Jennifer Babl, assistant director of marketing for the Campus Rec Center, has battled Crohn’s disease for four years. She is helping raise money for Crohn’s research by forming a team to take part in the Take Steps for Crohn’s & Colitis Walk May 31.
A security enhancement has been made to the Educational Assistance self-service form in time for the 2008 summer sessions.

The certification form now requires employees to enter the student’s BlazerID on the form in order to certify an eligible dependent/spouse (previously Social Security numbers were used for certification). Once a student is accepted for admission to UAB, they will be notified by the Office of Admissions of the process to obtain a BlazerID. The BlazerID will serve as their sole identifier allowing them to securely access all of UAB’s electronic information services. The certification form also will be validating the date of birth entered to ensure it matches the student system.

If an employee has not previously certified themselves or their eligible dependent/spouse for the academic year and decides to enroll in classes for the summer sessions, he or she may do so and take advantage of the benefit as long as certification takes place before the Drop/Add date for that session as published in the UAB Academic Calendar at https://studentaffairs.sass.uab.edu/calendar/search.asp?id=2. If certification is not completed prior to the Drop/Add dates for the respective summer session, educational assistance will not be applied.

Online registration for the benefit can be found under the Educational Assistance section of the Oracle self-service menu. Log in to Oracle via www.uab.edu, select Adminsystems link, then Oracle HR & Finance System.

Fall re-certification reminder

Employees are required to re-certify themselves and eligible dependent/spouse annually before Fall semester if they wish to take part in the Educational Assistance Program for the next academic year. Failure to re-certify each year will mean that credit will not be given for the educational assistance benefit. Please note that the student’s BlazerID will be required to re-certify. Employees must make sure they have the BlazerID prior to the certification deadline.

The Educational Assistance Program is a benefit available to all full-time regular employees and all 3/12-hour shift employees. To participate in the program, an employee must have completed at least six months of continuous service prior to the Drop/Add date for that term.

UAB will pay in-state tuition for up to 18 semester hours of coursework taken at UAB and must maintain an undergraduate UAB grade-point average on any prior course work taken at UAB and must maintain a graduate UAB grade-point average of 3.0.

For more detailed information on the Educational Assistance self-service form in time for the 2008 summer sessions.

Women’s Softball as they take on Tulsa in a doubleheader at George Ward Park Thursday, April 17. A pre-game tailgate and hot dogs will be served up at 3:30 p.m. The games start at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. For more information visit www.uab.edu/alumni.

Advisors to be honored for service on April 17

UAB will honor three individuals as top advisors during the annual Outstanding Academic Advising Awards Ceremony Thursday, April 17 at 2 p.m. in the Huley Recital Hall. It is free and open to the public.

The award is presented to faculty, professional and new advisors who have distinguished themselves in academic advising. The UAB winners will participate in a national competition, sponsored by the National Academic Advising Association.

The 2008 honorees are:
- Outstanding Faculty Advisor, Zoe B. Dwyer, Ph.D., School of Engineering, Department of Material Sciences & Engineering
- Outstanding Advisor, Linda Luck, division of General Studies
- Outstanding New Advisor (three years of advising service or less), Janetta McMath, School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, Department of Biology.

Run to raise Dollars for Scholars April 25

The UAB National Alumni Society will host its second annual “Dollars for Scholars” 5K/10K Run Friday, April 25 to raise money for scholarships. Registration for the 5K and 10K races is $25 now and $30 on the day of the race. Both 5K and 10K races are certified by the USATF. To register call Alumni Affairs at 934-1555 or download the registration form at www.uab.edu/alumni. You also can also register at www.active.com/.
Sirote Theatre ready for its ‘Cabaret’ show April 16-19

When asked to come up with a description of the Department of Theatre’s upcoming production of “Cabaret,” director Karla Koskinen pauses for just a second before coming up with the perfect comparison to the play, which is set in 1930s Berlin.

“It reminds me of what New York City was like in the early 1970s,” she says. “Berlin at that time was labeled Sin City, kind of like New York City was in the early ‘70s, and it truly lived up to that reputation.”

Audience members can get an up-close look of pre-World War II Berlin when “Cabaret” is performed in the Sirote Theatre April 16-19 at 7:30 p.m. and April 20 at 2 p.m.

The cabarets of the 1930s were filled with numbers that explored sex, political satire and relevant social issues of the day. “This cabaret is a second-rate club, a seedy place,” Koskinen says. “The numbers in the club serve as a comment on what was happening both in society and to the characters in the play.”

But behind the nightlife decadence of “Cabaret” are very serious themes.

Set on the eve of the Nazis’ rise to power, “Cabaret” focuses on nightlife, particularly on that of a female performer and her relationship with young American. A sub-plot involves the doomed romance between a German boardhouse owner and her suitor, a Jewish fruit vendor. Overseeing the action is the Emcee, who presides as master of ceremonies at the cabaret and serves as a constant metaphor for the current state of society in Weimar, Germany, throughout the show.

“The cabaret was a place people could go to escape their everyday lives and avoid the social and political problems that were threatening Germany,” Koskinen says.

Theatre, audience get new look

The Sirote Theatre has been undergoing a bit of a temporary renovation for this production, with set designer Cliff Simon leading the charge to create a unique environment. Simon has set up the theatre like a cabaret, giving it a totally different look and feel for the performers and for the audience.

“We all were really impressed and excited by the environment change,” Koskinen says. “It’s helped the production tremendously. The actors are very close to the audience, so they can make contact with audience members and bring them into the world of the club.”

The changes are so dramatic that the audience members will enter into the theatre from behind the stage.

There will be chairs on platforms and a few tables and chairs on the stage floor itself for the audience.

“Some people are going to feel like they’re on the cabaret stage,” Koskinen says. “It will be a totally different kind of experience than most audience members have ever had in that theater.”

Call 975-ARTS for tickets.

ASC Kids’ Club ready to go ‘Down the Yellow Brick Road’

The curtain will go up on a most ambitious Kids’ Club production when “Down the Yellow Brick Road” opens April 19-20.

The play, written and directed by Jerry Sims, features a robust set, lavish costumes and a large cast made possible by a grant provided by Jane Stephens Comer to the ASC Arts in Education Outreach Initiative.

“Jane is committed to and loves arts education and loves what Jerry is able to put together with his writing and directing of these children’s theatrical productions,” says Kimberly Kirklin, director of education for the ASC. “We are able to put on this performance for the community because of her support.”

“Down the Yellow Brick Road” is a twist on L. Frank Baum’s novel The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Children attending the performances will join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Woodsman and the Cowardly Lion in song, imagination and magic exercises as they journey down the yellow brick road.

Sims writes the Kids’ Club productions with the intent of encouraging children to use their imaginations.

“One of the things I’ve discovered in these plays is that the kids enjoy the interaction,” he says. “We began inviting that interaction in the earlier productions we did, having the audience members sing choruses to the original songs we wrote. We extended that to getting them to participate in games and exercises all pointing toward the themes of the show.” He said that was his goal this past year in “Alice’s Tea Party,” and the same is true for “Down the Yellow Brick Road.”

Imagination and magic

For example, children will be given their Imagineer hat to use during “Down the Yellow Brick Road” in an effort to inspire them to reach deep into their imagina-
President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching going to 13

Thirteen faculty members will be honored with the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching during the annual Faculty Awards Convocation Thursday, April 24 at 10 a.m. in the Alys Stephens Center Studio Theatre. Other featured award winners include those of the 2007 Ellen Gregg Ingalls/UAB National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching and the 2006 Odessa Woolfolk Community Service Award (see story, page 8).

The 2008 honorees for the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching represent each school and the Joint Health Sciences departments.

Gregory Pence, Arts & Humanities Pence, Ph.D., a professor of philosophy, has taught medical ethics at UAB for 30 years. His research focuses on emerging ethical issues in medicine, including cloning, genetics and issues at both ends of life. He testified before the Congressional Subcommittee about embryonic and reproductive cloning in 2001. Students say Pence’s “enthusiasm, experience and passion for the topics of bioethics and philosophy enabled him to make class intellectually stimulating, invigorating and insightful — even for students who lacked deep philosophical background.” Others say he has “the unparalleled ability to motivate and inspire his students to be well-read, educated and compassionate physicians.” Pence has written two books (Who’s Afraid of Human Cloning and Cloning After Dolly: Who’s Still Afraid?) and has lectured to more than 200 American medical schools and universities and other institutions in China, Israel, Canada, Australia, London and Portugal.

Murat Tanju, Business Tanju, Ph.D., a professor in accounting and information systems, has a reputation as a strong, caring classroom teacher for more than 30 years. Students say the experiences they have had in his classes have equipped them with the “critical thinking skills important to becoming successful in the business arena.” Colleagues say Tanju “does whatever it takes, whenever needed” to enhance the education and professional experience of students during their time at UAB, and for many, during their alumni years as well. He also coordinates the annual “September Professional Development Program” jointly sponsored by the department and three Birmingham-area professional organizations. As evidence of the appreciation of the professional community, the sponsoring organizations have committed the “appreciation of the professional community, the sponsoring organizations have committed to endow a scholarship in Murat’s name from the profits of the program.

Yung-Tsung Hsu, Dentistry Hsu, D.D.S., is the director of removable prosthodontics in the Department of Prosthodontics. He supervises clinical prosthodontics in the graduate clinic and intermediary prosthodontics. Students are constantly seeking his instruction and say he is “an engaging and interactive teacher, incorporating case studies with detailed visuals to his classroom lectures to illustrate the fabrication of complete, single, immediate, implant-retained and removable partial dentures.”

Gary Hunter, Education Hunter, Ph.D., is one of the foremost scholars within the School of Education, and colleagues say he sets an excellent example of how scholarship drives the teaching, mentoring, advising and service-related aspects of faculty work. His primary discipline is exercise science, and he is a reviewer for approximately 20 journals, national and international. Since 2000, Hunter has collaborated with students on nearly 80 publications. Colleagues say he helps establish personal intellectual curiosity in students by demonstrating and sharing his own intellectual curiosity. Students say Hunter emphasizes the importance of developing practical expertise, and in undertaking rigorous data collection “while impressing on them that they are in the dynamic field of scholarship and they must maintain currency of understanding throughout lifelong learning.”

Lori McMahon, Joint Health Science In the Department of Physiology & Biophysics, McMahon, Ph.D., has consistently demonstrated that she is an outstanding educator who is committed to excellence in teaching. The associate professor has established a student journal club in the department, helped develop a weekly seminar series in which graduate students are required to present their research and teaches in the neurobiology and neuroscience graduate courses. One colleague says her success in transforming the Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Graduate program may “serve as the basis for changing the course of all graduate programs in the School of Medicine.” One student said McMahon’s teaching style is “inspirational because it not only encourages student learning of the subject matter, but also – and perhaps more important – instills a passion for science and the pursuit of knowledge.”

Donald Reiff, Medicine Reiff, M.D., director of Undergraduate Surgical Education, has demonstrated that he is a dynamic educator of both undergraduate medical students and resident house staff for the Department of Surgery. His influence on the Birmingham surgical clerkship and its participants is evident in that a large number of students from this year’s graduating class are entering a general surgical residency, bucking the national trend for this specialty. Reiff is known for taking students on teaching rounds through the ICU and reviewing the teaching points of trauma/ICU management that might not be discussed on work rounds. One resident says he “will review a topic in a small group discussion format, and then take that group directly to a patient’s bedside to further illustrate and enhance the students’ experience.” This better enables students to apply clinical principles of patient care.

Charles Watkins, Natural Sciences & Mathematics Watkins’ dedication to teaching in a broad range of chemistry courses, including one of the most challenging undergraduate physical chemistry classes, has been an important asset to...
the school. In 37 years of service as an educator and mentor, colleagues say Watkins, Ph.D., has demonstrated an unprecedented passion and dedication in the classroom teaching of undergraduate courses that require innovative teaching skills, constant updating of the subject matter and motivating students to remain focused on the course contents. One student recruited to UAB by Watkins did not take a class from him until her junior year. However, the student says he “encouraged me to become involved with research as early as possible, which has opened my future to many possibilities.” Students also appreciate his how he presents “true-to-life examples” in the classroom that enable them to relate the class to the outside world and understand the material more thoroughly.

Kristine Hopkins, Optometry
Hopkins, O.D., an associate professor of optometry, demonstrates excellence in didactic teaching of Anomalies of Binocular Vision Part I and in clinical teaching in the Pediatric Clinic. Hopkins is involved in local research and obtained NIH funding for a national, multicenter clinical trial that likely will have a large impact in the area of binocular vision and vision therapy. One colleague who has observed Hopkins’ teaching skills says she can “turn a dry lecture on dyslexia into a highly interactive lesson on reading and neurological function as the students become different parts of the brain with different responsibilities.” A former student calls Hopkins a role model and says she has “influenced me to go into a career in education and she since has helped me to improve myself as an educator.”

Nalini Sathiakumar, Public Health
Sathiakumar, D.P.H., an associate professor of epidemiology, has advised 44 master’s students and served on 13 doctoral committees since 1994. In addition, she has mentored 30 international trainees who are senior and mid-level academicians. She has provided students with the opportunity to acquire practical experience and research skills necessary to become effective and productive public health professionals, nationally and internationally. She has done this by helping them design studies, write research proposals, develop research instruments, obtain institutional review board approvals, find funding, collect data, conduct data analysis and develop papers. One student was struck by the progressive nature of her research in integrating Environmental Epidemiology and Research Methods of Epidemiology. “Her ability to discuss her knowledge in understandable manner to students very new to the field demonstrates her willingness to work with students so they have a strong foundation to build upon.”

Michael Howell-Moroney, Social & Behavioral Sciences
Moroney, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of public administration in the master of public administration program in the Department of Government. In his five years at UAB he has shown to be creative in his teaching, engaging in the classroom and committed to student learning. His repertoire is as broad as is deep, colleagues say, and he teaches courses that notoriously are challenging for students. His research work on the complex linkages between systems of metropolitan governance, urban sprawl and economic development has appeared in several leading publications in the fields of public administration and urban affairs. Students say Howell-Moroney does an excellent job of teaching complex material. One student says he “utilizes his mastery of the subject covered to deliver masterful presentations of the concepts and facts required of his students.”

Nominations sought for DFL award
Nominations for the 2008 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award are being accepted until Monday, May 5. The recipient will receive a $5,000 award and deliver the keynote speech at the 2008 DFL reception held in their honor in the fall.

To be eligible, an individual must be a full-time, part-time, or emeritus faculty in the schools of Dentistry, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing, Optometry or Public Health or Departments of the Joint Health Sciences who has:

• Advanced the frontiers of science or otherwise made a significant contribution to the health of people, or
• Made an outstanding contribution to the Academic Health Center through education, research or public service.

Nominations packets should include a brief letter of nomination and the nominee’s current vitae. Nomination packets in an electronic format are preferred and may be e-mailed to Associate Provost Claire Peil, Ph. D. at peiel@uab.edu; hard copy nominations may be submitted to AB 374, +0103. For additional information call 934-0513.

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Six-week summer program for children with ADHD offered

UAB will offer a six-week Summer Treatment Program for children ages 6 to 12 with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, Asperger’s syndrome and oppositional defiant disorder and other behavioral disorders.

STP offers a comprehensive approach to treatment provided in a therapeutic summer day camp setting. The program will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, June 16–July 25, and the cost is $2,600 per child. A pre-camp interview and assessment will be conducted to determine whether the camp is appropriate for the child.

Space is limited. For more information or to schedule an individual appointment or a group presentation, call 934-5471, e-mail Bart Hodgens at bhodgens@uab.edu or visit the Web site at circ-uab.infomedia.com/content.asp?id=98821.

BFA student works on display at VAG

Works by three UAB bachelor of fine arts students will be on show April 18-May 9 at the UAB Visual Arts Gallery. The exhibition opens with a reception on Friday, April 18, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the gallery. Admission to the gallery is always free.

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Special Lectures

Monday, April 14
11 am UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center. Calorimetry outside the box: A new window into the plasma proteome, Dr Jonathan Chaires (James Graham Brown Endowed Chair in Biophysics; Prof, Medicine and Biochemistry and Molecular Biology; James Graham Brown Cancer Center, University of Louisville); WP-Bd Rm.

Tuesday, April 15
6 pm Sterne Library Book Discussion. Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird: the discussion will be led by Prof Kieran Quinlan. The event is part of National Library Week at Sterne Library in connection with the Public Libraries of Jefferson County Big Read. Henley Room.

Wednesday, April 16
Noon UAB Historical Collections Reynolds Lecture Series. Healthcare in camps: The Japanese-American experience in World War II, Dr Dennis Worthen (Loyd Library, Cincinnati, Ohio); Lister Hill Library Ireland Room.

Thursday, April 17
3 pm Endowed Lecture Series. Biobehavioral approach to nursing research: Psychoneuroimmunology, Marie D’Koren Endowed Chair Duck-Hee Kang (Nursing); School of Nursing Room G020. RSVP to Lauren Antia lar@uab.edu or 934-2145.

4 pm Program in Immunology. Challenges in Global Health: Role of the pharmaceutical industry, multidrug resistance tuberculosis as a model, Dr Gail Cassell (vice president, Scientific Affairs, Eli Lilly and Company); BBRB-170.

Friday, April 18
3:30-5 pm Phi Alpha Theta/Dept of History. The terror in southern France during the French Revolution, 1792-1794, Assoc Prof Stephen Miller (History). The discussion is drawn from his new book, State and Society in Eighteenth Century France. A Study of Political Power and Social Revolution in an Anecdotic, Sterne Library-Henley Room. This is an open lecture.

Monday-Tuesday, April 21-22
11:30 am-1 pm Scientific Writing Seminar Series. Developing scientific manuscripts, Chair Dale Densos (Physiology & Biophysics). The goal of these sessions is to develop practical skills for writing a scientific, peer-reviewed article. Information will include introductory material on types of scientific writing, where to submit articles, the elements of a journal article, and how to respond to critiques and correspond with editors. This course is being sponsored by the UAB K30 Program. To register, please complete the registration form at www.uab.edu/uasom/research/ waiver/register_manuscripts_april2008.pdf. Margaret Cameron Spain Auditorium. For a complete list of meetings and speakers, visit www.uab.edu/uasom/research.

Wednesday, April 23
8 am Glenwood Endowed Lecture Series/ Public Health. Identifying the cognitive and neurologic basis of autism: Single or multiple primary defects? Few or many? Dr Nancy Minshew (Prof, Psychiatry & Neurology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine); Alys Stephens Center. For more info, e-mail dmitrichel@glenwood.org.

Defenses

For a complete list of defenses and other Graduate School events, visit the Calendar of Events located in the Students section of the Graduate School Web site at www.uab.edu/graduate.

Meetings

Monday, April 14, April 21
5:25 pm Power Yoga: UAB Marshall Conference Center. For more info, call Fran 987-0303.

8:30 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Table. Spanish conversation table; Rast Hall, 3rd fl study lounge. Amador Jimenez amador@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

Tuesday, April 15, April 22
10 am International Women’s Group. Smolian International House. 4-1205/ house@uab.edu.

12:10 pm Stress Management through Meditation: The UAB Resource Center. Call 934-2281 or visit www.uab.edu/eap for more info.

2 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Spanish Conversation Table; HB-3rd fl The Hub, centeno@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

7 pm Conversational English classes, lev- els 1-4; Smolian International House. 4-1205/ house@uab.edu.

Wednesday, April 16, April 23
10 am Conversational English classes, lev- els 1-4; Smolian International House. 4-1205/ house@uab.edu.

Noon Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Arabic conversation table; HB-424 conference room. For more info, lazyazfo@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

3:30 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Table. Spanish conversation table; HB-3rd fl The Hub. Amador Jimenez amador@ uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

5:25 pm Power Yoga: UAB Marshall Conference Center. For more info, call Fran 987-0303.

8 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Italian conversation table; Rast Hall-3rd Floor Study Lounge. For more info, Belita Faki at belita@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

Thursday, April 17, April 24
Noon Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. French conversation table; Commons on the Green cafeteria (look for the French flag). For more info, danielou@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

12:10 pm Tai Chi – Stress Management through Movement: The UAB Resource Center. Call 934-2281 or visit www.uab.edu/eap for more info.

2 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Spanish conversation table; HB-3rd fl The Hub. centeno@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

4 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Chinese Conversation Table; HB-3rd fl The Hub. maximin@uab.edu or for- eignlangs@uab.edu for more info.

6:30 pm SMART recovery group meeting; not a 12-step or religious program. Any addiction or habit can be helped. Southside Baptist Church. Call WL Fulcher 975-7755 for details.

8 pm Stammtisch conversation table, for any- one who speaks German; Giuseppe’s Cafe, 925 8th Street South. For info, agress@uab.edu.

Friday, April 18, April 25
7 am Falun Dafa exercises, an ancient Chinese exercise that brings harmony & health. UAB Mini Park, 4-8285.

UAB Gospel Choir to release new CD after April 21 concert

The UAB Gospel Choir will unveil its newest CD and accompanying DVD, “Gospel 101: Go Dominate,” at its spring concert, 7 p.m. Monday, April 21 in the Alys Stephens Center.

“It will make you want to dance, clap your hands, think, reflect and hopefully bring a source of inspira- tion,” said the choir’s director, Kevin Turner, who also is co-producer and wrote most of the music.

The concert will include new music and music from the choir’s planned second CD. More than 125 voices will take to the stage under the direction of Turner, along with the UAB Gospel Choir Band, dance team and mime team. For a sneak peek, go to myp- age.com/uabsp pledchoir or www.youtube.com. Tickets are on sale now at the UAB Ticket Office or the ASC Box Office.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) is a public research university located in Birmingham, Alabama, USA. It is a part of the University of Alabama system and forms a education complex with Jefferson State Community College.

The CD/DVD soon may be purchased on campus and at www.uababy.com.
Religion
Tuesday, April 15, April 22
Noon Medical Center Christian Fellowship Meeting. WP-B. All welcome. Blair 216-8671.

Wednesday, April 16, April 23
Noon Employee-led Bible study: Interfaith Chapel-West Pavilion.
12:15 pm Latter-day Saints Student Association. Scripture study and discussion; HUC-413. All welcome. For more info, Andrew 822-9338.

Sunday, April 20, April 27
10 am Catholic mass; St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 933-2500.
5 pm Catholic mass; St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 933-2500.
5 pm UAB Hindu Student Council. We will have a session on singing and feasting the Hare Krishna way where everyone is welcome to join. For more info, Varadraj Prabhu 383-9805. 1501 15th Ave S, Apt 20, Bham.

Exhibits
Mervyn H. Sterne Library. African-American Life Achievement. The exhibit ends Feb. 29. Library hours: 7:30 am-11 pm Mon-Thurs; 7:30 am-7 pm Fri; 9 am-5 pm Sat; 11-11 pm Sun.
The Samuel Ullman Museum. Home of prominent Birmingham civic leader and poet. Open by appointment only, 4-3328.
Visual Arts Gallery. Bachelor of Fine Arts Spring 2008 Show. This exhibition features works by students graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. 900 13th St. S. Admission is free. Through May 9, 4-0815.

Films
Tuesday, April 22
7 pm Green Initiative at UAB. A free showing of Kilowatt Ours, a documentary about energy-related problems and cost-saving solutions. The event is open and free. Free pizza. The film illustrates a new vision for American energy usage, showing how to reduce energy bills and advocates clean, renewable power sources as alternatives. For info e-mail UABgreen@gmail.com. Hill University Center Alumni Auditorium.

Special events
Tuesday, April 15
8 pm Music. UAB Wind Symphony and Symphony Band conducted by Sue Samuels. Jimison Concert Hall. Free admission.

Wednesday, April 16
9 am University Stores Warehouse. Public auction to dispose of surplus used equipment. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.1405 2nd Ave. South. For more info, call 4-3304/5-1414.
Noon Music. UAB Department of Music Student Recital. Free admission. Huskey Recital Hall.
6 pm UAB Interculture Committee. Tibetan festival; UAB Great Hall. For more information, call 4-8225.

Wed., April 16-Sunday, April 20
7:30 pm UAB Theatre. Cabaret. Set in Berlin on the eve of the Nazis’ rise to power, “Cabaret” focuses on nightlife at the seedy Kit Kat Klub. Join UAB Theatre as they transform the Sirote Theatre into a world of cafe tables and chairs flowing seamlessly onto the stage. Tickets are $15 and $12; UAB/BACHE students $6; UAB employees and senior citizens $10. Call 5-7378. There will be a 2 pm show on April 20.

Thursday, April 17
5:30 pm UAB Interculture Committee. Coffee hour and discussion; Smolian International House. For more info, call 4-8225.
8 pm Music. UAB Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Steve Roberts. Jimison Concert Hall. Free admission.

Friday, April 18
6:30 pm UAB Graduate Student Association/ UAB Dept of Government/SBS/UAB African American Faculty Association/Alabama Black Faculty Association/UAB Black Student Awareness Committee. Community forum: An open dialogue on race, an honest and candid dialogue on race in Birmingham and the nation. Refreshments, door prizes. For more info, call Dr. Angela Lewis, 4-8416, or dralewis@uab.edu. Heritage Hall Room 102.
8 pm Music. UAB Choir Spring Concert featuring UAB Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Women’s Chorus and conducted by Philip Copeland. Jimison Concert Hall. Free admission.

Saturday, April 19
8 am UAB Office of Undergraduate Admissions. UAB Day for high school sophomores and juniors. UAB Day gives high school students and their parents a special preview of campus life and a closer look at the many opportunities available at UAB. Students can explore majors, will meet with faculty, interact with current UAB students, and learn more about admission, housing, scholarships, financial aid, student life, and more. For more information or to reserve a space, go to www.uab.edu/uabday or call 934-9099. Campus Rec Center.
9 am UAB Black Graduate Student Association. Annual Member and Alumni Conference. This year’s theme is Reaching Excellence in Search of the Talented Ten. For more info, visit www.uab.edu/tgbsa. DoubleTree Hotel.
11 am UAB Transplant Program/Alabama Organ Center. Annual Celebration of Life Picnic. April is National Donate Life Month. UAB as their transplant center. UAB Mini Park.
7 pm UAB African American Organization. Annual Taste of Asia show and dinner. The show and dinner are free to the public. Enjoy performances by UAB students from India, China and other Asian countries that include traditional dances, music and much more. The dinner, featuring authentic Asian cuisine served by several local Asian restaurants, will begin immediately after the show. To make a donation, or for more details, contact Diane Luong at dianeql@gmail.com or visit www.uab.edu/aao. Jimison Concert Hall.

Saturday-Sunday, April 19-20
10 am & 1 pm ASC Kids’ Club. Down the Yellow Brick Road, an interactive show featuring Dorothy and her friends from Oz. This adaptation of a timeless classic, the ASC’s most ambitious original production, features elaborate sets, fanciful costumes, special effects, a large cast and greater audience involvement than ever before. Children in attendance can become part of the story and help “imagination” create the cyclone that takes Dorothy’s house to Munchkinland. Tickets are $7. Call 205-975-2787 or go to www. Alys Stephens.org. Odeas Theatre. There will be 1 pm & 3:30 pm performances April 20.

Sunday, April 20

Monday, April 21
7 pm UAB Gospel Choir. Spring concert. The Gospel Choir will unveil its newest CD and accompanying DVD, “Gospel 101: Go Dominate,” during this concert. Tickets are $6; $5 for UAB students and employees with ID; $4 for kids 12 and under, and advance purchase for groups of 20 or more. Advance purchase ensures a seat. For more info, go to www.myspace.com/uabgospelchoir or search on www.youtube.com. Alys Stephens Center. The CD release party begins at 8:20 p.m., in the lower level of the UAB Huley Center. Jimison Concert Hall.

Tuesday, April 22
7 pm Music. UAB Honors Recital featuring winners from the 2008 Honors Recital Competition. Reynolds-Kirschbaum Recital Hall. Free.

UAB Sports
April 15: Men’s Tennis vs Mercer, Brook Highland Tennis Courts.
April 16: UAB Baseball vs Kennessaw State, Young Memorial Field, 4 pm
April 17: UAB Softball vs Troy, George Ward Park, 4 pm
April 18: UAB Baseball vs Houston, Young Memorial Field, 7 pm
April 19: UAB Baseball vs Houston, Young Memorial Field, 2 pm
April 20: UAB Baseball vs Houston, Young Memorial Field, noon
April 22: UAB Baseball vs Jacksonville State, Young Memorial Field, 6:30 pm
April 23: UAB Baseball vs Samford, Samford, 6:30 pm
April 25: UAB Baseball vs Marshall, Young Memorial Field, 7 p
April 26: UAB Softball vs Houston, George Ward Park, 1 pm
April 26: UAB Baseball vs Marshall, Young Memorial Field, 2 pm
April 26: UAB Softball vs Houston, George Ward Park, 3 pm
April 27: UAB Softball vs Houston, George Ward Park, 1 pm
April 27: UAB Baseball vs Marshall, Young Memorial Field, 1 pm

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Growing up in a small town, John Thornton, D.M.D., experienced firsthand what was like for families struggling to make ends meet. “Most people saw a physician or a dentist only if it was an emergency,” he says. “Those early years growing up helped me to appreciate and understand those who are unable to attain or lack access to good health care. It also made me sensitive to reaching out to the vulnerable populations, such as those in rural areas, those with disabilities or who are disadvantaged.”

Thornton has displayed a passion and energy for helping underserved children receive proper oral health care for more than 32 years. His compassion and dedication to under-served people of the Birmingham community and Alabama led to his selection as the recipient of the 2008 Odessa Woolfolk Community Service Award.

“I am honored by the selection, but I also realize there have been many people along the way who have opened the doors of opportunity for me to reach out to others,” Thornton says. “The School of Dentistry often is called on to assist public health clinics, state agencies for those with disabilities, private practices and many with dental services or advice.”

Thornton says much of the credit for his work goes to former UAB School of Dentistry Dean Mary Lynn Capilouto, D.M.D., and the school’s current dean, Hun Thomas, Ph.D. He says they afforded him the opportunity to give back to the community as director and associate dean of community affairs.

“I was given a great opportunity with my employment in academia at UAB. We reach out to communities – not just Birmingham, but communities around the state,” Thornton says. “It’s important to point out that without the senior dental students and residents in pediatric dentistry, we wouldn’t be able to do any of the outreach projects. The seniors go out during the year to clinics around the state, and the residents travel with me to outreach clinics where we work together. Without them, it would be essentially impossible to reach the number of people we reach.”

On the road

Thornton spends much of his time traveling to clinics throughout rural Alabama. Monday, Tuesday and Friday are spent driving between Anniston, Talladega and Montgomery. He does this to provide access to dental care in rural areas for children from indigent backgrounds and children with disabilities.

He helped initiate the first Sarrell Clinic, named after dentist John Thornton to receive ’08 Woolfolk Award

Thornton has many toys and props to show underserved and special-needs children the proper way to brush and clean their teeth. Thornton is this year’s recipient of the Odessa Woolfolk Community Service Award.

Perhaps one of his greatest successes is that many of his former residents have chosen to open practices in rural areas of the state.

“It has actually worked out even better than we thought it would because now we’re starting to fill some of these voids in Alabama through our dental graduates and pediatric residents,” Thornton says. “We’ve put one of the first pediatric dentists in the history of our program in a rural area in Cullman. One of our residents is going to bring specialty care to an area that has never had a pediatric dentist in that community. That’s a real plus for us.”

Thornton has received numerous other grants that focus on the care of underserved populations and/or on the training of students and dentists. His contributions have been noted nationally as well. In 2002 he was the recipient of the American Dental Association Dental Access Award, and in 2008 he was inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame.

Thornton’s colleagues say there isn’t a person who comes in contact with him that isn’t influenced in a positive way – and that his work will be felt in Alabama for many years to come.

“Dr. Thornton’s humble yet strong presence makes an impact on everyone who knows him,” Thomas says. “He has dedicated his life to the service of his community through his work as an educator, caregiver and advocate for the under-served. He has faithfully mentored many dental students, inspiring them to provide similar services.

“I am certain his legacy will be perpetuated by his many students.”

CROHN’S

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to develop Remicade®, is the nation’s largest annual event to raise money to find cures for the debilitating diseases. The program is organized by the Crohn’s & Colitis Foundation of America.

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Attacking disease

Some 1.4 million American adults and children suffer from Crohn’s disease or ulcerative colitis, according to the foundation, and as many as 150,000 of those are under age 18. Most people develop the diseases between ages 15 and 35.

Crohn’s disease can attack anywhere from the mouth to the anus, while ulcerative colitis inflames only the large intestine (colon). Symptoms may include abdominal pain, persistent diarrhea, rectal bleeding, fever and weight loss. Many patients require hospitalization and surgery. The disease rarely is life-threatening but it can cause severe complications, including colon cancer in patients with long-term disease.

Diet and nutrition are very important in management of the diseases to prevent malnutrition and extreme weight loss. Babl is extremely conscious of her diet and health needs, eating healthy foods as much as possible and working out five or six days a week.

“I definitely do my best to stick to my workout routine and a healthy diet,” she says. “There’s not a specific diet for Crohn’s, but you learn as you go what you can and cannot eat. A well-rounded, high-fiber diet works best for me, but everyone is different. I think it’s like anything – you need to eat healthy foods.”

The diseases are not often talked about in the media, which is part of the reason why Babl says the walk is important.

“This is our opportunity to be around others who are battling the same problems and talk about what we do to manage the disease, what our doctors are saying or hearing,” Babl says. “It’s also our chance to bring awareness about these diseases to others.

“It’s actually somewhat surprising how many people have one of these diseases. I always joke that it’s like the six degrees of Kevin Bacon. If you start talking to someone they inevitably will go, ‘Oh, my mom’s best friend has it’ or ‘My neighbor has it.” It’s more prevalent than people may realize.”

To join Babl’s team or make a donation, visit her Web site at www.active.com/donate/takestepsBAH07/JBabl1. For more information about becoming involved in Take Steps for Crohn’s and Colitis, visit www.cetakreeps.org or contact Babl at jmldock@uab.edu.

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