Blazer Hall adds quality to student life on campus

Living on campus adds a new dimension to college life, and no university recognizes and values that more than UAB.

With the recent addition of UAB’s newest student residence, Blazer Hall, and the Commons on the Green dining facility, UAB is making good on its commitment to provide students the best all-around college experience they can receive.

The Commons made its debut this summer and Blazer Hall is doing the same now as incoming freshmen arrive for the beginning of the fall semester, marking a new and exciting era of on-campus living at UAB. The construction of Blazer Hall and the evolution of the Campus Green are changing the face of undergraduate life at UAB while making the campus more attractive, says university President Carol Garrison.

“Blazer Hall and the Commons on the Green will aid in forming the nexus for a strong, active, campus life — something that is essential to the collegiate experience and for developing strong emotional ties among future alumni,” Garrison says. “These changes, as part of the creation of the Campus Green, also aid in framing a beautiful and welcoming front door for our campus. That, in turn, creates a strong impression of the institution and Birmingham. “It is fitting that our image equals the quality of education UAB provides.”

Blazer Hall, opening this week with space available to 720 first-time freshmen, suite-style rooms, 14 study lounges, a large multi-media room and other state-of-the-art amenities. The opening of the hall marks a new and exciting era of on-campus living at UAB. Blazer Hall also is located adjacent the new Commons on the Green dining facility.

Commons on the Green is ready to serve campus, see p4

What’s the next improvement coming to the Campus Green? see p4

A  nother football season is ready to kick off and you still have the chance to become part of the hard-hitting action with your team — the UAB Blazers.

UAB employees are being encouraged to support their Blazers this year through the “It’s Your Team” marketing campaign. “It’s Your Team” features UAB employees involved in various aspects of game activities with the team on postcards and posters. Shots include the employees leading the team onto the field or being in the huddle of the action. And mixing in folks from housekeeping to anesthesiology really hammers home that everybody at UAB is part of this big team.”

The employees featured in the “It’s Your Team” campaign are Dot Harris of Building Services, Henghui Zou in Mathematics, Erroll Hickenbottom in Creative and Marketing, Larry Kelley in Campus Maintenance and Julie Mummert in Undergraduate Admissions.

UAB employees can find out more about the campaign and sign up for season tickets by visiting the “It’s Your Team” Web site at www.uab.edu/yourteam. You can also view the football cards of employees featured in the promotion. And speaking of the football cards, all employees should be watching their mailbox in the coming days, too, where they will find their very own set of UAB football cards.

‘It’s Your Team’ campaign highlights fun of Blazer football

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Blazer Hall features two- and three-bedroom suites on eight floors complete with computer network connections in each bedroom, computer lab, basic cable TV service, coin-operated washers and dryers, community residence life center for hosting programs and activities for the residents. It is located at 920 16th St. S., adjacent to the Commons on the Green dining facility and just a short walk from the Campus Recreation Center, making it the perfect location for today’s active college student.

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Buy your tickets today

Being a UAB employee entitles you to a $58 savings off the retail price of a full season of Blazer football tickets. See FOOTBALL p7.
President Garrison to deliver State of the University address

President Carol Garrison will highlight UAB’s strategic progress and promise as she delivers the State of the University address during an annually called meeting of the university’s Faculty Senate Thursday, Sept. 28, from 3:30-5 p.m. in Hill University Center Auditorium.

Garrison will highlight 2005-06 accomplishments, particularly enhancement of the undergraduate experience and the changing face of campus. She also will discuss priorities for the coming year as they relate to UAB’s “Plan for the Future.”

Dell recall could affect campus laptop users

Dell Inc. has identified a potential issue associated with certain batteries sold with Dell-branded 

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission and other regulatory agencies, Dell is voluntarily recalling certain Dell-branded batteries with cells manufactured by Sony and offering free replacements for these batteries. Upon receipt of the replacement battery, you will receive instructions on how to return the recalled battery to Dell.

UAB users should work directly with Dell on this matter. For more information, see their Web site, www.dellbatteryprogram.com or call 1-866-342-0011.

Training for UAB Safe Zone volunteers set

HRM Training & Development is offering a workshop to train volunteers for the UAB Safe Zone program Tues.

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

For additional information on the Safe Zone program, contact Anita Bonasera in HRM at bonasera@uab.edu or Debra Morigeau in Student Life at morigeau@uab.edu or visit the Safe Zone Web site at www.uab.edu/student-life/show.asp?durki=6135.

To register online for the workshop, go to www.uab.edu/traintdev. Select Professional Development Program Information, then Professional Development Courses and choose Safe Zone Program under the list of courses.

Kite Runner inspires night at the museum

Mixing fun, food and entertainment with intellectual pursuit, UAB and the Birmingham Museum of Art will present an evening of art history as it relates to UAB’s second campuswide Faculty, staff and students who attend can learn about UAB and the Birmingham Museum of Art beginning at 5:30 p.m. The last bus night so that no visitor has to leave empty-handed.

Another key part of the evening will be a scavenger hunt that will highlight works in the museum with ties to themes in the discussion book, and guests who complete will be registered to win tickets to upcoming events like Art on the Rocks and the Print Fair 2006. The museum also has devised a special kite-making activity for the night so that no visitor has to leave empty-handed.

UAB is providing buses to this event that will run from Blazer Hall Courtyard Circle to the Birmingham Museum of Art beginning at 5:30 p.m. The last bus returning to UAB will arrive at 8:15 p.m.

The discussion book is part of UAB’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) and is designed to unite the UAB community by promoting civic involvement and the practice of open, safe, respectful dialogue about often controversial issues. To learn more about The Kite Runner, visit www.uab.edu/discussionbook.
New laser microdissection instrument available for use

A new laser microdissection system available to UAB researchers can improve the quality and specificity of molecular information scientists can glean from their animal models and tissue samples, says Andrea Frost, director of the UAB Laser Microdissection Facility.

The new PALM Microbeam instrument utilizes laser-cutting technology, allowing scientists to cut around cells of interest using a UV laser in histologic sections or cytologic samples. After cutting the desired sample, which scientists can outline on a computer screen, the laser catapults the selected cells into a microfuge tube.

“It’s very precise, and it’s especially useful for translational research or tissue-based research in understanding the molecular pathogenesis of disease,” Dr. Frost says. “You can isolate particular cells in diseased tissues and compare them with normal counterparts in non-diseased tissue.”

The new instrument is highly automated to increase the efficiency of the microdissection process, is less prone to contamination by unwanted cells than other microdissection systems and allows microdissection under fluorescence microscopy.

The PALM Microbeam recently was purchased by the Birmingham Veterans Administration Hospital and made available to selected VA investigators and UAB researchers through the VAs Shared Equipment Evaluation Program (SLEEP). “I’m very pleased we were able to accomplish this joint venture with the VA and selected UAB faculty,” says Marianne Egan, administrative officer at the VA.

The PALM Microbeam joins the Laser Capture Microdissection Pixell II system as the second of two microdissection instruments available to researchers on campus via the Laser Microdissection Facility. The Pixell II system uses laser-capture technology to extract cells of interest from tissue sections or cytologic samples. An infrared laser is used to adhere the specified cells to a thermoplastic film. As the film is lifted from the tissue sections, the adherent cells are removed from the section. The thermoplastic film is attached to clear plastic that functions as a microfuge tube cap. Frost says samples can be taken from tissue or cytologic samples involved in any disease process, as well as live cells. The extracted cells can then be utilized for analyzing their DNA, RNA or protein content.

Identifying molecular changes in cancer cells, in blood vessels involved by atherosclerosis or in individual neurons in degenerative diseases of the brain are just a few of the examples of the types of research the PALM Microbeam can be used to study.

With the PALM Microbeam, researchers can:

• Retrieve whole tissue regions
• Selectively target and harvest thousands of cells or single cells from tissue
• Identify and retrieve individual cells from cytopsin and smears
• Isolate living cells from cell cultures

Natalya Frolova, a research associate, is available to assist researchers with the use of the instruments and prepare samples for microdissection.

For more information on the Laser Microdissection Facility or to schedule time to use the instruments, contact Frost at afrost@path.uab.edu or Frolova at nfrolova@path.uab.edu. More information on the Laser Microdissection Facility also can be found at the UAB website.
New dining options sure to please all

The Commons on the Green, UAB’s upscale new dining facility, is offering faculty, staff and students a wide variety of meal options sure to suit any appetite.

The Commons will be running full steam ahead when classes begin Tuesday, Aug. 22, with formal grand opening ceremonies scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 12. Hours of operation in the facility’s lower level will be 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Diner and QuickZone Café on the second level of the Commons will be open 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Sunday.

Breakfast and lunch are priced and served a la carte weekdays at the Commons. Dinner during the week and brunch and dinner on weekends are priced as all you can eat. Weekend brunch is $6.95 and dinner is $7.95 and count as one block from the meal plan.

Among the tastes that will be available at the Commons on the Green:

- **International:** Featuring authentic recipes from around the world.
- **Pizza:** Fresh-baked pizzas, calzones, pepperoni rolls and more.
- **Pasta:** Choose your pasta, sauce and topping!
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**BLAZER HALL**

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rooms and vending machines. Blazer Hall is alcohol- and tobacco-free. The benefits to students living in Blazer Hall or any of the residential halls on campus are numerous, says Marc Booker, director of student housing and residential life.

“There is a built-in value of living in a community with people who are going through the same experiences you are going through,” says Booker. “To show that benefit, recent surveys we have conducted show that living in student housing score a half grade point higher on average than students living off campus. A half grade point is very significant.”

One of the ways UAB is helping freshmen make the transition to college life on campus is through Freshman Opportunities in Citizenship, Understanding, Scholarship, or FOCUS. The program supports UAB’s Quality Enhancement Plan, which emphasizes communication, knowledge, problem-solving and citizenship throughout the academic curriculum. In the residence halls, FOCUS promotes civic responsibility, diversity, academic progress, knowledge of contemporary issues, informed decision-making and an understanding of values, uses and ethics. Monthly themes will place emphasis on specific topics that benefit college freshmen. Examples include health and fitness, diversity, choosing a major and personal finance.

“FOCUS is our way of making sure the student is getting a well-rounded experience,” Booker says. “The program engages students in the UAB experience and affords them an opportunity to become part of the wider Birmingham community through service and outreach activities.”

**People make the difference**

If students in campus housing have a question or a problem, there’s always someone to turn to just down the hall. Residence assistants and hall staff are UAB students who live in the residence halls and have been trained to manage floor administration, developmental programming, peer mentoring, resource information and enforcement of Student Housing policies.

The Housing Police Precinct also provides a UAB Police supervisor and eight officers who routinely patrol the residence halls and parking areas on both foot and bicycle. “Our officers get to know the students,” Booker says. “They interact with them and conduct activities that help residents prevent crime and promote safety.”

And, an after-dark escort service is available — a designated UAB escort will meet and accompany students to their on-campus destination by foot or in a marked vehicle. These resources also are available to the upper-classmen and graduate students living in the other four residence halls — Blount, Rast, Camp and Denman.

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The creation of the UAB Green also is under way, with the project being implemented in stages. The UAB 2000 Master Plan indicates the UAB Campus Green will consist of the blocks bordered by University Boulevard to the north, 16th Street to the east, 14th Street to the West and 10th Avenue to the south. The Campus Green will be divided into north and south greens. When complete, the North Green is expected to be 340 feet long and 240 feet wide and include an overlook/terrace. The South Green will have a 320-foot square of green space and major sidewalks with pedestrian lighting, decorative architectural landscape elements and trees. There also will be a formal garden, corner plazas with planters and a bell tower on an axis aligned with the dining plaza at the Commons on the Green. The planning and design of the adjacent buildings, landscaping and the UAB Green have been coordinated from the beginning, according to James.

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James expects the South Green to be where future graduates go for their graduation pictures, while the North Green will be open enough to play host to concerts and other large outdoor campus activities. Other major components of the Campus Green include a University Boulevard Entry Plaza and a 10th Avenue Entry Plaza. The proposed University Boulevard Entry Plaza is also on the axis with the bell tower and the fountain at the Commons.

The Commons on the Green offers a wide variety of food options for faculty, staff and students.

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The courtyard connects the Commons on the Green to the new Blazer Hall and will be a hot lunch or brunching destination.

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David Agresti (Physics) [s] of NEEM: The Modern Ice Core Record of the Earth’s Climate History on Mars NASA $40,010, 7/15/2006-7/31/2004

Laurie Aivalioti (Pharmacology) A 6-Week, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group Randomized-Withdrawal Study to Evaluate the Efficacy of Modafinil Treatment at Dosage up to 425 mg/day in Patients with Sleep-Related Breathing Disorder in the Adults Who are Responders to Modafinil Treatment, followed by a 12 Month Open-Label Extension Study National Institutes of Health $24,357, 7/31/2006-9/30/2007

Raymond Benza/ Robert Bourge/ Barry Romanoff/ Salty Pamboukian (Medicine/Cardiovascular Disease) Randomized Controlled Trial of DEXA-Determined Cortical Bone Mass in Subjects with Paumatony Arterial Hypertension United Therapics Corp $365,650, 8/1/2006-8/16/2016


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7/1/2006

Cerebral Palsy
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One CFTR Expression and HIF Signaling
Phase I Dose-Escalation Study of Oral SKI-
Percutaneous Coronary Intervention
Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study
9/30/2007

Preventing Hepatic Encephalopathy
Rifaximin 550mg BID for 6 Months in Patients with Hepatic Encephalopathy
MRA Core Studies Hof LaRoche $100,404, 7/31/2006-7/31/2012

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Dale Benos/ Catherine Fuller Sodium Entry into Ameloblastic-Sensitive Epithelia NINDS $263,759, 7/31/2007-7/31/2010

Ruth Campbell The Effect of Photografted on Urinary Protein Excretion Rate in Type 2 Diabetes NIDDK $110,633, 7/31/2007-7/31/2008

David Curet The UCLC Center for In Vivo Imaging in Cancer Biology (The UCLC Center for In Vivo Imaging in Cancer Biology) NIH/ UCLC $50,778, 1/1/2006-7/31/2007


Charla Grassale/ Kari Havlovic/ Sarah Laughlin/ Susan Theriau/ Joshua Meltzer/ Rachel Katz Clinical Trial of Inhibition of Aggregation by TSP-1 & TSP-1 Peptides NINDS $33,552, 8/1/2006-6/30/2007

Robert Goldenberg UAB/AKU Global Network Research Unit (Global Network for Women’s and Children’s Health Research) NIH/ UCLC $283,957, 1/1/2006-7/31/2010


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Andrew Loacker/ David Rosskopf/ Paul Vadas/ Mark Hlavacek/ David Iannaccone/ Matthew Lurie/ Melissa Halloween/ Michael We Vehicular Safety NIDCR $124,558, 7/1/2006-7/31/2007

David Naftel Genetic Contribution to Graft and Patient Outcomes in Heart Transplantation U.S. Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity $112,959, 7/14/2006-7/31/2007


William Rogan Alabama Reading First Initiative for Disadvantaged Students UAB Regional Center for Reading Coaching, FY 2006-7 Alabama State Department of Education $95,551, 7/1/2006-9/30/2007

Vijay Misra/ James Meador-Woodruff/ Monica Galvin (Pediatric Dentistry) Epidemiology of Dental Caries and Inhibility in Children NIDCR $11,981, 7/15/2006-6/30/2007


Stuart Frank/ Kurt Zien/ Yao Huang (Medicine/Infectious Disease) Cytokine Expression and Heme Phosphorylation and Growth Hormone Signaling NIDR $27,115, 7/1/2006-7/30/2007


Dale Calkin (Electrical Engineering) Tracking of Test Vehicles for Bridge Load Rating Alabama Dept of Transportation $51,872, 8/1/2006-9/30/2007


Vi Jay Nayak (Medicine/Immunology-Disease) A Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Clinical Study to Evaluate the Efficacy, Safety and Tolerability of Rituximab 50mg BID for 6 Months in Patients with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals Inc $119,121, 7/26/2006-9/30/2007


Terje Dolkad (Microbiology) Characterization of Immunogenicity Relevant Structures of PrP瑞 by Cyswv/Hg-Induction Hgu/NHHS $69,386, 9/1/2006-9/30/2007


Brendan McGuire (Gastroenterology) A Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Clinical Study to Evaluate the Efficacy, Safety and Tolerability of Rituximab 50mg BID for 6 Months in Patients with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals Inc $119,121, 7/26/2006-9/30/2007


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Eric Sorschere/ Jennifer Guimbert (Hematology-Immunology) Effects of Crones on CD3 T Cell Ongoing and Effects on Th1/Th2 Typing NIH $83,603, 7/15/2006-7/14/2007

Laura Vogel (Occupational Therapy) Pain Management in the Hospital Setting and Cerebral Palsy Foundation $50,000, 7/1/2006-7/30/2007

Tong Zhou Donald Bucbachua (Medicine/Immunology-Rheumatology) Role of DOD in DRS-Mediated Apoptosis

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Syllabus
Monday, Aug. 21
Noon Monday Noon Conference. Hepatic failure, Assoc Prof Benedict McGuire (Gastroenterology); WP-E.
4 pm Anesthesiology GRs. The nature of medical errors, Asst Prof Trutt C. Ellis (Anesthesiology); JT-J307.
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Noon General Medicine Noon Conference. Presip I: Cardiac, Prof Alan Stamm (Medicine); WP-E.
5 pm Radiology GRs. Diagnosis and treatment of breast type II, Prof Bruce R. Korf (Genetics); JT-N307.
Wednesday, Aug. 23
7 am Cardiology GRs. Reperfusion injury after acute myocardial infarction: Mechanisms and role anti-inflammatory therapy, Dr. George Beller (Ruth C. Heede Professor of Cardiology, University of Virginia Health System); LHBB-302.
Noon Medical GRs. Alarming increase in cardiovascular disease in women, (Ruth C. Heede Professor of Cardiology, University of Virginia Health System); MCBA.
Thursday, Aug. 24
8 am Rheumatology GRs. Clinical conference; WP-D.
Noon School of Nursing noontime Forum. A SEM of family process influences on self care in adolescents with diabetes, Carol Dashforth (Nursing Graduate Programs) and Research Asst Prof David Vanderslice (UAB Center for Research on Applied Gerontology); G-030.
Noon Nutrition Sciences. Role of protein tyrosine phosphatase 1B in the regulation of insulin sensitivity and energy homeostasis, Dr. Bingzhang Xue (Endocrinology, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School); WBBB-551.
Friday, Aug. 25
Noon Friday Noon Conference. Diabetes melitus/diabetic ketoacidosis, Asst Prof Michael Moates (Endocrinology); WP-E.
Final Defenses
Tuesday, Aug. 22
10 am Environmental Health Sciences. Glutathione: Insights into its enzymatic regulation and role as a reactive substrate for nitrogen dioxide induced reactive oxidative stress and acute epithelial cell injury, Candidate David M. Arzowsky; PHPP-125.
Meetings
Monday, Aug. 21
5:25 pm Power Yoga: UAB Arts Annex. For more info, call Fran 967-0303.
6:30 pm Power Yoga: UAB Arts Annex. For more info, call Bonnie 823-6622.
Tuesday, Aug. 22
10 am International Women’s Group. Smolian Int’l House. 4-1205/awowens@uab.edu
12:15 pm Latter-day Saints Student Association. Scripture study and discussion; HJC-413. All welcome. For more info, Andrew 822-9338.
7 pm Catholic mass, St Stephen Church, 1511 S 12th Ave, 933-2500.
Sunday, Aug. 27
5 pm Hindu Student Council. We will have a session on singing and feasting the Hare Krishna way where everyone is welcome to join. Call, Varadra Prabhup 383-9805, 1501 15th Ave S, Apt 20, Bhavan.
Noon UAB Room Center Wellness Program. Stress management through meditation; The Resource Center. Call 4-2281 for more info or visit www.uab.edu/.
7 pm Conversational English. levels 1-4; Smolian Intl’ House. For more info, 4-1205/awowens@uab.edu.
Wednesday, Aug. 23
Noon French conversation table; HUC Cafeteria Eek for the French flag. Come to assist French class and make new friends For more info, Catherine danielle@uab.edu.
Noon UAB Room Center Employee Assistance Program. Joy of Stress brown bag lunch. A 3-part series providing information about managing stress. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch while the Resource Center will provide drinks and dessert. The Resource Center. Call 4-2281 for more info or visit www.uab.edu/ep.
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7 pm Society for Intuitive research meeting. Discuss the three levels of mind, and how to use each to your benefit. Students and faculty welcome. Spencer Honors House.
Thursday, Aug. 24
12:10 pm UAB Room Center. Dr Ch: Stress management through movement; The Resource Center. Call 4-2281 for more info or visit www.uab.edu/ep.
6:30 pm SMART recovery group meet-ings, 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, anyone who speaks German; Giuseppe’s Cafe, 925 8th Street South. For info, apres@uab.edu.
Friday, Aug. 25
7 am Falun Dafa exercises, an ancient Chinese exercise that brings harmony & health. UAB Mini Park, 4-8295.
Religion
Tuesday, Aug. 22
Noon Medical Center Nutrition Fellowship Meeting. WP-B. All welcome. Mark 647-5177 or Blair 951-3826.
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7 pm Catholic mass, St Stephen Church, 1511 S 12th Ave, 933-2500.
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5 pm Hindu Student Council. We will have a session on singing and feasting the Hare Krishna way where everyone is welcome to join. Call, Varadra Prabhup 383-9805, 1501 15th Ave S, Apt 20, Bhavan.
Exhibits
Mervyn H. Sternie Library. A Day to Remember — September 11, 2001, 7:30 am-10 pm Mon-Thurs; 7:30 am-7 pm Fri; 9 am-5 pm Sat; 1-10 pm Sun.
The Samuel Ullman Museum. Home of prominent Birmingham civic leader and poet. Open by appointment only, 4-3328.
Special events
Monday, Aug. 21
10 am-2 pm UAB Career Services. UAB Part-Time Jobs Fair to be held for students seeking part-time jobs. The registration fee is $25 for area businesses. Registration is free for UAB departments. To register call 934-4992 or 934-4470. UAB-Great Hall.
Thursday, Aug. 24
5:30-7:30 pm Alys Stephens Center, ASC Social Club membership party. The ASC Social Club is a social organization for young professionals ages 21-40 who want to see great live performances and meet new people. Membership includes free parties, club nights, discounted tickets to ASC shows, meet-the-artist opportunities and more. Memberships are $25 for students, $40 for singles and $75 for couples. A UAB alumni discount is available. Call Kimberly at 4-0862 or visit www.AlysStephens.org for more info.
Friday, Aug. 25
2-6 pm Black Student Awareness Committee. Back to school BBQ; Rast/Blount Quad. Free food, games & entertainment. For info, call 4-6225.
NEW Employee ORIENTATION
Monday, Aug. 28
Tuesday, Sept. 4
8 AM - 5 PM
MEDICAL TOWERS-419
Tuesday-Wednesday
Sept. 4-5
8 AM - 4 PM
UAB Hospital New Employee Orientation
LNB-1st Floor
Teaching sessions cancelled for summer
The following teaching sessions have been cancelled for the summer.
• CNCR/Nutrition Sciences noon Seminar will resume in August.
• Endocrine Conference will resume in September.
• Geographic Medicine GRs will resume in October.
• GH/Hematology GRs will resume in September.
• Hematology/Oncology GRs will resume in August or September.
• Hematology/Oncology Research Conference will resume Sept. 11.
• Vascular Biology/Hypertension Program will resume Sept. 8.
• UAB Center for Aging/GREEC Scientific Seminar Series will resume in September.
CALENDAR
A look ahead
Theatre to host tech conference
The UAB Department of Theatre will host a conference of the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT), Southeastern section. Lightweight, scenery, sound and costume designers from across the United States will join UAB faculty and other experts to teach sessions on topics including costume design, quick tricks for aged makeup, building a tutu, caring for stage weaponry, video production/editing for stage, stage combat, stage management and more.
Three sessions are open to the public at the Alys Stephens Center: “Costume Design for TV and Film” with R. Shawn Dudley, Sept. 7; “Lighting, Sound and Design: A Fresh Look” with Michael Durfee, both Saturday, Sept. 7, at 1 p.m.; and “The Divine Costume Career” with A. Laura Brody and “Divergent Design Opportunities” with Michael Durfee, both Saturday, Sept. 7, at 9 a.m. UAB theatre faculty and staff presenting include associate professors Ron Hubbard, Kimberly Schneermeyer and Jonathan Howard Amsbary; assistant professors Elizabeth Ayres Pollard, Cliff Simon and June Mack; Instructor Michele Forman and Props Master Phillip Anderson.
Cyclists race to support UAB, LAF
A bicycle ride of up to 100 miles will benefit the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF).
The third “Ride to Live Century 2006” is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 27, starting in Cahaba Heights. More information and online registration is available at www.ride-to-livecentury.com. Registration is $30, and each rider will have a personal online fund-raising page to e-mail to potential donors.
The event was created by Birmingham cancer survivor Jerry Kelly, whose father died of brain cancer in 1996. Three years later, Kelly was diagnosed with testicular cancer, and a year later his mother was told she had breast cancer. Testicular cancer survivor and seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong’s story motivated Kelly and his wife Angie to participate in cycling and cancer fundraising. They then became involved in the LAF. “The LAF is a national organization, but has funded several research projects at UAB, so we just felt like it was a natural partnership for us to raise money for both groups,” Kelly said.
The UAB Cancer Center is the only facility in the immediate Southeast that meets the high standards for the designation as “comprehensive” by the National Cancer Institute.
Face transplant surgeon to deliver annual Diethelm lecture Sept. 7

The surgeon who led medical teams that performed the world’s first partial face transplant in France this past year will deliver the annual Arnold G. Diethelm Lecture Thursday, Sept. 7, at 5 p.m. in the West Pavilion Conference Room E. The public is invited to attend.

Jean-Michel Dubernard is credited with making the decision to perform the controversial transplant Nov. 27, 2005, on a 38-year-old French woman whose lips, chin and nose had been partially torn off by her dog six months earlier.

Dr. Dubernard led one of two surgical teams in the historic 15-hour operation. The missing portion of face was replaced by that of an organ donor. “I now have a face like everyone else,” she told reporters in February.

Dubernard organized the surgeons who performed the world’s second hand-forearm transplant, in 1998, 34 years after the first, and also has developed techniques to transplant pancreas glands and other tissues. In addition to his medical career, Dubernard is a former deputy mayor of France’s second largest city, Lyon, and is a member of the French National Assembly.

The lecture honors professor emeritus Arnold G. Diethelm, former chair of the UAB Department of Surgery. Dr. Diethelm organized UAB’s highly successful kidney transplant program, and performed the first such transplant in Alabama in 1968. He has been a friend of the French surgeon since they were in a surgical research fellowship program at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital and Harvard Medical School from 1965-1967.

FOOTBALL

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Employees also are eligible for payroll deduction, and purchasing two or more season tickets entitles you to a free Legion Field parking pass for the season.

This season UAB plays what Coach Watson Brown calls the program’s most ambitious schedule to date, including road games at Oklahoma, Georgia and Conference USA foe Southern Miss. The Blazers’ home schedule is equally exciting with East Carolina, Mississippi State, Troy, Memphis, Marshall and the Mike Price-led UTEP Miners all scheduled to visit Legion Field.

“Our non-conference schedule is fantastic,” Brown says. “Some would call it brutal, but I’d call it fantastic.”

The first game of the season is Saturday, Sept. 2, in Norman, Okla. Later in the month the Mississippi State game Sept. 23 begins a run of three straight home games with Troy coming in for Homecoming Sept. 30 and CUSA rival Memphis following Oct. 7.

So visit www.uab.edu/yourteam today to order your tickets and be a part of the game. After all, it’s your team!

Diabetes: UAB...working effectively with partners to help advance community and state goals in economic development.
Adopting Marines
The staff of Labor and Delivery are collecting items for care packages for the 2nd L.A.R. Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, which is shipping out for a seven-month deployment in Iraq this month. Lance Cpl. Drew Thomas, son of labor and delivery nurse Suzanne Thomason, is a member of that battalion.

Thomason says any other hospital unit or university departments that are interested in adopting this unit are welcome to participate. Items needed are boot odor eaters, flavored coffees, single-serving packs of naps, Sweetarts, sunflower seeds, protein energy bars, wooden or plastic holiday decorations, hand-held electronic games, DVDs, CDs and players for both, disposable hand/foot warmers, Ziploc bags, AA and D batteries, styrofoam cups, ready-to- eat chicken/tuna snacks, stationary and paperback books. Soldiers share and trade the items with one another.

If your department is interested in learning more about how to adopt the 2nd L.A.R. battalion, contact Thomason at thomason@uabmc.edu.

Newport publishes five books in 10 years
Gene Newport, dean emeritus of the UAB School of Business, set a goal of writing and publishing five books in the decade following his retirement in 1997. He accomplished that goal with time to spare when his fifth book, Momma Used To Say, was published a few weeks ago.

Newport has been a professor, department head and business school dean at three universities during a career in higher education that spanned 40 years. He has authored, co-authored or edited a dozen books in the field of management and published articles in professional journals.

But Newport says his latest book is filled with one-third of the nation’s new teachers leave the profession within the first five years, “It’s never easy being a new teacher, and it’s especially difficult for novices teaching math and science in inner-city school systems.”

These teachers need all the help they can get—and who better to offer that help than experienced educators who can guide them around the pitfalls that drive many teachers to leave the profession?

That is the question UAB School of Education Professor David Radford is investigating various mentoring methods for new teachers as part of a five-year, $4.5 million study.

Radford says “The problem isn’t that we’re not producing enough teachers; it’s that we’re not keeping them in the classroom.”

Radford points to a 2003 report from the National Center for Education Statistics, which shows that about one-third of the nation’s new teachers leave the profession within the first three years. The retention rate is even lower among teachers in urban and high-poverty schools. “The solution is support for beginning teachers,” Radford says. “We know that mentoring works.”

While the styles of mentoring are the key factors being tested in this study, other resources are also being provided to make the process work more smoothly. Part of the money is being spent to establish and maintain a special Web site that will help the new teachers find resources and stay in touch with the program.

The NSF grant funding this project is the largest single grant of its kind that UAB’s School of Education has received, says Dean Michael Froning. This is one of several major projects now under way at the school.

“We’ve been doing well lately,” says Froning. “Renewed focus on externally funded research by our faculty is paying off in new and exciting ways.”

While the final results of this study won’t be known until the end of the project, Radford says progress reports will be released periodically to the participating schools and teachers. Information also will be available to other schools that are members of a consortium of more than 20 urban universities to which UAB, Memphis and Houston belong. The ultimate goal of the project, he says, is to develop a pattern for other school systems to follow when setting up their own mentorship programs. Starting a teaching career always will be challenging, but these programs may provide the support that will make a difference for new teachers of the future.

For more on this story, visit the UAB School of Education Web site at www.ed.uab.edu/Documents/uabeducation/ uabeducation_sum2006.pdf.

Capilouto among six selected as city’s ‘Men of Substance and Style’

UAB Provost Eli Capilouto and five other community leaders have been chosen as “Men of Substance and Style” by Birmingham Magazine and will be honored Sept. 28 at a reception hosted by Saks Fifth Avenue at Birmingham-area Summit location. All proceeds for the event will benefit prostate cancer research at the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center.

The event was created in 2003 to recognize men whose personal style and commitment to the community is inspirational. Sponsors are Saks Fifth Avenue, Birmingham Magazine and Hart, Schaffner & Marx. The event starts at 6 p.m. and costs $25. For information and reservations, call Rachel Waters at 934-0034.

Other recipients of the honor are Neal Berte, chancellor of Birmingham-Southern College; Leighton “Fouts” Parnell, commercial mortgage banker and president of Byars and Co., Inc.; Scott Strand, owner of the 280 Trak Shack; Stanley Virciglio, owner of Piggly Wiggly grocery stores in Homewood and Crestline; and Lemarce Washington, executive director of the National Coalition of Community and Justice.

Capilouto has served in leadership roles on the boards of the YMCA, Red Cross, Ronald McDonald House Board and Temple Emanu-El and is a member of the Mountain Brook Board of Education. Berte, a prostate cancer survivor, is a leader in UAB’s “Rays of Hope” campaign to raise $15 million for a new radiation oncology facility.

Parnell, a commercial mortgage banker, serves on the UAB Cancer Center’s Supporters Board as well as the “Rays of Hope” campaign. Strand has been instrumental to establishing some of Alabama’s most successful benefit runs and walks, and for more than 40 years, Virciglio has supported a variety of benefit projects with an emphasis on children, family and community. Washington, also a prostate cancer survivor, is known for his long history of leadership on issues dealing with respect, tolerance, community and justice.

Obituaries
Retired Food Service Supervisor Frances Davis (Dietetics), July 18.
Retired Director Stanley Cheesser (Camus Services and Grounds), July 18.
Retired Cook Anna Henderson (Dietetics), July 2.
Retired Admitting Clerk Kathryn Jones (Admitting Dept.), June 16.
Retired Asst Prof Frances Lange (Nursing), Sept. 20, 2005.
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Do you have recurrent sleep apnea? Are you a female age 18-60? You may qualify for a study to test the efficacy of a new generation continuous positive airway pressure device for sleep apnea compared to currently available therapy. Compensated. 4-7235.

Are you a right-handed female age 19-45? Do you want to participate in a brain study? If you are between 18 and 45, you may qualify. One visit of approximately 1-2 hours per session, up to $100. Compensated 4-4177.

Are you a woman age 45-50 who is overweight and interested in about 1.5 hrs. per week of exercise training? Are you interested in learning about presidential selection? Call 800-950-6662. Compensated $200 per year. Ext. 122/clinicAl triAls.

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Are you a woman age 21-50 and of normal weight? Are you receiving treatment for cancer? You may qualify for a study to test the safety, tolerability, and pharmacokinetics of a new oral hormone therapy in women age 21-50 receiving nonhormonal anti-cancer therapy. Compensated up to $200 per year. Ext. 122/clinicAl triAls.
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