Anesthesiology broadens expertise to make progress against pain

Pain is a universal experience that is unique for each person — one that’s hard to quantify with an endless list of possible causes and physical locations. Therein lies the challenge of managing pain. Pain often is the reason people consult a physician, but how do doctors treat something that is so hard to quantify and describe?

For the UAB Department of Anesthesiology, the solution is to redefine that treatment with a two-pronged approach. While teams of specialists focus on specific types of pain, new programs take a look at the big picture, integrating multiple fields of medicine to manage pain’s physical, psychological and even social aspects.

Vast enterprise
Anesthesiologists work in UAB Hospital and UAB Highlands, The Kirklin Clinic, Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center — basically anywhere there are operating and procedure rooms.

Anesthesiology Chair Keith “Tony” Jones, M.D., coordinates this sprawling service. He is responsible for a team that performs more than 45,000 anesthetic procedures each year — and on any given day those could include treatment during specialized medical procedures or preliminary medical evaluations; comprehensive management of acute, chronic and cancer pain; and full-time critical-care treatment in three intensive-care units. The patients, who could be pediatric, adult, inpatient or outpatient, are treated by anesthesia care teams that involve multiple fields of medicine.

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Environmental Management Director David Hagan is a former environmental scientist for the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM). Hagan, a 1981 graduate of UAB, looks toward shaping the way UAB manages land, air and water.

Hagan brings wealth of experience to environmental management office

Alabama Power’s decision in 2008 to shut down the Powell Avenue Steam Plant in 2013 has created new challenges for UAB Facilities and Occupational Health & Safety. UAB relies heavily on the steam from the plant to heat many campus buildings and for heating and sterilization in the hospital. UAB will replace the Powell Avenue plant with a steam plant of its own at 10th Avenue and 17th Street South. The university must apply to the Jefferson County Department of Health for a Title V air permit to build it.

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Jones named chief Human Resources Officer

Alesia Jones was named UAB’s chief Human Resources Officer, effective July 23. Jones had been serving in the role in an interim capacity, prior to that she was executive director in charge of the department’s HR Specialist unit since 2005.

“Throughout her 20-year career, both here and during her years in the corporate sector, Alesia Jones has proven herself to be a strategic and action-oriented HR professional known for providing leadership in the areas of policy formulation, problem-solving and team-building,” said Richard Margison, UAB vice president for Financial Affairs and Administration.

“She has demonstrated initiative to lead projects aimed at fostering service-level improvements while ensuring regulatory compliance, and she has been an advocate for services and programs that benefit our employees,” Margison said.

“I firmly believe she is the right person to assume this leadership role.”

Jones received her bachelor’s degree in human resource management from the University of Alabama in 1989 and her master’s degree in business administration from UAB in 1999. In addition to working at UAB in positions of increasing responsibility, her career history includes roles as compensation manager for BellSouth Corp. and director of compensation and benefits for BE&K, a KBR company.

In addition to her HR responsibilities, Jones is an adjunct professor in the UAB School of Business, developing course curriculum and teaching courses.

Keller joins UABHS in leadership role

Jeanetta Keller, Ph.D., is the new chief learning and system support officer for the UAB Health System (UABHS). Her position combines the duties of chief learning officer with the system-support functions of the UAB Health System corporate secretary.

“As chief learning officer, Jeanetta Keller will help enhance the UABHS culture of providing excellence in everything we do, and she will oversee our talent-management and succession programs,” said UABHS CEO William Ferniani, Ph.D.

“In the role of system support officer she will coordinate all UABHS operating entity and affiliate boards and lead systemwide and UAB Medicine programs and special projects,” Keller, who earned a master of science in social work and a Ph.D. in higher education administration at the University of Alabama, most recently directed all editorial operations, overseeing seven magazines as executive vice president and editorial director at Southern Progress Corporation (SPC).
UAB ranks high in diversity, happiness on ‘Best Colleges’ list

UAB ranks No. 3 in the nation for diverse student population, according to The Princeton Review's 2010 edition of “The Best 371 Colleges”

UAB ranked No. 3 in the Lots of Race/Class Interaction category, which rates campus social and ethnic diversity and interaction between students of various backgrounds. UAB is the only university in Alabama to score in this category.

The Review said, “With diverse academic and extracurricular opportunities, UAB has a school that fits most every type of person. As a result, the student body is truly a great American melting pot of different cultures, religions and races.”

UAB President Carol Garrison said diversity is one of the institution's core values. “These student comments affirm our commitment to ensuring that our university is one where any student can come and feel comfortable.” Garrison said.

UAB also ranked No. 11 nationally for having the “Happiest Students,” a list in the Quality of Life category.

UAB students also commented on how “integrating culture, education, and ‘real world’ experience into a college degree” is encouraged, and that, “No matter what you want to do, the faculty and administration will see to it that you get the experience you want and need. Nothing is too big or off-limits, you can do it all here.”

Campus Calendar provides online access to events

The new UAB Campus Calendar at www.uab.edu/calendar is now the university’s primary source for promoting campus events, activities and deadlines, and the “Calendars” link on the UAB home page takes you straight there.

UAB departments, groups and organizations are encouraged to submit events for publication directly from the site. Items can be submitted daily, and postings can include detailed information, photos and links to sites or related events. Simply click “Submit Event” and complete the fields as requested.

You can view all events happening on a selected day, week and month or narrow your choices to a specific school, venue or activity type. The features also enable you to add an event to your Outlook calendar, set a reminder, subscribe to an RSS feed or e-mail an event notice to a friend or colleague.

Frequently Asked Questions and descriptions of the special calendar listings will help you understand the calendar features and simplify event approvals.

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The change means jobs that require UAB-specific skills or experience that need to be filled with an internal promotion will be posted first on the BrassRing internal gateway for a minimum of three calendar days. All candidates will apply through the internal gateway, found by going to www.hrm.uab.edu and then to the Employment home page. If there is not a sufficient pool of qualified candidates, the job also will be posted on the BrassRing external gateway on the fourth day.

By using BrassRing for all applications, the HR staff will be able to post, review, interview and refer qualified candidates to the hiring department while also ensuring compliance with all employment regulations. Currently, this is the responsibility of the hiring departments.

Another benefit of the process change is that Human Resources will be able to capture all applications in BrassRing, the online job technology application UAB implemented in 2006. Until now, two separate application process have been used for internal and external candidates.

Already a standard process for other employers in Birmingham, this change will be a welcomed one for UAB employees looking for new career opportunities. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Mike Matthews at 934-7445 or mathews@uab.edu.

Recertify educational assistance for 09-10 academic year now

UAB’s Educational Assistance Program is available to all full-time regular and 3/12 hour shift employees and their dependents/spouse to help pay tuition costs.

An Educational Assistance Self-Serve form in Oracle enables you to certify for the benefit online.

Eligibility for the employee is electronically verified between HR and the Student Affairs area, and eligible employees who are registered will have the educational assistance benefit applied to their account automatically.

However, certification is required for eligible dependents/spouse.

Employees are required to re-certify eligible dependents/spouse annually before the fall semester and failure to re-certify will mean that credit will not be given for the educational assistance benefit. Employees can begin to re-certify for the 2009/2010 academic year now.

Fall deadline

Eligible dependents and spouses enrolling in the fall 2009 semester must be certified before the Aug. 25 Drop/Add date published in the UAB Academic Calendar online.

The student’s BizerID is required for certification. Students accepted for admission are notified by the Office of Admissions of the process for obtaining a student BizerID that allows them to securely access UAB’s electronic information services.

Online registration for the benefit is in the Educational Assistance section of the Oracle self-service menu. Log in to Oracle via www.uab.edu then Adminsys link, then Oracle HR & Finance System.

The full text of the Educational Assistance Program is online.

All new students must meet UAB admission requirements posted online.

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Campus Rec offers free trial through Aug. 15

The Campus Rec Center will offer free access to all faculty, staff and alumni through Saturday, Aug. 15. During the free trial period, faculty and staff must present a current UAB ID card to the student affairs center in order to use the facility.

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Developmentally challenged children alter views of success

Every parent has dreams for their children — ambitious visions of the things they can accomplish as they grow into adults. But for parents of children diagnosed with a developmental disorder such as autism, those dreams must take a different direction.

“It’s a hard thing for a parent to say, ‘My child may not be all of the things I want them to be,’” says LaTamia White, M.D. “When you get that diagnosis, one of the toughest things is to come to grips with these dreams you have to alter.”

White is a professor of child and adolescent psychiatry focused on autism and other developmental disorders. But it’s her 13-year-old son Teddy who has taught her the most about autism. He was diagnosed when he was 3 years old, and White’s path in medicine suddenly became personal.

Now, as a member of the governor’s task force on autism, she is able to use her personal passion and her professional acumen to improve the Legislature’s understanding of the needs of Alabama children with developmental disorders.

Reviewing options

Captivated by the work of her great-grandmother, a mediche, White had always wanted to be an obstetrician. But then Teddy was diagnosed as she entered her fourth year of medical school in Florida. “I felt like psychiatry was my calling, and it changed my whole trajectory in medicine,” White recalls.

She came to UAB in 1999 for her internship and residency. Today, she is the new director of the UAB Civitan-Sparks Clinics.

The UAB Civitan-Sparks Clinics care for thousands of patients throughout Alabama facing neuro-developmental disabilities, from autism spectrum disorders to Rett syndrome; cerebral palsy, inherited metabolic diseases, attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder and Down syndrome. Clinicians from different disciplines diagnose and treat children with developmental, behavioral or learning disorders.

“We see our mission as giving parents a one-stop shop,” says White, who became director in July 2008. “We want to treat them as a whole person. Parents have the comfort of coming to one place where everybody knows their child to find treatment for multiple issues.” Specialists at the Civitan-Sparks Clinics also train students in multiple disciplines to serve children with the disorders.

A statewide role

White has learned more about autism as a member of Gov. Bob Riley’s Autism Task Force. The Needs Assessment Committee’s charge is to explore how the state can help children diagnosed with the disorder. White says that in every panel and in every city the committee has visited, parents say one of their primary needs is having access to more clinicians who treat children with autism.

“I see children at the Sparks Clinics and at Children’s Hospital, and my wait list is almost always right to 10 months long,” White says. “There’s a huge need; parents have to wait just to get a diagnosis or see specialists in the field, and that’s just sad.”

White says the task force has apprised the state Legislature of these needs and is trying to better organize efforts to treat the disorder.

“The only way to make positive, substantial change is to know what everyone is doing,” White explains. “If we’re unified, we’re going to do a better job.”

New ways of thinking

Parents must also face misconceptions about their children.

“That’s a hard thing to deal with,” White says. “People may underestimate those children and may not push them enough, so you constantly have to say, ‘My child has autism, but autism doesn’t define them.’”

That’s not all that they are.”

Teddy certainly has proven that to be true. He has Asperger’s disorder, which is characterized by difficulties with social interactions. Still, Teddy is in regular classes in school and makes As and Bs, White says. “Curing this disorder may not mean that they’re 100 percent better. It may be that they can go to school and ride the bus and not be disruptive. You change what you see as success.”

UAB must identify and disclose all emissions sources to secure the permit. UAB has laboratories, incinerators and crematoriums on campus, but the bulk of emissions come from combustion engines, boilers and generators that burn natural gas or diesel fuel.

“Where’s that 90 percent of our emissions come from and the reason we need this permit,” Hagan says.

Coming back home

Hagan, a 1981 graduate of UAB, joined Occupational Health & Safety this past November. While his No. 1 project at the moment is securing the air permit, he also has his eye toward shaping UAB’s management of environmental issues and impacts.

Air, water and land are the three primary areas for environmental management.

Those are the big categories for any organization, including UAB,” Hagan says. “We deal with other things too. The largest by volume would be medical waste. It’s not something we deal with directly anymore because it’s contracted out, but it’s still our waste and our responsibility to make sure it’s managed properly.”

Hagan has plenty of experience in developing environmental management protocols. In addition to his eight years with ADEM, Hagan developed and managed the corporate environmental health and safety audit program for Laidlaw Environmental Services/Safety Kleen Systems in Columbus, S.C., when it was the largest hazardous waste-management company in North America.

“We evaluated all of our facilities — incinerators, landfills and other treatment, storage and disposal facilities we operated — for the management of hazardous and industrial waste, and these evaluations covered compliance with all air, water and solid/hazardous waste regulations,” Hagan says.

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Richard says. “We have not had that close oversight by the EPA before. We’ve been doing the things we needed to do all along with the responsibilities spread throughout Occupational Health & Safety, but David now will organize it into a more coherent unit under environmental management. It will make it even easier for us to track compliance and make sure we are in compliance with all regulations.”
New programs help ease pain for children and adults

One of the fruits of Anesthesiology’s cross-fertilization is the establishment this past spring of the new chronic pain medicine clinic at Children’s Hospital, the first of its kind in the Southeast. While many physicians at Children’s Hospital have treated chronic pain for years, the new clinic provides a cohesive unit that will enable them to integrate their resources to help patients receive the best care available.

Thomas Vetter, M.D., the clinic’s director and an associate professor of anesthesiology, says the collaboration “presents a great opportunity for Children’s Hospital and UAB to raise the bar in pain management for children and adolescents.” Vetter knows the impact this type of clinic can have; he helped build similar clinics at children’s hospitals in Indiana and Ohio.

Published data, including some of Vetter’s own research, indicate that children and adolescents most commonly seek pain treatment for headache, chronic musculoskeletal pain, chronic abdominal pain and a variety of disorders including cancer-related pain, sickle-cell disease and rheumatologic disorders. Other common problems for young patients include sports-related injuries, chronic sports-related pain and back pain related to obesity.

“Many children suffer from chronic pain, just like adults,” Vetter says. The clinic can assist specialists who are comfortable managing these disorders and those who need more support. “It’s exciting that this clinic is a multidisciplinary effort,” he says. “Everyone wants to come together to improve clinical care for children and adolescents in this city, state and region. These initiatives are going to be good for the patients, and we also have an opportunity to make a name for ourselves.”

**Integrating care**

The same ideas behind the Children’s Hospital chronic pain medicine clinic also form the foundation of what Vetter calls the UAB integrative pain medicine center, which is targeting a 2010 opening. A variety of specialties — anesthesiology, palliative care medicine, physical medicine and rehabilitation, neurology, psychiatry and psychology — jointly will provide comprehensive care for adults, Vetter says.

“It’s all part of a bio-psycho-social approach to treating chronic pain — the best approach, according to Vetter. “You address not only the biomedical aspects but also the psychological and social aspects of pain,” Vetter says. “If you develop a chronic pain condition and are unable to perform your job, it will have a significant adverse impact on your pain symptoms and your ability to be the breadwinner for your family, a partner to your loved one and a parent to your children.”

Vetter says that developing an interdisciplinary, bio-psycho-social strategy to treat chronic pain will result in better care for patients.

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physicians, nurse anesthetists, laboratory technicians and anesthesia assistants, respiratory therapists, recovery-room nurses and trainees including residents, fellows and student nurse anesthetists

Broaden fields

With so many variables to consider, Jones says the key to blanketing UAB with high-quality anesthesia care is to cultivate the clinical skills and interests of his anesthesiologists.

“What makes people good at what they do is when they love what they’re doing,” he says. A new fellowship program is enabling anesthesiologists to acquire an extraordinary level of proficiency in one subspecialty and a very high level of proficiency in another.

“Promoting this subspecialty focus in two areas broadens their interest and they become more engaged,” Jones says. “That results in better outcomes for our patients and a sense of fulfillment for our clinicians.”

The program also creates redundancy in the anesthesia practice, allowing faculty to back each other up in certain areas. Anesthesiologists who work in the pain clinic, for example, also may practice in the operating room, spending 60 percent of their time in the pain clinic and 40 percent in the operating room. Physicians in the critical-care medicine fellowship also could specialize in neurosurgical or cardiothoracic anesthesia. Jones says the additional training strengthens the camaraderie between anesthesiologists and surgeons and promotes working relationships that raise the quality of patient care.

**Expand care**

Expanding areas of expertise helps UAB anesthesiologists treat myriad complex medical conditions now — and also could benefit future pain sufferers. The fellowship programs “will continue to evolve in the next four to five years,” Jones says. “One reason we’re doing this is so that at some point down the road we can develop a comprehensive perioperative cardiac program with physicians trained in critical-care medicine with high degrees of proficiency in adult cardiac or neurosurgical anesthesia. We would be able to administer the anesthesia intra-operatively and help take care of post-operative patients in the critical-care units.”

Jones, who earned his medical degree from the School of Medicine at UAB in 1996, saw a similar program in action at the Mayo Clinic, where he was a professor. When he returned to UAB in 2006, he inherited a pioneering anesthesiology department — founded 50 years ago as one of the first academic units of its kind in the nation — ready to take its next big steps.

Developing a well-rounded skill set lays the foundation for future advances, suggests Jones. “Because of the way the UAB Health System’s surgical enterprise is structured, it would be almost impossible to create isolated obstetric, cardiac, critical care, pain and neuroanesthesia divisions and sections,” he says. “There’s no way to provide every subspecialty service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in silo fashion. It could triple the size of the department.

“The best way to do it is to create two areas of interest instead of one and have them cross-fertilize one another. That’s what we strive to accomplish.”
**Women**

Have you been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis? People age 19-45 may be eligible to participate in a study to evaluate platelet-derived growth factor as a therapy for rheumatoid arthritis. Compensation: $100-

Women ages 19-45 recently diagnosed (within 5 years) with rheumatoid arthritis may be eligible to participate in a study to evaluate insulin resistance. Participants receive a brief medical exam and a series of blood tests. UAB may be req. Compensated. 5-2422.

Are you a woman living with HIV who has a child age 11-17? Do you have an interest in learning how to reduce the stress in your life? If you do, you may be eligible to participate in a study that will test the effects of a drug on blood vessel disease. Participants receive study medication, study blood tests, and reimbursement for time and travel. Compensated: $500-

Healthy women age 65 & older needed for study of estrogen replacement therapy to prevent menopause. Women who are interested in learning more about menopause and menopause-related health issues are needed. Office visits, lab tests, and study medications at no cost. Contact 5-9637.

Do you experience vaginal discharge/odor? Women age 19-45 needed to participate in a study on HIV exposure prevention. Participants will be compensated up to $900. Contact 5-2780.

If you do you have adult ADHD and insomnia? You may qualify to participate in a treatment study for these conditions. Compensation: $300-

Are you a woman age 19 or older and chronic chest discomfort, cardiovascular diseases? If so, you may be eligible to participate in a study to obtain a medication for angina (chest discomfort). To enroll in this study, you need to be referred by your doctor. Participants will be paid $250-

Eligible participants may qualify for an ongoing protocol testing new investigational tooth-colored dental filling materials. Subjects needing fillings in the back of the tooth will be needed. Contact 4-1622.

**Men**

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Men & women age 60 or older may be eligible to participate in a study to determine the safety and effectiveness of a new treatment for high blood pressure. Participants will receive study medications at no cost. Contact 4-1509.

Healthy women & men 55 & older in good physical health may be eligible to participate in a multi-year study of Alzheimer’s disease clinical trial. Must be age 55-88, have a diagnosis of probable Alzheimer’s disease and have not been diagnosed with another disease involving in being involved in the study. Medication at no cost. Contact 4-1509.

Are you a male veteran receiving care at the Birmingham VA Medical Center? If so, you may qualify to participate in a study about transportation needs. Eligible participants may qualify for a 14-week research study to determine the safety of a new drug on blood vessel problems without help. 4-1509.

Healthy women & men age 19 or older with chronic kidney disease not yet on dialysis and who are interested in participating in a study on imaging (MRI) study of decision-making. Participants will receive study-related exams and study medication. Compensated $65/ea visit. 4-1668.

If you do you have atopic dermatitis? You might qualify for a research trials involving the use of a topical medication on skin that appears over red, inflamed areas, causing itching via a 12-week free pharmacotherapy intervention study. First session (40-45 min) will be done in lab. Second and third sessions, 12 weeks by, will be brain-imaging sessions (80 mins. in maximum, 2.5 hrs.). You will be compensated $15 for the lab session and $75 for each of the brain imaging sessions. Contact Rosalyn Weiler 4-8546.

Men ages 19-70? If so, you may be eligible for a brain imaging (fMRI) study of decision-making. Participants will receive study-related exams and study medication. Compensated. 5-2422.

Are you a current or former smoker? Are you a current or former smoker? You may qualify to participate in a smoking cessation program. Compensation. 939-5277.

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Healthy Caucasian and African-American individuals needed for immunys system study. Involves filling blood sample only. Compensated. 4-5555/66.

Healthy adults age 40-65 needed for a study looking at the impact of weight on quality of life. Includes medical care, regular study check-ups, and study medications at no cost. Contact 5-2422.

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Are you experiencing any skin or scalp issue? You might qualify for a research trials involving the use of a topical medication on skin that appears over red, inflamed areas, causing itching. Contact 4-1668.

Healthy Caucasian and African-American individuals needed for immunys system study. Involves filling blood sample only. Compensated. 4-5555/66.

Healthy adults age 40-65 needed for a study looking at the impact of weight on quality of life. Includes medical care, regular study check-ups, and study medications at no cost. Contact 5-2422.

Are you a veteran receiving care at the Birmingham VA Medical Center? If so, you may qualify to participate in a study about transportation needs. Eligible participants may qualify for a 14-week research study to determine the safety of a new drug on blood vessel problems without help. 4-1509.

Have you been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis? People age 19-45 may be eligible to participate in a study to evaluate platelet-derived growth factor as a therapy for rheumatoid arthritis. Compensation: $100-

Are you an overweight BMI (>25) woman at least 19 years old? You may be eligible to participate in a study to evaluate the body composition of African American women. Involves regular study check-ups, and study medications at no cost. Compensated. Lynn 4-4987.

Are you an overweight or obese (BMI >30) woman or man? Compensated $50-$250 per visit depending on the procedures you agree to participate in. Joy 996-2780.

You may qualify for a research trial at the UAB Department of Dermatology and need information about our on going clinical trials. Call for study visits at no cost. Contact 5-7926.
Appliances & Electronics
Sprint cell phone, model MD20, never activated, costs $140, will sell for $110. Shirley/Dan 285-9432/612-1849.
Kenmore refrigerator, like new, beige, ice-maker, in exc cond, $255. Teresa 437-4803.
Projector, model D97, desktop projector, new condition, cost $400; will sell for $150. Mike 313-6399.
16" flat screen TV, side-by-side w/a speaker; on sale for $180, asking $400, 10 gal aquarium with wood stand, asking $10; Hitachi 65" projection TV, bought new in 1977, asking $750. Jeff 64-3-7941.
Magnavox 20" color TV, model 2MT2333, exc cond, sell for $100, lose weight vcr/player, olive/ brown/gray; Vuetta 25-114-9515 @yohuu.com.
Mytoy, Battern, black, $10; dryer, $10; air conditioner, $25; microwave, $20; bi-fold glass door wardrobe, left, $10. Yvette 251-414-9507 @yohuu.com.
"u"Ab reporter, model MRD17, used once, cost $2350, brand new, unopened, canon image class merlin lcd 17" enhanced-vision flat panel maytag stove, exc cond, sell for $100; loveseat w/pillows, olive/gray, $150; 100 gal aquarium w/wood stand, asking $400, in exc cond, $225. Teresa 437-8403.
Jotul direct vent gas heater, 6-6591. Kathy.sills@ccc.uab.edu
ICTS: GeForce 8800 GT, 19" LCD monitor, mouse, manuals, CD, $495. obo. Hope 901-0408.
"u"Ab reporter, model 20MT133S, exc cond, 681-3634.
4-9180/213-9048.
Classifieds
yvette03@uab.edu.
'05 infinity QX56 4x4
Ed 5-4874/437-9734.
Mustang 5-Star wheels, exc cond, asking $9350. scorgis@uab.edu
6-441-9750.
"u"Ab reporter, model 820SE, appraised value, appraisal included. Call 563-5186.
1951 gumball machine, 1920s victorian, 140¢ barber chair, cast iron pedals, handmade din- ing table, $300 (or best offer). John 4-7019.
Corrug Architecture Ducal, model AMO0220, $50; Nordic track ski machine, $101-6197.
Shh' Tzu puppies ready for new loving homes. $400.
Sweet-tempered 8 year old white, husky-like dog needs a new home with kids, for outside only. $150.
Little Tasse Castle. Its slidedoors; its £5,000 size kingbrass/bronze headboard; $100; antique floor lamp, $25. Dan 4-3670.
Eveno Aura stroller & carseat travel system, light weight, used only twice, $65. Jessica 969-4957.
Graco Snugride carseat w/ bases 2, like new, $70. Enovosure, $30; portable swing, $5, activity gym, $10. Bin-Brom 365-5226.
'71 girl's size 5-7; can-e-mail pic. Kim Barton 518-7220.
Hot tub/sa/cover: cover is 56" x 66" for 2-sp, in exc cond, $150/bob large garden tub, like new $600. Margarita 524-8006.
'30 Winnebago motor home, approx 8000 square ft/m, kitchen, bed/couch, stone fireplace, satellite, 2 TVs, refrigerator, snow, oven, microwave, AC/ heater; manual, everything in very good condition. 501-716-6475.
Quotesh 4 BRs, 4 beds, roof over looking the pool, corner property, built in 1977, near perfect condition, 1.5 miles away from the "T", $159,000. www.meyersproperty.com/ QL 089-5-6198.
Futon—bottom: 3 BR, 2 bath, full, totally updated rentals, 1 con, 1 BR, 2 FLW, stainless appliances, 2 front door parking places, convenient to UAB. Louis S. 564-4944.
Highland area—2 BR, 2 BR cond in close to UAB, 1100 sf. beautiful; htd/AC, W/D, kitchen. $700.
Homes—spacious family home, 4 BR/5.5 BA, fenced yard; full, finished basement with exc 2 bonus rm; 2-car garage; walk-in; off in and out; 1 mile away from school. 573-2047.
Homes—3 BR room, minutes from UAB and downtown; Lease/purchase option avail. 678-467-7006.
Homes—1 BR, 1-2 miles from UAB, 600 sf, living rm, bedroom, full bath, fireplace, carpet, full kitchen, new roof, roomy, clean, $55,000; will e-mail pics. Sai 5-3244/213-9048.
Garage sale items: check out the list at sites. google.com/site/bfhmaragosale. speddle89@uab.com.
Sports & Fitness
'05 Harley Davidson 833 Sportrider, light weights 2,500 lbs, 3.5 miles to UAB, custom chrome, seat bars, baggy side bar, engine guard, kept leash, blacklight accent. $5000. 674-5416.
'04 Yamaha Big Bear 420, exc cond, $2300. Max 6-6494/306-9711.
'97 Stihl 182 Ms, 15" bar, 44cc, cut 8" with full power, new bar, new chain, nice saw. $1000. 295-3218/563-3682.
'09 Harley Davidson Sportster, 1200 cc, 950 mi, garage kept, 2-4 helmets, high back rest, chrome detachable, sunbather seat and original seat, HD cloth cover. 1949-0277.
'97 182 Ms, 15" bar, 44cc, cut 8" with full power, new bar, new chain, nice saw. $1000. 295-3218/563-3682.
'02 Honda TRX400F with trailer, runs good, looks good, plenty of upgrades, $2500, 260- 572-7110.
'07 Milan Scooter, 2400, 1750 mpg, $800/obo. Taise 305-9198/482-1184.
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**Services**

The UAB Continence Center assesses all types of urinary and fecal incontinence as well as pelvic organ prolapse and sexual dysfunction. Let us evaluate your condition and offer the best treatment and therapy available. -1705.

UAB Orthodontic Practice - Available for a limited time. Orthodontic services to adults, children and adolescents. We are accepting new patients. Call Sandra Hampton, 205-975-2403.

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The Wellness Center: UAB provides free confidential counseling to employees and their families. Whether you’re dealing with job or personal problems you can call the 24-hour confidential Helpline from a staff included in Licensing professional counselors and licensed marriage and family therapists.

Moorwall rental: $99 for 4 hours. Includes delivery, setup, clean-up, take-down, chairs and tables for rent. 4-7501.


Need a reliable, honest, dependable house- cleaner? Call Hannah, 871-0840 or 441-5480. Air-conditioning services-stay cool and save on utilities. Carolina Industrial Systems check for $70, exc service. 6-0318/248-6160. Small painting, carpentry and all of your real estate needs. 832-2351. Looking for someone to plan your next event? Call 2-4029. Tutoring: UAB student available to tutor in all levels of math. Hours: Sun-Sat 2-10. 4-5951.

Nanny: experienced, reliable, flexible, in- part. Babysitting: 8+ year old, in-home, before and after school, good references, background check okay. 4-7501.

Local handyman: experienced, reliable, fast, 20+ years experience. Keith 368-0531.

Home improvement services: offered: Gutter cleaning, gutter replacement, shingles, roofing, siding, windows, doors, interior/exterior painting and drywall repair. Experienced, licensed master plumber & gas fitter. Call 4-7435 or mather@uab.edu.

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Archer Dance Band: 7 piece band, variety wide, with surf sounds. Call for booking rates and info: 4-3909 or 4-4090. Jamaahkestedtchartered.

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