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Dempsey to serve as Exponent adviser

by Lonell Morrison
intern associate editor

When it comes to the position of faculty adviser for the campus newspaper, The Exponent, there is apparently only one person for the job, and that person is Jack Dempsey.

Dempsey, an associate professor of arts and humanities who is a 24-year veteran of the UAH faculty, also served as Exponent adviser some eight years ago. Dempsey resigned his position in 1981 with the reorganization of the UAH Publications Board.

That same year was the same year that the last UAH yearbook, for which Dempsey also served as adviser, was published. Although the yearbook hasn’t been published in eight years, The Exponent has continued to move with the times.

Since stepping down from his position eight years ago, Dempsey has managed to keep himself busy with many other artistic movements around the Huntsville area. In addition to teaching in what I call “Creative Arts,” he has also been a member of the Huntsville Literary Society Poetry Workshop for the past five years. Dempsey is also the faculty adviser to “Shadows”, the student poetry and literary magazine.

Spitz examining impact of semester system

by Marian Delaney Sampson
news reporter

Two meetings of the Title VI Calendar Revision Committee have been held at UAH. The first meeting on Jan. 11 did not have many students attendees. Dr. Allan Spitz opened the meeting with a short history of the common calendar discussion between Alabama A&M and UAH, a short history of the Title VI lawsuit, and an acknowledgement that “things could have been handled better.” Spitz said the committee’s function was to study the impact of the decision to change “so we can recommend policies to both presidents and governing structures.”

According to Spitz, some concerns that have been presented to the committee are the impact on students with respect to cash and payments, delay of graduation, academic schedules, co-op system, and teaching loads. Spitz said his committee is at the mid-point in that examination. He also said that his committee was meeting with faculty, as well as having had two meetings with their counterparts at A&M. Spitz said his committee needed about 30 more days to assimilate the information they were accumulating before presenting their recommendations to UAH President Louis Padulo. He said he had received about a dozen letters on the semester system, and almost all were concerned with the progress towards a degree. Spitz said that so far the committee, held Thursday, Jan. 12, had a higher student attendance. According to Spitz, concerns that have been brought up and do not need to be repeated are “concerns that students would have the staff will be his easiest adjustment. He also said he would like to see more participation from UAH faculty and students. Dempsey, himself, said that he may continue an column that he used to write during his previous term as Exponent adviser, “The Adviser’s Angle.” At this point he is not sure if he will, or on what basis if he does, continue. But participation is something he would definitely like to see more of in the near future.

Dempsey is back where he belongs again, in the arts, although he never fully left them. But just the same, The Exponent is glad to have him back.

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When he was nominated by Dr. Lee Williams, chairman of the Publications Board, to once again hold the position of faculty adviser to The Exponent, Dempsey had no reservations about immediately taking the position. In fact, he said he was rather excited about the task.

“This is a very exciting time in the development of UAH” he said. The growth is high. There couldn’t be a time when the function of a student publication is more critical.”

Although he hadn’t been The Exponent’s adviser for some time, Dempsey has kept himself abreast on the student publication. He said he is very pleased with the paper in substance and style. Also, he feels that the paper has not suffered at all without an adviser for the fall term 1988.

Dempsey does not plan to make any changes in the paper, but he does insist, “Old equipment desperately needs to be replaced. Dealing with those shortcomings will be the toughest task that we will face.”

“Dempsey is not only pleased with the finished product, but also those who produce it.”

“Thus far, I am pleased with the attitude and the cooperation of the entire staff,” he said.

Although he admits working with his graduation extended.

The dean of Liberal Arts, Roy Meek responded, “One of the advantages of the shorter class time with semesters is that you can package more night classes. UAH may be able to offer more programs in the night period.”

SGA invites students to open forum tonight

by Kim Glasgow
editor

The UAH Student Government Association will be holding a public forum Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. in the University Center Exhibit Hall. Along with SGA President John Ortiz, several SGA representatives will be present. Ortiz will speak at the forum, and he and the legislators will be available for feedback on the meeting, which will last one to one-and-a-half hours long.

The purpose of this forum is to let the student body know about what SGA has done in the past, what they are currently doing, and plans for the future. Also, said Ortiz, the semester system will be discussed at the meeting.

Free refreshments — cookies, sandwiches, and punch — will be provided. For more information, contact the SGA office at 855-6428.
Bartlett takes "Valedictory look" at UAH

by Marian Delaney Sampson
news reporter

On Thursday, Jan. 12, outgoing chancellor Thomas Bartlett spoke to UAH faculty and staff.

Bartlett referred to "familiar numbers" from UAH. He said that during his seven years as chancellor, the enrollment at UAH has grown from 4646 to almost 7500 students. He added that the graduate components of that has grown from 1200 to 1700. Bartlett said that funded research has grown from $3.6 million to $18 million and that the UAH budget increased from $30 million to $62 million.

"Those numbers reflect a remarkable period of growth" said Bartlett, "predictably that kind of growth produces tensions between emphases in liberal and technical education, research and teaching.

"If we want to grow larger and stronger," Bartlett said, this is normal and predictable. He said the vitality of UAH is obvious as is the capacity for success is also obvious.

Bartlett then gave, "as a valedictory look," some lessons he had learned about UAH and some implications for its future.

The first lesson is the close relationship between "the campus and the community." It is "hard to tell when one leaves the community and enters the University and when one leaves the University and enters the community," he said.

The next lesson Bartlett mentioned was the "sense of destiny in this institution.

The final lesson that Bartlett listed was UAH's capacity for entrepreneur-ship. In addition, Bartlett said that "his emphasis has been on institutional and academic goals and has found "ways to mute" conflicts over turf and politics."

"This institution has had a confidence that grew from its destiny and its setting," Bartlett said. "A confidence in each other, a sense that the institution would work its way through its problems to achieve its academic goals.

Spitz said "...things could have been handled better"

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Ron Koger, assistant director of Enrollment Management, the semester system courses would be 50 minutes rather than 75.

Another student said he takes eight classes a year and that was what he could deal with and he did not want to take three classes a semester to stay on track. He added that a lot of his teachers also work full time and do not want to teach more classes.

Meek and Koger told him that he was only going to have to take the same 500 minutes of classes, but it would be spread over 15 weeks instead of 10. Meek said that the material should be identical. and Koger added that students should not be in class any more time under a semester as under a term.

To one student's question about the sequencing of classes, Spitz said there was no way to answer that yet.

A student based her concern with the semester system on experience. She said that, in 50 minutes, by the time a teacher got to class and took roll, there was no time for class. Spitz informed her that some of the world's class universities have the 50-minute teaching period in common. This student also expressed a concern about "how difficult it was to get everything down for a 50-minute exam."

The committee members were asked if they had considered running semesters and terms at the same time. Meek said the goal of running two systems simultaneously was impossible. Koger added that it was not impossible to have weekend, 10-week, half-semester, and other fast-tracks programs within the semester system.

Several students said that they would be graduated by the time the change was made but would not go to graduate school at UAH if UAH was on a semester system. Another student asked about study days on a semester system. Spitz said, "Thanks to this man here [SGA President John Ortiz] you now have study days on the [present] calendar." Meek added it would be easier to schedule study days on a semester.

The committee was told "that if you haven't done your degree this way, you can't understand. It would have smoothed things considerably if there had been a student on this committee."

One student told the committee he was 28, taking one course a term, and was not going to have children until she had her degree. She said changing to semesters would delay childbirth until she was 40 or 50. Koger told her, "You will enjoy [children] more then." Spitz said that it was the first time reproductive issues had been brought before them.

SGA President John Ortiz said, "Currently when you schedule your time, it says 'staff' on everything. Would a semester system do away with this?" Spitz remembered writing a letter a half a century ago as student protesting "Dr. Staff."

After hearing more concerns, Spitz concluded, "It is not our intent to design a system that will fail." Koger said it is not unusual to have an initial drop in enrollment with this type of change but the drop usually only lasted one semester. Meek added that 90 percent of the universities in this country have a semester system.

The committee is having additional meetings with the faculty but has not set a present scheduled any more meetings with students. Students may write to the committee if they have special concerns or needs to address.

The 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.

"President Padulo has expressed concern and pointed the way for UAH to achieve 'quality in growth,'" Bartlett said.

According to Bartlett, Padulo has a concern for the quality and texture of university life. He wants to "increase the range of appeal to students who would come to UAH, to widen the range skewed and to diversify and intensify the life of students," he said. "His emphasis lead us to increasing interaction between research and teaching, if I understand Dr. Padulo's goals."

"There is something about being in Huntsville that's exciting and restoring, A city and university that work together giving UAH in its era of creation, working its way through the right problems, I believe the future is bright. I shall miss you. I shall miss this good place."

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Campus Ministry offers many services

by Pat Newcomb
features reporter

The Campus Ministry at UAH offers a wide and varied number of services to students, faculty, and staff. The center, with offices located at Faith Presbyterian Church on Whitesburg Drive, provides services ranging from counseling to monthly luncheons.

The monthly luncheons take place the second Tuesday of each month from October to May. A small contribution is requested of those attending the luncheon, which is held in the Formal Dining Room of the University Center.

The luncheon consists of a meal and a program lasting approximately 20 minutes followed by a question-and-answer period, according to the Reverend Frank Broyles, director of the Campus Ministry. The programs vary from religious to social issues and social values, said Broyles.

The ministry also sponsors two picnics a year for students. The picnics are in the campus housing area but are open to all UAH students. The picnics serve as a "social mixer" for students and take place usually in early October and April, said Broyles.

Bible studies co-sponsored with the Baptist Student Center are another function of the ministry. The Bible studies are held in campus housing.

"We hold the studies there because housing provides a niche," said Broyles. "We know students are there.

The ministry also offers different types of counseling to students, faculty, and staff. People are usually referred to the ministry through different offices at UAH, said Broyles.

Spiritual counseling, along with premarital counseling, is offered through the ministry. Though the ministry's offices are located off campus, Broyles said he can set up a time and a place to counsel individuals on campus.

The ministry is also called upon frequently for invocations and benedictions. The ministry gives prayers twice a month at UAH events.

"We try to make our prayers inclusive for all," Broyles said, taking into account the different religious backgrounds of the community.

"We try to be present as best we can on campus," he said. As UAH grows the organization will have to re-evaluate.

"We will have to expand to accommodate the needs of the university," said Broyles.

At present, the different programs offered by the ministry fit the University, said Broyles.

For more information about the ministry and the services offered, contact the ministry office at 880-2074.

Career Planning and Placement to offer workshops

by Penelope Holmes
features reporter

Career Planning and Placement will be sponsoring a series of free workshops in the University Center on the topics of Resume Writing, Interviewing Techniques, and Job Search.

College Jobnet announces free employment search service

College JobNet, a division of National Employment Network, is an on-line employment communications network that provides electronic resumes of college seniors to prospective employers throughout the country.

College JobNet is not an employment or job placement agency. Instead, it is a national computerized search service that matches applicants with employers providing instant electronic resumes through sophisticated computer, facsimile, and telecommunications systems.

Applicants' electronic resumes are available to subscriber companies, government agencies, service organizations, national and regional associations, and professional employment agencies for an initial period of three months. The resumes can be renewed, if necessary, at no cost or obligation to the graduating student.

Any college graduate who is seeking an entry level position can write to College JobNet to request more detailed information and an application for this free service by sending a stamped, self-addressed business size envelope to: College Job College Job Net
P.O. Box 4980 (NR)
East Providence, RI 02916.

Writing, Feb. 8; Interviewing Techniques, Jan. 24 and Mar. 9; and Job Search, Jan. 31 and Feb. 23.

Resume Writing and Interviewing Techniques workshops will also be held during Science Career Information Day, slated for Feb. 15 in UC Room 133, beginning at 9 a.m. Each workshop on Feb. 15 will run approximately 45 minutes.

"Modern Revolutions" is topic of upcoming History Forum '89

Speakers from as far away as Canada will be participating in History Forum '89, according to Dr. Richard Gerberding of the UAH history department.

"Modern Revolutions" will be the topic of this year's history forum which will take place on consecutive Tuesdays from Feb. 7 until March 7. The sessions are free to the public and will be held 12:30 — 1:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided 15 minutes prior to the session.

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Yes, Virginia, there is a lighter side to journalism and to UAH by Kim Glasgow

editor

Have you ever wondered if there was such a thing as a fun side to The Exponent? Seems impossible, especially given the high tension surrounding recent events on campus. But have no fear — The Ragplonent is on its way.

For those of you who may not be familiar with The Ragplonent, it's a look at the lighter side of life at UAH. We've had two such issues, the last one coming out in early December 1987. We had originally planned to do one every six months, but the staff's collective wells ran dry after the last one (not to mention that the typesetting machine completely quit on us for two weeks as we tried to finish the issue).

Read any of them may be thinking, "Now why would anyone want to do a lampoon issue? Surely there are more important things to cover on campus." You're right; but that's why we're also having our regular issue with the eight-page Ragplonent inside. But please don't say that The Ragplonent isn't important. It was important enough that at The Exponent staff meeting last Monday, we spent over half of the meeting discussing the lampoon issue and finalizing plans for it.

One ironic thing about the timing of its publication. We've worked on it for a while and only in late December did we set late January as the target date. It seems we picked a good time, because I think almost everyone on campus needs to be lightened up just a bit. What will you learn if you read The Ragplonent? Well, put it this way: if you want only serious stuff, The Exponent is the regular 12- or 16-page Exponent. But if you want to learn about Artificial Intelligence being discovered in humans, or about what Chicken Little really knows about the University Center fire, check out The Ragplonent. It won't take all of you, and it may even brighten your day. Lord knows it's brightened our days as the staff worked toward achieving a truly lighter look at UAH.

"[problems] need to be discussed within the family..."

by Nancy A. Parker
interim associate editor

What's happened at UAH?

When I was editor of The Exponent, people would ask me, "How can you do all you do and keep a good GPA at UAH? That's a tough academic school." Other people have commented that their teenagers did not want to attend UAH because of the tough academic program. Parents were delighted when their high school grads enrolled at UAH because of the excellent teachers and high academic standards.

Throughout the years, I have heard nothing but positive comments about UAH. Not so now and I am ashamed. Recently, people have asked me, "What is going on at UAH?"

The excellent teaching and high academic standards are no doubt still here, but the positive aspects have been greatly overshadowed by the bickering and battles going on campus.

UAH, your dirty laundry has been hung out for the whole world to see, and it's not pretty. Your unblemished reputation has been tarnished. You may think it won't hurt the University, but in a few years, you'll see a difference and the difference won't be for the better.

As I listen about the problems at UAH, I can't tell the leaders from the followers. When the bickering reaches those of us who are not actively involved in UAH, it all seems very childish. It's like a family problem. The parents are feuding, the children are listening, and losing respect for authority.

Mr. President, faculty, and staff — you are the parents, you are the authority. You need to sit down and take a long hard look at yourselves, at each other, and the university and ask what you can do to make everything better. You need to listen and lead the students, your children. Lead them, don't get down with them. You've been where they are and you know where you want to go. You don't know everything, but you do, then why are you spending thousands of dollars and countless hours in classroom and study time?

Each of you at UAH, from the president to the freshman, has a job to do. You must separate yourselves from each other in order to stand together.

UAH has a peaceful, quiet campus. Somebody must be doing something right. The grounds are beautiful. Somebody must be doing something right. UAH graduates are making very high salaries right here in the Tennessee Valley. Somebody must be doing something right.

The campus newspaper does not need to be classed with the supermarket tabloids. Scandal sheets like the Town Crier need to be stopped.

What will you learn if you read The Ragplonent? The Ragplonent is on its way.

As Anne Murray sings, "We need a little good news today."

"...we are in danger of drowning in our own garbage."

by Lorisa Thomsen
columnist

Most of us grew up with the vague but incorrect idea that natural resources were limitless. The Earth has been generous with us for thousands of years and forgiven many of our mistakes. However, last summer's heat waves and trashed beaches showed that the ecosystem is becoming overloaded: we are in danger of drowning in our own garbage.

Landfills around the country are becoming filled and we are facing the prospect of exporting trash to The Third World. It's just getting too much. Nobody wants to bury the rest of their lives just to get rid of it. The solution to the problem begins at home — recycling.

My roommate and I began a home recycling program several months ago. We save waste paper, paper, glass, and metals. Since we now only throw out plastics (there is nowhere in the area to recycle those) and general dirt from the house, we find that the garbage trash needs to be taken out about every two weeks because there is so little.

It is really very simple — we have one bag for glass, one for metal, and one for paper. Newspaper are packed into a corner of the garage until there is enough for a trip to the recycling center (there are several in town). There isn't much money in it — the last trip netted $7.45 for about two month's worth of stuff — but we simply earmark our recycling money for a local organization that is glad to get every penny. It isn't much, but every little bit helps.

Something that could be a big help is Dr. Mike Ely's proposal to the city for a pilot recycling project in Huntsville. Dr. Ely, who is a professor at UAH, submitted a report to the city's Solid Waste Authority showing various ways garbage is separated around the country. He recommended a pilot program in Huntsville to separate and recycle non-combustible items that could not be used in the new garbage incinerator. Dr. Ely estimated that 25 percent of the city's garbage is metals and glass. Imagine the benefits of recycling even 25 percent of our waste as opposed to none of it.

As a city and the nation have programs where people separate their garbage and take it to the curb. The separated bags are then picked up by the city and disposed of. This saves citizens the trouble of storing waste until a trip to the recycling center is warranted. Ideally, Huntsville could someday have just such a program.

We have reached a point where we can no longer dismiss such things as environmental protection because we think it takes too much time or seems to be too expensive. If we don't start taking care of the environment, the expense will not be paid in dollars; it will be paid in the lives of people who starve or who are felled by disease from environmental contaminants.

What does Chicken Little know about the fire in the UC? Ask the Ayatollah, or read next week's The Ragplonent!
by Gregory Casteel

"...anyone can be 'smart' if they really want to."

...anyone can be 'smart' if they really want to. I assume that most of you are quite intelligent (to be a smart person, you've got to be a pretty smart cookie). But have you really given any consideration to what it means to be 'smart'? I'm sure you have some idea of what 'smart' means. Everyone knows someone who is thought of as being of "above average" intelligence. Likewise, everyone knows someone who is considered "not very bright." Often we look at "smart" people with envy and ask "why can't I be like that?" That envy can quickly turn to resentment and resentment to malice. But is intelligence something we are born with, or is it something that develops throughout a person's life? Since I was fairly young, I have been sure you have some idea of what "smart" is. Everyone has something that they are good at. Some people are good at sports,有些 are good at working, some are physically attractive, etc. Some people are good at a variety of things. The point is that everyone wants to find what they are good at. Once you have found your talent, you are happy. You can develop your talent and you don't need to find a new talent. So, if someone is good at sports, why should they bother trying to be "smart." Well, I'm not good at sports, or anything else for that matter, but I had only one option — I had to be "smart." I developed my mind. Many other people don't develop their minds because they have already found another talent, and are satisfied with it. But anyone can be "smart" if they really want to.

"Many bricks in the wall of racism...have been removed"

To the editor:

During this week in which we celebrate the birthday of the late Rev. Martin Luther King, I would like to take time to not only remember King's achievements but to also remember the man within the man. Thinking back for those who saw King and heard him speak, or those that only pictures and printed words tell his message of hope and peace, it is easy to forget our dignity and hold tight to the heart.

"UAH should keep on doing what they do best..."

Dr. Padulo, your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to make UAH a better place — and it is not an impossible mission. It could quickly become an impossible task if you keep on trying to avoid confrontations with Alabama A&M by giving away the things UAH does well.

A&M's lawsuit has gone far past the point where you or any other well-intentioned person can settle the matter. The legal battle has settled in for the duration. The only way to avoid it is to not roll over and die for them, giving them the appearance of a once thriving and excellent school.

Pretty good metaphorical stuff, huh? I went through many undergraduate and graduate English classes at UAH, so I know, for example, that those who work at UAH, and not just students, will do a lot of damage to the future of UAH. I also bet they would find out that people who go to UAH are not going to A&M or UAH either if you dilute what each school does by inextricably joining the two of them.

I should keep on doing what they do best and improving what they do not do well. A&M should do the same.

If A&M deserves more money for the wall still stand, as long as one brick stands we will all continue to suffer. Debt must be paid by all that owe and we all owe Dr. King so much for all that he gave of himself. We must for our sake and that of our children continue with the philosophy of non-violent directaction approach to attain racial justice. We must never forget our dignity and hold tight to the heart of freedom. Black or White, Jew or Gentile remember that Dr. King loved you and gave his life for you. Bold not your own mind for with it goes the heart.

Friedrich T. Lynk
President B.S.A.
Circle K prepares for busy year of service

Circle K International (CKI) invites students interested in joining the club to attend its first meeting this Thursday, Jan. 19, at 8:15 p.m. in the University Center, Exhibit Hall A. 

In December, the UAH Circle K International club held Christmas and New Year's parties as well as informal gatherings such as bowling and getting hot chocolate after Christmas carolling. A student need only show interest and a commitment to service in order to join CKI. Interested students may attend the open meeting or any regularly scheduled meeting. Weekly meetings are held Tuesdays at 8:15 p.m. in the University Center, Room 131. Service projects will be announced in The Exponent. All undergraduate or graduate students who are in good standing with the university (not on academic probation) are eligible for membership.

For more information, contact CKI Vice President Beth Gonsewski at 895-6645.
Alpha Tau Omega

Alpha Tau Omega has had a busy December and January. On Dec. 9, the brothers held a pep rally for the Charger basketball team, after which the ATOs dribbled a basketball from Spragins Hall to the campus of UNA in Florence, a trip which took 11 1/2 hours.

The trip was not easy in the below-30 weather, but spirits were high and the Taus were motivated to finish the trip because money was being raised for the athletic department. When the Taus reached UNA at 6 a.m., nearly $400 had been raised.

Rush is upon the Greeks at UAH again, and the ATOs are looking forward to meeting several new students and making new friends. Our first function was on Friday the 13th, the date being the theme of the party was a lot of fun and we are looking forward to our next party this Saturday.

Preparations for the tenth annual Founder's Day Celebration are in full swing. The festivities will be on the weekend of Feb. 2-3. We are expecting our pledge class, who have all worked very diligently for this day.

Finally, at the first meeting of the new year, Joey Ceci was elected by the chapter to attend the LeaderShape Seminar this summer. LeaderShape is a program which was founded by the Alpha Gamma pledge class, who have all worked very diligently for this day.

We held initiation for our fall pledges Dec. 17, 1988. Those initiated were Cathe Beebe, Stephanie Gilmore, Tolly Gribb, Christa Snow, Susan Trentham, Leigh Ann Watson, Cheryl Werner, and Lauren Williams. Our new officers were elected Dec. 8, 1988. They are as follows: Amy Dickson, president; Rebecca Dalzell, vice president; Tammy Scott, secretary; Heather Symons, treasurer; Dena Childress, pledge trainer; Allison Billingsley, personnel chairman; and Shannon Smith, rush chairman.

Chi Omega

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Pikes

The Phi Pledge Class finally made it! Congratulations to the newest brothers of Kappa Alpha: Mean Gene Hartfield, Mike Flex Jones, Andy Molo Melt, Brian Mocky The Bear, Tharp, Hiram CJ Christer, Alex Hairless Harris, Bill Tiny Dixon, Brent Holmes Wreath, Greg Muffin Knox, Werner Vonit II Schillof, and Joseph Roy Boy Hallmark.

These 11 men were the center of attention at the initiation party held at the Sheraton Inn on Saturday night. Thanks to all the little sisters and the ladies of UAH that attended and helped celebrate their accomplishment.

Last Monday night, we worked with the Annual Cerebral Palsy Telethon. Seven brothers were there to call and handle pledges from the larger donors. Then, Sunday, they returned to man the phones for the live event.

Delta Chi

We're back — just a little the worse for wear.

Well, how was your holiday? We had our elections for our officers for the coming year and the results are as follows: Jeff Sands, president; Michael Lawler, vice president; Sean Weldon, secretary; Pat Sargent, treasurer; Tim Ledingham, alumni relations; and P.J. Smith, sergeant-at-arms.

Turning to sports, we have such lack of talent, it would be frightening for one team. So you will probably see us on various and sundry basketball teams throughout the season.

Delta Zeta

Delta Zetas gave their time Sat., Jan. 14, to participate in the annual Cerebral Palsy Telethon. Members could be viewed on TV as they took pledges by phone and got to know members of other sororities and organizations.

Delta Zetas elected new executive officers for the coming year. They are Kim Port, president; Leigh Leopard, vice president — rush; Carol Ann Vaughn, vice president — pledge education; Tina Pedigo, treasurer; Denise Brown, recording secretary; Ola Luther, corresponding secretary; Mary Soky, academics.

Congratulations are in order to Karen Haley, who has been elected president of the Order of Omega; Tina Pedigo, who has been initiated into the Omicron Delta Kappa Society — the honorary leadership society; Kim Port and Leigh Leopard, who have both been invited to join the Order of Omega; and Karen Johnson and Lara Mauldin, who have been selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

We also congratulate and welcome our new members of Delta Zeta, who were initiated last Friday night.

Padulo to speak at IEEE meeting tonight

UAH President Louis Padulo is scheduled to speak today, Jan. 18, 1989, at the University Center Taped Conference Room at 8:15 p.m. Padulo is expected to talk about electrical engineering and about UAH's electrical engineering program.

Plans are underway for a tour of NASA's large space structures and robotics simulation facility. The tour is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 27. Any member interested in joining the tour can sign the sheet on the door of Room 203 in the Engineering Building or contact Susan Neale at 772-0510.

The deadline for the Student Paper Contest is Feb. 20. Packets with information concerning the contest are available to anyone interested. These are available in the IEEE office.

The Finance Committee has been very busy. Their future plans consist of a bake sale scheduled for Jan. 23 and 24; a phone-a-thon for UAH and IEEE Alumni to raise donations; and the sale of T-shirts for the IEEE computer fair and School of Engineering.
Beausoleil brings Cajun music to Huntsville

by Marian Delaney Sampson
features editor

The UC Exhibit Hall overflowed with people enjoying the seldom-heard musical sound of Beausoleil Saturday evening, Jan. 14.

Beausoleil (pronounced "Bo So Lay") is a self-described "evolutionary Cajun band" formed in 1975 by Michael Doucet (fiddler/vocalist). With the help of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, Doucet has researched traditional Cajun music and styles.

Members of the band appearing at UAH with Doucet were David Doucet (guitar and vocals), Jim Breaux (diatonic accordion), Tim Laesi (drums), and Billy Ware (percussion, bells, scrubboards, triangle, bongos, shakers, tambourine).

Michael Doucet introduced the "Acadian Two-Step" with, "We're going to play some music for you. It could be misunderstood to be dance music. So if the spirit moves you — it's not Sunday." The audience clapped, cheered, and stomped during this song. Five adventuruous couples danced in the aisles.

Doucet said that though the weather seemed bad outside the UC, "It is not as bad as the first time we visited UAH [1986]. Then it snowed in April." He added, "The audience consisted of 20 people who didn't know what Cajun music is or what to expect from the band. They quickly learned the philosophy of Cajun music is 'Be who you is' — if you're old and ugly, be old and ugly."

The band next played "Tous Les Deux Pour La Meme," or "Two for the Same." Doucet loosely translated the lyrics as "If you can't be with the one you love, try two others. If you can't be with them, try someone else — kind of a 'Lady and the Tiger' Cajun song."

About 30 couples danced to this upbeat waltz.

The third number, "Pierre Crouette and Mam'elle Josette," was described by Doucet as a wedding song. He said, "Josette's mother is pacing because she's afraid Pierre will show up — and he does." After various happenings, Josette and Pierre go walking prior to their wedding and meet a one-shoe fiddler who promises "he'll play at their wedding until he has no shoes left — so we're going to play for the next 45 minutes." Doucet's marvelous voice vied with his talking fiddle during this tune. Over half the audience were dancing.

The next two songs, "It's You I Love" and "Monkey on my Back," showed modern influences on Cajun music.

Beausoleil slowed the tempo with a "party song" called "Les Petits Yeux Noir" ("The Little Black Eyes"). According to Doucet, "This is a song sort of about death. But, that's okay. We have parties when someone dies." Doucet gave a short history of the band. He said, "Nine years ago, there were no Cajun restaurants in Louisiana. They were all seafood.

Beausoleil attempts to play traditional songs and new songs with modern influence, according to Doucet. As an example, the band played "Chanson d'Acadie." This was an Irish-fiddle tune to which Beausoleil has put new lyrics. Doucet said it is the story of two people thinking of returning to the New World. A fast number, "Dedans La Sud de La Louisiane," was played with joy and spirit. Doucet said it was a song about South Louisiana, including everything from nuts to squirrels and written before "Cajun was cool."

After a slower number, "Take it to Me," they played "Couchon du Lait" or "Roasted Pig." This mountain music song will appear on Beausoleil's new album, "Bayou Cadillac," to be issued in March 1989.

After the intermission the band played "French Jigue." The next number "Jolie Blond" is the "Cajun National Anthem," according to Doucet.

"Zydeco-Gris, Gris" was played wild and fast. This number, composed by Michael Doucet, was the opening number in "The Big Easy." It was more driving and insistent as played by Beausoleil and showed the African influence on Cajun music.

After "Home in the Bayou," the band ended their performance with a tune about "the weather in Louisiana" called "Flames of Hell."

As encores, Beausoleil played "Chez Seychelle" and "L'ailons Lafayette."

Their appearance at UAH concluded the group's current tour and they are going home to Louisians for Mardi Gras. During intermission and after the performance, members of the band talked with the audience.

For someone whose only exposure to Cajun music has been very limited, this evening was a revelation. The happy, upbeat mood of the music seemed to grow in a synergistic relationship between the audience and the musicians. The audience participated, singing and dancing. About halfway through the evening, the Exhibit Hall doors were opened to let in some cooler air.

Michael Doucet's gentle humor, wit and knowledge made the evening enjoyable for even those audience members not familiar with Cajun music, language, or culture. All of the quintet were competent musicians. However, Doucet's incredible voice and virtuosity in fiddling elevated the evening from a merely pleasant musical experience to one of those rare evenings experienced by music lovers anywhere.

The audience for the first UC — Fret Shop production of the winter term was continued to page 9.
Hoffman, Cruise star in “Rain Man”

Special person inspires special movie

by Laurence F. Specker

Kim is an autistic savant, a person who is retarded in some ways but a genius in others. He can perform complicated mathematical operations in his head as fast as a calculator, memorize maps at a glance, and literally memorize a phone book by reading it.

Kim knows every road in the United States, from looking at maps, but he would not be able to cope with the trivial details of living on his own. He is an extreme example of the autistic savant, described by scientists as one of a million.

Morrow was fascinated with Kim and decided to share his fascination with the world. He accomplished this by writing the script for an ambitious movie about a person very much like Kim. You’ve probably guessed the title. This movie by now: Kim is the real life “Rain Man.”

“Rain Man” is a movie with a lot going for it, most notably the names Tom Cruise and Dustin Hoffman. Hoffman is well known for his acting ability, and Cruise, of course, is guaranteed to attract crowds no matter how bad the movie is. (Remember “Cocktail”? I didn’t think so.) In “Rain Man,” both actors turn in outstanding performances, and Hoffman’s portrayal of the autistic brother is so real it is almost unbelievable.

Even with all this help, “Rain Man” is a risky venture. It relies on none of the crutches used by contemporary writers and directors to prop up weak plots and acting — no car chases, no gunfights, no violence, no throwaway sex scenes, no stereotypes, no hordes of gorgeous bimbos.

Furthermore, “Rain Man” is long. At two and a half hours, it is an hour or so longer than the average “action” film. All this may make the movie a lot better in the eyes of critics and commentators, but it can add up to a lot of dead weight in the box office race. Hopefully, “Rain Man” will overcome its own handicaps. It certainly deserves to. The length of the movie turns out to be no problem for those whose attention spans have not been totally crippled by the tube. With the exception of a sluggish 15 minutes in the last half of the film, the action flows smoothly and quickly, drawing the audience into the movie.

It is hard to watch “Rain Man” and remain totally detached. Rather, viewers are carried through a range of emotions from pity to pride to laughter to fear and alarm.

If you’re looking for a movie with a real difference, and you don’t mind the time, and you’re not afraid of learning a few things, I strongly suggest you see “Rain Man.” The price of a ticket is more like a good investment.

Garner to bring comedy, magic to UAH Jan.27

by Mary Wallace

Phillip Weaver, an instructor in the department of music at UAH, has received an Individual Artist’s Assistance Fellowship awarded by the Alabama State Arts Council.

The $2500 stipend will be used to allow Weaver to concentrate on performing classical guitar recitals throughout the state of Alabama. Although Weaver was aware of his fellowship in August, the announcement was not made until November because of delays in the state legislature concerning the budget.

Weaver applied for the fellowship in late spring of 1986. He had to present a proposal and a tape of his music. He used live cuts from his February recital.

“I believe UAH has a strong guitar program,” commented Weaver. “With these recitals, I can let people all over the state know this. The program deserves a little good advertising.”

Weaver indicated that it is important for people to realize the abilities of local talent to play all kinds of musical styles and traditions.

U.C. activities calendar

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 or organization wishing to have one of their events put 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.

Beausoleil appearance

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larger than the combined audience of the fall term. Noted singing a cappella group The Black Gospel Singers performed a two line prior to the show were high school teachers, physicians, local artists, lawyers, merchants, and engineers. Approximately half the audience were UAH students, staff and faculty, his extended family, friends from El Salvador, Babes in Arms to grandparents. After the performance, a large number of Cajuns talked with the group.

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UC pool tourney sends winners to Florida

by Kim Glasgow

Over 20 people competed in the all-day first annual pool tournament held Dec. 14 in the University Center, according to Brenda Hopkins, assistant director of operations for the UC.

The tournament, the first-ever sponsored by the UC Game Room, drew 22 participants who competed in two divisions—men's and women's—in double elimination play.

In the women's division, Janie Miernik finished first, Alison Jacks came in second, and Jennifer Riggs placed third. In the men's division, Roger Bishop took top honors, followed by Philip Ellis in second place, and Chris Burns in third.

According to Hopkins, the top three finishers in each division received trophies, cash prizes, and UAH merchandise. In addition, several of the division winners will be traveling free of charge to the Association of College Unions-International Intercollegiate Tournament.

Miernik and Jacks will represent the women's division as they will travel to Tallahassee to compete in the Feb. 3—5 ACUI tournament. Due to some of the top finishers being unable to attend the meet, Bill Lafferty, who placed fourth, will join Philip Ellis to represent the men's division.

Although approximately 50 people had originally signed up for the event, Hopkins said for it to be the game room's first-ever pool tournament, the turnout was good.

In addition to the pool tournament, the UC Game Room is also sponsoring its third annual table tennis tournament. As with the pool event, this will also be double elimination. However, stated Hopkins, divisions will be "A" and "B" rather than men's and women's because, in the past, no females have signed up.

Hopkins estimated that 25 people would participate in the Jan. 21 table tennis tournament. Four tables will be set up in the UC Exhibit Hall and play will begin at 8 a.m. Two players from this tournament will also travel free of charge to Tallahassee for the Feb. 3—5 ACUI tournament.

For more information, contact Brenda Hopkins at 885-6445.

Chargers lose heartbreaker

by Kelly Baldwin

sports editor

The UAH men's basketball team, plagued by injury and sickness, lost a close game to Columbus College Saturday night 80-76.

The Chargers were behind by only one point at the half 35-34, but with starter Gunars Balodis seeing limited action because of sickness, Charlie Holley's injury, and several missed free throws, UAH was unable to pull it out.

"We played a real good game," said Charger coach Tony Ingle. "As a team, I thought we played the smartest game of all year long. I can say that."

Thomas Jones led UAH with 31 points and 10 rebounds, followed by Martin Bradley with 14 points.

A big thank you goes out to all the students, faculty and staff that came to the Monday night pep rally to show support for the Chargers and Lady Chargers before the games with Alabama A & M. The rally showed the basketball teams that the student body does care.

A special congratulations goes out to those special guys of Alpha Tau Omega and other groups who worked hard to make the rally a success. The teams surely appreciated your efforts.

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The Activities Committee is gearing up for the Engineering Open House, slated to be held Feb. 24 and 25. Any ideas for planned events are welcomed.

A design lab was set up in the Engineering Building for the development of the prototype to be entered in the Region 3 Southeastcon 1989. The first Hardware Project Committee meeting was held Thursday, Jan. 12. Tod Harris and Steve Blackwell, electrical engineers at Universal Data Systems, were present and discussed possible direction-finding techniques for use in the project.

UAH students exclaim, "I saw Elvis!!" See next week's Ragplonent for details!
Current standings of intramural basketball

DIVISION A
Sigma Chi Gamma 1-0
ATO Gold 0-1
ATO Blue 0-1
ATO Nads 0-1
KAP Showtime 1-0
Dawgs 1-0
Delta Chi 0-1
Pikes 0-1

DIVISION B
Loose Tolerances 0-1
Staph 1-0
Bombers 1-0
Bushwackers 1-0
Showtime 1-0
Court Potatoes 0-1
Homeboys 0-1
BSU 0-1

DIVISION C
Kettle 1-0
Warriors 0-1
Champs 0-1
Blue Demons 0-1
Air Force 1-0
Dickens 0-1
Trouble Shooters 1-0
Tough D 1-0

DIVISION D
Running Microwaves 1-0
Mud Creek Country Club 0-1
Fast Break 0-1
Horsemen 1-0
Dino and the Dinosaurs 1-0
Bushwackers 1-0
Homeboys 0-1

DIVISION E
SPMC 1-0
Old Swillers 0-1
Mays 1-0
Predators 1-0
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Intramural basketball gets rolling in first week

The following are the results of the Intramural Basketball games played Jan. 15:

**NORTH COURT**
- Sigma Chi Gamma 62, ATO Gold 45;
- Loose Tolerances 15, Staph 63;
- ATO Nads 44, Dawgs 58;
- Sons of Canute 34, Horsemen 72;
- Court Potatoes 31, Showtime 48;
- Wolverines 49, Mavs 50;
- Dolphins 64, Fastbreak 52.

**SOUTH COURT**
- Tough D 75, Champs 30;
- Kettle 1, Warriors 0 by Forfeit;
- BSU 34, Bombers 52;
- Delta Chi 10, KAP Showtime 76;
- Running Microwaves 69, MCCC 24;
- SPMC 46, Old Swillers 34;
- Flying Colors 26, Predators 72;
- Dicemen 14, Air Force 112;
- Budlights 74, Dino and the Dinosaurs 76.

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