Organization leaders has passed from power.

The explanation surely doesn't satisfy Qassem, who, colleagues say, takes a less compromising view of the PLO's dealings than even most, and whose criticism is often appear in conservative Islamic magazines. He insists that he is an independent thinker, however, not tied to any faction. "With the Israelis you can understand this abuse of authority, but you don't feel at ease when it comes from the Palestinians and you are Palestinian," said Qassem, a soft-spoken man who ends even his angriest statements with a smile.

He is no newcomer to paying a price for his beliefs. After returning to the Middle East from his studies in Missouri, he taught in Jordan, but was expelled, he said, for criticizing the rule of King Hussein. He was arrested four times by the Israelis, imprisoned in jail while traveling overseas.

He was attacked in 1995 in Nablus, and suffered three bullet wounds. The gunmen were never found.

But he did not relent in his attacks on the PLO, and published a book on the PLO's deficits several years ago called "The Road to Defeat." Because nobody in the West Bank or Gaza would publish a book attacking the PLO, he had to find a publisher in Israel. His signature was the first on November's petition in which prominent leftists and dissidents called the peace accord with the Israelis a "bartering of the homeland for the enrichment of the corrupted and the corrupting of the Palestinian Authority." Within days, seven signers were arrested. Qassem remained in jail while the rest eventually were freed.

When Abdul Jawad Salih, a member of the Palestinian's legislative council and one of the signers, tried to visit Qassem at the jail in Jericho, Salih was shot by prison guards. Palestinian spokesman Daoud said Qassem was held because he had been working on behalf of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, General Command, a small leftist group based in Lebanon.

Qassem denied the charge, adding he was never interrogated in prison, nor faced with such an accusation. He was only asked to write a personal apology, he said, to Arafat. He refused, and so remained for weeks in solitary confinement until he was unexpectedly released. He had no words, he said with a smile. "He is a dictator and he remains a dictator."
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Napster pleads case to appeals court

By Jon Healey
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Hoping to reverse a stinging rebuke from a lower court, Napster Inc. asked the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals on Friday to rule that consumers have the right to copy music from other consumers' computers without compensating the artists who recorded it. The argument is the same one that Napster's lawyers tried on U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel in San Francisco, who nevertheless slapped the company with a potentially crippling injunction.

But the 9th Circuit has a track record that some copyright experts say is more favorable to innovative technologies like Napster. In particular, some legal observers say that the 9th Circuit is more open to new interpretations of copyright law in the face of new technologies. That's what Napster, a Redwood City company that enables consumers to search for and retrieve music files from each other's computers, may need to stay in operation.

Still, the legal tea leaves can be tricky to read, given that only three of the 28 active judges on the 9th Circuit will be deciding the case. There's no telling whether the two judges who granted Napster's request for an emergency appeal will be the same ones ruling on it. "The 9th Circuit is too big, and in fact many of the judges on it are too new to have a reputation with regard to copyright," said Eugene Volokh, a law professor at UCLA. Napster, the most popular online music service, is challenging a pre-trial ruling by Judge Patel that it enabled the widespread violation of copyright held by record labels and songwriters.

Patel's July 26 order gave Napster two days to stop those violations, but Napster's lawyers said the company couldn't do that without shutting down the service. Hours before Patel's injunction was to take effect, 9th Circuit judges Alex Kozinski and Barry Silverman granted Napster's request for a rehearing. The case, they said, raised substantial and new questions about what constitutes a copyright violation and how to remediate it. In written arguments filed Friday with the 9th Circuit, Napster contended again that its users weren't violating copyrights. And if the appeals court agrees, the case is effectively over, Napster can't be held liable if its users aren't doing anything wrong.

Jonathan Schiller, a lawyer for Napster, argued that Congress specifically gave consumers the right to copy music for personal use in the Audio Home Recording Act of 1992. In fact, he said, the 9th Circuit held in 1999 that the law protects all non-commercial copying when it rejected the record labels' lawsuit against a portable music player made by Diamond Multimedia, a subsidiary of Santa Clara-based SS Inc. Patel held that the law doesn't apply to computers, an opinion that Volokh shares.

But Schiller said they were misreading the statute. Napster's brief also contends that the service is protected by the Supreme Court's 1984 ruling in favor of Sony Corp.'s video cassette recorders. That ruling protects any technology that has a "substantial non-infringing use"; in Napster's case, Schiller said, it includes letting users sample songs before buying them and downloading music from bands that want their music to be distributed that way.

Finally, the brief argues that Patel made several errors in determining the facts of the case, such as giving the record labels the benefit of the doubt when evidence was lacking or in conflict. That's a critical argument, given that the appeals courts traditionally defer to the lower courts on questions of fact.

The labels and publishers have until Sept. 8 to reply to Napster's written arguments. Commenting late Friday, Amy Weiss, a spokeswoman for the Recording Industry Association of America, said, "...we believe will be upheld on appeal." Hank Berry, Napster's interim chief executive, said he is continuing to propose changes in the service that could compensate artists and settle the lawsuit, but so far the labels haven't been receptive.

Legal experts say that the 9th Circuit is active and respected on copyright issues, although not as influential as the federal appeals court based in New York. Mark Lemley, a law professor at the University of California at Berkeley, said the court is probably best known in tech circles for its 1992 ruling in a copyright lawsuit brought by videogame and console manufacturer Sega Enterprises Ltd. against videogame designer Accolade (now owned by Infogrames Entertainment S.A.). The court, Lemley said, was the first to endorse "reverse engineering" — the practice of taking a product apart to figure out how to make another product compatible with it.

The ruling doesn't necessarily mean that the 9th Circuit is less protective of copyrights, Lemley said. Attorney Mark Radcliffe of Gray Cary Ware & Freidrenich in Palo Alto agreed, noting that the 9th Circuit ruled in favor of copyright holder Nintendo in a separate reverse-engineering case. The Sega decision, indicated a little bit of sensitivity that "big evil corporations" were trying to use copyright law "to hold back the gamers," he said.

Pam Samuelson, another law professor and copyright expert at UC-Berkeley, said the precedent set in the Sony case should help Napster. In addition to being technology-savvy, the 9th Circuit "have also generally been attentive to the wider public interests at stake in intellectual property decisions, which means that aggressive new rights holders' theories of liability don't always succeed in this court."

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