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FOUR-WAY NEWS CONFERENCE HELD . . . A news conference was held at the City Board of Education last month to review a joint resolution of the Huntsville City Schools, Madison County Schools, Alabama A&M University and UAH. The show of solidarity was a means of calling to the attention of the governor and the legislature the need for broadening the Alabama Special Education Trust Fund revenue base in order to eliminate hardships being caused to public school systems and universities. UAH President John C. Wright pointed out that the problems of one system can not be solved by withholding revenue needed by another system, or "by robbing Peter to pay Paul." Dr. Wright estimated that UAH has lost $600,000 this year through proration of funds in the ASETF and stands to lose as much as $1 million next year if the "funding crisis" is not eased.

Attending the joint news conference (left to right) were Dr. Shelby Counce, superintendent of Huntsville City Schools; Dr. C.A. Williams, representing Alabama A&M University; and Dr. Wright. Dr. Gene Watson, superintendent of the Madison County Schools, also attended the meeting. The education leaders reviewed the resolution and its importance to the education of all students in the four systems.

MASTER PLAN FOR THE 80s . . . Dr. Joseph Dowdle, vice president for administration, announced at the Oct. 17 Deans and Directors meeting that work is underway to revise the master plan for UAH in time for presentation to the Board of Trustees next February. Dr. Dowdle said the plan is based on enrollment reaching 8,000 students by the end of the decade. Included will be a look at what programs need to be expanded and changes made to accommodate the increased enrollment.

The plan calls for 12 capital projects in the next decade totalling $16.2 million ($15.2 from the state and the rest from a bond issue). The money will be used for expansion of the University Union, renovation and deferred maintenance such as additional parking and re-roofing where needed, and several other new construction projects. The proposed construction is essentially the same as that recommended by the Planning Committee three years ago.
NAMES IN THE NEWS . . . Gary Bell, that indomitable spirit in the Student Life Office, got a mention for UAH in the October issue of CASE Currents, the national magazine of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. Gary spearheaded the first annual Get Tighter with a Loose All-Niter. For those of you who spent from 10 p.m. to 8 a.m. one night last spring in Spragins Hall in Burrito-eating contests, three-legged racquetball, underwater Backgammon, etc., you know what went on (maybe you even won a prize). Our thanks to Gary for dreaming up the fun-filled evening that let faculty, staff and students get to know one another better. Who says there's no campus spirit?

A $66,632 contract has been awarded to Dr. Marian Bishop, chairman, Community Medicine Department in the School of Primary Medical Care, by the Department of Health and Human Resources for a curriculum development in environmental health.

Dr. D. Royce Boyer, chairman of the Music Department, adopted a new profession Nov. 1 when he donned the robes of the Notario, or attorney, in Puccini's one act comedy opera "Gianni Schicchi" produced by the Huntsville Community Chorus at the VBCC.

Dr. Tom Brindley, associate professor of education, had two book reviews published in the summer issue of Educational Studies, the journal of the American Educational Studies Association. In one article he reviewed William Irwin Thompson's book "Darkness and Scattered Light." The other review was of "R. Buckminster Fuller On Education" edited by Peter H. Wagschal and Robert D. Kahn.

Congratulations to Gregg Geis, university photographer, for his portrayal of Echols Hill as it appears on the cover of the Huntsville telephone book. Thanks are in order also, to Dr. Frances Roberts, professor emerita, for supplying South Central Bell with the history of the house and property.

Henry Lane Hull, associate professor of history, chaired the session, "Governing Soviet Russia: The Conflict of Professional and Political Considerations in Institutional Development, 1917-1931" on Sept. 19 at the annual meeting of the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies at The University of Maryland. Dr. Hull has received a fellowship from the Southern Center for International Studies in Atlanta to attend eight foreign policy briefing seminars during the current academic year.

Joe Peters, transportation research associate, presented a paper to the Farm Bureau Energy Ideas Symposium on the process and feasibility of turning oil into diesel fuel. JEEC is currently conducting a study on the economics of this process under a $226,324 contract with the Gold Kist plant in Decatur. The symposium was sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation in Des Plaines, Illinois, Nov. 18-19.

Dr. Bernard Schroer, JEEC director, addressed the Alabama Science Policy Forum in Auburn Oct. 29 with an overview of "Energy Research at UAH" in the Solar, Biomass, and Conservation segment of the meeting. The forum was sponsored by the Alabama Academy of Science.

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE . . . Dr. N.F. Audeh, dean School of Graduate Studies, invites interested graduate students to contact him for information on the Marshall Space Flight Center's Graduate Student Research Program. MSFC is one of NASA's centers to host the program. Full-time graduate and advanced undergraduate students who are U.S. citizens are eligible to enter the program at any time. Awards are made for one year and are not to exceed three years. The stipend for a calendar year is $8,000, excluding tuition. The areas of research interest for MSFC include space sciences, propulsion, electronics and information systems, control dynamics, structural design, and material science. Dr. Audeh may be contacted in Madison Hall, room 203, or by calling 895-6002.
Dr. Elmer Anderson, vice president for academic affairs, is shown (left) presenting a plaque in appreciation of "service and contributions through the years to The University of Alabama in Huntsville," to Dr. Jafar Hoomani, former dean, School of Science and Engineering. Holding similar plaques are Dr. Frances Roberts, history professor emerita, and Dr. Charles Maples, dean of students. The plaques all denote "admiration and gratitude" for "loyalty and service to the Council of Deans and Directors" shown by those honored.

UAH receives $4,400 for scholarships in administrative science from Chesebrough-Pond's, Inc. Left to right are Rod Baldwin, the company's personnel manager, and Darton Greist, vice president for manufacturing; UAH President John C. Wright and Dr. William Ledbetter, dean of the School of Administrative Science. Expressing appreciation to Chesebrough-Pond's for its help in building a distinguished School of Administrative Science, Dr. Wright said that such gifts are critical to an institution as young as ours which has not yet enjoyed the benefit of large endowments.

U.S. NAVY SAILS INTO UAH POND . . . Talk to any duck in residence at UAH and you will know that our pond is drowning in sediment caused by silt that drains into it from construction sites north of the area. But not for long. If rain had not caused the creek to rise, a unit of Seabees from the Naval Reserve Station in Huntsville would have begun dredging operations in October. Dave Brown, physical plant director, said a unit of reserve personnel will work one weekend a month until the project is completed, and that it will probably take about three months to clear the lake and make two deposit pools to deflect the flow of drainage into the lake.

Clarence Driggers, assistant director, said that since the project is a training activity for the Naval reserve personnel, the job will be accomplished at no cost to the university. A commercially contracted assignment could have cost between $20,000 and $25,000. The only cost to UAH is $450 for insurance.
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON TRADITION REVIVED

If you hear jingle bells it's probably Karen McLeod, director of auxiliary services, calling to tell you about the restoration of the annual Christmas buffet for faculty and staff. Reservation forms will be sent soon to all faculty and staff, and should be returned by Dec. 8. Karen said the luncheon, which will be held in the remodeled Student Union cafeteria on Dec. 22 from noon until 1 p.m., can accommodate only 200. Menu details and price will be included in the information on the reservation forms. To add to the festive spirit of the occasion on the next-to-last work day before yuletide holidays begin, there will be a big Christmas tree, entertainment, and carol singing by all the well-fed diners.

WARM FUZZY SNUGGLES UP TO LOUISE MOFFATT

Louise Moffatt, secretary to University Counsel Bob Rieder for the past three years, was awarded the Contracts & Grants' Warm Fuzzy (for services cheerfully rendered) on her last day in the legal office before going to a new job off-campus. In a dual presentation, the smiling Snoopy, attached to a plaque engraved with the names of all award recipients, was bestowed also on John Smith, director of accounting and financial reporting. Virginia Tomme, C&G director and brain-mother of the Warm Fuzzy award, said that there were two recipients in October because the award had not been made for two months.

Woodstock, the award given to employees in the C&G Office, has traveled throughout the office ranks and has honorably graduated to a perch on the wall where he will oversee the operations wearing a black tie and mortar board. In the three years since Woodstock has been awarded, he has honored the efforts of Myla Alm, Donna Andreoli, Rosemary Cooper, Linn Cronin, Diedre Dickens, Heidi Holmes, Nancy Platt, Donna Holzheimer, Marlan Jones, Edgar King, Jr., Janate Lawson, Emma Moore, Barbara Turner, and Ann White. Snoopy was previously possessed by Mary King, administrative assistant to Dr. Dowdle; Lucy Case in accounting; Ed Ferris, purchasing; Dr. Gerald Karr, mechanical engineering; Linda Long and Mark Hunter, accounting; and Phyllis Hollins, personnel.

T.G.I.F. SI — T.G.I.F. NOTICES, NO

Don Blaise, director of alumni affairs and job placement, puts the campus faculty and staff on notice that because of budget restriction, T.G.I.F. notices will no longer be circulated. He wants everyone to be aware, however, that the party still goes on, every second Friday of every month from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Noojin House. If you lose or forget this notice, remember to check the Special Events Calendar or tie a string around your wine glass.

UAH BENEFITTING FROM SURPLUS DONATIONS

Walter Thames, director of annual giving, reports that in FY 1979-80 UAH received $142,800 in equipment and in-kind services donated by governmental agencies and private industry. This amount included site preparation for the maintenance facility by the Madison County Commission, valued at $60,000. The largest single equipment donation was from Industrial Innovators, Inc., an Ashford, Ala. company which gave JEEC two stills, a cooker and heat exchanger for alcohol fuel research. This equipment was valued at $37,050.

An acoustical imaging system valued at $30,000 was donated to UAH for use in the Physics Department by Cecil Messer and David Schaefer who had purchased a large amount of equipment from NASA. Halstead and Mitchell donated a $4,191 trailer to JEEC for testing a solar hot water heating system. Other contributors during 1979-80 included the Coca-Cola Company which gave a $1,555 scoreboard for the soccer field, W&W Electronics, John Deere Co.’s local dealership, RCA, Onan and Shelby Cole.

Equipment not yet evaluated that has been donated in this young fiscal year includes miscellaneous items from Thiokol and two power suppliers from George Green. The Alabama Farm Corporation also has donated a Univac card processor-printer terminal. Walter Thames, UAH’s first director of annual giving, is encouraging area business and industrial representatives to be aware of the benefits to themselves as well as to UAH in their tax-free donations.
NEW UNION FACILITIES IN PLANNING STAGE . . . UAH President John C. Wright is looking toward 1982-83 as the target date for construction of the much needed Student Union addition, and he has asked Dr. Jeanne Fisher, vice president for student affairs, to proceed with the preliminary planning. She has begun by setting the Student Affairs Advisory Board (nee Student Life Board) to work drafting a program and philosophy statement so that plans may be developed. Because funds for a new building are not likely to be shaken out of legislative coffers, Dr. Fisher is proceeding with plans for an addition to the existing Union. She finds a number of areas that need attention. "If you ever wonder about the need for more lounge areas, just go through the parking lot and see how many students are waiting in their cars for classes to begin because there's nowhere else to go," Dr. Fisher said.

In addition to lounge areas, Dr. Fisher said there is a real need for meeting rooms, office space for the SGA and other student organizations, and for the Book Nook. She hopes to have a written plan completed by next summer. Pointing out that there is standing-room-only for some weekend events at the Union, Dr. Fisher said that Dr. Joseph Dowdle, vice president for administration, has national charts and statistics showing that the current facility is woefully below the size and standards necessary for an institution with the current enrollment of UAH. She said that while new parking space is not probable, the addition of a paved walkway from the rear of the Union to connect with the parking lot of the Science Building would make the Union more accessible.

NEW LANGUAGE COURSES MAY BE OFFERED . . . Is it on your schedule of "things to do" to learn Swahili? If it is, you are in luck. Dr. Ostap Stromecky, chairman of the Modern Foreign Language Department, has announced that MFL, in cooperation with the Division of Continuing Education, can offer the following introductory courses: Afrikaans, Arabic, Italian, Latin, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Serbo-Croatian, Swahili, and Ukranian. In addition, MFL can make available Geolinguistics, the typology and distribution of major languages of the world; Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages; and English as a Second Language. Since 14 students must be enrolled in a class before it can be taught, MFL requests that interested students notify the department one month in advance of the term in which they would like to take a particular course.

With the first phase of on-campus student housing becoming very much a part of the UAH horizon as construction stays ahead of schedule, there is joy in the offices of the university's master planners now that an announcement of bid requests for the second phase of on-campus housing is expected. Final plans have already been submitted by architect Walter Entrekin to HUD and early approval is anticipated. Dave Brown, physical plant director, had words of praise for the Perimeter Construction Co. for the work force that has kept the project ahead of schedule. The housing units now being built are scheduled to be ready for occupancy the start of the 1981-82 academic year.
JEEC RECEIVES FOURTH ELECTRIC VEHICLE . . . A $16,000 prototype of an electric Ford Fairmont station wagon has been received by the Johnson Environmental and Energy Center for two months of technical analysis and evaluation under a contract with Electric Vehicle Associates of Cleveland, Ohio. The company says it expects to produce 400 of the cars for popular sale next year, according to Mike Adcock, information specialist for JEEC's Auto Check.

The station wagon, with wall-to-wall batteries in both the hood and trunk for balance, can travel a range of 40 to 45 miles between charges at a cost of 1.5¢ per mile as compared to 6¢ per mile for a gasoline powered car, and achieve a maximum speed of 60 mph. The station wagon joins the fleet of electric vehicles which have already undergone extensive testing at JEEC. The first car was a modified Renault and the second a modified American Motors Pacer. A UPS delivery van is currently plying its usual trade in New York after undergoing tests at JEEC, and from all reports it is "doing very well," according to Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger, senior research scientist.

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS STILL ACCEPTED . . . For the second year, the Alumni Association is making two tickets to the Alabama-Auburn football game and motel accommodations in Birmingham available as the prize in a drawing that will be held Nov. 19. Each ticket dropped in the hopper represents a $1 contribution to the Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available in the Office of Alumni Affairs and Job Placement in the Continuing Education Center on campus, and from most active alumni.

OVERDUE FINES INCREASED . . . Library fines for overdue circulating materials will be increased from five to ten cents per item per day beginning Dec. 3. The maximum fine for each item will be increased from $5 to $10. Fines for reserves and other special materials will remain the same.
STAFF JOBS... Persons interested in the following jobs should contact the Personnel Office at 895-6545 for additional information. New listings are updated weekly and posted on campus bulletin boards. Applications are accepted between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday in room 135, Madison Hall. UAH is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.

Machinist-Instrument Maker
Medical Record Transcriptionist (temp on-call)
Electrician II
Campus Security Officer
Nurse Practitioner (2)
Accountant II
Gardener
Institutional Data Analyst