Two men are on operating tables, badly injured and undergoing surgery when the first rocket lands nearby. A pretty solid explosion hits, but Peter D. Ray, M.D., and his team of nurses didn't appear to be in immediate danger. A second rocket hits a few minutes later, whistling as it comes in, shaking the ground under Ray's feet when it lands. The Taliban has a forward observer near the U.S. Army Forward Operating Base Salerno in the province of Khost, Afghanistan. He's radioing the position of the forces to his comrades.

A third rocket hits so hard and so close that supplies fly off the walls. Ray, the only surgeon on the base, gets the call from ground command: Leave the enemy soldiers on the operating tables and get in the bunker. "If it had been our guys, American soldiers on the operating table, it would have been my job to assign someone from my support staff to stay with them. So now, I'm responsible for the lives of my support staff, too," Ray says. "And you have to tell them 'you have"

UAB is collaborating with three high-need school districts to recruit, prepare and retain 40 teachers who are transitioning from other careers through a program funded by a $1.35 million grant from the Department of Education. Transition Routes to Urban Education (TRUE) pairs UAB with Birmingham City, Fairfield and Bessemer schools. The group is seeking recent college graduates who did not major in education, para-
UAB President’s Award for Diversity call for nominations

The offices of the vice presidents for Equity and Diversity and Student Affairs have announced a call for nominations for the 2008 President’s Award for Diversity.

President Carol Garrison, Ph.D., has emphasized the importance of institutional diversity and has established a definite goal for the university to nurture diversity of thought, culture, gender and ethnicity. In recognition of this, the university has established the President’s Award for Diversity to recognize those who have advanced the university’s mission of embracing diversity while maintaining academic excellence.

The UAB President’s Award for Diversity will be awarded in five categories: undergraduate student, graduate student, professional student, staff member and faculty member. Visit the Web site at www.uab.edu/communityweek/.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, Nov. 16. All materials should be sent to Thomas Alexander, special assistant for diversity to the vice president of Student Affairs in Hill University Center Room 133. Nominations may be e-mailed to communityweek@uab.edu or call Alexander at 975-9599.

Campus Rec Center is offering chance for you to be Biggest Loser

The UAB Campus Recreation Center is offering a program to encourage employees to embrace the benefits of weight-loss and exercise in a competition that kicks off with the New Year.

The first Campus Recreation Biggest Loser competition will kick off at the start of the year in conjunction with the statewide Scale Back Alabama program. Campus Rec staff is traveling to UAB departments to introduce the program and encourage employees to form a department team.

Regular exercise reduces the risks for heart disease, high blood pressure, osteoporosis, diabetes and obesity. Studies also show that employees who exercise regularly are more productive, absent less, make better decisions, are less stressed and tend to have better attitudes.

If you would like to promote teamwork and encourage healthier lifestyles among co-workers, call 996-6994 or e-mail sprentic@uab.edu to learn more on the Biggest Loser challenge. Appointments are limited.

Cuban writer to lecture on class, culture Nov. 6

Cuban-born journalist, novelist and essayist Pedro Pérez-Sarduy will present a free, public lecture titled “Race, Class and Culture: Critical Gazes at the Cuban Experience.” Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. in Huley Recital Hall Room 108. The lecture is sponsored by the UAB African-American Studies Program.

UAB faculty are invited to attend a reception and book signing with Pérez-Sarduy. Monday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Hill University Center Board Room.

Pérez-Sarduy is a Cuban-born writer of African descent who is the author and co-author of a number of works, including the novel Las Criadas de La Habana (The Maids of Havana). The book is based on his mother’s life stories about pre- and post-revolutionary Havana.

He also co-edited the book Afro-Cuban Voices on Race and Identity in Contemporary Cuba (2000), a collection of essays based on interviews with Afro-Cubans about racial issues in Cuba.

Poet to read For the Confederate Dead

Poet Kevin Young will read from his works at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7 in the UAB Spencer Honors House as part of the “UAB Writers’ Series.”

Young’s latest collection of poetry is For the Confederate Dead, published in 2007. In it, he examines the contradictions of the Confederate legacy and the troubled nation in which that legacy still lingers.

His other books include Black Maria, Jelly Roll: A Blues, To Repel Ghosts and Most Way Home, which was selected for the National Poetry Series and received the Zacharias First Books Award from Ploughshares.

Discount available at North Pavilion Market Place

All UAB, UAB Hospital and UAB Highlands employees receive a 25% discount every Saturday in the North Pavilion Market Place. Just show your badge and receive your discount.

MBD is accepting P&F applications

The Center for Metabolic Bone Disease (CMBD) will fund three pilot and feasibility grants for up to $33,000 per year, renewable for one year. The general focus will be bone biology and disease, and both basic and translational research applications are encouraged.

This will be a two-step process. Step one is the submission of a proposal. Principal investigators must have primary faculty appointments at UAB or instructor or higher and should not have other resources adequate for pilot studies in this area.

To apply, provide a letter (two-page maximum) summarizing aims, background and planned research, along with a title of the project (title not to exceed 81 characters). Also attach your four-page NIH biographical sketch, but no other documents.

Submit this information with NIH biographical sketches via e-mail to Martha Moore at martha@uab.edu by Monday, Dec. 3, at 5 p.m. Final applicants will be selected Thursday, Dec. 20.

Direct inquiries to John Mounce, M.D., Ph.D., 934-8999 or jmounce@uab.edu; Thomas Clemens, Ph.D. at 934-2726 or tclemens@uab.edu or Jay McDonald, M.D., at 934-6666 or mcdonald@uab.edu.

High-risk pregnancies set as topic for next “Let’s Do Lunch”

Are you at risk for a high-risk pregnancy? Then what you need to know is November’s “Let’s Do Lunch” topic.

This lunch-and-learn event is an opportunity for UAB employees to talk about high-risk pregnancies and more with Sheri Jenkins, M.D., associate professor in maternal/fetal medicine. Make reservations and bring a friend to The Kirklin Clinic fifth floor conference room Wednesday, Nov. 14 at noon. Space is limited, so call 996-2229. Lunch is provided. Open to UAB employees only.

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**UAB’s Commons on the Green: A Design Success, too**

**UAB**’s Commons on the Green is one of the best-designed dining facilities in the country, according to *American School & University* magazine’s Educational Interiors Showcase.

UAB’s Commons on the Green was selected as an Outstanding Design in the Cafeterias/Food-Service Areas in the August edition honoring award-winning designs. The interior design firm Perkins & Will of Atlanta submitted the entry to the magazine.

“I think the designation validates that the Commons on the Green will be one of the anchor facilities for the new Campus Green,” says Michael Raczynski, assistant vice president for Student Affairs. “The best part is that our students have really accepted the facility. The diner has taken off and exceeded our expectations. It’s an extremely popular spot.”

Raczynski says The Diner is averaging about 6,000 transactions per week. The Commons is averaging around 10,000 transactions per week.

The magazine praised the design of the facility, stating: “This open and inviting environment provides connectivity between interior and exterior programming areas. State-of-the-art, retail-oriented dining options situated just a few steps from residence halls help keep students on campus, allowing them to meet and greet their friends in a welcoming and lively campus family room.

*Based on an open marketplace design, the flexible new facility is designed for easy and rapid adaptation as future trends in food service evolve. Back-of-house service areas are arranged carefully to maximize operational efficiency and minimize their impact on the surrounding campus.*

The Commons is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. The Diner and Quick Zone convenience store are open 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week. For more information, visit www.uab-dining.com.

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**TRUE to you**

**Interested in changing careers?**

Do you or does someone you know want to become a teacher?

**UAB’s new Transition Routes to Urban Education (TRUE) program can help you become a highly qualified teacher while earning a master’s degree.**

**For more information, contact Deborah Voltz at voltz@uab.edu or 934-8320.**

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**TRUE pursuits challenge**

The shortages of highly qualified teachers for high-needs urban school districts are well-documented. Almost two-thirds of states report that the percentage of core academic classes taught by highly qualified teachers is lower in high-poverty schools than in low-poverty schools, according to the Annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act.

And quantity isn’t the only concern. Even teachers who meet state criteria for being highly qualified feel challenged in addressing the diversity that characterizes the student population. Voltz says TRUE addresses those challenges.

The TRUE grant supports the Urban Teacher Enhancement Program (UTEP), an initiative of UAB’s Urban Education Project. UTEP prepares teachers who have the knowledge, skills and dispositions to promote high student achievement in urban schools and a commitment to remaining there.

Carmelita Bivens, the director of Special Education Programs for Bessemer City Schools, says UAB already has provided much-needed support in recruiting and training teachers through the UTEP program. She is excited to see TRUE build upon its successes.

“When you work in the urban school districts it’s difficult to find teachers, period,” Bivens says. “Often we find people who are available and want to work, but just aren’t qualified. UAB has aggressively pursued that challenge of finding people who are qualified.

“Just this year we have one teacher that I know is doing a fantastic job at one of our schools. She came to us with a desire,” Bivens says. “She did not have a special education degree, but she’s in the program at UAB. She’s doing a fantastic job in the elementary school working with those students who have special needs. None of that would be possible without UAB.”

If you or someone you know is interested in transitioning into a teaching career, contact Voltz at voltz@uab.edu or 934-8320.

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**International Education Week is Nov. 10-17**

Nov. 10 marks the beginning of International Education Week, a joint initiative of the U.S. State Department and the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and to attract future leaders from abroad to study in the United States.

Many activities have been planned around campus for the week. For a complete list of events, visit main.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=114962.

**Grants & Contracts**

**Awards Report moves to the OGCA**

**RESADM listserv**

The UAB Reporter no longer will publish the Office of Grants & Contracts Administration’s Awards Report.

The Awards Report will continue to be available via the OGCA Research Administration listserv. The Web link for joining the listserv is: http://main.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=100993

The UAB Reporter will continue to feature breaking news and in-depth stories on research conducted by members of the UAB community.

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**American School & University** magazine selected UAB’s Commons on the Green as one of the best-designed dining facilities in the country. 
New women’s sterilization procedure offered at UAB

A new sterilization procedure for women who don’t require an incision or general anesthesia now is available at UAB Hospital.

Euseb hysteroscopic sterilization uses a tele- scope-like instrument with a video camera to visualize the lining of the uterus and place small, permanent inserts into the fallopian tubes from inside the uterus, ensuring that a woman will not become pregnant.

“The insert is very similar to a cardiac stent,” says Todd Jenkins, M.D., director of the Division of Women’s Reproductive Health.

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PETER RAY

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Ray is home in Birmingham now. He is an associate professor of plastic surgery at UAB, seeing patients at Children’s and UAB hospitals. Afghanistan prepared Ray for his work here in ways he never imagined.

For one thing, performing operations while under enemy fire builds mental discipline quickly, he says.

But treating the children who were shot, lost limbs after stepping on land mines or suffered burns was where Ray began to find his true comfort zone. It may seem like a long way from there to treating the children of Alabama and the Southeast – most of whom have been run over by a lawnmower, injured in a car wreck or burned down.

But Afghanistan has given him better perspective on the severity of injuries and the likelihood of recovery, giving him confidence with chil dren and their parents – and giving UAB a valuable asset.

“I think I’m able to look at the parent and say ‘I’ve seen this before. I can tell what it’s going to look like,'” Ray says. “And I can do it without pretending what it is going to be and do and what it isn’t,” he says. It’s very much within my comfort zone to take care of some bad injuries.

STRAP in

Ray, a 38-year-old native of Buffalo, N.Y., native, is a humble man. “If you get too high on your horse, that’s when things start look ing for you,” he says. Ray didn’t go to war seeking fame and fortune as a doctor. He just wanted to help people.

The U.S. Army Specialized Training Assistance Program (STRAP) gave him the opportunity. He says he’s a better doctor because of it.

“This taught me how to work with nursing staff, pharmacy staff, blood staff and other people in the hospital because I didn’t have a choice. It was a big education in interpersonal communication and in how to be a good hospital citizen, respecting what others do and getting them to understand how I think. I never would have gotten that otherwise.”

STRAP exists to obtain medical staff in crit ical Areas of Concentration (AOC). Ray completed his general surgery residency prior to entering plastic surgery residency, and it is his Army AOC. He signed up for the same reason many exist in the military – he needed money.

“My student loans were such I really didn’t have anything to eat except Ramen noodles,” he says. “I signed up basically because I was broke.”

Ray enjoyed his stipend – not to mention solid food – for two years until he completed his surgical residency. Then he received a letter congratulating him and directing him to San Antonio for an observation course. It was 2002, and he says it was clear something big was coming.

He was assigned to the Fifth Medical Group on Green Springs Avenue and soon was sent to Bosnia for five months.

On to Afghanistan

Ray was back six months from Bosnia before he was told he was going to Iraq. Instead he was diverted to Afghanistan with the 325th Combat Support Hospital out of Kansas City.

Ray was in Salerno for 11 months operating on U.S. and enemy soldiers. Afghans work ing with the Army and other citizens Ray treated 250 major traumas – around 130 more than he could have expected to see in his first year’s practice.

And it was as an Afghanistan that he began to take care of children, many of whom were harmed falling into open fires used for cooking in their home.

Ray kept in touch through e-mail with his boss, John Grant, M.D., director of the UAB and Transylvania. He often told Grant of the struggles faced daily. Grant was talking with one of his patients who had lost his leg as a young child and grew up with a series of prosthetics. Grant told the child how Ray was treating children who lost limbs after stepping on land mines. The child decided to box up his old prosthetics and ship them to Ray.

The child’s father told him, “I was actually able to put a few of them on the kids I was treating.” Ray says.

He was permitted to build a clinic just out side the base in Salerno, and his first sergeant drew up the plans. “We were able to get it approved and actually it had built with con crete blocks,” he says.

“We’re not there to do humanitarian work, but at the same time we have the ability and it helps the hearts and minds of the local nationals. And what else are we going to do? It’s just a complex world to work in.”

Ray and his staff clearly did their job well. About 90 percent of the injuries treated were blast injuries. The general in charge of the war zone came to visit the base once and praised Ray and his staff for their work.

“He told us, ‘From my perspective, you guys are just a dot on a map.’” Ray says. “But he adds, ‘The one thing I do notice is that any American soldier who gets injured and comes here gets to Germany. Something you’re doing down here is right. I don’t know anything about medicine, but I do notice that pattern.”

Ray was awarded the Bronze Star by the Army for his 11-month service. He didn’t take his two-week break until the end of his service time. The Bronze Star for service is an award Ray appreciates, but it’s the memo ries of after hours conversations with the work of the medical staff he treasures.

“We had this area where soldiers could go to call home using satellite phones, and it was not uncommon at all for fire to hear a helicopter pilot or someone talking to their families saying ‘Honey, don’t worry. It’s great because we’ve got the best hospital in the country here.’”

Help back home

With two tours of duty, Ray was away from home for more than a year and a half, putting a significant strain on his co-workers at UAB and Children’s hospitals.

His voice is still tinged with regret that his colleagues had to pick up his work during his absence.

“It put a huge burden on the remaining resi dents here to do my work while I was gone, and this is a very, very busy place,” Ray says. “I owe so much gratitude to those guys who took care of things while I was gone. For anybody in the military to do their active duty, there is a tremendous amount that falls on the shoulders of the people who are doing the work when they’re not there. That’s an unassured cost.”

Ray wondered if he would get to keep his job back home since he was gone for so long. For Ray’s boss, there was never any doubt Ray would be accepted back.

“Dr. Ray is a high-quality person and we didn’t want to lose him,” Grant says. “The long-term future gain is worth the short term investment. He was pushed to serve and did his duty and we shouldn’t have him pay the extra sacrifice of losing his job here. I think there’s a moral obligation for that. Plus, he’s a fantastic doctor. I’ve known him a long time and taken part in his training. I’ve worked hard to build this center, and I wouldn’t trust it to just anyone.”

Ray says he is glad to be back in Birmingham working with children. “Kids don’t seem to know how hard things are,” he says. “All they have is hope, and all they want to do is go play.”

Army future

There is a very good chance Ray’s service in the military isn’t over.

His STRAP contract runs through 2012. He likes to mention the last line in that contract “or as dictated by the needs of the United States Army” – both to inform and to remind himself that the next letter requesting his service can arrive at any time.

Ray will travel with the 946th Forward Surgical Team out of Mobile the next time he is called. Ray, a major, is the unit com mander. “My terminal date of service at the U.S. Army base is June 2012.”

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Until recently, women who desired a permanent form of sterilization were limited to tubal ligation or hysterectomy. A hysteroscopy offers a better option.

“There are many ladies who have been told they can’t have permanent sterilization because they’re not a good surgical candidate,” Jenkins says. “Hysteroscopic sterilization opens up a whole new avenue for women if this is something they desire.”

The Federal Drug Administration approved the procedure in 2002, and UAB made the service available two months ago. The pro cedure is covered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield and recently was added to VHA cover age. Jenkins says. It is covered for Medicaid patients if they have a contraindication to laparoscopy or anesthesia.

Until recently, women who desired a per manent form of sterilization were limited to tubal ligation or hysterectomy. Hysteroscopy offers a better option, Jenkins says. The pro cedure has no effect on women’s hormones, and it should not affect the menstrual cycle. And, while women who have had the procedure have reported a little discomfort with their menstrual periods, it usually resolves after the first cycle, Jenkins says.

As for pain immediately following the actual procedure, “More than 95 percent of patients are comfortable with a suppository post operatively,” Jenkins says.

Jenkins says their group often encourages women to ask their husbands and partners to undergo a vasectomy before the women agreed to tubal sterilization. “A vasectomy is cheaper, more effective and has less risk than tubal sterilization. However, hysteroscopic sterilization actually is bridging that gap,” Jenkins says.

The physician says that 50,000 women world wide have taken advantage of the new steril ization procedure.

The Division of Women’s Reproductive Health is housed in the Kirklin Clinic and is designed to provide obstetric and gynecologi cal care to the UAB community. The division has six members, plus a certified registered nurse practitioner Jenkins, Kim Hoover, M.D., and Laura Lee Jooser, M.D., are offer ing the Essure hysteroscopic sterilization procedure.

For more information, call 326-9423 or visit www.essure.com. To make an appointment, call 801-7002.

Peter D. Ray, far right, performs surgery during his time in Salerno, Afghanistan. Ray, a pediatric plastic surgeon, served for 11 months in Afghanistan as the U.S. Army base’s lone general surgeon.
Clinical trials are needed to develop effective prevention, diagnostic and treatment methods for cancer and other diseases. Participation in clinical trials by both sexes in a wide range of ethnicities is equally critical to verifying that therapies will work effectively among people of all backgrounds.

However, only 3 percent of adults who are eligible actually enroll in cancer-related clinical trials, and minorities participate at even lower rates. UAB is working to reverse that.

The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Recruitment and Retention Shared Facility (RRSF) are partnering with the National Cancer Institute to sponsor the IMPaCT (Increasing Minority Participation in Clinical Trials) program. RRSF is a universitywide service center that enrolls and retains study participants for UAB researchers.

IMPaCT has two objectives: to increase the number of minority cancer patients in cancer clinical trials and to support minority cancer patients already participating.

“As a cancer patient taking treatment, making every appointment and following the doctor’s treatment plan is the best way to survive the disease. That includes clinical trials,” says Nedra Lisovicz, Ph.D., investigator with the IMPaCT program. “The purpose of the clinical trial is to find a treatment that’s better than the normal treatment already being used. If we don’t have all population groups participating, we can’t generalize very well the outcome of the procedure in all populations.”

Patients benefit

Cortexa Jones-Townsend, the IMPaCT coordinator, says there are many benefits to patients participating in clinical trials. A patient’s condition and treatment are very carefully monitored, and these patients often are among the first to benefit from a new treatment. Patients also can derive comfort knowing they are contributing to key medical research and helping others with the same condition.

“We want to educate the African-American community and let them know clinical trials are available to them, and that we are here to help them navigate through their treatment in any way we can,” Jones-Townsend says.

IMPaCT also is reaching out to individual UAB clinics to let staff know that navigators are available to help their African-American patients, whether they are enrolled in a clinical trial or may be eligible in the future.

IMPaCT aids patients in many ways, including arranging transportation to and from treatment, helping locate child care and possibly helping them locate financial resources. Recently, IMPaCT navigators arranged for a patient to fly from Dothan to Birmingham for cancer treatment. A volunteer pilot from Mission Flight donated his time and plane to fly the patient, worked with the family to secure a hotel room for the night and a taxi to transport the patient to UAB at 4 a.m. for surgery.

Finding resources

“Finding resources that support the patient is one of our key missions,” Lisovicz says. “We are here to support and educate. We want patients battling cancer and coming here for treatment to know UAB provides these services for them. We want patients to ask their physician if they’re eligible to participate in a clinical trial. If they are eligible, they should also ask to speak with the IMPaCT navigator.”

For more information on the IMPaCT program, call 1-866-843-8277. For recruitment services, call 975-790.
Special lectures

Tuesday, Nov. 6

Noon Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center. A forum of community resources for dementia patients. A panel of experts will provide tips for managing the restless days and end-stage grief of Alzheimer’s Disease. Fine Conf. Lunch will be provided. CEUS for nurses and social work.

Noon Loris & David Rich Lecture Series in Visual Science. Role of complement in ocular protection, intraocular inflammation and age-related macular degeneration. Dr. Brian Bora (Department of Research, Ophthalmology, Jones Eye Institute, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock); Callahan Eye Foundation-3rd fl.

5 pm Joint UAB CAFR and Cell Biology Dinner Lecture. Changing pattern of HIV variants in the post-HAART era, Dr. Avindra Nath (Prof, Neurology, Johns Hopkins University); Bevil Biomedical Research Bldg-172.

7 pm UAB African-American Studies Program. Race, class and culture: Critical gaze at the Cuban experience, Cuban-born journalist, Pedro Pérez-Saray. Hulsey Recital Hall Room 106. For more info, call 9-5852.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

7 pm International Studies Program. Graduate studies workshop in international studies. The topics will include tips and strategies for successful entry to graduate schools in international studies and political science, law school and our own masters program in public administration. Refreshments will be served. All majors are welcome. For more information, contact Luis at lsills@uab.edu or Mariana at rodharma@uab.edu. University Blvd II-Office Bldg Rm 108.

Thursday, Nov. 8

8 am Cell Biology. Developmental biology day. Speakers will discuss a wide range of topics within the field of developmental biology ranging from neurodevelopment to skeletal and cardiovascular development. Visit http://main.uab.edu/show.asp?durki=108019 for more details or call Dr. Rosa Serra at 4-0842. Bradley Conf Ct-Chirr. Harbor's.

1 pm International Studies Program/AU Study Abroad/Foreign Language & Literature.

Globalization, minority groups and religious pluralism, Dr. Saban Duzgun (Prof, Theology, Ankara University, Turkey); Hulsey Aud.

6 pm Art & Art History. Curator and artists organizer Tom Echols. Admission is free and the public is invited. Echols also is the juror for this year's juried Student Annual exhibition, which will be on view Nov. 16-Dec. 7, at the UAB Visual Arts Gallery. He is the executive director for Bard College's Center for Curatorial Studies and Art in Contemporary Culture. Echols writes and speaks frequently on art. He holds an M.A. in philosophy and Italian art from the University of Glasgow. He lives and studied at the University of Bologna. Call 4-4941 for more info. Hulsey Recital Hall.

Friday, Nov. 9

8:30 am UAB Health Disparities Bioethics Workshops. Medical, ethical and social implications, Dr. Troy Duster (New York University), Assoc Prof Jose Fernandez (Nutrition Sciences) and Dr Adeleave Teatum (University of Louisville); Double Tree Hotel, 801 20th St S. For more info, call 4-577-391. UABMC.edu.

10 am UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Special Seminar. Investigating apoptosis resistance of cancer cells: what can we do? Assoc Prof Tong Zhou (Clinical Immunology & Rheumatology); West Pavilion-E.

3 pm Philosophy/Finance, Economics & Quantitative Methods. Speaker George Loewenstein. Loewenstein is the Herbert A. Simon Professor of Economics and Psychology at Carnegie Mellon University. He helped establish the field of behavioral economics, which is the scientific study of decision making to understand how economic decisions are made and their effect on market prices and returns. He also has been a co-founder of neuroeconomics, which combines neuroscience, psychology and economics. For more info, call 934-2281. Bradley Conf Ct-Chirr. Harbor's.

5 pm UAB Alumni Club. Lunch and learn event is an opportunity for UAB employees to talk about high-risk pregnancies and more with Assoc Prof Shen Jenkins (Maternal/Fetal Medicine). The Kirklin Clinic-5th floor Conf Rm. Space is limited, so call 889-2219. Lunch is provided. Open to UAB employees only.

12:15 pm The Lister Hill Center for Health Policy Seminar. Consumer-driven health plans: Where have we been and where might we be going, Dr. Stephen T. Parente (Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota); Ryals Public Health Bldg-407.

3:30 pm Dr Alpha Theta/History Honors Society/ Department of History. Lister Hill versus ‘Cotton Tom’ Heflin: Alabama's role in the New Deal's struggle to create the eight-hour day, the minimum wage and the end child labor, Prof Sam Webb (History); Sterne Library Henly Rm. 5 pm Neuroengineering Conference. High field MRI with patients implanted with vagal nerve stimulants, Ass Prof Larry Var Hof (Neurology); West Pavilion-Bd Rm.

Friday, Nov. 16

Noon Vision Science Research Center Welcoming Stroller Program. Programmed organoleptic destruction in the ver- tebrate eye, Dr Steven Bassnett (Ophthalmology & Vision Science International). 12-12:30 pm Hill-3rd fl The Hub. For more info, lazyazfo@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

12:30 pm Noon Anthropology & Social Work. Tools for productive conversations. Explore ways to engage in and master conversations resulting in improved skills with high-school and college students.

3 pm Neuroengineering Conference. High field MRI with patients implanted with vagal nerve stimulants, Ass Prof Larry Var Hof (Neurology); West Pavilion-Bd Rm.

Meetings

Monday, Nov. 5, Nov. 12

Noon Ioni Strum in Languages Table Languages Table.

Arabic conversation table: Hill-3rd fl The Hub. For more info, lazyazfo@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

4:30 pm Power Yoga: UAB Manhall Conference Center. For more info, call 987-0253.

Tuesday, Nov. 6, Nov. 13

10 am International Women’s Group. Smolin International Library. 1-2:30 pm Hill-3rd fl The Hub. For more info, lazazfo@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

12:10 pm Stress Management through Meditation. The UAB Resource Center. Call 934-2381 or visit www.uab.edu/esp for more info.

3 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Table. Spanish Conversation Table: Hill-3rd fl The Hub, centro@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu. For more info, call 987-0253.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, Nov. 14

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

10 am International Mom’s Group. Smolin International Library. 1-2:30 pm Hill-3rd fl The Hub. For more info, lazazfo@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

12:10 pm Stress Management through Meditation. The UAB Resource Center. Call 934-2381 or visit www.uab.edu/esp for more info.

3 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Table. Spanish Conversation Table: Hill-3rd fl The Hub, centro@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu. For more info, call 987-0253.

7 pm Convolutional English classes. Levels 1-4; Smolin International Library. 4-5:30 pm Hill-3rd fl The Hub; centro@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu. For more info, call 987-0253.

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Wednesday, Nov. 7

7 pm UAB Writers’ Series. Keert Yong, poet, in his latest collection of poetry, For the Confederate Dead. Young explores the contradictions of the Confederate legacy and the troubled nation where that legacy still lingers. In the collection, he takes up a range of African-American sorrows and passages. Free and open to the public. For more info, call 4-4250. Spencer Honor's House.

Religion

Tuesday, Nov. 6, Nov. 13

Noon Medical Center Christian Fellowship Meeting. West Pavilion-B. All welcome. Monday, 947-5177 or Jillar 951-3826.

Wednesday, Nov. 7, 14

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, contact 822-9308.

Sunday, Nov. 11, 18

10 am Catholic mass: St Stephen Church, 1515 5th Ave S Ave. 933-2500.

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5 pm UAB Hindu Student Council. We will have a ses- sion on singing and feeding the Hari Krishna way how everyone is welcome to join. For more info, visit www.prabhu383-9805, 1501 15th Ave S Apt 20, Bham.

Exhibits

Mervyn H. Sterne Library. Alabama illustrated. The exhibit features original drawings and illustrations by UAB students of this fall’s Advanced Drawing class taught by Douglas Boulus. The exhibit is located on the first and second floors of the Mervyn H. Sterne Library and will be available through December. Library hours: 7:30 am-11 pm Mon-Thurs; 7:30 am-7 pm Fri; 9-6 pm Sat; 1-11 pm Sun.

The Samuel Umhlt Museum. Home of prominent Birmingham civic leader and poet. Open by appointment only, 4-3328.


WBHM-FM, 90.3

Fresh Air with Terry Gross can be heard 3-4 pm daily on 90.3 WBHM-FM, Birmingham. If you miss it, visit www.wbhm.org to find your station for NPR News and classical music. Fresh Air is NPR’s Peabody Award-winning weekday magazine of contemporary arts and issues. It offers some of the most intelligent interviews, reviews and commentary heard on radio, and features interviews with prominent cultural and entertainment figures, as well as distinguished guests on current events.

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**Thursday, Nov. 8**
6 pm Art & Art History. Curator and arts organizer Tom Eccles. Admission is free and the public is invited. Eccles also is the juror for this year’s Judson Student Annual exhibition, which will be on show Nov. 16-Dec. 7, at the UAB Visual Arts Gallery. He is the special address for Ida College’s Center for Curatorial Studies and Art in Contemporary Culture. Eccles writes and speaks frequently on art. He holds an M.A. in philosophy and Italian from the University of Glasgow and studied at the University of Bologna. Call 4-4544 for more info. Huley Recital Hall.

**7 pm UAB Student Diversity Programs.** Brian Spinks and Steven Wurgel, cast members from the FX Network hit reality show “Black, White” will share their experiences from the controversial show. The event is free to the public. The lecture by Spinks and Wurgel is designed to spark dialogue, illuminate issues and ignite a greater desire for understanding. For more info call 5-9509.

**Friday, Nov. 9**
7:30 pm UAB Opera. Lovers, Liars and Leading Ladies. This production features an evening of opera scenes staged by new UAB Opera Director Kristine Hurst-Wazuzak. All scenes will be sung in English and will be accompanied by pianist Chris Thomas. Opera scenes featured are “The Magic Flute,” “Così fan tutte,” “The Marriage of Figaro,” “Don Giovanni,” “The Impresario” and “The Rake’s Progress.” Huley Recital Hall. Admission is free; a reception will follow the performance. Call 4-7376 for more info.

**Fri.-Sat., Nov. 9-10**
7:30 pm Theatre UAB. In the Blood. This play contains adult language, adult situations and challenging content. Hester, a mother who lives under a bridge with her five children, born in two different cities, scratches out a subsistence existence as best her limited education will allow. She is looking to get off the brutal streets. The play takes the audience on her journey, where she meets a clinic doctor, the welfare lady and the street corner reviver. Tickets are $12; $6 for UAB/BACHE students; and $10 for UAB employees and senior citizens. Call 5-2787, Odess Theatre.

**Saturday, Nov. 10**
8 pm Alys Stephens Center. An evening with Taj Mahal. This show is part of the Alys Stephens Center’s “Blues & BBQ Weekend,” a sizzling celebration of the blues with great performances by Keb’ Mo’ and Taj Mahal. Started off right with pre-show parties. Come early and enjoy the sounds of Microwave Dave in the new outdoor Haskell Courtyard one hour before show time. Barbecue plates will be for sale; a cash bar will be available. Singer-songwriter and guitarist Keb’ Mo’ music is a post-modern expression of the artistic and cultural journey that has transformed the blues, a living link to the Delta blues that traveled up the Mississippi River and across America before evolving into a Universally celebrated art form. Tickets are $52, $42 and $22; student tickets are $10. Call 975-2787 or go to www.AlysStephens.org.

**Sunday, Nov. 11**
3 pm Alys Stephens Center. Patricia Neil in “Words I Live By: A Tribute to Helen Keller.” This heartwarming story is adapted to the stage and directed by Joel Vip. A reception follows the show. Tickets are $55. Call 975-2787 or go to www.AlysStephens.org.

**4 pm UAB Piano Series. Robert Piano.** In 2005, Piano was one of the top prizewinners of the 12th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. For his UAB performance he will perform works by Schumann, Chopin and Glinka. Single tickets are $15; tickets are $5 for UAB students, faculty and staff with valid ID. Call 975-2787, Reynolds-Kirschbaum Recital Hall.

**7 pm Intercom Jurisdiction Committee.** Show of the film Offsite. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Wear your favorite soccer team shirt for a chance at the door prize. Hill University Center-Alumni Aud.

**7 pm Alys Stephens Center. Taj Mahal & the Trio.** Join the ASC for their “Blues & BBQ Weekend,” a sizzling celebration of the blues with great performances by Keb’ Mo’ and Taj Mahal. Tickets are $12, $6 for UAB/BACHE students; and $10 for UAB employees and senior citizens. Call 5-2787, Odess Theatre. There will be a 2 pm matinee show Nov. 18.

**Thursday, Nov. 15**
3:30 pm Alys Stephens Center/AXIS Dance Company. Fundamentals of inclusive teaching and with diverse students. With the goal of introducing inclusive practices and sensitivity, dancers of AXIS offer this exciting, movement-based workshop geared toward teachers, students and faculty working with diverse populations. Come dressed to move. Space is limited; for reservations call Kimberly Kirklin at 934-0862 or kkirklin.uab.edu. ASC Lobby.

**Sat.-Sun., Nov. 17-18**
7:30 pm Alys Stephens Center. AXIS Dance Company. Tickets are $45, $35 and $25; student tickets are $10. Call 975-2787 or go to www.AlysStephens.org. What is dance? AXIS challenges notions of dance and movement by turning the whole concept of choreography upside down. The company’s innovative repertoires of physically integrated works feature dancers with and without disabilities. There is a 2:30 pm show on Sunday only.

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Jennifer Blythers honored as UAB’s Employee of the Year

How does it feel to be UAB’s Employee of the Year? Jennifer Blythers was so stunned by the honor she wasn’t really sure herself.

And then a co-worker walked by: “Hello, celebrity.”

“And when she said that, I said, ‘You know what? That’s how it feels.’” Blythers says.

“Now I know how it feels to be a celebrity.” And when she said that, I said, “You know what? That’s how it feels.” Blythers says.

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Blythers was shocked to learn of her selection and says her immediate response was “No, don’t thank me. I thank you for giving me the chance to help someone today.” Now, I was just beside myself and was tearing up because she was so sweet and respectful to me and thanked me for giving her the chance to help someone. Her unexpected reaction to my situation helped me retain my dignity in an otherwise embarrassing situation.

“Just a few minutes later, I gave her a really big hug and told her how much I appreciated the way she treated me. I was teary for the rest of the day, and even now I am so touched,” Blythers says.

Blythers says she and Johnson reconnected at her Employee of the Month party earlier this year.

“She just expressed her thanks to me again, and I wanted to let her know how much I appreciated her kindness and that I wouldn’t have been selected employee of the month if it wasn’t for her,” Blythers says. “I just told her thank you. That’s what we did to each other - just said thank you.”

‘I’m a hostess’

Those who have worked with Blythers through her 14 years at UAB say that’s just the type of person she is - kind, sincere and hardworking.

“Jennifer provided environmental service support to Hospital Administration for several years,” says Linda Cole, an executive assistant in Waldrum General. “She was a member of our team and played an important role in helping to ensure that the administrative area was cleaned and stocked with the appropriate supplies. Jennifer is always friendly, courteous and professional.

“UAB Hospital’s mission is to provide the highest quality of care and service to our patients, family members, visitors and employees and this is what Jennifer provides on a daily basis.”

Michael Hill, manager in Environmental Services, says Blythers is “just plain friendly” and takes pride in the work she does throughout her area of the hospital.

“The North Pavilion second floor is an extremely busy area with lots of traffic, very high profile,” Hill says. “This is the first area our visitors pass through when entering the hospital. However difficult the task, Jennifer has been able to maintain this area and set the tone for what UAB visitors can expect throughout their hospital visit.”

Blythers says she loves to come to work every day and her supervisors - Hill, Anthony Patterson and Ed Crump - along with the people who work at the information desk make her days fun. And she’s especially thankful that her supervisors tell her they appreciate her work. “There’s not a day that goes by when Mr. Patterson doesn’t come through here and pick up a piece of paper or tell me ‘Jennifer, you do good work.’ It means so much that my managers take the time to notice.”

And Blythers says she would be remiss if she didn’t thank people like Johnson for giving her the chance to lend a helping hand.

“That’s the type of person I am,” Blythers says. “And during the day I’m a hostess. I’m not just a housekeeper. I help people get where they’re going. I do a lot of things. That’s just me. That’s just the type of person I am whether I’m in the hospital or out on the street.”

Employees of the Month for FY 2006-07

October – Michelle Henry, research specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology
November – Elizabeth Vergheese, financial associate in the School of Education
December – Amy Owens, Campus and Community Services specialist
January – Aeroin Gault, director of information systems and senior systems analyst, Psychology
February – Ted Clark, personnel specialist in Preventive Medicine
March – Hank Black, UAB Media Specialist
April – Jennifer Blythers, UAB Hospital environmental services specialist
May – Michael Maner, Webmaster for the Human Resource Management Organizational Department
June – Starla DeBord, nurse clinician in Perioperative Services
July – Tim Sullivan, Campus Services and Grounds manager
August – Fay Carroll, messenger in Hematology and Oncology
September – Mary Alice Crum, manager of Molecular Diagnostics and Immunology Lab
**Are you a postmenopausal woman at increased risk for breast cancer? You may be eligible for a breast cancer prevention study. Call Ellis Maddox 5-9186.**

- **Self-identified Lesbians age 19 and older needed for a memory-loss study.** You may be eligible for a study to evaluate insulin resistance. Participants will undergo physical exams, laboratory tests and an exercise test. Compensated. Call 5-6440/5-2174.

- **Women age 19-40 with diabetes or blood pressure problems – high “bad” cholesterol and/or low “good” cholesterol and/or high blood pressure and/or high “bad” cholesterol and/or low “good” cholesterol. You may be eligible for a study to evaluate new treatment approaches for diabetes and cardiovascular disease.** Make a 3-29-week research study evaluating 2 new investigational medications for hypertension. Receive study medications, blood pressure checks, physical exams, lab tests, and ECG and ambulatory blood pressure monitoring at no cost. Compensation. 4-9281.

- **Do you have any of the following diabetes risk factors?** Type 2 diabetes (you are age 19-75) or you may have recently stopped problem drinking. You may be eligible to participate in a study to test an investigational method to detect osteoporosis-related medications. Eila Maddox 5-1980.

- **Are you an overweight woman age 45-60 who has been diagnosed with cancer?** You may be eligible to participate in a study comparing the effectiveness of FDA approved drugs on pain relief during cancer treatment and pain at rest. Compensation. Compensated up to $350.

- **Are you a woman age 60 or older who may have osteoporosis?** You may be eligible to participate in a study to evaluate the effectiveness of a new investigational drug for osteoporosis. Evaluation includes physical exams, lab work, cardiac MRI and exercise test every 3 months. Compensation. 5-599-1020 Ext. 122/spegram@sleepalabama.com.

- **Are you a non-smoker age 19 or older and have had mitral valve regurgitation?** You may be eligible to participate in a study that looks at decision-making in older adults. Physical exam and blood work, cardiac MRI and exercise test every 3 months. Compensation. 29-5738.

- **Bacterial vaginosis now? You may be eligible to participate in a study to evaluate new treatment approaches for bacterial vaginosis.** Make a 3-29-week research study evaluating 2 new investigational medications for bacteria vaginosis. Receive study medications, bacterial vaginosis checks, physical exams, lab tests, and ECG at no cost. Compensation. 4-9281.

- **Are you an African-American man and woman living with HIV/AIDS?** You may be eligible to participate in a study to evaluate a new investigational drug for diabetes. If you are age 45-60 and have diabetes, you may be eligible to participate in a study that looks at insulin resistance. Make a 3-29-week research study evaluating 2 new investigational medications for hypertension. Receive study medications, blood pressure checks, physical exams, lab tests, and ECG and ambulatory blood pressure monitoring at no cost. Compensation. 4-9281.

- **Are you a woman age 19 or older who has recently been diagnosed with diabetes?** You may be eligible to participate in a trial to study how the long-term exercise training affects those who are becoming newly diagnosed with people with heart failure. Meredith 5-1088.

- **No-cost insomnia treatment for people dependent on alcohol.** You may be eligible if you are age 21-61 who frequently take prescription pain medication and are experiencing difficulty sleeping. A slow sleep evaluation and insomnia treatment protocol has been developed. Call 5-1149.

- **Are you a woman age 19 or older and have had 2 episodes of stress leakage?** You may be eligible to participate in a study to evaluate new treatment approaches for stress urinary incontinence. Make a 3-29-week research study evaluating 2 new investigational medications for stress urinary incontinence. Receive study medications, stress urinary incontinence checks, physical exams, lab tests, and ECG at no cost. Compensation. 4-9281.

- **Are you an overweight woman age 45-60 who has been diagnosed with osteoporosis?** You may be eligible to participate in a study evaluating the effectiveness of new investigational drugs for osteoporosis. Evaluation includes physical exams, lab work, cardiac MRI and exercise test every 3 months. Compensation. 5-996-6270. Compensated. Dr Kenneth Saag 888-534-0367/5-2174.

- **Do you have high blood pressure?** You may be eligible if you are age 21-61. You may be a candidate for comparing 2 investigational medications for treatment of high blood pressure. Make a 3-29-week research study evaluating 2 new investigational medications for high blood pressure. Receive study medications, blood pressure checks, physical exams, lab tests, and ECG and ambulatory blood pressure monitoring at no cost. Compensation. 4-9281.
### Classifieds

#### Appliances & Electronics
- 20" Sony flat screen TV w/stand: $95; micro-
  wave: $11, vacuum: $12, 289-9691.
- Kenmore dryer, $60; self-propelled mower, $100. Also do
  miscellaneous.
- "'93/88 mazda 626, silver, automatic transmis-
  sion, 102,000 mi, fair to good cond, great shape in
  & exc cond, 1 owner, $10,000. 978-5538.
- teresa 907-1795.
- '99 ford taurus, silver, automatic, 4-dr, 3.5L, 6-spd/manual,
  v6, 71,000 mi, looks & interior, new tires, 71,000 mi, $12,500. 296-4352.
- Ford, 4-1199/Jazmin223-9531.
- '03 newmar mountain Aire 30' motorhome,
  fully loaded, PW, cruise, keyless entry, alloy wheels, good tires,
  clean title, lots of extras, $9000/obo. 969-0959.
- Ozzie 4-8383.
- 2003 grand Prix gt2, silver, automatic transmis-
  sion, 4x4, automatic, roof rack, 65,000 mi, $10,700. 968-7269.
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Suits 4 Success

PURPOSE
The UAB Commission on the Status of Women will be collecting business attire for the YWCA’s “My Sister’s Closet” to help economically challenged women dress for success.

WHAT WE NEED
Clean, gently used “business & business casual attire” for women (all dress sizes needed).
Accessories such as purses, shoes, jewelry, new toiletries

WHERE WE NEED IT
DAILY DROP OFF AT:
John N. Whitaker Building
(500 22nd Street South)
6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

WHEN WE NEED IT: November 12 thru 16, 2007

Additional Boxes Located at:
Campbell Hall, Administration Building, School of Nursing, Education Building, Ullman Building, Humanities Building, Business and Engineering Complex, Hill University Center, School of Health Professions, School of Public Health

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