Jacob Lamarque has been admitted to UAB Hospital so many times since he was 9 months old that his mother Justine has lost count. “I just know we’ve been coming back here off and on for 16 years,” Justine says of her family, which lives in Slidell, La. Jacob has returned frequently since his heart transplant a year ago, with his family by his side. During that time, the “family” has expanded to include UAB employees Jane Love and Blair Stofel. Love is the coordinator of UAB’s Child Life Program, and Stofel is a child life specialist. For the past 12 months – for every needle stick, surgery, port placement and even his trip to transplant camp – Love and Stofel have been by Jacob’s side. “When you’re here for a long time you get to know more about the ladies that work in Child Life, and they make you feel real comfortable here,” Jacob says. “The first time I went to transplant camp I actually knew people like Mrs. Jane and Mrs. Blair. To know someone when you’re going to a new place makes you feel more comfortable.” The Child Life Program, which cares for hundreds of children at UAB every year, can reduce the stress experienced by children and families and help them cope with potentially traumatic situations. Child life specialists like Love and Stofel are called to do great tasks. They are essential in implementing foundations for child development at a time when both the child and the parents are most fearful and stressed. At no time is a hospital stay more taxing than during the holidays. Love and Stofel are acutely aware of that, and they give to the patients from their heart, often at the expense of time away from their family and friends. “Thanksgiving and Christmas are such family-oriented holidays and to have a sick child and have to be in the hospital, it’s sad,” Love says. “We have to do our best to make it a good time.”

David Allison honored in White House ceremony

David B. Allison, Ph.D., professor of biostatistics and head of the Section on Statistical Genetics in the UAB School of Public Health, received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring (PAESMEM). He was honored at a White House ceremony Nov. 16. This award, the nation’s highest for mentoring in science, engineering and mathematics, is given by the president of the United States to recognize 10 individuals and one organization that have demonstrated a commitment to mentoring students and increasing the participation of women and under-represented minorities in science and math.

UAB receives $13 million to fight health disparities

More than $13 million awarded to UAB investigators will help reduce health disparities and boost healthy living and cancer-prevention programs in minority and underserved communities. Funding also will be used to create minority cancer-education programs in the undergraduate and graduate curricula. “These funds are helping us make a paradigm shift in the way community-based and academic research is planned and performed in the arena of health disparities,” says Mona Fouad, M.D., director of the UAB Minority Health and Research Center (MHRC). “We hope to continue this work.”
**CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY ANNOUNCED**

Tuesday, Dec. 25 and Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008 are official holidays according to university policy. Although most campus operations will be suspended on this day, essential services—such as maintenance, some clinical facilities and UAB police, among others—will continue; managers in such departments should notify employees in advance of the work schedule to cover the holiday.

All full-time and part-time regular hourly and monthly paid employees are eligible for holiday benefits. Under university policy, eligible full-time regular hourly paid employees who are required to work on a designated holiday will be paid double time (their normal straight-time rate for work plus straight-time rate for the holiday) for no more than eight hours.

Because eligible employees of UAB Hospital, the UAB Police Department, the UAB Call Center and other designated units receive 11 personal holidays instead of eight designated and three personal holidays, employees in such units are not subject to the above policy and should check with their supervisors regarding staff requirements.

UAB's holiday schedule and more are available online in the Human Resources section of www.uab.edu. Holiday policies are outlined in You & UAB, the handbook for administrative, professional and support personnel.

**SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR WOOLFOLK AWARD**

Nominations are being solicited for the 2008 Odessa Woolfolk Community Service Award. This award was established by UAB to recognize faculty who have provided outstanding service to the Birmingham community in one or more of the following areas:

- Education
- Economic development
- Health care delivery
- The arts
- Social services
- Human rights
- Urban and public affairs

To be eligible, a person must hold a full-time regular faculty appointment at UAB, as defined by the UAB Faculty Handbook, and have completed at least one academic year in this position. A person may receive the award only once in any five-year period.

The recipient of the 2008 Odessa Woolfolk Community Service Award will be recognized at the annual Faculty Awards Convocation April 24, 2008, and will receive a $2,500 cash award.

A nomination package should consist of a brief letter of nomination, the faculty member's curriculum vitae, a one- to two-page description of the community service for which the award is sought, and a maximum of five letters of recommendation. This information should be submitted to the Office of the Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs (AAB 374, +0103) by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008. If you have questions, please call 934-0513.

**CAMPUS REC OFFERS FREE TRIAL PERIOD FOR CAMPUS REC OFFERS**

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In one or more of the following areas:

- Urban and public affairs
- Human rights
- Economic development
- The arts
- Social services
- Health care delivery
- The arts
- Urban and public affairs

UAB employees and alumni.

Take advantage of 150,000 square feet of workout and entertainment space housing four basketball/volleyball courts, four racquetball courts, four aerobics studios, weight and cardio-fitness machines, a gym used for indoor soccer, floor hockey and badminton, an indoor track and a climbing wall.

Faculty and staff must present a current UAB ID, and alumni must be active members of the National Alumni Society and present their NAS card to enter.

The Rec Center will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 2008. For a complete list of operating hours, or to learn more about the facility, visit www.uab.edu/camp-rec.

**FREE EYE SCREENINGS AT REC CENTER, TKC**

Get a clearer picture of your eye health with free vision screenings by UAB Eye Care at the Campus Rec Center Thursday, Dec. 6 and The Kirklin Clinic Thursday, Dec. 13. Both screenings are scheduled from 1 to 5 p.m. Screenings should take no more than 10-15 minutes.

To schedule an appointment for a full eye exam with UAB Eye Care, call 973-2020. Appointments are available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.uab.edu/uabycare.

**UAB HOSPITAL HOLIDAY PARTY IS SET FOR DEC. 5**

UAB Hospital will throw a holiday celebration for staff, patients, friends and family Wednesday, Dec. 5 in the West Pavilion Atrium. The Salvation Army Toys for Tots presentation will be at 11:30 a.m., followed by the tree lighting at 11:45.

There will be music, dancing, refreshments and prizes from noon to 3 p.m. and again from 10 p.m. to midnight. Staff can pick up their Core Values T-shirt. Please remember to bring your ID badge.

**‘CHRISTMAS AT THE ALYS’ CELEBRATED DEC. 9**

Awaken the spirit of Christmas 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 with a free concert, “Christmas at the Allys,” an annual celebration presented by the UAB Department of Music, joined this year by the Birmingham Concert Chorale and Samford’s A Capella Choir.

The choirs are performing together for the first time this Christmas event. Combined selections to be performed include a three-choir work from Giovanni Gabrieli and portions of Daniel Pinkham’s “Christmas Cantata.” Other Christmas favorites to be performed include Vaughan Williams’ “Christmas Song,” “Sing We Now of Christmas” and “The First Noel.”

**INCONTINENCE IS NEXT ‘LET’S DO LUNCH’ TOPIC**

Do you have questions about incontinence? Believe it’s just a part of aging? Attend this month’s seminar and hear UAB OB/GYN assistant professor Laura Lee Joiner, M.D., talk about Incontinence in Women: Debelling the Myths.

The seminar is Wednesday, Dec. 12 at noon in the fifth floor conference room at The Kirklin Clinic. Space is limited, so call 996-2229 to make your reservation today.

Lunch will be provided. Reservations are open to UAB employees only.

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**VOLUNTEER FIRST IN LINE TO DONATE**

UAB Hospital volunteer Rachel Ferguson was the first to donate blood in the new donor room opened Monday, Nov. 26 in the North Pavilion, next to the new UAB gift shop and Starbucks. There, donors can watch TV or DVDs or surf the Internet while donating, and earn UAB TouchPoints that can be redeemed for prizes. Make an appointment to donate at the new room at www.give-life.org, using sponsor code “UAB,” or call 365-8847.

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**UAB REPORTER**

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Online: The UAB Reporter can be found online at www.uab.edu/reporter, including the previous 12 months’ issues. Issues since September 2001 are online at wmvweb.uab.edu.
Student recruitment surpassing strategic goals

A new graduate degree in engineering will better prepare students to assume leadership roles in construction management and information engineering and management. The master’s program is not restricted to only those individuals with undergraduate engineering degrees because industry today requires a multidisciplinary set of management skills, said UAB College of Engineering Dean Linda Lucas, Ph.D.

The Construction Management Program will be led by Bill Hitchcock, Ph.D., professor in the School of Engineering’s Department of Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering. The degree was approved by the University of Alabama System Board of Trustees during its Nov. 9 meeting in Tuscaloosa.

“There is a new world in the build environment,” Hitchcock said. “Today’s construction managers must be able to appreciate the perspective and understand the requirements of all the stakeholders in building any kind of facility in any city around the world.”

The U.S. Department of Labor reports the increasing complexity of construction projects heightens the need for management personnel, and the demand for engineers with management and technical skills is expected to increase as much as 27 percent by 2014.

The Information Engineering and Management Program will be led by Dale Callahan, Ph.D., assistant professor in the school’s Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

“No matter the industry, the need for managers who understand information technology and who can anticipate trends and future needs to keep systems current and secure is growing,” Callahan said. “This program was designed by corporate officers as a means of developing leadership talent in a technically complex area. Applicants may have various undergraduate backgrounds.”

Applications are being accepted for the spring semester. Direct questions about the Construction Management Program to Hitchcock or program coordinator Dianne Gilmer at 975-5848 or dgilmer@uab.edu. Direct questions about the Information Engineering and Management Program to Callahan at 934-8440 or dcallahan@uab.edu.
Forteo’s bone-building power shown in osteoporosis patient

T he osteoporosis drug Forteo works better than Fosamax to strengthen bones in arthritis patients with prednisone-induced osteoporosis, according to a study by Kenneth Saag, M.D., professor in the UAB Division of Clinical Immunology and Rheumatology.

The findings were published in the Nov. 15 issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

In a head-to-head comparison of the two drugs, Forteo, part of a class of drugs called parathyroid hormones, more than doubled osteoporosis patients’ bone density measurements and significantly reduced the risk of new spine fractures when compared to the osteoporosis drug Fosamax.

“Patients and their doctors need more bone-building options,” says Saag, the study’s lead author. “Having arthritis and being on medication for that disease is important, and reducing your risk of hip fracture or spinal compression is equally important.”

Forteo increased lumbar spine-density measurements by 7.2 percent compared to 3.4 percent for Fosamax, and it boosted hip-density measurements by 3.8 percent compared to 2.4 percent for Fosamax, Saag says. The study looked at changes in bone density during a course of 18 months.

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“This study significantly improves our understanding of treatment options for secondary osteoporosis, which is caused by taking glucocorticoid drugs like prednisone,” Saag says.

Glucocorticoids are widely used by arthritis patients and others to help reduce inflammation and shrink swollen tissues and joints. But these drugs can increase the risk of bone loss, bone fracture and osteoporosis.

International guidelines now recommend a class of drugs called bisphosphonates, which includes Fosamax, for patients diagnosed with and at risk for drug-induced osteoporosis. Saag says it is hoped Forteo will also be able to reduce the risk of bone loss and minimize fracture risks in arthritis patients.

Drugs, Forteo, part of a class of drugs called parathyroid hormones, were chosen to receive either a once-daily Forteo injection or a once-daily Fosamax pill. Their spine and hip bone-density measurements were taken at the start of the trial and at the end using a DXA scan, a low-level X-ray machine that detects slight changes in bone density.

The study authors also found the Forteo patients had higher levels of protein and biological markers of bone turnover in their urine when compared to the Fosamax group.

The differences between Forteo and Fosamax in terms of serious side-effects were not significant, Saag says.

The authors conclude that because parathyroid hormone appears to trigger the growth of bone-forming cells called osteoblasts, Forteo may effectively counteract the negative effects of glucocorticoid use in bones.

Forteo now is only approved for use in postmenopausal women with osteoporosis and in certain cases for men with hormone-linked osteoporosis. The drug-maker Eli Lilly and Company is awaiting federal approval to have Forteo listed among approved medicines in patients with glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis.

The UAB Hospital Maintenance Department will support the Child Life Program at UAB for the 26th consecutive year when it hosts the annual Christmas Toy Fund celebration Thursday, Dec. 13.

The celebration will begin at 9 a.m. in the North Pavilion Atrium on the second floor.

“What the maintenance department does is for us this one time of year lasts all year long,” Love says. “We couldn’t do the kind of things we do and give the kind of care we give the children without their help.”

Taking care of families

Most of the patients Love and Stofel see are here because of congenital heart defects. Children also are here waiting for heart, liver and kidney transplants. They have a couple of rooms dedicated to children, one is a playroom full of toys and books. The other is a room where the children go to get any needle stick. It’s an inviting room, complete with a turtle examination table and animals painted on the wall. It provides the children an escape and helps ease their anxiety.

“We use this room for the kids so they don’t have to have potentially painful or scary things like blood drawn in their regular room,” Stofel says. “Having this room enables our nurses to develop a strong relationship with the child because the children know when the nurses come in their room they don’t have to worry about getting a shot or being stuck with a needle.”

The nature of the diseases these children are battling leads to some tough and sometimes scary moments for patients and their families.

Child life specialists take time with the patient and their family members to explain upcoming procedures. There are dolls on the floor that Stofel can use to show patients the procedure they will undergo. If a patient is too young to understand the procedure, Stofel will explain it to a parent or concerned older sibling, giving them an idea of what to expect before and after any procedure.

Providing families a caring touch is Child Life’s specialty.

“We just don’t take care of the child,” Love says. “It’s family-centered care. Child Life and the nurses on this floor really try to take care of our families.”

The Lamarrake family says the staff does an excellent job.

“No one’s ever going to change the whole experience for us,” says Doug Williams, an electrician in Hospital Maintenance who is in his sixth year of directing the department’s fundraising efforts. “It’s always special to all of us. We enjoy giving to the children.”

The event will be especially sentimental this year. Tim Sumerel, a founding member of the Christmas Toy Fund, passed away earlier this fall a few weeks after retiring.

“He was with this program from the very beginning,” Williams says. “He worked on it for more than 25 years. He was part of the program since it was just a few of us going door-to-door in the hospital. He’s going to be missed.”

Williams says donations still are being accepted for this year through Dec. 7, maintenance collects money for the fund all year long. Through donations from UAB employees, vendors, contractors and friends, Hospital Maintenance has been able to provide children and their families a positive and uplifting experience during the Christmas season.

The maintenance staff raised more than $14,000 for the fund this past year, but Williams says donations this year are well below that. “We’re trying to have a big push here at the end,” he says. “We really need people to donate now. We’re several thousand dollars away from our goal and way behind where we were last year.”

If you would like to make a donation to Child Life’s Guardian Angel Fund, make checks payable to UAB Hospital, care of The Guardian Angel Fund, Mail checks to the Child Life Department, 619 19th St South, Birmingham AL 35294.
There is an old saying that you never get a second chance to make a first impression. Al Herbert Jr., Ph.D., didn’t need one to impress UAB more than 10 years ago when he chaired the Division of Medical Imaging and Therapy in the School of Health Professions.

And it doesn’t appear he’ll need one now that he has returned to UAB as the new executive director of Supplier Diversity.

Herbert said UAB made quite an impression on him those years ago, which is one reason he wanted to return to campus. At the Department of Supplier Diversity’s 11th annual Appreciation Luncheon in November – Herber’s first event in his second UAB career – those old memories and feelings swept over him again. “It’s a joy and a pleasure to be back home where I belong,” Herbert said.

Numerous administrators, faculty and staff attended the appreciation luncheon, which recognized the 69 departments, divisions and centers that spent at least 10 percent of their procurement dollars with minority- and women-owned businesses. UAB President Carol Garrison, Ph.D., was the featured speaker.

“It was delightful not only to have the president of the university present, but also the many administrators and faculty who have also attended,” Herbert said. “It shows that the president’s call for minority and women participation in the university has been received by all members.”

A total of 261 UAB departments participated this year, and more than 610 minority- and women-owned businesses took part in the program research projects to investigate reasons for health disparities at the basic, clinical and population level.

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that all vendors have better access to and knowledge of UAB’s procurement system. Herbert said he hopes to continue to build on its successes by continued outreach to diverse businesses.

“We plan on looking at new and innovative short-term and long-term initiatives such as the mini trade shows that we will be participating in,” Herbert said. “Our first was Nov. 20 at Children’s Hospital. The Birmingham Business Resource Center co-sponsored that with us.”

Herbert hasn’t been far from UAB in recent years, so he’s very familiar with his new surroundings. He assumed his duties with Supplier Diversity in October after an eight-year career with the City of Birmingham, during which he was responsible for daily operations management as chief of staff and capital budgets.

Prior to joining the city, Herbert was the director of the department of radiology and School of Radiography at the Atlantic City Medical Center in New Jersey. He oversees all planning budgets, purchasing and human-resource issues for multiple units.

In addition to serving as the chair of the department of diagnostic imaging and special assistant to the dean for minority and international affairs at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Herbert has been a consultant at Tuskegee University and chair of diagnostic medical imaging at the Imperial Medical Center of Iran in Tehran.

Care packages on their way to American troops in Iraq

U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq are receiving care packages from the staff of the Lung Health Center again this holiday season.

Joan Mangan, Ph.D., assistant professor with the Lung Health Center and Jimmy Gann, a pharmacist with Caremark RX, Inc., of Birmingham, have coordinated the effort with help from U.S. Army Maj. Addison Burgess, the chaplain currently stationed in Iraq with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team and Forward Operating Base - Q West.

“We raised a little more than $1,000 to purchase items that groups of soldiers can share — such as new books and magazines, sterile wipes and Gauloises, or tennis balls and candy,” Mangan said. “We also bought items to create individual care packages for soldiers.”

Each care package contains baby wipes, an antimicrobial hand wiper, moisturizing hand lotion, popcorn, assorted candies, a magnetized picture frame, granola bars, nuts, crackers, disposable razors, small bags of cookies, packets of drink mix for water bottles, mouthwash, pocket sheets and blank note cards to write home.

Also included in each care package is a note wishing them well and thanking them for their service.

“Both told us how much those packages bolstered the spirits of many of the soldiers.”

Mangan said. “We hope these packages will do the same.”

Please deliver by Dec. 25. Treats are packed at the UAB Lung Health Center to go with the very practical items included in the care packages for U.S. troops stationed in Iraq. Also included in each care package is a note wishing them well and thanking them for their service.

Health disparities

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feeding a culture of collaboration that cuts across all racial, ethnic and socioeconomic barriers to benefit everyone’s health.

The $13 million comprises grants from three funding sources, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta (CDC) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Fouad and Edward Partridge, M.D., director of the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center, are the principal investigators. Descriptions of the three grants follow.

UAB, Morehouse, Tuskegee partnership

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Special lectures

Thursday, Dec. 6
2 pm IRB/HIPAA Training Session. Storage and security research data, Director Sheila Moore (IRB) and Data Security Officer Terrell Herzog; School of Nursing Auditorium G028. This talk will satisfy the IRB’s continuing-education requirements. Open to the UAB community.

Friday, Dec. 7
Noon UAB Vision Science Research Center Visiting Scholar Program. The molecular genetics of retinoblastoma. Dr. Terri Young (Center for Human Genetics, Duke University); Worrell Conference Ctr-1st fl.

Sunday, Dec. 9
4 pm 2007 Einstein Lecture. The beginning and the end of the universe, Jonathan Gardner (Chief, Observational Cosmology Lab, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md). Gardner will give an overview of cosmology, outlining the history of the universe and highlighting the very rapid progress this field has made in the last decade. He will discuss the role that NASA space telescopes has played and will continue to play.

Monday, Dec. 10
11 am 2007 Einstein Lecture. Finding our origins with the Hubble and James Webb space telescopes, Jonathan Gardner (Chief, Observational Cosmology Lab, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md). Gardner will discuss the origin and evolution of galaxies, beginning with the Big Bang and tracing what we have learned with Hubble through to the present day. He will show that results from studies with Hubble have led to plans for its success, the James Webb Space telescope. Spencer Honors House. Seating is limited. For more info, call Penny 4-8064.

Tuesday, Dec. 11
5 pm Neuroengineering. Brain-computer interfaces. From the nanoscale to the macroscale, Mahesh Shenai (Housestaff); WP-Bd Rm.

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Noon UAB OB/GYN Let’s Do Lunch series. Incontinence in women: Dispelling the myths, Ass Prof Laura Lee Joiner (OB/GYN); 5th floor conference room-The Kirklin Clinic.

Friday, Dec. 14
10 am UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center. State of the Center address, Director Edward Partridge (UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center); WP-E.
3 pm Reynolds Historical Lecture & Exhibition Opening Reception. The lady doctor: Thoughts on how femininity and feminism have changed medicine, Professor Hughes Evans (Pediatrics) Changing the Face of Medicine, a traveling exhibition honoring female physicians and developed by the National Library of Medicine in collaboration with the American Library Association Public Programs Office, will open following the lecture. Lister Hill Library.

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

Meetings

Monday, Dec. 3, Dec. 10
Noon Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Arabic conversation table; HB-3rd fl The Hub. For more info, lazaroff@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.
5:25 pm Power Yoga: UAB Marshall Conference Center. For more info, call Fran 967-0303.

ASC Kids’ Club presents ‘Yuletide in Dogtown’
The canine residents of Dogtown eagerly await the holiday season with tail-wagging glee. Then a feline moves to town and the fun begins. Dogtown has always been a dog’s domain. Can the dogs accept a cat as a neighbor? Can the mayor keep peace or will the fur fly?

Performances are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, and for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16. This show is recommended for children ages 5-12. Tickets are $7. Call 957-2787 or go to www.AlysStephens.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 4, Dec. 11
10 am International Women’s Group. Smolian International House, 4-1205/awomens@uab.edu.
12:10 pm Stress Management through Meditation. The UAB Resource Center. Call 934-2281 or visit www.uab.edu/eap or foreignlangs@uab.edu.
3 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Spanish Conversation Table; HB-3rd fl The Hub, centeno@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.
3 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. French conversation table; Commons on the Green cafeteria (look for the French flag). For more info, danielou@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.
5:25 pm Power Yoga: UAB Marshall Conference Center. For more info, call Fran 967-0303.
7 pm Conversational English classes, levels 1-4; Smolian International House. 4-1205/awomens@uab.edu.
8 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Italian conversation table; Rast Hall-3rd Floor Study Lounge. For more info, Belita Faki at belita@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

Thursday, Dec. 6, Dec. 13
12:10 pm Tai Chi – Stress Management through Movement. The UAB Resource Center. Call 934-2281 or visit www.uab.edu/eap for more info.
3 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Medical Spanish Conversation Table; HB-3rd fl The Hub. maximin@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.
5 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Chinese Conversation Table; HB-3rd fl The Hub. maximin@uab.edu or foreignlangs@uab.edu.
6:30 pm SMART recovery group meetings: not a 12-step or religious program. Any addiction or habit can be helped. Southside Baptist Church. Call WL Fulcher 975-7755 for details.
8 pm Stammtisch conversation table, for anyone who speaks German; Giuseppe’s Cafe, 925 8th Street South. For info, agresti@uab.edu.

Friday, Dec. 7, Dec. 14
7 am Falun Dafa exercises, an ancient Chinese exercise that brings harmony & health. UAB Mini Park, 4-8295.
12:30 pm Foreign Language & Literatures Language Tables. Russian Conversation Table; HB-3rd fl The Hub. marina_lysenkova@yahoo.com or foreignlangs@uab.edu.

Religion

Tuesday, Dec. 4, Dec. 11
Noon Medical Center Christian Fellowship Meeting. WP-8. All welcome. Mark 647-5177 or Blar 216-8621.

Wednesday, Dec. 5, Dec. 12
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, Dec. 9, Dec. 16
10 am Catholic mass: St Stephen Church, 1515 8 12th Ave. 933-2500.
Friday, Dec. 7
3-6 pm UAB Postdoctoral Association. Annual holiday party; Pittman Center for Advanced Medical Studies. UAB and SRI postdocs, mentors and their families are invited. 3:30 pm Music. UAB Wind Symphony, conducted by Sue Samuels. Free admission. Call 5-2787. Jemison Concert Hall.

Saturday, Dec. 8
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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 Baulos. The exhibit is located on the first and second floors of the Mervyn H. Sterne Library and will be available through December 2007. Library hours: 7:30 am-11 pm Mon-Thurs; 7:30 am-7 pm Fri; 9 am-5 pm Sat; 1-11 pm Sun.
The Samuel Ullman Museum. Home of prominent Birmingham civic leader and poet. Open by appointment only, 4-3359.
Visual Arts Gallery. Annual UAB Juried Student Exhibit, the best works of art created by students in the UAB Department of Art & Art History. This year’s juried student exhibition was selected by Tom Eccles, executive director of the Center for Curatorial Studies at Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, and the director of the Hessle Museum. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and 1-5 p.m. Saturday. The gallery is closed on Sundays and holidays. Ends Dec. 7.

Special events
Tuesday, Dec. 4
7:30 pm Music. UAB Chamber Ensembles, featuring UAB Clarinet Choir and Brass Ensembles. Free. Call 4-7376. Hulsey Recital Hall.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Thursday, Dec. 6
2 pm IRB/HIPAA Training Session. Storage and security of research data, Director Sheila Moore (IRB) SON-NG028. Attending this talk will satisfy the IRBs continuing-education requirements. Be sure to sign in prior to the start of the talk to ensure that you are given credit for attending.

UAB South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness (SCCPHP)/Center for Emerging Infections and Emergency Preparedness (CEIEP). One-day symposium to discuss preparedness activities across Alabama. Doubletree Hotel. To register, visit www.southcentralpartnership.org and click on UAB Emergency Preparedness and Community Mitigation Symposium. For more information, contact Wil Bruer at 975-2460.

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“I’m very slow at composing,” Anderson says. “And it goes in cycles. The older I get, the more I understand that and kind of relax into it.”

Anderson says when he is relaxed his ideas tend to flow best. But upheaval in his life does not bring inspiration, he says, and tend to flow best. But upheaval in his life gets, the more I understand that and kind of productivity in my life,” he says. “I know in some people it does, but for me, if I have a doctor’s appointment Monday, I’m pretty much shot for the whole day.”

Anderson was hired this past summer because he’s a great teacher and writer of poetry. He also knows a little history, too.

One of his favorite stories is about Rowan Oak, the home purchased by William Faulkner in 1930 and later restored by the University of Mississippi. For years there was no curator for the home; anyone who wanted to visit went to the school library, asked for a key and went to explore the grand estate.

The school decided to upgrade the home after a curator was hired. They re-wall-papered Faulkner’s bedroom – complete with recreated water stains. There was wallpaper left over, so what did they do?

“They decided to wall paper the foyer and covered all of Faulkner’s notes.”

Anderson knows this bit of trivia due to his fondness for Faulkner’s writings. “His fiction always has been important to me,” Anderson says. Faulkner is one of several influences for Anderson. Robert Frost, Elizabeth Bishop, Philip Larkin and Richard Wilbur are his immediate influences. Anderson says he writes every day. Some days are good days, some aren’t. Regardless, he sets a goal of three hours of writing every morning.

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“I’m always reading Shakespeare and Dickinson. Thomas Hardy also is one of my favorites.”

Creative writing is his specialty; he has written two books, Drunk in Sunlight and January Rain. He’s also edited The Selected Poems of Howard Nemerov, who was a two-time poet laureate and winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

January Rain won the Nicholas Roerich Poetry Prize, and Anderson has won other honors, including a listing in The Best American Poetry 1998 and the Pushcart Prize for the poem Thomas Thictes.

Drunk in Sunlight, which is available for purchase, is his most recent book. American Poet’s Review of the book said Anderson’s “poems are lucidly detailed, and his voice is fully developed.”

English major

Anderson remembers his time as a student as one of inconsistency. He studied English as an undergradu-ate at the University of Cincinnati under Professor Andrew Hudgins, a native Alabamian who has become a close friend. Anderson says he struggled as an English major in the traditional sense. Hudgins’ creative writing class enabled him to move beyond literature from a different point of view.

“I think creative writing is a way for peo-
ple to read books without thinking they are something they just need to uncondition-
ally revere,” he says. “It lets them bring a critical sensibility to the reading process.”

Anderson enjoys reading literature – he says it helps fuel his creative writing and is the basis of his teaching. “Some people think they want to learn to express them-
selves and then they get into a creative writing class and realize it’s a little bit more complex than that,” Anderson says. “It’s not just a matter of writing your feelings, but rather constructing artificial ways of eliciting emotions out of other people.”

Anderson has been impressed with his students during his first semester at UAB. He has a workshop in his creative writing class, and everyone’s work is discussed. Everyone “gets a rigorous going over,” he says, but the spirit of the workshop is social. And the diverse student body he has encountered has enriched his teaching.

“It’s not just a culturally diverse student body, but socio-economically diverse as well,” he says. “It makes for an exciting teaching environment.”

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“Allison joined the UAB faculty in 2001 and has authored more than 300 scien-
tific publications and edited three books. He has won several awards, including the 2002 Lilly Scientific Achievement Award from the North American Associa-
ton for the Study of Obesity and the 2002 Ander Mayer Award from the International Association for the Study of Obesity.

He is president-elect of the Obesity Society, North America’s leading aca-
demic obesity society, and has been a member of the board of trustees for the International Life Science Institute, North America, since 2002. He serves or has served on the editorial boards of PLOS Genetics, Obesity, Obesity Reviews, Nutrition Today; International Journal of Eating Disorders; International Journal of Obesity; Behavior Genetics; Computational Statistics and Data Analysis; and Human Heredity. His research interests include obesity, quanti-
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Women & Men

Smokers & ex-smokers: Are you 40 years of age or older? You may have trouble breathing or have a persistent cough. Participants invited to participate in a study at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Compensated $15 + children receive small toys. 939-5279/939-5271.

Are you a postmenopausal woman at increased risk for breast cancer? You may be eligible for a breast cancer prevention study. Call Ela Maldonado 5-1800.

Self-identified Lesbians ages 19 and older needed for the ALL3 study. Lesbians Living in the South. The study looks at life-stage transitions, health, and psychological issues and roles unique to self-identified lesbians ages 19 and older. All inquiries and response strictly confidential. 873-9672/griffith@son.uab.edu.

Are you an overweight woman age 45-49? You may be eligible for a breast cancer prevention study. Ela Maldonado 5-1800.

Women and men with core or spinal cord injury ages 19-60 needed to participate in a study to educate women with spinal cord dysfunction and multiple sclerosis about their sexual potential and to aid researchers in developing new treatments applied to improve sexual response. Must have normal menstrual cycles, not be pregnant, have normal hand function and have ability to feel some sensation. Compensation $300. Dr. Sipkani Alexander 4-8944.

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Are you a participant and volunteers. Compensated $80 for 4 study visits. Department of Dermatology and be eligible to participate in a study to examine its, and monetary compensation. Misty 502-9967.

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For Sale

**Appliances & Electronics**

Stainless side-by-side refrigerator, $1600; gas grill w/oven burner (no propane tank), $45; Cymometer $100, set weight $120, $60. Ashley $300, 243-3357.

Gameaway Advance, 20; great starter system for family of 2-4. $125. Worn out or DB systems. 620-5348.

**Automobiles**

'06 Mazda 3 hatchback, 5-dr, red, automatic, 13,000 mi, owner exc, $14,000. 4-9/9/06. 776-2365.

Ford Ranger, red, 4-dr supercab, runs great, looks great, 1 owner, bedliner, all power, proctor, new tires, $800. 336-6242/4.

'02 Ranger, red, 4 x 4, 4-cyl, 1 owner, runs well, $1200. Contact 255-2262.

'02 Jeep Wrangler, yellow lab—owner died, needs new home, 3-yo, 40 lbs, spayed, Current shots, great with other dogs but being fed only because necessary, lives home. 583-8545.

Yellow lab—owner died, needs new home, 3-yr-old, 45 lbs, spayed, Current shots, great with other dogs but being fed only because necessary, lives home. 583-8545.

Org, church,allen, model 223, $200; Accordion, Giulietti model, 322, $350; TD2, AT7, HD2, W&D, bulb carryout, furniture/dishwasher. 1-6680.

Brook Highland area—2001 to townhome, 3 BR, 2-1/2 bath, must come. $960-9644 for reservations.

Snooze—2 BR, 2 bath, townhome, 1 BR, 3-car garage, $600. Cheap, near downtown. 991-5187.

Birmingham/Southside—1 BR, 2 bath, townhome, 1050/mo, option fee required. 410-7244.

Orange Beach—3 BR direct beach front condo, indoor/outdoor pool and Jacuzzi; special promotion July-Aug. $3400/mo. 961-2021.

'07 land Pride treker (mule style) hunting motor, electric dump, canopy, windshield, $2800. 366-2537/73/20.

Vestavia—2 BR, 2 bath, 1 car garage, all-electric, newly renovated, $500. 965-9872.

UAB reporter 467-4824/4825.

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The UAB Continence Center sees all types of patients, including those recovering from pelvic injuries and those who are urinary or organ prolapse and other pelvic floor disorders. Call us at 447-6600, or visit our Web site at uabhealth.com/contcenter/ and offer the best treatment and therapy available. www.contcenter.uab.edu

UAB Orthodontic Department provides services to adults, children and adolescents, including accepting new patients. Please contact Amanda Hampton at Hampton. 4-4362.

The UAB Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety is one of only 16 NSIDH-supported centers in the US. The Center is a consortium of UAB and AUB offering graduate and post-doctoral programs and provides Continuing Education to meet the needed compliance for occupational health and safety. Call 934-7717, ext. 1198 at uab or visit our Web site at uabhealth.com/contcenter/ and offer the best treatment and therapy available. www.contcenter.uab.edu

UAB Family Practice Center is accepting new visits for visits of making a new patients offers a comprehensive range of complex health services for our family’s entire health care needs. Our office is located at 2001 S 20 St, free parking for patients is adjacent to the office, all of our consultations are fully equipped with handicapped facilities. To schedule an appointment with Dr. N. Crystal N. Campbell, Dr. B. E. Morley, Dr. T. Michael Hammig, or Dr. R. K. Eynon call 934-7717.

The Resource Center. Do you know what UAB provdes for your family? Do you know your employees and their families? Whether you’re dealing with jib or personal problems you can visit the resource center. It offers support services including Licensed professional counselors and marriage and family therapists 4-2811.

Hardware, software systems: the engineering division of the Center for Biophysical Sciences and Engineering (CBSE) at UAB specializes in creating software programs used in laboratory research. The group is ISO 9000/2001 certified for the full range of products and services it provides, from concept to mechanical, electrical design and software, to final assembly and testing of systems. The division also develops and manages equipment from start to finish. From planning flight preparation, integration and maintenance, and final delivery, to service of the group has been formed by 48 on space shuttle missions, and 273 on the ISS. For further information visit www.cbs.e.uab.edu or contact Mike S. 2687, or Leo 5-7171.

**Furnishings**

**Miscellaneous**

Weedeater $145. 912-7177.

Moving sale: bed frame, full mattress, study desk, chair and lamp: $150 for all or will sell separately. nrivera@uab.edu 561-385-3762.

Queen mattress set, brand new w/ warranty, $140. Call 322-4962.

Sofa & loveseat, $157, brand new, matching leather set, will deliver. 940-4757.

Bedding & pillows, 6-pc queen size, with 2 bolster, 2 small bolster, 2 runners, 4-5 940-3027.

Chihuahua puppies C4, blue, 1 Chihuahua puppy 8 weeks old, house trained, $30-50. 561-2926.

Moving up to a little bigger, good condition, $100. 4-0665/967-6391.

Free moving boxes and packing paper. 596-6571/geld@cub.usd.edu

Baby formula: lots of Similac; infant boys clothes, never or rarely worn, new born 6 mo; fish bowl; fish. 561-9729. This high-chair never used. flos@kshll.com

Small dog—red/white, in your little dogpile all along your walk, brand new, 13-295, 933-7023.

Diamond engagement ring 70 yr- old, 14kt gold, 1 ct round center diamond cut, H color, SI1 clarity, (2) 0.20ct round cut on side of center stone, (2) 0.02ct baguette diamonds on side of rencontared, 15 diamonds total. Diamonds are H color, SI1 clarity, appraised $1000, sell $750 fon. 5-cm diamond platinum band, each diamond weighs .05ct, G color, VS clarity, appraised $600, sold $255 fon. 251-5867/1.

Elmwood Cemetery: 2 lots/autos located level. 1 lot, 50x20, $500 more than $900, make offer. 910-1342.
Bring your house at a reasonable price and we will provide cleaning supplies. 854-3192.


Home improvement: Large & small jobs, interior/exterior, more than 30 yrs exp., Free in-home guaranteed. Linda 4-8614.

Typing: by the page, report, etc. Reasonable rates. Becky 4-4579/braven@uab.edu.


Sitter services/retired RN with over 25 yrs experience looking to take care of your kids during the day or night. Contact Debbie Harlos 328-8603.

Home cleaning services: repairs, painting, drywall, pressure washing, over 30 yrs of quality service. 532-1688.

Sitter services: new baby, large & small jobs, interior/exterior, more than 30 yrs exp., Free in-home guaranteed. Linda 4-8614.

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Clutter & big small jobs: Weddings, parties, real estate closings, yard sales, move overs, etc; free estimates. John 854-3160 or 288-6704.

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Bridesmaid offers: high quality wedding and portrait photography. 323-7027.

Live music: I will DJ your party or event, I will dJ your party or event, I will make pretty music for your event. 4-4799/raan@uab.edu.

More details, call HM 447-8468

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*The Mystery of the Magi’s Gold*

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With hysterical audience interaction, wacky prizes, and non-stop laughs, this is one holiday comedy show you can’t miss!

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