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EVENTS OF INTEREST ON MAIN CAMPUS DURING NOVEMBER

October 23 – November 11	E. A. BAYNE, A.U.F.S. REPRESENTATIVE whose fields of interest include Italy, Israel, Iran and Somalia, will be on campus, available for class and informal meetings.	
Wednesday, November 1	Cinema Society movie, Charlie Chaplin in "THE GOLD RUSH"	Morgan Hall 8:00 p.m.
Friday, November 3	HOMECOMING PEP RALLY	Quadrangle 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 4	HOMECOMING PARADE ALUMNI LUNCHEON FOOTBALL: Alabama vs Mississippi State	9:15 a.m. Foster Auditorium 11:30 a.m. Denny Stadium 1:15 p.m.
Sunday, November 5	Northeastern Louisiana BRASS QUINTET Opening of FACULTY ART SHOW	Morgan Hall 3:00 p.m. Garland Hall Gallery 4 to 5 p.m.
Tuesday, November 7	VERDI'S FALSTAFF, American National Opera Company, Sara Caldwell, Artistic Director. Concert-Lecture Series presentation	Tuscaloosa High School Auditorium 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 8	INTERNATIONAL FAIR AND RECEPTION	Alabama Union 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 9	INTERNATIONAL WEEK BANQUET	to be announced 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14	RAY CHARLES CONCERT	Foster Auditorium 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 15	Cinema Society Movie, "DEAD BIRDS" (U.S.A. 1963)	Morgan Hall 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 16	AMIN-FERES, bass baritone Concert Lecture Series presentation	Morgan Hall 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 18	FOOTBALL: Alabama vs South Carolina	Denny Stadium 1:15 p.m.
November 22 – 26	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS	
Monday, November 27	KOREAN DANCE DEMONSTRATION Dr. Won-Kyung Cho	Morgan Hall 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 29	Cinema Society movie "LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS" (France, 1943-45)	Morgan Hall 8:00 p.m.

Dean Howard Gundy and Professors Charles Prigmore and Mary Avis Todd, of the School of Social Work, are shown on the cover as they arrived at the first faculty convocation of the year.



A Two-Year Old Campus Expands

The University of Alabama in Huntsville has now launched into its second year as a full-scale branch campus.

This year also will mark the awarding of the first baccalaureate degrees at Huntsville.

The appointment of 23 faculty members, bringing the total to 97 persons teaching on a full-time basis, has allowed a substantial increase in the number and scope of course offerings in numerous areas including art, music, history, English, engineering, mathematics, sciences, and education, as well as new cultural programs, and a Far Eastern Seminar.

An enrollment increase brings the total number of students to 2649 - 2065 being undergraduates and 584 graduate students.

In addition to the present degree programs, minors have been added in chemistry and engineering. The latter is designed to meet the individual needs of students majoring in academic disciplines provided by the divisions of general studies and natural sciences and mathematics.

To ease the overcrowding of Morton Hall, four temporary movable buildings are now completed holding 23 faculty and secretarial offices, a conference room, and a library work area.

Two new laboratories in Morton Hall, now fully equipped, will be used for instruction of electronics and circuit design in the undergraduate engineering program and for graduate instruction in analog computers and automatic control theory. The area will be maintained for engineering instruction until the completion of the new science-engineering building which will be under construction this year.

The first phase of a library complex will be under construction soon which will accommodate the needs for the immediate future.

Increased enrollment has brought about increased services and facilities in other areas. The first catalog was ready for distribution early this month. Two full-time counselors are now on hand to assist students in the Office of Student Affairs. Intra-mural sports activities will be expanded with the addition of an outdoor recreational area now under development by Madison County and the University. Included in the area will be double courts for tennis, handball, volley ball plus a basketball court and a field for touchball and softball.

New Graduate Studies Building Dedicated

Formal dedication of the \$1,250,000 Graduate Studies Building at the University of Alabama in Huntsville was held Sunday, October 15. President Frank A. Rose presided at the ceremonies which were held on the lawn in front of the building.

Construction of this building was made possible by over 2,500 individuals,

businesses, industries, and civic organizations in this area who made donations ranging from \$10 to over \$30,000. These contributions were the result of an intense campaign waged by the University of Alabama Huntsville Campus Campaign Committee headed by M. B. Spragins, chairman, and Wm. L. Halsey, co-chairman.

Brief talks on the growth of The University by Mr. Spragins and its role in relation to the community by Mr. Halsey, were followed by the main address by Dr. Rose. His address concerned future plans for the total University of Alabama.

H. Clyde Reeves, vice president for Huntsville Affairs, expressed his appreciation to the community for its consistent and continuing support and projected some forthcoming expansion plans.

Dr. James M. Horner spoke on behalf of the faculty Assembly, voicing its acceptance of the new building and its gratitude for the community's confidence in them, as evidenced by the support which made this structure possible. Dr. Horner serves as executive secretary of the Faculty Assembly.

The invocation was given by the Rev. C. David Mangham, Pastor, First Alliance Church in Huntsville, and the benediction by the Rev. Paul Clem, Pastor of the First Methodist Church in Huntsville.

Open House continued until 5 p. m. with a reception held for the public on the second floor of the Graduate Studies Building. Morton Hall and Research Institute were also open to the public during the afternoon. Members of the faculty and student body were on hand in all three buildings to serve as guides.

The Graduate Studies Building is designed to provide classroom space for a variety of advanced study courses, a library facility, and special short courses and conferences.

Included in the three story structure are 26 classrooms and conveniently located faculty offices. Two large study areas are located on each of the three floors for the convenience of students. Administrative offices are housed in a suite containing five executive offices, a large conference room, and secretarial and receptionist space. Corners on each floor of the "L" plan building have been expanded and developed as reception areas.

A surfaced exterior of precast concrete with strong natural pebble texture and vertical rib flanking is designed to cast a strong shadow pattern in varying angles of sunlight. Adjacent to the structure is a landscaped area which includes a parking facility for 614 cars.

Second Cultural Series Season Has Opened

The Cultural Series of the University of Alabama in Huntsville opened its second season Friday, October 27, with an opera production of Curlew River performed by members of the Concert Opera Association and the Little Orchestra Society of New York.

In addition to opera, there will be five other cultural events in a varied program which includes a solo dramatization of The Canterbury Tales, a jazz concert, a performance by the National Shakespeare Company, a choral ensemble, and folk music.

On Friday, November 27, Bob Inglis will bring Geoffrey Chaucer and his Canterbury characters to life in a solo performance based on Nevill Coghill's modern translation.

The Preservation Jazz Hall Band on January 6 will give a rare concert of early, foot-stamping, New Orleans jazz.

Volpone, the classic satire and comedy by Ben Jonson, has been added to the repertoire of the National Shakespeare Company and will be enacted in Huntsville on January 27.

The Riverside Singers, a group of six young vocal artists, will give a program of serious and light choral music on April 5.

The final event of the '67-'68 Cultural series will be on May 4 when English folk-singer Kay Britten presents a repertoire of folk songs in several languages.

Season tickets are now available. Further information may be obtained from: The Chairman, University Cultural Committee, P. O. Box 1247, Huntsville, Alabama 35807.

Two New Members Of Faculty

Two faculty appointments in the fields of foreign languages and mathematics were announced in October.

Mrs. Amy Sprague Jonsson will be instructor in French and German and Mrs. Juliet Pao, instructor in mathematics.

Mrs. Jonsson, who specializes in modern German literature, was graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota where she also received the M. A. degree. She is a candidate for the Ph. D. degree at Vanderbilt University.

Mrs. Pao received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Florida. She has done course work at the Ph. D. level. Mrs. Pao taught mathematics at the University of Florida before coming here. Her husband is associated with Wyle Laboratories.

Annual Seminar Topics Announced

Two fall seminars at the University of Alabama in Huntsville will focus on the timely subjects of the Middle East and Vietnam. The 18th Annual Current Affairs Seminar, coordinated by Dr. Frances Roberts, Chairman of the Department of History and Political Science, will present six Friday evening lectures pertaining to all facets of the Middle East. A morning seminar conducted by Dr. Gibson Johnson, visiting lecturer in Far Eastern History, will include lectures and discussions on Vietnamese history, culture, French influence, and American involvement.

Six distinguished specialists in various aspects of Middle Eastern life will participate in the Current Affairs Seminar which was opened by Dr. Raymond F. McLain, Friday, October 6. Dr. McLain, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Dean of International Programs at the University of Alabama, spoke on "Observations on Life in the Middle East." Dr. McLain served for eight years as president and later as chancellor of the American University in Cairo, Egypt.

On October 13, Dr. Leon J. Weinberger, associate professor of religion at the University of Alabama, spoke on "Religious, Cultural, and Ethnic Aspects of the Middle East."

"Government and Politics of the Middle East" was discussed October 20 by Anice Fawci Kassim who holds a law degree from the University of Damascus and is presently studying law at the University of Miami.

Dr. Majeed Alsikafi, a native of Iraq educated in the United States, spoke on "The Social Structure of the Middle East" October 27. Dr. Alsikafi is assistant professor of sociology at the University of Alabama.

On November 3, Philip LaMoreaux will discuss "Resources, Key to Economic Development in the Middle East." Mr. LaMoreaux is the state geologist for Alabama and professor of geology and geography at the University of Alabama.

The seminar will be concluded on November 10 with a lecture on the recent Middle East crisis by Mr. Edward A. Bayne, American Universities field staff representative in the Middle East.

Dr. Gibson Johnson, who will conduct the morning seminar on Vietnam, has recently joined the history faculty here. He received his education at Princeton and the University of Edinburgh and was formerly professor of Far Eastern history at the University of New Hampshire.

Committee On Majors Announced

H. Clyde Reeves, Vice President for Huntsville Affairs, in his first full faculty meeting of the year, announced the appointment of a standing committee of considerable responsibility. It is a committee on majors composed of the following faculty members:

- Dr. Eleanor Hutchens, Chairman - Professor of English and President of the Faculty Assembly
- Dr. Donald Smithburg, Vice Chairman - Professor of Political Science
- Dr. L. Wayne Johnson - Professor of Mathematics
- Mr. D. Royce Boyer - Assistant Professor of Music
- Dr. Charles L. Dodson, Jr. - Assistant Professor of Chemistry
- Dr. J. Tinsley Oden - Associate Professor of Engineering Mechanics
- Dr. Walter Sullins - Assistant Professor of Psychology
- Dr. Harry A. Engle, Ex-officio without voting rights - Professor of Education and Representative for Curricula and Standards of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Assembly

The committee is to have two primary functions: (a) to study carefully the needs of North Alabama, our prospective student body and the implications for graduate program and teacher training, and formulate recommendations of the areas to be developed for majors; and (b) to assess our capability in faculty, laboratory facilities and library resources for offering majors and make recommendations relating thereto.

The areas recommended by the committee are to receive the bulk of the development emphasis at Huntsville this year. They are to be reviewed by the administration and the results appraised by an accrediting committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools early in 1969.

Dr. Frances C. Roberts, chairman, department of history and political science, presented a paper before the Huntsville Historical Society entitled "The Cabaniss Family in Madison County History." The paper was part of the dedication ceremonies for the State Historical Association highway marker noting the Cabaniss cotton spinning factory, the first of its kind in Alabama.

Dr. Charley Scott, director of academic affairs, represented the UAH Sigma Xi Club at the 80th jubilee and 68th annual meeting of the Society of Sigma Xi at Portsmouth, New Hampshire in September.

Mrs. Rhoda E. Wharry, associate professor of education, will act as workshop authority for a Remedial Reading Workshop sponsored by the California Association for Neurologically Handicapped Children in Orange, California, October 27-28. Mrs. Wharry will also be consultant to the Achievement School in Huntsville.

Dr. T. H. Davis, assistant professor of physics, will address the Southeastern Section of the American Physical Society meeting at Clemson University in November.

Dr. L. L. Smalley, assistant professor of physics, will speak on "R(11) Current Commutation Relations" at the Clemson meeting of the American Physical Society.

Dr. Lorraine P. Morin completed the Ph. D. in biology in August at Southern Illinois University; her research was sponsored by a grant-in-aid from the Society of Sigma Xi. She has been promoted from temporary instructor to assistant professor of biology.

Dr. Shi Tsan Wu, assistant research professor of aerospace engineering, was invited to participate in the Institute for Physics of Magnetosphere at Boston College, June 19-28. The institute was jointly sponsored by the Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory and Boston College.

Dr. J. Tinsley Oden, associate professor of engineering, addressed the Oak Ridge National Laboratory on "Finite Elements in Structural Mechanics" at the September meeting. On November 6, he will speak to the local ASCE meeting on "Engineering in Russia." Dr. Oden will present a paper entitled "Finite Element Applications in Linear and Non-linear Thermo-Viscoelasticity" at the Engineering Mechanics Specialty Conference at North Carolina State University in November. He will also serve this year on McGraw-Hill's Advisory Panel in Mechanical Engineering.

Dr. Donald W. Smithburg, professor of political science, attended the meeting of the American Political Science Association in Chicago, September 6-10.

Mrs. Christel L. McCanless, UAH Librarian, and library staff members, Mrs. Myra Harscheid, Mrs. Linda Perdue, and Mrs. Vicki Fuller visited the Library of Congress and the U.S. Book Exchange in Washington, D. C., September 28-29. The group had access to the surplus stacks of the Library of Congress and the Book Exchange and made selections for the UAH library.

Dr. Reece D. Kilgo, assistant professor of education, participated in the International Education Conference at the University of Alabama in August. Dr. Kilgo is acting as consultant to the religious education teacher-training course of the Unitarian-Universalist Church in Huntsville.

Mrs. Christel McCanless, Librarian, has been appointed secretary of the Water Safety Committee of the American Red Cross in the Huntsville area.

Dr. Harold C. Steele, coordinator of evening programs, served as consultant in science education at a pre-school planning conference held under the auspices of the U.S. Office of Education by the city school system of Ft. Payne, Alabama, August 28-29. On September 19, Dr. Steele presented vocal selections as guest soloist on WMSL-TV Decatur, Alabama.

An article by Dr. Eleanor Hutchens, professor of English, entitled "Prudence in Tom Jones" will be reprinted in a new collection of Tom Jones criticism in the Twentieth Century Views series published by Prentice-Hall. Dr. Hutchens, who has been promoted from associate professor to professor, attended the English Institute in New York City, September 5-8.

Herbert Francis, assistant professor of English, conducted a writer's workshop at the seventeenth annual Georgia Writers' Association conference in Atlanta, October 6-7. He also addressed the association's Members Recognition Luncheon on October 6.

Dr. J. J. Brainerd, associate professor of aerospace engineering, will present a paper on "Shock Wave Similarity" at the meeting of the Society for Engineering Science in Huntsville, October 30-31.

Mrs. Hertha Heller, instructor in German, is commuting to Vanderbilt University to pursue advanced studies in German leading to the Ph.D. degree. She is secretary of the Friends of the Library Association in Huntsville.

Mr. D. J. Kieselbach, director of short courses and conferences, will speak on "Management Guide for Supervisors" at the meeting of the Huntsville Section of the American Society for Quality Control on December 11. Mr. Kieselbach met with employees of the Department of Commerce in Washington, D. C., September 26-29.

Dr. Robert Welker, chairman of the department of English, will present a paper entitled "On Teaching Short Stories" at the meeting of the South Atlantic Modern Language Association in Atlanta, November 10.