Campus Conversations – a collection of essays inspired by Rick Bragg’s bestselling book ‘All Over But the Shoutin’ and written by faculty and staff from across all disciplines – is expanding the depth of this year’s discussion book as faculty begin using it as a resource for learning in their classes.

The discussion book initiative involves a broad range of campus members and achieves a campus-wide dialogue through the shared experience of reading a book. Campus Conversations facilitates this goal, says Philip K. Way, Ph.D., associate provost for Undergraduate Programs.

“The essays in Campus Conversations reflect both deeply personal and disciplinary points of view on the issue of class and social mobility,” Way says. “Without exception, they provide rich food for thought and discussion.”

Linda Frost, Ph.D., says Bragg’s book is “meshing beautifully” with the topic of the Interdisciplinary Fall Action by And for the UAB community.

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UAB’s AMSTI program hits the ground running

UAB’s Alabama Math, Science and Technology Initiative (AMSTI-UAB) is infusing excitement into area K-12 math, science and technology, teachers and students.

AMSTI-UAB trained 250 teachers from 10 area elementary schools this past summer, says Karen Wood, director of AMSTI-UAB. One math specialist and one science specialist are visiting schools and helping teachers implement hands-on, inquiry-based math and science learning.

“We are encouraging area teachers to become more of the guide on the side instead of the sage on the stage,” Wood says. “We’re trying to change the teacher’s behavior in the classroom and make science more of a verb, with more active, hands-on participation by students. In this way, we provide children with experiences where they are encouraged to ask questions, design experiments and arrive at scientific conclusions based on their own data collections.”

Research focuses on patients’ ability to make medical decisions

Every 21 seconds a person in the United States suffers a head injury. More than 1,500 people in Alabama are disabled every year, and 5.3 million U.S. citizens live with a disability due to head injury.

One of the immediate consequences of many head injuries is the inability to make medical treatment decisions. Physicians and other care providers often must turn to legal representatives or family members for such decisions.

But at what point does the patient regain sufficient cognitive ability to resume control of medical decisions? Daniel Marson, J.D., Ph.D., a neuropsychologist and professor in the UAB Department of Neurology, is principal investigator on a National Institutes of Health-funded research project that examines recovery of medical decision-making abilities in adults with closed-head injuries. The project will help rehabilitation clinicians, patients and families better understand recovery and medical decision-making.

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UAB has its best fundraising year in development history

It’s a tribute to UAB’s faculty, staff and students that the fiscal year just ended was the university’s most successful fundraising year ever, said Shirley Salloway Kahn, Ph.D., vice president for Development, Alumni and External Affairs—and she’s not just talking about people with direct responsibility for development.

“Donors most often make contributions because of the experience they have had with the institution,” she said. “Everyone here contributes to that impression by the work they do, whether it’s a clean facility, a warm greeting, a well-done performance, an exciting lecture or a research breakthrough.”

“Truly, all of us at UAB have a hand in the success of our fund-raising efforts” Kahn was relating the good news that UAB raised $91.9 million dollar in gifts this year.
The Resource Center tackles addiction

Are you worried someone you love has an addiction problem? The Resource Center is hosting the seminar “Recognizing Addiction in Someone You Love,” Thursday, Nov. 1, from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. in UAB Hospital West Pavilion Room E.

Steve More, program coordinator with the UAB Center for Psychiatric Medicine, is the speaker for the event. More is also the co-founder and a principal therapist at The Moore Institute, where he specializes in relationships that have been affected by addiction.

Drinking too much, using prescription drugs recreationally or for problems unrelated to illness and unresponsive and erratic behavior problems are just a few of the many signs and symptoms indicating possible addiction. Recent studies indicate that one half of all American adults have a close family member who has or has had alcoholism. One in four children are exposed to alcohol abuse or dependence in the family, and 14 million Americans abuse or have an addiction to alcohol.

Attendees are invited to bring lunch to the session. The program is open to all UAB employees and their family members. Registration is required as space is limited. Call 934-2281 to register.

The Resource Center is the UAB Employee Assistance Program, providing counseling and wellness programs for UAB employees and their family members. For more information about this program, the services offered or a map and directions call 934-2281 or visit www.uab.edu/ eap.

See Paris in the spring

The UAB Department of Foreign Languages and the Alliance Française of Birmingham are sponsoring a week in Paris, France, during the UAB spring break, March 8-16, 2008.

The cost is $1,599 for students, UAB employees and Alliance members and $1,639 for others. The price includes airfare (DeHav Air France), transfers, hotel (3 stars), American buffet breakfast and all taxes. There are four one-day trips: landing beaches of Normandy, Loire Valley, Versailles/Chartres, Reims and the Champagne region, available at an additional cost.

To honor the memory of Alliance member Lee Alexander, the Alliance Française of Birmingham will award 10 travel grants of $500 to UAB students with preference to French majors, French minors, or any language major or minor.

For more information, call 934-8902 or 879-9939 or e-mail Serge Bokobra at sbokobra@uab.edu or the Alliance Française of Birmingham at kimafbhm@yahoo.com.

A $299 deposit is due before Nov. 19, and the balance is due before Jan. 31, 2008.

Show us your photos

Submit your best photo of a travel or study abroad experience in the International Education Week Photo Contest by midnight Oct. 31. Students, faculty and staff are invited to submit their favorite travel photograph that shows their favorite world scene. Each photo should be accompanied by a brief statement explaining what is so special about the photo.

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When in doubt, ask the Compliance Office

National Collegiate Athletic Association rules governing the recruitment of prospective student-athletes are quite complicated, but one rule is clear: The NCAA prohibits faculty and staff members from engaging in recruiting contact with prospective student-athletes off campus.

The faculty and staff may conduct academic interviews and other normal duties of their position as long as these activities occur on the campus of UAB. When working with prospective student-athletes, ask before you act by contacting the Athletic Compliance Office at 975-8001 or by e-mail at chadj@uab.edu.

Grants to help advance scholarship of teaching

UAB is providing resources for faculty who are advancing the scholarship of teaching through a grant program. Innovative ideas for student retention and engagement, instructional technologies and learning assessment are priorities. Nov. 16 is the deadline for application. Learn more about the UAB Scholarship of Teaching Grant Program in the Faculty Enrichment channel on the Faculty Resources tab on BlazerNET or on the Provost Web site at main.uab.edu/Sites/provost/scholarship.

Call for apps for K30 CRTP and MSPH

The NIH K30 training grant is currently soliciting applications for the Clinical Research Training Program (CRTP). The application deadline is Nov. 15. Junior faculty and postdoctoral fellows from the UAB schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Public Health, Health Professions, Optometry, Nursing, Engineering and Social & Behavioral Sciences who are interested in an academic career in clinical research are invited to apply.

For further information about the program, please contact Edward W. Hook III, M.D., principal investigator at ehook@uab.edu, or 934-4204. For instructions and an application form, please contact Audrey Wrenn, program director, at awrenn@uab.edu or 975-3333.

Benefits open enrollment ends soon

The annual benefits open enrollment period is ending soon, which means that all benefit-eligible UAB employees should be making final decisions related to insurance coverage and flexible spending accounts (FSAs) before 5 p.m. CT Wednesday, Oct. 31.

Employees may make all elections online at www.shps.com or by calling 1-800-223-0162. If additional help is needed, customer service representatives are available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT Monday through Friday. Please remember that changes will not be accepted after the close of open enrollment; again, that deadline is 5 p.m. CT Wednesday, Oct. 31.

All elections will be effective Jan. 1, 2008. New premiums for medical, dental and vision will be reflected in your January 2008 payroll. FSA deductions also will be reflected in your January 2008 payroll.

Annual open enrollment materials are available on the UAB Human Resource Management Benefits Web page, go to www.uab.edu/benefits and click on Annual Open Enrollment. Any questions concerning annual open enrollment should be directed to an HR consultant or directly to the UAB Benefits Department at 934-3448 or by e-mail at Benefits@uab.edu.

For the long haul

Occupational Therapy Attendant Haili Key, Physical Therapist Assistant Kayla Woodward, PT/OT Clinical Coordinator Lisa Thompson and Physical Therapist Libby Barnes show off some of the prizes available in the silent auction hosted by Spain Rehabilitation Center Oct. 16. This was the center’s 17th annual silent auction fundraiser benefiting the Patient Assistance Fund.
and pledges this past year, some 15.6 per-
cent more than the year’s $79.5 million goal — and more than the university’s previous year best of $88 million. This is especially significant, she said, consider-
ing that UAB has maintained its fund-
rasing momentum on the heels of what was a very successful comprehensive cam-
paign that ended in 2003.

“Since the end of the campaign, we have
surpassed our projections every year,” Kahn said. She attributed that success to the fact that “we have a strong leadership, great strategic planning, identifiable benchmarks, great support in the com-
munity, and faculty, staff and students whose achievements are recognized nationwide.”

Beating the spread
Kahn said it is unusual for a university to be able to maintain — much less acceler-
ate — fundraising momentum following a capital campaign. Often, the visibility of fundraising slips and donors will focus on supporting one project until its comple-
tion. But that is not the UAB experience, she said. As the campus expands, the reputa-
tion of the programs grows and the qual-
ity of faculty and students is enhanced, donors still are eager to support our efforts.

“They are seeking us out,” Kahn said. “People want to invest in people and pro-
grams that are making a difference, and the numbers show that the achievements of our employees and students are being noticed and appreciated,” she said.

More than $76.5 million of the $91.9 million raised this past year was donated to support faculty, research, programs and scholarships, which is nearly $20 mil-
lon more than the previous year.

Kahn said one of the year’s most telling statistics is that $89 million of the total is in outright gifts — money that is available to the university for use immediately.

“This tells us that donors are reacting and responding to our pursuit of excel-
ence,” Kahn said. In the four years since the conclusion of the Campaign for UAB, which raised $388.7 million, the Maintaining the Momentum initiative has raised $303.7 million.

“It also shows that parents, patients, vendors, neighbors and others who come in contact with our faculty, staff and stu-
dents are confident that UAB is a good investment based on their experiences with our people, programs and services,” Kahn said.

“Our success is and always has been best-attributed to that teamwork.”

Topping the totals
In FY 2006, UAB raised approximately $74.9 mil-
lon, representing the second highest total of gifts and pledges in UAB’s history.

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The seven original essays in Campus Conversations provide an individual take and discourse-specific perspective on the ethical issues of class and social mobility raised in the book. Five of the essays are authored by faculty, including William Cockerham, Ph.D., distinguished professor of sociology; Sarah Culpe, Ph.D., associate professor of business; James McClintock, Ph.D., endowed university professor of biology; Charles Calhoun, Ph.D., assis-
tant dean of the School of Education; and Virginia Richmond, Ph.D., chair of Communication Studies

One essay is co-authored by Max Michael, M.D., dean of the School of Public Health and Howard Thomas, Ph.D., dean of the School of Dentistry, both of whom met with students Oct. 15 for “A Conversation About the Inequity of Health Care Based on Race and Income.” The final essay is authored by DecDee Bruns, associate vice president for Enrollment Management.

The following are excerpts from the essays:

Even though Bragg is not in the lime-
light to the extent he once was, his
ability to move out of the lowest social
class to reach the top of his profession is rare. Whereas wealth is an objective dimension of a person’s social standing
based upon how much money and prop-
erty he or she possesses, status is a subjec-
tive dimension in that it consists largely of how much esteem the person is accorded by other people. Status indicates a person’s level of social prestige, which may or may not match their wealth. For example, a
drug dealer may have wealth but low social

status in the wider community, while a cler-
gyperson may have little wealth but high
status. The mayor of the community may invite the clergyperson over for dinner, but the drug dealer will never get an invitation nor would Bragg’s mother, as she had neither wealth nor status.

“Those ideas work very nicely with the larger theme of our class, and our students will engage with them particularly in online conversations connected to our course Web site,” Frost says.

Charles Calhoun, an associate professor in the School of Education, and Virginia Richmond, Ph.D., chair of Communication Studies

One of the most common descriptions of the United States of America is “The Land of Opportunity.” Throughout the history of the United States, literally millions of people have begun their lives in poverty in a low social class and have risen to some of the highest levels of American society, only to poverty and desigated as poor white trash as a child, Rick Bragg became a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for the New York Times. This opportunity to “make something of oneself” and the expectation that one’s children will rise to higher status and wealth than that of their parents are part of America’s ethos. For more than two centuries these expectations of positive social mobility were fulfilled by a high percentage of the population.

Unfortunately, in the last five decades this social mobility has declined in the United States. While the United States is still “the Land of Opportunity,” some of these opportunities are moving in the wrong direction. Today, some of our parents are just hoping that their children can
make it to the social level that they enjoy. It can be argued that this may simply be a manifestation of the reality that there is just not enough room at the top for everyone. Rick Bragg successfully emerged from poverty to rise to the top of his profession, his older and younger brothers live respectively modest and comfortable lives. It can also be argued that this just a “blip” caused by the baby boom and that as we get a more level population growth it will disappear. While these theories may or may not be true, it is clear that the U.S. culture is changing.

— Virginia Peck Richmond

Shankars’ to perform at ASC The Alys Stephens Center presents vir-
tuoso starist, composer and teacher Ravi Shankar, and his daughter, Anoush-
ka, at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 29, at the Alys Stephens Center. Tickets are $62, $52, $28; student tickets are $10. For tickets, call 975-2787 or visit www.AlysStephens.org.

This show is rescheduled as promised after an injury forced Ravi Shankar’s cancella-
tion last season. Ravi Shankar is India’s most esteemed musical ambassador. He is the foremost pioneer in disseminating India’s rich classical music tradition to the West. Among his works are two concertos as well as scores of ballets and films, in-
ccluding Oscar and Grammy nominations for his score of the film “Gandhi.”

Shankar’s chamber works for sitar and other instruments includes violin-sitar compositions and works for flute and tradi-
tional Japanese instruments shakuhachi and koto.

Grammy-award-nominated musician Anoushka Shankar has shown herself to be a unique artist with tremendous talent. She is the only artist in the world to be trained completely by Ravi Shankar.
Veteran UAB Antarctica researchers Charles and Margaret Amsler have been honored by the United States Board on Geographic Names with the naming of Amsler Island in recognition of their career contributions in Antarctic marine biology.

Charles Amsler, Ph.D., and Margaret Amsler have spent a great deal of time researching the mysteries of Antarctica. Now, part of the Antarctic bears their name.

The veteran UAB researchers have been honored by the United States Board on Geographic Names with the naming of Amsler Island in recognition of their career contributions in Antarctic marine biology. The 1.3-mile-long Amsler Island lies end of a three-mile stretch of land known as McClintock Point. Charles Amsler, a marine algal ecophysiologist and chemical ecologist, has completed 11 expeditions to Antarctica, seven of those to Palmer Station and four to McMurdo Station. His first expedition to Antarctica, in 1985-86, was based at Palmer Station. Amsler is an expert in the biology and ecology of Antarctic macroalgae (seaweeds). The island is the site of the original Palmer Station, built in 1965.

“Old Palmer” was used as the main research station until 1968 and then used as an emergency refuge until the early 1990s. The island is a research site for a number of USAP research teams, including the UAB group. Antarctica has no history of permanent settlement, and the board has named Antarctic natural features after explorers, scientists and others whose efforts have served to unveil the continent.

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Coom Creek

AMSTI-UAB is operated through the UAB Center for Community Outreach and Development (CORD). It provides professional development for teachers, equipment and materials for students and assistants in the classroom. Schools are official AMSTI-UAB schools when 80 percent of teachers and administrators agree to participate and send their math and science teachers and administrators to the AMSTI-UAB Summer Science Institute for two summers.

Many UAB faculty members are assisting in Summer Institutes and classrooms and in designing pre-service programs that will better equip UAB graduates to teach in AMSTI schools around the state.

During the school year teachers are provided with modules containing chemicals, global positioning devices, plants and more to conduct hands-on activities that support the state’s science and math curriculum. Each module is customized for specific activities. Once students complete the activities, the module is returned to AMSTI-UAB, then restocked and sent to another school. UAB students also will help AMSTI-UAB refurbish the science and math modules that the K-12 students use.

AMSTI-UAB math and science specialists regularly visit the schools where they are mentors.

“We continue to support these teachers after they attend the institute,” Wood says. “The first two years are concentrated learning for the teachers, and we need to continue to assist them in their classroom.”

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Wood says that AMSTI is making an exciting change in K-12 classrooms in the area. “I’ve used AMSTI materials in my classroom and have been an AMSTI trainer for several years,” Wood says. “I’ve personally seen how this kind of instruction can benefit children’s level of math and science comprehension. The transfer to other content areas is also very apparent as children learn to be problem-solvers.”

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New training program gives boost to Dentistry

Producing experienced, scholarly surgeons well trained in the full scope of oral and maxillofacial techniques is a UAB tradition. Now a new training program funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) will enrich that history by preparing students for dental academic careers.

A $3.9 million, five-year grant will fund the new Dental Academic Training Research (DART) program directed by Mary MacDougall, Ph.D., and Michael Reddy, D.M.D. DART, one of the most comprehensive training programs at UAB, focuses on research related to oral, dental and craniofacial health.

“The program will provide multidisciplinary training for the next generation of dental academicians,” MacDougall says. “We will target oral health discoveries and provide novel research discoveries related to dentistry. Hopefully that will have an impact on the future practice of dentistry.”

There are 23 dental-training programs funded in the United States. UAB’s School of Dentistry is No. 10 in the country in research funding as ranked by the NIDCR.

The addition of the grant for the DART program “puts UAB in elite company,” says MacDougall, who ran a similar training program at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School.

A recent survey of dental school faculty with four years or less of service showed renewed interest in academic careers, and teaching and scholarship are the most important influences on their choice of academic careers. Other positive factors include the influence of mentors and role models, long-term aspirations and research.

Interfacing programs

The DART program will integrate with other School of Dentistry grant programs, including the William Gies Research Award. The program is intended to help rehabilitation clinicians on these issues, and when the patients are ready to do so. There want patients to make these decisions even before the patients have recovered sufficiently to resume making decisions before the patients have recovered sufficiently to resume decision-making on their own.

“W e were interested in studying traumatic brain injury model systems project grant. They investigated medical and financial decision-making capacity in traumatic brain injury patients over a six-month period.

“We were interested in studying traumatic brain injury, where there was immediate impairment of decisional capacity followed by recovery, in contrast to diseases like Alzheimer’s where there was slow, relentless decline,” Marson says. “Traumatic brain injury represented an entirely different trajectory for understanding changes in decisional capacity.”

The patients

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Meetings

Monday, Oct. 22 & Oct. 29

noon Foreign Language & Literatures Language Table. Arabic conversation table; HB-3rd fl The Hub. For more info, lazayz@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

5:25 pm Power Yoga: UAB Marshall Conference Center. For more info, call Fran 967-0303.

Tuesday, Oct. 23 & Oct. 30

10 am International Women’s Group. Smlonian International House. 4-1205/awowens@uab.edu.

3 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Table. Spanish Conversation Table: HB-3rd fl The Hub. centeno@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu for more info.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 & Oct. 31

9 am New parent support group (birth-2 years); WP-Conf Ctr. Questions? Call Freda 5-2337/tretsy@uabmc.org.

10 am Conversational English classes, levels 1-4; Smlonian International House. 4-1205/awowens@uab.edu.

noon Foreign Language & Literatures Language Table. French conversation table; Commons on the Green campus for the French flag. For more info, daniels@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

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9 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Table. Italian conversation table; Hardt Hall-3rd floor Study Lounge. For more info, Betti Faki at belti@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

Thursday, Oct. 25 & Nov. 1

3 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Table. Medical Spanish Conversation Table: HB-3rd fl The Hub. centeno@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu for more info.

5 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Table. Chinese Conversation Table: HB-3rd fl The Hub. maxvinn@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu for more info.

6:30 pm SMART Recovery group meetings; not a 12-step or religious program. Any addiction or habit can be helped. Southside Baptist Church. Cal V. Fulkerson 975-5541.

9 pm Student convocation conversation table, for anyone who speaks German; Giuseppe’s Café, 925 8th Street. For more info, agresti@uab.edu.

Friday, Oct. 26 & Nov. 2

7 am Falan Dafa exercises, an ancient Chinese exercise that brings harmony & health. UAB Mini Park, 4-6295.

12:30 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Table. Chinese Conversation Table: HB-3rd fl The Hub. marina_lysenkova@yahoo.com or foreignlangs@uab.edu for more info.

Religion

Tuesday, Oct. 23 & Oct. 30

noon Medical Center Christian Fellowship Meeting. WP-6. All welcome. Mark 647-5177 or Blair 961-3826.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 & Oct. 31

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, Oct. 28 & Nov. 4

10 am Catholic mass; St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 933-2250.

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5 pm UAB Hindu Student Council. We will have a session on singing and fasting the Hare Krishna way where everyone is welcome to join. For more info, Varadra Prabhu 383-9805. 1501 15th Ave S, Apt 20, Bham.

Exhibits


Visual Arts Gallery, Red Bull: Art of the Can, an exhibit and competition featuring works made entirely of alumi- num cans. This exhibit of works created using the alu- minum packaging of the popular energy drink is drawn from the Red Bull North America Corporate Collection. It is accompanied by a bulletin that features works made by students in the UAB Department of Art & Art History. Admission is free. 100 19th St. S. Call 4-0815.

Alabama Museum of Natural Science. UA30M Art Show featuring Student, Resident and Faculty entries. LHL-3rd fl. For info, call 4-4475.

WBHM-FM, 90.3

Fresh Air with Terry Gross can be heard 3-4 pm daily on 90.3 WBHM-Birmingham, and 91.5 WSHN-Gadsden, your station for NPR News and classical music. Fresh Air is NPR’s Peabody Award-winning weekly maga- zine that features contemporary arts and issues. It offers some of the most intelligent interviews, reviews and commentary heard on radio, and features interviews with prominent cultural and entertainment figures, as well as distin- guished experts on current events.

Special events

Monday, Oct. 22

noon UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Special Lecture. Genetic variation of 17q and prostate cancer susceptibility. Dr. Kathleen Connelly (Pred. Hematology/Oncology, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor); WTI-214.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

7 pm UAB Lecture Series. Journalist, Barbara Martinez Jimeno. The real life hero the new film, Bordentown, Martinez Jimeno posed as a factory worker on the U.S./Mexico border in order to uncover a dark world of gru- eling poverty and sexual abuse that leads to murder. Bordentown is a political thriller about the murdered fac- tory workers in Juarez, Mexico. The film was inspired by Martinez Jimeno’s critically acclaimed documentary, La Frontera. HUC-Alumni Aud.

Wednesday, Oct. 24

10 am-2 pm School of Education/Planning and Evaluating Effective Health Education & Promotion Programs. ONSOB Re fest Celebrating National Alcohol Awareness Week; Blazer Hall-Community Room. For more info, call Laura Talbott at 5-3368.

noon Music. Student recital; Huley Recital Hall. Free. For more info, call 4-7376.

Thursday, Oct. 25

7 pm Music. Faculty recital featuring Denise Gayne, clarinet, and Dale Reynolds, piano; Reynolds- Kirschbaum Recital Hall. Free. For more info, call 4-7287.

Saturday, Oct. 27

11 am Kids’ Club. Jeffery Ryan in “Me & Blue.” Guitar, banjo and harmonica master Jeffery Ryan has been performing with the band ‘Three on a String’ for more than 30 years. Now, in Ryan’s new venture, he performs with “the.comanged K.3. his best friend and assistant. Blue, the dog, Ryan will entertain kids with his humor and musical talent alike. This show is recom- mended for kids ages 5-12. Tickets are $1. Call 5-2787 or go to www.AlwaysStephens.org. For more info, call UAB Associate Professor Serge Bokobza, at 934-8905.

Sunday, Oct. 28

7 pm Alys Stephens Center. Edgar Meyer, Sam Bush and Jerry Douglas. Tickets are $52, $42 and $22; student tickets are $5-7-287 or go to www.AlwaysStephens.org. This show is rescheduled as promised after an injury forced Ravi Shankar’s cancellation last season. Ravi Shankar is India’s most esteemed musical ambas- sador. He has since been the foremost pioneer in dis- seminating India’s rich classical music tradition to the West. Grammy award-nominated musician Anoushka Shankar has shown herself to be a unique artist with tremendous talent and understanding of the great musi- cal tradition of India. She is the only artist in the world to be trained completely by Ravi Shankar.

Monday, Oct. 29

8 pm Alys Stephens Center. Virtuoso startet, com- poser and teacher Ravi Shankar; and his daughter, Anoushka. Tickets are $52, $52, $28; student tickets are $10. For tickets, call 5-2787 or visit www.AlysStephens.org. This show is rescheduled as promised after an injury forced Ravi Shankar’s cancellation last season. Ravi Shankar is India’s most esteemed musical ambas- sador. He has since been the foremost pioneer in dis- seminating India’s rich classical music tradition to the West. Grammy award-nominated musician Anoushka Shankar has shown herself to be a unique artist with tremendous talent and understanding of the great musi- cal tradition of India. She is the only artist in the world to be trained completely by Ravi Shankar.

Monday-Tuesday, Oct. 29-30

6-10 pm UAB Opera. Auditions for Gilbert and Sullivan’s The Pirates of Penzance. Auditions are open to everyone. To audition, bring one memorized song in English, preferably from “Pirates” or another Gilbert and Sullivan show, and an unfolded copy of the music for the accompanist, which will be provided. Cold readings will be given at the audition. Audition sign-up sheets are posted in the Huley Center, Room 249, or contact the director, Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk, D.M.A., director of opera programs at UAB, at kwh@uab.edu or 205-934-8905. Huley Center for the Arts-Rm 308.

Saturday, Nov. 3

8 pm Alys Stephens Center. Lily Tomlin. Lily Tomlin has been cracking people up for more than three decades in her extraordinary entertainment career. Expect visits from many of Tomlin’s favorite characters, from Edith the Operator to Edith Ann, her devilish-6-year-old after ego. Tickets are $52, $52 and $28; student tickets are $10. Call 5-2787 or go to www.AlwaysStephens.org.

Sunday, Nov. 4

3 pm Alys Stephens Center. Ellis Marsalis. Marsalis is regarded as the premier modern jazz pianist in New Orleans. The patriarch of the Marsalis family delivers irresistible performances and conveys a love for all things jazz. Tickets are $52, $52 and $28; student tickets are $10. Call 5-2787 or go to www.AlwaysStephens.org.

4 pm Music. UAB Piano Studio Recital featuring stu- dents of Yakov Kasman; Huley Recital Hall. For more info, call 4-7376.

Legend of locations
ASC Kids’ Club presents JERRY RYAN in “Me & Blue”

October 27
Saturday
10 & 11:30 a.m.

Guitar, banjo, and harmonica master Jerry Ryan has been performing with “Three on a String” for over 30 years. In his new venture, Jerry performs with his best friend, Blue. This program is sure to delight audiences of all ages! Tickets just $7!


SAM BUSH, JERRY DOUGLAS, and EDGAR MEYER

October 28
Sunday
7 p.m.

Acclaimed bassist Edgar Meyer, dobro master Jerry Douglas, mandolin virtuoso Sam Bush are all musical icons in their own right. Performing together on stage for one night? Now that’s a must see!


RAVI SHANKAR and ANOUSHKA SHANKAR

October 29
Monday
8 p.m.

Virtuoso sitarist, composer, and teacher Ravi Shankar is India’s most esteemed musical ambassador. His daughter Anoushka is the only artist in the world to be trained completely by her father.


LILY TOMLIN - ALMOST SOLD OUT!

November 3
Saturday
8 p.m.

What can we say about Lily Tomlin? She’s won two Tonys, six Emmys, a Grammy, and taken the world by storm with her ingenious one-woman shows and comic TV appearances.

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ELLIS MARASALIS

November 4
Sunday
3 p.m.

Marsalis is regarded as the premier modern jazz pianist in New Orleans and for good reason. The patriarch of the Marsalis family delivers irresistible performances and conveys a love for all things jazz and all things NOLA! Mr. Marsalis will greet fans in the lobby after the show!


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Not even bees stand between Tyler and getting the job done

John Tyler has a philosophy he more or less uses to guide his way through a workday. “I'd rather ask a stupid question than make a dumb mistake,” he says. “I’m not sure if that's always the smartest thing to do, but I'm pretty sure things will be much easier if I don’t make any dumb mistakes.”

All who have the privilege of working with Tyler certainly don't seem to mind any of his inquiries – nor do they question the job he does as a general mechanic in Jefferson Tower and New Hillman. They say Tyler has earned his selection as October’s Employee of the Month.

“If John says he is going to do it, he will do it and he’ll do it quickly,” says Amy Walsh, financial officer in Women and Infant Services. “John is prompt and always reliable. He is always going above and beyond the call of duty.”

Just how far beyond the call is Tyler willing to go? Well, he’ll do more than repair medical gas outlets, fix hospital beds and change light bulbs – he’ll save staff and the smallest of patients from bees, too.

Tyler is responsible for repairs in New Hillman in the Critical Care Nursery and RNICU and in Jefferson Towers in maternity, labor and delivery, three operating rooms and two other critical care nurseries. He says sometimes he will receive calls for some odd repairs, but no call has ever put him in such a sticky situation as the day a bee showed up at his door. “One of the hardest calls I've ever received,” he says. “We have so many babies in there, I couldn’t just go in there swatting and flailing at it. I had to get it centered away from them. I finally did and took care of it with a napkin. The nurses were happy about that.”

Whether it’s repairing doorknobs, tightening screws or tackling Mother Nature, Tyler often must complete requested tasks in a quick manner, especially with so many families and friends around the patients in the maternity area.

“This is a high-traffic area and if something goes down it has to be fixed immediately,” Tyler says. “But I don’t mind it at all. I actually enjoy it.”

Nurses appreciate that Tyler has their best interests at heart at all times. “John is always pointing out things to us that need attention and even fixing them before we know that they are broken,” says Brandi Duke. “In a nursing unit the size of ours with 80-100 babies at a time, no one has the time to chase people to get things fixed. We greatly appreciate John for all he does to take care of us and our patients.”

Kerry Alecisa, a nurse and team leader in RNICU, says she appreciates Tyler’s warm personality and his willingness to always step up and provide a helping hand. “Mr. Tyler always greets me each morning with a smile and a positive attitude,” Alecisa says. “He never tells me that a job I need done cannot be done, and I always know that if I need something done, he will get it done without me asking more than once. He makes rounds on his area and if he sees something in need of repair, he just does it without being asked. I truly feel our unit is taken care of.”

Tyler appreciates the compliments and says when he first arrived at UAB more than three years ago he had a good teacher in John Hulsey, who now serves as maintenance field supervisor at the hospital. “John trained me and showed me how to do things right and in fast, orderly manner – and when I get it done, to get on out of their way,” Tyler says.

Tyler also says he can’t repair everything. Sometimes he has to enlist others in hospital maintenance to help. That means they share a part of this award with him, he says. “I’ve got a lot of people I can call on when I get in trouble,” he says. “Maintenance is a large outfit and we are a team. It’s great to be highlighted, but there are a bunch of us working to get the job done.”

Ireland Prize nominations are sought

Nominations for the Caroline P. & Charles W. Ireland Prize for Scholarly Distinction are being accepted through Jan. 9, 2008. Candidates must have notable achievements in their field of the arts and sciences, have gained national and/or international recognition of peers and have demonstrated talents that contribute to the elevation of the arts and sciences at UAB and in the Birmingham community.

A nominee must be a full-time, regular UAB faculty member who has a primary appointment in the school of Arts & Humanities, Natural Sciences & Mathematics or Social & Behavioral Sciences. Nominations should include a brief letter of nomination by the person submitting the candidate and a curriculum vitae of the nominee. All nominations should be forwarded to Claire Pelt, Ph.D., interim associate provost for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs, Administration Building Room 374.
Healthy African-American, Caucasian and Hispanic children ages 7-12 needed for diabetes. Assistance is needed to help measure blood sugar, composition, blood sugar, and potential risk for diabetes. 2 visits required. Compensated up to $150. Contact: Dr. D’Souza, 5-6572, 5-3979.

Healthy children ages 11-17 and their parents want ed- for 1-hour lab study on children's pediatrician visit. Safety, no stress, danger or invasive procedures. Contact: Dr. Yee, 4-0768 or 4-0603.

Healthy adults ages 40-70 with symptoms of schizophrenia, they may be eligible for a research study that is being conducted by the 18-day study. Compensated: Misty 5-0550.

Incontinence study compares two treatments for urinary incontinence after surgery for pros tate cancer. Participants will need to experience urination more than one day after their prostate surgery. 32-357-4186/461-0151.

Healthy African-American men and aged 19 and older needed for an 8-week study on weight loss and diet to prevent diabetes. (2) overnight sleep studies involved, over approxi mately one week. Requires 3 visits, day and evening. 5-3575 ext 101. Compensated: turner@ccc.uab.edu.

Healthy children ages 11-17 needed for a research study of the effects of being in a Care Team for the participant and visit 1250 for 8 sessions. Dr. Burrage 4-0630.

Do you know someone over the age of 65 experiencing anxiety or depression? Do you or someone you know have cys -toms: Imagination playing tricks, poor impulse control, hearing voices of people talking to them, seeing things that others can not see, or confusion? If so, they may be eligible to participate in a research study conducted at UAB Hospital and all other related medical care provided at no cost. Compensation: Dr. Rose 4-3981.

Do you have a child who has been diagnosed with autism and autism and severe behavioral problems, including tantrums, aggression, and self-injurious behavior? They may be eligible for a research study that is being conducted by the 18-day study. Compensated: Misty 5-0550.

In your blood pressure uncontrolled (higher than 140/90)? You may have high blood pressure. Take two or more blood pressure medications including a diuretic? You may qualify to participate in a research study to determine the safety and effectiveness of a new investigational drug for individuals with severe hypertension. Eligible study participants will receive study drug, blood pressure checks, physical exams, laboratories and ECG at no cost. Compensation: 4-3981.

Adults 19-64 and women age 40-64 may qualify to participate in a study to determine the behavior of older adults. Physical exams, seeing things that others can not see, or confusion? If so, they may be eligible to participate in a research study conducted at UAB Hospital and all other related medical care provided at no cost. Compensation: turner@ccc.uab.edu.

Do you have diabetes? The Division of Endocrinology is conducting research studies in diabetes medications, are needed for a research study. Compensated $80/mo. Jim 4-2086/igig@uab.edu.

Healthy men and women age 55-60 with mild memory loss and/or diagnosed with Mild Cognitive Impairment are needed for a study to determine the effectiveness of new treatments for mild to moderate stages of Alzheimer’s disease. This is a 18-month study. Subjects needing fillings in the back teeth are likely candidates. The fillings will be done at no cost. Compensation: 5-1778.

Do you have rheumatoid arthritis? People aged 18-95 diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis are needed for the ALZA study using a Captopril-5-inhibitor drug for a 16-week trial. Compensated: Ana # 8-2969/ana.turker@ccc.uab.edu.

Do you have toenail fungus? You may qualify for a research study at the UAB Department of Dermatology. You may be eligible to receive nail fungus medications, physical exams, laboratory tests, and monetary compensation. Misty 5-3575 ext 101. Compensated: turner@ccc.uab.edu.

Men & women age 50-85 with a diagnosis of age-related macular degeneration need ed for a research study evaluating the effectiveness of the nutritional supplements lutein, zeaxanthin, zinc and omega-3 fatty acids (DHA & EPA). Katherine 325-8537.

Do you have rheumatoid arthritis? If you are a rheumatoid arthritis patient and have received treatment for rheumatoid arthritis for at least six months, you are eligible for a research study to determine the role of an investigational drug as a treatment option. You must be on a stable dose of Methotrexate for at least one year. Compensation: 5-7238 ext 3.

American-African men/women ages 55-60 with diabetes may be eligible for a research study to determine the effectiveness of a new investigational product. You must be on a stable dose of Methotrexate for at least one year. Compensation: 5-3979.

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Are you a postmenopausal woman at increased risk for osteoporosis? You may be eligible for a breast cancer prevention study. Research studies for osteoporosis and are needed for a research study. Contact us at LSLstudy@uab.edu or 5-5738.

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Appliances & Electronics

HP Compaq desktop PC w/Windows XP, in exc. cond., $350/obo. LSB 649-1481.

dishwasher 24”, good condition; new electrical training, 2003, has been good only about 20 times. Katherine 8-4006.

Kenmore washer & dryer, white, heavy duty, 100% cotton, fully electric, white, Kenmore washer & dryer, $50, as good as new; elliptical cond, $250/obo. 568-1461.

Home warranty, gas stove, HW/ceramic/tile/carpet, $199,000. Laura 335-0445.

sausage, bacon, hot dog, good cond., must see, beside HBO, $750/44-354-4414.

Furnishings

Savannah county furnish dining room suite, 1980, lighted china cabinet, both pecan finish, in exc. cond., $400/obo. Razan 5-4944.

Mother: Teak dining room suite with large china cabinet, Teak living room sofa, tables and sofa bed, talk detail, Pat Q, UAB pgr 7299.

Sleep number 3000 queen mattress set, non-smoker, white, $1200. Crystal 939-5485.

Dining table, 1-in-3, looks new, 6 chairs and table, $1000. rockys 22-7155/854-6588.

Queen mattress/box frame, $75; refrigerato 16” x 16”, 16”, $80; 14” x 30”, print; $12 cardomax 530 Recumbent.

Miscellaneous

Weed whacker, new gas, 16”, well maintained, only 98,000 mi, nearly new tires, $750/6755-6543.

Elwood montgomery: 2 story, 3 BR, $250,000 or trade for car. 915-4835.

Ford taurus, 4-dr, 5-spd, all manual, in good cond, must see, beside HBO, $750/44-354-4414.

Ford taurus, 1997, 4-dr, 2.5 L V6, AC, sail on power, new belts, new battery, windshield wiper, never been in an accident, 99,500 mi, $50,000.

Harrison county furnish: 6x4 room, 2-story, 3 BR/2.5 BA, perfect, move-in cond, 1-car garage, $199,900. Laura 335-0445.

Harrison county furnish: 6x4 room, 3 BR/2 BA, HW floors throughout, 1 BR/1 BA, large windows, covered patio and a 2 car garage, $180,000. Laura 335-0445.

Harrison county furnish: 6x4 room, 4 BR/2.5 BA, large rooms/ view, $399,000 or trade for local real estate. 744-744-4451.

Hussle Park/Forest View—4 BR, 2 FL, large, 757,000, 1-yr-old, includes home warranty, gas stove, HW/ceramic/tile/carpet, $199,000. Laura 335-0445.

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