Blazernet now route to internal transfer system

The Office of Human Resource Management is committed to assisting UAB employees in preparing for growth and upward mobility in their careers. To improve the recruitment and internal transfer process for all internal UAB job applicants, all job opportunities will be located centrally on Blazernet effective Monday, Feb. 5.

To access the online system through Blazernet, log in to the portal at blazernet.uab.edu (or click on the convenient link on UAB’s home page). Then, go to the Employee Resources tab; to access the system, click on UAB Employment Opportunities in the Quick Links channel. (See accompanying illustration, p. 4.)

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For more information about the open house, contact Lori Miles at 996-7190. To see Oblinger’s presentations, go to www.uab.edu/it/instructional/technology.

Wallace leads honorees at annual Service Awards Program

Every year in a long time to be in one place, but Fred Wallace seems to engage in every day at UAB as if it were his first.

Wallace, an associate in the Department of Surgery, will be honored this month for 40 years of service to the university in the field of computers, electronics and research. He will join more than 220 people with 20 or more years of service to UAB to be honored during the annual Service Awards Program. The event will be held Friday, Feb. 16, with a luncheon for the employees with 20 or more years of service scheduled for noon at the Double Tree Hotel Heritage Room.

A reception for more than 1,090 employees who will be recognized for five or more years of service will be held at 3 p.m. that afternoon, also in the Heritage Room at the Double Tree Hotel.

Wallace began his UAB career in the Department of Physiology as an electronic research technician before moving to the Department of Surgery shortly before the arrival of John Kirklin, M.D. Kirklin immediately recognized Wallace’s work ethic and intelligence and put him to work with Lou Sheppard, Ph.D., to design and build the world’s first closed-loop surgical, computer-based, intensive-care unit for patients recovering from open heart surgeries. It wasn’t always easy work, but the benefits to UAB and the patients at the hospital were immediate.

Wallace recalls that most of interface electronics in the early days were built and maintained by UAB.

“We here at UAB wrote the textbook on the patient closed-loop data-management system,” Wallace says. The computer-based intensive-care unit remained one of the only applications of its kind at the time.

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Fernandez is the co-founder and chair of UAB’s first mentoring program for freshwater and transfer students of Hispanic or Latino descent, aimed at facilitating their transition to the university and improving their chances for success at UAB. Fernandez is involved with the Office of the Vice President for Equity & Diversity and is active in the Safe Zone program and its recruitment efforts.

Scott is an advocate for minority and women-owned businesses and economic development. She manages day-to-day operations for UAB’s Minority Business Affairs Program, creating alliances between department end-users and minority business constituents in order to increase and accelerate the level of entrepreneurial activity within the university.

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Nominations sought for Woolfolk Award

Nominations are being solicited for the 2007 Odessa Woolfolk Community Service Award. This award was established by UAB to recognize a faculty member who has rendered outstanding service to the Birmingham community in one or more of the following areas:

- Education
- Economic development
- Health care delivery
- The arts
- Social services
- Human rights
- Urban and public affairs

To be eligible, a person must currently hold a full-time regular faculty appointment at UAB, as defined by the UAB Faculty Handbook, and have completed at least one academic year in that position. A person may receive the award only once in any five-year period.

The recipient of the 2007 Odessa Woolfolk Community Service Award will be recognized at the annual Faculty Awards Convocation April 23 and will receive a $2,500 cash award.

A nomination package should consist of a brief letter of nomination, the faculty member’s curriculum vitae, a one- to two-page description of the community service for which the award is sought, and a maximum of five letters of recommendation. This information should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs (AB 174, 6100) by 5 p.m. Monday, March 12. If you have questions, please contact that office at 934-0513.

Bad weather policy

When the Birmingham area anticipates severe weather, the different arms of UAB can differ in their response because the institution provides patient care, and many departments operate on an around-the-clock, seven-day-per-week schedule.

These essential services cannot be suspended; therefore, the university’s policy toward bad weather must reflect the different nature of its work and the diversity of the various departments.

Employees have several sources they can access to determine if their department is expected to report to work. Updated weather information and the status of the university will be announced via BlazerNET; the UAB Web site www.uab.edu, on radio station WBHM-FM 90.3 and on the UAB Bad Weather hotline, 934-2165.

Generally speaking, the university will remain open, particularly in those areas associated with patient care and other essential services; therefore, employees in those departments should make every effort to get to work.

It should be noted the patient clinics operated by the schools of Dentistry and Optometry will operate as usual.

When driving is difficult, each person should start early to arrive at work. If UAB Health System clinics open or continue to operate, appropriate staff will be on duty to assist patients.

It is expected that employees in those departments that are officially closed and unless employees, reporting in by telephone, are advised by their supervisors to remain at home. Employees should contact their offices or working areas promptly to report the conditions that are peculiar to their own situations.

Information about severe weather precautions and storm preparation for research labs can be found under Quick Links on the faculty and staff Web pages at www.uab.edu.

GCRC requests letters of intent

The Pittman General Clinical Research Center requests letters of intent for Clinical Research Feasibility Funds (CReFF).

The CReFF program is designed to foster junior faculty involvement in clinical research or senior faculty who are changing career paths and proposing to conduct clinical research. It is expected that research supported through this mechanism will lead to the submission of a competitive application to a major research-funding agency (e.g., National Institutes of Health) at the end of the project period. This funding does not require preliminary data. Applicants must propose to conduct clinical research that utilizes GCRC resources.

An applicant can request up to $20,000 for a one-year project period. The investigators may use these awards for laboratory, personnel and patient-related costs of the project; however, salary support will not be available for the principal investigator.

The funding period will be July 1 through June 30, 2008. Applicants must have primary faculty appointments at one of the 12 UAB schools at the level of instructor or higher. Junior faculty cannot have been a PI on any NIH research projects. Candidates must be either U.S. citizens or non-citizen nationals.

A letter of intent should be submitted addressing program eligibility criteria, including a brief description of the project to be proposed. Letters of intent should be limited to one single-spaced page with NIH standard type size and one inch margins. The letter of intent should be submitted to Program Director Larry Moreland. M.D., Pittman GCRC, MEB M907, 6909, no later than Feb. 16.

The guidelines are available through the GCRC official Web site at www.gcrc.uab.edu/application.asp. Please e-mail any questions to Moreland at Larry.Moreland@uab.edu.

New MPH offered in preparedness management & policy

A new Master of Public Health degree program in the UAB School of Public health will help prepare future leaders to plan for, respond to and recover from disasters.

Offered by the SOPH Department of Health Care Organization and Policy beginning fall semester 2007, the degree will specialize in public health-preparedness policy and management.

The curriculum, which can be completed in less than two years, covers a multitude of all-hazards preparedness topics including: event typologies, response organization, leadership and management, hazard and risk assessment policy development and evaluation, and risk communication.

For information about this and other degrees in the School of Public health, visit http://www.soph.uab.edu/.

LHL Center for Health Policy calls for apps

The Lister Hill Center for Health Policy calls for applications for two programs, the Health Policy Fellowship Program and the Intramural Grants Program.

The Health Policy Fellowship Program awards up to two $18,000 six-month stipends to UAB graduate or doctoral students who are within 12 months of finishing requirements for their degree. Students with demonstrated interest in health policy will have the opportunity to work at the UAB Bazaar. The bazaar also featured Arabic, Middle Eastern and Philippine dances, demonstrations of Eastern European folk dances and rock music from Israel. The annual event is sponsored by UAB International Scholar and Student Services.
Nominations sought for Ingalls/NAS Award

Nominations are being sought for the Ellen Gregg Ingalls/UAB National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching. The award is given annually to a full-time, regular UAB faculty member who, throughout his or her career at UAB, has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the teaching of undergraduate and/or graduate students.

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Based on UAB’s commitment to the value of diversity, the Safe Zone program is an established, visible network of trained faculty, staff and students who provide confidential support and reliable information to other faculty, staff and students regarding issues related to sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.

For additional information on the Safe Zone program, contact Antia Bonsera in Human Resource Management at bonsera@uab.edu or Debora Morgette in Student Life at morgette@uab.edu — or visit the Safe Zone Web site at students.uab.edu/student-life/show.aspx?link=61359.

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Radiation safety course offered

The UAB Radiation Safety Program of Occupational Health and Safety is offering a Radiation Safety Training Course intended for laboratory technicians who have never attended a formal training course or those utilizing radiosotopes for the first time.

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The in-class portion of the Radiation Safety Training Course is offered quarterly on two non-consecutive days. People must attend both in-class days of the course as scheduled. Registration for the quarter's in-class portion of the course is required no later than Thursday, Feb. 8.

A certificate of training will be awarded to those individuals who complete both the on-line and in-class portions of the Radiation Safety Training Course, who successfully complete the written examination with a grade of 70 percent or above, and who submit a baseline bioassay sample. Successful completion of this basic course will not meet the necessary training requirements to obtain radioactive material licensure at UAB.

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Digital storefront and press expand printing options

From televisions to cameras to cell phones, the digital age is in full throttle.

Now UAB's Printing Services group has jumped into the mix, recently purchasing and installing a top-of-the-line Xerox iGen3, a digital production press. The move to the digital format creates new opportunities for faculty and staff who have a short-run print job – or require that their print jobs get done today (if not sooner!).

And, in another major change in how Printing Services does business, you now can place all of your orders – from business cards to envelopes to four-color trifold brochures and magnets – through the group's new digital storefront online at www.uabprinting.com.

There, with just a click of the mouse, you can build, proof and submit your print or copy project 24 hours a day.

"The whole idea behind these improvements is to make it easier to do business with us," said Stephen Murray, director of Business and Auxiliary Services. "We have to deliver high-quality products to our customers at a lower cost than our competition, which means that we have to focus on process efficiencies and continually work on improving access to our services.

"We want to continue to be the provider of choice for printing, copy and mail services for UAB and its affiliates, and know that the best way to accomplish this is by continuing to focus on the needs of our customers," he said.

By offering a variety of printing solutions to offices throughout UAB, says Murray, the Printing Services group can help improve response rates and repeat orders, as well as increase revenues for the department. All of this helps contribute to the group's ability to offer their services at prices lower than that of the competition.

Digital storefront makes ordering easy

The digital storefront enables UAB Printing Services to help clients – faculty, staff and students – customize the look of their products. It also has the capacity to provide detailed estimates through its advanced automated pricing engine, as well as to improve access to printing and copy services.

Customers will be able to manage their print jobs from www.uabprinting.com, see the production status of submitted jobs and place re-orders. The order history makes it easy for users to view and accept price quotes automatically. And, the digital storefront also provides a catalog that enables customers to browse categories, select a catalog item, add it to their shopping cart and place their order.

The digital storefront will continue to evolve during the next few months as products and pricing information are added, Murray said.

No stopping this press

One of the more impressive aspects of Printing Services' new digital press is its speed. It can print up to 6,600 impressions per hour, ensuring a fast turnaround on jobs.

"We understand that sometimes things come down to the last minute," Murray said. "With the iGen3 we're going to be able – more often than not – to meet those demands by delivering high-quality print products faster and at very competitive prices.

"We'd love the opportunity to serve you."

You're invited!

You're invited to attend the Printing Services open house in the Central Support Building Thursday, Feb. 15, 1-4 p.m., to see the group's new equipment and familiarize yourself with the people there who can help you with your printing needs.

Daniel Turner, left, and Lavoy Williams, right, look over a print job that was completed using the new, top-of-the-line Xerox iGen3, a digital production press. UAB Printing Services also recently opened its digital storefront at www.uabprinting.com, enabling you to place all of your print orders – from business cards to envelopes to four-color trifold brochures and magnets – online. By using the digital storefront you can build, proof and submit your print or copy project 24 hours a day.

Please note that this change is for internal transfers only; the process for external applicants remains unchanged. Remember, in order to be eligible for a transfer you must meet the following requirements:

- University employees: You must have been employed in your current position for one year with a satisfactory performance record.
- Hospital employees: You must have been in your current position for six months if an RN or one year for all other classifications, and can have no more than 7.5 attendance points.

HRM is pleased to offer this service through BlazerNET to make exploring employment opportunities within UAB a more efficient process for you.
Surplus chairs, sofas for sale Feb. 9

Surplus chairs and sofas are coming up for sale! These items are located in the UAB Warehouse at 1405 Second Ave. S. They may be seen Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 7-8 from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Items will be sold as is where is, without warranty implied, Friday, Feb. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. the day of sale.

All items sold must be paid for and removed from the warehouse on the day of the sale. Payment must be made by cash or certified check. No personal checks will be accepted. Right is reserved to waive formalities, select alternates and to reject any or all sales. The best offer on any item appears to be in the best interest of UAB.

For additional information, call Equipment Accounting 934-3344.

Music, is it the universal healer?

The UAB School of Medical Student Services and the Office of Minority Enhancement are proud to present Music: The Universal Language and the Universal Healer” featuring jazz musician Roland Gresham. The concert is Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. in the Alys Stephens Center Jadwin Auditorium.

The concert will be followed with a lecture on music therapy Monday, Feb. 19 at noon in Volker Hall Lecture Room B. “The Power of Music: What Music Therapy Is and Is Not” will expand on the difference between music for recreation and professional music therapy.

Speakers for this event will be Andrea Creasor and Carol Pritchett, both faculty in the School of Music at the University of Alabama, and Libby Stephey, who is a Music Therapy in Rehabilitation Services at UAB Hospital. The music therapy program here at UAB is the only one in the state.

Special events

Tuesday, Feb. 6
6 p.m. UAB Book Club: “A Universe of One” by Emma Donoghue. Asst Prof Cassidy Ellis (English) will lead the discussion. Sterne Library-Henley Rm. For more info, call 4-4260.

7 p.m. Music: UAB Faculty Recital featuring Jay Evans, trombone. Reynolds-Kirschbaum Recital Hall. Admission is free. Call 5-2786.
Manos Juntas game night. Hispanic/Latino students and interested faculty are invited to attend. There will be pizza, soft drinks, fun and games. If you are a Hispanic/Latino student who would like to be matched with a mentor, please come to the social events and participate in the program. The Manos Juntas mentoring program is a partnership between faculty and Hispanic/Latino students to foster education, research and service focusing on Hispanics/Latinos in Alabama. As part of this effort, UAB faculty members volunteer their time to mentor and provide guidance to Hispanic/Latino students to successfully complete college and pursue post-college education. UAB Smolian International House.

Blazer sports
Feb. 7: Women’s Basketball vs UTEP, Bartow Arena, 7 pm
Feb. 8: Men’s Basketball vs Memphis, Bartow Arena, 8 pm
Feb. 10: Synchronized Swimming vs Stanford, Bell Aquatics Center, 2 pm
Feb. 10: Men’s Basketball vs UTEP, Bartow Arena, 5 pm
Feb. 11: Men’s Tennis vs Winthrop, Brook Highland Racquet Club, 10 am
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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE ALYS STEPHENS CENTER!
Great Discounts for Faculty & Staff!

Mr.  Pratt, piano
Sunday, February 18 @ 3 p.m.

Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana
Friday, February 23 @ 8 p.m.

Chick Corea and Béla Fleck
Saturday, February 24 @ 8 p.m.

The Actors’ Gang presents “1984”
Tim Robbins, Artistic Director
Friday, March 2 @ 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 3 @ 7:30 p.m.

KODO Japanese Drummers
Saturday, March 3 @ 8 p.m.

For more information:
(205) 975-ARTS
www.AlysStephens.org

Season sponsored by The Birmingham News and NBC 13.
Children

Children's glasses study: Children age 11-15 who currently wear glasses needed to compare the wear patterns of 2 types of glasses. Requires 4 visits during a 3-month period. Receive a pair of glasses at no cost. Marie 4-6734.

Do you know a child who needs to lose weight? If yes, we may be able to help you lose weight with the UAB Department of Nutrition. Free advice for parents in weight loss, exercise, and nutrition. Compensated. Laura Lee 5-5664.


Healthy girls age 10-17 years old needed for a research study on the effects of the nutritional supplements lutein, zeaxanthin, and long-chain omega-3 fatty acids (DHA & EPA). Katherine 325-8527.

Depression: Women age 19-50 who are currently taking an antidepressant but still feeling depressed. Have thoughts of hurting yourself, you may be eligible for our study. Evaluation and treatment at no cost. Compensated. 9-5496.

Older adults age 60-85 needed to participate in a study of the benefits of closed captioning for the visually impaired. Must own hearing aids. Compensated $100.

Do you have rheumatoid arthritis? If you are age 19 or older and have been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis within the past six months, you may qualify for a clinical investigation. You must take methotrexate for at least one month. Carrie 4-2991.

African-American men/women ages 55-60 are needed for a memory loss study. If you are in good physical health and have been able to drive yourself or if you have mild Alzheimer’s or Parkinson’s Disease with memory loss, you may qualify. Visit a car to participate in a memory testing and a neurological exam. Compensation 996-9970.

Care Team for HTN: If you are an HTN patient and a Care Team volunteer you are eligible to participate. The study looks at the effects of being in a Care Team for the participating HTN patients. Compensation $80 for 4 sessions. Dr. Burrage 4-0630.

Do you have acne? You may be eligible to participate as a research participant in a clinical trial for topical retinoid acne. Both male and female volunteers are needed. Compensation. 5-8299.

Do you know someone over the age of 65 experiencing any of the following symptoms: Imagining playing tricks, poor impulse control, hearing voices, hostility, over-excitement, seeing things that others can not see, or confusion? They may be eligible to participate in a research study. Health care workers, family members, and caregivers are invited to participate. Compensation up to $139.

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