BioTek initiative responds to demand for skilled lab techs

BioTex Works will support statewide industrial recruitment efforts

Michael Wyss, Ph.D., and Tino Unlap, Ph.D., have spent the better part of the past decade reaching into under-served areas of the Birmingham community to give children an opportunity to learn.

The UAB professors have partnered with Jesse Hippis, president of the Heritage Center for Human and Community Development, to create a multi-year, multidisciplinary approach to investigation of diseases that affect the nervous system. The program initially is being funded by the Jefferson County Workforce Investment Board, which has provided more than $100,000 to UAB and the Center for Pediatric-Onset Demyelinating Disease. It builds on other recent advances in interdisciplinary neuroscience research, clinical care and education at UAB, and will serve as a model for other institutions to emulate,” says Robert R. Rich, M.D., senior vice president and dean of the UAB School of Medicine.

It builds on other recent advances in neuroscience at UAB, including an $8.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to establish the Alabama Neuroscience Blueprint Core Facility awarded in September.

Annual open enrollment under way for benefits

The annual benefits open enrollment period is under way, which means that all benefit-eligible UAB employees should complete enrollment for medical, dental and vision insurance coverage and flexible spending accounts (FSAs) well before 5 p.m. CT Friday, Oct. 27.

To participate in open enrollment, employees may make all elections online at www.shps.com, or by using a touch-tone telephone and calling 1-800-225-0162. If additional help is needed, customer service representatives will be available to answer questions between 7 a.m.-7 p.m. CT Monday through Friday. Please remember that in order to comply with federal laws regulating benefit plan

Chair in Neurology. He also directs the division of movement disorders in the Department of Neurology and the UAB Center for Neurodegeneration and Experimental Therapeutics. An acknowledged expert in Parkinson’s disease and other movement disorders, Standecka is a member of the Scientific Advisory Boards of the American Parkinson Disease Association, the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research and the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation. Rosenthal, associate professor of surgery,

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UAB rolls out New Managers Training

UAB has rolled out a comprehensive New Managers Training program. The program is designed to provide new managers with basic management and leadership skills, as well as to acquaint them with the ins and outs of running a business at UAB, says Chief Human Resource Officer Cheryl Locke. “Senior leadership recognizes that, as a university, we need to have a common management philosophy and common practices when it comes to leading employees,” Locke says. “Also, critical information for a new manager, including UAB policies and procedures, is covered in this training.”

Effective immediately, all new managers in university staff positions will be required to take this training within the first six months of their new position. This includes managers new to UAB, as well as those UAB employees who are promoted into manager positions. Components of this training will be incorporated into faculty leadership programs currently being designed.

The hospital also will be considering topics from this training to include as possible additions to hospital managers training.

Locke said a core element of the three-day program will be its “UAB Mission and Culture” component, which will be covered during a one-hour lunch each session day. Current managers are welcomed and encouraged to take the training, either by participating in the entire program or by selecting the sections they believe will be most valuable to them as managers.

The program, which can be taken on non-consecutive days, includes:

Day 1
- Preparing to be an Effective Supervisor
- Introduction to Supervision
- Interviewing and Selection
- Corrective Action and Problem Resolution
- Performance Management

Day 2
- Valuing and Managing Diversity and the Multigenerational Workforce
- Positive Opposition: Productive Strategies for Managing Individual and Team Conflict

Day 3
- Harassment Awareness
- Finance Policies and Procedures
- How to Get Things Done at UAB

For more information on the program, contact Mary Floyd in Training & Development at 934-3359 or mlfloyd@uab.edu.

ID theft workshop to be held Oct. 26

Find out what to do to prevent your identity from being stolen at the upcoming Identity Theft Information Workshop.

Professionals from the Secret Service, a financial institution and the UAB Police Department, all of whom deal with identity theft, will be on hand to give you valuable information, answer your questions and teach you what to do immediately if you suspect that someone has stolen your identity.

The workshop, open to all UAB employees, will be held Thursday, Oct. 26, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Medical Towers Room 419. To register go to www.uab.edu/train and, or call 934-3359. Registration deadline is Friday, Oct. 20.

If you have any questions about the workshop, contact Iris Williams at 934-5785.

UAB wifi network now free, standard service

As of this month, UAB wireless network access for faculty and staff is included in the standard campus network service fee. And, UAB employees no longer are required to sign up for the service — their BlazerID and password will allow them to authenticate to the network.

“UABwifi” will continue to be available to all currently enrolled students with a BlazerID and password.

Since its inception in 2003, the UABwifi network, which initially was targeted toward students, has experienced exponential growth. The first “UABwifi Zones” were installed in Hill University Center, classrooms and libraries and have since been expanded to include common areas in some residence halls and other student buildings.

As the demand for wireless Internet access has increased, the UABwifi network has been expanded to include research buildings, such as the Shelby Building. “Another significant enhancement planned for this year is the implementation of additional UABwifi Zones,” said Bob Cloud, director of Network and Infrastructure Services. “Areas targeted include outdoor parks, the soccer field and tennis courts and additional research and office buildings.”

A map of current and planned UABwifi Zones is available online at www.uab.edu/wireless.

Although the UABwifi service is a convenient option for mobile users, it’s important to remember that wireless networks have some disadvantages over physical wired networks. For instance, because bandwidth is shared among all users of the same wireless access point, users may experience lower connections than when using the wired campus network.

Data security is another consideration when using the wireless network. Although WEP key encryption is utilized to secure the wireless signals, IT recommends the campus VPN software as an additional layer of security (more information on this is available online at www.uab.edu/vpn). Future improvements are under development for the service, including stricter 802.1x encryption, which will provide stronger encryption and increased security.

Additional planned future enhancements include the addition of two fee-based options for guest access to the UABwifi network. Departments wishing to learn more about these service plans should visit www.uab.edu/wireless.

For issues or questions regarding setup and configuration of UABwifi, contact the AskIT Helpdesk by phone at 996-5555 or by e-mail at askit@uab.edu.

Minority biz awards to be presented Oct. 3

One hundred and six UAB departments and divisions will be recognized at the 10th annual minority business awards luncheon for increased spending with minority and women-owned businesses for the first nine months of fiscal year 2005-06.

The UAB Minority Participation Advisory Committee will host its awards luncheon Tuesday, Oct. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Campus Recreation Center on University Boulevard.
A new exhibit from the UAB Archives highlights the links between the university and the 12 chief executives who guided the state since the medical school was established in Birmingham in 1945. “Twelve Governors and UAB: Six Decades of Leadership” was presented by UAB President Geri G. Porro, assistant vice president for minority Business Development. President Carol Garrison and Richard Margison, vice president for Financial Affairs and Administration, will present the awards to the Honorable Judge John England. England will be the guest speaker.

Statistical approaches that have failed to identify harms in randomized clinical trials will be the topic of a lecture by Janet Turk Wittes, Ph.D., associate editor of Clinical Trials, Friday, Oct. 13, at 9:30 a.m. in the Alys Stephens Center Reynolds Kachumb Recital Hall. A reception will follow at 11 a.m.

Wittes is the 2006 recipient of the UAB Section on Statistics and Biostatistics’ Janet L. Norwood Award for Outstanding Achievement by a Woman in Statistical Sciences. Wittes’ lecture will examine some commonly used statistical approaches that, by their very nature, are poised to fail to identify potential problems with drug safety early. Instead, analysis of data on potential harms needs to be flexible and responsive to observations, she contends.

Wittes has had a distinguished career in statistics. She is a Fellow of the American statistical Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and an elected member of the International Statistical Institute. Her research has focused on the design and analysis of randomized clinical trials, capture/recapture methods in epidemiology, sample size recalculation problems in clinical studies and incorporation of subjective endpoints in clinical trials.

The Norwood Award was created by UAB School of Public Health to recognize the contribution of all women to the statistical sciences and to help promote the active involvement of women in the statistical sciences at all levels from high school through senior faculty and scientists.

The program is free and open to the public, but reservations are requested. For more information, or to make reservations, call 975-9193.

Better food through science Penelope L. Forde and Jose Alvarez visits UAB to work with former mentor and fellow countryman Carlos Krumdieck on a cooperative venture between their universities. They hope to establish a nutrition institute to address under-nourishment in the Andean countries through food science and academic training. (UAB Report, Vol. 6 No. 5, 1991)

Exhibit reflects on 12 governors and UAB

A new exhibit from the UAB Archives highlights the links between the university and the 12 chief executives who guided the state since the medical school was established in Birmingham in 1945. “Twelve Governors and UAB: Six Decades of Garnontorial Connections, 1945-2006,” is on display until the end of the year at the Alabama Museum of Health Sciences in the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences. It includes photographs of governors during their visits to the UAB campus for speeches, presentations or groundbreaking ceremonies.

The exhibit uses almost 80 documents, photographs, invitations and other documents to tell the story of UAB’s founding and growth, beginning with then-governor Chaucy Sparks (1945-1947), who appointed the committee that chose Birmingham as the site for a new four-year medical school. Sparks spoke at the 1946 medical school commencement, the first graduation following the school’s move from Tuscaloosa.

One poignant exhibit documents the 1972 assassination attempt on former Gov. George C. Wallace, his hospitalization and rehabilitation at UAB and the diary written by his wife,TEST

Minority faculty and fellows encouraged to apply for training

The Deep South Network for Cancer Control Research Training Program invites minority faculty and fellows to apply to the DSN Research Training Program in November. About the program:

• Opportunity to become a scholar in DSNCancer Disparities Research – with solid technical skills and a commitment to eradicate cancer disparities
• Opportunity to work with DSNCancer Disparities researchers and scientists in this one-year program
• Opportunity to receive technical support in developing a DSNCancer proposal to submit for funding
• Training in bioethics, biostatistics, epidemiology, scientific and grant writing via online courses and video conference lectures at UAB and Tuskegee University
• A stipend or other remuneration may be available

Application review will begin Oct. 9. To request an application, please contact Mona Fouad, M.D., or e-mail Am Smith at annsmith@uab.edu or visit the Minority Health and Research Center at www.ubmhrc.com.

Pedestrian Safety Campaign under way Each year, the UAB Police Department conducts a Pedestrian Safety Campaign to remind pedestrians and drivers to be aware of the increased traffic on campus and to obey the rules of the road – including yielding right-of-way to pedestrians and drivers – as well as the dangers of jaywalking.

During the next few weeks, UAB Police will distribute information on pedestrian safety and issue warning citations within the UAB community. UAB Campus Watch members will help distribute the information at locations on campus Tuesday and Wednesday Sept. 26-27 and Oct. 3-4 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.

UAB Police will be at the following locations during the campaign:
• 15th Street and University Boulevard
• 14th Street and University Boulevard
• 19th Street and University Boulevard
• 20th Street and University Boulevard
• Ninth Avenue and 14th Street South
• Sixth Avenue and 18th Street South
• Sixth Avenue and 19th Street South
• Seventh Avenue and 19th Street South
• Ninth Avenue and 19th Street South

After the initial campaign period, citations will be issued for jaywalking and other traffic violations. The fine for jaywalking starts at $133, and repeat offender fines can range up to $572.50 with the possibility of up to three days in jail.

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UAB employees now are eligible to receive a discount at UAB Eye Care.

All you have to do is show your UAB employee ID badge at the time of your visit and you can receive up to $25 off your out-of-pocket costs for a comprehensive eye examination. For example, if you have Viva Health coverage, that means your $25 co-pay is waived. "Employees can receive this discount one time a year and can use it any time during the year," says UAB Eye Care Practice Manager Richard Stroud.

So what does UAB Eye Care have to offer you and your family? Comprehensive general eye exams and world-class care, including the latest advances in eye and vision treatment, along with quality contacts and eyeglasses at reasonable prices. And, special care for little eyes.

UAB Eye Care is renowned for its work with children, conducting National Institutes of Health-funded research on nearsightedness and slowing the progression of nearsightedness in children. Affiliated researchers also are studying lazy eye and convergence insufficiency — a condition that causes children to have intermittent blur, double vision or eye straining while they read. The clinic also has vision therapy programs to help children battling such ailments, a benefit not offered by most Birmingham-area clinics. "We see a lot of children with eye turn and reduced vision in the eye, or lazy eye," says Michelle Anderson, O.D. "We do eye exams and find kids have perfectly healthy eyes, and we find some kids that need glasses for near- or farsightedness. And we have vision therapy training for those children who are in need, which is a great advantage." UAB Eye Care also is the only facility in the state that teaches optometrists how to do infant eye exams. (At UAB, ophthalmologists in the School of Medicine also are trained to examine infant eyes.) UAB Eye Care specialists offer examinations and fittings if you are interested in correcting your eyesight with contact lenses. Bifocal and cosmetic lenses plus postoperative fittings are available. Specialists also can discuss all options for laser and refractive surgery and provide pre- and post-surgical care with consulting ophthalmology experts.

An extensive eyewear boutique also offers the latest fashions and name brands made with the highest-grade material and sold at reasonable prices. Glasses are available to fit any age, need and style from fashion eyewear to glasses for sports, safety and sun protection.

"I think that when people come in the clinic and see what's here and what we have to offer, they will leave impressed," Stroud says.

UAB Eye Care is located on University Boulevard between 17th and 18th streets. To schedule an appointment between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, call 975-2020. Visit www.uab.edu/eye today for further information about the clinic. UAB Eye Care is a participating provider with Medicare, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, VIVA, Medicaid, VSP, Spectera, VCP and other insurance plans.

UAB Eye Care offers employee discount, cares for little eyes

Who needs their eyes checked?

1. All of those who fall under high-risk groups such as people above 40 years of age; people suffering from diabetes or hypertension; people belonging to families with history of eye disease; and people who use high-power corrective lenses.
2. A routine eye-check is recommended for all children before they start school at age 5.
3. Adults and children who are associated with frequent computer use can be affected with vision problems, as well.

UAB home to Advanced Center for Parkinson’s Research

UAB will house one of eight Advanced Centers for Parkinson’s Research to be funded by the American Parkinson Disease Association, Inc. (APDA). Each center will receive a minimum of $100,000 a year for five years. Parkinson’s disease, a chronic and progressive neurological condition, is a complex neurological disorder and is the second most common neurodegenerative disorder of aging after Alzheimer’s disease. It affects more than 1.5 million Americans, with 40,000 to 60,000 new cases diagnosed each year. Parkinson’s research has been a priority at UAB since 2003, beginning with the creation of the Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorder Research Program under the direction of Ray Watts, M.D., chair of the Department of Neurology. "I believe current and emerging therapies mean that medicine is on the brink of finding a cure for Parkinson’s disease," Watts says.

"It is exciting to be at the forefront of this research, and we are honored to have been selected as an advanced research center by APDA.

Continued from page 1 participation and to retain those pre-tax features which are desired by UAB employees, changes will not be accepted after the close of open enrollment; again, that deadline is 5 p.m. CT Friday, Oct. 27.

You must participate in open enrollment if you are:
• Changing your level of coverage as it relates to the single/employee plus up to two dependents/family option
• Adding or deleting dependents
• Changing from basic to comprehensive coverage — or vice versa — with the dental plan
• Dropping existing medical and/or dental coverage
• Participating in the flexible spending account (FSA) program for 2007
• Adding vision coverage

Good news for those with this year’s open enrollment — UAB will begin offering employees a new stand-alone vision plan administered by Vision Service Plan (VSP). And, there will not be any premium increases for the Viva Access or Blue Cross medical plan or the MetLife dental plan. The Viva UAB medical plan will experience a modest 5.5 percent increase in premiums. Also new for 2007 . . . the health-care flexible spending account annual election limit will increase to $10,000. The dependent care account limit will remain at $5,000 annually or $2,500 for married taxpayers filing separate returns. And, pharmacy copays will remain the same for 2007.

The new vision plan

New for 2007, the Vision Service Plan (VSP) offers employees coverage for routine eye exams, lenses, frames and contacts and discounts for LASIK eye surgery. VSP is a nationwide plan that offers both in-network and out-of-network coverage. Both UAB Eye Care and the University Optometric Group (the private faculty practice group at UAB) participate in the VSP network. Please remember to enroll in the VSP program during open enrollment if you wish to take advantage of this new plan offering!

Medical plan changes

• Speech, physical and occupational therapy will be covered at 100 percent when medically necessary (subject to the applicable co-pay) under all three medical plans
• A 15-day quantity limitation will be implemented on certain types of hypnotic drugs under the Viva Access and Blue Cross programs. Examples of these drugs include but are not limited to Ambien, Sonata, Lunesta, Restoril, Trazodone, Halozone, Dalmane and Trizolam. This quantity limit, which follows FDA guidelines for these types of medications, already is in place for Viva UAB members

Under the Viva UAB plan, maternity care outside of UAB hospital will be subject to a $1,000 in-hospital deductible. The OBGYN office co-pay for care received outside of UAB will remain at $40.

To find out more

All elections will be effective Jan. 1, 2007. New premiums for medical, dental and vision will be reflected in your December 2006 payroll. FSA deductions will be reflected in your January 2007 payroll.

Any questions concerning annual open enrollment should be directed to the UAB Benefits Department at 934-3458. Also, annual open enrollment materials are available on the UAB Human Resource Management Benefits Web page: go to www.uab.edu/benefits and click on Annual Open Enrollment. This area includes links to the provider home pages as well as provider directories. And remember, the UAB Benefits Fair will take place on two days in two different locations: Thursday, Oct. 5, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Hill University Center Great Hall conference rooms A and B; and Friday, Oct. 6, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the West Pavilion Atrium. While you’re there, be sure to stop by the wellness table for information on “wellness matters” at UAB!
Osteoporosis clinic offers expert care for fragile bones

Kenneth Saag, M.D., director of osteoporosis clinical research, says the UAB Osteoporosis Prevention and Treatment Clinic, located at The Kirklin Clinic, is conducting several clinical trials new and existing medical drugs and procedures. To learn more about osteoporosis, visit www.toneyourbones.com.

Do you have osteoporosis?
If so, you may be eligible to participate in ongoing studies here at UAB. Call Kerry Renfroe at 934-1444 or Jo Ann Kiser at 934-1976 or visit www.toneyourbones.com online to learn more.

Summary of the Sept. 12 Faculty Senate Meeting

Chair Report: Chair-elect Pat Greenup announced the following items: 1) Senators encouraged to discuss classroom space with colleagues and provide feedback to Chair March; 2) East sheet and about meal plan will be made available to faculty to help them answer student questions; 3) Senators encouraged to share draft Diversity Plan with colleagues and provide feedback to Chair March; 4) Faculty need to be aware of FERPA (www.uab.edu/ferpa/); 5) UA System and Telecampus Web site contains information about distance learning (www.usystem.net); and 6) Senators encouraged to distribute detailed support services handouts to colleagues.

The draft resolution honoring Dr. Virginia “Jenny” Gauld was presented and approved by the senate.

President Report: President Carol Garrison announced the following items: 1) Current freshman class is best prepared; 2) Dedication ceremony was held for new dining facility and residential hall; 3) Discussion book events held include freshman discussion groups, college night at Birmingham Museum of Art and American Place Theatre’s rendition; 4) Anthony Purcell has been named chief of police and will assume his duties on Oct. 9; 5) Faculty need to be informed about FERPA; and 6) Meal plan suggestions may be submitted at www.uablining.com. Reception

Presentation: QEP – Dr. Marilyn Kurata provided an overview of the Quality Enhancement Plan including learning outcomes, discussion book, freshman learning communities and targeted competencies. The presentation materials are posted on the senate page.

Resolution on Student Evaluations of Faculty Teaching: The draft resolution was presented and approved by the senate.

Copyright Policy: The draft policy was presented and approved by the senate.

Standing Committee Reports: Faculty Affairs Committee – Chair Mark Lockhart reported that administrator evaluations for deans and remaining chairs will begin in late September.

Finance Committee – Chair Michael Hunder reported that the list of Slug schools has been distributed to the committee for comparison with UAB’s tuition support for dependents.

Governance and Operations Committee Chair Pat Higginbottom reported that senate liaisons have been informed about the responsibilities of the position and who to contact for assistance.

Faculty Policies and Procedures Committee – Past-Chair Pete Anderson reported that the committee approved the draft Copyright Policy and Summary Guidelines for Policy Development and provided an update on subcommittee work.

Curriculum and Research Committee – Chair Nasim Udidi reported that the committee approved the draft Copyright Policy and discussed scholarly communication.

Announcements: President Garrison’s State of the University Address is Thursday, Sept. 28, at 3:30 p.m. in the Hill University Center Alabama Auditorium. The next senate meeting is Oct. 10 in the Hill University Center Great Hall. The next FSRC meeting is Sept. 27, the next FSRC meeting with the president and provost is Oct. 3, and the next FPPC meeting is Sept. 15.

Secretary Jennifer Long submitted this draft summary and a complete record will appear on the senate page after approval at the October meeting. The minutes of the FPPC meeting are available for review on the senate page at www.uab.edu/senate/home.html.

UAB’s IACUC introduces new, user-friendly form

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UAB’s Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) is rolling out a new, user-friendly animal use request (AUR) form this month.

“We have updated the AUR form to make it easier for researchers to complete and for committee members to review,” said IACUC Chair Kathleen Kapp, Ph.D., professor of ophthalmology. “One of the main things we have done is to clarify changes to the interpretations of the numerous rules and regulations that govern animal use.

“We’ve also built the form to ‘auto-guide’ the researchers through it,” she explained. “If they answer certain questions certain ways, they then may be able to skip answering other questions or be directed to a different set of questions to answer.”

Some of the studies under way are for postmenopausal women not taking hormone replacement therapy and not being treated for osteoporosis and for postmenopausal women age 45 or older who have had a vertebral (back) fracture, have been postmenopausal for at least two years and have had bad pain for at least two weeks.

If you have osteoporosis, there is an osteoporosis education class during lunch on Wednesdays at the Osteoporosis Prevention and Treatment Clinic. Calcium supplements, nutrition and exercise programs to help treat the disease are highlighted each week. Lunch is provided.

“It’s a very good class for educating people on how to take better care of their bones,” Saag says.

For more information on the clinical trials, the class or any other osteoporosisis-related topics, contact Kerry Renfroe at 934-1444, Jo Ann Kiser at 934-1976, or 1-888-534-0367. Also, visit www.toneyourbones.com online.

Scientific manuscript development will be the focus of a two-session course Thursday, Oct. 26, and Monday, Oct. 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Spain Auditorium. The goal of these sessions is to develop practical skills for writing a scientific, peer-reviewed article.

In addition, “Writing scientific papers will provide a strong introduction to the process of scientific writing,” said Dale Benos, Ph.D., who has extensive experience as an editor for scientific journals and who was a 2006 recipient of the UAB President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. This course is being sponsored by the UAB KB Program. To register, contact Janey Hicks at janeyhicks@uab.edu by Oct. 20.

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Investigators asked to complete assessment online

As many across campus are already aware, UAB is in the process of preparing an application for an NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-CT-07-002.html).

This award is unique and will replace current General Clinical Research Centers (GCRCs), and NIH Roadmap training initiatives (such as the K30). Larry W. Moreland, M.D., will direct this center— the UAB Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS).

To help assess the needs of UAB investigators, a Web-based survey is available at www.uab.edu/taosec/ctcssurvey to elicit input from fellows, post-docs and faculty researchers universitywide. The application encourages institutions to think outside the box and come up with innovative ways to facilitate clinical and translational research. A successful application will result in an enhanced research infrastructure with approximately $10 million per year in support.

Please take a few minutes to consider the questions and give us your thoughts. We ask that anyone wishing to provide feedback complete the survey prior to Oct. 20. UAB’s success, in this application and as an interdisciplinary research institution, depends upon meeting the needs of its researchers.

Global health pilot grants accepting applications

The UAB Framework Program for Global Health, in partnership with the UAB Sparkman Center for Global Health, seeks to accelerate faculty opportunites through the Global Health Pilot Grant Award Program. Any full-time UAB faculty is eligible to apply, except those funded by the program in previous two years.

The grant program seeks to generate interest and develop capacity for internationally oriented, health-focused projects within the UAB community. Projects that focus on providing health training or capacity-building in a developing country, overseas projects with high potential for impact on alleviating health problems in less developed countries or assessment and coordination activities in support of research or training project planning will be considered for funding.

Projects that focus on the core areas of emphasis for the global health program are: disabilities, nutrition, environmental health impacts, infectious diseases, and health systems management.

The award will fund six or more grants that focus on multidisciplinary projects in global health in fiscal year 2006-07 in amounts ranging from $5,000-$20,000, depending on the quality and complexity of proposed work and matching funds.

Application guidelines and instructions are available on the Sparkman Center Web site at www.sparkmancenter.org. Direct questions to Madhav Bhatta, program director, Sparkman Center at 975-7626 or bhatta@uab.edu. Deadline for proposals is Friday, Dec. 29, at 5 p.m.

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A smaller amount of modern neuroscience investigation,” says Kevin Roth, M.D., Ph.D., professor of pathology and director of the CRC.

The new Diabetes Center will assemble scientists and clinicians from the departments of Medicine, Surgery, Pediatrics, Nutrition Sciences, Pathology, Cell Biology and Genetics to collaborate on translating basic medical discoveries into effective therapies.

Edward Abraham, M.D., chair of the Department of Medicine, will be the center’s interim director and will lead a national search for a highly qualified scientist to lead it.

A UAB community partnership is under way to raise funds to support the research and treatment program, nearly $9 million has been raised. Funds will be used to hire a permanent director and six additional faculty members and to provide support for the center’s operating costs during its start-up years, before it is able to generate its own funding.

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Abraham said. The Center for Pediatric-Onset Demyelinating Disease (C-Podd) will provide state-of-the-art, multidisciplinary care and support for children, teens and families living with Multiple Sclerosis and other central nervous system-demyelinating diseases.

Earlier this year, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS) designated UAB’s pediatric-onset demyelinating disease clinic as one of six Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis Centers of Excellence in the country.

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Although MS is considered an adult disease, there are 8,000 to 10,000 children who have the ailment and another 10,000 to 15,000 who have experienced what may be symptoms of MS, according to the NMSS. The disorder is most difficult to diagnose in children, and many pediatricians are not familiar with MS. When diagnosed, consensus guidelines for treatment exist only in relationship to adult MS, with none for children, largely because there is little information about MS in children.

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Agarwal has been appointed to the Thomas E. Andreaik Professorship in Nephrology.

Agarwal, who directs the Nephrology Research and Training Center, is an internationally recognized expert on acute kidney injury and oxidant-mediated damage to the kidney and blood vessels. A prolific author of papers in scientific journals, he is on the editorial board of the American Journal of Physiology and the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology.

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A look ahead

BookTalk to meet Oct. 3

Esau, by Percival Everett. The topic for Tuesday, Oct. 3: BookTalk meeting to be held in the Sterne Library Henley Room. The discussion will be led by UAB English professor Virginia Whately Smith, Ph.D.

UAB BookTalk club, sponsored by the English department, is free and open to the public. UAB BookTalk meets from 6 to 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, excluding January. For information, call 934-4250.

Novelist Sena Jeter Naslund to lecture Oct. 7

Novelist and Birmingham native Sena Jeter Naslund will lecture and read from her newest novel, Abundance, A Novel of Marie Antoinette, Saturday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. in the UAB Mary Culp Hulsey Recital Hall. Admission is free and open to the public.

Naslund reveals the queen as one who rebelled against the extravagance of the court, but as an outsider became a target of the uprising that led to her death. Naslund is a professor at the University of Louisville and is on the MFA faculty of Vermont College. She is co-founder of the Louisville Review and of the Fleur-de-Lis Press.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. The event is sponsored by the UAB Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures and the Alliance Francaise of Birmingham.

Rilla Askew to read from own works Oct. 11

Novelist Rilla Askew will read from her works during the UAB Writers’ Series meeting Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building on the UAB Hospital House. Askew's short fiction has appeared in a variety of literary magazines, and her story The Killing Blanket received an O. Henry Award in 1993. Her 2001 book Fire in Beulah is a bridge between the lab and the clinic: a true connection: Linking clinical research and the lectures are free and open to the public. Call 4-0815 for more info. E-mail Maria Jesus Fulcher 4-1205/awowens@uab.edu/ea.

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Larry Kelley lends a helping hand to ‘Your Team’

It breaks, Larry Kelley can fix it.

That’s what the 18-year UAB veteran maintenance mechanic does for Wallace Bell, Bell Gym, East and West towers and Bartow Arena. Though UAB’s football team wasn’t broken during the summer, Kelley still was called in to provide a little help when he was asked to be a part of the “It’s Your Team” campaign.

Kelley spoke with the Reporter recently about his experience and his fondness for the Blazer football team, coaches and staff.

Q. What was it like to be asked to be a part of the campaign?

A. I didn’t know what to think at first, but I was excited about doing it for the team — all the young gentlemen and the coaches. The coaches and the team have always been great to me, so anything I could do to help them out, I was all for it.

Q. What did you think of the photo shoot?

A. I was watching the other employees get their pictures taken and they were funny. Dorothy Harris was really funny. She was telling the guys not to run over her when they were running out the tunnel. She kept telling them, “Don’t run over me. Don’t run over me.” When we were gathered around for my picture, I hollered out, “This is our house,” and they do in the commercial. I yelled, “Nobody takes our house,” and the players started laughing.

Q. You’ve been at UAB for 18 years, so you’ve seen the program from its infancy. What are your impressions of how far it has come through the years?

A. It has had its ups and downs like every program, especially when you’re starting from scratch. But the way it’s growing and you see more and more people realizing the quality of UAB’s program and the quality of the people in the program, it’s making a difference. More people are going to watch them play, and good recruits are coming in. I think it’s really growing.

Q. Is there one team you really want to see UAB beat?

A. I’d like us to beat all of them. I’m a one game at a time guy. I’d love to see the boys do real well and go to a bowl. And I’ll try my best to get to that bowl to watch them. If they keep working hard and pushing, they’ll do it. They’ve got some good men now there and they work hard.

Q. What’s your favorite UAB sports memory?

A. There have been a bunch of them. Watching Gene Bartow coach on the court was special. There have been a lot of good coaches here at UAB, and there are a lot of memories of them through the years. There’s been a lot of athletes coming and going that have been good players, good people, too. It’s grown a lot, and it’s going to keep growing.

Larry Kelley got his chance to fire up the UAB football team this summer as part of the “It’s Your Team” campaign. “I just want to thank coach Watson Brown and all of the coaches, and Sam Miller and Daniel Killilea in athletics for the opportunity to do the photo shoot,” Kelley says. “I had a ton of fun.” To learn more, visit www.uab.edu/yourteam today.
The UAB Resource Center Employee Assistance Program is joining with thousands of other sites across the United States to offer free, anonymous and confidential screenings for depression and other mental health issues during National Mental Health Screening Day Thursday, Oct. 5.

The center's mental health professionals can assist with the identification of generalized anxiety disorder, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder and post-partum depression.

National Mental Health Screening Day focuses on a variety of mental health issues that often present an array of similar symptoms such as feeling moody or sad, an inability to relax or concentrate, changes in sleep patterns, unexplained aches and pains, and/or an inability to enjoy life. The UAB Resource Center is offering the screening to UAB employees and anyone in the community as a public service.

Counselors will be available at the UAB Resource Center, which is located in Suite 330 on the third floor of 21 Office Plaza South at Magnolia Office Park, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for consultation in person or by phone. 934-2281. Directions to the Resource Center are available on the Web site. You may access the anonymous screening test on the UAB Resource Center Web site at www.uab.edu/eaap year round.

“Screening is the first step toward detecting a mental health issue, and the earlier a disorder is diagnosed or treated, the better quality of life the individual can enjoy,” says Alesia Adams, counselor at the UAB Resource Center. “We have a full staff of licensed, certified professional counselors dedicated to helping UAB employees.”

Jos Klapow, Ph.D., a UAB licensed clinical psychologist, says the screenings are a great opportunity for those who may be having some emotional difficulties to begin traveling the road to a healthier life.

“If people will treat their emotions and psychological problems like physical ones and be comfortable enough to recognize ‘Hey, something’s not right and I need to talk to a professional’ then the screening is a great first step,” Klapow says.

“You can talk to someone confidentially about the symptoms you’re having, and someone can tell you if you’re experiencing symptoms that are a normal part of reacting to an event in your life or if you may have an emotional problem.”

Recent results from a Harvard Medical School study reveal that nearly half of all Americans will suffer from a mental illness at some point in their lives, but less than half of them will seek treatment.

Holli Reeves, a clinical trials administrator in UAB’s Department of Psychiatry and coordinator of a separate screening effort to be held the same day, says a big reason many people don’t seek treatment is the stigma or preconceived notions people have about depression or other mental illnesses.

“There’s no doubt the labels society gives people who have a mental illness play a role,” Reeves says. “Sometimes it’s socially unacceptable to have a problem, and I think that’s what frightens people. They don’t want to be labeled. But the thing is, the problem can be treated, whether it’s with therapy or medication.”

The Department of Psychiatry screenings, which also are open to UAB employees and anyone in the community, will be held in Room G on the second floor of the West Pavilion Conference Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 5. If you cannot attend, but still would like a free and confidential screening, call 934-2484. Information on mental health disorders will be available for those who don’t want to participate in the screening but may need information for a family member, loved on or themselves.

Identifying issues

How can you tell if you or a loved one may have a problem with depression or other mental health disorders?

Klapow says losing interest in things you normally enjoy doing, such as going out with friends, spending time with family outside the house, hobbies, reading or traveling could be a sign. Significant changes in sleep, whether sleeping too much or not being able to sleep at all, also could be an indicator.

“The main way to convince yourself to seek help is if it’s affecting your family life, relationships with your spouse or children, your work or your social functioning,” Reeves says.

Klapow says to think of depression and other mental health issues much like you would physical illness. When you’re sick, it’s not your obligation to diagnose and treat yourself, he says. Talk to your primary health-care physician if you’re experiencing sadness, anxiety or anger at levels higher than you normally would.

Klapow adds that if you choose to talk to a mental health-care professional on National Mental Health Screening Day and find you do need to seek further evaluation from a mental health professional, follow through.

“Most of the psychological problems people face are treatable and curable if people go ahead with the treatment,” Klapow says. “They’re serious, but they’re very manageable. But in order to get better, you’ve got to go through with the treatment.”

The best way to get started, says Adams, is by taking advantage of the free screening. “Those who participate in the screening will have the opportunity to learn more about mental health issues and talk privately with a counselor,” Adams says. “If further evaluation is required, we will provide information and referrals to local treatment providers as a way to help follow through.”

During the afternoon session, which will begin at 1 p.m., Prensky will lead an interactive session on “Designing Teaching and Learning that Students Will Enjoy.” The session will include ideas for innovation, how to overcome barriers to using technology in the classroom, specific strategies for non-technological participative learning, and a chance to ask Prensky detailed questions about any topics covered during the day.

The forum is being co-sponsored by the Oﬃce of Instructional Technology Faculty and staﬀ are invited to attend all sessions. To register, contact Scripa at scripa@uab.edu or call the Oﬃce of the Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Faculty Affairs at 934-0513.

UAB offering free, anonymous screenings on Mental Health Day

T he UAB Visual Arts Gallery will present an exhibition of works by UAB Art and Art History faculty Oct. 6 through Nov. 3, at the gallery. An opening reception is planned Friday, Oct. 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the gallery. Admission to the reception and gallery are free and open to the public.

The show provides faculty members with the opportunity to present works that most represent their current creative pursuits across all departmental media, including sculpture, ceramic sculpture, painting, drawing, photography, graphic design and new media. It also includes published works by members of the art history faculty.

“Faculty exhibitions are challenging group shows,” says UAB Visual Arts Gallery Director Brett Levine.

“From a curator’s standpoint, they are held together only by the circumstance of academic affiliation. Artistically, however, they provide an opportunity to consider developments in concept and technique that most represent the high standards of creativity that so mark our faculty,” says Levine.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The gallery is closed Sunday and public holidays. For information call 934-8015.
Wang’s behind-the-scenes work key to UAB researchers

UAB's Department of Nutrition Sciences has been involved in a collaborative research project with investigators in the Department of Biostatistics/Section of Statistical Genetics for more than a year.

In these studies, researchers are categorizing the differences in the patterns of gene expression in skeletal muscle in patients with diabetes. Their goal is to refine the molecular defects in muscle that lead to insulin resistance in muscle — the process that causes Type 2 diabetes.

W. Timothy Garvey, M.D., professor and chair of Nutrition Sciences, is happy to report that his department has identified some targets for developing new drugs to help patients. But without Jelai Wang, systems programmer lead in the Department of Biostatistics, Garvey says finding those targets would not have happened.

"Jelai has been instrumental in data analysis and computer programming to support this project," says Garvey. "I want to emphasize that these aren’t routine analyses or programming, but activities that required creativity to solve new problems that had not been encountered previously."

Whether it's nutrition sciences, nutritional genomics, biostatistics, mathematics or statistics, Wang is someone investigators rely on to give them the tools to conduct their research. For his efforts and unflagging positive attitude toward his job, Wang has been selected as September's Employee of the Month.

David Allison, Ph.D., professor and head of the Section on Statistical Genetics (SSG), says Wang has developed vital computing software for UAB, jointly serving the SSG and the Enabling Technology Lab in Mechanical Engineering.

Wang designed the novel microarray Power Atlas, which enables investigators to determine optimal sample sizes for experiments as well as other cutting-edge software for the university.

"Jelai Wang is a technical genius," Allison says. "He has been instrumental in our securing numerous grants, both by helping to write grant applications and by developing a cutting-edge computing lab that gives UAB an advantage over other grant applicants."

Wang takes all of credit bestowed upon him in stride and with a chuckle of humor. After all, "I’d rather be employee of the month than not," he says.

But Wang also goes out of his way to thank his colleagues for their support in nominating him for the award and his co-workers for their tireless effort. "That’s the only reason I look good, because of their dedication," Wang says. "I can’t say enough about our team. Vinodh Srinivasasumudra, Amit Patki, Tapan Mehta, Mikako Kawai and Ramprasad Venkataraman are absolutely top-notch. We’ve got a good team and a great leader in Dr. Allison. It’s a killer combination."

Others on campus who rely on Wang for his expertise agree.

"Not being a computer person myself, I am continuously amazed at the beautiful and accurate work he produces," says Nancy Boll, financial associate in the Clinical Nutrition Research Center.

Wang says he is flattered to know his peers think so highly of him and the work he does. And Garvey wants to make sure everyone knows exactly how important Wang’s work is to UAB.

"To the extent that UAB is recognized for its scientific contributions and is recognized in our community for the economic benefits of our research, we have people like Mr. Wang to thank for this," Garvey says. "Our investigators get plenty of credit, but they could not have done this without Mr. Wang."
The UAB National Alumni Society wants you to join

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he UAB National Alumni Society wants you to join. The UAB Office of Alumni Affairs officially moved into its new offices in the old University Federal Credit Union Building on 20th Street South between Fifth and Sixth avenues during late July. It hosted an open house and hot dog luncheon on Sept. 8—with some 335 employees and alumni in attendance—to celebrate the kickoff of UAB’s home football schedule.

“It was the perfect event for us to show off our new location and new offices—something every graduate can be proud of,” says Rebecca Watson, assistant vice president for alumni affairs and annual giving. “We’re here to assist our alumni, faculty and staff, and it was nice to get an opportunity to invite them in to see the convenience of the new Alumni Affairs office.”

Being a member of the National Alumni Society offers many benefits to UAB alumni, faculty and staff, as well as other supporters and longtime friends of the university. Employees can join the alumni society for a discounted rate of $35—a savings of $15 off the standard fee.

“When you join the UAB National Alumni Society you will be playing a key role in providing more than $300,000 a year in scholarships and grants to UAB students and faculty,” says Watson. “And it’s payroll-deductible.”

Among the many benefits of joining the alumni society:

• Compass Mortgage benefits that enable you to receive a free appraisal valued at $350 on first-time residential loans.
• Affordable travel opportunities that enable you to stay in world-class condominium resorts in over 80 countries for only $349 per week.
• A 15 percent discount on choice hotels.
• The opportunity to join, at a discounted rate, Medjet Assist, which enables those hospitalized more than 150 miles from home to receive air transportation to the hospital of their choice 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
• Affordable group life, health and short-term major medical insurance.

Those who join also receive a gold lapel pin, the UAB Alumni magazine and invitations to all special events and other benefits.

Membership in the National Alumni Society currently stands at 7,865, and membership has grown 300 percent during the past three years. The alumni society also gives more than $300,000 in student scholarships and grants every year. It also participates in the Ellen Gregg Ingalls/UAB National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching award and presents an Outstanding Academic Advisor Awards each year.

To join the UAB National Alumni Society or learn more, visit www.alumni.uab.edu. You also can contact the UAB National Alumni Society office at 934-3555.

CIS to host field trip for students

The UAB Department of Computer & Information Sciences will host a field trip Thursday, Oct. 4, for 11 students in the Birmingham City Schools system in order to expose them to many computer technologies.

Children will have a chance to see “The Fastest Computer in Alabama” and the new graphics visualization wall. The field trip also will include a hands-on lab where students write their first program and a discussion on computer chess.

Students will also have a chance to meet Alice—a programming environment from Carnegie-Mellon University. The goal of Alice is to provide the best possible first experience to programming for students ranging from middle school to college. (Alice also is part of the CIS summer workshop program targeting teenage girls.)

For more information on the field trip or to learn more about what CIS offers to Jefferson County and Birmingham City Schools, visit www.cis.uab.edu/programs and www.cis.uab.edu/field-trips. If you would like to learn more about K-12 outreach in computer science, please contact Jeff Gray, Ph.D., at 934-8643 or gray@cis.uab.edu.

UAB cheerleaders, the UAB Pep Band and Blaze raise the spirit level in front of the new location for UAB’s Office of Alumni Affairs, located in the old University Federal Credit Union Building on 20th Street South between Fifth and Sixth avenues. The pep rally was part of the open house and hot dog luncheon prior to UAB’s first home football game against East Carolina.

When You’re Part of Something This BIG

You’ll find that it’s a small world after all.

THERE ARE MORE THAN 92,000 of us, and you’ll find us in every state and across the globe. We are CEOs of companies, presidents of universities, astronauts, and Olympic champions. We are scientists, artists, lawyers, and health professionals. We are educators, engineers, urban planners, and homemakers. You’ll find us in every walk of life, but we have one important thing in common—we are all UAB alumni, and we’re part of a big and growing family.

More than 1,600 alums joined the UAB National Alumni Society last year, and now they too are enjoying big benefits—discounted life, auto, home, and health insurance, free alumni visitors’ parking passes, discounts for Medjet Assist and for RCI rental properties both in and outside the U.S., free subscriptions to UAB Magazine, and more.

Even more important, they’re making a big difference in the lives of others by funding more than $250,000 in student scholarships and producing programs that benefit alumni and the university.

Be part of something big—join the UAB National Alumni Society today!
CLINICAL TRIALS

Children’s glasses study: Children age 11-15 who currently wear glasses needed to compare the lens coatings on 2 pairs of glasses. Participants are being invited to participate in a study evaluating the effects of diet on bone health. Receive a pair of glasses at no cost. Compensated. 9-5972.

Do you know a child who needs to lose weight? Children 8-10 who drink 1 glass of water per meal are needed for a study examining diet and weight and will be invited to participate in a study evaluating the effects of diet on bone health. Receive a pair of glasses at no cost. Maria. 4-4707.

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**For Sale**

**Appliances & Electronics**

GE turntable microwave, approx 12” x 14”, 1.5 kW, $30. 527-5772.

Canon Pixma printer MP130, scanner and copier. $60. Patti 5180 rate holder, mint, $250. '00 Kia Spectra GX, black, dealer trade, $3425, $5000 obo. Alousy, #4955, $3500. Bohmer Baby Grand piano, tan oak, good cond, $1500. 5-9687-945-1665.

Whirlpool 15 & Kenmore freezer, good cond, $175.00. 655-858-8888.


*24* built-in Maytag Performer dishwasher, stainless steel, $60. 655-900-0002.

30* electric Maytag stove w/glass-ceramic smooth top, stainless steel oven, only 10 months old, $250. 909-252-9917.

**For Sale**

Dell Inspiron 700m, new, almost never-used, 4.1 pounds. 11.5” x 8”, warranty till Jan '17. Cent rine Processor 7 1.7 GHz, 512MB RAM, 40GB, internal 54MB modem, 24X CD burner/DVD combo drive, internal wireless, USB 2.0, hariri@uab.edu.

*Printers/Laser printers:* new, $12. 725, like new & new in warranty, 224x. Notebook car case fits up to 15.4”, like new, $28. 882-6215.

**For Sale**

*19* F450 dump truck, flat bed dump with 2 removable dump boxes, great for farm use, $4500. 296-5644.

*97* Cheer Tahoe, auto, PS, BC, AC, PS, PM, PW, NH, white/gray. 107,000 miles. 1 cent, great cond, ex cond, at maintenance records, $9000. 664-786-7346.

*2003* Ford F-250, long box, well maintained, 43,300 mi. 3.0 liter V6 engine, gray/grey cloth, automatic transmission, 8k, cruise, CFC-free AC, very nice. PW, PA, air bags, remote release, new break, must to see, approximate $7600. Caile 790-3027.

*Ford F150 XL-T:* 4-dr, supercab/long bed, low mileage. V-8. $12,000. Tom 215-2872.

**Miscellaneous**

Self-propelled mowers, $90, weed eater, $50. Also do repair work. Dale 835-8999.


Takamine G330s, acoustic guitar, $250. $30 electric. Harriett, Like new cond, case; picks, electronic tuner, $250. 532-1112.

*4 cemetery lots in forest hill cemetery* Craig, 4-6364.

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*102* mercury sable silver, AC, AM/FM/CD, PL, PW, 165R14 Michelin tires, 54k miles. 86-2912.

*’02* porsche carrera yellow, 36,000 miles, all service records, ac, radio, AM/FM/CD, PW, PW, new Michelin tires, new brakes, 5-speed manual, 5-speed automatic, 93,000 miles. Call 368-8978.

*Canon S810i* heart rate monitor, gym, $50. 323-2955.

*Pinnacle* Fortress Panama City Beach - gulf front condos, low floor rates, in close in town, FL w/ great ocean views. Condo’s prices available. 532-1112.

*900* Sha hole Sabre motorcycle, should move soon. 4110, black, no title, 2 heli, metal huts, leather bags, $58500 obo. 917-3410.

*’97* Harley Softail Custom, lots of chrome, low mi, $10,000. 337-653-655-2844.

**Properties**

**Furnishings**

Moving sale: 2 sections, 50$ ea; artificial Christmas tree, 8 ft, $25; bed; king size mattress, $50; antique English armoire, $1500. 1 cent, great cond, ex cond, at maintenance records, $9000. 664-786-7346.

Moving sale: Sofa + loveseat + chair set, $150, microwaves, $120 bar stools (2), $12; bar stools (2), $15; cafe table w/4 chairs, $115, 623-862/620-3630.

Moving sale: sofa and loveseat, like new, 450$. 4-8888.

Day bed, metal w/brass & tulip metal legs, Bistro set; black & white metal w/bronze legs. Zuboj/kulji ga, 4, like new, 4- 6848.

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**Classifieds**

**Stump grinding, etc.** Free estimates, insured; all work guaranteed. Linda 4-8673.

**Typing**. Want to type. Reasonable rates. Becky 4-4579/twonnah@uab.edu.

**Going out of town?** I will come to your home 2-3 day early to set up and play with your pets while you're away. Experienced, will take excellent care of your pets; tech experience and excellent references. I can collect the mail, put out trash/recycle, water plants, give medications, etc. as well as vet boarding. Jennifer 327-5419.

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Whether your work uniform is a set of surgical scrubs, a coat and tie, or a jersey and shoulder pads, we are all a part of the same team. And teamwork makes all of us better.

This year, we want you to come out for the team. Order UAB football season tickets and take advantage of great benefits like a $25 employee discount, payroll deduction, and a free parking pass ($40 value) when you purchase two or more season tickets.

Decide what position you want to play. It’s your team.

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