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Freshman Amy Blanchard has her picture taken for the new Charger Cards. (Photo by Dauphne Rogers)



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.

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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 Geof Morris, Executive



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)

Vice-President of the SGA. Morris also states that participants of Frosh Mosh doubled this year and charity work was added to the list of fun and games.

Although the finale to this week's activities will take place tomorrow evening, students have competed in athletic com-

petitions and fun games since they moved in on Sunday. Free food, games, charity work, and a variety of entertainment continue to lead up to the concert.

Breathing heavily and bent from exhaustion after a game of capture the flag on Monday, local freshman and mechanical engineer-

ing major Michael Francis said, "I think it's fun. I'm meeting some people before classes so I won't be so lost. I'm looking forward to more fun, games, and starting new classes."

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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 aerobic 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."

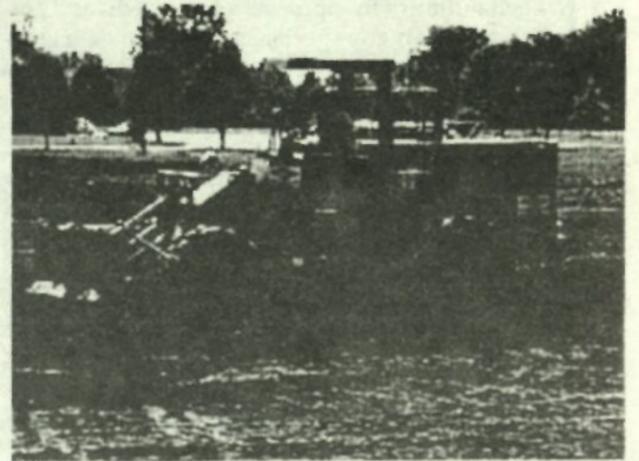
Sara Redington, a junior in Foreign Languages and International Trade, says she has had many difficulties using the gym in Spragins Hall for her own personal recreation. "I have been inconvenienced in the past by scheduling conflicts for the weight room. On several occasions I would get kicked out during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

The recreation center is not only expected to benefit those who are inter-

ested 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

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Construction workers level the ground at the corner of Holmes Avenue and John Wright Drive. This site will host the a recreation center and HPE classes when completed. (Photo by Danny Parker)

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Liberal Arts, Careers, 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

Spend an hour in the lobby of University Center, and the diversity of UAH students becomes apparent. And yet, between orientation and graduation, all (regardless of major) will share a common academic experience, that of being university educated.

To be university-educated means that your program of study is strongly rooted in the basic disciplines of liberal arts and science, that is, you are educated, not just trained or skilled. Why is this important? University graduates are expected to be the leaders and thinkers of our society.

Those who shape changes or maintain stability within our civilization must critically evaluate knowledge, values, and aesthetics. This is true for majors in engineering, nursing, business, art, Spanish, chemistry, physics, psychology, or any other major. A liberal education provides for thinking beyond your own time period, culture, upbringing, language, and values.

Here at UAH, two colleges, the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science, form the core of a university education. The remaining three colleges (Nursing, Engineering, and Administrative Science) are considered professional colleges. All five colleges work in concert to provide a strong university experience for students.

So why should you take coursework in disciplines which are not your major? By taking courses in a variety of disciplines, you broaden your understanding of the approaches, methods, and perspectives of many specialists. Thus, you are liberated from a single perspective when solving a problem or thinking about an issue.

Your general education requirements are designed so that you will develop your ability to think critically, examine assumptions, form and integrate abstract concepts, communicate concepts in written and spoken form, and appreciate cultural activities. In so doing, you gain a competitive edge in the job market and, more importantly, in experiencing life.

Liberate yourself with the excitement of the liberal arts!

- Art and Art History
- Communication
- Education
- English
- History
- Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Music
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

The College of Liberal Arts is located in Morton Hall, Roberts Hall, and Union Grove Gallery & Meeting Hall. Visit Union Grove Gallery & Meeting Hall regularly to see the artwork of students and faculty, as well as other artists.

UAH Welcomes New Provost

By Patrick Bobo
News Writer

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

Dr. Radonovich has a rich education background. 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 college 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 "...knowledge, experience and leadership in academia, research and administration will be a valuable asset for our students and faculty."

Prior to the appointment at North Florida, he was on staff at the University of North Dakota and held a wide variety of positions. At various times, he was Chair of the Chemistry Department, Associate 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-



Dr. Lewis Radonovich takes over as the new Provost this month. (Photo courtesy of Dana Ransom)

fessor at the University of North Dakota, awarded to him in 1993.

SGA President James Kodrowski said, "Dr. Radonovich is quite impressive. He was very in tune with student concerns when I spoke with him." And, he will need to be as the provost has important duties. The provost is the chief academic officer at the uni-

versity and is the chief executive 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 appointment, Dr. Lewis Radonovich said, "I'm looking forward to the challenge of building on the university's past successes."

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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Salmon library begins its expansion efforts

By Justin Rutledge
News Writer

The M. Louis Salmon Library is being given a

\$2.9 million facelift. Approximately 27,000 square feet are being added to the building. The new addition will contain an electronic wing consisting of five new computer labs as

well as an information arcade and distance learning production program facility, according to library dean Dr. Wilson Luquire. This additional wing of the library will

have two floors.

The circulation and reference departments of the library as well as the new information arcade will be on the first floor of the new wing. Five teaching

laboratories will be on the second floor, and each will have 30-60 computers. The ground floor of the library building will acquire about 4000-5000 square feet, and will contain university Archives, Special Collections, and storage space.

As for parking accommodations, some short term parking spaces are being added. The Holmes Avenue parking lot will receive an additional 75

parking spaces as well.

The Alabama Virtual Library has received \$3 million in funding from the Alabama Legislature. The virtual library is a series of databases, Internet encyclopedias, educational journals, and various other information aids. It will take the UAH library to new technologically convenient heights as the university moves comfortably into the new century.

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The endless list of activities for the week consisted of messy competitions, a make your own video opportunity, a "Who Wants To Be a Millionaire" game, comical entertainment by Erin Foley, and much more.

Today from 11-3, inflatable games will take place on the UC lawn. At noon, the Beta Alpha Psi will sponsor a grill-out, and, at 8 tonight, there will be a BSA Step Show and a 70's party at the UC Exhibit Hall.

In addition to the concert in the evening, Friday will also feature a free lunch of subs and wings and Hawaiian Ice from 11-3.

Saturday will officially conclude the Frosh Mosh events with a free, Women's Studies-sponsored pizza party in the

Chan Auditorium of the Administrative Science Building.

The busy schedule was strategically planned by the SGA and faculty to extend throughout the week. "Students will remember the fun they had while classes were in session and not just the fun they had prior to the beginning of the fall semester," said Morris.

On behalf of the SGA, Morris thanks the SGA President, James "Kodi" Kodrowski, SGA's Vice-President of Financial Affairs, Brett Holt, and faculty and staff Members Debra Raney, Joel Lonergan, and Steve Bruce.

The concert tomorrow night is expected to draw many at-the-gate ticket purchases. Although tickets may be purchased at

the gate for \$8.00, they are available at the front desk in University Center for \$5.00 per ticket.

The quad has been the central location for most of the activities this week, and, according to Morris, it will be used more throughout the year for campus events. It is centrally located between the library, the Nursing building parking area, Roberts Hall, and the University Center.

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According to Bruce, "Once we get the card system fully developed, students can come to this campus without a dime in their pockets."

All students must get one of the new Charger Cards, as the old student ID cards will soon be invalid. Director of the Uni-

Both Frosh Mosh bands have their own websites at www.betterthanezra.com and www.lifeingeneral.com. Songs to be played at upcoming concerts may be requested at the "Better than Ezra" site.

Volunteers are needed to help with stage set-up. If you are interested in helping, contact the SGA 824-6375 or the ACE at 824-6428 as soon as possible.

versity Center, Steve Bruce, said that he hopes to have the new cards to all students by October 1, 2000, at which time, old ID cards will become unusable.

Editor's Note: Look to the box at right for a list of the services provided by the cards.

Services of the new Charger Cards

The cards issued will provide the following services in addition to all of the services of the old ID cards:

- Access to computer labs (that require ID)
- Bookstore accounts
- CCRH access
- Information desk purchases (snacks/tickets)
- Laundry machines in CCRH and Southeast
- Housing
- Meal plans

Future services provided by the Charger Card will include:

- Copy card
- Library access (Library will have one entrance requiring card swipe in the future)
- Library card
- Long distance calling card
- Recreation Center access
- Vending machines (those frequently used)

The Office of Career Services is here for you!

What do you want to do after you graduate?

Many students come to college and are not quite sure about what they want to do after they graduate. Other students are not even sure about a college major. Career Services offers career counseling, inventories to assist you in selecting occupations of interest, and a career resource library to assist you in finding information about specific occupations. In general, there is no charge for these services.

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.

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An Introduction to the 2000- 2001 Student Government Association

By Geof Morris
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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 for 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.

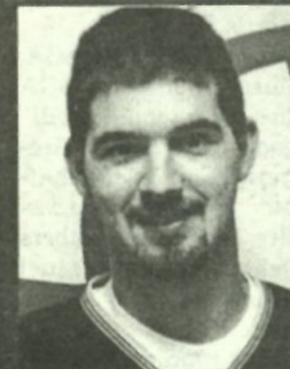
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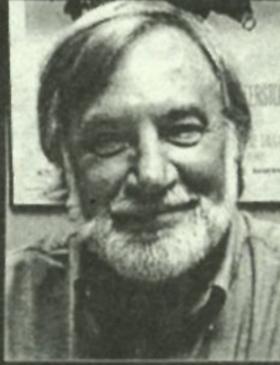
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Professor speaks out against Palestine

By Stephen Franklin
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 and began packing a small bag. 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 reassess 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 areas 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," Shakiki said.

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 has often appeared in conservative Is-

lamic 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, and barred by Israel from traveling overseas. He was attacked in 1995 in Nablus, and suffered three bullet wounds. The gun-

men 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 beaten 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 Syria.

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. "I stand by my words," he said with a smile. "He is a dictator and he remains a dictator."

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in general recreation, and HPE classes, the university decided to follow a plan suggested by the students that would eliminate this competition over the resources in Spragins.

According to Gary Smith, Executive Assistant to the President, it was the students who first proposed the idea of a recreation center. "The SGA conducted a referendum on the center, the students overwhelmingly voted favorably for it, and agreed to use a portion of student fees to pay for the center."

The \$9 million recreation center will be

funded by a \$2.4 million bond issued by the Alabama Public School and College Authority. The rest will come from university-issued bonds.

Although the center is primarily for the students, the center will also be open to the general public. "It is anticipated that the sale of external memberships will cover the operating costs of the center," said Smith.

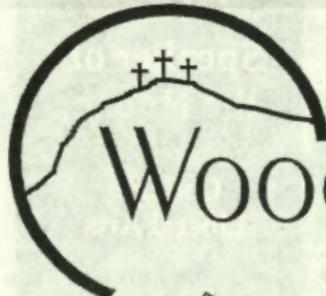
As for students, all full-time students will have access to the center at no charge. "Part-time students will pay a reduced membership fee depend-

ing on the number of credit hours for which they are enrolled," stated Smith.

In regard to the center's public availability, many UAH students think the center should only be open to those affiliated with the university. Redington disagrees.

"I feel it is a good idea that the center be open to the public provided that membership will be restricted to adults," stated Redington. "If the rec center is open to the public, it will be in competition with other exercise facilities such as Gold's Gym. I hope that the possible competition will make UAH invest in high quality equipment and more activities."

Geof Morris, Executive Vice-President of the Student Government Association and senior in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, said he believes opening the center to the public "will be beneficial in the long run. The Huntsville community does not have a significant interaction with the UAH community in a definite, concrete way. In many ways, the UAH community is the Huntsville community—vibrant, successful, technology-oriented—but the Huntsville community too rarely sees the traditional UAH student. I think that public access to our facilities can help the Huntsville community to understand our students better."



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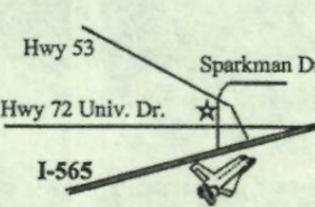
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Napster pleads case to appeals court

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 others' 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 copyrights 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 reprieve. The case, they said, raised substantial and new questions about what constitutes a copyright violation and how to remedy 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 S3 Inc. Patel held that the law doesn't apply to comput-

ers, 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, that 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 prod-

uct 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 & Freidenrich 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, indicates a little bit of sentiment 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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