WBHM conducts Spring Overture ’06

In Alabama, a beautiful spring means daffodils and dogwoods in bloom, the sun staying with us longer each day and – of course – WBHM’s Spring Overture!

The UAB public radio station’s Spring Overture 2006, under way now through April 7, is one way WBHM raises the funding to ensure that all of the great programming listeners rely on every day is there every day. In addition to the familiar on-air voices of Steve Chiotakis and Rosemary Pennington, as well as General Manager Mike Morgan, Spring Overture 2006 is featuring some great guests from the community – including UAB’s own Jenny Gauld (vice president of Student Affairs) and Dean Bob Holmes (School of Business) to

WalkAmerica campaign begins

The Birmingham area March of Dimes WalkAmerica campaign begins in well under way in its efforts to raise $440,000 to fund research and clinical programs at UAB and elsewhere that target infant prematurity – a growing crisis that annually affects half a million U.S. babies, including 9,000 infants in Alabama.

“With premature births sharply on the rise in Alabama and elsewhere, obviously more needs to be done to understand, reduce and prevent this serious public health problem,” said Michael Waldrum, UAB Hospital’s chief operating officer and chair of this year’s campaign. “I am very proud to have our hospital, along with many other entities across the state, so deeply committed to helping make the 2006 March of Dimes’ WalkAmerica a success.”

The April 29, five-mile Birmingham walk will start from UAB Minipark; registration begins at 8 a.m. Walkers can register or get more information by visiting walkamerica.org or calling 1-800-525-WALK. They also can pick up sponsor forms at local Kmart or Famous Footwear stores.

“The involvement of high-profile local leaders and well-known corporations nationwide is a key element in the con-

School of Dentistry reclaims its Top 10 spot in research funding

The UAB School of Dentistry leapt to No. 10 from No. 19 in recently announced rankings based on fiscal 2005 funding by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), one of the National Institutes of Health to dental schools and academic institutions in the country.

NIDCR is the primary sponsor of dental, oral and craniofacial research and research training for the NIH. It released its rankings based on grants to U.S. academic and dental institutions in mid-March, ranking UAB as No. 10 in both categories, with a total of $6,95 million in funding.

New initiatives to be evaluated, funded for campuswide benefit

Six campuswide initiatives have been proposed that could make significant contributions to fulfilling goals identified in the university’s strategic plan for improving education, research and service.

Anticipated funding increases may make it possible to invest in new initiatives and enhance existing programs.

Provost Eli Capilouto has requested that members of the Academic Programs Council (APC) discuss these proposals within their respective units. The APC is made up of deans, library directors, faculty senate representatives and other academic and administrative leaders.

“We must make such determinations within the context of other priorities and commitments such as salaries, utilities, capital improvements and retiree health

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Strauss’ Chang and Eng on tap for UAB BookTalk

UAB BookTalk is hosting Chang and Eng by Darin Strauss Tuesday, April 4, from 6-7 p.m. at the Mervyn H. Sterne Library. The discussion will be led by Bill Hutchings, UAB professor of English.

The BookTalk book club is sponsored by the UAB Department of English. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month; this session will be held on the second floor in the Henley Room. The club is free and open to the public.

UAB Computer Music Ensemble to perform original work April 6

The UAB Computer Music Ensemble will perform on Thursday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Mary Culp Hulsey Recital Hall. The program features all original works by advanced students in the UAB Music Technology Program.

The spring concert will feature The Crab, a work for electric cello and video with computer-generated music. Marc LeMay, winner of the 2005-06 Hultgren/CME Commissioning Prize, is the composer.

Prize co-sponsor Craig Hultgren will perform the electric cello part, accompanied by soundfile and video.

The video, conceived as a modern silent film, is an allegorical tale of the danger of good ideas taken to their extreme conclusions. The video features Rick James and Beth Kitchin. Theater faculty member David Knight directed photography for the project.

Other works on the program include Shift by Aaron Allford; HurriCain by Robert Brooks; Composition by Matt Carroll, featuring the on-stage painting of artist Spencer Roeder; Lookin’ at It by Latrish Curry; Morning Song by Anthony Plenty, featuring dancers Benjamin Fields and DaTurious Burks; and Keepin’ it Krunk on the Fifth Planet by Eugene Rogers, featuring members of the Jess Lanier High School Drum Line.

The concert also will feature a group composition, I’m Here, a multimedia version of an original one-scene play by Theatre student Vincent Cusimano.

The Hultgren/CME Commissioning Prize is a collaboration between the UAB Music Department and Hultgren, a local cello soloist. It is intended to further the repertoire for both electronic music and cello, integrating a video component. The prize carries a $400 scholarship award in addition to the performance.

Admission to the event is free. Call 934-7376 for more information.

Chamber Ensembles Concert set for April 7 in Hulsey

The UAB Chamber Ensembles Concert is set for Friday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hulsey Recital Hall.

The performance features the UAB Clarinet Choir and Piano Ensembles. Admission is free. Call 934-7376 for more information.

Walk to focus attention on child abuse in Jefferson County

The UAB Social Work Program and the UAB Student Social Work Organization are partnering with the Jefferson County Department of Human Resources and the National Association of Social Workers in Birmingham to present a Child Abuse Awareness Walk and Rally. The event takes place on Tuesday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and begins at the Jefferson County DHR at 1321 5th Ave. S. The group will travel south on 13th Street South to the UAB Mini Park.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and the walk and rally is designed to focus more attention to the problem of child abuse, says Wes Akins, UAB social work assistant professor.

The rally will feature speakers, including the Rev. Angie Wright of Beloved Community Church, who will share information about the problem of child abuse. Gospel singer Roscoe Robinson will perform, along with singer Debra Bates. Free refreshments will be served.

In the event of rain, the entire event will be held at the Jefferson County DHR in the auditorium. To participate in the event or request information, call the Jefferson County DHR at 918-5124 or call Akins at 918-5181.

Creative writing students to reveal their work at reading

The UAB Writers’ Series is hosting a Student Reading on Wednesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the Spencer Honors House. Students in the UAB Creative Writing workshops will read from their work.

The UAB Writers’ Series is an annual offering of the program in creative writing. The lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, call the department of English at 934-4250.

ESPN’s Mortali to speak at Communications banquet

Emmy-award winning ESPN producer Craig Mortali will be the keynote speaker at the UAB Department of Communication Studies Alumni Banquet.

The event will be held at Park Lane, English Village at 2117 Cahaba Road on Wednesday, April 12, at 6 p.m. Tickets to the banquet are $35. Table sponsorships are $300.

Since joining ESPN in 1983, Mortali has been a producer of such shows as SportsCenter and SportsCentury, which airs on ESPN Classic. In 2005, Mortali became the producer of the ESPN Classic programs Ringside and Top 5 Reasons You Can’t Blame, an innovative series that re-examines the most infamous events and personalities in sports.

For his work, Mortali has won six Emmys and six Cable Ace Awards. He is a 1984 graduate of the University of New Haven.

The UAB Communication Studies Alumni Banquet is an annual event held to recognize the outstanding achievements of communication studies students and alumni.

For more information on the event or to order tickets, call Mary Balfour Van Zandt at 975-9044.

Guitar, jazz groups to perform

The UAB Chamber Ensembles Concert will be Thursday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Mary Culp Hulsey Recital Hall.

The concert features the UAB Guitar Ensembles and Jazz Combo. Admission is free.

Call 934-7376 for more information.

UAB Faculty Women’s Club to host annual luncheon

Join the UAB Faculty Women’s Club Thursday, April 27, at 11 a.m. for their annual luncheon to be held at the Riverchase Country Club. The cost is $22.

During the lunch, the Women’s Club will award scholarships and the install new officers.

Reservations and the cost of the lunch are due by April 17. For more information, call Andi Wenger at 987-4722.

For information about the UAB Faculty Women’s Club see the Web site at www.uab.edu/fwc. Note: members no longer need to be faculty or faculty-related, just connected to UAB.
Memory expert Loftus is 2006 Ireland Visiting Scholar

University of California-Irvine psychologist Professor Elizabeth F. Loftus, a renowned expert in memory and eyewitness testimony, will receive the 2006 Ireland Distinguished Visiting Scholar Prize. Loftus will visit the UAB campus to meet with students and faculty and present a lecture, “Illusions of Memory,” Wednesday, April 5, at 5:30 p.m. in the Alys Stephens Center’s Jemison Concert Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Loftus studies memory and the ways in which a person’s memory can be changed by what they are told. She has been an expert witness and consultant on a number of high-profile cases, including the Michael Jackson case, the Ted Bundy case and the O.J. Simpson trial. In addition, she has worked on numerous court cases involving allegations of sexual abuse based on memories recovered in therapy.

Her numerous publications include the book Eyewitness Testimony. She also has co-authored several books, The Myth of Repressed Memory and Witness for the Defense: The Accused, the Eyewitness and the Expert Who Puts Memory on Trial.

Darwinism and the sanctity of life topics of Reynolds Lecture

Richard Weikart, professor of history at California State University at Stanislaus, will present “From Darwin to Hitler: Does Darwinism Devalue Human Life?” as part of the Reynolds Historical Lecture series, presented by UAB Historical Collections. The lecture will be at noon Wednesday, April 5, in the Lister Hill Library Ireland Room.

Weikart’s 2004 book, From Darwin to Hitler: Evolutionary Ethics, Eugenics and Racism in Germany, examines whether Darwinism supports the devaluation of the Judeo-Christian concept of sanctity of life.

“Historically, Darwinism has indeed devalued human life, leading to ideologies that promote the destruction of human lives deemed inferior to others,” Weikart said.

“Those on the forefront in promoting abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and racial extermination often overtly based their views on Darwinism. Darwinism really is a matter of life and death.”

The lecture is free and open to the public. A limited number of free box lunches will be available. For more information, call the Reynolds Library at 934-4475.

Team UAB needs you

Join TEAM UAB and the Alabama Kidney Foundation for the foundation’s annual fundraising walk Saturday, April 22.

Money raised will be used to continue the fight against kidney disease and kidney failure. It will also 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 by completing the 5K walk or five laps around the track. Contact Norma Stewart, Team UAB/AKF captain at 934-3589 or normas@uab.edu for more detailed information regarding the walk.

National Library Week begins

National Library Week begins today, and UAB’s Mervyn H. Sterne Library will be hosting events all week long to celebrate.

A daily raffle begins today, with a $5 Vendacard as the prize to the person who correctly answers a trivia question on the library’s Web site at www.mhsl.uab.edu.

Amnesty Day is also today. Present your ID and overdue returned books at the circulation desk, and fines for those books will be forgiven.

Among the other events this week:

**Tuesday: Who do you love? It’s National Library Worker’s Day. Go and vote for your favorite library worker.**

**Wednesday: Eat at your library. Coffee and cookies will be served 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Thursday: Free printout day. Print all your black-and-white articles for free in the reference department.**

**Friday: Hourly prizes. Visitors to the library between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. can fill out an entry form to be entered into a contest for an hourly prize. The entry form box will be emptied every hour, so go early and often.**

Final projects to be on display

The Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition is presenting the final projects of students in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Program from Friday, April 7, through Friday, May 5.

The opening reception is April 7 from 5-7 p.m. at the gallery at 900 13th St. S. Admission is free. For more information, call 934-0815.

Faculty Recital to play

**Allys Stephens Center**

The UAB Faculty Recital plays the Alys Stephens Center Reynolds-Kirschbaum Recital Hall on Sunday, April 9, at 4 p.m.

The recital features performances by Leonard Candalaria on trumpet and John Ray on bass-baritone. Admission is free. Call 975-2787 for more information.

Percussion performances set

The UAB Percussion Ensemble will perform in the Alys Stephens Center Jemison Concert Hall on Tuesday, April 11, at 8 p.m.

UAB’s Steel Drum Band Concert is Friday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Mary Culp Hulsey Recital Hall. Gene Fambrough will direct both concerts. Admission is free.
Inaugural award facilitates travel to Spain for research

John Moore is fascinated by pilgrims and their journeys. He is especially passionate about the pilgrims who traveled the Road to Santiago in Spain—so much so that the UAB assistant professor of Spanish in Arts & Humanities spent his entire annual travel budget provided by the department on a plane ticket to Spain to continue his research.

Moore had his flight booked months ago, but wasn’t sure exactly how he would pay for train fare, cab fare, lodging or food during his 15-day journey.

“I took a leap of faith, of sorts,” said Moore. “I thought I would figure the rest of it out along the way.”

An opportunity materialized, and now it’s paying big dividends for Moore’s research.

Professor Emeritus Juan and Josefina Navia created the Padre Varella Award, honoring the memory of Padre Félix Varella Morales, a 19th-century teacher and orator from Cuba. The award provides $750 in development funds to support young faculty members in their language teaching and scholarly efforts.

Moore applied for the award and was selected as the first recipient of what will essentially be an annual teacher scholarship for the department of foreign languages and literatures.

“This is a unique opportunity for the faculty in our department to pursue objectives they might not otherwise get to fulfill,” Moore said of the award created by the Navias.

Moore, a third-year assistant professor, is using the funds from the award for his two-week research trip to Spain this month.

Moore, who has himself traveled the Road to Santiago on foot, is making available a state-of-the-art collection of essays on pilgrims who traveled the many roads to Santiago de Compostela in the Middle Ages. After landing in Madrid, Moore is meeting with project collaborator Antonio Monmplet, an internationally renowned art historian who is contributing to the essay collection, then traveling to Cádiz to meet with Thomas Spaccarelli, an internationally respected scholar of the Camino and project co-editor.


Moore believes the Road to Santiago is a symbol of European unity. Roads from France to Ireland and elsewhere brought many pilgrims to Santiago. Because of that, he said, the Road to Santiago has much to offer in terms of cultural studies.

“If you study pilgrimage, you’re studying art and architecture, history, literature; you’re studying language. . . and I think it has an appeal that not only transcends a parochial scholarly interest—it also has a popular appeal,” he said.

In addition to working on his individual article for the collection, Moore will write a report with Spaccarelli to the rest of the contributors on the shape the project is taking while in Cádiz, Spain—an ironic place for their meeting because of background of Padre Varella.

Varella, a Cuban immigrant and world traveler born in 1788, possessed encyclopedic knowledge and fluency in at least six languages. He taught large numbers of students and contributed notably to the advancement of philosophy, languages, and science in Cuba and in the Americas.

Navia directed Varella’s travels eventually led him to Cádiz, where he was an advocate for human rights. But Varella was forced into exile after a monarchy was installed, bringing him to New York where his prophetic speeches and writings awoke the civic conscience of the Cuban people. He founded several newspapers and was named Vicar General of the New York Diocese in 1829.

Padre Varella’s travels is a journey worth exploring, he says. It embraces the spirit of pilgrimage because pilgrimage itself is a form of exile,” Moore said. “He was a stranger in New York that welcomed other strangers. That kind of hospitality is essential to pilgrimage.”

And it’s because of the award established in his name by the Navias that Moore can further explore his passion.

“I’m very grateful to Dr. Juan and Mrs. Josefina Navia for their generosity and thoughtfulness,” Moore said. “I think what they are doing for the faculty of this department is in the spirit of what Padre Varella did for the immigrants in New York City.”

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Learn more about Padre Varella at www.uab.edu/foreignlang/padrevarela.

Summary of the March 14 Faculty Senate meeting

Chair Report: Chair Peter Anderson updated the senate on the Higher Education Day activities on March 2, 2006. The focus of this senate meeting is the reports from the standing committees.

President Report: President Carol Garrison updated the senate on the recent Governor’s Summit on Math & Science Education and described the opportunities to recruit students by greater dissemination of information about the UAB restructuring of science and math offerings to undergraduates.

It was announced that enrollment of new freshmen for fall 2006 is exceeding that of fall 2005. President Garrison reported that graduation rates for all UAB sports athletes are under review with the focus on improving recruitment and academic performance rates and graduation outcomes.

Provost Eli Capilouto updated the senate on the ongoing search committees’ activities for the two associate provost positions and that UAB is the one university in Alabama that is identified in the new Carnegie classification with the highest ranking.

Provost Capilouto thanked faculty who assisted with the recent Science Fair and emphasized the importance of this activity as a recruitment opportunity.

Standing Senate Committee Reports: Curriculum & Research Committee—Chair Jeff Engler reported that the Library Committee is preparing a preliminary report to be submitted to the provost. The C&R committee is reviewing the Honors Program proposal to report to a department.

Finance Committee—Chair Warren Martin reported that the survey instrument is ready for distribution to faculty to obtain feedback on concerns about fringe benefits with the focus on health benefits. Faculty will receive this survey before May.

Faculty Policies and Procedures Committee (FPPC)—Past-Chair Ted Benditt as representative to the FPPC presented FPPC recommendations for revisions to the UAB Faculty Handbook and Procedures (Sections and policies other than Section 2.0).

This overview PowerPoint identifying minor changes versus major changes requiring review by the senate is available at the UAB Senate Web page. Section 3.0 and the Conflicts of Commitment Policy (distributed electronically and as paper at meeting) are the documents requiring review. All other files currently and FPPC recommendations sections of Part I of the Handbook are available upon request to greenup@uab.edu or sbelcher@uab.edu. These documents will be discussed at the April senate meeting and the plan is to vote on forwarding these recommendations to the provost.

Announcements: (1) Academic units that have not submitted candidates for senate are being reviewed and no FPPC elections will be conducted on April 11 in the AB Penthouse CRI; (4) Next meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee with President Garrison and Provost Capilouto is April 4; (5) Next FPPC meetings are March 17 and April 21 in Penthouse CRI.

Second Power Greenup submits this draft summary of the minutes and a more complete record will appear on the senate page http://www.uab.edu/fsenate/home.html after approval at the April senate meeting.
Rise in ranking reflects impact of reorganization, collaboration

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“"This school was once ranked number four in national funding," said Hsw Thomas, dean of the UAB School of Dentistry. "It had some of the leadership in dental research in the United States and the world." That standing slipped for a variety of reasons including gradual reduction in state funding, loss of key faculty members, national shortages of dental faculty and changes in funding approaches at the NIH.

"But these current rankings illustrate we are on our way to reclaiming our leadership position in research," Thomas said. He added the school also is hoping for improvements in overall rankings based on total NIH funding, expected in June.

Realigning research

The changes in ranking reflect the school’s recent reorganization and receipt of three significant grants from the NIDCR, including one of the largest grants in the school’s history. UAB was the only school in the nation to receive all three of these major grants from NIDCR. In 2003, the school received a one-year planning grant from the NIDCR that helped the school evaluate and reorganize its research infrastructure.

Changes that emerged from that planning process, including diversifying and collaborating on current research efforts, identification of key research focus areas, the addition of a new associate dean for research and the creation of the UAB Institute for Oral Health Research, all helped improve the ranking.

“One of the major things we discovered from our planning grant was that we needed to take more advantage of the interdisciplinary and collaborative environment here at UAB," said Gregg Gilbert, chair of diagnostic sciences and principal investigator of the 2004 planning grant. "We are doing that now. Using UAB’s core facilities, interacting and collaborating on projects with faculty in other areas, such as the schools of Medicine, Engineering and Education, and establishing cross-campus partnerships all have helped the School of Dentistry become part of the milieu and vastly improve our research."

“Our emphasis now is to get in concert with UAB research goals, to bring the dental school back to a position of prominence in its research enterprise," Thomas said.

The School of Dentistry’s research is currently concentrated in four main areas, said the school’s new associate dean for research Mary MacDougall.

“These include dental practice research, which is the study of how to provide the best health services to our patients; bio-materials and tissue engineering research, which includes the study of new materials for things like fillings, dental implants and tissue or tooth regeneration; microbiology and immunology, which includes the study of the development of immunity and infections in the oral cavity and how the body responds; and craniofacial development and biology, which includes the study of genetics, normal tissues of the face and head as related to genetic diseases and syndromes," she said.

Rankings reflect quality

“We understand these rankings are mostly a way for us to compare ourselves with other universities and dental schools across the country," Thomas said.

“But the good news, for our patients, is these numbers are a testament to the fact that our faculty are making major contributions to the field of dentistry and disseminating that information to our students, the dentists of tomorrow. This obviously underscores and fuels our commitment to the highest quality clinical care. And for that, we are very proud.”

New & Competing Continuation

Jeffrey Curtis (Medical Immunology-Rheumatology): Arthritis Foundation Investigator Award: Osteoporosis and Associated Stroke and MI in a Multi-Ethnic Arthritis Foundation $75,000, 7/1/2006-6/30/2008
Andres Forero-Torres (Medicine/Immunology and Rheumatology): A Phase III, Multi-Dose Study of SGN-40 (anti-HDAC4 mAb) in Patients with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Seattle Genetics Inc. $1,022,287, 3/30/2006-3/30/2009
Cora Lewis Fat Reduction, HRT Use and Benign General Clinical Research Grantees are encouraged to monitor these ongoing projects and to support successful projects and advise Grantees whose projects are not making progress.

The Office of Grants and Contracts Administration received the following awards for UAB faculty and staff. Listing includes the principal investigator along with any co-principal investigator(s) and faculty participants as well as PI’s department, project title, awarded amount, sponsor name and project dates.

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Namasivayam Ambalavanan/ Suzanne Oparie/ Yiu-Fai Chen/ Jeffrey Engler (Cardiology): Effects of NV06 and NV196 on tissue or tooth regeneration; microbiology and immunology, which includes the study of genetics, normal tissues of the face and head as related to genetic diseases and syndromes," she said.

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**NO MAYTAG REPAIRMAN ON MARS**

Engineering students study DIY repairs in space

What do you do if something breaks on the way to Mars? This and similar questions raised by space station experiments are being addressed by a team of UAB School of Engineering students, led by their advisor Heng Ban, associate professor of mechanical engineering.

On March 28, UAB’s six-member student team headed to NASA’s Johnson Space Center in Houston to recreate and expand on the space station experiments as part of the Reduced Gravity Student Flight Opportunities Program.

“At some point in a long, manned space flight, repairs will have to be made,” says Ban, who receives funding from NASA to study semiconductor material development.

“Our students have built a special soldering system, and they will be testing it during zero-gravity flight and studying how reduced gravity affects the properties and strength of soldered joints,” Ban said.

Ban said that space station experiments conducted this past year to evaluate the performance of solder showed that in microgravity the solder joints — used to join electrical connections — are more porous; the effect is a decrease in joint strength and the ability to conduct electricity that could contribute to equipment failure. The potential risk to crew safety and the success of space exploration will require a better understanding of solder joint properties, Ban said.

When the UAB students arrive home April 8, they will begin making presentations to schools in the Birmingham City, Jefferson and Shelby County school systems to help stimulate student interest in the fields of science and engineering. Nine presentations are planned, each describing the team’s experience at Johnson Space Center and the results of their experiment.

The experiments also will be photographed and videotaped. Visitors can share the team’s experience at www.microgravityuniversity.jsc.nasa.gov.

**Provost: ‘We have more great ideas than resources to fully support’**

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benefits,” Capilouto said. The proposals support goals for faculty development, stipends in the Graduate School, enhancing the Honors Program, development of library collections, provision of Study Abroad scholarships and expansion of the research investment pool. Preliminary presentations were made to the Academic Programs Council between January and March. Capilouto credits the presenters who have “done an excellent job in shaping a range of exciting ideas into plans on which we can take action. It is the mark of a vibrant university that we have more great ideas than we have resources to fully support.”

But, as is often the case, he notes: “We must choose the investments that will provide us the greatest return in meeting our institutional and unit goals. With thoughtful review and discussion we can make better decisions.”

The assessment continues with a final review by the APC during its April 19 meeting. Soon after, the deans, library directors and faculty senate representatives will be asked to score and prioritize the proposals. Those scores, comments and recommendations will be provided to President Carol Garrison for her review. By then, Capilouto said, more information about the university’s budget — including income from tuition and fees and indirect expense recovery revenues — should be apparent, and the final decision can be made in the full context of available resources.

Proposals for consideration

The six initiatives in their entirety are available for review on the provost’s Web site at http://main.uab.edu/show.asp?d urki=22399.

A brief overview of those proposals is included here:

- **Facility development and faculty enrichment at UAB**
  
  This initiative would make available a selection of certificate programs for teaching/learning, service/leadership and scholarship/research that range in length from two to five years. The university would provide professional and monetary support plus recognition for achievement. Success will be measured by qualitative and quantitative assessments used in the university’s metrics. An end result is a focused, coherent approach to faculty development that is expected to create committed, passionate communities of scholars.

- **Stipends for The Graduate School**
  
  This proposal would provide competitive support packages for as many graduate students as possible in a move to expand recruitment and retention of the most qualified students for teaching research and professional services. This is advocated as a necessary move toward parity with competitor institutions.

- **Enhancement of the Honors Program**
  
  This plan would support the creation of a division of Honors Studies, responsible for attracting and mentoring high-achieving students seeking advanced undergraduate studies and coordinating curricula across the disciplines. This correlates with a specific UAB Scorecard goal of expanding honors studies opportunities and student enrollment in the Honors Program.

- **Improving library resources**
  
  Increased library funding would be provided to maintain and increase the level of acquisitions to support existing and new programs. Access to scholarly materials is fundamental to meeting the UAB goal of providing a highly effective undergraduate, graduate and professional education at UAB, promoting research and scholarship, plus continuing service to the community and state.

- **Research investment strategy**

  Significant investments are proposed to maintain and improve research infrastructure and recruitment and retention of researchers, with favor for multidisciplinary programs. These will come from two pools of funds — one, an annual allocation of monies through an established application process, and the second, a more flexible funding mechanism to respond to opportunities or contingencies that arise.

- **Study Abroad scholarships**

  This proposal would increase scholarship awards to help increase the number and diversity of students participating in Study Abroad, promote longer-term study opportunities and expand the variety of programs and partnerships around the world. This supports the university goal for Study Abroad in the Undergraduate Scorecard.
David Graves saddles up in front of his computer and quickly shuffles through folders on his screen. It’s where he keeps the evidence of how things once looked less than one year ago on the floor above him. “This was it,” he says, pointing to a photo he pulled up on his screen. “I wasn’t kidding when I said it looked like parking lot, was I?”

No, he wasn’t. But that, in fact, was the reality the chair of the chemistry department was facing during the summer of 2004 when he walked from his second floor office in the chemistry building to the third floor where the department’s labs were housed.

The chemistry laboratories then were undergoing what would be a 19-month, full-scale update and makeover. Now, when Graves climbs the stairs today, it is a whole new world.

Gone are the old, 1970s-era chemistry labs. They were stark, dark, uninspiring and outdated. And that 25,000 square foot “parking lot” Graves referenced? It, too, is long gone.

Instead, Graves walks students, guests and prospective employees down the hall of a state-of-the-art, $6 million chemical laboratory that comes complete with all the bells and whistles any researcher could hope to have—and is the envy of other professionals who have toured the building.

“I’ve had people from the University of Virginia, John Hopkins and other institutions who have seen our new facilities and they all say that by far these are the best undergraduate laboratories they’ve ever seen,” says Graves.

**Striking upgrades, lovely light**

The upgrades from the previous lab are striking. Graves says the key change has been the addition of more hoods — the 5 feet wide by 2 feet deep cabinet-type structures with small air hoses attached to the sides to pull out noxious fumes.

Instead of one general lab with one hood, the new lab has two general labs with six hoods apiece. The facility also has two organic labs with nine hoods apiece, meaning 30 hoods are available in these four labs alone, 10 times the capacity of the old chemistry lab.

“If you’re doing chemistry instruction, hoods are the key,” explains Graves. “Not having a hood severely limits what you can do.”

Several other additions to the project deserve mention:
- A teaching classroom with 27 high-end computer workstations.
- A lab for physical, analytical and inorganic chemistry experiments.
- A shared instrumentation lab.
- A smaller lab room with a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer — a $400,000 machine that aids in determining the structure of organic compounds.

“That’s what makes our program unique in the Southeast,” Graves says. “Our undergraduates, beginning at the sophomore level, are able to use it. I think it gives us a tremendous edge in terms of graduating students who are comfortable and knowledgeable in using state-of-the-art instrumentation.

“We’re giving them the fundamental tools to be able to do quality research.”

The design of the lab is very modern. There are drop ceilings over one-third of the floor, cloud ceilings over the middle third that show the intricate ductwork design and an open ceiling over the final third. The circa 1970s green also has been replaced by a sharp blue. The hallway features white boards on the walls, enabling students the opportunity to solve problems or continue work on projects outside of the classroom.

There is also a lobby area with couches for students to congregate and continue class or lab room discussion.

Another benefit of the project: Light.

“In the old lab, even with all the lights on you felt like you were in the dark,” he says. “Now it has a totally new feel to it.”

**Distinguished Faculty Lecturer nominations needed**

Nominations for the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award now are 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, Nursing, 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.

For information relating to the award, call Scripa at 934-0513 or e-mail her at rscripa@uab.edu.
Mondays, April 3
11:45 am GI/Hepatology GRs. Case presentation, Dr. Brian Morris (Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellow, Children's Hospital); Finley Conf Ctr.

Tuesdays, April 4
9 am Geographic Medicine GRs. The placoderm falciparum erythrocyte invasion motor. Himanshu Gupta (Cardiovascular Disease) and graduate student Matthew Jones (Cell Biology); RB-107.

Wednesdays, April 5
7 am Cardiology GRs. Cardiac CT. Doug Hof (Housestaff); WP-O.

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Fridays, April 7
9 am Environmental Health GRs.薄膜细胞和纤维素的相互作用: 桦木素细胞核内信号传导研究. Candidate Sherman Victor Camp; Humanities Bldg.-2nd fl conf rm.
Dayananda Saraswati’s Home Study Course. All welcome. For more info, e-mail hsc@uab.edu.

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.
West Pavilion School of Nursing.
Margaret Cameron Spain Auditorium.
McCallum Building.
Campbell Hall.
Ryals Building.
School of Optometry Building.
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School of Dentistry Building.
Volker Hall.
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A conversation with Gloria Naylor

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2006 Education Career Fair.

SPECIAL EVENTS

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

9 am-2 pm UAB Career Services/UAB School of Education. 2006 Education Career Fair. Representatives from nearly 50 school systems across Alabama and the Southeast will be on hand to conduct interviews and discuss potential employment opportunities. Candidates should bring resumes. Business attire is suggested. UAB School of Education students and alumni are welcome. For an up-to-date list of participating school systems, go to www.careerservices.uab.edu. For more details, call Dale Stringfellow at 934-4392.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

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WED-SAT., APRIL 5-8

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7 pm UAB University Honors Program. University Honors Short Film Festival. Program Administrator Michelle Forman (Center for Urban Affairs), an independent filmmaker, and university honors students will present a series of short films made in recent Ethnographic Community Filmmaking honors seminars. Free and open to the public. Spencer Honors House.

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RELIGION

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Noon Medical Center Christian Fellowship Meeting, WP-8. All welcome. Mark 647-5177 or Blair 951-3826.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

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. Andrew 822-9338.

7 pm Catholic mass; St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 913-2500.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

2 pm UAB Religion, Spirituality and Health Research Working Group Panel Session. Academic institutions working with the faith community: Successes and challenges from the field; MT-634.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

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Celebration Picnic. Organ and tissue transplant recipients will join with families of organ donors and of living donors to celebrate life at the annual picnic. UAB Mini Park. For more info, call 971-9200.

2-5 pm Music. UAB Marching Blazers Expo. Interested high school seniors and their parents and current UAB students with previous band experience are invited to attend. The expo will be an informational, musical and social gathering for students wishing to find out more about UAB bands. For the expo, the UAB Blazer Band will perform musical selections. The UAB Blazerettes, colorguard and majorettes will all give demonstrations. Prospective students can meet the band staff and student leaders. Students also will have the chance to audition for membership and for scholarships. Call 975-9589 for more information or visit the Music department Web site at www.music.uab.edu. UAB Hulsey Center for the Performing Arts.

BLAZER SPORTS

April 6: UAB Softball vs Georgia State (DH); George Ward Park #6, 4 pm
April 8: UAB Softball vs UCF (DH); George Ward Park #6, 1 pm
April 9: UAB Softball vs UCF; George Ward Park #6, 1 pm
Children are life’s work for new director Hollingsworth

UAB Child Development Center
Director Robin Hollingsworth can barely contain her enthusiasm for her job — and her new employer — as she moves from room to room checking in with teachers and talking with children about the fresh-baked muffins they’re eating.

“UAB has made a commitment to this program,” says Hollingsworth, who joined the university in February. “We want it for our employees, and we want it to be excellent. I like that the center is part of Human Resource Management, and that UAB sees it as a key employee benefit to provide a safe and stimulating environment for children so that families can work.”

The UAB Child Development Center, established in 1994, is located at 1113 15th St. S. Some 75 children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years old, are cared for by a staff of 32 full- and part-time teachers and aides. It has long been a melting pot of cultures, reflecting the multicultural makeup of the faculty and staff whose children attend: Caucasian, African-American, Latino, Chinese, Korean, African, Russian, Italian, Indian and Hispanic.

Hollingsworth joins UAB at a critical juncture, as the center prepares to identify and meet advanced criteria for reaffirming its accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Accreditation places the center in the top 5 percent of child-care programs nationwide. The center was first accredited in 1998 and reaccredited in 2001.

Other immediate goals are to see that the center is fully enrolled, to provide teachers and staff with the professional development and resources they need, and to assess parent satisfaction and respond accordingly.

Hollingsworth and her team also want to cement relationships with other depart-

ments on campus that can contribute to child development, and add computers and foreign languages to the curricula. Sick-child care and back-up child care are on the wish list, too. Each of these things, she says, is for the benefit of the children.

“It is my philosophy that when we are balancing the cost of quality child care, the wages and benefits for teachers and affordability for families that we always put the children first,” she says. “That is what I will do.”

To that end, Hollingsworth will be examining everything from the center’s curricula to teacher education and implementing those changes required for accreditation, plus other changes she believes will make UAB CDC the premier child-care center in Birmingham.

Programs seeking accreditation undergo an intensive self-study, collecting information from parents, teachers, administrators and classroom observations. The process also includes on-site visits by early childhood-education professionals trained by NAEYC. Hollingsworth has the credentials for the task at hand: an undergraduate degree in child development and a master’s degree in special education from the University of Alabama; eight years as a teacher for children with special needs; two positions overseeing multiple centers for child care agencies; and, time spent as a consultant writing competencies for professional development programs. Most recently, she spent eight years as director of the Elizabeth Perry Rushton CDC at the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Birmingham.

Penelope Moyers is president-elect of AOTA

UAB’s Penelope Moyers is president-elect of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). Moyers is professor and chair of the UAB Department of Occupational Therapy, part of the School of Health Related Professions.

Moyers assumes her term as president-elect in April and begins her three-year term as president of the 35,000 member organization in April 2007.

“I am honored to be given this opportunity by AOTA’s members to serve the association and the profession,” Moyers said.

“I have been truly overwhelmed with all the expressions of support from across the county, and I am looking forward with great anticipation and excitement to my term as president-elect. Together, we will continue to address the important issues facing occupational therapy and move our profession forward.” AOTA is the professional organization for occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and students of occupational therapy.

Be a leader in the fight against cancer

Consider two reasons for UAB employees to support the annual American Cancer Society Metro Relay planned for Friday, May 19, at 6 p.m. at the UAB soccer field.

- Cancer is the No. 1 killer of people ages 42-74 in Jefferson and other counties in Alabama.
- The ACS provides more than $2.5 million to UAB annually, primarily in support for junior researchers at UAB.

UAB is recruiting 40 volunteers to be team captains for the relay. Captains will need to identify 12-15 other volunteers to raise $100 each in donations — for a team total between $1,200-$1,500 — prior to the event.

The event will celebrate team efforts to raise donations for cancer research through activities such as an all-night camp, food, games, prizes, music, the survivors’ walk and the lighting ceremony for lost loved ones.

For information on forming a team, sponsorship opportunities, or including someone in the cancer survivors’ reception, call Rebecca Habermann at 930-8891 or e-mail rebecca.habermann@can-
cer.org.

Teams also can register online at www.acsevents.org/relay/AL/metrobirm-
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Undergraduate Programs: Philip Way to join as associate provost Sept. 1

Philip K. Way, director of the University Honors Scholars Program at the University of Cincinnati (UC), has been named associate provost for undergraduate programs. He will join UAB Sept. 1.

In this newly created position, Way will focus on UAB’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for the core curriculum and work with leaders of undergraduate programs to enhance learning across all undergraduate programs. Way takes over from interim Associate Provost Marilyn Kurata, director for core curriculum enhancements.

Provost Eli Capilouto said Way’s extensive experience in teaching and results-based strategic planning is key to his new role and primary responsibility to implement the QEP launched in 2005. QEP describes a shared vision for every UAB graduate, regardless of his or her field of study.

“Dr. Way is a proven leader in helping to initiate or refine programs that best serve and prepare students and engage the faculty and staff,” Capilouto said. “He will work with all UAB deans and program directors to ensure curricula of superior quality that uphold the intellectual rigor of an exciting undergraduate experience. That’s why the Resource Center – the university’s employee assistance and counseling service, visit The Resource Center online at wbm.org and make that important first phone call to reach a counselor. Tune in to WBHM at 90.3 FM or listen online at www.wbhm.org.

Staffers ‘bowl over’ JA with their enthusiasm: UAB fielded 15 enthusiastic teams in the 2006 Junior Achievement Winter Bowling Classic, resulting in a total raised of $6,812 – and, as evidenced by this team photo from the event – a very good time! From left to right are Monique Taylor, Tessa Jordan, Trudy Brower, Bridgette Smith and Sharon Lewis, all of the UAB Human Resource Management group. Says Kris Findlay, executive director of HRM Business Operations, “We plan to do it again in 2007, and hopefully we can continue to grow this effort each year. And, with some hard work next year, UAB should be able to capture the "Top Company Award," which is given to the organization that raises the most money in the Birmingham metro area." Junior Achievement is a non-profit economic education organization that reaches out to school children from elementary through high school.

Send us your photos: We know that UAB employees dedicate themselves to many community efforts, and we'd like to share photos and news of your activities with others on campus through the UAB Reporter and its companion Web site (www.uab.edu/reports). So send your digital images (set your camera’s image quality to "Highest") to traci@uab.edu. Include a brief description of the event and in health-care education and research, UAB is acutely aware of the fact that so many members of our community make WBHM-Birmingham and WSGN-Gadsden their listening choice

Ready to kick the smoking habit? UAB’s Resource Center can help

The UAB Resource Center is offering several new services designed to help promote employee health and wellness, the latest of which targets faculty and staff who are ready to kick the smoking habit. As a leader in delivering health care and in health-care education and research, UAB is acutely aware of the related health issues that smokers experience. That’s why the Resource Center – the university’s employee assistance and counseling service – will offer a Smoking Cessation Program beginning Wednesday, April 19, at 5:15 p.m. All smokers are invited to attend the sessions, which will be held at The Resource Center, Suite 330, 21 Office Plaza South at Magnolia Office Park, 2112 11th Ave. S.
CAMPUS NEWS

HIPAA: Final enforcement rule takes effect

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently published the Final Enforcement Rule (Final Rule) for violations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which protects the privacy and security of individuals’ protected health information (PHI). The Final Enforcement Rule (Federal Register, Vol. 71, No. 32, B390) includes provisions for civil monetary penalties by the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). OCR is the agency designated by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to receive and investigate complaints for the HIPAA Privacy Rule. Enforcement of the HIPAA Security Rule and the three other HIPAA rules that address the use of patient data have been delegated to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Both OCR and CMS are authorized to investigate HIPAA complaints and to address non-compliance. If confirmed, OCR and CMS can determine civil monetary penalties for HIPAA violations involving the unauthorized use of protected patient health information (PHI). All criminal investigations and actions associated with HIPAA violations remain the domain of the U.S. Department of Justice.

How does that affect UAB? UAB/UBHSHS faculty and staff employees, students, trainees and volunteers should be aware that HIPAA violations are subject to civil monetary penalties that may include a maximum of $100 for each violation and a total penalty not to exceed $25,000 per calendar year. The Final Rule addresses and clarifies 1) the investigation process; 2) basis for liability; 3) determination of CMP amounts; 4) grounds for waivers; 5) responsibilities of covered entities; 6) any challenges to a determination of CMP amounts; 4) any challenges to a determination of CMP amounts; 5) responsibilities of Covered Entities; and 7) the process for conducting hearings and appeals associated with HIPAA enforcement penalties. In summary, the Final Rule adopts unified enforcement procedures for the Privacy Rule and four other HIPAA Administrative Simplification Rules including the Security Rule.

UAB’s compliance plan UAB and the UABHS have developed and implemented, as an institutional priority, a coordinated and unified approach to HIPAA compliance and enforcement. As such, we investigate all complaints involving potential HIPAA violations. UAB/UBHSHS takes seriously our institutional responsibilities related to significant penalty provisions contained in the Final Enforcement Rule for HIPAA. UAB/UBHSHS’ approximately 20,000 students, employees and volunteers covered under HIPAA know to respect and protect our patients’ protected health information. However, the HIPAA Privacy Officer Joan Hicks and HIPAA Security Officer Terrell Herzog have reviewed complaints received from employees and patients relating to possible violations of the UAB/UBHSHS privacy and information security standards. Suspected violations involving PHI are promptly investigated under the UAB/UBHSHS HIPAA incident-response plan. If they determine violations have occurred, appropriate remedial and disciplinary actions, including dismissals, are taken to address non-compliance by employees who do not adhere to UAB/UBHSHS policies, procedures and standards for protecting PHI as required under HIPAA.

Examples of violations Several examples common in Academic Health Centers can be cited to illustrate potential violations that could result in institutional disciplinary actions or civil monetary penalties by OCR/CMS under the HIPAA Enforcement Rule. These examples are provided for illustrative purposes only, but they do represent activities involving the inappropriate use of PHI or which increase the risks for possible violations of HIPAA:

- Inappropriate access to or unauthorized viewing of a patient’s medical records.
- Breaching a computer network’s security controls.
- Storing PHI on a laptop without ensuring adherence to physical security standards and access controls.
- Duplication and storage of PHI on an office computer without required privacy and security safeguards.
- Failure to adhere to institutional standards for disposing of old computers, hard drives and data storage media.
- Violating information security policies and controls by installing unauthorized computer hardware, software and wireless communication technologies.
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Failure to adhere to institutional policies and procedures for identifying and contacting potential research subjects.

Each of these examples could put the institution and individuals at risk for civil monetary penalties under Final Enforcement Rule, which went into effect on March 16. If you suspect a possible HIPAA violation involving the unauthorized use of our patients’ PHI, please report it immediately to your supervisor or contact the appropriate UAB HIPAA Privacy or Security Officer.

UAB HIPAA Coordinator C. Michael Brooks, professor in the School Health Related Professions, wrote this for UAB Reporter.

Violence against women focus of rally, theatre performance April 12

The annual Take Back the Night rally to protest physical and sexual violence against women will be held Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. outside Bell Theatre.

Take Back the Night, a united protest that began in the United States in 1978, is manifested in events, marches and rallies across the nation that heighten awareness about the crisis.

Following the rally, Unscripted, a peer-education theater troupe of the University of Alabama Women’s Resource Center in Tuscaloosa, will perform at 7 p.m. inside Bell Theatre.

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Surgery accepting T32 applications

The UAB Department of Surgery is accepting applications for Research Training Fellowships for the Academic Year 2006-2007.

- Two-year research training program
- Mentored multidisciplinary research projects
- Open to Residents (to follow PGY2 year)
- Support includes stipend, benefits, tuition for courses at School of Medicine and travel funds

Applicants must be either a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Applications are due by May 1 for a July 1 start date.

For more information, contact Carolyn Maddox, Administrative Associate for Dr. Kirby I. Bland, Program Director and Dr. Pablo Arnoletti, Associate Program Director, UAB Department of Surgery, 2512 North Pavilion, 1802 6th Avenue S., Birmingham, AL 35294; 934-2089; Fax 975-9875; e-mail carolyn.maddox@ccc.uab.edu.

Lister Hill Center for Health Policy soliciting faculty grant applications

In order to encourage and foster health policy/health services research on the UAB campus, the Lister Hill Center for Health Policy is soliciting faculty applications for one-year grants of up to $20,000. Health policy/health services research is an interdisciplinary field, calling on expertise from health economics, epidemiology, medical sociology, anthropology, medicine, nursing, biostatistics, law, psychology, political science, operations research, and others.

Examples of appropriate proposals are ones which examine the roles of financing, organization, technology, or prevention, or which investigate the impact of systems of care on outcomes, utilization, cost and/or quality.

Eligibility: All faculty with primary appointments at UAB are eligible to apply. The deadlines for applications is Friday, April 28.

Requirements: The expected deliverable is a full-scale proposal submitted to an appropriate extramural funding source and a one-page summary of the project. A one to two page update at six month is also required.

Amount & Funding Period: Grants ranging from $5,000 to $20,000 for a one year period will be awarded, with a maximum of $40,000 available. Notification will be on June 2, 2006, with a start date as early as July 3, 2006. The final report must be delivered to the Lister Hill Center on or before July 3, 2007.

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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 5-9269.


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

Children age 4-16 with excessive daytime sleepiness needed for 6-visit study. Compensated. 939-9386.

Does your child experience blurriness, double vision or headaches when reading? Healthy children ages 5-8 needed for a UAB School of Optometry study. Your child may be eligible to receive treatment at no cost, monetary compensation for study visits and exams. Adrienne 6-4618.

Would you like to know how well your baby sees? Infants age 3-12 months needed for vision testing. Compensated $25/30-min visit. 4-6734/4-6959.

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Teenage girls age 14-19 and their mothers needed for focus group interviews. Girls must be overweight and interested in losing weight. Mothers will be in separate focus groups. Compensated. 939-5273.

Women


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**FOR SALE**

**Appliances & Electronics**

Whirlpool (Quiet Wash) Plus dishwasher, white, asking $85/obo. Ken 6-2792.

**Desktop computer:** 17" monitor; Canon Bubble Jet Inkjet PC; Microsoft Windows XP Office 2003, Norton Antivirus, Adobe Professional, Adobe Photoshop, $300. Patrick@uab.edu/935-5904.

GE chest freezer, less than 6 mos-old, 5.0 cf, 1 storage basket & power "On light," compact size for any area, $115; queen sleigh bed & side tables, natural finish with lovely flowers carved on headboard and footboard, $200; will e-mail photos. lucas.1138@uab.edu/281-3771.

Sharp UX-B20 inkjet fax, $45, paid $80/tax, new in unopened box. Jun 4-5822.

Home entertainment set (will sell items separately): vintage home speaker set of 2, James R. Lansing Sound Inc model, LP100, capacity 50 watts, system impedance 8 Ohms, $50; Sony's Triniton 27" color TV, cable ready, $25; Onkyo CD receiver w/remote, $20; Sony Audio-Video Control Center, FM-AM receiver, model STR-AV270X, $20; NEC VCR, $50. 2-979-2361.

**Automobiles**

'03 Ford Focus ZX3, 5-dr hatchback, red, loaded, CD, moonroof, auto, owner exc cond, $10,200. 413-6728.

'06 Ford Explorer V8 Eddie Bauer, loaded, all power, leather, moonroof, immaculate, portable DVD player, Blue Book $10,950, sell for $9000 firm. Marty 34-3062.

'Acura 3.2 TL, 4-d long light blue, good cond, clean interior, 125,000 mi, leather, CD, sunroof, $6500/obo. 908-8719.

'Toyota Camry LE, white 2-tone, automatic, serviced every 5000 mi, owner, 1992, 122,200 mi, new tires/bake, must sell, $3500. Wen 231-4701.

'97 Hyundai Elantra, 120,000 mi, 4-cyl, gas soaker, light blue, AC, auto, all power AM/FM/Cass, non-smoker clean car, must sell, $4500. 4-7803.

'96 Nissan Altima GXE, 123,000 mi, auto, AC, CD, cruise, PL, PW, $3500. Kristian 914-5949/kocw-art@uab.edu. 6-919-7800.

'Acura Vigor, black, 5-spd, runs well, $2700/obo. 305-8889.

'91 Chevy Caprice, 4-dr, burgundy, good cond, original upholstery, $3000/obo. Mr. Logan 296-5195.

'88 BMW 528e, good paint job, AC, alloy wheels, 110,000 mi, runs great, $2700. Mary 4-2344/612-4620.

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'79 Toyota Land Cruiser, 4x4 hardtop, anxious buyer, $12500. Doug 24-6783/302-4160.

'97 Honda Accord, crimson, asking $4500. Mary 9-703-9898.

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**Sports & Fitness**

'03 Winniebagge Sightsleeve motorhome with slide, like new, less than 10,000 mi, sleeps 6, only 135 hours on Onan micro-quiet 4000 generator, hydraulic leveling jacks, rear camera, heated ext mirrors, lots of storage & in out. 661-2857.

Palm Harbor 16x70 mobile home, 2 BR/BA, $1500/mo. Palm Harbor 415-9925.

**Furnishings**

Bedroom furniture: 7-drawer dresser w/mirror, 5-drawer chest, and 2-drawer nightstand, cherry finish w/brass hardware, good cond, $250/set. Arty 873-2644.

Sofa, $150, paid with coordinating floral print toss pillows, must be sold. Brandy 706-9423.

Floral print chair, $150; sofa, $250; sectional sofa, beautiful condition, clean, well maintained, 220,000 mi, $2700/obo. Jenny 4-6858/620-6865.

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Ashley Brazelton, MOTHER OF CARTER

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