UAB poised to honor 2007’s most Outstanding Women

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The UAB School of Nursing’s 11 doctoral faculty members all produced peer-reviewed journal publications in 2005, with an average of 3.27 publications per person. Additionally, 64 percent of the faculty had journal publications cited by another work, with 8.09 citations per faculty member. The school also boasted 27 percent of faculty with new grant awards in 2005, with the average amount of each grant being $465,179. The UAB School of Nursing was ahead of schools including Emory University (No. 2), University of Pennsylvania (No. 3) and New York University (No. 4).

Brouillettes work together to discover drugs that can combat anthrax, tularemia

Ever so often there will be another news report about an anthrax scare at a post office or on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., giving everyone a reminder of the way the world has changed since Sept. 11, 2001.

The majority of these incidents have come to pass without injury, and the substances in question have been identified as baking powder or another non-toxic material. But the U.S. government sees the threat of anthrax, plague and other engineered, multi-drug-resistant strains of bacterial pathogens as real. And in its estimation, that means that new antibacterial drugs that act on these types of targets are needed for protection.

UAB researchers Christie and Wayne Brouillette, Ph.D., are trying to develop drugs to combat anthrax, plague and tularemia. No drugs specifically designed to combat the three pathogens are available on the market, let alone a single drug to hit all three. But the Brouillettes say they are making progress in developing drugs they hope can one day be administered to anyone exposed in a real bioterrorist event — and save their lives.

“Some time ago, the Center for Biophysical Sciences and Engineering received funding from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to discover new targets for high-risk pathogens that might be an interest for bioterrorism,” says Christie Brouillette. “Wayne and I were involved in the development of one of those targets, and with our own funding we’ve made pretty good progress in discovering effective compounds.”

Dangerous substance

Anthrax, plague and tularemia are categorized by the U.S. government as Class A pathogens, the most dangerous class of virulent pathogens. Anthrax itself actually is a naturally occurring spore, found all around in nature; but it is normally dormant and its low concentrations rarely pose a natural risk to humans.

“You can find anthrax in the dirt, there’s just not enough of it to be harmful,” says

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Daylight-saving time change to impact UAB

Beginning this year, the U.S. Congress has extended the start and end dates for daylight-saving time (DST). As a result, DST now will begin on the second Sunday of March (March 11) and end the first Sunday of November (Nov. 4).

This impending change means that UAB is implementing a wide variety of information technology systems updates because calendars and other time-keeping programs on computers and mobile devices could be affected by the new start and end dates. For example, calendar items may appear in incorrect time slots, mobile devices such as PDAs and Smartphones may not be properly synced with computers, and clocks on some devices may be an hour off after the DST changeover.

UAB has been working with its vendors to implement the software updates — many of which have only recently become available — to address these potential problems. In addition, users can turn to the new Web site www.uab.edu/dst established by the Office of the Vice President for Information Technology for general information and guidance on updating computers, mobile devices, servers and other operating systems. The AskIT Help Desk is also available to answer any questions at 996-5555 or askit@uab.edu.

Campus Ride pickup point changes today

The West Pavilion Discharge Campus Ride Point is changing effective, today, Monday, March 5. The new location is at the Spain Wallace ramp on 19th Street South. This change will not affect the Escort Express that operates after 5 p.m. from the West Pavilion Discharge area.

Call 975-8294 for more information.

UAB Liver Center dinner to honor Stars

The UAB Liver Center will hold its second annual fundraising dinner Wednesday, March 14 in the Wynfrey Hotel. The event will recognize former Alabama and NFL football great Bart Starr and his wife Cherry for their work on behalf of many charitable causes during the past 40 years.

“Keeping with their generous spirit, Bart and Cherry are turning the spotlight on someone else on their big night — their participation is their personal tribute to Jay Bloomer, M.D., professor of medicine and director of the UAB Liver Center. The same year, the UAB Liver Center established the Jay Bloomer Liver Support Fund with more than $130,000 in net proceeds from its first fundraising dinner. This year, the UAB Liver Center will gather for a fundraising reception and dinner to help people living with chronic liver diseases and those who may need a liver transplant. Tickets are $150 per person; tables begin at $1,500. For information or reservations, call 975-5602.

For more information, contact the center’s director of development, Virginia Gilbert Loftin, at 975-5602 or vgl08@uab.edu.

Clothing drive strives for ‘A Formal Affair’

The UAB Commission on the Status of Women is coordinating a clothing campaign to collect formal attire for young, economically disadvantaged women prior to prom/formal dance season. “A Formal Affair” will collect clean, lightly used formal wear and accessories March 5-9.

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Clothing and accessories such as purses, shoes and jewelry may be dropped off at the on-campus collection site at the John N. Whittaker Building, 500 22nd St. South, from 6:30 to 10 a.m. March 5-9. All clothing collected will be donated to “My Sister’s Closet,” an outreach program of the YWCA of Central Alabama. Organizers ask that clothing be gently worn and reasonably new. It should be clean, pressed and on hangers. All dress sizes are needed. Donations are tax-deductible and receipts will be provided.

The Commission on the Status of Women advises the UAB president on issues, policies, and practices that affect women at UAB. Find out more about the Commission on the Web at http://www.uab.edu/show/ story.durki=76232.

P&F grants available

The UAB Recessive PKD Research and Translation Core Center (UAB RPKDCC) invites brief proposals for pilot and feasibility (P&F) studies in pathogenic mechanisms, basic science, and therapeutic approaches related to cystic kidney disease. A major goal of the Center’s P&F Program is to provide support for promising investigations with innovative and creative ideas that will allow them to develop preliminary data for subsequent funding through traditional mechanisms. Successful proposals will be supported for one year beginning in September. A second year of support will be considered upon competitive review of the progress made and resubmission of a research application.

The initial two-page deadline is May 1. Details regarding submission, terms of support and deadlines are available online at www.rpkdcc.uab.edu/pilot.htm.

ADRC pilot grant program seeks apps

The UAB Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (ADRC) is issuing a new request for research applications (RFA) examining a fundamental aspect of Alzheimer’s disease. These awards are made possible through the National Institutes of Health for the purpose of attracting investigators to study Alzheimer’s disease.

The awards are intended to fund acquisition of pilot data relevant to the ADRC mission and with high potential for attracting extramural funding. It is expected that this research supported will lead to the submission of a competitive application to a major research funding agency (e.g., NIH) at the end of the project period and/or inclusion of a project in the ADRC renewal grant application scheduled for May 2008.

In this RFA, the center is particularly interested in...
receiving applications that address one of the following three emphases areas: (1) aspects or mechanisms of Alzheimer’s disease in African American individuals, (2) the role of vascular changes/damage to the pathogenesis of Alzheimer’s disease, or (3) the clinical or neurobiological interface between Parkinsonism and Alzheimer’s disease.

The center plans to award one to three grants this spring in the amount of $35,000 each. Matching funds will be considered favorably in the review process.

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The proposed technology standard for UAB classrooms will be available in Merryn Hall. The Sterne Library Room 158 will be open during the times for others to drop in and see the new environment.

If you have questions about equipment or other ideas, please contact the Technology Orientations and Training team. For more information, contact Michael Humber at mhumber@uab.edu.

Gene lab reaccredited

UAB’s Medical Genomics Laboratory has been awarded an accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

Bruce Korf, M.D., Ph.D., the Department of Genetics chair, and Ludwine Messiou, Ph.D., the Medical Genomics Laboratory director, were notified of the national recognition and congratulated for the “excellence of the services being provided.”

Elson appointed

Charles O. Elson III, M.D., has been appointed to the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), one of the National Institutes of Health. Elson will serve on the Dietetic Diseases and Nutrition Subcommittee.

At UAB, Elson is vice chair for research in the Department of Medicine and the Basil I. Hirschowitz Chair in Gastroenterology. His research interests include the regulation of mucosal immune responses in the digestive tract. He is a recognized authority on the investigation and treatment of inflammatory bowel disease, colitis and Crohn’s disease.

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These evaluations are a part of the Classroom Enhancements Project facilitated by Campus Planning and sponsored by the Office of the Provost and the Office of Information Technology. The particular technology setup in Merryn Hall, Sterne Library and the furnishing in ETS 230/T3 are the result of recommendations gathered on campus earlier in the academic year and from consultants involved with the design of intelligent classrooms.

Faculty are encouraged to use and evaluate both the technology and the flexible learning environments, including completing an evaluation form with their comments and feedback.

Chairs Announced and updated.

The Sterne Library Room 158 will be open during the following times: Monday, March 5 from 2-4 p.m.; Tuesday, March 6 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 7 from 8-10:30 a.m.; Friday, March 9 from 9:30 a.m.-noon and Monday, March 12 from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. ETS 230/T3 will be open Tuesday, March 6 and Thursday, March 8 from 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

BlazerNET: What’s in it for you?

BlazerNET – UAB’s world within the Web – offers faculty and staff easy and central access to on-campus resources, as well as policies and forms.

Want to get to your payslip quickly? Click on the Oracle HR & Financial Administrative Systems quick link on the Employee Resources tab. Need to quickly look up something in the You & UAB Handbook? No need to look very far – it’s in the Policies & Forms channel on the same tab.

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Faculty awards nominations sought at Feb. 13 UAB Faculty Senate meeting

Chair Report: Chair Joe March announced the following items: 1) FSEC died-in issues identified by senators at December senate meeting with president and provost; 2) Odyssey Consulting conducted assessment of Provost Office and led workshop for administrators on Jan. 29 to address specific goals; 3) Activities for Knight v. Alabama court case include posting settlement agreement, summary presentation for department chairs and formation of black faculty and staff association; 4) Senate recommended changes to Section 6.1 under travel have been approved by provost and will appear in online version of faculty handbook; 5) Claire Peet met with FSEC to discuss faculty development, student evaluation of faculty teaching and periodic care in mental review; and 6) Senators encouraged to nominate colleagues for faculty awards.

President Report: President Carol Garrison announced the following items: 1) Michele Wilson and Jose Hernandez honored with UAB President’s Award for Diversity; 2) International Bazaar was held in January as part of UAB Community Week; 3) SBS Dean Tenant McWilliams stepping down this summer and new SBS director scheduled for completion in 2008; and 4) Nursing ranked nationally as top academic department for faculty scholarly productivity.

Presentations: Cheryl Locke summarized the revised Equal Opportunity policy, and David Corliss provided information on the QEP and quantitative literacy. The presentations are posted on the senate page.

Standing Committee Reports: Curriculum and Research Committee President Nasim Uddin reported that the committee discussed the faculty-development grant program, metrics for teaching effectiveness, senate representation on UPC and recommendations from scholarly commissinization institute representatives.

Faculty Policies and Procedures Committee Chair Carolyn Walden presented and explained the recommendations for family-friendly revisions to the faculty handbook that will be discussed and voted on at the March senate meeting.

Finance Committee: Chair Michael Humber asked for specific issues related to reimbursement for meetings and travel and possible contradictions between school and university policy.

Governance and Operations Committee Chair Pat Higginbottom reported that the committee does not recommend implementing any changes to the current election cycle and is working on the election and role of senators-at-large.

Announcements: The next senate meeting is March 13 in the Hill University Center Great Hall. The next FSEC meeting is Feb. 28. The next FSEC meeting with the president and provost is March 6, and the next FFPC meeting is Feb. 16. Nominations for chair-elect, secretary, senators and FFPC representatives are due on Feb. 23.

Secretaries Jennifer Long submits this draft summation of the minutes, and a more complete record will appear on the senate page after approval at the March senate meeting. The minutes of the FFPC meeting are available for review on the senate page at www.uab.edu/senatehome.html.

T32 training program accepting apps

The UAB Department of Surgery is accepting applicants for the T32 Research Training Program in Surgical Oncology for the academic year 2007-2008.

This is a two-year mentored, multidisciplinary research training program open to residents (to follow PGY-2 year). Support includes stipend, benefits, tuition for courses at the The Graduate School at UAB and travel funds. Applicants must be either U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Applications are due by April 30 for a July 1 start date. For more information, contact Carolyn Maddox, administrative assistant for Kirby I. Bland, M.D., program director, and Pablo Arnaoleti, M.D., associate program director, Department of Surgery. You can call Maddox at 934-2089 or e-mail carolyn.maddox@ccc.uab.edu.

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Women and Infants Services provides opportunities to UAB employees, community

One of the ways UAB’s Women and Infants Services is reaching out to employees and to the community is by offering a variety of classes aimed at improving the quality of life for you and your family. Freda Center, a clinical nurse specialist in Women and Infants Services, coordinates community education for women. Among the patient education offerings available at UAB and around the Birmingham metro area are Prenatal Yoga classes, Infant Massage classes, Happiest Baby on the Block classes, classes for adoptive parents, classes geared toward moms-to-be in the Spanish-speaking community, a Newborn ICU discharge class, and Girl Talk, a class for parents and preteen girls. The class list also includes the traditional prenatal classes for expectant parents like the New Life childbirth series, Breastfeeding, and Infant CPR.

“Whatever we are trying to do is look at what the community might want and offer it to them,” Center says. “We’re very open to ideas and trying to meet the needs of the community, whatever they might be, and UAB employees are especially important to us in that regard.”

Many of the classes offered have become very popular. Girl Talk focuses on what to expect before puberty and has shown to be particularly helpful to both the child and mother. “It’s a great class not only in what they learn, but also because it opens up the lines of communication between the parent and the child,” Center says. “It’s a way for them to become comfortable talking about sometimes sensitive topics.”

A new class is being offered for adoptive parents. Madonna Nichols, director of Women and Infants Services, is particularly fond of the class. Nichols and her husband have adopted five children. Support groups and educational avenues for parents who adopt haven’t always been around. Nichols points out many adoptive parents are becoming parents for the first time and have some of the same questions and concerns as biological parents.

“There was nothing we could go to, no classes or anything, when we were first going through the adoption process,” Nichols says. “Everything was for pregnant mothers. This class gives a great amount of support to those who are adopting a child.”

The childbirth education classes for pregnant Hispanic moms and their support person also have begun to take off. The classes for Happiest Baby on the Block and Newborn ICU discharge are also very popular. The Newborn ICU Parent Support Program, funded in part by a grant from the March of Dimes, educates parents who have children in the unit, whether it’s going to be for an extended period or just a short time.

Materials have been provided that help explain many of the terms doctors or nurses use in association with the unit to help parents. Other information, such as developmental charts, is also provided to parents.

“That program has just exploded,” Center says. “It’s just been a wonderful experience for these parents. A lot of these materials were produced with the help of parents who formerly had children in the NICU. It’s given us value added stuff for families that you just can’t measure.”

The Happiest Baby on the Block class, based on the best-selling book by Dr. Harvey Karp, and the Prenatal Yoga class are both held off campus in the community, something Center and Nichols hope to have more of in the future.

If you would like to learn more about these and other classes offered in Women and Infants Services, call 996-BABY or visit www.uabhealthclass.com.

UAB in exclusive company with consortium selection

UAB has once again been recognized for its emerging leadership in undergraduate education in its selection as one of 18 institutions forming a Core Commitments Leadership Consortium for educating students in personal and social responsibility. The American Association of Colleges and Universities (AACU) selected UAB from among 128 applicants for the honor.

The AACU is an educational community strongly committed to the value of a liberal and liberating education. The AACU says it selected the 18 participating institutions because “of the work already accomplished in the spirit of core commitments and on articulated plans to deepen and extend that work.”

The $25,000 grant that accompanies the public recognition has been earmarked for faculty- and program-development grants. “This demonstrates the administration’s ongoing commitment to help support faculty and departments as they implement university initiatives,” Kurata says.

Kurata and Philip Way, Ph.D., associate provost for Undergraduate Programs, are the team leaders for the grant. Other team members are Thomas Alexander, David Corliss, Ph.D., Norma-May Isakov, Midge Ray and Vice President for Student Affairs Doug Rigney, Ph.D.

The five key dimensions of the AACU’s Core Commitments initiative include striving for excellence, cultivating personal and academic integrity, contributing to a larger community, taking seriously the perspective of others and developing competence in ethical and moral reasoning. These five dimensions are directly in line with UAB’s QEP, which describes a shared vision for the future.

“The QEP promotes effective communication skills, depth and breadth of knowledge, experience with problem-solving and the ability to make informed, ethical decisions and being prepared for responsible citizenship in the community, nation and world. UAB’s QEP states that each of these things is essential for success in work and life. UAB plans to achieve those goals through enhancing learning throughout the entire undergraduate curriculum.

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The UAB School of Public Health ranked ahead of Emory University (No. 1), University of Massachusetts Medical School at Worcester (No. 9) and University of Wisconsin at Madison (No. 10).

The toxicology doctoral program in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the UAB School of Medicine, with 15 faculty members, had 93 percent of its faculty members produce peer-reviewed journal publications in 2005, with 9.33 publications per person. Additionally, 93 percent of the faculty had journal publications cited by another work, with 70.73 citations per faculty member. The program also had 53 percent of faculty with new grant awards in 2005 averaging $464,712.

UAB’s toxicology doctoral program topped programs at University of Washington (No. 6), University of Southern California (No. 7) and UCLA (No. 8).
If someone is sick, you may not have time to wait for the anthrax or pneumonic plague. High and rapid after the onset of symptoms from inhaled without pathogen-specific tests. But mortality is extremely rapid treatment drug therapies are needed in addition to vaccines. Strains. The Brouillettes say a number of viable, alternative drug-resistant bacteria. Their goal is to get drugs ready for late pre-clinical trials and “establish they not only are safe, but that they prevent or cure the disease in animal models,” Christie Brouillette says. But that they prevent or cure the disease in animal models, “This means sometimes their work does go home with them, but we’re talking about compounds while we’re brushing our teeth,” he says.

**New/Competing Continuation**

Masters of Public Health (MPH), Shalen Baby Prevention Program Alabama Dept of Public Health $1,000, 1/10/2007-9/30/2007


William Benjamin (Optometry) Oxygen Permeability of a New Silicone-Hydrogel Contact Lens $1,100,000, 1/1/2007-9/30/2007

David Cahou (Cardiovascular Disease) A 10-Week Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind, Parallel-Group, Forced-Titration Study Using 24-Hr ABPM to Evaluate the Effectiveness of a Valsartan/Hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ) Treatment Regimen versus Conventional Treatment Regimen with Amlodipine and Hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ) in Patients with Stage 2 Hyper tension (Mayo Neovasc Pharmaceuticals $98,358, 1/11/2007-3/31/2007

Lawrence Delucas (Optometry) SIC System Development Center Inc/ UAB Research Foundation $304,625, 12/15/2006-12/14/2008

Devin Eckhoff (Surgery) A Phase IIb, Randomized, Double-blind, Controlled, Multi-Center Study to Assess the Safety and Efficacy of Pivral or Modified. Releases Tacrolimus (MR) with Cellcept and Efficacy of Prgraf vs. Modified 12/15/2006

Julia Austin (Curriculum & Instruction) Professional Development Provided for UAB to the AL SELDE for Educators Working with High English Language Learner Alabama State Department of Education $75,019, 1/15/2007-6/30/2008

Jeffrey Kins (Biophysics) MOST Ancillary Study Proposal: Ethnic Differences in the Role of Vitamin D to Achieve & Maintain Musculoskeletal Health & Merck & Co $96,000, 1/12/2007-6/30/2008

Mark Dranifield (Pulmonary) A 52-week, Randomized, Double-Blind, Parallel Group, Placebo-Controlled, Multicentre Clinical Trial, To Assess the Efficacy and Safety of 200 mg of the anticoagulant Lixisiran (PAR-3473 Clinical Core Center $1,510,000, 5/1/2007-4/30/2010

Brian Rabb (Cardiology) Prospective Evaluation of Early Breastrest to Losten the Effects of Heart Failure (FFBREASEL) HT Parar Core Medical Inc $779,706, 12/15/2006-12/15/2016

Michael Saag / Laura Bachmann / Michael Bertram / Marilyn Crain / John Grann Jr / Alice Goepfert / Paul Goepfert / Christine Tompkins / John Winters / Michael B. Klibylia / Maria Morgun / Sharmila Makhija / Michael Mulligan / Tennessee Farmer / Robert Paris / James Raper / Tina Simpson (Infectious Diseases) A Phase IIb, Randomized, Double-Blind, Parallel Group, Placebo-Controlled, Multicentre Clinical Trials Group Pfizer $75,000, 1/24/2007-1/31/2008

Glen Colton (Cardiovascular Disease) Clinical Assistance for TB Control in the Maintenance Treatment of Patients with Moderate to Severe, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Almiral Protexera SA $92,012, 2/7/2008-7/27/2009

Ann Gaggar (Pulmonary) Implications of Chronic Prostate Dystrophy in Cystic Fibrosis American Lung Association $100,000, 7/1/2007-6/30/2008


Michael Kimerling (Geographic Medicine) Active Surveillance for Patients within a Continuum of Care Packages: Linking Tuberculosis and HIV Services through Voluntary Counseling and Testing Centers in Batangberg Province, Cambodia USAR/ KNCV Tuberculosis Foundation $221,875, 10/1/2006-9/30/2007


Matthew Brown (Dentistry) Distinct Human Macrophage Receptor for Apoptotic and Necrotic Cells. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas $5,198,848, 11/1/2006-10/31/2007


Christopher Lawson (Physiology) Alabama 125,000, 1/10/2006-9/30/2007

Sergeri Mirov (Urology) A 52-week, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multicenter Study of a Chemical, to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of 200 mg of the anticoagulant Lixisiran (PAR-3473, M3 Targx Research & Development $4,401,051, 5/1/2007-4/30/2012

Christie Brouillette says. “This project just kind of evolved, and we’ve found our skills are highly complementary in a drug-discovery and development environment.”

This means sometimes their work does go home with them, but we’re talking about compounds while we’re brushing our teeth,” he says.

**Continuation**

Matthew Brown Distinct Human Macrophage Receptor for Apoptotic and Necrotic Cells. The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center $39,690, 1/1/2007-12/31/2009

Lanning Kline Research to Prevent Blindness Research to Prevent Blindness $11,000, 1/1/2007-12/31/2007

Cora Lewis James Shikany (Cardiology) A Placebo-Controlled, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial to Evaluate the Safety and Immunogenicity of an HIV-1 Gag DNA Vaccine Administered Alone or with Extracts of Dose of HIV-1. Dose 13 and Dose 21 DNA Molecules Adjuncts to HIV-1 Positive Adults Receiving Steal Haart Vienna, Austria $118,925, 8/30/2005-2/28/2010

Joseph Schumacher / Han-Chi Qian (Dentistry) A Phase II Pilot Study to Evaluate Xylitol, Xylobiose in the Treatment of Periodontal Disease in Adult Patients. For research or extramural activities are required to file a Does not include any financial conflict of interest statements with original signatures along with the disclosure statement. More information can be found at www. uab.edu/irb or the Research tab on BlazerNET.
Syllabus

Monday, March 5

Noon Monday Noon Conference. Inflammatory bowel disease, Asst Prof Alex Gutierrez (Gastroenterology); WP-E.

Tuesday, March 6

8 am Neurology GRs, Parkinson Disease: Neuroprotective and neurorestorative therapy, Prof David Standaert (Medicine); WP-E.

9 am Geographic Medicine GRs. The molecular basis of plasmodium-primate host specificity, Asst Prof Julian Rayner (Medicine); BBRB-206.

Noon General Medicine Noon Conference. Common ambulatory topics, Prof Alan Stamm and Asst Prof Terrence Sharneytel (Medicine); WP-E.

Noon Center for Nursing Research. Trends, priorities and funding opportunities, Ronda Hughes (Senior Health Scientist Administrator, Senior Advisor on End-of-Life Care, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ); SON-G020.

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7 am Cardiology GRs. Myocardial ischemia and the Atkins diet, Asst Prof Steven Lloyd (Medicine); LHRB-302.

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Meeting
Gadsden, your station for NPR News and classical music. Fresh Air is NPR’s Peabody Award-winning weekday magazine of contemporary arts and issues. It offers some of the most intelligent interviews, reviews and commentary heard on radio, and features interviews with prominent cultural and entertainment figures, as well as distinguished experts on current events.

Special events

Monday, March 5
5:30 pm Portico magazine. An abundance of Katherine’s book signing with novelist John Green. The book tells the story of a recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin Singleton who has been dumped by 19 girlfriends, all named Katherine. After being dumped by Katherine number 19, Singleton sets out on a road trip with his best friend. The book is a story about that trip. Green’s first book was the teen novel Looking for Alaska. Visual Art Gallery. 7:30 pm Music. Birmingham Art Music Alliance (BAMA). Computer-generated music and multimedia collaborations by Birmingham-area composers and artists. Tickets are $6, $3 for students. UAB students attend free. For more information, go to www.artmu.org or call 322-6773. Hutley Recital Hall.

Tuesday, March 6
7 pm Music. UAB Faculty Recital featuring Paul Mostoller, baritone, and Yakov Kalman, pianist. Reynolds-Kirschbaum Recital Hall. Free. Call 5-2787.

Tues-Sat, March 6-10
7:30 pm Theatre UAB. Large Desolate by Viasl Havel. Professor Leopold Nettles is the author of a book that contains a troublesome paragraph. Accused of disturbing the intellectual peace, he is pressed by the government to deny what he has written. Internal demons join the external ones torturing the profes- sor. Czechoslovakia’s foremost playwright, an artist at odds with his government whose works are banned in his own country, has created a vivid and terrifying portrait of the writer as a totalitarian state. Students’ version emerges as a wonderfully comic piece with- out self pity. Tickets are $12; UAB employees and senior citizens $10. UAH HSCHE students $6. Odessa Theatre. Call 4-3236 for more info.

Wednesday, March 7
7 pm UAB Writers’ Series. Faculty fiction reading. Faculty from the UAB Department of English will read from their work. Spencer Honors House.

Thursday, March 8
4:30 pm UAB Women’s Center/UAB Women’s Studies Program. UAB Outstanding Women for 2007. The 2007 winners are: Outstanding Woman UAB Faculty Member Assoc Prof Oma Faye-Petersen (Anatomical Pathology); and Outstanding Woman UAB Student Brittany Matin. Two women, Cameron Vowell, Ph.D., and Lori Livingston, will receive the Outstanding Woman in the Community Award. Barbot Arena-Green & Gold Room.
6:30 pm Birmingham Museum of Art. The intersec- tion of art and science, Evelyn F. McKnight Chair David Sneath (Neuropsychology); Birmingham Museum of Art-Steiner Auditorium. This talk will explore abstrac- tion as a unity that binds art and science. Sneath is an internationally recognized scientist and artist. He will use examples of both his own work and that of other artists to illustrate the convergence of art and science into increasingly abstract and reductionist approaches over the last century.

Sunday, March 11
3-5 pm UAB literary publications, Aura. Birmingham- Poetry Review and PMS poemoememory. A reading by poet Mary Kaiser, winner of the Slapering, Hot Press 2008 Chapbook Contest. Kaiser will read from her work. Falling into Veludoz, Kaiser lives in Birmingham where she teaches American literature at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City. Other participants in the program also will discuss topics related to the lectship theme, “Newborn Screening,” and a panel dis- cussion featuring consumers and health profes- sionals will round out the day’s events.

Historical perspectives on the accomplishments of Civitan-Sparks Clinics will be provided by former Sparker Center Director John Benton, M.D., and Harriet Cloud. UAB professor emeritus, a nationally recognized pediatric nutritionist. Seating for the event will be limited. Persons wishing to attend should make reservations ei- ther by calling 934-5471, e-mailing jreeves@uab.edu or faxing 934-2380 no later than March 15. A listing of the day’s events can be found online at www.circ.uab.edu under News.

Civitan-Sparks Clinics, originally known as the UAB Center for Learning and Developmental Disorders, was established in 1967 as Alabama’s federally funded, university-affiliated program. Along with the Civitan International Research Center, the Civitan-Sparks Clinics form the core of clinical services and training programs that serve as Alabama’s University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), providing an uninterrupted record of service to Alabama’s families, the community and health-education professionals for more than 40 years.

Blazer sports

March 6: Men’s Tennis vs Jacksonville State, Brook Highland Racquet Club, 1:30 pm
March 8: Women’s Tennis vs Jacksonville State, Brook Highland Racquet Club, 1:30 pm
March 9: Men’s Tennis vs Charleston Southern, Brook Highland Racquet Club, 12:30 pm
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March 9: Men’s Baseball vs Furman, Young Memorial Field, 6 pm
March 10: Men’s Tennis vs Tennessee-Martin, Brook Highland Racquet Club, 1:30 pm
March 10: Men’s Baseball vs Furman, Young Memorial Field, 2 pm
March 11: Men’s Baseball vs Furman, Young Memorial Field, 1 pm
Walters counsels families during time of personal crisis

When you listen to Wendy Walters speak, it’s easy to see she’s the perfect choice to hold UAB Hospital’s newly created family support coordinator position. Her voice is soft, and its tone is reassuring. Her demeanor is calm, and her eyes tell you she’s tuned in to the conversation. All those qualities are essential when your job is to support families in the hospital who are faced with the imminent death of a loved one.

“It’s a beautiful thing to help a family reach a place where they can say goodbye to someone,” Walters says. “If I can help a family find meaning during a horrible time they remember that after the death, and it has a real positive impact on them for the rest of their lives.”

Walters’ position is funded by a two-year grant through the UAB Health Systems Foundation; the goal is to provide families with increased emotional support and counsel as they begin the grief process. She will coordinate with other support services, including pastoral care, social services, care management and psychology, to provide patients the most comprehensive care.

The position was designed by UAB researchers Todd Tucker, M.D., Devia Eckhoff, M.D., and Loring Rue, M.D., and the Alabama Organ Center. “I think the principal investigators felt we like should be doing even more to support families that have loved ones in crisis,” Tucker says. “The family support coordinator will collaborate, augment and supplement other supportive services and help patients and families access those services earlier in their hospital journey.”

Often, when families are facing the possibility of losing a loved one, many tough decisions have to be made. Walters is there to provide support as families face heart-wrenching choices regarding the withdrawal of life support, resuscitation, nutritional support and organ donation.

“You definitely get a different perspective on life,” Walters says. “But if you can help a family find some meaning out of a horrible situation, that’s a satisfying job.”

Walters has 20 years of grief counseling experience as a social worker, including 13 years with UAB Hospice.

But she says it’s not easy watching families grieve, especially when many of her cases are the result of a trauma and not an expected death.

“It is stressful and I come home every night exhausted, but I enjoy it,” she says. “When you work in hospice, typically it’s not a fast process. You’re likely to have time to make decisions. But here you have to jump into issues with families things move at a much quicker pace.”

Walters has some goals she hopes to attain in her new role; one is to communicate the importance of organ donation to families. “Organ donation is a great legacy for a family to have and hold,” she says. “It’s a way for them to find meaning in a senseless situation.”

Walters also wants to reach out to families after their time here at UAB. She plans to create bereavement materials for families and follow up with them at important times during the year, such as the holidays. “It shows we’re here for families and that when they leave, UAB still cares,” Walters says.

To refer a family, page Walters at by calling University Radio Paging at 934-4011 and request 9419 or e-mail her at wwalters@uab.edu.

Retired Environmental Services Speci- alist Anne P. Hardy (Hospital Building Services), Feb. 16, 2007.

Retired Administrative Assistant I Gloria Alixa (Surgery), Feb. 8.

Retired Associate Professor William Kimmelman (Political Science and Public Affairs), Jan. 8.


Retired LPN Neil Noland (Heart Trans- plant and Intensive Care Unit), Dec. 11, 2006.

Retired Executive Assistant to the Vice President Margaret Muncher (Plan- ning & Information Management), Oct. 19, 2006.

Retired Real Estate Officer Douglas Shook (Office of VP for Financial Affairs), Sept. 6, 2006.


Obituaries

Clark respected by peers for his compassion

As the personnel generalist in the Division of Preventive Medicine with its 24 faculty and more than 245 employees, Ted Clark is many challenging situations come his way.

Reviewing salary structures, developing policies and procedures to manage specific issues unique to the division, developing and maintaining accurate records in administrative databases and hiring and recruiting employees are just a few examples of his duties.

But those things don’t weigh quite as heavily on him—to speak as his “job” as ringing master of the eight bells at the Cathedral of St. Paul here in Birmingham. The largest of the bells weighs a stout 1,495 pounds. They are hung in the English manner for change ringing.

“Because of the way they are mounted, it doesn’t take a great deal of strength; it is more about timing and technique in learning to handle the rope correctly,” says Clark. “I have always been pretty much a klutz, but for some reason I was able to do this fairly easily and basic bell handling came relatively quickly to me.”

Clark’s timing, technique and handling of responsibilities here at UAB also are unquestioned, which has led to his selection as February’s Employee of the Month. The people I work with, Barbara Wilson and everybody in our business office, are just outstanding and make my job easy.”

Clark is an excellent source of information and assistance for supervisors hiring new employees, says Suzanne McCampbell, assistant to the division director in Preventive Medicine. He also is very careful and thoughtful in his approach to employee-relations issues.

“Ted carefully evaluates each situation, seeking advice from Human Resources as required,” McCampbell says. “He goes the extra mile to ensure that there is not only a smooth operation, but that the work is done with excellence.”

Clark, who has been with UAB since 1993 after an 11-year stint with the Birmingham Children’s Theater, takes such praise in stride. In fact, he goes out his way to compliment his supervisors, McCampbell and Keefe, saying he appreciates the support and guidance he receives from them. He also heaps praise on his colleagues in the Department of the Medicine, School of Medicine, UAB Human Resource Management and UAB Payroll.

“The people in the Department of Medi- cine and School of Medicine are just stel- lar people,” Clark says. “I do a lot of work with Human Resource Management and Payroll, and everyone there is extremely dedicated, productive and easy to work with.

“It would be so easy in a big organiza- tion like this to have a that’s-not-my-job attitude,” he says. “That’s not what I find. People I work with are eager to resolve problems, ensure that employees’ needs are met whenever possible and do everything they can to make this a great place to work.”

Ted Clark was praised by colleagues for his work in the Division of Preventive Medicine, earning him distinction as February’s Employee of the Month. If you know someone who should be nominated, send at least three letters of support to Richard Hargis at rtail@uab.edu or via campus mail to AB 360. You can also nominate at www.uab.edu/eotm.

photograph by Mike Straw

Wendy Walters is the new family support coordinator at UAB Hospital.

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William Walters manages the Alabama Organ Center.
**Women**


With help finding it to the restroom women You experience accident with strong urges at least twice a week you may be eligible to participate in a research study investigating improvements in FDA approved bladder medication for 1 year. For more information, email: HerpaVic trial for women: Healthy women ages 18-30 are being asked to partici- pate in a study to evaluate heart disease at no cost. Compensation up to $460. 5-6941/herpa- vic@uab.edu.

Are you age 45-64 recently diagnosed (within 5 years) with Type 2 diabetes need- ed for a study to evaluate insulin resistance. Participants will complete a medical exam and a series of tests. An overnight stay at UAB may be required. Compensation ranges from $500 to $700.

Are you a woman living with HIV who has a child age 1-11? Do you have an interest in learning how to reduce the stress in your life? If you said ‘yes’ to both questions, call Loretta, 1-866-996-MOMS.

Healthy women age 45-64 & older needed for study of estrogen replacement thera- py to prevent Alzheimer’s disease in those who have already developed the disease. If you have some friend in your family who is suffering from dementia or alzheimer’s disease, they may be eligible to participate in this study. Compensation up to $500.

Incontinence study compares two treat- ment options for urge urinary inconti- nence after prostate cancer. May be eligible if they are still experiencing urinary leakage more than a year after their prostate surgery. 5-7398/866-435-7385.


Women’s Health and Prostate Health post- Prostatectomy Incontinence (CPTP) Men who have had a radical prostatectomy for prostate cancer and experiencing urine leakage 12 months following the surgery are being invited to participate in a study that will examine the benefits and effectiveness of two well established therapies for the prevention of stress incontinence. Compensation. 5-7938/866-435-7385.

Healthy African-American and Caucasian men ages 18 to 70 needed for a study to identify the effects of diet on risk factors for heart disease. Meals provided for 8 weeks and compensation up to $400. 1-800-633-3233.

Healthy Caucasian and African-American men needed for immune system study. Involves giving blood sample only. Compensation, 5-0423.

**Men**

Incontinence study compares two treat- ment options for urge urinary inconti- nence after prostate cancer. May be eligible if they are still experiencing urinary leakage more than a year after their prostate surgery. 5-7398/866-435-7385.


Does urine leakage stress you out? You may be experiencing stress urinary inconti- nence. If you leak urine when you laugh, cough, sneeze, laugh or lift. Are you age 19-49? You have had two episodes of stress leakage in a 7 day period; have this problem for at least 3 months, and desire treatment? If so, you may be eligible to participate in the ATLAS study. Compensated $100. Paul 996-2760.

Do you have bacilli vaginalis (BV) again? And again? Do you think you may be underestimating the need to participate in a study to evaluate the quality of life in patients with bacilli vaginalis, a known sexual transmission of these organisms to self-identified lesbians and heterosexual men ages 20-50 needed for a study on ethnic differences related procedures or study medications. Or call us at 728-0015/1-866-435-7938.

Adults without HIV to participate in a study on cognitive and everyday skills. Volunteers can earn $500-$550. All information is confidential. David 934-0233.

Participants needed for preoperative weight loss program study at UAB. Study to evaluate the safety of diet and exercise. Participants must be healthy adults age 18-65. Compensa- tion. Ronda 5-2179.

Diabetes control study is being conducted at the UAB School of Dentistry to determine the effectiveness of new tooth color dental filling materials. The 18-month study. Subjects needing fillings for the back teeth and those who had color fillings are free and compensation is offered on the follow-up visits. Call 4-5022 for a study brochure.

Do you have rheumatoid arthritis? People age 19-85 diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis are needed for the ALZ study using a Captopril Inhibitor drug for a 1-26 week trial. Compensated. Anita 8-2993/866-996-2110.

Do you have toenail fungus? You may qualify for a research study at the UAB Department of Dermatology. You may be eligible to receive treatment with medication provided at no cost, study visits, and monetary compen- sation. Mandy 8-7428.

Men & women age 50-85 with a dia- gnos- is of age-related macular degeneration are needed to participate in a study aimed at determining the effects of the nutritional supplements lutein, zinc, and vitamin E on cholesterol (HDAs & EPA). Katherine 325-8527.

Depression study: If you are age 19-60 currently taking a tricyclic antidepressant or $120 and still feeling depressed and having thoughts of hurting yourself, you may be eligible for study evaluation. Study related hospitalization and all other study related medical care provided at no cost. Compensations: 500$ or 4-3847.

Cancer screening for prostate cancer and are currently participating in a Carer Team you are eligible to participate. The study looks at the effects of the screening and the data for the participant and volunteers. Compen- sation $80 for 4 sessions. Dr. Bur unge 4-0630.

Do you have acne? You may qualify for a research study at the UAB Department of Dermatology. Receive investigational medi- cation at no cost, study visits, and mon- etary compensation. Compensation. 500$. 4-3847.

Cats Teams for men with BV and are currently participating in a Care Team you are eligible to participate. The study looks at the effects of the screening and the data for the participant and volunteers. Compen- sation $80 for 4 sessions. Dr. Bur unge 4-0630.

Do you have Chlamydia? Those 16-40 years of age, with no history of pregnancy, are eligible to participate in a study that will evaluate the effectiveness of a new treatment method for Chlamydia. Call 1-866-996-MOMS.

Do you know someone over the age of 65 experiencing any of the following symptoms: Imaginary pain, hip pain, loss of appetite, poor impulse control, hearing voices, hostility, over-excitement, seeing things that oth- ers can not see, or confusion? If so, they may be eligible to participate in a research study. Study related hospitalization and all other study related medical care provided at no cost. Compensation: Lamersa 4-2484.

Recruiting adult men and women who have implantable heart valves and lower teeth. Services provided at reduced fees. Call UAB Dental Research 419-7506.

Have you been diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes and have a relationship for 1 year or more? You & your partner needed for research study of semen donation. Compensation. 500$. 996-2780.

African-American men and females age 45 and older, UAB and the American Heart Association need your help with an impor- tant bacterial study (H. Pylori Bacterium). This bacterium may cause ulcers, gastritis, gastric cancer, and heart disease, and you may have symptoms. Must have history of cancer, heart disease, alcohol or drug abuse, and are 18-75 years old. Compensated up to $250. 5-7938/866-435-7385.

If you are healthy, at least 70 years of age, with no history of heart failure, you may be eligible to participate in a study which you can get a blood pressure check, an electrocardiogram, an echocardiogram and a walking test. If you have an echocardiogram tells about the function of the heart, you can also get a lipid panel related to their health and medical history. No blood draw. Compensated. Carolyn 4-9363.

Cats teams needed: American men 18 or older needed for Project Among African Americans to Reduce the Risk of Heart Disease (PAARR). Study procedures include a medical history interview, a test of thinking, concentration and memory (not an IQ test) and a blood draw. Compensation up to $250. 5-7938/866-435-7385.

Are you a woman living with HIV and have difficulty sleeping? A thorough sleep evaluation and treatment may be available at UAB. Call 1-877-210-9733. Paul the SWEET (Senior Woman Enjoying Estrogen Replacement Therapy). Cheryl 996-6270.

Women needed for vaginal bacteria study: You may be eligible to participate in a study aimed at diagnosis and treatment of recurrent bacterial vaginosis? Cheryl 996-6270.

Women’s Pelvic Medicine Division is cur- rently conducting research on pelvic health. Compensation. Kathy 4-1776.

Are you an overweight woman age 45-60 concerned about developing cancer? You may be eligible for a study if it has been at least 5 years since your last men- strual period and are not taking hormone replacement therapy. Cheri 996-6270.

Caucasian women ages 19-50 needed to complete a short survey about body weight. The survey takes less than 30 minutes to com- plete. Loris 5-4907.

Postmenopausal women age 45-60 with osteoporosis related fractures 1 year or 1-5-1976.

Women with multiple sclerosis and spinal cord injuries needed for a study to evaluate the effectiveness of FDA approved drugs only. Clinic visits and treatment at no cost. Compensation. Jo An 4-1176.

Women ages 19-40 and 50 and over who are self-identified lesbians and spent their young adulthood living in the South are needed for a study. Lisa George 833- 7764/873-9672.

Women with chronic back pain (greater than 2 months) related to a fracture and have had this problem for at least 3 months, and spent 3-1976.

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Do you have toenail fungus? You may qualify for a research study at the UAB Department of Dermatology. You may be eligible to receive treatment with medication provided at no cost, study visits, and monetary compen- sation. Mandy 8-7428.
For Sale

**Apparatus & Electronics**

Dell 19" monitor 1600x1200 max resolution, $30. Patrici@uab.edu/936-1653.

1.00 CFM 1/4 HP USB flash drive 2.0 flash 32$ 410-6197.

Washer & dryer, perfect cond. $200, 4-4023.

**Automobiles**

- [98 Mercedes 240DE], silver, 2 black, 2nd owner, perfect cond, 42,500 mi, $7250.
- [1998 Toyota 4Runner], 4x4, 82,000 mi, perfect cond, $10,000.

**Furnishings**

Ornamental iron headboard, mattress & box spring, daybed with trundle & futon, comforter & bed skirt for full bed, matching pillow sham pairs, silver window sheers, window curtains with white hangers, shower curtain, sink faucets, tissue holder, $75. 989-8174.

- [1994 Outback], black/beige leather, loaded in cond, $1800, 4-892-5900.
- [Kia Rio], 1,000 actual mi, con, $700, Sandra 3-414-4221.
- [BMW 540i], M sport package, V-8, 6-speed manual, powerful, exc cond, black, black/white, 34,000 mi, still under warranty, $30,000. 4-394-7677.

**For Sale**


Honda XR 80 dirtbike, runs great, good condition, includes helmet & boots, $900. 1-858-974-0654.

**Services & Fitness**

- [Honda EX sport track, yellow & black], extremely low hour, exc cond, all factory labels, $889. $275/week. 293-2304.

Futon w/queen mattress, extra thick and very hard, perfect cond, $250, will fit in a 2x3 ox, ask Sandra, 403-3011.

Solid oak bedframes & mattresses, turns to twins, 2.2 acres near trussville, $25,7-9 yr old weathered oak set, $60; couch and loveseat, $100; microwave oven, cost $550, sell for $150; all items in exc con, Jerry 5-4440.

Moving sale: Loveeat, in good cond, $30; mic, $25, $50, $100, $150; all in exc cond, go through sale on May 10th.

Danby, dimet set, VCR, television, 2BR townhouse, microwave cabinet, refrigerator, washer, dryer, microwave, oil pot/pans, wedding props of a kind, $4-4023.

TV cabinet holds up to 27" w/glass cover, 4 shelf & side compartments, $45; end table w/ 4 shelf & 1 drawer, $35; e-mail pics. 444-1848/ging@uah.edu.

**For Sale**

Full size iron bed w/box, $150, will e-mail pics on request.

**Miscellaneous**

Self-propelled mowers, $90; Snapper rider, 20 HP, $500; electric hand drill & drill bag, $100; weedeeater, $50. Also do repair work.

Dale 953-0939.

Free: Australian Shepherd shipp mix, black & white, puppies will be 6 weeks old 3/18. Rhonda 731-5697-744-7830.

Women’s XL black (lambale) leather car coat, gently used, purchased from Heng Furs, $60. 252-2816.

Black Polka dot dress - 1 left, 1 female, black & white, 1 male - white-brindle, 9-wks-old, 1st shots, dewormed, social and play-ful, $175, preemie or prom, $50. 647-502-2062.

Big House 2BR, 1.5 miles off I-55, new 4BR/3BA $250,000, $275,000.

Big yard sale: Fri-Sat, May 13-14. Take Me Home Children’s Shelter, 719-752-3020. Yard sale will be 2 houses on Jack’s on the right off Garden Street, both open at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Over 500 diapers, Babies R Us brand, $75, size 5 for babies who are over 25 lbs, brand new, in plastic wrap.

Couch, very nice, in cond, $200, call 970-975-1319.

**Rent**

Southside – close to UAB 5 Points South, the Zoo, 1st Ave S, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, fully furnished, W/D, $1000, 4-4100.

Southside – 1BR BA duplex, ChA, total 1,400 sq ft, nice control & central kitchen, $500/room. For a look, call 727-0562.

**Sublet**

Southside – 3BR/2BA, 1920 sq ft, fully furnished, includes heat, etc., $1000. 335-3034.

**Services & Support**

The UAB Centerline Conference Center sees all types of urinary and fecal incontinence as well as pelvic floor dysfunction. Call and let us evaluate your condition and years of experience, Over 10 years exp working with children in a pediatric setting. $50/hr. 6-2247.

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