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NATURE OF THE BEAST . . . The English Department will sponsor a colloquium April 24 at 4 p.m. in the Noojin House. Rodney M. Baine, professor of English at the University of Georgia, will present a lecture entitled "Blake's Tyger: The Nature of the Beast".

DR. HERMANN HONORED . . . Dr. Rudolf Hermann, professor emeritus of aerospace science and engineering, has been elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) "for his original contributions on high speed flows; the design, development and operation of the first large supersonic and hypersonic wind tunnels; analytical treatment of internal aerodynamics and re-entry problems, and establishment and development of the Research Institute of UAH to national prominence."

Dr. Hermann came to UAH as a professor of physics and aerospace engineering, and became the first director of Research Institute. Since being named professor emeritus he has continued to teach astronomy and astrophysics on a part-time basis.

The election of the German-born scientist to the rank of Fellow represents one of the highest recognitions of achievement and professional standing that the AIAA can bestow on its members. A Fellow is accepted as a person of distinction to the arts, sciences or technology of aeronautics and astronautics.

Dr. Hermann will be officially introduced to his peers as an honored guest at the traditional Fellows Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the Queen Mary in Long Beach, Calif., May 13.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AMENDED . . . The official holiday schedule, published in the Aug. Bulletin Board, has been changed to accommodate registration needs as well as personal preference of employees, according to an announcement by UAH President John C. Wright. Under the new schedule Jan. 2 replaced June 2 as a holiday, and Aug. 24 may be taken instead of July 3 with permission from appropriate administration officials.

The official holiday schedule adopted for 1980-81 is now as follows:

- Sept. 1, 1980
- Nov. 27, 28, 1980
- Dec. 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 31, 1980
- Jan. 1, 2, 1981
- April 17, 1981
- June 1, 1981
- July 3, 1981 (optional)
- Aug. 24, 1981 (optional)
Names in the News

Dr. Ben F. Banahan III, assistant professor of community medicine at SPMC, attended the Fourth National Conference on Rural Primary Care in Denver March 8-11. The conference is sponsored annually by the National Rural Primary Care Association (NRPCA) and is the largest national conference addressing rural health problems. At the annual meeting, Dr. Banahan was elected to serve as a representative from the Department of Health and Human Services Region IV on the NRPCA Board of Directors.

Dr. Banahan also had an article published in the March issue of The Rural Primary Care Newsletter entitled "Beginning a Primary Care Association: Perspectives From Two States, Part 1: Mississippi."

Several faculty and staff members are participants in a team entered in the C-2 division of the Huntsville Industrial Tennis League, the middle division of 56 teams organized according to ability. Going into the competition, the number one player for UAH is Dr. Hugh Comfort (physics), followed by last year's number one player, Dr. Kenneth Krall (mechanical engineering). These two team together for the number one doubles team. However, a player who could rival either of these for the top spot is Earl Jacoby (fiscal affairs), a former A division player who will be playing occasionally for this year's team.

The third player is the team's captain, Dr. C. Emory Burton (sociology), followed by Dr. John Gregory (chemistry), who team together in doubles. The fifth and sixth players, who join for the third doubles team, are Fred Cothren (audio visuals, SPMC) and Dr. William Munson (English).

The number seven player at this time is Mark Tcherneshoff (mechanical engineering). Other players include Dr. Helen James (mathematics), Dr. Frank Liu (mechanical engineering), and Dr. Philip Boucher (history), who is on sabbatical much of the season which extends through September. The first three opponents for UAH are NASA, GE and USBI. Go team!

Michael Crouse, assistant professor of art, is on a winning streak. In addition to other recent honors, he won a purchase award in the LaGrange National VI juried competition held at the Art Center in LaGrange, Ga. The competition was sponsored by the Chattahoochee Valley Art Association and LaGrange College Feb. 28 through March 29. The juror was Sidney Tillim, nationally known New York artist, critic and educator. Crouse's purchase award was for the price of the print "Crosswalk IV" which will become part of the permanent collection for LaGrange College.

Dr. Sang Han, research associate in mechanical engineering, participated in a research project at JEEC on a solar energy application investigation sponsored by NASA/MSFC. He is the author of an article titled "Thermal Stratification of Solar Energy Liquid Storage Systems" which has been selected by NASA to be published as a NASA Tech Brief. In recognition of his contributions, Dr. Han has been awarded a certificate and $50 cash award.

Dr. Dan Hays, associate professor of psychology, gave a paper April 9 at a Conference on Change and Tradition in the American Small Town held at the School of Architecture at Mississippi State University. Participants from throughout the United States included, in addition to scholars, a cross section representative of small town interests such as chambers of commerce, the clergy and politicians. Dr. Hays' paper, "Concerning Small Towns: Notes on Semiotic Process," discussed meanings that small towns and rural areas have for various people associated with them, and suggested that some of these meanings are reflected in architectural choices.

Dr. S. Shiva, associate professor in computer science, recently received two awards. For his work on Digital Systems Design Language, NASA presented him with a certificate of recognition and $50. A joint NATO research grant for international
collaboration in science was made to Dr. Shiva and Dr. D.C. Patel of the University of Surrey, England. The grant of approximately $6,000 will cover travel and living expenses during exchange visits.

The following faculty and students from the School of Science and Engineering received awards at the annual banquet of the Huntsville Association of Technical Societies recently:

Dr. Donald B. Wallace, associate professor in mechanical engineering, was presented the Outstanding Service Award by the Alabama Society of Professional Engineers;

Dr. J. Milton Harris, professor of chemistry, was named Outstanding Researcher by Sigma Xi;

Dr. Richard M. Wyskida, professor of industrial engineering, was named Outstanding Engineer of the Year by the American Institute of Industrial Engineers;

Dr. Gerald R. Karr, associate research professor in mechanical engineering, was presented the Outstanding Engineering Faculty of the Year award by UAH;

Ted L. Knowling III, student in mechanical engineering, received the Outstanding Engineering Student of the Year award from UAH; and

Lawrence Dale Thomas, student in industrial and systems engineering, was also named Outstanding Engineering Student of the Year by UAH.

Joan Williamson, associate professor in the School of Nursing, has become the first female president of the Southern States Conference (SSC), composed of 10 colleges and universities. Among the duties of the athletic league's officers are issues involving officiating and scheduling. The mantle of the presidency descended on her at a meeting in Montgomery last February.

WE'RE NUMBER ONE . . . Data released by Marion Kent, assistant for university affairs at NASA/MSFC, show that UAH was the largest recipient of NASA contracts and grants through the Marshall Space Flight Center during the period FY-59 through FY-80 of universities in the state. UAH, with cumulative awards totaling $10,131,811 led Auburn which received $9,242,231. UA Tuscaloosa received $8,894,836.

FORGET THE P.O.B.... As a reminder, you do not need to include the old post office box (P.O.B.) on UAH mail. In fact, doing so will soon mean that your mail will be returned by the post office, resulting in a delay. The grace period allowed by the U.S. Postal Service as UAH changed from the old P.O.B. number to its own Zip Code will soon expire and the post office will return mail that carries a UAH post office box number. To avoid delays, use only the UAH Zip Code of 35899.

FACULTY PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED . . . The following faculty promotions, effective Sept. 1, have been announced by Dr. Elmer Anderson, vice president for academic affairs.

Professor Emeritus:
Dr. Wilhelm Kubitza,
Mechanical Engineering

Associate Professor:
Dr. Roscoe E. Bryson,
Business Administration and Economics

Elizabeth Pollard,
Library

Bonnie Pearson,
Nursing

Dr. Joy Haralick,
Sociology

Assistant Professor:
Doris Hearman,
Nursing
VOX POPULI . . . Attending a campus forum on the funding crisis in higher education March 16, about 300 students, faculty and staff addressed questions about the governor's proposed state budget to five members of the Madison County Legislative Delegation.

Senators Bill Smith and Albert McDonald, and Representatives Frank Riddick, Martha Jo Smith and Jim Smith all stated that the governor's proposed budget "is not the one that will pass."

"We don't know his (the governor's) rationale behind it (the budget)," said Riddick, a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, to which Martha Jo Smith added, "a lot of legislators have thrown his budget in the garbage can."

The legislators indicated a general lack of support throughout the capitol delegations for Gov. James' proposal to eliminate the UA medical school components at Huntsville and Tuscaloosa, and appeared equally opposed to a merger with Alabama A&M University.

In answer to a question about James' challenge to the existing retirement program for university employees, Bill Smith said the governor is waiting for information in forthcoming actuarial reports, but added the retirement system in Alabama is "more than we can afford." If it is rewritten, Smith said, the new schedule will probably affect new employees more than those already connected to the system but will be expected to carry incentives for new employees. He said most legislators do not favor two retirement systems for university personnel.

Dr. John White, History Department chairman, communicated to the governmental officials the university's anxiety regarding the recruitment of first-rate scholars in the face of a continuing bleak future for higher education in the state. He asked them to make known the irreversible need for adequate funding to insure continuing quality in faculty appointments.

Given the understanding that UAH is underfunded by $1.5 million, McDonald said he thought the situation could be alleviated by strengthening the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE). He conceded there was no strong support in Montgomery for ACHE, but said he felt some panel was needed to oversee budgets and insure formula funding for schools.

McDonald also said that UAH must begin to seek other sources of funds to supplement state aid. Discounting a search for federal dollars, he recommended charging increased tuition and "looking to your alumni for support."

Martha Jo Smith said higher education as a whole will have to "cut back on enrollment" and "send some post-secondary students to trade schools." The group agreed that there was not as much tax money coming into the state treasury from which education draws its support, partly because "people are not spending as much."
TRUSTEES FOLLOW UP . . . When the University of Alabama Board of Trustees met at UAH two days later, Chancellor Joseph Volker issued the most strongly worded statement yet to come from a system spokesman setting forth the current and future effects of the governor's proposed budget on the UA System.

"Erosion and deterioration of public respect for the University can do more permanent injury to this institution than the regiment of troops who burned the University during the Civil War," he said. "If the people of this state choose to believe those accusations and other misleading statistics that are being quoted, it will be years before the University can recover its support in the minds of the people," he continued in a prepared statement.

Attacking the immediate funding crisis, the Board adopted a resolution increasing the tuition and fee schedule for UA and UAB. UAH officials have confirmed that similar measures will go into effect here beginning with the fall term.

NOW THE GOOD NEWS . . . In spite of all the bad budget news emanating from Montgomery in recent months, followed by a reduction in the number of class sections offered this term, students still find UAH a pretty attractive place to get their education. Enrollment, at 4,925 students, is up 9.6% over the spring quarter last year according to Nan Hall, director of admissions and records.

THESIS DEADLINE . . . Dean N.F. Audeh, School of Graduate Studies, requests that faculty members advise their graduate students that the deadline for submitting theses and dissertations to the Graduate Admissions office is May 20. Graduate Admissions is located in Morton Hall, room 232.

TEMPORARY HOUSING SOUGHT . . . UAH has been chosen as the recipient of the 1981 NASA/ASEE Summer Faculty Fellowship Training Grant from NASA headquarters with Dr. Gerald R. Karr of the Mechanical Engineering Department as university co-director.

This is a 10 week program in which professors from other universities are brought to Huntsville for the summer to do research at the Marshall Space Flight Center. Most of the participants will bring their families for the duration of their fellowship and will be looking for temporary housing for the 10 week period.

If you plan to be away from June through August and would be interested in renting your home to one of the participants, please contact Dr. Karr or Kathleen Wagner at 895-6330 as soon as possible.

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.

Secretary I (2)
General Maintenance Worker I
Custodial Worker (2)
Catalog Maintenance Assistant
Medical Records Transcriptionist
A standing Faculty Compensation Committee was established by the Faculty Senate at its March 19 meeting, charged with collecting and analyzing faculty salary data, maintaining the data base already established, making recommendations concerning faculty salary totals for each forthcoming budget year, and recommending apportionments of the faculty salary budget between general and merit increments.

The following is part of the report by the UAH Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Cost of Living and Salary Determination presented last month by Dr. Gerard J. Grzyb, committee chairman:

Between academic years 1969-70 and 1979-80, the average salary paid to college and university professors in the U.S. increased more than 65%. But the cost of living (as measured by the Consumer Price Index) more than doubled during that decade, leading to a decrease of more than 19% in the buying power of the average professorial salary. The financial setbacks for UAH faculty were even worse. During the same period, the average salary for UAH instructors rose 58%, associate and full professors rose 54%, and assistant professors rose 43%. When the effects of inflation were factored in, the report found those dollar increases translated into losses in buying power amounting to 24% for instructors, 26% for associate and full professors, and 31% for assistant professors.

UAH faculty salaries have also fallen relative to the average salaries at institutions similar to UAH; i.e., those classified as IIA Public by the American Association of University Professors. In 1973-74, all UAH faculty ranks except that of full professor had average salaries that were as much as $250 per year higher than those for IIA Public faculty in general. But six years later, all ranks at UAH had average salaries that were at least $500 lower and as much as $1600 lower (depending on the particular rank) than the average salaries of their IIA Public counterparts. UAH faculty have also seen their average compensation (salary plus fringe benefits) suffer in comparison with the averages at other Alabama universities. Data were available for Athens State, Jacksonville State, Livingston State, A&M, UAH, Auburn (main campus), and the University of Alabama.

Between 1973-74 and 1979-80, the faculty at all seven of these institutions enjoyed greater increases in compensation than the UAH faculty. The only exception was UAH assistant professors, who fared worse than their counterparts at every other institution but the University of Alabama. While UAH was usually in eighth place out of eight, the University of Alabama was typically in seventh place and UAB most often occupied fifth place. In short, the UA System accounted for three of the bottom four positions.

The report noted that it was common knowledge that inflation had eroded the buying power of many Americans, even while more dollars appeared in their pay envelopes. Less commonly recognized, the report continued, was the fact that college and university professors suffered more than virtually every other major occupational group in this society.

LIBRARY RESERVE ROOM MOVED . . . Among recent changes at the Library is the location of the Reserve Room which has been moved to the third floor of the main building from its previous location on the second floor in the new wing.

The study/class room formerly in the main building has been moved to the second floor of the new wing, in room 237 facing Holmes Ave. All audio-visual resources, including phonograph records, journals on microfilm, government documents on microfilm, and AV equipment are now in the new Reserve Room. As always, the Library's staff will be happy to assist you if you need help in getting reoriented to the new locations.

APRIL 29 . . . is the deadline for students to request tuition assistance for early registration, according to a notice from the Personnel Office. Any requests after that date will not be processed.
Friday, May 1, 1981
12:00 noon Deadline for news to
Exponent for May 6 issue—UBU 211
12:30 p.m. BSU International Lunch
—BSU
5:00 p.m. Deadline for news to
Bulletin Board for May 16 issue
—MBISH
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Reception and
opening of FOCAL Annual Juried
Exhibition of Alabama College Art
Students—UAG
7:00 & 9:30 p.m. SGA Film Series:
Animal House—UBU
8:15 p.m. Huntsville Community
Chorus: The New Moon/Sigmund
Romborg Spring Concert—VBCC
7:00 p.m. UAH Business Club Spring
Banquet—TBA
Saturday, May 2, 1981
3:00 p.m. Huntsville Community
Chorus: The New Moon/Sigmund
Romberg Spring Concert—VBCC
7:00 p.m. SGA Film Series:
Animal House—UBU
Sunday, May 3, 1981
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
National Sun Day
Open House of Solar Test Facility,
Solar Greenhouse—Alabama
Solar Energy Center
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Scheduled
open houses of local solar homes
—J.E.E.C.
12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Intramural Softball
—MBISH
2:00 p.m. Society of Women
Engineers’ Meeting
—Mandos—Jordan Lane
Monday, May 4, 1981
8:15 p.m. BSU Meeting,
“Monday Night Live”
—BSU
8:15 p.m. Circle K Meeting
—UBU 204
Tuesday, May 5, 1981
6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday Night
Toughies (volleyball)
—MBISH
8:00 p.m. BSU Bible Study
—BSU
Wednesday, May 6, 1981
All Day Exponent published
—Available in all buildings
12:15 p.m. BSU Wednesday Lunch
—BSU
Thursday, May 7, 1981
4:00 p.m. Honors Day
—MBISH
8:15 p.m. SGA Film Series:
Harold & Maude—UBU
Friday, May 8, 1981
12:00 noon Deadline for news to
Exponent for the May 13 issue
—UBU
12:30 p.m. BSU International Lunch
—BSU
1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Second Annual
“Come and Beat Your Buddy” Ping
Pong Tournament—MBISH
7:00 to 9:00 p.m. SGA Film Series:
Animal House—UBU
8:15 p.m. Huntsville Little
Theatre: George Washington Slept
Here—VBCC-P
8:15 p.m. Huntsville Community
Chorus: The New Moon/Sigmund
Romberg Spring Concert—VBCC-C
TBA
BSU Spring Banquet—TBA
TBA
Crew-Dad Vail National
Championships—Philadelphia, PA
Saturday, May 9, 1981
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Second Annual “Come and Beat
Your Buddy” Ping Pong
Tournament—MBISH
7:00 p.m. SGA Film Series:
Animal House—UBU
8:15 p.m. Huntsville Little
Theatre: George Washington Slept
Here—VBCC-P
8:15 p.m. Huntsville Community
Chorus: The New Moon/Sigmund
Romberg Spring Concert—VBCC-C
7:00 p.m. BSU Spring Banquet—TBA
7:00 & 9:00 p.m. Intramural Softball—MBISH
Sunday, May 10, 1981
12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Intramural
Softball—MBISH
Monday, May 11, 1981
8:15 p.m. BSU Meeting,
“Monday Night Live”—BSU
8:15 p.m. Circle K Meeting
—UBU 204
**Tuesday, May 12, 1981**  
6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday Night Toughies (volleyball)  
—MBSH  
7:00 p.m. UAH Alumni Association Board of directors' Meeting  
—NI  
8:15 p.m. BSU Bible Study  
—BSU

**Wednesday, May 13, 1981**  
All Day Exponent published  
—Available in all buildings  
12:15 p.m. BSU Wednesday Lunch  
—BSU

**Thursday, May 14, 1981**  
8:15 p.m. Huntsville Little Theatre: George Washington Slept Here**  
—VBCC-P

**Friday, May 15, 1981**  
All Day Bulletin Board published—Available in all buildings  
12:00 noon Deadline for news to Exponent for May 20 issue  
—DUB 211  
1:30 p.m. BSU International Lunch  
—BSU  
8:15 p.m. Huntsville Little Theatre: George Washington Slept Here**  
—VBCC-P  
8:15 p.m. Free UAH Choral Organizations Spring Concert  
—UB  
7BA Athletic Awards Banquet  
—TBA

**Saturday, May 16, 1981**  
8:15 p.m. Huntsville Little Theatre: George Washington Slept Here**  
—VBCC-P  
8:15 p.m. UAH Wind Ensemble Spring Concert—VRCC

**Sunday, May 17, 1981**  
12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Intramural Softball—MBSH

**Monday, May 18, 1981**  
8:15 p.m. BSU Meeting  
"Monday Night Live"  
—BSU  
8:15 p.m. Circle K Meeting  
—UB 204

**Tuesday, May 19, 1981**  
6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday Night Toughies (volleyball)—MBSH  
8:15 p.m. BSU Bible Study  
—BSU

**Wednesday, May 20, 1981**  
All Day Exponent published  
—Available in all buildings  
10:00 a.m. The University of Alabama Board of Trustees' Meeting  
—Tuscaloosa  
12:15 p.m. BSU Wednesday Lunch  
—BSU

**Thursday, May 21, 1981**  
All Day Study Day  
All Day Registration deadline for June LSAT  
—NI General Information Window  
5:00 p.m. Art Show Closing  
—UAG

**Friday, May 22, 1981**  
All Day Final Exams Begin  
All Day Book Nook buying used textbooks for the next three weeks  
12:30 p.m. BSU International Lunch  
—BSU  
7BA School of Primary Medical Care: Student-Faculty Dinner—TBA

**Saturday, May 23, 1981**

**Sunday, May 24, 1981**

**Monday, May 25, 1981**  
All Day Final Exams continue through Wednesday

**Tuesday, May 26, 1981**  
6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday Night Toughies (volleyball)—MBSH

**Wednesday, May 27, 1981**  
All Day Final Exams End

**Thursday, May 28, 1981**

**Friday, May 29, 1981**

**Saturday, May 30, 1981**  
10:00 a.m. School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony—First Baptist Church—600 Governors Drive  
7BA Commencement—MBSH

**Sunday, May 31, 1981**  
*Tentative.  
**Limited number of free tickets.  
Check Information Center, NI.

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