President Carol Garrison will highlight UAB’s strategic progress and promise as she delivers the State of the University address during an annually called meeting of the university’s Faculty Senate Thursday, Sept. 28, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Hill University Center Auditorium.

Garrison will highlight 2005-06 accomplishments, particularly enhancement of the undergraduate experience and the changing face of campus. She also will discuss priorities for the coming year as they relate to UAB’s “Plan for the Future.”

NIH award lays groundwork for world-class facility

UAB will house core facility for Southeast researchers

UAB will be the home of the Alabama Neuroscience Blueprint Core facility, a research program funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) that will link investigators from universities and institutions across the state and region. A five-year, $8.6 million grant will provide six shared core facilities for scientists working in neuroscience.

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“The highly competitive application process for this program involved many of the leading research institutions in the country,” said Robert Rich, M.D., UAB senior vice president and dean of the UAB School of Medicine. “The creation of the Alabama Neuroscience Blueprint Core facility provides further testimony to the tremendous support the people and government of Alabama give to biomedical research, including the excellent scientific framework that already is in place at universities across the state. This facility promises to vault Alabama to the top tier in neuroscience research, nationally.”

“This grant award lays the essential groundwork for a world-class neuroscience research environment in Alabama,” Rich said. “It will create the kind of infrastructure needed to support, sustain and build neuroscience research programs of discovery in neuroscience research. In 2006, numerous institutions throughout the United States submitted applications for funding, and the UAB project is one of only four to receive NIH funding.

Optometry earns top honors from NOA for diversity efforts

T he UAB School of Optometry has been named the National Optometric Association “School of the Year” for its effort to ensure a diverse student body.

Amos, O.D., said the award reflects the school’s long-standing commitment to increase minority student enrollment.

“We are honored to be recognized for our commitment to our minority students,” he said. “Recruitment of minority students and a diverse student body is a major priority for the school. We are working hard to continue to make significant strides in minority faculty and student recruitment, enrollment and retention.”

Minority teacher recruitment gets boost from fellowship

UAB has received $600,000 from the National Science Foundation to pilot a Bridge to Teaching Fellowship program to encourage minority graduate students to become teachers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

“The $20,000 stipend, tuition, housing allowance, master’s degree and teaching certificate should make it most attractive to students,” says Louis Dale, Ph.D., vice president for Equity and Diversity, who also is the principal investigator for the grant.

The start date for the program is Jan. 2, 2007, and interested participants are encouraged to apply for the 17 available slots.

The Bridge to Teaching Fellowship Program offers

• A $20,000 stipend
• Full graduate tuition, fees and housing allowance
• An assigned faculty mentor

Kite Runner events helping readers relate to its themes

Events promoting this year’s UAB education book, Khaled Hosseini’s The Kite Runner, have been illuminating, entertaining and appreciated, say those who visited the Birmingham Museum of Art for College Night at the Museum and the Alys Stephens Center for the dramatic performance of the book by veteran theatre and television actor Arian Moayed.

Those attending the events say they are learning more about the book and how it relates to both UAB and the greater community.
Monthly Life Insurance
For more information, contact Adams by phone at 934-6967 or e-mail at dadams@uab.edu.

Sick leave donation policy to change Oct. 1

In a major change to the UAB Sick Leave Donation Policy, effective Oct. 1 retiring employees will be able to donate up to 80 hours to fellow employees with any documented medical condition that requires official medical leave.

The change, approved by the President’s Cabinet and endorsed by the Fringe Benefits Committee, requires a review of such donations by the UAB Benefits Office and the Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS); donations must be done in conjunction with application for retirement or at the end of participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) in order to ensure accurate sick leave credit with the TRS for the retiring employee.

In a related change to the policy, hours donated by retiring employees may be used by active employees who meet the requirements of both the UAB Faculty and Staff Benevolent Fund Employee Emergency Assistance Program (EAP) and the Sick Leave Donation Program. For added flexibility for the donor, the hours do not have to be directed to a specific employee at the time the donor retires – instead, they can be contributec to the EAP.

In other changes to the policy:
• The grade restriction on staff/staff and faculty/staff donations was removed, except in the case of direct reporting situations.
• The language specifying that the policy only applied...
Deadline for campus directory is Oct. 31

This year’s deadline to submit changes for the printed UAB Directory is Tuesday, Oct. 31.

While it’s important that contact information is accurate throughout the year, on the Oct. 31 date a snapshot of the online directory will be taken and sent to the publisher for inputting in the 2007 UAB Directory. This means it’s critical that both the individual listings located in Section D of the directory and the departmental information listed in Section E are accurate.

UAB employees who need to make changes to their individual listings, including UAB office addresses and phone numbers, must contact their departmental Oracle officer; in order to ensure the changes are made, a data change form must be submitted in Oracle and processed through all approval paths prior to the Oct. 31 deadline. (Note: While all personal information can be viewed from the Oracle Self-Service module, only changes to the employee’s telephone address may be updated within Self-Service.)

HSF employees who want to change their office phone number(s) and/or their office address must contact an HR specialist in the Human Resource Center at 731-9698.

Additionally, each department/unit has an official directory contact that can assist in making departmental updates and edits. Lists of all official directory contacts and related links have been posted at www.uab.edu/directoryinfo.

Thanks for helping to ensure the listings are up to date and accurate. Please submit the effort to put into printing the UAB Directory results in the most accurate, useful document possible. Please contact the UAB Directory Committee at CampusDirectory@uab.edu with questions or any suggestions about the UAB Directory.

‘TGIF’ tech seminars are new offering

Are you interested in keeping your department on the cutting edge of computer technology? Take advantage of Training and Development’s new “TGIF” series of computer seminars and spend a Friday morning updating your skills.

Learn how your department can benefit from Microsoft SharePoint Services. Using SharePoint Services, you can manage departmental lists, events, calendars, documents and meeting workplaces. You’ll get the opportunity to experiment with these activities using SharePoint during the seminar.

If you are intrigued by blogging, podcasting and RSS feeds, the Emerging Web Technologies seminar is for you. This hands-on seminar is designed to answer common questions about these technologies and their uses.

Register for either seminar online at www.uab.edu/train and, if you have ideas for future technology seminar topics, contact Kay McCabe at kmccabe@uab.edu.

Submit papers for addiction conference

The UAB Center for Ethics and Values in the Sciences invites submission for papers for the third Mind and World Conference to be held May 4-6, 2007.

The multidisciplinary conference will focus on the fundamental questions concerning the nature of addiction. Topics to be examined will include the properties shared by all addictions, clinical implications of the latest research, the impact of neuroscience on scientific understanding, neuropharmacological breakthroughs in treatment and the role of willpower.

Abstracts for consideration must be three to five pages long and explore topics from empirical or conceptual angles or both. The deadline for submission is Dec. 15. Authors of accepted presentations should be willing to submit their written papers to the journal Health, Place and Wellbeing.

Do you know...

Did you know that for every state dollar invested in UAB, we return approximately $11 to Birmingham’s economy?

**UAB ... working to help advance community and state goals in economic development.**
UAB conflict of interest reporting updated, streamlined

WHAT IS THE CIRB?

The UAB Conflict of Interest Review Board is a peer-review committee that evaluates potential financial conflicts of interest related to externally funded research or educational activities. The CIRB reviews disclosures of investigators’ financial interests; evaluates whether such interests have the potential to bias the design, conduct, or reporting of research or educational activities; determines which actions should be taken to manage, reduce, or eliminate financial conflicts of interest; and monitors compliance with its recommendations. The CIRB reports to the Office of the Vice President for Research. Visit it online at www.uab.edu/cirb.

Institutional Review Board

Beginning in October, the CIRB will require researchers to submit a summary disclosure statement for all ongoing projects, which will replace the annual renewal form currently in use. With this change, it no longer will be necessary for principal investigators to gather updated disclosure statements on a grant-by-grant basis when a noncompetitive application is submitted. Early said.

“‘We anticipate that for the Oct. 1, 2005, through Dec. 31, 2006, renewal period, summary statements will be sent out by Oct. 15 with a Nov. 1 return deadline,’ she said.

For the summary disclosure statement to be considered complete, the researcher filing it must have a signed UAB Patent Policy on file. Employees can easily determine if they have met this requirement by going online to https://padlock.dpo.uab.edu/cgi-bin/biurecord.htm. To file a new such agreement, go online www.hr.m.uab.edu/records/patentagreement.htm.

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across the state and region.

In addition to a large neuroscience community at UAB, the core facility will support the research activities of NIH blueprint-funded scientists from Auburn University, the University of Alabama, the University of South Alabama, Southern Research Institute, Tulane University and other participating institutions in the Southeast.

“These NIH-supported core facilities will provide investigators new research tools to enhance our understanding of the nervous system. This, in turn, should help speed the development of new drugs and therapies for a wide range of neuropsychiatric and neurobehavioral conditions—spective,” said facility director Kevin Roth, M.D., Ph.D., UAB professor of pathology and director of the Division of Neuropathology. “This is a truly collaborative effort, crossing institutional lines and synergizing activities across many disciplines.”

The six cores are a molecular engineering core, a cellular and molecular neuropathology core, a neuroimaging core, an in vivo physiology and phenotyping core, a synaptic physiology core and an administrative core. They are designed to provide new research capabilities and will complement ongoing programs and core facilities to provide investigators throughout the Southeast with an unprecedented ability to develop and study unique animal models of nervous system function and dysfunction.

The cores will be able to provide limited services and opportunities for investigators immediately and will be fully operational in about six months, following the purchase and installation of additional equipment.

ALLIANCE FELLOWSHIP

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• The option of a 12- or 18-month plan leading to a postdoctoral degree and teacher certification
• A diverse and interactive education environment with state-of-the-art programs and support
• The opportunity to study with students from LSAMP institutions from across the country
• A 14-week, full-time, student-teaching schedule
• Job-placement opportunities

Eligible students must have earned a bachelor’s degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA from an LSAMP institution (such as UAB) and have a recommendation from program faculty or staff. Candidates also must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and be accepted into the UAB Graduate School.

LSAMP is an acronym for Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, an NSF-funded, comprehensive, multidisciplinary, undergraduate program designed to increase the quantity and quality of under-represented students pursuing degrees and careers in STEM disciplines. UAB is a founding institution of the Alabama LSAMP, which was initiated in 1991.

Applicants can pick up a copy of the Alabama LSAMP Bridge to Teaching Fellowship Program application in Dale’s office, Cannon Hall Room 401, or e-mail Dale@uab.edu for an electronic copy. Mail completed applications to:

Louis Dale, Ph.D., Principal Investigator
Alabama LSAMP Bridge to Teaching Fellowship Program
UAB
1530 3rd Ave., S., #401
Birmingham, Ala. 35294-1170

CCC to fund seed grants

The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center plans to fund up to three American Cancer Society Institutional Research Grants awards in 2007. The primary purpose of these grants is to provide seed funding to junior faculty members that facilitates successful competition for extramural funding programs at the national level.

Awards will be limited to a maximum of $30,000 per investigator and for a 12-month period beginning Jan. 1, 2007. Deadline for proposals is Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Applications and instructions also are posted on the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Web site at www.ccc.uab.edu. Please direct questions to Cheryl Lykes at cheryl.lykes@uab.edu or Denise Shaw, Ph.D., at denise.shaw@ccc.uab.edu.

Grants available for health science history researchers

Information about these collections is online at www.uab.edu/historical.

Proposals should include a project outline, abstract of 250 words or less, a budget, length of visit, brief curriculum vitae and two letters of recommendation. Send applications to Michael Flannery, UAB Lister Hill Library, 550 Third Ave. South, LHL 336, Birmingham, Al. 35294-3363.

The application deadline is Dec. 31, and decisions will be announced by Feb. 28, 2008.

Direct questions to 934-4475.

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The School of Optometry’s strong relationships with minority alumni and prehealth advisors at historically black colleges and universities play a major role in its recruitment efforts. In addition, while providing eye-care services to communities that include many racial minorities, the school of Optometry introduces students and parents to optometry as a profession.

One outcome of these efforts is an increase in the minority presence of the school’s entering class—from five, or 11.9 percent, in 2004 to 10, or 23.3 percent, in 2005.

The UAB Conflict of Interest Review Board has updated and streamlined procedures for reporting real and potential financial conflicts of interest related to research.

Two of the primary changes involve who has to submit disclosure forms and in what cases disclosure applications will be required and what is the process for doing so. "The board exists to empower researchers to do their research in a way that is ethical and that protects them," said Richard Marchase, vice president for Research. "Our goal is to ensure that we comply with federal guidelines in a way that minimizes the administrative burdens on researchers. We think many of these changes will help us in that regard.”

Early said the first procedural change is that under most circumstances, techni- cal and/or administrative support staff and graduate students no longer will be required to submit disclosure forms. "Staff or graduate students with intellectual property or previously disclosed financial conflicts related to the research are exceptions to this,” she said. "Also, personnel who are directly in contact with patients during the human subject informed consent process also must disclose, regardless of their degree status.”

Early, who also is secretary of the national Forum on Conflict of Interest in Academe, said this change — which clarifies UAB’s interpretation of federal guidelines — is one being made at medical research institutions throughout the country. The forum, an Association of American Medical Colleges affiliate made up of 77 member institutions, is governed by a steering committee that also includes representation from Emory University, the Mayo Clinic, Stanford University, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Northwestern University and the Cleveland Clinic.

Submission of initial disclosure statements

In the second major change, UAB no longer will require submissions of disclosure statements for external applications that do not have budgeted research components — such as equipment, construction, training and/or seminar grants. However, in another change, for internally funded human use applications in which intellectual property is involved, the UAB director of the board.

Ph.D., chair of the Conflict of Interest Committee for extramural funding programs at the institution. If intellectual property is involved, the UAB intellectual property office, according to Marchase, will require submissions of disclosure statements detailing financial conflicts of interest, on patient safety and on protecting our collective reputation and people’s confidence in our programs.”

Change to annual reporting requirement

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Investigators seeking support for research or extramural activities are required to file Conflict of Interest forms with their human subjects protocols with original signatures along with the proposal submission. More information can be found at www.uab.edu/irb.
The Diner, Blazer Café ready to serve UAB students, staff

One of the features of the Commons on the Green is upstairs at The Diner, a restaurant featuring dinner and breakfast foods seven days a week from 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The double-sided menu patrons receive upon entering reveals the appetizing choices.

Do you want dinner? Then consider the Blazer Burger, chicken tenders, chicken Parmesan sandwich or one of the wraps or salads available.

In the mood for breakfast? Omelets, waffles, eggs, pancakes, turkey sausage and bacon are among the items available.

The Diner serves its dinner menu during all hours of operation and breakfast from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

And the Commons on the Green isn’t the only place to whet your appetite this fall. Blazer Café in Hill University Center has reopened, with Grill 155, Chick-Fil-A and Cobblestone Deli all serving a variety of food options. And, the UAB Hospital North Pavilion Food Court is having its grand opening, complete with a visit from the Chick-Fil-A cow, Thursday, Sept. 21. Grill 155 features burgers, grilled sandwichs, French fries and more. Chick-Fil-A has its signature chicken sandwich, chicken nuggets, waffle fries and salads. Sandwiches and wraps made to order to your satisfaction are the highlights at Cobblestone Deli. The Blazer Café also features MarketFresh grab-and-go items such as yogurt cups, parfaits and pre-packaged sandwiches and salads. A variety of breakfast items and a salad and vegan bar also are available in Blazer Café, which is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday this fall.

Featuring a mall-type layout, the UAB Hospital North Pavilion Food Court includes attractions visitors and staff are used to need no outside the building to find, including a Chick-Fil-A and a Starbucks. Other options include Freshens Smoothie Company, Pandini’s Italian Cuisine featuring pasta, pizza and salads, a grab-and-go selection of salads, wraps and sandwiches, and hot meats and vegetables from Charleston Market. The Food Court is open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

In other dining news, Starbucks coffee now is being offered both for catered events and at The Diner. In fact, a near full-service Starbucks menu is available.

And, several UAB Campus Restaurant locations are offering $6 combo meals this fall. The Commons offers the combos at weekday breakfast and lunch dining periods, with a $6 combo for almost every food station.

For more information on UAB Campus Restaurants, remember to visit www.uabdining.com.

Julie Mummert excited to quarterback ‘Your Team’

Julie Mummert is a UAB veteran. After all, she went to school here, earning a bachelor’s degree in chemistry in 1999. And she’s worked in the Undergraduate Admissions Office, where she is associate director, for six years.

But lining up at quarterback for the football team? Well, now she can add that to her list of accomplishments. Mummert was among six UAB employees selected to be a part of UAB’s “It’s Your Team” campaign (www.uab.edu/yourteam), giving her the chance to bark out instructions along the offensive line during a photo shoot this summer.

“The players gave me a lot of advice on how to stand and what to do to look like a real Blazer football player,” Mummert says.

“They even tried to teach me how to call some of the plays so it would be more like a real game situation during the shoot, even though this ‘quarterback’ was wearing a skirt and high-heeled shoes,” Mummert says.

The UAB Reporter talked to Mummert to find out how she supports the team, and which team she really wants to see the Blazers beat.

Q. What is your favorite part of tailgating before the game?
A. I like the anticipation of watching a great football game. Everyone is talking about the team and their predictions for the game, and it is a great time to relax, have fun and catch up with old friends who have come back for the game. I just enjoy the excitement in the air.

Q. Are you superstitious? Do you have a pre-game ritual?
A. I might be a little superstitious. I always try to wear the same UAB shirt to the games. I like to be in the stands well before the game starts to watch the warm-ups and the pre-game show. I love seeing the team run out of the tunnel. It is so exciting with the smoke and fireworks. It really gets me pumped up for the game.

Q. What is the one team on UAB’s schedule you would like to see the Blazers beat?
A. I really want to see us beat Southern Miss. We have been so close to beating them for so many years. A win would be even better this season since we are playing the game at Southern Miss.

Q. What do you like about your job?
A. I like being able to help the university grow and become a first-choice school for students in Alabama and around the country. I enjoy being able to get high-school students and transfer students excited about going to school at my alma mater and telling them about all of the wonderful opportunities they have waiting for them at UAB.
UAB will celebrate Homecoming Week Sept. 24-30 with a host of activities, including the annual hospital Gurney Derby, parade and homecoming game against the Troy University Trojans Saturday, Sept. 30, at 6 p.m. at Legion Field.

Some of the scheduled events for the week:

**Sunday, Sept. 24:**
Paint the Town, 2 p.m., Hill University Center Concourse. UAB students and staff will decorate windows of campus buildings and local businesses for homecoming.

**Monday, Sept. 25**
Annual Casino Night, 7 p.m. in the HUC Great Hall. Come dressed in a homecoming-themed outfit for a chance to win the annual dress-up contest.

**Tuesday, Sept. 26**
Building Decoration Contest, 2 p.m. Judges look for the best-decorated building on campus.

Annual Stomp Down/Banner Competition, 7 p.m., UAB Campus Recreation Center Center Court. Student groups will compete in step, dance and skit routines with the theme “Fall of Troy, Rise of Tradition.”

**Wednesday, Sept. 27**
Gurney Derby. Registration at 11 a.m. The race begins at noon. In one of UAB’s oldest traditions, teams consisting of students and staff members dressed in costumes will race hospital gurneys on 13th Street South to University Boulevard and back. The starting gate is in front of the Humanities Building.

**Thursday, Sept. 28**
Dragon March. 7 p.m. The Dragon March will begin on the Rael/Blount Hall Quad at the corner of 15th Street and 10th Avenue South. Join Blaze, the football players, cheerleaders, Golden Girls and the Blazer Marching Band as they march to light the bonfire at the UAB Mini Park.

Blaze the Night – The event will feature the annual Pep Rally and Bonfire and the traditional Fight Song Competition.

**Friday, Sept. 29**
Homecoming Parade. Noon. The parade will feature floats, clowns, the Blazer Marching Band and more. The parade will start at the corner of 14th Street and 10th Avenue South, head east on 10th Avenue, turn north on 10th Street South and continue to University Boulevard. The parade will turn west onto University Boulevard, traveling to 14th Street where it will end.

Homecoming Concert. 8 p.m. at Bartow Arena starring The Presidents of the United States of America and featuring Black Violin, winners of the “Showtime at the Apollo.” Tickets on sale at the UHC Ticket Office inside Blazer Bookstore. Tickets are $7 for UAB students; $15 for UAB faculty, staff, alumni and $20 for non-UAB college students. For ticket information, call 934-8001. For concert information, call 934-8225.

**Saturday, Sept. 30**
Alumni Welcome Back to the Campus, 1 p.m. at the Commons on the Green.

Homecoming Game – 6 p.m. Kickoff at Legion Field. The UAB Blazers will take on the Troy University Trojans. The winners of the Spirit Competition and the new Mr. and Ms. UAB Scholarship winners will be announced during halftime.

For more information, contact UAB Alumni Affairs at 934-3555 or at 1-800-898-ALUM or visit the Web site at www.alumni.uab.edu.

UAB celebrates Homecoming 2006 beginning Sept. 24

**Cast of characters:**
All UAB sports teams have been known as “Blazers” since the name was officially selected in January 1976, but the school’s mascot has gone through several incarnations during the years. When UAB began playing NCAA basketball in 1979, players were cheered by a furry pink dragon (top center and right, cavorting with members of the Golden Girls dance team). By the next year, the colorful monster was usurped by Beauregard T. Rooster (bottom left and center), whose cheeky, high-stepping antics amused fans through the mid-1980s. After a tawdry, mascots-less period, Blaze the Viking (bottom right) debuted with much fanfare at a basketball game on Jan. 9, 1993. Unfortunately he tended to frighten small children, and he quickly departed for Mascot Valhalla. Blaze the Dragon (top left), whose existence was announced in late 1995, arrived in January 1996 and has ruled the sidelines ever since.


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Poet laurate to read from works

The UAB Writers’ Series will present readings by Alabama Poet Laureate Sue Brannon Walker Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. in the UAB Spencer Honors House. Walker is known internationally for her poetry and critical articles on poets and writers such as Dylan Thomas, Flannery O’Connor and Carson McCullers.
Walker has published six volumes of poetry, and her other books include It’s Gallows Time. With Carson McCullers, Life on the Line: Selections on Words and Healing and Blood Will Be Your Name. Walker is chair of the University of Alabama English department.
The UAB Writers’ Series is an annual offering of the Program in Creative Writing. Admission is free and open to the public. For information, call 934-4250.

Schizophrenia is lecture topic

Recent research findings in the neurobiology of schizophrenia will be the topic for the First Thursday Lecture series to be presented by James Meadow-Woodruff, M.D., chair of the UAB Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurology.
The lecture is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. in the UAB Spencer Honors House.
The UAB First Thursday Lecture Series offers college students and the Birmingham community an opportunity to meet and learn from active scholars, researchers and writers who are contributors to the literature of their fields. The lectures are free and open to the public. Call 934-3288 for details.

Upcoming 4th annual Festival of 10-Minute Plays returns Sept. 28

The UAB Department of Theatre will present the fourth annual Festival of 10-Minute Plays, featuring short plays written by UAB students and faculty, Sept. 28-30 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 1, at 2 p.m. in the Alys Stephens Center Odeas Theatre. Admission is free.
The festival will include eight intriguing and diverse plays, all written, directed and performed by UAB students and faculty. The student-written scripts were developed in this past semester’s advanced playwriting class taught by festival producer and UAB instructor Lee Shackleford, the UAB playwright-in-residence. Student playwrights are Hannah Boyd of Birmingham, Bridgette Humphries of Jasper, Eliza Brannan Walker Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 7 p.m. in the UAB Spencer Honors House. Walker is known internationally for her poetry and critical articles on poets and writers such as Dylan Thomas, Flannery O’Connor and Carson McCullers.
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Sir Charles’ to host black-tie gala

Newly inducted NBA Hall of Fame member Charles Barkley is supporting the UAB Minority Health and Research Center (MHRC) efforts to reduce racial and ethnic health disparities in Alabama.
Barkley, now a basketball commentator for TNT network, will host the center’s annual benefit gala, a $150-a-plate black-tie dinner, Friday, Sept. 29, at the Four Seasons Downtown Civic Center.
MHRC Director Mons Foud, M.D., says Barkley’s contributions and the funds raised from the gala have been instrumental in developing programs to reduce health disparities.
“The funding has seeded new programs,” Foud says, “including some grassroots community outreach that we expect will have a positive ripple effect on the health of all Birmingham neighborhoods.”
Barkley, a former Leeds High School and Auburn University basketball star, is on board with the center’s mission. “The disparities in health care between blacks and whites in Alabama shouldn’t be so slanted,” he said. “We all are responsible for bridging this gap. I am supporting the UAB Minority Health and Research Center as a statement that education and outreach can help improve communities.”
The Barkley Fund also is extremely important in helping the center develop young people to go into this relatively new field of racial health disparities, Foud says. “It’s our goal to cultivate a new generation of minority health-care researchers and leaders.”
Winners of the 2006 Charles Barkley Health Disparities Research Award to young investigators will be announced at the Sept. 29 Gala. For ticket information, call 877-MHRC-UAB (647-2822) or visit www.uabmhrc.com.

Syllabus

Monday, Sept. 18

Noon Monday Noon Conference. Lung cancer, Prof Robert Ganem (Pulmonary, Allergy & Critical Care Medicine); WP-E.
Noon Hematology/Oncology Research Society. Sp17 and genetic instabil
Noon Sigma Xi Luncheon Seminar. NASA’s Space Shuttle Program and Southern Research Institute. WB-57 Aspect Video Experiment (WAVE) Project, Senior Program Manager John Collier (NASA); CH-274. Free pizza and cash bar at 11:30; must RSVP to Dr. Mitchel Pate, 581-2288 or e-mail m.pate@uab.edu.
4 pm Anesthesiology. Critical care for the anesthesiologist: What’s the latest and greatest, Dr Paul Wischmeyer (Asso, Prof, University of Colorado Health Science Centers, Denver); JT-906.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

8 am Neurology. Update on dys
Noon CHRC/Nutrition Sciences
Noon Seminar. Metabolic syndrome: Epidemiological and public health consid
Noon General Medicine Noon Conference. 25 years of viral threats or How can I become an eponym, Assoc Dean Robert Center (Medicine); WP-E.
Wednesday, Sept. 20

8:15 am Optometry Residency Conference. Grand rounds, UABSD Residents; S00-Clinic Conference Pent.
Noon Physiology & Biophysics. Cell migration and regulation of muscle growth, Dr Grace Pavlish (Prof, Pharmacology, Emory University School of Medicine); THD-749.
Noon Medical QRs. Religion/spiritual
Noon NA Employee Education System. Elderly Driver Videocafrenue. Ethical issues and reimbursement. You must register in order to attend. Registration is free on a first-come, first-served basis. E-mail or call Dr. Angela Curtis at 5-6649 or acurtis@uab.edu. Feel free to bring your lunch, VA Medical Center.
1 pm Microbiology. Phenotype MicroArrays™. High resolution b
1 pm Trauma. The WB-57 and Sp17 and genetic instabil
3 pm Cell Biology. Role of home oxygen
3 pm UAB Center for Aging/Grecc. Upper Extremity in Aging, Catherine danielou@uab.edu.
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, Sept. 19

10 am International Women’s Group. Smolian Int’l House. 4-1205/awowens@uab.edu.
UAB Noon Center Resource Wellness Program. Stress management through meditation and yoga. The Resource Center. Call 4-2281 for more info or visit www.uab.edu/nap.
4:30 pm Spanish conversation table; Humanities Bldg-309, HUB lounge (for the Spanish flag). For more info, Maria Jesus Centeno, centeno@uab.edu.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

10 am Conversational English classes. Levels 1-4; Smolian Int’l House. 4-1205/awowens@uab.edu.
Noon French conversation table; Commons on the Green cafe (look for the French flag). Come to speak French and make new friends! For more info, Catherine danielou@uab.edu.
UAB Noon Center Resource Employee Assistance Program. The stress of brown bag lunch. A three-part series guaranteed to make you laugh while providing information about managing stress. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch and register on site at the Resource Center. Call 4-2281 for more info or visit www.uab.edu/nap.
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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.

Thursday, Sept. 21
12:10 p.m UAB Resource Center, Tai Chi Stress management through movement; The Resource Center. Call 4-2281 for more info or visit www.uab.edu/tai. 5:15 p.m Beginning Chinese class. Smolian Int’l House. 4-1205/awersons@uab.edu.
3:50 p.m UAB Medical Spanish Conversation Table. Do you suffer from “morningslagard?” Free and open to any UAB health-related student. For more info, contact Maria Centeno, centerlo@uab.edu. VH-study lounge.
3:60 p.m SMART recovery group meetings; not a 12-step or religious program. Any addition or habit can be helped. Southside Baptist Church. Call WL Fukher 975-7755 for details.
7 p.m Conversational English classes, levels 1-4. Smolian Int’l House, 4-1205/awersons@uab.edu.
8 p.m Stamntisch conversation table, for anyone who speaks German; Giuseppe’s Cafe, 925 8th Street. For info, agres@uab.edu.

Friday, Sept. 22
7 a.m Falun Dafa exercises, an ancient Chinese exercise that brings harmony & health. UAB Mini Park, 4-8295.

Religion
Tuesday, Sept. 19
Noon Medical Center Christian Fellowship Meeting, WP-B. All welcome. Mark 6:177 or Bluf 902-3626.
Wednesday, Sept. 20
Noon Employee-led Bible study; Interfaith Chapel-West Pavilion. 12:15 p.m Latter-day Saints Student Association, Scripture study and discussion; HUC-413. All welcome. For more info, Andrew 822-9338.
7 p.m Catholic mass, St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 933-2500.
Sunday, Sept. 24
5 p.m UAB Hudn Student Council. We will have a session on singing and feast- ing the Kingdom of Krista and where everyone is welcome to join. For more info, Varadaj Prabhu (903) 950-1501, 10:30 am, St. Paul, Bham.

Exhibits
Menyn H. Sterne Library. A Day to Remember — September 11, 2001. 7:30 am-10 p.m Mon-Thurs; 7:30 am-7 pm Fri; 9 am-10 pm Sat-Sun. HUC-413. All welcome. For more info, Andrew 822-9338.

Blazer sports
Sept. 19: UAB Volleyball vs Memphis, Bartow Arena, 7 pm
Sept. 22: UAB Volleyball vs Rice, Bartow Arena, 7 pm
Sept. 23: UAB Football vs Mississippi State, Legion Field, 6 pm

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

Special events
Monday, Sept. 18
11:30 am ASC Luncheon Lecture Series. (Room 217) from the Bayou. Discover the sounds that have been drifting up from the Louisiana bayou for the past 100 years. Listen to and discuss the recordings of Marcia Ball to gear up for the ASC’s 29 Birthday Bash. Speakers are Carolyn Pousc and other members of the Music City Blues Society, Alys Stevens Center over lobby. Free. For more info, call 4-0861.
Tuesday, Sept. 19
7 pm UAB Lecture Series. Does God exist? with guests Douglas Geivett and Michael Shermer. Geivett, a theology pro- fessor at Biola University, and Shermer, founder/director of the Skeptics Society, will debate this question. Panelists will challenge the audience to hear their beliefs and affirm their faith in God or cast religion aside as an outdated way to explain the unexplain- able. Free. For More info, 4-8016. Jeison Concert Hall.
Wednesday, Sept. 20
Noon Music: UAB Faculty Pop/Roots Recital: UAB Mary Culp Huley Recital Hall. Free. 4-7376.
Thursday, Sept. 21
10-3 p.m UAB Career Services, Annual Fall Career Fair. Meet employers from more than 100 local and national companies will be on hand. UAB seniors, graduates students and alumni seeking employment are wel- come. Participants are encouraged to bring copies of their resumes. Business attire is suggested. Current students are asked to bring their UAB CampusCars to enter Alumni lot at the door. UAB Bartow Arena. For more info, contact Dale Stingley, 4-4932.

ASC to kick off new season with bluegrass and blues
I t will be a hot opening weekend when The Alys Stephens Center kicks off its 10th season this weekend with bluegrass trio Nickel Creek and the ASC Birthday Bash with bluegrass powerhouse Marcia Ball.
Nickel Creek will perform Friday, Sept. 22, at 8 p.m. Members of this distinc- tively bluegrass band first met in 1989 as proteges taken under wing of San Diego. Their self-titled debut CD in 2000 went gold and earned a Grammy nomination for their Bluegrass Album, and their latest CD, “Why Should the Fire Die?” was nominated this year for a Grammy Award as was the Celtic- flavored tune, “Scotch and Chocolates.” Tickets are $32, $25 and $10 or $50 for students.
Marcia Ball will perform live birthday boogie blues in the lobby room with room for fancy footwork on the one-night-only ASC dance floor Saturday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. Ball’s singing, songwrit- ing and piano playing, along with her foot-stomping band, will provide fervent music for anyone within earshot.
The ASC Birthday Bash will feature great food, a cash bar and the opportu- nity to win one of 10 great giveaways. A birthday balloon drop will top off the evening at 10 p.m.
Tickets to the ASC Birthday Bash are $25. A limited number of $50 VIP tick- ets are available and include reserved seating in the upstairs lobby, entrance to the VIP area and complimentary beer and wine.
This 10th anniversary season lineup includes shows and events presented by Bubak Perlman, Ravi and Anoushka Shankar, Diavolo Dance Theatre, Savion Glover, Forbidden Broadway, Ansgarian Pratt, Carlotta Santana, Chick Corea and Bela Fleck and more.
For tickets, call 975-2875 or go to www.Alys Stephens.org.

Virtuoso sitarist, and teacher Ravi Shankar and his daughter Anoushka will perform Saturday, Oct. 7, at 8 p.m. in the Alys Stephens Center.
Ravi Shankar, India’s most esteemed musical ambassador, has been the fore-most pioneer in disseminating India’s rich classical music tradition to the West. Among his works are two concertos as well as scores of ballets and films, including a nomination for both an Oscar and a Grammy for his score of the film “Gandhi.” Visit his Web site at www.RaviShankar.com.
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ASC 10th Anniversary Opening Weekend!
Two great shows to kickoff the 10th Anniversary Season!
Friday, September 22 @ 8 p.m.
Ticket Price: $10 per ticket. Student tickets are FREE!

Nickel Creek
WITH OPENING AT THE HAMMALS
From bluegrass to The Beatles, Nickel Creek’s influences extend beyond their traditional bluegrass roots. Alison Knels calls the band “groundbreaking,” and guitar into the greatest band hanging today — and we agree! For tickets, call 4-8221 or visit Nickel Creek as, “music innovations for the new millennium.” Their music defies simple labeling, packing it in a tight little sound. Call WL Fukher 975-7755 for details.

Saturday, September 23 @ 7 p.m.
Ticket Price: $15 per ticket. Student tickets are $5.

Marcia Ball
“TRUE QUEEN OF THE PIANO”
Don’t miss this extra-special event as the ASC celebrates its 10th Anniversary! It’ll be a birthday event like no other with live music from the bayou’s home grown Marcia Ball playing in the ASC lobby. The Chicago Tribune says a Marcia Ball performance is “pianistic magic,” while the Rosedale Review claims “Southern song craft and passion.” Come enjoy great food, a cash bar, the opportunity to win one of 10 Great giveaways, food on one of delicious Birthday Cakes, and, at 8 p.m., enjoy a Birthday Birthday Bash! Dance to the sounds of Marcia Ball’s music while you dance the night away as we celebrate with great food, cash bar, birthday greetings, and much more.

Tickets are $15, half off for ASC Social Club, The Birmingham News, 1068 The Eagle, the $10, 103.7 KSSN-FM, UAB Mini Park, 4-8295.

Purchase your tickets NOW! Call 4-0861 or visit www.AlysStephens.org.

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For more information, call 4-7376 or visit www.AlysStephens.org.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN Advance at the Box Office or call 205-975-ARTS or visit www.AlysStephens.org.

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AB Administration Bldg.
BDB Bishel Bldg.
BBRB Bevill Biomedical Research Bldg.
CH Charles Hopkins Hall
CHSB Community Health Services Bldg.
CFPM Center for Psychiatric Medicine
HUC Hill University Center
JT Jefferson Tower
KHB Kaul Human Genetics Research Bldg.
LH Liler Hill Library
LHR Lyons-Harrison Research
MCLM McCallum Building
MCPS Margaret Cameron Spain Aud.
NP North Pavilion
RB Ryals Building
SB Scrubby Building
SHEL Shelly Biomedical Research Building
SOD School of Dentistry
SOE School of Education
SON School of Nursing
SOO School of Optometry
Spain Rehabilitation
TCH The Children’s Hospital of Alabama
TKC The Kirklin Clinic
TH Tipton Henry Tower
UBOI University Blvd Office Bldg.
VH Volker Hall
WP West Pavilion
WORB Worrall Building
ZRB Zeiger Building

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Janet Gillispie’s caring heart always shines through

Janet Gillispie had just finished a fun-filled day with her 5-year-old daughter Brittany Anne at Alabama Adventure when she checked her phone messages. Why on Earth would Crews Crews, who recently retired as chief technologist in Diagnostic Radiology and currently works as 3D Lab Supervisor for UAB HSF, be calling her on her cell phone on her day off?

“The message said, ‘This is Crews Crews. Call me at home. It’s pretty important,’” recalls Gillispie. “I didn’t know what to think.”

After calming Gillispie down and assuring her she still had her job, Crews delivered the good news — Gillispie had been selected Employee of the Year.

“I started crying and laughing. My daughter didn’t know what was going on,” says Gillispie, a radiological technologist in University Hospital. “Being named Employee of the Month was a big deal for me, then they tell me the year, too? What a shock.”

Gillispie certainly earns the honor every day, with her enthusiasm, work ethic and determination to be a comfort to her patients shining through in her duties.

Doctors and co-workers say they have their spirits lifted for just a minute.

“It just tells you that you’re doing your job right, and you’re where you’re supposed to be in life, right here at UAB.”

For as those who appreciate Gillispie’s work ethic, she gives them heartfelt thank you.

“I try to give it my best here each day for God, for my patients, for UAB and for myself and it feels good,” she says. And as for her co-workers, she gives them nothing but high marks for their friendship — and for the jobs they perform every day. “Everyone is so willing to help each other here and others outside of UAB,” she says.

“It’s a blessing to work with so many caring people.”

Know someone who should be Employee of the Month?

Nominate them! Send a letter describing the reasons you think they are an exemplary employee and send at least three letters of support from like-minded individuals. Send correspondence to Richard Helling at helling@uab.edu or via campus mail to AB-360. You can also nominate through the new Employee of the Month Web site at www.uab.edu/eotm.

UAB nurse wants you to donate your locks

For most of us it would have been just a simple question from a co-worker. For Wendy Madden, it was personal.

Madden, the interim nurse manager in the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit, was asked if she would be interested in entering a contest for a chance to be the spokesperson for Alabama as part of Pantene’s Beautiful Lengths program — a program through which people can donate their hair so wigs can be made to aid women battling cancer.

Madden jumped at the chance, figuring anything that helps cancer patients dealing with the cosmetic changes they inevitably undergo during chemotherapy treatments was worth doing. Besides, “My hair will grow back,” she says.

Pantene did select Madden, and she currently is working to promote the initiative, which was kicked off on the “Today Show” July 13 by actress Diane Lane. Madden recently appeared on Fox 6’s “Good Day Alabama” program to promote the initiative.

“Giving your hair is nothing compared to what these patients go through every day,” says Madden, who had nine inches of her brown hair cut on “Good Day Alabama.” “I believe in this campaign so much.”

Madden lists the reasons for her fervor for this campaign quickly:

• There’s her grandmother’s battle with breast cancer.
• Her mom’s fight with thyroid cancer.
• Her sister’s struggle with endometrial cancer.

And yet none of those are the main reason she became an oncology nurse. That was provided by her cousin, Johnny Crowls.

He was just two months out from his high school graduation and serving as valedictorian at W.S. Neal in Brewton when he was diagnosed with cancer. He lived for six more months.

“We were like brother and sister,” says Madden, a year away from high school when her cousin was diagnosed.

“We were real close. We built a car together. When he died I never forgot what that meant to me and my family.”

When Madden was in school at UAB she was selected for the Lois Drolet Luckie Nursing Scholarship, a scholarship given to a nurse-to-be who is pursuing a career in oncology nursing.

Madden was awarded the scholarship because of a story she wrote about her cousin Johnny. She went on to graduate from UAB in 2000 and immediately began working in the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit on the West Pavilion.

“I couldn’t imagine working anywhere else,” Madden says. “I get really attached to my patients, and they mean a lot to me. “The patients give back everything the sad times take away.”

And now Madden is finding another way to give back to patients by donating her hair for the Pantene Beautiful Lengths program and encouraging others to join her and do the same.

“I know what the cancer treatments and side-effects can cause, and one of the things most-feared by patients is what happens to their physical appearance,” Madden says. “This is a way to help those women that lose their hair and give them a little bit of their confidence back. It’s a wonderful, non-monetary way of helping.”

Women and men are eligible to participate in the program. For more on the program, visit www.beautifullengths.com.

I agree; there’s a medicine that helps everything almost, and we have the best here at UAB,” she says. “But I also think sometimes the next best medicine is what comes out from our hearts to our patients and to each other here at UAB. Doesn’t it just make your day when a patient just comes to ease with a procedure you’re doing and is not so scared anymore? Or when they reach out or you reach for their hand and they hold it tightly? Or when they let you hug them or pray with them and they hug you back? When they smile or laugh with you and forget their pain for just a minute?

“Janet treats each patient that comes to the GI Radiology Department, always is willing to lend a helping hand to her co-workers and her patients and has been named the 2006 Employee of the Year.” says Desiree E. Morgan, M.D.

Eric Williams, supervisor in Diagnostic Radiology, says there’s no question that Gillispie’s calling is caring for patients.

“She’s very committed to patient care,” says Williams. “She’s very dependable and she cares for the patients. Overall, she’s an excellent technologist.”

Gillispie says the care her patients receive is what is most important to her job. But she believes the patients aren’t the only ones benefiting from the interaction.

“Our slogan here is medicine that touches the world, and I agree; there’s a medicine that helps everything almost, and we have the best here at UAB,” she says. “But I also think sometimes the next best medicine is what comes out from our hearts to our patients and to each other here at UAB. Doesn’t it just make your day when a patient just comes to ease with a procedure you’re doing and is not so scared anymore? Or when they reach out or you reach for their hand and they hold it tightly? Or when they let you hug them or pray with them and they hug you back? When they smile or laugh with you and forget their pain for just a minute?

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Desiree E. Morgan, M.D.
Anderson is 2006 Ireland visiting artist

One of the premier performance artists in the world, Laurie Anderson has entertained audiences with shows that range from the simple spoken word to elaborate multimedia events that combine her talents as visual artist, composer, poet, photographer, filmmaker, ventriloquist, vocalist and instrumentalist.

Now Anderson will bring those talents to campus as the 2006-2007 Pauline Ireland Visiting Artist, selected by the UAB Department of Art & Art History. During her visit she will meet with students from the art department and present an enhanced lecture and a screening of her film, “Hidden Inside Mountains,” Friday, Oct. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the McWane Center IMAX Dome Theater, 200 19th St. N. Admission is free.

A dinner with Anderson will be held after the screening. Tickets to the dinner are $100 each; call 934-4941 for questions or tickets.

An art poster commemorating Anderson’s visit designed by Associate Professor Erin Wright will be available for purchase, but it is free to those who donate $100 or more to the department’s Friends campaign; proceeds benefit the department.

Anderson's latest performance, “The End of the Moon,” is the second in a trilogy of solo performance works that combines stories and music in an intimate setting.

The work draws upon her experiences and research as the first ever artist-in-residence at NASA in 2003 and examines the relationships between war, aesthetics, the space race, spirituality and consumerism.

Friends, alumni can get reserved tickets

Contributors of $250 or more to the UAB Department of Art & Art History’s annual Friends or Alumni campaigns will receive two reserved section tickets for the Anderson lecture and the March lecture of 2007 Ireland Distinguished Visiting Scholar Robert Irwin. A contributor of $500 or more will also receive two tickets to the Anderson after-lecture dinner. Call 934-4941 for information or to purchase tickets.

NPR’s Keillor coming to ASC

Writer and humorist Garrison Keillor is synonymous with public radio and casual Midwestern wit. Now, you have the opportunity to hear the host of National Public Radio’s “A Prairie Home Companion” when he visits the Alys Stephens Center Wednesday, Oct. 11, for an 8 p.m. show.

Keillor recently joined with director Robert Altman and an all-star movie cast to create a comic stage piece by the same name as his radio show, which is broadcast to more than 2 million listeners each week.

The fable is about a fictitious radio variety show that has managed to survive in the age of television.

Tickets are $62, $52, $28; student tickets are $10. For tickets, call 975-2787 or go to www.AlysStephens.org.

Facility review of administrators set to begin soon

The Faculty Senate will be conducting the review of the UAB deans, library directors and department chairs during September and October.

UAB faculty will receive an e-mail message from the chair of the faculty describing the process for the review and a date to expect the direct e-mail message from IDEA, probably near the end of September or shortly thereafter.

Feedback is critical in ensuring UAB’s continued success and position at the forefront of medicine, research and education, and faculty are asked to provide a thoughtful and sincere assessment of administrators on the IDEA assessment form. For small departments, a high response rate is critical; IDEA will not send a report if there are fewer than six responses to maintain faculty anonymity. All information is confidential.

A list of administrators to be evaluated will be placed on the Faculty Senate Web site at www.uab.edu/fense/home. Chairs who were evaluated this past year and new administrators who have not been in the role for two years will not be evaluated.

Summary tables of the results of chair evaluations will be shared with the supervising dean in December, and results of dean evaluations will be shared with the provost.

The review is a charge to the Senate in the UAB Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws, a necessary component of the SACS accreditation process and provides important information for these administrators and for the faculty they serve.

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O’Neal to receive 2006 Ingalls Award

UAB School of Dentistry Professor S. Jean O’Neal, D.M.D., has been named this year’s recipient of the Ellen Gregg Ingalls/UAB National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching. She will be honored at the Alumni Leadership Recognition and Awards Luncheon held in the ballroom at The Club at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20. The award is presented annually to a full-time, regular faculty member who has demonstrated outstanding dedication to teaching throughout his or her UAB career. Nominees must be past winners of the UAB President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, which O’Neal received in 1995.

O’Neal is being recognized for her commitment to dental education. She chairs the UAB Department of Prosthodontics, a position she has held since 1998. She has published numerous scientific abstracts and articles and has been very active in clinical research, especially dealing with esthetic restorative dentistry and implantology. She is a member of the American College of Prosthodontists, the American College of Dentistry and the Academy of Dentistry International.

O’Neal earned her dental degree in 1977, a certificate in fixed prosthodontics in 1979 and a master of science in dentistry in 1980 from the UAB School of Dentistry. She has been a member of the School of Dentistry faculty since 1980.

Conner Prize submissions needed

UAB invites submissions for the 2006 Frederick W. Conner Prize in the History of Ideas until the deadline Wednesday, Oct. 18.

The Conner Prize is awarded for an essay in the history of ideas written by any member of the faculty or administration of UAB. The term “history of ideas” is to be interpreted liberally, as including a broad range of interdisciplinary concerns.

The prize, which carries a $250 award, is named for the former dean of the School of Arts & Humanities.

To be eligible:

• An original and three copies of each essay must be submitted to Rose Scrip, Ph.D., associate provost for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs in Administration Building Room 374. Published and unpublished essays may be submitted, but published essays should have appeared no earlier than August 2005.

• All entries should be submitted in a form suitable for publication, i.e., including standard footnotes and references.

• Each submission must be accompanied by a cover sheet identifying the author, but the author’s name should not appear anywhere in the essay; the entries will be judged anonymously.

An award will be made in November, provided that three or more entries are received. If fewer than three entries are submitted, the prize will be awarded the following fall or at any succeeding fall when sufficient entries are received.

Contact Scrip at 934-0513 or e-mail scrip@aahub.edu for more information.

Lemons is ‘06 DFL Lecturer

UAB School of Dentistry Professor Jack Lemons, D.M.D., Ph.D., will present the 2006 Distinguished Faculty Lecture, the UAB Academic Health Center’s most prestigious honor, during a dinner Monday, Oct. 30 at The Club.

For more information or to make reservations, call the UAB Events Office at 934-0771.

KITE RUNNER

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Birmingham community. “We are in the continual process of building a strong community within UAB and with all of Birmingham,” said Warren Martin, Ph.D., professor of management, marketing and industrial distribution, who attended College Night. “Events such as the visit to the museum are substantial steps towards our goals.

“We share ideas and understand each other better, our concern and pride in our community grows.” Faculty, staff and students had the opportunity to learn about art history as it relates to The Kite Runner at the museum in late August.

That’s when Museum Chief Curator Donald Wood examined the Bamian Buddhas and their demise at the hands of the Taliban. For more than 1,500 years, two large stone Buddhas stood guard over the valley of Bamian in the area now called Afghanistan. These sculptures and countless others were destroyed by the Taliban in March of 2001 as part of a campaign to rid the land of its Islamic graven images.

“The description of the Taliban in Kabul was chilling and a reminder that absolute power corrupts absolutely and that brutal things can be done in the name of religion,” says Diane C. Tucker, Ph.D., director of the Science and Technology Honors Program.

“The extension of the story from The Kite Runner to the defacing of artwork brought more aspects of the book to life, and it took it from a story of a small group of people to the tragic story of the fate of a nation,” adds Martin.

Stephanie N. Judkins, O.D., a family practice resident in the UAB School of Optometry, attended the dramatic rendition of The Kite Runner Sept. 11. She came away impressed with the performance.

“The show was very well-performed, and the part of the story it told was definitely enough to stand on its own, even for people who have not yet read the book,” Judkins says. Judkins says she is particularly fond of the book, saying the story could be about children from anywhere in the world.

“We all have things in our past that we regret and that sometimes haunt us for years,” Judkins says. “The unique thing about The Kite Runner, though, is that it tells this universal story of friendship and forgiveness while also allowing us to relate to characters in a country that we maybe aren’t so familiar with.”

Tucker says events like these are important not only in better understanding the book, but important to UAB students and the UAB community.

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Kennon focuses on graduate minority recruitment

Graduate Program Coordinator Clifford Kennon has spent the past two and one-half years recruiting students for the UAB Neuroscience Graduate Program. An African-American himself, he knows the extra challenge in recruiting underrepresented minorities to the biomedical sciences.

“Student recruitment is challenging, and minority recruitment poses additional challenges just because of the possible recruitment pool and competition from other universities,” Kennon says. But it is well worth the effort, he says. “Minority recruitment is extremely beneficial because it promotes UAB retention in graduate education,” says Kennon.

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Kennon says he is particularly fond of the book, saying the story could be about children from anywhere in the world.

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**Would you like to know your body fat?**

Boden Healthy-American and African-American women ages 40-60 needed for a study to evaluate the effects of exercise training and dietary interventions on body composition. Compensated. 3-7009.

**Would you like to know your body fat and bone health?**

Women: ages 19 or older needed for a study comparing different methods for measuring body fat and bone density. Women 19-60 with osteoarthritis in their knees may be eligible to participate. Compensated up to $460. 5-6914/herpevac@uab.edu.

**Would you like to know if you have breast cancer?**

Healthy white females age 18 or older needed for a study that will help determine if a simple blood test or other non-invasive procedures can be used to detect breast cancer. Women who have had a mammogram and those who have never had a mammogram may be eligible. Compensated. 3-7009.

**Who needs to test an investigational use of an antitumor vaccine?**

Healthy white men 56-78 years old may be eligible. If you are ages 19-65, you may be eligible to participate in a study to determine if a chocolate or vanilla shake with insulin or placebo will influence the effectiveness of an intra-vaginal application of a new antitumor vaccine. Volunteers must be healthy African-American and Caucasian women age 40-50 who have not had a hysterectomy or vasectomy. Compensation: up to $460. 5-2422.

**Do you have high blood pressure?**

29-week research study evaluating 2 new investigational medications for hypertension. Receive medications, blood pressure checks, and urine analysis. Study involves eating 2 different diets and 2 overnight admissions to UAB hospital. If you are healthy, at least 70 years of age, and a non-smoker, you may qualify. Study compensation: up to $225. Paul the SWEET (Senior Woman Exercise Study Training) phone 599-1020 ext 110/

**Do you have high blood pressure?**

4-4068/uab.safetyly@yahoo.com.

**Are you a right-handed female age 19-45?**

If you are a right-handed female age 19 or older, in good general health and have not had a hysterectomy or vasectomy, you may be eligible to participate. Compensated. 3-7009.

**Have you been diagnosed with bipolar disorder?**

Care Teams for HIV. If you are HIV- and hepatitis C-negative, you may be eligible to participate. The study looks at the effects of being in a Care Team for the participant and volunteers. Compensated up to $700. 4-6036.

**Are you a woman age 40-64?**

If you have been experiencing stress urinary incontinence. If so, and you are ages 19-65, you may be eligible to participate in a study to determine if a chocolate or vanilla shake with insulin or placebo will influence the effectiveness of an intra-vaginal application of a new antitumor vaccine. Volunteers must be healthy African-American and Caucasian women age 40-50 who have not had a hysterectomy or vasectomy. Compensation: up to $460. 5-2422.

**Do you have fibromyalgia?**

People who have chronic insomnia and have trouble falling asleep or staying asleep may be interested in participating in a 3-day study in the hospital. You will not receive any medications or treatments during the study. Study compensation: up to $250. 7-7288 ext 3.
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