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If you don’t pre-register you might not get in.

by Marian Delaney Sampson editor

According to Dr. Ron Koger, assistant vice president for Enrollment Management, if students do not participate in early registration they may find that the courses they want to take this summer are not being offered.

Koger said that registration cards were mailed to all students enrolled for the Spring Term. He advises students to register early, "because classes that do not 'make' will be cancelled before open registration."

"To 'make,' a class must have a minimum number of students enrolled. This number varies by department.

According to Koger this is balanced by the fact that for over-subscribed classes, "every attempt will be made to accommodate those who registered early. In other words, additional sections will be scheduled.

"Summer class offerings will be determined by demand," he said, "if a student did not get a registration card, he/she needs to stop by UC Room 124 and pick one up."

In an effort to divulge the myth that fewer classes are being offered this summer that were offered last summer, Koger gave the exponent the following statistics:

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Koger said that 9.8 percent more sections are being offered this summer than were taught last summer. How many sections will actually be taught depends solely on how many students sign up during early registration.

Early registration for all courses began May 6 and will continue until May 16.
Mathematical Modeling Teams

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left to Right: Dr. Claudia Morales, Michael McEniry and Lin Chang of the Math Team.

by Dr. Peter M. Gibson.
Chair, Department of
Mathematical Sciences

The two teams from UAH who participated in the 1991 Mathematical contest in Modeling both performed quite well. The team, consisting of Lin Chang, Michael McEniry and Rebecca Thomas, was judged to be Meritorious, while the other team consisting of Laura A. Ayers, Jimmy A. Christian, and Jason W. Hinson received Honorable Mention.

This contest is sponsored by the Consortium for Mathematics and its Applications, and is a national contest for undergraduates. It offers students the opportunity to compete in a team setting using applied mathematics in the solving of real-world problems. Dr. Claudia Morales was the faculty advisor for the UAH teams.

MEMORANDUM

From: Lynn D. Russell, Dean
College of Engineering
Subject: Engineering Equipment Fees

A significant need exists for replacement, modernization, maintenance, and support of engineering laboratory equipment and related facilities. Engineering laboratories are an essential part of the educational program for engineering students. In recognition of this fact, the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET), the national accrediting agency for engineering education, has established accreditation criteria which require a plan for the "continued replacement, modernization, maintenance, and support of engineering laboratory equipment and related facilities." The plan must be developed by each college of engineering, and a means to fund the plan must be specified. Because of the severe problems involved in maintaining engineering laboratories and in meeting ABET standards, approximately one-third of all accredited engineering colleges in the U.S. now levy college-wide fees for support of laboratory and computer equipment for their students (see NSPE PEEReview, Volume 2, No. 1, page 4, Fall 1990).

In recognition of the need discussed above, the UAH College of Engineering plans to take the following action:

1. Effective Summer 1991, suspend all laboratory fees currently being assessed for engineering laboratory courses.
2. Effective Summer 1991, initiate an engineering equipment fee of $12 per student credit hour for all engineering courses for which credit is given (includes these, etc.). This fee is to be set aside and 100% of the funds to be returned to the College of Engineering for the "continued replacement, modernization, maintenance, and support of engineering laboratory equipment and related facilities" in accordance with ABET criteria.

This plan is similar to the approach currently being used by the University of Alabama, the University of South Alabama, and by approximately one-third of the engineering colleges in the country.

The plan was unanimously approved by the engineering faculty in an earlier college faculty meeting. It also has been approved by the department chairs, the dean, Provost Yost, and President Monigal. We believe that this action will significantly enhance our laboratories and the overall engineering program at UAH.

Your cooperation and support of this action will be greatly appreciated.

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making 9.3 votes required. Ed Ditto, SGA vice president, ruled that 9 votes in favor was an adequate majority.

Joey Ceci, SGA finance officer, informed the exponent on Friday, May 3, that an account will not be opened despite Ditto's ruling. Ceci stated that unnamed legislators have challenged the vote by saying that there were irregularities.

Another issue discussed at the meeting was the use of the UC as a testing center for the ACT and GRE. Johnny West, Administrative Science, had investigated the matter and had presented his findings at the SGA meeting on April 25.

One of the arguments against was that this building is appropriated for the students' use, not for administering tests. When tests are administered, the students cannot easily use the building and have to remain quiet so that students taking the tests will not be disturbed.

After the presentation, West was asked by the Legislature to draft a letter to the Office of the President. That letter was presented at the May 2 meeting, and the Legislature voted unanimously to forward the letter, which follows:

Dr. Franz,

It has come to our attention that the University Center is being used on Saturdays for testing. Tests include GRE, ACT, MCAT, and other such academic matters. An incident occurred recently when students "relaxing" in the UC were told to be quiet numerous times by those giving the GRE and ACT that Saturday afternoon. A Student Government Association legislator brought this up in the SGA meeting held that week and a committee was formed to look into the matter.

The results of the committee search were as follows:

The day of conflict, all rooms in the UC except two, the formal dining room (being used for a scavenger hunt) and the cafeteria (being used for Children's Hour), were being used for testing.

The Building Policy Manual, through the Administrative Council (approved 1985-86 school year) states that the University Center is not to be used for classes. The exception is in a case where a class must meet in the University Center due to a conflict. In such case, the University Center may be used only for one class session.

Inasmuch as testing is scheduled in the University Center each Saturday through April and May, it would appear that testing is scheduled on a "regular basis," therefore, our suggestion is that testing be moved to an academic building.

Dr. Ron Koger, Assistant Vice-President for Enrollment Management, stated that it would be simply a matter of teaching someone to write receipts other than the bursar's office, to have someone from the bursar's office scheduled to receive money at the chosen building on test day, or have the test recipients merely walk to the University Center to pay testing fees prior to being administered the examination.

Inasmuch as the University Center is a place for gathering, socialization, relaxation and other needs of the student body of UAH, we feel it is an encroachment of the students' rights to a building free of an academic atmosphere when testing is being done in the University Center. Also, to be told to be quiet in said building is a violation of the purpose of a University Center.

In keeping these matters in mind, we The Legislative Body of the Student Government Association of UAH humbly and openly request that henceforth testing be relocated for an academic building on the campus. Our suggestion is that Morton Hall be used since other/least systems remain on during the weekends.

We appreciate your time and concern in looking into this matter.

The SGA Legislature

UAH Student Chapter of The Public Relations Council of Alabama Announces:

A Portfolio Workshop!

Thursday, May 9, 1991
2 to 6 p.m.
Tom Bevill Center, Room 267

Attend this candid workshop and learn the how-to's for developing a high impact portfolio. Speakers and exhibitors from the North Alabama community will display their portfolios and discuss the importance of having a collection of works to show to potential employers. This workshop will especially benefit students in communications, marketing, graphic design, technical writing, political science, and other areas that may require a portfolio.

Speakers include:

Peri Widener, APR, Division Manager, Public Relations The Boeing Company
Wendell Johnson, Director University Relations & Communication, Alabama A&M University
Jack Robertson, Senior P.R. Representative USBI Company
Dr. Rita Whillock, Assistant Professor, Communication Arts and soon to be published author, UAH

REGISTER TODAY!
$5 In advance, $6 at the door; refreshments provided

Pick up a registration form at the Communication Arts Department, MH 319 or the UC Information Desk. For more information call Shelley Tedin, UAH Professional Development at 895-6272 or Rita Graham, PRCA President, at 830-2764.
Early Discusses the Redundant Woman

by Srilakshmi Malladi

reporter

On Friday, May 3, Julie Early of the English department spoke to the Women’s Studies Interest Group (WSIG), on the subject What’s in a Name? We Used to be Redundant Women, Now We’re Returning Students.

Early said, “Redundant women were those Victorian women who were essentially out of a job and had few opportunities for economic independence.”

She continued, “We have government programs for them now. They’re called ‘Displaced home-makers.’ They are seen as a problem instead of women with a problem.”

“As a result of a woman today in essentially the same situation as were the Redundant Women, we now have ‘Return­ing Students.’” Early said. She talked about the different language used to talk about female students versus male students. “They are ‘Returning Students’ not ‘Continuing Students.’” For women, people say ‘pick­up’ where you left off or ‘start-over.’ In the process, the in-between experiences are being discounted or totally erased.”

Early said, “We’ve got to reorganize women’s educational structure. To do this we’ve got to work against a very deep structure. Women’s Studies should proceed as a whole and should have some power to reshape the institution.”

The meeting was attended by students who discussed their problems as returning women students. The group is trying to generate more student interest and is looking forward to more student participation.

Also, WSIG’s resource center is already underway. Among other things the group is planning a brown-bag lunch, reading sessions, free forum discussions, and the printing of an agenda.

Poet John Silkin Speaks on World War I Poets

by Mary Wallace

news editor

British poet John Silkin spent two days on the UAH campus reading his own poetry, listening to student readings, and lecturing on the poets of World War I.

Currently a teacher in the Creative Writing Program at the University of Iowa, Silkin has spent a number of years in the U.S. teaching or being a poet-in-residence at several universities. He is the author of many books of poetry and literary analysis, and his work can also be read in the fourth edition of the Norton Anthology of English Literature (volume 2).

Silkin read samples of his poetry to a group of approximately fifty UAH students, staff, and faculty on Thursday, May 2, in the UC. Although he is from a middle class home, the sixty-year-old poet worked as a laborer in his youth. One of the first poems he read called “Urban Grasses,” described his experiences as a grounds keeper for a cemetery.

Silkin maintained a serious tone when he read a poem written after the death of his infant son. Although he could not prove it, Silkin believed that his son caught pneumonia while waiting for tests in a drafty hospital corridor. The last lines of the poem read, “Two great tears rolled out of his eyes like stones, and he died.”

Silkin lightened his subject matter when he turned to nature. He read several flower poems in which he tried to exactly describe the flower, while creating “something analogous between the flower and human­ity.”

After his reading, Silkin received questions from the audience. Silkin and various audience members discussed the battle between free and metered verse which is currently waging in the field of poetry.

Silkin also discussed his creative process. “It’s much like mental weight-lifting,” he said, “One must summon the energy to create, and it requires untiring concentration. One must be active, but also receptive.”

Later in the day, Silkin met with students from the Honors Program in Morton Hall to further discuss poetry. On Friday, May 3, Silkin met with students again to hear them read their own poetry.

Later on Friday, Silkin gave a lecture on World War I poets, a topic he has researched and written about. He began the discussion by reading a poem which con­demned the “vain honor” of war. To the audience’s surprise, the poem was not contemporary, nor written by a man. The poem was written in 1700 by Anne, Countess of Winchelsea.

Silkin continued to trace an anti-war senti­ment in poetry that was akin to the poems written during WWI. When he reached the twentieth century, Silkin focused mainly on the poets Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen. He said, “Sassoon and Owen aimed their anti-war poetry at civilians because they felt that they were badly in need of education.”

Silkin read and passed out a copy of an excerpt from a letter Sassoon posted to his superiors: “I am making this statement as an act of wilful [sic] defiance of military authority, because I believe that the War is being deliberately prolonged by those who have the power to end it. I am a soldier, convinced that I am acting on behalf of soldiers, I believe that this War, upon which I entered as a war of defence [sic] and liberation, has now become a war of aggression and con­quest, I believe that the purposes for which I and my fellow soldiers entered upon this War should have been so clearly stated as to have made it impossible to change them, and that, had this been done, the objects which actually was now would be atonable by negotiation. I have seen and endured the sufferings of the troops, and I can no longer be a party to prolong these sufferings for ends which I believe to be evil and unjust. I am not protesting against the conduct of the War, but against the political errors and inaccuracies for which the fighting men are being sacrificed. On behalf of those who are suffering now I make this protest against the deception which is being practised on them; also, I believe that I may help to destroy the callous complacency with which the majority of those at home regard the continuance of agonies which they do not share, and which they have not sufficient imagination to realize.”

Silkin stated that both Sassoon and Owen conveyed images of desolation in their poems which were often graphic descriptions of physical horror.

In a poem by Owen called Strange Meeting, Silkin pointed to a use of half rhyme which helped to convey the world of uncertainty and irony which these poets felt. In the poem, a British soldier is the persona, and he states, “by his smile, I knew that sullen null. By his dead smile I knew we stood in Hell.”

When the soldier confronts one of his own victims, the German soldier states, “I am the enemy you killed, my friend.” Silkin then called the audience’s attention to the line in “Drum Taps” by Walt Whitman, an American poet, which seemed to be a pre­cursor for Owen’s line, “For my enemy is dead, a man divine as myself is dead.”

Silkin ran out of time before he could discuss other poets such as Isaac Rosenberg.

John Silkin’s visit to UAH was made possible by the Honors Program, Dardabas Project, Sigma Tau Delta, and the Department of English.
AKA Sponsors AIDS Forum

by Shane Ellenhour
reporter

On Monday, April 29, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority sponsored an AIDS seminar in the UCB Exhibit Hall. Sara M. Bradley, from the Madison County Health Department, was the speaker.

Bradley informed the group about how the AIDS virus has spread, the risk groups involved, and how to protect oneself against the virus.

Bradley said there are a number of ways that the AIDS virus is spread. The most common method is through sexual contact, be it vaginal, anal, or oral.

Another way of contracting the virus is by sharing the needles of an infected person during drug use.

Two less common methods of contracting the virus is being born with it and contracting it from infected blood during a blood transfusion. This latter method is, however, extremely rare, because the health departments are taking more safety precautions, said Bradley.

One way to protect oneself against the AIDS virus is the use of a condom during sexual intercourse; she said; a regular latex condom is only 80-85% effective in protecting against the AIDS virus. According to Bradley, a condom treated with the spermicide non-oxyl-9 is approximately 90% effective against the virus.

Bradley also specified some of the groups that are at risk of contracting the AIDS virus. Some of the groups mentioned were homosexuals, bisexuals, drug users, prostitutes, and sexually active individuals.

The last thing Bradley spoke of was the statistics of AIDS cases. In the United States there are 112,000 cases of AIDS. As of April 12, Alabama had reported 1,015 cases, with Madison County reporting 35 cases.

In closing, Bradley suggested that an AIDS test should be taken every six months to a year if someone is in one of the risk groups. The test is free at the Health Department.

Additional pro-ratoning announced by Hunt — UAH response

by Marian Delaney Sampson
editor

Additional pro-ratoning of education budget was announced by Governor Guy Hunt’s office on Friday, May 3. This latest reduction in the FY 1990-91 budget raises pro-ratoning from 3.7 to 6.5 percent.

According to Vice President for Finance, Jerry Quick this means that UAH must reduce this year’s budget by an additional $800,000.

The announcement was presented to University of Alabama administrators from all three campuses by Vice Chancellor for Finance Dr. Joe Dowdle after the close of the Board of Trustees meeting in Tuscaloosa, May 3.

UAH administrators at the meeting said that a plan had been worked out by an ad hoc committee on Wednesday, May 1, to deal with an estimated 5.95 percent pro-ratoning.

The ad hoc pro-ratoning committee was named Monday, April 29, by Interim President Joe Quick as an Administrative Council meeting.

A reliable source has claimed that the President’s committee members are Dr. Charles Lundquist, Dr. David Billings, Bervil Davis, Donna Reed, Dr. Sam MacManus, Dr. B. Jeanne Fisher, and Jerry Quick.

This group met from 7:00 pm Wednesday night until after midnight. They came up with some recommendations that they presented to Moquin on Thursday, May 2. These recommendations will be presented to the Budget Advisory Committee at a special called meeting at 2:00 pm on Thursday, May 9.

At the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on May 1, the recommendations of the Internal Overhead Task Force printed in last week’s exponent were adopted by a vote of 13-2. These recommendations will now be forwarded to Moquin by Provost John K Yost.

Several members of these committees have told the exponent that all of the data that has been presented is “soft.” One member said that he is not sure that the University has any budgetary problems at all except for cash-flow. According to this administrator, UAH has $30 million in research contracts for research that has not yet been done and therefore the money has not been collected.

Another member said that the process has not included an overall evaluation of the University budget. He said that the General Fund budgets for the colleges and the Operation/Maintenance (OM) funds were both $18 million, which shows that it costs as much to run the programs as it does to teach them.

According to one member, “I have lost confidence in the entire mechanism. There is a clerical decision-making. Was there that much fat in the university budgets to begin with? If you have problems before pro-ratoning because of grandiose building programs, don’t you have additional problems now?”

Yost and Quick defended the UAH budget before system officials in Birmingham on May 7. Only Quick had a copy of the number presented.

Yost told the exponent that he had never seen as many cuts at a University as UAH has made this year, simply because it would basically contain the activity facts. That way we can build support over a number of years to go into the more traditional yearbook.”

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UAH Awards Dinner Set For May 11

This year’s Outstanding Student Scholar is Gayle Franklin, who will receive her bachelor’s degree in Business Administration at spring graduation. Her GPA is 3.8 out of a possible 4.0 grade point average.

Tickets for the dinner/dance are $20 each. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, call the UAH Office of Alumni Affairs at (205) 885-6085 for reservations. The entire UAH community is invited.

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May 8, 1991, Wednesday

APAGS: The UAH Yearbook

by Napoli Oza
reporter

On May 2, Susan Herring spoke to the exponent about the status of Pegasus, the UAH yearbook. Herring is the Engineering Reference Librarian, as well as the yearbook advisor.

Herring said, “What we need to do if we want to have a yearbook is to get the staff together by this summer quarter. We would work throughout the year in order to come out with the yearbook towards the middle or end of spring 1992.”

When asked what kind of people were required for this project, she commented, “We have seen some interest expressed, but we need more people. We need staff who are willing to commit themselves.”

Herring gave a brief history of the previous yearbooks. She said, “UAH has had a bad history of yearbooks. The first one came out in 1969; the second in mid 70’s; and the first Pegasus was published in 1981.”

She continued, “We do not want to start ambitiously as a full size yearbook, but more of an activity book that reflects the happenings on campus, like special events, award ceremonies, and academic life. We would not expect everyone’s photograph in it, because it would basically contain the activity facts. That way we can build support over a number of years to go into the more traditional yearbook.”

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May Board of Trustees Meeting

by Marian Delaney Sampson
editor

The University of Alabama Board of Trustees met on Friday, May 3, in the Bryant Conference Center at Tuscaloosa.

Using a new streamlined procedure, the Planning and Priorities and Finance Committees met consecutively in the morning, and the full Board met after lunch.

Items approved during the committee meetings were not re-discussed at the Board meeting. The new format also does not include speeches from the three campus presidents. Instead only Chancellor Phil Austin made a speech. All items approved by committees were then approved by the Board as a formality.

Austin said that it was the intention of the System office to bring academic issues as information items before the board. At this meeting, Dr. Durant from UAB talked about the issues involved in University Hospital financing costs and uncertainties.

Items concerning UAH that were approved by the Board include a resolution approving the purchase of property at 700 Erskins Street in the Sanderson subdivision. UAH owns 12 of the 25 homes in the subdivision now. The house will be purchased for $87,000 by the UAH Foundation, which will then be reimbursed 80% of the rental proceeds.

In another item, approval was given for UAH to execute a lease agreement with the Alabama Credit Union. The Credit Union will build a branch facility in the northwest corner of the intersection of Loop Road and Lakeside Drive. This facility will include drive-up services and safe deposit boxes. All improvements will revert to UAH after the conclusion of the ground lease.

In another item, concerning the appointment of Dr. Hugh W. Coleman as the Eminent Scholar in Propulsion at UAH, Provost John K. Yost said that this appointment "puts us in a position to compete nationally in a few years in this field." Yost added that the appointment of eminent scholars is one of the most effective ways to bring about improvement in education.

Trustee Cleo Thomas praised the search process in creating the recommendation for the appointment of Coleman. He said that the UAH process came closer to representing a path that he thought would be proper than did the path chosen by UAB in appointing Julius N. Hicks to the James J. Hicks Chair in Otorhinolaryngology. After a discussion about the procedures that had been followed in the two cases, Thomas was the lone dissenter in the approval of Hicks.

Coleman is a William L. Giles Distinguished Professor at Mississippi State University. He was nominated for the UAH chair after a search process that Austin said was a more typical procedure and "what we would normally expect to happen."

A lengthy resolution was passed by the trustees noting the retirement of Dr. John White, professor and chairman of the Department of History. For a copy of this resolution see below.

In Austin's speech to the Board he talked about Trustee Winton (Red) Blount's recent honor from the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities (see May 1 exponent). He said, "Red Blount's passion for excellence has altered the course of higher education in our state. His dramatic involvement in the 1963 integration of the University; his relentless commitment to quality, his insistence on improved programs to recruit and retain minority and women students; Red Blount has made a difference."

Austin also bid farewell to Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Lane Rawlins who has been selected as the new president of Mississippi State University.

"Lane is foremost a scholar. And that fundamental commitment to learning has guided the contributions he leaves behind. Since his arrival in 1986, Lane Rawlins spearheaded the growth of successful joint and cooperative programs that enable our institutions to share resources and enhance today's systemwide joint doctoral programs in applied mathematics and materials science are evidence of the synergy that results when students and professors in Birmingham, Huntsville, and Tuscaloosa work together in academic collaboration," Austin said.

At a special luncheon in Rawlins' honor, board President Pro Tem Yetta Samford presented Rawlins with a silver tray.

In another innovation at the meeting, an administrative report of a digest of current information from the three campuses was given to the trustees.

This digest included student/faculty achievements, advances in research, news about development, conferences/sponsorships, and other retirements/deaths and campus highlights.

In addition to White, the following retirements were noted from UAH. Edehtraud Von Spakovsky, executive secretary, 20 years; Jean W. Bennett, manager, User Services, 15 years; Mildred M. Culpepper, registered nurse, 13 years; Salvador Franco-Brower, associate professor, 13 years; and John F. Smith, assistant vice president for Finance, 24 years.

Resolution honoring Dr. John White

Whereas, Dr. John Charles White has devoted twenty-four years of dedicated service to The University of Alabama in Huntsville (UAH), providing outstanding leadership in the development of the highest quality academic program; and

Whereas, he received B.A. degree magna cum laude with honors of exceptional distinction in history from Washington and Lee University, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history from Duke University; and

Whereas, he served with distinction as a Captain in the United States Army, receiving the Dunsirk and Chalon-sur-Saone Medal for his contributions as U.S. Arm Liaison and Information Officer in Orleans, France; and

Whereas, as a professor of history at UAH, he has exemplified excellence in teaching at all levels, from freshman surveys to graduate seminars; and

Whereas, in twenty-one consecutive years of service as Chairman of the Department of History, he has been instrumental in building a curriculum of outstanding quality and a faculty of recognized stature; and

Whereas, he has served UAH as a leader in the development of other disciplines in the humanities, in basic academic areas such as accreditation, curriculum, library development, student leadership organizations, administrative search committees, faculty appointment, promotion and tenure committees, numerous other service responsibilities; and

Whereas, he has contributed to the welfare of his community and state through leadership roles as Chairman of the Board of Constitution Hall Park, serving as a member of the Executive Committee and Vice Chairman of the Alabama Humanities Foundation, and service to seventeen other civic groups; and

Whereas, he has made significant contributions to the body of scholarship in French history through authoring and editing numerous books and articles and presenting many scholarly papers before professional societies in the United States and the Republic of France; He has held every major office in the Inter-University Consortium on Revolutionary Europe and has been President of the Alabama Association of Historians; and he has generously shared his knowledge of French culture and history through over seventy public addresses in Huntsville and throughout the state of Alabama; and

Whereas, his academic achievements and professional leadership have been recognized by charter membership and faculty secretary of Omicron Delta Kappa, faculty sponsor of Phi Alpha Theta, and membership in Phi Sigma Iota and Phi Kappa Phi; and

Whereas, his public contributions have been recognized by two Resolutions of Appreciation by the Mayor and City Council of Huntsville, by an Award of Merit from the Alabama Historical Commission, by National Recognition and Achievement Awards from Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Sigma Iota, and the International Scholar Award from Phi Alpha Theta; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that it expresses deep appreciation to Dr. John Charles White for his outstanding leadership in his profession and in his community distinguished service to The University of Alabama in Huntsville. Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the permanent minute books of this Board and that a copies by sent to Dr. White and placed in the Library of The University of Alabama in Huntsville.
**UAH-led Project Lets High School Students Do Experiments On Alabama Supercomputer**

When UAH's Dr. John Ziebarth led the development of a curriculum that let's Alabama high school students tap into Huntsville's supercomputer network, skeptics wondered: What can high school students possibly do with access to the most powerful computers on Earth? After two years, some of the answers are in.

A student at Athens High School works with the U.S. Army Missile Command on missile guidance systems. A student at R.E. Lee High School uses "fractal geometry" to model the growth of coral reefs. Students at Huntsville's Johnson High School use the supercomputer to generate models of an X-ray imaging telescope and of DNA molecules. One group works with a scientist at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center to look at how flecks of debris might affect the Space Station Freedom. Another student is analyzing designs of an aerospace network. The students at Johnson High are so adept at using the Alabama Supercomputer Network's Cray X-MP, they are modeling a Colorado State University researcher's PC computer program so it will run efficiently on the Cray supercomputer. Then they will run the program, which will be used to develop a particle accelerator to duplicate it in Earth so how materials erode in orbit.

Students at 15 Alabama high schools from Athens to Mobile are doing experiments using the Alabama supercomputer network through Ziebarth's First-In-The-State program. Many of those students will show off their research projects at the Second Annual Alabama High Schools Supercomputing Expo at UAH on May 17-18.

"These are not trivial projects," said Ziebarth, an assistant professor of computer science at UAH. "They're science and mathematics projects that require a large amount of computing, and they are problems that typically you cannot solve on a PC in any reasonable amount of time. They are not working on traditional high school problems.

"There are a lot of exciting applications areas, like biology, business, economic, space science, and graphics. By using the supercomputer, they can tackle problems that are new and exciting and challenging.

"The idea is to get kids interested in science and math, and supercomputing is one tool. We want to get these students interested in high-performance computing and make them aware of this as a program of study in college. And we want them to know they can attend a university in Alabama and have access to the fastest computers in the country. They don't have to go anywhere else to do high-performance computing.

"The number of students involved in high school supercomputing programs in Alabama varies from about five at Huntsville High School, which joined the program this year, to 48 at Johnson, where Sharon Carruth teaches three classes of supercomputing. Typically, students have mentors from the community who provide technical support and help develop projects. The teachers were introduced to supercomputing in a three-week training session at UAH during each of the last two summers.

"It takes a fairly significant effort on the teachers' part to understand the technology and the programming." Ziebarth said, "It's not an easy task to get their students involved. That's why we've had the teachers here for three weeks, so they understand the technology, understand what's required to set up the computing on the Cray.

"When they go back to their school they have lesson plans, and they're ready to go in the fall.

The Alabama curriculum has become a model for other states. Several are talking to Ziebarth about starting supercomputing programs. He has applied for a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to finance a national workshop to look at high school computer science curricula. Funding for developing the curriculum came from federal funding under the Dwight D. Eisenhower Mathematics and Science Education Program, administered through Alabama's Commission on Higher Education.

"We've done more in Alabama than any other state. Other states are just beginning to try to figure out how to get high schools involved," Ziebarth said, "We've been very successful."

**Drug Awareness Conference in Montgomery**

from the Alabama Department of Public Safety

Renowned speakers and substance abuse experts will speak to adults and youth attending the 1991 Governor's Conference on Drug Awareness May 13-15 at the Montgomery Civic Center.

The conference, sponsored by the Governor's Office of Drug Abuse Policy, features a program for adults on May 13 that is free and open to the public. Separate conferences for youth are scheduled for May 13 (1st-3rd graders); May 14 (7th-11th graders); May 15 (4th-6th graders).

"This important conference has become a leading symposium in Alabama for both professionals and the concerned public, "according to Gov. Guy Hunt. "Increased awareness will significantly impact our ability to deal with the problem of drug and alcohol abuse."


The youth conferences will feature workshops and special addresses by Gov. and Mrs. Hunt, and Judge Reggie Walton, associate director, Office of National Control Policy.

A special feature this year is the Perinatal Substance Abuse Conference, to begin May 13 at the Civic Center and conclude May 14 at the Holiday Inn East/Holiday. This program, "Drug Use in Pregnancy: Mother and Child," requires a registration fee.

For more information about the conference, contact Gail Ellerbrake, Governor's Office of Drug Abuse Policy, Phone - (205)242-7126.

**Marijuana Eradication Program Underway**

The 1991 Domestic Marijuana Eradication Program in Alabama officially got underway April 29, according to Col. Ned W. McHenry, Alabama Department of Public Safety director.

There is a coordinated effort of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and the Alabama National Guard to seek out and destroy Alabama's marijuana crop.

The marijuana eradication program is sponsored nationally by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the U.S. Forest Service and is coordinated and facilitated in Alabama by the Department of Public Safety's Narcotic Division.

The cooperation of all law enforcement agencies involved and the National Guard are responsible for the success of the Drug Enforcement Administration in Alabama," said McHenry. This year marks Alabama's 10th year of participation in the program.

McHenry cited the importance of citizen involvement in the marijuana eradication effort. He said illegal drug activity may be reported by calling the toll-free HELP (Help Eliminate Law Breaking Pushers) line, 1-800-392-8011; Public Safety Narcotic Division, (205) 242-4144; local law enforcement agencies.

**From Old South to Sun Belt: Economic Development in Historical Perspective**

Sponsored by the Daedalus XXI Humanities Project

May 9-10, 1991
Exhibit Hall, University Center
The University of Alabama in Huntsville

Thursday, May 9
10:15 a.m. "Ambivalent Capitalists: Settlement and Development in Antebellum Alabama" Daniel Dupre, Assistant Professor of History at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

12:15 p.m. "The New South Never Became the North" James C. Cobb, Bernadotte E. Schmitt, Professor of History, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

2:15 p.m. "Space/Race: Civil Rights and Marshall Space Flight Center in the 1960's" Andrew Dunar, Associate Professor of History The University of Alabama in Huntsville COMMENTS: Clyde Foster, President, PrepTech

3:30 p.m. "Huntsville's Economy in Transition, 1970-1990" Niles Schoening, Associate Professor of Economics The University of Alabama in Huntsville "Winners, Losers, and the Process of Uneven Development" Glenna Colclough, Associate Professor of Sociology The University of Alabama in Huntsville COMMENTS: Hundley Batts, Huntsville

Friday, May 10

**SGA Presidential Candidate's Debate**

Cheryl Williams,
SGA Presidential Candidate
Challenges Ron Byrd
&
Doug Jones

To Discuss the Issues Affecting the Future of UAH and the Student Body.

Monday, May 13
12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.
in the UC Cafeteria

Make an informed decision about who will lead the UAH Student Government in 1991-1991

A PAID POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT
Experts Talk About Best Ways To Get Fit

by Kim Ann King
University Relations

Every year about this time, men and women start dieting and exercising in anticipation of bathing suit season. Here are some helpful hints to help you get started on your weight-loss/fitness program.

If youhaven't exercised for a while, it is absolutely imperative to get a physical exam and have your doctor help you structure an appropriate exercise program," says Dr. Joe Manjone, director of UAH's Health and Physical Education Program.

Donna Thompson, a registered nurse who is director of UAH's Wellness Center, says "think of diet and exercise as good nutrition and increased physical activity."

Both Manjone and Thompson agree that exercising regularly — a minimum three times a week — is a healthy and reasonable initial goal for most people.

"I really believe that exercise should be enjoyable," Thompson said. "You'll do it more often if it is. I ask my clients to exercise for 15 minutes, three times a week, to begin their physical activity program. Walking is as good an exercise as any," she said.

Manjone stresses the need to tailor an exercise program to the individual's goals, such as cardiovascular fitness, reduced body fat, muscle toning, or relaxation. He said that a sustained heart rate for 40 minutes will help burn fat and inches, and your doctor can tell you what your target heart rate should be.

Don't be distressed if you actually gain weight when you start exercising. Muscle weighs more than fat, so you are losing fat but replacing it with muscles, chances are you could gain weight while losing inches. The good news is, muscles require more calories to maintain than fat, so just being in shape will boost your calorie-burning abilities.

Besides regular exercise, a healthy diet is also an important component of fitness. Good nutrition requires following some basic guidelines. Thompson recommends a daily caloric intake of 60 percent carbohydrates, 20 percent protein, and 20 percent fat.

For example, if you now consume 2000 calories a day, carbohydrates should ideally comprise 1500 calories, protein 400 calories, and fat 400 calories for good nutrition.

On top of that, "you can eat all the vegetables you want and still not gain weight," Thompson noted.

To lose a pound of weight, you must reduce your caloric intake by 3500 calories. That's 500 fewer calories per day for a week in order to lose one pound that week, Thompson explained.

"A lot of people make the mistake of starving themselves and then gain back all the weight they lost plus some," Manjone said. "You can lose weight by not eating, thereby reducing your caloric intake, but you'll gain the weight right back when you start eating regularly again."

Manjone agreed with Thompson that "people need to look at the kinds of calories they are eating. Many individuals can reduce their caloric intake, without reducing the actual amount of food they eat, just by eating smarter. In other words, eat better, not necessarily less," he concluded.

Bellsouth Mobility Student Art Exhibition Scholarship

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Workshops to Help You Find a Job

The following free workshops are being offered by the Office of Career Services. Contact the Office of Career Services, UC 212 or 895-66-12, for additional information. Each one-hour workshop will be held in the University Center.

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UAH Sets New Dates for Conference on Strategic Software Systems

The Fourth International Strategic Software Systems Conference will be held in Huntsville at Von Braun Civic Center on March 10-11, 1992.

If you would like further information or to submit an abstract of a paper for presentation at the conference, contact Ann H. Yelle, Division of Continuing Education, UAH (205) 895-6372 or 1-800-448-4035. The deadline for submission of abstracts is July 15.
President (Vote For One)
Ronald R. Bryd, Junior/Political Science

The SGA as well as the entire UAH community is facing turbulent times. The new SGA President will need to be a strong leader in order to provide solutions for the problems facing the UAH community. I believe that it is time for the SGA to represent the UAH community as a whole and not just the views of small group of radicals. It is time to return the SGA to the Students! I believe that I can provide the leadership that the SGA so desperately needs. I believe that my past experience as ACE Lectures Director and serving this past year as President of ACE has prepared me well for the challenges that I will face as SGA President.

I would appreciate your support on May 15-16.

Doug Jones, Graduate/ Mechanical Engineering

Our University is more dynamic than at any time in its recent history. There are a variety of changes on the horizon for the upcoming year, and the new Student Government Administration must develop a strong agenda to watch over the interests of all UAH students.

I believe in the just and equitable funding and chartering of student clubs and organizations, but I would be unwilling to permit the Student Government to surrender its moral and ethical obligations to its constituents by allowing the appropriation of the student monies to any group simply because they have met the SGA’s minimum guidelines. The SGA is elected to be the voice for all students and has a responsibility to ensure that appropriated monies are used for the benefit of as many as possible.

As President of the Student Government, I would place concerns about housing and the effect the new dorms will have on our campus, library, laboratory fees, the lack of non-engineering/mathematics tutors, a strong administration to make UAH the best university’s image in the community. As of late, S.G.A. ‘s image has gone sour. I would like to think I contributed to the advancement of student as well as community relations. This is very important, for how S.G.A. behaves is reflective of the university’s image in the community. As of late, S.G.A. ’s image has gone sour. I believe that my experience, commitment to excellence, and background qualify me for the position of SGA President. I have held two previous offices in middle and high school and also ran for class office last fall, losing by only two votes I am understanding to the needs of the UAH students and have an open mind when it comes to sensitive issues.

I feel that the S.G.A. provides fertile ground for me to achieve that in a venue that maximizes my ability to participate.

I am qualified for the position and I feel my ideals and judgments make me a good leader for the student’s governing body. I am not afraid to ask why and am not afraid to ask why not!!

Vice President (Vote For One)

Joseph Ceci, Senior/ Political Science

I feel that because of my experience as SGA Finance Officer and SGA Legislator makes me an ideal Candidate for Vice President, I have worked with the constitutional rules and practices necessary to effectively run the meetings. I also believe that my experience in helping to approve the SGA’s Current Constitution means that I know the rules and norms needed to be an effective Vice-President.

James Steven Duke, Senior/ Mechanical Engineering

I have asked myself that very same question many times. The main reason is that I want to give something to U.A.H. other than my money. After graduating, I would like to think I contributed to the advancement of student as well as community relations. This is very important, for how S.G.A. behaves is reflective of the university’s image in the community. As of late, S.G.A. ’s image has gone sour. I feel that the S.G.A. provides fertile ground for me to achieve that in a venue that maximizes my ability to participate.

Finance Officer (Vote For One)

Charles Edward Gusek, Junior/ Accounting

I am a transfer student to U.A.H. At my last college I was president of a Cross-cultural Club and Chairperson of the Board of Coordinated Club Activities. In addition, I have an A.A. degree in Business Administration, which I achieved with honors, and work experience as an Accounts Receivable Specialist with a corporation that billed $3-$5 million per month. Since my arrival at U.A.H. I have been designated an honors scholar and been accepted as an initiate of OAK. I believe my experience, commitment to excellence, and background in both student government and accounting qualify me for the position of Finance Officer.

I am relatively new to U.A.H., and Huntsville, I wish to forge relationships within the U.A.H. and Huntsville Communities. I feel that the S.G.A. provides fertile ground for me to achieve that in a venue that maximizes my ability to participate.

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Don't Forget to vote May 15 and May 16!
Do We Need the Microphone?

by Marty Thurman entertainment reporter

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Driving into Huntsville, Edelson came to the conclusion that there was not enough construction on Highway 20 and that roadkills are the southern form of hunting fluences. (Stick around and I'll tell you this," he says. You know, the "this" that was "Do we need the microphone?" The answer was "No," so he performed without it (which I found was restrictive for the performer).

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Another question arose when he realized that the headboards of the beds in Bevil Center are bolted to the wall. "Who's stealing these things?

Edelson resorted to making handshadows of a kindergartner's ashtray for Mom (not "Mom's"). He also asked how many of the audience members had had a break-up and wanted that person to die a violent death. "Do I sound bitter?" Edelson was quite helpful with the people who got up during his routine to get snacks (yeah, right). Next were women targets. He conceded that women can endure much more pain than men as women deal with cramps and pregnancy, while men can't cope with the appearance has changed. Though not all are music majors, many of the students are majoring in Engineering and Sciences, showing that the Ensemble still encourages diversity in its membership.

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The current Wind Ensemble includes many popular arrangements, similar to a traditional band's repertoire. On May 31, the Wind Ensemble will present a Spring Concert at Roberts Hall Auditorium. The performance begins at 8:15 p.m. and will feature faculty member Robert West as clarinetist. West, a member of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra, will perform Carl Maria von Weber's Concerto for Clarinet. This special appearance by the new faculty member promises an exciting evening for all music appreciators. The Wind Ensemble will perform several band arrangements, including Overture to Colas Breugnon by Kabalevsky and Suite of Old American Dances by Robert Russell. To highlight the concert, the musicians will perform Percy Grainger's popular piece Lincolnshire Posy. In addition to the Wind Ensemble, Dr. Carolyn Sanders will conduct the Wind Ensemble Brass, a smaller group composed of Wind Ensemble musicians.

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RoLLiNg StUnK

by Karin Licht
entertainment reporter

Hey, Look! It’s my turn for RoLLiNg StUnK! So, what’s it gonna be about? I know, SOAP OPERAS!!!!!!! Those lovely hour shows in the afternoon that so many housewives and some teenagers go crazy about.

What is it about these "stories" that make people (mostly females) go berserk? In my opinion, it’s just a housewife’s fantasy life where she passes the day while cleaning the house or doing laundry. It is an escape to Another World while they dread their own world of house chores.

As the Days of Our Lives pass by, each female dredges the Young and the Restless-ness as All My Children come home from school. But, As the World Turns, so must the females abide to their duties and follow their Guiding Light to the Somerset of their One Life to Live. But children don’t like to stay home to watch their mothers clean, so they go out to the Knots Landing by the water to see the Capital across the way. They know that their moms are Loving and will someday take them there. Or even to Dallas where everyone is happy and riding horses. For Generations, yet to come, these little people will view things in a different perspective. As they sit on the pier, they become wary of the water under them and try not to fall in or else mom will be mad. Then they’ll have to go to the General Hospital.

Well, that covers them all and the rest of the story is up to you because I can’t think of any other SOAP OPERAS to tell about, so...

Why are SOAP OPERAS so popular? The story lines are incredibly stretched to an almost nonbelieveable limit, but they fulfill the missing link in so many female, and maybe even some male, lives. They create an affair for mystery life for any who desires it and they bring out the deep-down emotions of the ones who really pay attention to each story line. They provide people to hate, people to love and even people that are both hatable and lovable, if that’s possible.

These SOAP OPERAS are beginning to control the female population by leading them to recreate their favorite character or just to show signs of their characteristics. Ok, so maybe it’s not that extreme but you get the point. SOAP OPERAS are addicting. They are a drug of the mind. And people schedule their lives around them. It’s pretty pathetic if you ask me. Ok, I admit, occasionally I watch one (but I’m not saying which one), and occasionally I get caught up so much in it that it plays a major role in my life. But I’m not, I repeat not, addicted to it. I can stop watching it any time if I desire. Well, maybe until the end of the show, or better yet the end of the season. Ok, maybe until it goes off the air for good, but I’m not addicted.

I’m sorry, just a little frustration there. Back to our topic...It’s funny to watch people’s reaction to SOAP OPERAS. Depending on if they enjoy them or hate them, people can get real defensive about them. You can tell them that one is no different from another and that all have the same story line but with different character names and faithful watchers will go crazy to tell you differently. Housewives, especially, will defend them because it’s “their” life.

So many things go on during SOAP OPERAS that I feel it’s hard to distinguish between all the actions that take place in the one hour show. But it does create a feeling of desire when, at the end of a show, the writers cut off in a high-point and leave you suspended in mid-air until the next day, or better yet, the next Monday. It pretty much guarantees that the viewers will tune in again to find out what happens to Bob as he hangs off of a thousand-foot cliff, sliding inch by inch, leading him to the edge of his life before...Tune in next time to see what happens to Bob as Jane tries to call for help in the next episode of "See, I Knew You’d Fall For This One Too."

SOAP OPERAS are, in my eyes, a competition to the real world. As mentioned before, it provides a fantasy life for those who need one or even those who don’t, but use it anyway. SOAP OPERAS carry out the aspect of being important and leave the viewer to guess or imagine what will take place in the next scene or on a different episode. The viewers become a kind of psychic and predict the future. Or the future lives of the characters.

What else can I say about these wonderful shows that capture the everlasting lives of fictional characters that never seem to leave the story line unless the real person that plays them dies in real life first. The advertisers go almost as crazy about the SOAP OPERAS as do the fans. It is proven that the most products bought in any type of store are advertised during SOAP OPERAS. Since the housewives usually do the shopping and they usually watch the shows, the products advertised are the ones that they buy the most.

Ummmmmm...I think you begin to see the ideas popping through my head. If not, don’t you watch SOAP OPERAS? And if you don’t, I congratulate you.

Thus concludes this episode of RoLLiNg StUnK. And by the way...Will anyone read this. Stay tuned, and till next week...

The entertainment staff is proud to induct the aforementioned into this week’s RoLLiNg StUnKtRuNk located in Morton Hall Room 230.

The Missing Dink

The Sandestin Beach Hilton and the exponent present "The Missing Dink." The entertainment staff mascot is missing and is somewhere on the UAH campus. Find him and be the first to bring him to the exponent office, UC 104, and win a trip for two. The trip includes accommodations for three days and two nights at the Sandestin Beach Hilton in Destin, FL.

The Rules

Each week in the entertainment section, the exponent will run clues leading to "Dink's" Mysterious Placeabouts. "The Missing Dink" contest is open to all UAH students, staff, faculty, and administration only. Employees of the exponent and their families are not eligible to win. The winner will be the first to find "Dink" and bring him to UC 104. Dink may be found without destroying UAH property. So read, enjoy, and have fun in Florida! (Please note: Due to availability, the trip must be taken after the Labor Day Holiday.)
"Take notes, YAH, Take Notes!"

There is this tradition in Greek society. (That is, Greek as in fraternities and sororities.) It's called a Stepping, known by some as a Stomping. It's a kind of Greek pep rally, where they get together and see who can cheer the loudest and stomp the hardest.

Last Friday afternoon I experienced my first Stepping, and I'm glad I did. The show began about 2:15, with people still filtering into the UC Exhibit Hall. In the back was a table where BACCHUS was serving free "mocktails." Meanwhile, up front, the announcer, A.J., introduced the

first sorority: Chi Omega. The ladies of ChiO gave the show a great start by getting the audience excited. Then followed the Delta Zetas, Alpha Phi Alpha with the Alpha SweetVs leading them in, Kappa Delta, Alpha Kappa Alpha (chanting "Take notes, YAH, take notes!") and a special appearance by the Alabama A&M Alpha Phis, who ended the show.

Everyone seemed to have a great time. However, there was only one problem... Other than myself, four more exponent staff members, and a few administrators, the audience was all Greek. It is unfortunate that more non-Greeks did not come to see the show. These folks can really have some fun....

by Patrick M. Haden
entertainment reporter

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Black Crowes Take an Ego Trip While Playing to a Full House

by Ken Shelton
entertainment reporter

During the days leading up to the recent concert at UNA by the rock group the Black Crowes, I contemplated asking the band members about the recent controversy surrounding their group.

When told by Black Crowes’ record label, Def American, that I could expect an interview with the band, I wondered if I could be brave enough to ask the band certain questions.

Questions like, “Did the band realize what they were doing when they announced on-stage at a recent ZZ Top concert that they did not like a producer’s product or promote it?”

ZZ Top’s tour was being sponsored by this particular company and said so long to the tour’s opening act, the Black Crowes.

Another question I had for the band was about their recent hit She Talks to Angels. Rumors have it that the song was written about a love gone wrong with a Crowes band member, and the song also includes alleged references to drug use by the girl and the guy in the lyrics.

As it turned out, I was not faced with the task of asking the members these questions. When I arrived at Flower’s Hall on the UNA campus for the concert, I met with Bob Glenn, director of Student Activities of UNA.

FILM CO-OP TO SHOW WEIRD CANADIAN FILMS

Connoisseurs of the unusual may be interested in a wild and crazy program being offered Friday and Saturday evenings, May 10th and 11th by the Film Co-op as a special springtime treat. Tales from the Winnipeg Film Group, a collection of six short, low-budget, humorous films which are “warped in a sort of Canadian way,” according to New York Post reviewer Jami Bernard, will begin at 9 pm in the Huntsville/Madison County Main Public Library auditorium. The late starting time will allow Panopoly-goers in Big Spring Park to take in as many cultural events as possible before strolling over to the library for the Co-op films (which are not a part of Panopoly).

Directed by Tracy Traeger with Sharna Dempsey, John Kozak with Howard Carle, Lorne Bailey, Alan Kroeker, and the infamous John Paizs, the films are “subtly weird,” Bernard adds, “like David Lynch without the severed ear.” The Winnipeg Film Group is a coalition of Canadian film-makers who have garnered attention and awards recently for a string of offbeat movies—perhaps anything else in Canadian cinema.

This leads me to the highlight of the evening for all Black Crowers fans—their first two hits, Hard to Handle and their latest smash single She Talks to Angels.

Both songs brought the house down, as the fans reached their loudest peaking, rocking and rolling with the band into a hard frenzy.

Though reports have it that Crowes’ band members have been difficult to work with due to an inflated ego (due to success), I agree with their large array of fans present at UNA: the Black Crowes were well worth seeing.

“The show was a big success, though the Crowes were the most difficult band I’ve ever worked with,” said Glenn.

Black Crowes tour manager Marsh refused to comment on the band’s negative habits when asked.

Performance Rating: ***

Music Guild Presents Lynn Faulkner

by Emalee Craft
entertainment reporter

On May 4 at Roberts Recital Hall, pianist Lynn Faulkner performed a concert to benefit the Huntsville Chamber Music Guild. Included in the program was a wide variety of music of different styles from different time periods. Following was a program of music of different styles from different time periods. Following was a program of music of different styles from different time periods.

Faulkner opened with two Bach fugues, Prelude and Fugue in F# minor and Prelude and Fugue in F# Major, both from Well-Tempered Klavier I. The Klavier, published in 1722, was based on the revolutionary new system of even temperament, or the division of the octave into 12 even steps. This tuning scale allowed for music to be played in all major and minor keys and sound well-tuned, and is the scale that we use today. Next presented was Mozart’s Variations on Sarti’s “Come un’agnello”, an air in the Opera Fra due Litiganti il terzo golpe. Mozart also used the air in Don Giovanni.

After intermission were more modern pieces. Faulkner played Ravel’s Valses Nobles et Sentimentales, a set of very complex modern Waltzes written in 1911. Closing the concert was Schumann’s Symphonic Etudes, a series of etudes exploring the usage of the piano as an orchestra. The 12 studies feature various timbres and instrumental techniques employed by great composers such as Mendelssohn and Bach.

Overall, the evening offered a wide variety of music, and was a wonderful way to benefit the Music Guild.
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Solve the three numbered puzzle words and then unscramble the letters in the squares to produce the name of the country dashed on the map at the right.

1. Primary religion of this country.
2. European language which is this nation's official language.
3. Neighboring nation which is black Africa's most populous.
Vote

Doug Jones

SGA President

— Mechanical Engineering Graduate

Position: Faced with another tuition increase (a 7.4 percent increase for 22 percent of the undergraduates and 53 percent of the graduate students) the University’s administrators need to be reminded that although we are willing to pay our fair share to secure the best possible education, we are not willing to compromise our standards and expectations. The student government must help insure that the University’s drive toward fiscal soundness does not come at the expense of our academic programs.

Experience: 2 years of Student Government
— 1989-1990 legislator
— 1990 Appropriations Chairman
— 1990-1991 Arbitration Board Chairman

Qualities: Fair, Mature, Honest
Tommy W. Harmon, Political Science/Minor History

I would like to be a legislator because I feel we are at a period of important change at UAH. If elected my first priority would be to make myself available to students to pass on their opinions and wishes on issues to the SGA. Also I feel that the legislature should not let their ideological views cloud their decision making. If elected I would represent the students at UAH in a fair manner leaving my personal opinion and issues outside. I would work to make sure that during this upcoming period of change that the students are not left out but represented without ideological bias.

William Pearson MacNaughton, Junior/Mechanical Engineer

I have been a student at four different universities, including UAH, and have seen the good and bad of other SGA programs. I believe that I can bring a variety of useful ideas from my observations on other campuses and fairly represent the student body of UAH. This campus has gone through a great deal of change, turmoil, and restructuring as of late, but the student interests have always remained the same, and, if given the opportunity, I will defend those interests to the best of my ability.

Kayeey Lynn Martin, Freshman/Engineer

I want to work more with the student body. I feel that if a person wants to see changes or reforms being made, he or she needs to try to put himself in a position where there is a greater chance of a voice.

James R. Puckett, Senior/Computer Science

To offer some options to the student body other than Liberal-is-Great vs Conservative-is-Better.

Thomas W. Pyburn, Senior/History

I would like the opportunity to serve as a legislator so that my opinions as well as the peoples opinions I represent will be made on this campus. Some of the issues I would like to address, if elected, include campus lighting, parking, and extended time between classes. Thank you for your time, and I would appreciate your vote this election.

Cheryl Lynn Wernle, Senior/MIS

My name is Cheryl Wernle. I am a senior majoring in Management Information Systems. I am currently the President of BACCHUS, and a member of the accounting club. I am running for legislative representative for the College of Administrative Science. As concerned student I know there are many improvements that could be made on this campus. Some of the issues I would like to address, if elected, include campus lighting, parking, and extended time between classes. Thank you for your time, and I would appreciate your vote this election.

Charles W. McEniry, Junior/Electrical Engineering

If elected as a representative for the College of Engineering, I would serve as the missing link between the academic, business, and social worlds. UAH needs to be more than a factory turning out engineers. I would encourage and help students to take a more active role in every thing that happens at UAH, not just the sensationalized issues. The College of Engineering makes up a large portion of the student body, and good representation from it would strengthen the student voice and the SGA.

Barry Allen Wright, Junior/Mechanical Engineering

I want an opportunity to try to stimulate student participation in SGA. With an increase in student interaction, it is possible for the voice of the SGA to be stronger in University Affairs. My goal as a legislator will be to play an active role in both voicing student concerns and keeping students informed about SGA matters.

College of Liberal Arts (Vote For Two)

Darryl Bailey, Junior/Communication Arts

This SGA Election is not just another election. This is a fight for U.A.H.'s future. We stand at a fork in the road. To protect your interests and mine, we must choose a new path toward a future with hope. I have four goals: 1) Rebuild U.A.H.'s student strength 2) Rekindling our commitment to provide the best education possible in a fun atmosphere. 3) Ending the taxation without representation by negotiating with Administrators from a position of strength. 4) Restoring integrity to U.A.H. These are goals I want to accomplish if elected legislator. For some time now the students voices and interests have been ignored. We need strong, effective leadership! and that is what I will provide!!

Don't Forget to vote May '95 and May '96!
SGA ELECTIONS Continued

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College of Nursing
No Applicants

College of Primary Medical Care
No Applicants

College of Science (Vote For Two)

Timothy Dale Cobb, Senior/Computer Science

I have enjoyed being a legislator and would like to continue to represent the student body and in particular the College of Science.

Stacey Lynn Condra, Junior/Pre-Med

There are many reasons that I want to be elected to the legislature as a representative from the College of Science. Being a legislator will be an excellent way to serve my fellow students. I want to make communication easier between the students and administration. I feel I well-represent the students who live on campus because I have lived on campus for the past three years. I also represent students in athletics because of my participation on the tennis team. Lastly, I wish to be elected to the legislature as a representative from the College of Science.

Thorston Christian Krey, Graduate/Physics

This university offers a great academic opportunity in most majors. As it is in most cases the positive aspects yet overshadowed by the negative experience with the bureaucracy of this school. I strongly believe that this has to be corrected. This university needs to be friendlier to the individual student. I also believe that the safety and service for members of this university needs to be upgraded. I feel that a position as SGA legislator for the school of Science gives me the best opportunity and voice to work towards these improvements.

University Standing Committee Positions:

Student Affairs Board (Vote For One For Each College)

Kaycee Lynn Martin, Freshman/Engineer

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Publications Board
No Applicants

Financial Aid Committee (Vote For Two)

Charles Edward Gesek, Junior/Accounting

I am a transfer student to U.A.H. At my last college I was president of a Cross-cultural club and Chairperson of the Board of Coordinated Club Activities. In addition, I have an A.A. degree in Business Administration, which I achieved with honors, and work experience as an Accounts Receivable Specialist with a corporation that billed $3-$5 million per month. Since my arrival at U.A.H. I have been designated an honors scholar and been accepted as an initiate of OAK. I believe my experience, commitment to excellence, and background in both student government and accounting qualify me for the position of Finance Officer. As I am relatively new to U.A.H., and

Huntsville, I wish to forge relationships within the U.A.H. and Huntsville Communities. I feel that the S.G.A. provides fertile ground for me to achieve that in a venue that maximizes my ability to participate.

William Ken Tapscott, Jr., Senior/Business ADSL

I want to make sure that a student's full scope of activities (on and off campus) have a larger impact on scholarship and financial determination. I don't believe that G.P.A. needs to have as strong a bearing on scholarship and financial aid as it currently does.

Don't Forget to vote
May 15 and May 16!

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A Sermi on Citizenship

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May 8, 1991, Wednesday

EDITORIALS

A Sermi on Citizenship

by Marian Delaney Sampson

The editorial staff of this paper will not endorse specific candidates for office. I do hope that students will take the time to learn about the people who will be running the SGA next year. I also hope that more than a handful of the 6000 students registered for this term will bother to vote.

My uncles taught me when I was a little girl that only people who participated in the process had the right to complain about and/or criticize the results. This isn’t a law but maybe it should be. There are some serious student issues that need to be addressed by the student representatives in this next year.

One of the reasons that the SGA has had little clout in the past is because it has been perceived as not being considered important by the students. This is our opportunity to participate in the process of self-government. If we cannot be trusted in the little things how can we be trusted in the big ones?

I urge all students to get informed about the issues and the candidates and then make an informed decision before they vote. If you do not vote there are real choices to be made in this election then you have not met the candidates.

Notes from the Undergrad

by Doug Brewer

associate editor

Farewell, old friend.

We had just gotten a new VISA card when we went wandering through Sears one lovely afternoon. It was in Atlanta, and we were intoxicated by the aroma of fresh plastic. I’m sure you understand.

Over by the typewriters sat a word processor. A personal word processor, it was, and the good folks at Sears had set it up so passersby could type the odd call to arms on it.

We obliged, as best we could, and were swooped down upon by as ready a salesperson as had ever graced the electronics department.

We were enthralled. It made my Royal electric appear ready for the Smithsonian. This personal word processor had a good screen, learnable software, and a printer that didn’t print mistakes unless you absolutely wanted it to do so.

As you will recall, we were in possession of a brand new, untested VISA card with what seemed to us to be unlimited credit coded onto its little magnetic strip.

We ordered a personal word processor, and when it arrived, we set it up and played with it for hours. It did just what the zealous salesperson had promised and more.

Much more. Until then, I was working in a warehouse during the day and writing really bad short stories at night on my Royal. The arrival of the personal word processor, somehow, got me in a position to leave my forklift keys behind and set up shop as a freelance writer.

I wrote countless reviews on our personal word processor. I wrote a lot of bad poetry, and more bad short stories. I wrote letters and lists, columns and character sketches, news and notes.

My wife even got in on the act, writing papers for school. While we were planning our wedding, we kept a list of wedding presents on our personal word processor.

This past weekend, we went back to Atlanta to pick up a new computer. Among the things we had installed on this new computer is a word processing package.

Sitting here, writing this on our new computer, I keep glancing over at our old personal word processor. I remember the creative writing class I had. The night before I had to read a short story to the class, I sat down in front of our personal word processor and stayed up all night writing.

It is a comfortable machine, one that has served valiantly during times I made little money and the times I was bored. And it never quit on me or made me feel like an idiot. It has always done what I expected it to do, which was to accept the fact that I am a terrible typist, and to sit for long periods of time while I just sat and stared at it.

When I’m through here, I think I’ll take a tour through the old machine and print off a few pieces to save and maybe key in to this new one. It’ll be a sad tour, but one that will reveal much about me.

Maybe this is too personal a subject, but if you do what I do, you understand the relationship between a writer and his or her tools.

Someday, I’m sure, we will replace our current new machine, but in the meantime, I can only hope that it will serve me as well as our personal word processor has.

See you next week.

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The American Way Meets Murphy's Law

by Mary Wallace

news editor

In elementary school, children are taught that America is a metaphorical melting pot where cultures come together. It sounded like a great idea, but no one ever told us that one ingredient in the pot precluded the tasting of any other. Today, the preferred metaphor is a salad bowl in which cultures still come together to make a harmonious mixture, but each part retains its own identity. Unfortunately, the Alabama state system is a poor example of a harmonious mixture. For almost a decade, the schools have been enwrapped in a lawsuit which heard the last of the testimony only last month.

U.S. District Judge Harold Murphy is expected to rule on the Title VI desegregation case by sometime this fall. He must decide after hearing some 200 witnesses and reviewing 7,000 documents whether Alabama black colleges have been discriminated against in funding and programs. Although this suit was originally brought against the Alabama State School System by the U.S. Justice Department in 1983, black colleges were allowed to enter as plaintiffs at one point in the trial.

For the past eight years, Alabama has wasted time and money defending its decisions instead of recognizing and correcting a problem. Individuals have been hired to conduct independent studies of the school system and then testify to their findings. One such example was the study and testimony of Dr. James H. Wharton, chancellor emeritus of LSU.

Wharton surveyed students at Alabama A&M and UAH to discover what type of students each school attracts. The plaintiffs had alleged that UAH and Auburn had been founded so that white students would not have had to attend (what were then) all black schools. It does not appear to be salary that keeps black professors away, because averaging pay for black faculty is low. As white, I really doubt that it is pay, because I was assured once by an A&M professor that he could be bought.

I do find it unusual that the plaintiffs chose to condemn the white school by the black faculty because I imagine white faculty members are just as scarce on black campuses as white students are. Conveniently, though, black colleges are the plaintiffs, not the defendants. Black colleges argue that they lack or may lose the black talent that white ones are. What should have remained on trial is the system, not the individual components. The judicial system lost sight of what was really at issue. When black schools were allowed to co-mingle with the U.S. Justice Department, the trial developed into a Revrend Sharpston scenario in which whites wildly threw up defenses, and blacks forgot that being racist is not productive.

Black schools still have to work for implementing these currently required revenue/savings from implementing each of the above items by May 15, 1991. These changes among others could allow students and faculty to co-mingle in the same "salad bowl," enjoying the advantages of both schools, while heritages could be preserved if so wished. This trial has done nothing but put blacks and whites in opposite corners (again). Only through a race, or people of all colors finally join a single, the human one.

Mary Wallace

news editor

Oooh, aah, aahaa, I get it. So the first amendment says we have the freedom to say anything we want, right? But, to be politically correct, you are only free to say what you want to say as long as you are in the correct place to say it. I got it.

So what you're saying to me is that if I want to speak my mind, do it in a safe place like my closey bayet. If you're not confused yet, you will be soon, just stick with me. Now, the first amendment says we are free to express our opinions however we would like to, right? But, if you are a student, if you don't have anything good to say, you are not supposed to say anything at all. Or like one reader told me last week, "If you can't say anything good, at least say something original." So add that to your list of things we can't say but can if we so choose to disobey the politically correct law but obey the first amendment.

Still with me? One more rule. You also have to realize that unless you use the correct language to say what you are trying to say is who cares how you say it as long as you say it. If you can't say anything right, hey.

Pheew, there I've said it. You might not think I've said much, but you try telling a feminist that they are so weak that we need to develop a new language to feel like a woman. Never mind the fact that that I am a woman. Never mind the fact that I am struggling with much, but you try telling a feminist that they are so susceptable to mere language. I believe this is why you have the guts to say it? As a woman, I for one am proud of it. Men do not scare me. I think we are relying way too heavily on words.

No, none of these things matter you see. The fact is that unless you use the correct language to say what you are trying to say is who cares how you say it as long as you say it. If you can't say anything right, hey.

I am not necessarily condemning this new non-gendered language. I am just questioning its importance. Personally, I think we are relying too heavily on words. That's all they are, just words. It's whole sentences we should be making such a nagging fuss about mere words. Let us not forget that without language we would not accept the other college as an alternative. The students were found to differ in age, geographical background, family income, sex, race, etc. I guess we agree that there is a total coincidence that white students happen to attend UAH and black students A&M. Wharton also testified that it would have taken "drastic" changes in A&M to satisfy the needs UAH was proposed to satisfy when UAH was being planned.

Another rather dubious study was conducted by Dr. Bernard Siskin of Temple University. Siskin testified that the number of black faculty on the UAT, Auburn, and UAH campuses was not far out of line with the available pool of black doctors. In fact, he said that we need to hire only 7 statewide to be right on target. Fact: only 75 of the 2634 faculty members on the campuses are black. Only 8% of those are at UAH. If these figures are reflective of the available pool, where do black schools get faculty members? It does not appear to be salary that keeps black professors away, because averaging pay for black faculty is low. As white, I really doubt that it is pay, because I was assured once by an A&M professor that he could be bought.

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Memorandum from Joe Moquin

Objectives and Policies. The following is excerpted from the minutes submitted to the Provost or appropriate Vice President.

1. Reduce "Z" account operating and equipment expenditures by 3% in administrative and support organizations and SPSC, and by 2.75% in the colleges, with recommendations submitted to the Provost or appropriate Vice President.
2. Capture a portion of undisturbed Indirect Cost Recovery and 3% in administrative and support organizations.
3. Accrue all vacancy credits at the respective Provost and A&S for the 90-91 academic year.
4. Maximize the opportunity for summer school sessions.
5. Increase Research contract activity, including increased use of faculty and staff, to maximize ICR earnings.
6. Initiate additional energy conservation measures.
7. Conserve travel and perdiem expenses. Establish guidelines for "actual and reasonable."
Dear Exponent Editor:

I believe that the President of the Inter-Fraternity Council and have been a student at UAH for three years. During those years there have been many changes in fraternities here. It seems that things have varied, however the most prominent has been pressure from students around the country that do not participate in Greek life. Non-greeks, as these students are sometimes called, claim that we are outdated, elitist organizations. Among these claims are: hazing abounds in fraternities at UAH, racism is still prevalent, and the elitist mentality prevails in fraternity membership recruitment.

Hazing is an ugly memory from fraternity history. Sadly, all fraternity chapters have hazed at some point in their history. Although hazing is a habit that has been slow to break, through the hard work of fraternity officers and members at large it is being discarded around the country. The letter I am replying to made reference to the atrocities that occur at Alabama and then made reference to hazing at UAH. Fortunately I happen to notice that, from my experience, does not exist at UAH despite the claims of some individuals.

Some people claim that racism is still practiced by fraternities at UAH. This is not true. Unfortunately there are still those individuals that cling to bigotry as a way of life. Fraternities and sororities have tried to atone for misdeeds in the past and both sororities today is the result of individuals and not the organization as a whole.

Fraternities and sororities have traditions that are not being abandoned. There are traditionally white and traditionally black organizations. There are even fraternities and sororities that are traditional and not traditional. Fraternities and sororities that initiate members outside their traditional race are doing the right thing. There are fraternities at UAH that have done this. This does not prove that they do not have members that are bigots. These fraternities use their minority members as a banner of equality at every available opportunity. "Look at us. We don't discriminate because we have a Black", Oriental or Arab member. Someone who is truly not racist simply accepts minorities as equals without fanfare.

Somebody bigotry will disappear. Bigotry will not disappear through quotas or token gestures. It will be eradicated through increased knowledge, patience with individuals, and time. Hopefully that time will be short.

Finally the letter last week stated that fraternities are criticized for being elitist organizations. The letter also stated that fraternities are doing nothing to lessen this image and that his own fraternity does not practice elitism. Are fraternities elitist? Yes, we are. Fraternities are not just an excuse for parties. They are a second family for their brothers. We are an extremely close circle of friends that support each other. Fraternities and sororities today is the result of individuals and not the organization as a whole.

I read an article in the National Inquirer yesterday entitled "Newborn Baby Kills Parents: He didn't want them!" It was all about this baby, who upon being born decided he didn't want his mother so he killed her. He's not being convicted, being born decided he didn't want his mother so he killed her. He's not being convicted, being born decided he didn't want his mother so he killed her. He's not being convicted, being born decided he didn't want his mother so he killed her. He's not being convicted, being born decided he didn't want his mother so he killed her. He's not being convicted, being born decided he didn't want his mother so he killed her. He's not being convicted.

Our anonymous "pro-choice" author also says she "pities her fellow women." Why, I ask? Because she fears if we can't kill our babies we will not be independent citizens? Because without this right to kill our premature babies we will be labeled as inferior? Why do you pity me? Believe me, if I thought that there was any remote chance that my freedoms were being taken away, I would also like to stress that it was not my intention to make Alpha Tau Omega look like the only "true" Greeks on this campus. ATO was the only perspective from which I could speak, so my views were admittedly short-sighted. We at ATO are dedicated to bringing the Greek system into full-swing on this campus; we just want to make absolutely sure that whatever system develops is in the best interests of all UAH students.

I believe that the time has come for us to stop fighting each other and grow up. The time has come to act like adults and quit screaming for money (UAH administration) every time another organization does something we do not like, or do worse than them. Fraternities and sororities are not wrong, and we are not bad for society. We are, however, bad for our own image.

Sincerely,

Alex J. Harris

President—ATO

You want your choice little girl? I'll give you your choice. Go to your local pharmacy and choose which brand of condoms to use. Better yet, go to your doctor and ask him about the many proven methods of birth control he can put you on. I'll bet he'll have 5 or 6 methods to choose from. That gives you a lot of choice.

Prevent pregnancy as much as you can. There is no 100% foolproof method, but don't decide to kill innocent babies who had absolutely no part in you getting pregnant due to your ill planning.

I guess there could be one more reason you could still want to be for this post birth killing. Maybe you feared being a mother, I don't know. You had no part in planning this regime that is not part of your country.

Well, if pregnancy doesn't get you, AIDS will (and maybe you will have the CHOICE of which casket to be buried in).

Name withheld by request

"Let's first think of the victim and what they must go through before judgement is passed."

Dear Editor:

I was a 16 year old white female. As the story was reported, there were 14 other 16 year old female victims who had another 16 year old female, they were approached by an older black male. He told them to get in the car, he had a gun. She was raped, and left by the door. Before she was finished, she raped the 16 year old female. Another 16 year old female was brought to the University of Alabama campus, to a secluded area outside the Tuscaloosa city limits. She was brutally raped, while the friend sat by in tears fearing for both their lives. He said he would kill them both.

The question—should she be forced to carry a child nine months after such a traumatic event? Monica, I hope you are never a rape victim. I was not either of the 16 year old females, but the victim was one of my closest friends in the 16 school. Seventeen years have passed, but to this day I recall the terror she went through. Afraid to even walk the school halls alone. This went on for more than a year after. And even worse than that, she was raped by a male that was not white. She was raped by a black man. "Do two wrongs make a right? The child is innocent." Who is to say abortion is wrong, is it not your opinion? In this case, the innocent child was a 16 school girl. Let's first think of the victim and what they must go through before judgement is passed.

Name withheld by request
"I would strongly encourage women to enter engineering as a profession..."

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to address an article that appeared in the Exponent on April 24 on the subject of sexism in academia. Since I have been at UAH in the College of Engineering Department for the past six years, as both a graduate student and instructor, I feel that I have an opportunity to see the workings of academia here from both sides. In addition, I was a non-traditional (i.e., older) student with three children when I started engineering school. Therefore, I feel well qualified to voice my opinions on the subject of sexism in engineering at UAH.

First of all, I feel that I have never been discriminated against in any engineering course at UAH during my time as a graduate student. The faculty has treated me and the other women students as deserving the same respect and attention as our more numerous male counterparts. There have been many times that I was the only woman in a class, but even in this type of college you rapidly forget about gender.

The Exponent article had the distinction of Mindlessly spoonfeeding women the professors in engineering. It is true that there are currently a minority of women in engineering and academic positions at UAH. However, this is significant progress since five years ago, I was the only female instructor in the 8% female professors. However, this is significantly higher than the national average of 16%, so we must be doing something right. In fact, I was interested in finding out why UAH has had such success in recruiting females, so I conducted a survey of the women that graduated from the UAH College of Engineering since 1985. This survey was financed and endorsed by Dr. Lynn Russell (Dean of Engineering) in order to assess the recruitment and retention of females at UAH. One question was focused on the UAH engineering college's treatment (or lack thereof) of students. Sixty-seven percent of the respondents felt that they were treated no differently than their male counterparts while studying at UAH. Twenty-two percent felt that the difference in treatment was a positive thing and that they were treated much better than ten percent cited singular professors that they felt were prejudiced against women. This is a small amount when you compare that undergraduate student will have over thirty professors. A mature student would realize that a single incident or attitude should not reflect negatively on the university. I feel that the results of this survey reinforce my own positive experiences at UAH. I am presently interviewing for academic positions as an environmental engineer at several universities. Although I would like to think that this is a gender-blind society, but am realistic enough to know that this is not the case.

In conclusion, I feel that the Engineering School was given a bad rap by the Exponent. I hope that some of your readers and statistics will clarify the actual situation. I would strongly encourage women to consider engineering as a profession. Since I have found many doors open to me, I feel that I would like to UAH for the opportunities in teaching, research, and camaraderie that were important for my overall education.

Sincerely,

Carol Ann Vaughn
Candidate for SGA President

From Reader's Digest
Dear Editors:

Last year we wrote to a group of university journalists asking for true, funny stories for the "Campus Comedy" feature of Reader's Digest. Our thanks to those of you who sent material.

As the magazine's new Editor-in-Chief, I encourage you to continue sharing your anecdotes about college life. We pay $40 for each story, and will give you the first appearance rights. Also, it is a good idea to give us a flier giving examples and guidelines for submissions. You may also want to review "Campus Comedy" in the Digest. If you look for it in these issues: January, March, May, June, July, September, October and November.

Again, thanks to those who sent us stories—we are using the best ones and are eager for more fresh, humorous, true experiences from the nation's campuses.

Sincerely,

Kenneth T. Tomlinson

"We students theoretically have rights and responsibilities to be heard as constituents."

Dear Editor:

Despite controversy over the SGA funding of Gays and Friends exemplifies the need for students to be aware and informed of how our elected representatives—year round, not just in a controversy. A new SGA Constitution went into effect last year in order to allow representation from each academic college as well as "at large." Anyone concerned about the allocation of their student fees, as everyone should be, should look closely at the candidates for legislative office—of, or better yet, run themselves— and above all, vote in the elections.

We students theoretically have rights and responsibilities to be heard as constituents. The fact is that once legislators are elected, they make the decisions about the allocation of student fees to chartered student clubs and organizations. Remember last spring when the legislature, as its first act, voted to pay legislators with student fees? The Student Arbitration Board issued a strong statement based on the new Constitution. A student referendum was held in the fall, and students said "No." The legislature has issued both the Arbitration Board and the student referendum, and legislators are currently receiving salaries. Ordinarily, those elected to SGA offices will make the funding decisions, and the best time for students' opinions to be recognized is in the election. I find it very difficult to have patience with those students who have been publishing their opinions, whatever they are, about what is the main function of the Vice-President: the maintenance of neutrality to ensure efficient action by the Legislature. I have been guilty of this mistake.

I would like to wish everyone who is running for SGA office the best of luck. Due to my impending graduation, I will not be running for reelection. I hope to take some of the things that I have learned here to the Graduate Student Association at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where I will be pursuing an MBA. But I would like to leave the campus with one thought: you deserve who you elect to office.

In the words of Jerry Garcia: "If you've got your feet in — Say your piece and get out!" Yes, I get the gist of it.

Sorry that you feel that way. The only thing there is to say—Actually, that's a touch of grey.

I will get by.

Gratefully,

Edwin B. Ditto

Vice-President, SGA

Letter From the Governor
Gov. Hunt Proposes Six Anti-Crime and Drug Bills

Older teenagers who traffic in illegal drugs should not be able to hide behind laws that are designed to protect young children who run afoul of the law. Another bill introduced will treat anyone at least 16 years of age as an adult when they are caught selling drugs.

In the package also will deal with youthful offenders. This bill will change the law so that young law-breakers can get youthful offender status only once. Finally Alabama needs to give its law enforcement officers more flexibility to fight crime at night. A bill would permit a search warrant to be served at any time in the day or night unless the issuing judge or magistrate restricts the execution of the warrant to certain times.

These bills comprise our drug enforcement and general crime package this year. I appreciate the Legislature's support of our work in the past and I pray their support in the future as we move forward together in this fight.

Guy Hunt

Governor

""EVERY SILVER LINING'S GOT A TOUCH OF GREY."

To The Editor:

During my eleven months of service as Vice-President of the Student Government Association, I have learned a lot about the politics of UAH. Much of what I have learned is not pretty.

I am ashamed of the amount of intolerance that is present on our campus at this time. I will not continue to take sides in the current debate over the existence and funding of the organization Gays and Friends. It is not necessary to show an opinion that both sides of the debate need to be more tolerant of each other. Tolerance is the greatest ally of mutual understanding. I think that if emphasis is placed on the commomality of human difference, this wound that has been inflicted on our campus at this time will heal and our student body will become stronger.

I would strongly encourage women to continue and minds that were once open will begin to fossilize.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Leonard, Ph.D
Dear Kenton:

I was not able to be present for the first meeting of the Student Government Association (SGA) elections, so I am writing to you regarding the rules and regulations you have drafted for this election. Although I support these rules in principle, I have a few suggestions that I would like to offer.

First, I believe that the rule that requires candidates to gather a certain number of signatures to run for office is too restrictive. This rule may discourage students who are not well-known or who do not have a strong following from running for office. Moreover, it may prevent students from running for office who are not politically active or who do not have the time to campaign for their positions.

Second, I think the rule that candidates must present their platform in a public forum is important, but it should be more flexible. The public forum should be held in a public and accessible place, and it should be announced in advance to give candidates time to prepare. However, it should not be mandatory for all candidates to attend the forum, as this may be too burdensome for some candidates.

I hope that you will consider my suggestions and that you will continue to work to ensure that the SGA election process is fair, transparent, and inclusive for all students.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

All currently enrolled degree seeking and newly admitted students are asked to register for classes during Early Registration. Re-entering students who are in good academic standing may register during Early Registration if a re-entry application is on file in the Office of Admissions prior to May 6, 1991.

Procedures

1. Advisement and Registration - Each student is responsible for planning their own academic program and should consult the Timetable for advisement schedules and requirements of signatures. Registration cards must be returned to the Office of Student Records by May 16, with appropriate signatures.

2. Timetables - Schedules of courses offered for the Summer term are available at the University Center Information Desk, Office of Student Records (UC 116), and each of the Advisement Centers.

3. Class Schedule and Bill - will be mailed to students of May 30, 1991.

4. Incomplete Schedule Adjustments - June 4, 1991, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, UC 112.

5. Drop/Add Adjustments - June 4, 1991, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., UC 112.

6. Fee Payment - deadline is 5:00 p.m., June 6, 1991. Payments must be RECEIVED, NOT POSTMARKED.

7. Open Registration - June 14, 1991, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., (By Priority)
   University Center
   Graduates and Seniors -- 9:00 a.m.
   Juniors -- 10:00 a.m.
   Sophomores -- 11:00 a.m.
   Freshmen -- 1:00 p.m.
   Non-Degree -- 2:30 p.m.

8. Late Registration - June 18, 1991, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., June 19, 1991, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, University Center 112.

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P.S. Students who register during Early Registration and then add or drop courses prior to June 14, 1991 will not be charged the $20.00 change of course fee.