More than 400 employees joined the UAB National Alumni Society for an employee luncheon Feb. 22 in the Campus Recreation Center. The NAS hosted the luncheon to announce its new Employee Alumni Chapter of the UAB National Alumni Society and honor those employees who are already members of the NAS.

Anita Clemon, manager of Human Resources Management Records and president of the NAS, welcomed the employees, and in her luncheon comments President Carol Garrison encouraged those in attendance to join and extend their role in making UAB a vibrant university.

“You are the ones that helped us mature as an institution and achieve the things we do here every day,” Garrison says. “Your membership in the NAS will strengthen the legacy of our great university.”

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The proposed education budget under consideration by the Alabama Legislature has compelled trustees from the University of Alabama and Auburn University systems to raise a unified call for revisions to House Bill 319.

House Bill 319 calls for budget cuts in the 15 percent range for Alabama’s universities, while K-12 would be cut 2.5 percent and two-year colleges would be cut 4.6 percent. Trustees have asked that educational institutions be treated equitably during this economic downturn.

The UA System Board of Trustees Executive Committee recently met with its counterpart from Auburn in a historic joint session to begin the fight against House Bill 319. Representatives from both boards and more than two dozen members of the Alabama House and Senate attended and heard plans to take the call for equitable funding to the Legislature and work tirelessly for a compromise budget that treats all education entities evenly.

“We are the biggest economic engines in this state,” UA System President Pro Tem Joe Espy told the packed room. “We are prepared to take our pro rata share of the cuts, but these institutions absolutely cannot afford to take a step backward. We need the help of everyone in this room to be sure we are treated fairly.”

Several options for offsetting the budget cuts are available, including the UAB Highlands program, which offers cutting-edge technology for total knee replacement available at UAB Highlands.

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Though many improvements have been made in knee-replacement technology in the past few decades, the way the surgeon fits the implant into the knee hasn’t changed. Consequently, almost 14 percent of total knee-replacement surgery patients have reported being dissatisfied with their results.

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UAB President Carol Garrison encouraged employee alumni to join the UAB National Alumni Society at a recent luncheon. The NAS has formed a new Employee Alumni Chapter.
Greenfeld to deliver Ireland lecture March 5

Boston University professor, renowned social scientist and author Liah Greenfeld, Ph.D., will receive the 2008 UAB Ireland Distinguished Visiting Scholar Prize. As the visiting scholar, she will present a free, public lecture, “Madness in Modern Society: A Key to the Mind?” at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5 in the Alys Stephens Center Jamison Concert Hall. Call 996-7190 for more information.

Greenfeld is renowned as a theorist of nationalism, and she specializes in the analysis of modern culture. She now is studying modern culture and mental disease between 1500 and 1900 in an effort to account for the rise in the rates of mental disorders in Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States.

Manufacturers to meet here March 4-6

The UAB Department of Materials Science and Engineering will host an American Composites Manufacturers Association conference and workshop March 4-6 in the Hill University Center.

The conference will feature exhibits and high-quality technical sessions focusing on developments in composites technologies and to translate these approaches to novel applications is included.

See well, look good at optical trunk show

An Optical Trunk show is planned Friday, March 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Optical Dispensary in the School of Optometry. Frames vendors for Coach, Gucci, Armani and Dior and other designers will show the newest styles in eyewear fashion, and there will be drawings for prizes throughout the day. Bring a current prescription or call UAB Eye Care for an appointment.

Surgery to enhance fertility is ‘Let’s Do Lunch’ topic March 12

Reproductive endocrinologist Wright Bates, M.D., will discuss surgical interventions to help women who are battling fibroids, endometriosis and more Wednesday, March 12 during the Let’s Do Lunch series sponsored by UAB OB/GYN. The discussion starts at noon in the Kirklin Clinic fifth floor conference room and is open only to UAB employees. Space is limited, so call 996-2229 to make a reservation. Lunch is provided.

Violinist Rachel Lee to perform March 9

The Alys Stephens Center presents violinist Rachel Lee at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 9 in the Alys Stephens Center. Tickets are $35, $25 and $20; student tickets are $10. Call 975-2787 or go to www.AlysStephens.org to purchase your tickets or visit the Box Office. There will be drawings for prizes throughout the day. Bring the newest styles in eyewear fashion, and there will be drawings for prizes throughout the day. Bring a current prescription or call UAB Eye Care for an appointment.

Lee is regarded as one of the most prodigious and promising talents on the concert stage. She currently studies with Itzhak Perlman and attends Harvard College.

UAB Hospital Safety Fair set for March 12

UAB Hospital’s third annual Safety Fair will be held Wednesday, March 12 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the West Pavilion Atrium. Hospital departments/teams and vendors will use interactive displays to increase employees’ knowledge of the availability and proper use of safety products and equipment and related policies and procedures. Music, food and door prizes will be provided.

BERM Center to host symposium April 15

The Biomatrix Engineering and Regenerative Medicine (BERM) Center will host a symposium Tuesday, April 15 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Finley Conference Center in the Hugh Kaul Building. A list of speakers is online at www.eng.uab.edu/berm. To pre-register e-mail Tobi Braddy at tbraddy@uab.edu.

The BERM Center seeks to capitalize on UAB’s emerging strengths in matrix biology, nano-structured biomaterials, tissue engineering and regenerative medicine to develop tissue repair and replacement technologies and to translate these approaches to novel therapies, cell-based treatments, tissue replacement products and technologies.
McGuire among those exhibiting in SoM Art Show

Because of his busy family life and successful career as medical director of liver transplantation at UAB, Brendan McGuire, M.D., doesn’t get much time to hone his artistic skills. He draws occasion-ally with his children and makes time to illustrate the family Christmas card every year.

This year, he’s getting some recognition for his work:

McGuire’s 2006 Christmas card of his children with their grandparents’ train display – the “Millers’ Family Tradition of Trains” – is the faculty division winner in the eighth annual UAB School of Medicine Art Show.

“This particular card was inspired by the wonderful traditions that have been passed on to us by our parents,” McGuire says. “It seems that in the fast-paced world in which we live, we forget the importance of simple traditions. For 53 years, my in-laws have had a tradition of setting up a train display with their children. What started as one train under a tree has grown to a display that consumes a room in their basement.”

The family begins constructing the display just after Thanksgiving every year and finishes by Christmas morning. It stays up until February. What once was a tradition for his in-laws and their children now has expanded to include grandchildren, and it has inspired McGuire’s family to bring the tradition into their own home.

“Our home we set up a train with our children, too,” he says. “So, in this card, I really wanted to celebrate the importance of taking time for traditions.”

McGuire began illustrating his family’s Christmas card after marrying his wife Liz 13 years ago. His cards have highlighted everything from life as newweds and their first home to their sons and their activities.

The 13 original illustrations hang in McGuire’s home. “Every Christmas card has been inspired by an event or some observation in our life,” McGuire says. “Some are funny, and others are sentimental.”

McGuire estimates his family sent up to 300 “Millers’ Family Tradition of Trains” cards to friends and family this past year. He says he wishes he has more time to draw, but says he’s happily illustrating the family Christmas card. He hopes it’s starting another tradition.

“I hope that perhaps our children, when married, will illustrate their own Christmas cards, too,” he says.

Other winners

Michael Klein, M.D., was the second-place winner in the faculty division with a photomicrography called “Lumbar vertebrae with osteoporosis demonstrating three healing trabecular fractures.” Alex Szalai, Ph.D., took third place with a photomicrography called “Sacroiliac joints.”

The contest was judged by a panel of UAB faculty, staff and students. The top three winners receive cash prizes, and all entries are on display in the museum.

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Of the employees in attendance, 155 were members. More than 70 others joined the NAS that day, including five who pledged a lifetime membership. The NAS is plan-ning another luncheon next quarter for employees who could not attend this event.

Becky Watson, associate vice president for Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving, says the event was a show of appreciation for employee members – and an opportunity to show non-members the role NAS plays in giving to UAB.

“The mission of the National Alumni Society is to support UAB in its pursuit of excellence in teaching, research and public service and to create, foster and nurture a mutually beneficial relationship between the university, its students and alumni,” Watson says. “We want employ-ees to hear that message and see what the NAS is doing to promote the welfare and excellence of UAB.”

An employee NAS membership is $35 per year or $500 for a lifetime membership. Membership fees are payroll-deductible as a convenience to employees, and the life-time membership can be deducted during a 12-month period. “That’s an easy way to become a member for life,” Watson says.

A variety of discounts and perks comes with membership through partnerships with businesses such as ModjetAssist, Liberty Mutual and Compass Bank Mortgage Financial Services. Members also enjoy invitations to NAS-sponsored events and employee/alumni events, dis-counts at Snoopy’s Bookstore and dis-counts at fine clothiers including Brooks Brothers and Joseph A. Bank.

Dollars for Scholars

The UAB NAS, which has more than 8,000 members, provided more than $450,000 in scholarships and grants this past year. The upcoming Dollars for Scholars 5K/10K, which takes place Friday, April 25, raised more than $30,000 in scholarship funds in 2007.

The NAS awards The Ellen Gregg Ingalls/ UAB National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching annually to full-time regular UAB faculty. The NAS honors alumni and faculty for their leadership and service to UAB and the community throughout the year at the Alumni Awards Gala and Outstanding Advisor Awards.

Visit www.uab.edu/alumni to learn more about the NAS and to join, or visit its offices located at 516 20th St. South.

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Organ donations increased at UAB by 80 percent since 2004

More than 98,000 Americans were awaiting an organ transplant in mid-February according to the Web site organandonor.gov, and a new person is added to the list every 18 minutes. At UAB, changes in policy, approach, technology, and personnel have led to an increase in donations – and more lives are being saved.

Organ donation at UAB has increased more than 80 percent since 2004, and the future is promising additional gains, says Devin E. Eckhoff, M.D., director of the Division of Transplantation and medical director of the Alabama Organ Center, a federally designated organ-procurement organization (OPO).

Eckhoff says the improvements, which also are happening in other parts of the country, are due to several new strategies that were developed after encouragement from former U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson. Prior to 2004 public education efforts around the nation failed to increase the number of deceased donors, which number about 100 annually in Alabama. UAB's organ-transplant volume remained among the nation's highest, primarily because of a significant increase in kidney donations by living donors, but the OPO community as a whole needed a spark.

"The whole OPO community and organ-donation efforts had stagnated. The standard education efforts were failing to increase organ donation," Eckhoff says. "Then Secretary Thompson asked the organ-donation community to take a new look at everything and question the age-old assumptions about how to do it.

Implementing change

The Alabama Organ Center (AOC) tackled the issue on three fronts. First, it implemented the clinical-triggering card for making a referral to the AOC; second, it implemented a Family Support Services Coordinators program; third, the AOC has increased the visibility of its Donation after Cardiac Death (DCD) program.

The clinical triggers enable a timely referral allowing the AOC's specially trained staff to go to the hospital to perform an evaluation of donor suitability and to provide family and staff support. "Patients who are potential donors usually are previously healthy people who have experienced a sudden or traumatic death," Eckhoff says. "Consequently, their families have some unique education and bereavement needs."

The Family Support Services Coordinators are particularly skilled in bereavement support and family care. The AOC has three full-time coordinators in Birmingham and Mobile and one shared coordinator at UAB Hospital, Wendy Walters. The coordinators counsel the families and stay with them as long as needed, regardless of the family's donation decision.

"Since the implementation of this program we have seen an increase in our consent rates and improved satisfaction from our families and hospitals," Eckhoff says.

DCD program

DCD is an option for patients who are neurologically devastated, but not brain dead. The Joint Commission recommended that all hospitals that have ventilator capability have a policy to address DCD to be implemented in January 2007.

The families of these patients, in conjunction with the attending physician, have chosen to withdraw support and also wish to donate organs for transplant.

"If the patient is medically suitable for donation, the AOC will work with the primary care team to coordinate the recovery of organs for transplant after cardiac death has been determined by the attending physician," Eckhoff says.

The AOC has seen a significant increase in the number of DCD donors the past two years.

From October 2005 to September 2006 there were four DCD donors compared to 11 from October 2006 through September 2007. In October 2007 alone there were two DCD donors.

"While these DCD numbers seem small, they are huge to the patients fortunate enough to be successfully transplanted because of the generosity of a stranger," Eckhoff says.

New technologies

Eckhoff says adding two new technologies at UAB Hospital will help the AOC pursue all donor candidates.

Nuclear acid amplification testing of donor organ tissue can detect viruses sooner after infection than conventional testing – within 12 days for HIV and 25 days for hepatitis C virus.

"Thus, someone excluded from organ donation because of CDC-defined high-risk behavior, such as homemade tattooing or spending a night in jail, could become a donor after nucleic acid testing," Eckhoff says. "This test assures potential recipients of our dedication to providing quality, disease-free organs."

Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) is available for DCD cases. Without ECMO, organ removal must begin within five minutes after patients arrest and are pronounced dead. ECMO avoids the need to rush organ removal, and also may improve function of donated organs after transplantation.

The AOC attributes its recent achievements to the effective implementation of these efforts and successful partnerships with physicians, hospitals and nurses across the state.

"It takes all of us working together to provide excellent care to the bereaved family and to save the lives of those waiting for an organ transplant in our state," Eckhoff says.

Teams forming for 2008 Alabama Kidney Foundation Walkathon

Join TEAM UAB in support of the Alabama Kidney Foundation annual Walkathon April 26.

Money raised will be used to continue the fight against kidney disease, fund research for a cure and provide preventive health-education programs, organ-donor awareness, camps for patients and direct assistance to kidney patients in Jefferson and surrounding counties.

Call to action

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decreases, including increased tuition and increased spending of university endowments, have been put forth by public policy analysts and education leaders say those are not viable.

Call to action

Campus leaders expect that Higher Education Day in Montgomery, which is set for Thursday, March 6, will be a highly effective forum for students, faculty, staff and alumni to deliver this message to lawmakers. At UAB bases will transport transport participants to and from Montgomery, leaving the Hill University Center at 9 a.m. and returning about 3 p.m.

UAB President Carol Garrison encouraged faculty, staff, students, alumni and concerned state residents to contact their House and Senate members to request changes in House Bill 319 that treat higher education institutions fairly and equitably.

"Universities have helped this state's economy grow and prosper," Garrison said, "and in these times of economic downturn it is even more important that we remain strong. But that is possible only if we have the funding from our Legislature to maintain high-quality programs that are affordable to our state's residents."

To reserve your seat on the bus to Montgomery for Higher Education Day, call 934-3225 or sign up in HUC rooms 448 or 136. Breakfast, lunch and a free T-shirt will be provided.
Anti-HIV gel proven safe, tolerable for women in trials

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Thursday, March 6 & Sat., March 8
7:30 pm UAB Opera. Gilbert and Sullivan’s comedy, The Pirates of Penzance. Half musical theater, half opera, and wholly hilarious, this is the story of young Frederic, mistakenly indentured to be a pirate instead of a pilot by his hard-of-hearing nursemaid, Ruth. Sisole Theatre. Tickets are $10, $15 and $20. Call 5-2797.

Thursday, March 6
7 pm African-American Studies Colloquium. Kalimba Performance and Clinic, featuring Carl Winters “The Kalimba King.” Although the kalimba is indigenous to parts of Africa, Winters combines gospel, jazz and rhythm and blues influences to create a style of music that has been described as earthy, charismatic, serene and contemporary. Hulsey Recital Hall. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, March 8
3:30 pm UAB Center for OutReach Development (CORD), Central Alabama Regional Science and Engineering Fair. About 250 middle and high school students from Bibb, Blount, Chilton, Coosa, Elmore, Jefferson, Shelby, Walker and Winston counties will present posters and table top experiments in biology, health, social and behavioral sciences, chemistry, engineering, mathematics and computer science, as well as subjects in the environmental, earth and physical sciences. Specific topics will include robotics, computer graphics, water pollution, air quality, plant ecology, soil contamination, genetics, epidemiology, astronomy, aerodynamics and more. UAB Recreation Center. Call CORD director Michael Wyss at 4-5171 for more details.

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Tuesday, March 11
10 am-1 pm Neuroscience. Toward an integration of neurobiology and psychoanalysis.

UAB Sports
March 4: Women’s Tennis vs Jacksonville State. Brook Highland Tennis; 1:30 pm
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March 5: Men’s Basketball vs Tulsa. Bartow Arena; 7 pm
March 6: UAB Softball vs Alabama. George Ward Park; 6 pm
March 8: Women’s Tennis vs Arkansas State. Brook Highland Tennis; 11 am
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March 16: UAB Softball vs UCF. George Ward Park, 1 pm

Higher Education Day Rally
March 6 • 11 a.m.
Front steps of the Alabama Statehouse

Why should you attend the Higher Education Day Rally?
Higher Education Day provides the perfect opportunity to remind Alabama’s political leaders of the need to fund the state’s education institutions equitably.

Students, faculty, staff and concerned citizens can let their legislators know that they are concerned about fairness and the economic impact budget cuts can have on the entire state.

At UAB, buses will transport participants to and from Montgomery, leaving the Hill University Center at 9 a.m. and returning about 3 p.m.

To reserve your seat on the bus to Montgomery for Higher Education Day, call 934-8225 or sign up in HUC rooms 440 or 136. Breakfast, lunch and a free T-shirt will be provided.

Free Food
A barbecue lunch will be served to all participants immediately following the rally.
Free tickets can printed at www.higheredpartners.org.

For more information, call 334-832-9911 or e-mail causey@higheredpartners.org.
Problem-solving is Bailey’s specialty

When Julie Mummert and her colleagues have a question they can’t answer they know there’s only one place to go.

Gredda Bailey.

“If someone has a question about anything, you usually hear someone say ‘Gredda probably knows, let’s ask her,’” says Mummert, associate director of Undergraduate Admissions.

“I have worked with her for seven years, and she has helped more times than I can count.”

Bailey’s dependability is just part of the reason she has been named February’s Employee of the Month. Her dedication, professionalism and kindness to others are qualities that who work with Bailey appreciate.

“Gredda has the rare quality of being able to see the big picture and attend to the smallest detail,” says Stella Cocior, assistant vice president for Enrollment Services and university registrar. “In addition to having and being willing to share her broad knowledge of UAB, she is the go-to person in the Registrar’s office for literally hundreds of people. She is valued by faculty and staff for her willingness to assist in any way she can.

As the administrative associate in Enrollment Services, Bailey’s typical day is never typical, she says. She is the go-to person for students, faculty and staff for help ranging from registration to understanding university policies and procedures. “I may start out the day with a list of A, B, C and D things I have to do and at 5:30 p.m. I may not have touched one of those things,” she says. “It’s kind of unpredictable, but I like that.”

Bailey says she especially enjoys working with students. All students have to interact with her office. They register for classes, their transcripts are housed there, and if they have problems, they call.

Bailey says she relishes the opportunity to help them with their troubles and says she uses the Golden Rule in her interaction with students and co-workers. Treat others as you would like to be treated.

Professors selected for Excellence in Mentorship honor

Sixteen UAB professors from five schools and the Joint Health Science departments have been nominated as recipients of the inaugural Dean’s Award for Excellence in Mentorship.

The award recognizes exceptional faculty mentorship and demonstrates that UAB is a university that values the commitment to excellence in mentorship that is exhibited by its faculty says Bryan Nee, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School and creator of the award.

“This award recognizes faculty members who have been outstanding mentors, advisors and role models to the students and trainees with whom they have worked,” Nee says. “We are particularly pleased to see that faculty from so many different disciplines and departments across campus were nominated for their dedication to assisting students, postdoctoral fellows and other trainees realize their career goals.”

Awards will be presented to the recipients Friday, March 7 during a ceremony beginning at 2 p.m. in the Hill University Center Great Hall. Honorees will receive an engraved plate and a bound volume that contains the nomination letters written on their behalf.

This past fall, the Graduate School invited current and former undergraduate and graduate students and postdoc- toral fellows to nominate faculty whom they believe pro- vided excellent mentorship. For a faculty member to be selected for the award, at least three letters of nomination had to be submitted on their behalf.

The schools with selected faculty are Education, Nursing, Medicine, Natural Sciences & Mathematics, Social & Behavioral Sciences and the Joint Health Science depart- ments.

The nominators were asked to consider personal charac- teristics, excellence in teaching and communication and mentoring characteristics in considering whom to recom- mend for the award.

Among the characteristics of an outstanding mentor documented in the nomination letters:

- Demonstrates effective leadership skills
- Is enthusiastic
- Is respectful
- Makes difficult information, concepts understandable
- Welcomes questions and alternative interpretations
- Believes in the importance of mentoring
- Provides inspiration and optimism
- Encourages creative thinking
- Celebrates trainee successes
- Serves as a role model

The 2008 inaugural Dean’s Award for Excellence in Mentorship recipients:

Gaye Abbott, Ph.D., Education–Human Studies; Susan Appel, Ph.D., Nursing–Adult/Acute Health; Susan Bellis, Ph.D., Physiology and Biophysics; Jeffrey Clair, Ph.D., Sociology; Christine Cucio, Ph.D., Ophthalmology; Retta Evans, Ph.D., Education–Human Studies; John Hablitz, Ph.D., Neurobiology; James Hargad, M.D., Pediatrics; Gary Hunter, Ph.D., Education–Human Studies; Raymond Ideker, M.D., Medicine; Robin Lorenz, M.D./Ph.D., Pathology; John Mountz, M.D., Medicine; Peter Prevelige, Ph.D., Microbiology; Robert Tucker, Ph.D., Biology; Dan Welch, Ph.D., Molecular and Cellular Physiology, and Dale Williams, Ph.D., Preventive Medicine.

The faculty receiving the award this year will be notified and asked if they would like to be treated.

Obituaries

Retired Office Services Specialist Ill Fay Evans (Student Admissions/Records), April 4, 2007.

Retired Assistant Dean David Greer (Diagnostic Sciences), July 27, 2007.


Retired Unit Secretary Ireland B. Hudgins (Burn Dressing Team), Oct. 15, 2007.


Retired Professor Thomas W. Jones (Clinical Dentistry), Jan. 5.

Retired Optometry Student and Alumni Affairs Director Edith C. Jones (Office of Optometry Student Affairs), Jan. 9.

Clinical Data Analyst Michelle N. Roye (Compre- hensive Cancer Center), Jan. 19.

Retired Cabinet Maker Billy J. Holcombe (Control Minor Construction), Jan. 29.

Unit Secretary Stephen F. Hand II (Resource Management System), Feb. 1.

Retired Environmental Services Supervisor I Davis Chatman Jr (Environmental Services), Feb. 5.

Do you have diabetes? You may qualify to participate in a diabetes study at the UAB School of Public Health to determine the relationship between neurologic function and diabetes. Compensation: $200.

Healthy children 10-17 years old needed for a research study of an investigational herpes vaccine. If you have never had herpes (herpes blisters or genital herpes), you may qualify. Compensation: 959-5797/939-5271.

Children

Physical activity and Eat Smart. This study is for healthy African-American, Caucasian, and Hispanic children ages 7-12 years old. The study is being conducted by the UAB Department of Pediatrics. Compensation: $30 per hour. Call 4-5756.

Are you a woman living with HIV? Are you 20 or older and healthy premenopausal women who have a family history of breast cancer? If so, you may be eligible for a brain imaging (MRI) study of decision-making. Study procedures include a clinical interview, computerized test of thinking, and a blood draw. Compensation: $150. Call 4-5756.

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For Sale

Appliances & Electronics

Epson CX7400 all-in-one printer, copier and scanner, brand new, $55; Microsoft wireless laser mouse, $7; remote control, brand new, $4; Targar laptop carrying case fits up to 15-inch computer, new, $10, 222-6150.

Properties

For Sale

Automobiles

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VCR tape & DVD, $30. 822-9403.

Robin: 4-n-1 baby bed and dresser, natural-yr-old, $1595; 1 Merits, brand new, $1195; electric wheel chairs: 1 Golden Alante, 6-7-ery; trampoline w/net, $75. 4-8345/631-2219.

85 Suzuki boulevard c90t, very, exc cond, $250, bought from Canada), model #25MGT, 1 owner, 2 queen

Fifth Wheel (made by Glendale Industries, '00 25' 5th wheel camper

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The shocking shooting spree at Virginia Tech in April prompted unnerving questions about how to ensure public safety and security on sprawling, crowded college campuses. These problems are addressed at length and from many different viewpoints in the second edition of *Campus Crime*, edited by UAB justice sciences chair Sloan and Fisher, a professor of criminal justice at the University of Cincinnati. Topics range from long-standing issues such as sexual assault and the role of campus police departments to more recent concerns, particularly cybercrimes such as identity theft and computer hacking. Each issue is discussed in legal, social, and security contexts, enabling campus officials to develop a more proactive approach in their respective jurisdictions.

**War of Words**

**Hayek and Natural Law**

*By Erik Angner*  
*(2007: Routledge)*

Friedrich A. Hayek has been described as the most prominent economist and political philosopher of the 20th century. The first president Bush called him “one of the great thinkers of our age,” and Margaret Thatcher acknowledged a heavy intellectual debt to his writings. Hayek was certainly one of the most controversial and influential economists in recent history; his arguments about the power of market pricing and the flaws of collectivism drew a wide audience and stirred debate around the world.

In this work, Angner (Philosophy; Finance, Economics, and Quantitative Methods), a noted Hayek scholar, offers a new reading of the Nobel laureate’s arguments on spontaneous order, information and coordination, and cultural evolution, among others. Angner attempts to dispel some of the misconceptions and disputes surrounding Hayek’s body of thought by viewing it through the prism of the Natural Law tradition, which holds that both the physical and social realms are naturally ordered, and that this order holds the key to social organization. The book contains many fresh insights into Hayek’s work and the conflicting reactions it provoked.

**Time Keeper**

**Telomerase Inhibition: Strategies and Protocols**

*Edited by Lucy G. Andrews and Trygve O. Tollefsbol*  
*(2007: Humana Press)*

The enzyme telomerase contributes to the cellular immortality that is a basic feature of cancer cells, and as such, selective telomerase inhibition has become an increasingly popular anticancer strategy, boosted by numerous research advances over the last few years. Andrews and Tollefsbol (Biology) have compiled an authoritative compendium of established methods and recent discoveries to assemble the most up-to-date text possible on this growing field.