UABRF to host venture capital event

The UAB Research Foundation (UABRF) will host an on-campus venture capital conference Tuesday, March 14.

Designed to bring together representatives of some of the premier local and regional venture capital firms that specialize in technology investment, the event will showcase 16 specifically selected technologies. Each could potentially represent a new company for the Birmingham area, said Sandy White, CEO of the UAB Research Foundation.

“We greatly appreciate the assistance of everyone involved with this event, specifically the UAB faculty and the venture capitalists who are willing to provide us their invaluable insight,” said White. “The creation of new companies for the Birmingham area based on UAB technology is a tremendous economic opportunity for everyone involved.”

White said the event, combined with other critical ongoing activities, will help the UABRF assemble all of the essential components necessary for the creation of new technology-based businesses.

Venture capital representatives from as far away as Boston will assemble at UAB for the conference; some of the firms committed to attend include Harbert Management Corp., Larry Greer and Associates, Noro-Moseley Partners and Intersouth Partners.

The responsibility of the UABRF is to identify, assess and market commercially viable intellectual property developed at UAB. The UABRF reviews intellectual property disclosures submitted by UAB associates and initiates steps to protect the rights of the discovery, including the filing of domestic and foreign patents, when appropriate. The UABRF seeks, negotiates, manages and monitors commercial licensing agreements on behalf of UAB and also ensures compliance with certain government regulations.

For more information, call 934-9911 or visit the foundation online at www.uab.edu/uabrf.

Praying Mantis opens March 10

Theatre UAB will present The Praying Mantis, directed by Naomi Baker, March 10-11 and March 15-18 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 19, at 2 p.m. in the Alys Stephens Center Odess Theatre.

This macabre tale set in a Chilean manor house is a dark comedy of three sisters and their secret in the cellar. It mixes elements of absurdism, expressionism and farce with surprising results, said Baker.

Costume design is by Assistant Professor Elizabeth Pollard; set design by Professor Kelly Allison; lighting design by Associate Professor Ed Zuckerman; and sound design by Stage Electrics Coordinator Richelle Thompson.

Tickets for the general public are $10. Tickets for UAB employees and senior citizens are $8; tickets for UAB and BACHE students are $5. Call 975-2787.

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Angell to demo computer music in Haddin forum

Professor Michael Angell (Music) will present his lecture “Computer Music: Some Techniques and Repertoire” for the UAB Haddin Humanities Forum Friday, March 10, at 11:45 a.m. in the UAB Mervyn H. Sterne Library Henley Room. Admission is free to the public.

Angell will demonstrate techniques for generating sound using computer applications. He also will play some short pieces and excerpts of works from the standard repertoire of this genre, including examples of his own work.

The UAB Haddin Humanities Forum provides an informal setting for dialogue between students, faculty and the public. Attendees are encouraged to participate in discussions.

For more information, call 934-2290.

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Distinguished Faculty Lecturer nominations needed

Nominations for the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award are now being accepted. To be eligible for the award, an individual must be a full-time, part-time, or emeritus member of the faculty of the Academic Health Center who has:

- Advanced the frontiers of science or otherwise made a significant contribution to the health of people, or;
- Made an outstanding contribution to the Academic Health Center through education, research, or public service.

Nominations for faculty in the Schools of Dentistry, Health Related Professions, Medicine, Optometry, and Public Health, including Departments of the Joint Health Sciences, are welcome.

Nominations should include (1) a brief letter of nomination from the person submitting the nomination, and (2) a current curriculum vitae of the nominee. The deadline for receipt of nominations is April 14, 2006. Nominations should be submitted to Dr. Rose Scripa, Associate Provost, AB 770J, +0107.

Information related to the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award can be obtained by calling Scripa at 934-0513 or by emailing her at rscripa@uab.edu.

Aquino relates efforts to save endangered language

Linguist Almidio Aquino will present the UAB Jemison Lecture, “The Guaraní Language and Context,” Monday, March 6 at 5 p.m. in Mervyn Sterne Library Room 158. The lecture will be in Spanish.

Aquino directs the Language Notebooks Project in Paraguay. The project is an effort to maintain the language and culture of the Ava Guaraní people whose language formed its cultural foundation for centuries. Although dwindling numbers now threaten the extinction of the Guaraní culture and language, Aquino and his project team have worked to record Guaraní oral histories and 17 books have been published through the project.

The Jemison Lecture is sponsored by the UAB Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures. The event is free and open to the public.

Poetry is topic for BookTalk

UAB BookTalk will meet to discuss Opened Ground: Selected Poems 1966-1996, by Seamus Heaney, Tuesday, March 7, from 6-7 p.m. in the UAB Department of English, is free and open to the public. For more information, call 934-2450.

Lecturer presents journalist’s Untold Stories of war in Iraq

The UAB Lecture Series will present a free, public lecture “The War You Won’t See on TV: Untold Stories of the Iraqi People,” by freelance journalist and photographer Lorna Tychostup. The event will be held Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hill University Center Alumni Auditorium.

Tychostup, who is senior editor for Chromogram magazine, has built a reputation on her ability to report stories that go beyond the mainstream media coverage. Her haunting photographs and poignant stories have enabled her audiences to share the tragedy, the struggle and the triumph of the various communities that make up the Iraqi people.

Since 2003, Tychostup has visited Iraq four times, most recently for the Iraqi elections on Jan. 30, 2005. During her trips to Iraq, she has opted to get as close to the people as possible. Living in modest, unprotected hotels and traveling in beat-up cabs, she has found her way from ordinary people in the street and to the squatters living in bombed-out government-owned properties, to high-ranking state ministers and the judges of the new Iraq who have chosen to uphold the law of the land at incredible risk to their lives.

Will you go ‘Into the Streets’?

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to run “Into the Streets” on March 11 and volunteer at locations including men’s/women’s shelters, neighborhoods, nursing homes, parks and along wilderness trails – or help local schools clean their campus and provide a safe area for Birmingham’s youth.

“Into the Streets” is a biannual day of service in which more than 1,000 college students, faculty and administrators from the UAB campus participate in a variety of community service projects in the Birmingham area.

UAB and the Leadership and Service Council sponsor the event. For more information, contact the Office of Student Leadership in HUC 440 at 934-8020 or talk with ITS committee chairs Hunter Neill, Christina Bryant or Courtney Stringfellow.

History scholar examines the spread of charismatic religion

David E. Harrell, former University Scholar and chair of the UAB Department of History, will present a free, public lecture, “The Pentecostal Century: The Explosion of Charismatic Religion Around the World,” Wednesday, March 15, at 3:30 p.m. in the UAB Mervyn H. Sterne Library Henley Room. The UAB Department of History is hosting the event.

Harrell, who recently retired from Auburn University as its Daniel F. Breeden Eminent Scholar, is an internationally recognized scholar and expert on American religious history. He will visit the UAB campus March 14-16 to talk with students about his approach to research and writing history.

Harrell is the author of several books, and he is co-editor of Minorities in Modern America and a series on religion and society in American culture.

Team UAB needs your support

Join TEAM UAB and the Alabama Kidney Foundation for the annual fundraising walk April 22. Team UAB will host a kick-off luncheon Tuesday, March 21, at noon in the Kaul Conference Room for those who would like to walk for TEAM UAB.

Money raised will be used to continue the fight against kidney disease and kidney failure. It also will fund research for a cure and provide preventive health-education programs, organ-donor awareness, camps for patients and direct assistance to kidney patients in Jefferson and surrounding counties.

This year’s walk will be at Samford University’s Seibert Stadium. You can choose to participate either in the 5K walk or five laps around the track. Contact Norma Stewart, Team UAB/AKF Captain, 934-3589, or e-mail normarg@uab.edu for more information regarding the walk.

Michigan pianist Arthur Greene to perform classics March 19

The UAB Piano Series will present Arthur Greene, professor of piano at the University of Michigan, Sunday, March 19, at 4 p.m. in the Alys Stephens Center Reynolds-Kirschbaum Recital Hall. On the program are works by Beethoven, Scriabın and Chopin.

Tickets are $15 for the general public and $5 for UAB students, faculty and staff with valid ID. Call 975-2787 for ticket information.
Wayne Newton to headline ASC Starlight Gala April 1

A night of high roller fun awaits patrons who play

The Alys Stephens Center will present the 2006 Viva Health Starlight Gala featuring Wayne Newton, Saturday, April 1, at the Alys Stephens Center. The evening begins with a cocktail reception at 5:30 p.m.; the performance is at 7 p.m.

Three ticket packages are available. The Grand Gala Evening package includes a Vegas-style cocktail reception, premium ticket to the performance and gourmet after show dinner for $500 per person. The Starlight Evening package includes the cocktail reception and ticket to the performance for $100 per person. Tickets to the performance only are $60.

The Starlight Gala is the Alys Stephens Center’s annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the event support future programming for the center.

Ruth and Marvin Engel have been named the 2006 Alys Robinson Stephens Patrons of the Arts and will be recognized that night.

The 2006 Viva Health Starlight Gala features the one and only Wayne Newton in an evening dedicated to the excitement and playfulness of Las Vegas. Expect a night of high roller fun with delicious cuisine and stunning decor. Best of all, Vegas’ biggest star will deliver a knockout performance for the best gala ever.

For tickets, call 975-2787 or go to www.AlysStephens.org.

Parking rate increase set for April

Effective at the beginning of April, there will be a modest increase in UAB employee parking fees for all areas except the Remote system – the first increase of any sort since 1999.

Kimberly H. Fort, director of Parking and Transportation Services, said the increase in rates is necessary to cover the operating and maintenance costs of the institution’s parking facilities.

“This increase will enable us to maintain the quality of our facilities,” said Fort, who noted that Parking and Transportation Services is a self-supporting operation that does not receive any state-appropriated funds. The department is also responsible for UAB Campus Ride, MARS (Motorist Assistance Road Services) and the UAB Escort Service.

Employees interested in managing their monthly parking fees through such cost-effective options as the Remote parking system or the carpool program should contact Transportation Services at 934-3513 or visit the Web site at www.parking.uab.edu to learn more.

ASC to host kids’ summer drama camp

The Alys Stephens Center will present Kids on Stage, a drama summer camp for children ages 8-14, weekdays June 19-30. The drama camp is a two-week experience that shares with children the wonder and detail of theater performance. Campers will be introduced to many aspects of theater with a variety of fun, intense classes. They can learn theater games, improvisation, warm-ups, concentration exercises, voice and diction, terminology, acting and stage production.

Best of all, the children will get a chance to showcase their newly developed skills when the camp culminates with a production. The camp’s big show will be completely produced by campers and open to all parents and friends.

Auditions will be required for casting.

Alicia Johnson-Reed will lead the camp. Cost is $375 for the general public and $345 for children of UAB employees.

Camp hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for a total of 10 sessions. All campers should bring their lunch and snack each day. Campers are asked to prepare and bring a 30-60 second comedy or drama monologue and a song to class the first day to prepare for auditions. Campers can bring a cassette tape or CD for the music audition. Sheet music is not acceptable, as an accompanist will not be provided.

Registration opens for Culture Camp

Registration is now open for the 2006 UAB Culture Camp, a week-long, multicultural experience for children who will be entering grades 3-5 in the fall.

During the camp – set for June 19-23 from 8 a.m. to noon in the UAB Smolian International House – children can experience the culture, food, music, dance and arts and crafts of five different countries representing various regions of the world. Camp activities are led by members of UAB’s international community.

The cost is $50 per child and includes a tote bag, “passport,” snacks and all activities. Space is limited, and the deadline to register is Thursday, June 1. Contact Amy Owens, 934-1205, or e-mail awowens@uab.edu.

Food fair is March 21

Sample cuisine from around the world at the annual UAB International Food Fair Tuesday, March 21, from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. at the UAB Smolian International House. All dishes are prepared by members of UAB’s international community. The event is open to the public. A small fee will be charged for lunch.

Learning survey to query students, faculty

UAB is participating in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which provides information on students’ active involvement in learning and other university activities that support learning. This will be UAB’s fourth year to participate, said Associate Provost Glennia G. Brown (Planning and Analysis). “In addition to information on our own students and changes that may have taken place, we will have access to data from other institutions for purposes of comparison,” Brown said.

Faculty are asked to encourage students to respond to an e-mail invitation to participate in the on-line survey that will be sent to a random sample of freshmen and seniors. A follow-up e-mail will be sent Feb. 20 and periodic reminders through March 10, Brown said. Responses will remain anonymous in the results UAB receives.

In the spring, UAB also will participate in the Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE), which provides information on faculty expectations for student engagement in learning. “When used together, data from both surveys will provide complementary information on important learning issues, some of which are related to our QEP,” Brown said.

Results will be shared when available in late summer.

To learn more about the NSSE or FSSE go to http://nsse.iub.edu/index.cfm.

CAMPUS NEWS
UAB’s Medical Social Services celebrate ‘Life’s Journey’

UAB Medical Social Services will observe National Social Work Month during March with its focus on “Life’s Journey: Help Starts Here” to illustrate the role social workers play at every stage of people’s lives, especially the most vulnerable among us. At UAB, our department provides a vital link between our hospital patients and the health-related services they may need. Through individual and family counseling, psychosocial assessment and coordinating care, social workers provide a range of services to fill critical gaps in long-term care. We assist patients and families with coordinating a variety of services for transition from hospital to home or intermediate care facilities.

Medical advances, along with restrictions with insurance reimbursement plans, dictate that more patients are discharged from the hospital settings with increasingly complex and challenging needs. Medical social workers help meet these needs by coordinating and implementing appropriate discharge plans, assuring that patients are appropriately transitioning to the next level of care. Discharge planning is providing the right care at the right time in the right place at the right cost to benefit patients, their families and communities.

Alleviating problems

Social Work Month also provides an opportunity for social workers to highlight the essential role they play in alleviating some of America’s most difficult problems. Through education, training, and dedication, social workers provide assistance in many different practice areas including health, mental health, child welfare, end of life, adolescent health, HIV/AIDS and family violence.

We understand that the best elder care requires a broad view of social, environmental, psychological, economic and health care options. As more older Americans face the challenge of limited mobility, social workers intervene to ensure appropriate care and services are received.

To find comprehensive information about the role of social work and resources to assist in these and other issues, visit www.HelpStartsHere.org.

Acknowledging contributions

To honor the achievements of its members and bring to light the issues faced by social workers, UAB Medical Social Services is celebrating National Social Work Month with several events and activities:

- Storyboard table March 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the North Pavilion crosswalk.
- Several CEU opportunities throughout the month for social workers.
- UAB Medical Social Services Department will be collecting items from within the hospital to benefit First Light Shelter in Birmingham, a local shelter for women and children. For more information on how UAB Medical Social Services is supporting National Social Work Month, please contact George Lee at 934-4737 or via e-mail at gle@uabmc.edu.

About the UAB Medical Social Services Department

The Medical Social Services Department at UAB Hospital offers social work services to patients at UAB Hospital, 1917 Clinic, Spain Rehabilitation Center, the University Emergency Department (UED), Russell Ambulatory Clinic and Spain Rehabilitation Outpatient Clinic. Medical Social Workers work directly with patients, families/caregivers, physicians, care managers and other disciplines within the clinical care team to conduct psychosocial assessments, provides counseling, guidance and other appropriate social work interventions. Medical Social Workers participate in the provision of patient and family education, as well as identify, develop and conduct organized support groups. UAB Medical Social Services Department also seeks to enhance the well-being of individuals, families and communities through its advocacy.

Contributed by George R. Lee, Jr., a social worker in UAB Medical Social Services

Faculty development grants available

Faculty can apply for as much as $5,000 through the 2006-07 Faculty Development Grant Program until Thursday, April 6, to fund activities that can advance their careers.

These seed funds may be used to support projects and activities for which funds generally are not available such as traveling to unique facilities, developing new instructional materials or purchasing new equipment that would enhance research.

This year past 13 projects were funded with grants exceeding $56,000.

The program is open to all tenured-earning faculty; however, approval requires a one-to-one cash match from the sponsoring school or department.

All applications will be reviewed by the Curriculum and Research Committee of the UAB Faculty Senate and should be written for a general audience. The awards are for one year, beginning Aug. 15.

Applications are available from participating deans and department heads, the Office of the Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs.
Scheduling initiative will enhance access for patients, physicians

Flexible systems will maximize efficiency

A n initiative aimed at creating an optimal patient scheduling system will ease access to UAB Health System (UABHS) clinical services for patients, physicians and staff, who, where appropriate, standardize access to physician practices.

“Currently, more than 750 individuals are involved in the scheduling process, all of whom are using different methods of handling patient access both between and within each clinic. This often results in a lack of synchronized data, duplicated work, delays in the scheduling process and patient care, as well as other inefficiencies,” explains Health System Information Services (HSIS) Information Manager Peggy DePiano. She, along with Management Services Organization (MSO) Associate Director Andy Hare, is overseeing the scheduling project.

“Patients can easily become confused with the complex scheduling process, which leads to frustration and no-shows,” DePiano says. “After making the case for change in 2003, we began work under the leadership of Dr. Nancy Gibson, UABHS director of physician and hospital services for patients, physicians and patient referral. Scheduling project goals include:

- Reduce the number of scheduling telephone numbers
- Reduce patient handoffs
- Decreasing the abandoned call rate
- Reducing scheduling errors
- Reducing patient no-show rates
- Optimizing capacity
- Improving billing accuracy and reimbursement

Transition to a more coordinated world

After collecting input from more than 300 physicians and staff, the scheduling project team put together a series of stories involving initial access, discharge, physician-to-physician access and Web-based access; all outline optimal flow through the health-care system. To make these scenarios an everyday reality, many elements and systems involved in the scheduling process must be updated and enhanced, DePiano says. Key components of the optimized scheduling process will include easy-to-remember access numbers for different patient-care areas. “Every scheduling area will have its own access number beginning with 996,” DePiano says.

“Nephrology, for example, is using 996-NEPH. And during business hours, patients calling about appointments will always be answered by a trained person who can assist them.”

Other elements of the new scheduling process include IDX system upgrades called WebFramework and a new business application — AVM, or Ambulatory Visit Management. “WebFramework delivers electronic tools to help each scheduling area overcome complex scheduling issues, while AVM will allow transfer of business functions to a pre-arrival team with expertise in collection of crucial pieces of billing information. The team will get all the needed billing information from the patient, allowing scheduling areas to focus on streamlining appointment functions.”

Changes in scheduling processes will be implemented throughout 2006 with a go-live date in October. “Each scheduling area is being treated as an independent project with its own work team that will define department-specific project plans. Each work team will have representatives from both clinic and office academics, so decisions can be made that meet both patients’ needs and the needs of individual physicians and clinics. Schreck will oversee individual work teams, helping them develop structure and define details, ensuring a successful transition into this new coordinated world,” she says. “Physicians should notice that the new system makes it easier for them to make appointments with their colleagues. Gaining efficiencies will also allow physicians to focus on our mission — providing the highest-quality patient care.”

For more information about the scheduling project, contact DePiano at pdepi@uabmc.edu; Hare at sahare@uabmc.edu; and Schreck at hschreck@uabmc.edu.
CALENDAR

SYLLABUS
MONDAY, MARCH 6
11:45 am GI/Hepatology GRs. Application of coloncy stimulating factors to IBD: Rationale, clinical trial and experimental animal model findings, Dr Brian Dieckgraefe (Assoc Prof, Medicine, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.); Finley Conf Cr.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
8:30-11:30 am UAB Center for Education & Research on Therapeutics of Musculoskeletal Disorders/ UAB Arthritis & Musculoskeletal Center/ Center for Outcomes & Effectiveness Research & Education/ Lister Hill Center for Health Policy/ School of Public Health. Propensity scores methodology workshop. Presenters: Dr. John Seeger (Senior Scientist, I3 Drug Safety, an Ingenix company) and Dr Priscilla Velentgas (Director, I3 Drug Safety, an Ingenix company); RPBH-407.

9 am Geographic Medicine. Update on GeoSentinel data, Prof David Freedman (Geographic Medicine); BBRB-206.

Noon Microbiology. Regulation of the B.subtilis trp gene involves protein: RNA and protein:Protein interactions and many sub-units, Dr Paul Golinkin (Biological Sciences, State University of New York at Buffalo); BBRB-70.

Noon CNRC/Nutrition Sciences Noon Seminar. Molecular mechanism regulating the development of the lymphatic vasculature in health and disease, Dr Guillermo Olver (Ass Prof, Anatomy & Neurobiology, University of Tennessee, Memphis); RPBH-407.

2 pm Criminal Justice Student Organization/ Association of Computing Machines/ Association of Information Technology Professionals. Cybercrime and computer forensics, Gary Warner (Director, IT Planning & Infrastructures, Energen Corporation); HUC-Alumni Aud. Free to the public.

Noon General Medicine Noon Conference. Update: Immunization, Prof Alan M. Stamm (Medicine); WP-E.

5 pm Neurology GRs. Subarachnoid hemorrhage, Dr Thomas P. Bleck (Louise Nerancy Eminent Scholar of Neurology; Prof, Neurology, Neurological Surgery, Internal Medicine, University of Virginia); WP-E.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
7 am Cardiology GRs. Coronary artery disease screening of asymptomatic subjects, Prof Ami Iskandrian (Cardiology); LHRB-302.

Noon Medical GRs. Diabetic nephropathy: Where have we been and where are we going? Dr Edmund Lewis (Prof, Pathology. Rush Medical College); MCSA.

Noon Reynolds Historical Lecture. Race, public policy and the expansion of southern medical education, 1945-1960, Dr Karen Thomas (Research Affiliate, Claude Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, Florida State University); LHL-3rd fl.

12:15 pm Lister Hill Center for Health Policy. Effect of direct to consumer advertising for Statin drugs on health status, Dr David Bradford (Medical University of South Carolina); RPBH-407.

3 pm Cell Biology. Gene targeting into the 21st century: Mouse models of human disease from cancer to psychiatric disorders, Dr Mario Capcechi (Distinguished Prof of Human Genetics & Biology, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, University of Utah School of Medicine); BBRB-170.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9
8 am Rheumatology GRs. Clinical conference; WP-D.

Noon Pulmonary GRs/Critical Care Medicine. The role of matrix metalloproteases in cystic fibrotic lung disease, Amit Gaggar (Housestaff); Finley Conf Cr.

Noon Geriatric Noon Conference. Preoperative evaluation and management of risk, Prof Alan Stamm (Medicine); WP-Bd Rm.

Noon Molecular & Cellular Pathology Noon Seminar. Adenoviral vectors: Golden opportunities for multifunctional nanoparticles, Research Instructor Maaike Everts (Human Gene Therapy); WP-D.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10
10 am UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center. Attenuated poxviruses as delivery vehicles for vaccines targeting solid tumors and infectious complications of transplant recipients, Dr Don Diamond (Prof, Virology; Director, Laboratory of Vaccine Research, Beckman Research Institute of the City of Hope); WP-E.

11:15 am Biology. The natural history of the Cabahua lily, Dr L.J. Davenport (Prof, Biology, Samford University); CH-274.

Noon Hematology/Oncology GRs. Epidemiology of cancer, Mollie deShazo (Housestaff); WP-Bd Rm.

Noon UAB Center for Aging/GRECC. Scientific Series. Are physicians prescribing patterns contributing to racial disparities in hypertension control? News from the REGARDS and the VA, Asst Prof Monika Safford (Preventive Medicine); VA-aud.

FINALE DEFENSES
FRIDAY, MARCH 10
9 am Epidemiology. Cervical cancer screening for HIV-infected women in Zambia, Candidate Vikrant Sahasrabuddhe; RNB-234.

MEETINGS
MONDAY, MARCH 6
5:25 pm Power Yoga: UAB Arts Annex. For more info, call Fran 967-0303.

6:30 pm Power Yoga: UAB Arts Annex. For more info, call Bonnie 823-6622.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7
5 pm SMART recovery group; 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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9
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.

7 pm Society for Intuitive Research meeting. Discuss the three levels of mind, and how to use them to your benefit. Students and faculty welcome. Spencer Honors House.

RELIGION
TUESDAY, MARCH 7
Noon Medical Center Christian Fellowship Meeting. WP-B. All welcome. Mark 647-5177 or Blair 951-3826.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8
Noon Employee-led Bible study: Interfaith Chapel-West Pavilion. 12:15 pm Latter-day Saints Student Association. Scripture study and discussion;

HIGHLIGHTS

Gless, Masur to star in Simon’s Prisoner

Neil Simon’s Prisoner of Second Avenue, the classic tale of a married couple trying to survive life in New York City, comes to the Alys Stephens Center Thursday, March 16 at 8 p.m. Emmy- and Golden Globe winner Sharon Gless and actor Richard Masur will replace JoBeth Williams and Hector Elizondo for the scheduled March 16 performance of L.A. Theatre Work’s production.


HOW TO ... GRANTS.GOV workshop

March 14 …….10:30-11:30 am
March 15 …….1:30-2:30 pm
March 16 …….10:30-11:30 am
March 28 …….1:30-2:30 pm
March 29 …….10:30-11:30 am

Workshops will be in the Administration Building 11th floor conference room.

Workshops are limited to 20 people per session. To register, e-mail La Toya Cathey, Lcathey@uab.edu, and provide the following information: Name, e-mail address, telephone number, department, position/title and the date and time you would like to attend the workshop.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Klezmetics bring Jewish roots music**

The Klezmatics perform soul-stir-
ing Jewish roots music Saturday,
March 18 at 8 p.m. in the Alys
Stephens Center.

Come early and enjoy a perform-
ance by local Jewish klezmer musi-
cians plus indulge in a complemen-
tary spread of decadent Jewish
foods at 7 p.m.

Since their founding in NYC’s
East Village in 1986, they have celebrat-
ed the ecstatic nature of Yiddish music
with works that are by turns wild, spiri-
tual, provocative, reflective and dance-
able. The L.A. Times says, “… From
songs of praise to Yiddish carnival
songs, from a kick-butt workers’ march
to slamming Klezmer tunes old, new,
frantic and mysterious, The Klezmatics
rise up once again.”

Tickets are $45, $35 and $25. Student
tickets $10. Call 975-2787 or go to

**EXHIBITS**

UAB Archives Exhibit. University Hospital:
The Origin and Development of a Health-Care
Institution. Historical images from the UAB
Archives in two locations: Second floor of
Russell and Part II, in the main entrance
lobby of Jefferson Tower.
Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences.
2006 UASOM Art Competition & Show featur-
ing student and faculty submissions and
written work entries. Co-sponsored by AOA,
medical student honor society. Showing
through May 5. Hours: 9 am-5 pm Mon-Fri.
Admission is free. LHL 3rd floor.
Mervyn H. Sterne Library. African-
American art and artists. 7:30 am-10 pm
Mon-Thurs; 7:30 am-7 pm Fri; 9 am-5 pm
Sat; 1-10 pm Sun.
The Samuel Ullman Museum. Home of
prominent Birmingham civic leader and
poet. Open by appointment only, 4-3328.
UAB Visual Arts Gallery. 2006 Pauline
Ireland Visiting Artist: John Waters. The UAB
Department of Art and Art History presents
filmmaker, actor, visual artist and cultural
icon. John Waters. Call 934-4941 for informa-
UAB Anesthesiology Library. Historical
firsts: The Isolation, Transplantation and
Storage of the Mammalian Brain (1962-1968),
Maurice S. Albin, M.D. Just outside the
library on JT-965

**FIILS**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8**

8 pm UAB International Studies Le Grand
Voyage. This is an intimate, intriguing film
that tells the story of Reda, a young man
just weeks away from his college exams,
whose strained relationships with both his
father and his culture are put to the test
when he drives the older man on his pil-
grimage to Mecca. The film dramatizes how
father and son move from a relationship of
indifference to one of respect and reconcili-

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10**

11:45 am Haddin Humanities Forum.
Computer music: Some techniques and reper-
toire. Professor Michael Angell (Music).
Angell will demonstrate techniques for gen-
erating sound using computer applications.
He also will play some short pieces and
excerpts of works from the standard reper-
toire of this genre, including examples of his
own work. Sterne Library-Henley Rm.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12**

3 pm Alys Stephens Center. Christopher
Parkening. Parkening is celebrated as the
world’s preeminent classical guitarist and
widely recognized as heir to the legacy of
the great Spanish guitarist Andrés Segovia.
Tickets are $30-$60; the 30 & Under Classical
Pass is $15; student tickets are $10. Call 205-
975-2787 or go to www.AlysStephens.org.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**MONDAY, MARCH 5**

6 pm UAB BookTalk. Opened Ground:
Selected Poems 1966-1996, by Seamus
Heaney. The discussion will be led by Prof
Kieran Quinlan (English); Sterne Library-
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**FRI-SAT, MARCH 10-11**

7:30 pm Theatre UAB, The Proving Mantis.
This macabre tale set in a Chilean manor
house is a dark comedy of three sisters and
their secret in the cellar. Tickets are $10 for
the general public; $8 for UAB employees
and senior citizens; and $5 for UAB and
BACHE students. 5-2787. Odess Theatre.

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**Blazer sports**

March 7: UAB Baseball vs Birmingham-
Southern; Young Memorial Field, 6 pm
March 8: UAB Baseball vs Georgia State;
Young Memorial Field, 6 pm
March 10: UAB Baseball vs Rider; Young
Memorial Field, 6 pm

**NEW EMPLOYEE Orientation**

Monday, March 6 & March 13
8 am-5 pm
MEDICAL TOWERS-419

Monday-Tuesday,
March 6-7 & March 20-21
8 am-noon
UAB Hospital New Employee Orientation
LNB-1ST FLOOR

**CALENDAR**

March 11: UAB Baseball vs Rider; Young
Memorial Field, 2 pm
March 11: UAB Softball vs Memphis (DH);
George Ward Park #6, 1 pm
March 12: UAB Baseball vs Rider; Young
Memorial Field, 1 pm
March 12: UAB Softball vs Memphis;
George Ward Park #6, 1 pm

**Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda**

March 14 • 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. • Great Hall AB
1. Call to Order
2. Recognition of Visitors — Non-Members of the
Senate; Please Sign Attendance Roster
3. Approval of Minutes — Feb. 14 Senate Meeting
4. Chair Report — Chair Pete Anderson
5. President’s Report — President Carol Garrison
6. Senate Standing Committees
   a. Curriculum & Research — Senator Jeff Engler
   b. Faculty Affairs — Senator Mark Lockhart
   c. Governance & Operations — Senator Jennifer Long
   d. Finance — Senator Warren Martin
e. Faculty Policies & Procedures — Past-Chair Ted Benditt
7. New Business
   a. Faculty Senate Representatives to University-wide Committees
   Debra Laken — Athletic Advisory Committee/Academic Standards
   Subcommittee
   Madelyn Czar — Diversity Advisory Council
   Warren Martin/Linda Reed — Fringe Benefits Committee
   Soo Chiang — UAB Commission on Status of Women
   Warren Martin and Alison Chapman—Campus Planning Committee
   Tommy Singleton — Police Advisory Council
   Jeanne Hutchinson — Committee on Academic Advising
   8. Open Forum
   9. Announcements
      a. Next Executive Meeting with President and Provost — April 4
      b. Next Senate Meeting — April 11 — Penthouse CR1
      c. Next FPPC Meeting — March 17
      Penthouse CR1

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HRM names several to new positions

The Office of Human Resource Management has filled some key positions and made several organizational changes over the last few months.

New additions to the HRM and UAB team are Erica Edwards-Lankford, compensation manager; Monique Lewis, compensation analyst; and Robin Hollingsworth, director of the UAB Child Development Center.

The organizational changes in the department include Don Roser being named as the new director of HRM technology and data services and Jo-Alice Davis as the new manager of HR administrative systems.

Anita Clemmon, manager of HRM records and compliance administration, has assumed additional responsibilities in the area of HR policy and compliance management; Doug Royal and Roland Harris are the new HRM consultants for Facilities; and Grant Cochrane has been named the new HRM consultant for the Office of the Provost, Student Services and Graduate School.

The changes are all part of the Human Resource group’s ongoing efforts to further enhance customer service and communication, said Kris Findlay, executive director of HRM Business Operations.

“Our philosophy is that in many ways, HR is ‘the heart’ of the employment experience for people—we’re there at the very beginning, when you get hired, then help you progress in your career and manage your benefits, and then work with you as you retire, the full life cycle,” Findlay said.

“We have been working to reinvent UAB’s approach to HRM in sync with that philosophy since the early part of 2005, and our first efforts in actually rolling out the new model occurred back in the fall, which is when we outlined our new structure and began its implementation,” he said (UAB Reporter, Oct. 18, 2005). “We’ve already gotten good feedback from our clients in Facilities and the UAB Hospital, where we began some of our efforts, and that has helped us further refine the model.

“We look forward to continuing the rollout throughout the rest of the entire institution.”

Wayne Brouillette receives 2006 Ireland Prize

UAB Professor Wayne J. Brouillette (Chemistry) is the recipient of the 2006 Caroline P. and Charles W. Ireland Prize for Scholarly Distinction. A dinner will be held in his honor Tuesday, May 2, at 6:45 p.m. in The Club, atop Red Mountain during which Brouillette will present his public lecture. A reception will precede the event at 6 p.m. Reservations are $20 each.

UAB presents the Ireland Prize award annually to a faculty member in the schools of Arts & Humanities, Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Social & Behavioral Sciences for professional and academic achievements and contributions made to the university and local community. The prize comes with a $5,000 cash award.

Brouillette joined the UAB faculty in 1979 and has been instrumental in developing the UAB Department of Chemistry’s internationally recognized drug-discovery program. His most noteworthy developments include the development of UAB-30, a retina analog entering Phase I clinical trials for the treatment and prevention of breast cancer and the design and synthesis of peramivir as a treatment for influenza.

The nominating letter from Chair David Graves extolled Brouillette as an asset to the department and the UAB community: “Through his world-class research he has made significant advances in drug discovery and established strong collaborative ties linking the department of chemistry with the Center for Biophysical Sciences and Engineering and the Comprehensive Cancer Center.”

Regarding the department’s effort to build a major research focus in drug discovery, he refers to Brouillette as “the cornerstone of this effort,” moving the department forward in research and the recruitment of new faculty.

Brouillette’s success in securing extramural funding for his research continues to grow along with his scholarship. “Rather than his research winding down after a 26-year career at UAB, it is actually expanding and becoming more productive,” Graves said.

Several new patents have been published this year for Brouillette’s current research, and more than 10 publications are in varying stages of development now that the patents have been filed, Graves said.

Popular demand from students also led to the introduction this semester of a new graduate course, medicinal chemistry, which enrolled 15 students from varying departments.

Brouillette earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of West Florida in 1972 and doctoral degree from the University of Kansas in 1977. He is a member of the National American Chemical Society Division of Medicinal Chemistry and on the editorial board of Medicinal Research Reviews.

For reservations to the dinner and reception honoring Brouillette, call 934-0771.

State Ethics filing deadline set for April 30; forms have been sent to employees’ homes

Certain UAB employees have until April 30 to file their annual economic interests form with the Alabama Ethics Commission.

“Faculty and staff who meet a certain salary threshold, or whose job includes management of state funds in certain capacities, must file a Statement of Economic Interests form on an annual basis,” said Cheryl E.H. Locke, UAB’s chief Human Resource Management officer.

“In order to help employees fulfill this requirement, we have sent the proper forms to the home addresses of those who meet the filing criteria.

“This filing is one part of the Ethics Commission’s efforts to ensure compliance with state conflict of interest laws and proper handling of taxpayer dollars,” Locke explained.

The filing is mandated by the Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 36-25-14. Summarized, the requirements as they apply to UAB state that:

• Persons whose base rate of pay at any time during calendar year 2005 would have annualized to $50,000 or greater are required to file, even if employment during the year was for a period as short as one day.

• Persons under that salary threshold whose job includes authority for procurement or investments are required to file.

• The Ethics Commission has exempted persons whose pay and benefits come primarily from UAB Hospital from the filing requirement.

Further description of commission and its requirements can be found online at www.ethics.alalinc.net/.

Employees who receive notification that they must file a form for calendar year 2005 also will receive a cover letter with detailed instructions, the form itself and a return envelope pre-addressed to State of Alabama Ethics Commission, P.O. Box 302300, Montgomery AL 36130-2300.

2007-2008 Fulbright awards competition opens

The Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) has announced the opening of the 2007-2008 Fulbright Distinguished Chairs Program Awards Competition. UAB plans to host a workshop during the week of April 24 for faculty interested in applying for the Fulbright Scholars program. More details will be made available in the coming weeks.

These awards are viewed as among the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Candidates should have a prominent record of scholarly accomplishment.

Applicants should submit the one-page Distinguished Chairs application form, a letter of interest (about three pages), curriculum vitae (maximum eight pages) and a sample syllabus (maximum four pages) by the May 1 deadline. Following a review during the summer, scholars selected for the short list for each chair will be asked to complete a full application by Aug. 1.

A flyer listing these awards is available for download at www.cies.org/ab_dc/download/Chairs.pdf.

For more information, please visit the Web site, www.cies.org/ab_dc/, or contact Assistant Director Maria Bettua, 202-686-6245, mbetua@cies.lie.org, or Senior Program Associate Jamie Oberlander, 202-686-6232, joberland@cies.lie.org.

Girl Scouts honor three

Three at UAB will be among the 10 honored by the Girl Scouts of Cahaba Council during their 13th annual Women of Distinction Luncheon, Friday, March 10, at the Harbert Center.

Director Mona Fouad (UAB Minority Health and Research Center), Development Director Virginia Gilbert Loftin (Medicine) and Chaplain Patricia A. Collins (UAB Medical West) will be honored for their special contributions to the community through civic, academic, or professional involvement.

Basketball blog’s a blazin’

UAB Assistant Coach Matt Zimmerman will be filing periodic reports on the men’s basketball team from now until the end of the season in Al.com’s new college basketball blog, “Blazin’ the Trail.”

Log on for first-person, behind-the-scenes accounts of Blazer basketball at www.al.com/uabbasketball/trail/.

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**CHILDREN**

Is your daughter at risk for Type II diabetes?


Do you know a child who needs to lose weight?

Children ages 8-10 who drink 1 glass or less of milk per day are needed to participate in a study evaluating the effects of diet on weight, blood lipids and blood sugar. Compensated. Evita 5-9629.


Healthy girls 10-17 years old needed for a research study of an investigational herpes vaccine. If you have never had herpes (fever blisters or genital herpes), you may qualify. Compensated. 939-5279/939-5271.


Do your child experience blurriness, double vision or headaches when reading? Healthy children ages 9-11 needed for a study of children who are not reading at grade level may be eligible for a UAB study to determine if a chocolate or vanilla shake supplement will reduce the risk of developing diabetes. If you child is 9 years of age or older, you may be eligible if it has been at least 1 year since your last menstrual period; and you are not taking hormone replacement therapy. Compensated. June 996-7877.


Having trouble making it to the restroom on time? If you experience accidental urine loss with strong urges at least twice a week you may be eligible to participate in a research study. Receive treatments including FDA approved bladder medication for 1 year. Compensated up to $150. 5-7904.

Do you have osteoporosis? Postmenopausal women ages 55-85 taking Fosamax or Actonel for at least 1 year. Involves evaluations for bone health at UAB. Men with osteoporosis and Fosamax side effects may be included. Women with breast cancer who have had chemotherapy or hormone replacement therapy may be eligible. Compensation. Dr. Kenneth Saag 888-9990 ext 2171.

HerpeVac trial for women: Healthy women ages 18-30 are being asked to participate in a vaccine trial to prevent herpes. Compensation up to $540. 6-6914.

Do you leak urine when sneezing, coughing, laughing, lifting or exercising? More than 13 million women in America have the same complaint. Talk to your doctor about it. Dr. Holly Richter is participating in a research study that is looking at how a drug may help this complaint. Research related care at no cost. Compensated up to $500. Pat 4-5463.

Are you a healthy non-pregnant young woman age 14-40? You may be eligible to participate in a clinical trial of a vaccine aimed at prevention of cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection. Young women are at increased risk for CMV infection and can transmit the virus to an unborn child (congenital infection). Congenital cytomegalovirus infection is an important cause of hearing loss, mental retardation and cerebral palsy. The vaccine does not contain virus and is not infectious. Moderate compensa-

Would you like to know how well your baby sleeps? Healthy infants age 3-12 months needed for vision testing. Compensated 525/30 min visit. 4-6734/4-9599.

WOMEN

Would you like to know your body fat percentage? Healthy women age 19-50 are needed to participate in a research study to examine body composition and physical activity. Shernine 4-7516.

Do you have rheumatoid arthritis?

Is your blood pressure high even though you are taking medication? If so, and you are a female age 19 or older, you may qualify to participate in a UAB research study. Compensation. 4-2530.

Fibromyalgia patients needed to examine whether sex-related genetic factors are associated with fibromyalgia. Healthy women, age 25-60, with no more than 16 years of education, who do not have any chronic or recurrent pain syndromes are being recruited. Controls must have at least one male or female biological sibling who is also participating in the study. Compensated $25 via telephone and physical exam at no cost. Compensation up to $300 for 2 sessions. Adriana 4-9614.

Healthy controls needed to examine whether sex-related genetic factors are associated with fibromyalgia. Healthy women, age 65-75, with no more than 16 years of education, who do not have any chronic or recurrent pain syndromes are being recruited. Controls must have at least one male or female biological sibling who is also participating in the study. Compensated $25 via telephone and physical exam at no cost. Compensation up to $500 for 2 sessions. Adriana 4-9614.

Healthy women age 65 & older needed for study of estrogen replacement therapy to prevent Alzheimer's disease in those with first degree relatives with memory loss. If you have someone in your family with memory loss and you are not currently taking any estrogen replacement therapy, you may qualify. Penny 4-1668.

**MEN**

Incontinence study compares two treatments for urinary incontinence after surgery for prostate cancer. Women, 18 years or older, who are undergoing transurethral resection of the prostate with or without transurethral incision of the urethra may be eligible to participate in a study that will examine the treatments and their effects on urinary leakage. Compensation. 5-7938/1-866-435-7398. Bone density scan at no cost to you. Must have no history of cancer, heart disease and you may not have any symptoms of congestive heart failure, diabetes, alcohol/drug abuse and are a non-smoker. Compensated up to $250. 5-7238 ext 3.

Do you have hot flashes? If you have dandruff or a hair loss problem you may qualify. For a study on how sexual activity may help this complaint. Research related care at no cost. Compensated $25/30-min visit. 4-6734/4-9599.

Are you a new mother or do you know a new mother? Young mothers are at increased risk for diabetes. You may be eligible to participate in one of our clinical trials. Evaluation and treatment at no cost. Compensated. Hollis 5-0686.

African-American women ages 19-65 needed for a bacterium study (H. pylori bacteria). This bacterium can cause ulcers, gastritis, gastric cancer and heart disease and you may not have any symp-
toms. Must have a history of one or more of the above-mentioned diseases, alcohol/drug abuse and are a non-smoker. Compensated up to $250. 5-7238 ext 3.

Are you overweight and interested in losing weight? Healthy males and females ages 19-50 who have maintained a stable weight the past 6 months are needed. Up to $500 in weight loss counseling provided. Compensation. 5-9629.

Do you have hot flashes? If you have dandruff or a scaly scalp, you may qualify for a clinical research study on hair growth. The study is looking at new treatments for baldness. Compensation. Misty 502-9967.

Do you have rheumatoid arthritis? People age 18-85 diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis may qualify for a study using marine and botanical oils as a new treatment option. Compensation. 4-2130/866-8776-2247/CTalrr@uab.edu.

Healthy African-American and African-American women needed for immune system study. Involves giving blood sample only and filling out short questionnaire. Compensation. 4-0883.

Do you have chronic sinusitis and allergic rhinitis? Women age 21-65 diagnosed with a “leaky” nasal valve or moderate nasal regurgitation, but otherwise physically healthy may be eligible for a research study. Participants, at no charge, receive study medication, physical exam, lab work, cardiac MRI and exercise test every six months for up to 2 years. Compensation. 4-9281.

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FOR SALE

Appliances & Electronics

Toshiba 46H84 widescreen HDTV, like new, ask $1,700. 4-3668.

Garbage washer 1560 PSI, great cond, only used twice, could be yours for $50 firm; purchased a year ago for $169.00. cbusbell@uab.edu/620-4046.

SxTech DV 5 mini digital camcorder, $215, 4 megapixels digital zoom camera/video camcorder with a 4X digital zoom, inc; charger, battery and stand = packed metal carrying case; bonus: Sony DCR DVD Flash Card, new; factory sealed in box, $25; Farberware broiler plus accessories, $15; 2 large, heavy-duty cat carriers, $8 ea. Williams 910-4400.

Automobiles

'02 Saturn S, $3,900. 2nd chance golf balls, like new, 300 in Trussville Memorial Gardens, provides services.

'04 Proton Stinger $2,300, new in box, $25; Farberware broiler plus accessories, $15; 2 large, heavy-duty cat carriers, $8 ea. Williams 910-4400.

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