Mike Davis’ emphasis on effort doesn’t end off the court

Mike Davis has been there before. 

He’s knocked on doors, looking for jobs and been told “no thanks.”

That, says UAB’s new basketball coach, is because he made a mistake during his playing days at the University of Alabama. When his basketball career with the Crimson Tide was over, he chose to end his academic career as well, falling short of earning his degree.

“I was out of college for a while without it,” says Davis, who played in Switzerland and in the Continental Basketball Association for several years as he pursued a professional basketball career. “I found out there are a lot of job opportuni- ties out there, but not many good jobs for people without a college degree.”

Eventually – 12 years after finishing his playing days at Alabama – Davis earned his degree. And he learned a lesson that he determined to get across to any basketball player he ever coached in the future.

“I don’t want any of my players ever to have to go through what I went through,” Davis says. “I was fortunate, because I know the further you are removed from your college days, the harder it is to go back and get that degree. I want my players to graduate.”

Davis isn’t blowing smoke.

When he left the University of Indiana in the spring of this year, 15 of his 15 players were graduates from the school, and one of the two remaining players needed just one more class to earn his degree.

How significant is that? Consider that of the 65 men’s teams to make the NCAA Tournament in 1995, 43 of them would not have been eligible for postseason play if the minimum graduation rate were just 50 percent, according to the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at the University of Central Florida. So how does Davis do it? He has plenty of help from his coaching staff.

Strong support

Donnie Marsh’s eyes light up when he’s asked to explain the formula for academic success for athletes. Marsh, an assistant head coach, came to UAB with Davis from Indiana and, along with fellow assistant head coach Kerry Rupp (who also followed Davis from Indiana), has been instrumen- tal in developing and implementing the strategy for assisting athletes with their academic progress.

First, every student-athlete has an acade- mic playbook.

“It has everything in it that’s going to help them understand what we want and expect,” Marsh says. “It has the academic rules and regulations, an individualized schedule specific to that player, tutor assignments, study hall schedule – anything kids need to know from an acade- mic standpoint is in that playbook.”

Each coach, Davis, Marsh, Rupp and Tracy Diddy, is assigned three or four players and essentially serve as their guidance counselors.

Each player gets a detailed week-ly schedule from their coach. If class is at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. on Monday, they may have tutoring sessions scheduled at 11 a.m.

Douglas Rigney is named new VP for Student Affairs

Douglas Rigney, Ph.D., is UAB’s new vice president for Student Affairs, a position he had held on an interim basis since June.

“Doug has been with the uni- versity for 30 years and under- stands the needs of our students from every perspec- tive you can imag- ine,” said President Carol Garrison, Ph.D. “His expe- riences as a student, graduate student, fac- ulty member and researcher, administrator and president of the alumni society make him perfectly suited for this role.

“I want to thank Dr. Marilyn Kurata and the entire search committee for coordinat- ing an outstanding national search,” Garrison said.

Rigney’s association with UAB dates to the 1970s when he began his undergraduate education, leading to a bachelor of science in engineering. After three years as an engi- neer with Alabama Power, Rigney returned to UAB and earned a bachelor’s degree in materials engineering and master’s and doctoral degrees in biomedical engineering.

Rigney joined the UAB faculty in 1989 as an assistant professor in materials sci- ence and engineering, moving up the ranks...
Methadone Program earns accreditation

The UAB Methadone Program has been accredited for a period of three years for its outpatient opioid treatment program for adults. This is the second consecutive, three-year accreditation the international Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) has awarded the program. This accreditation outcome represents the highest level of accreditation that can be awarded to an organization and affirms that its programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable.

The UAB Methadone Program is a part of the UAB Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurobiology and is located at 401 Beacon Parkway West. It has been providing opioid-treatment services in the Birmingham area since 1975.

Pandemic influenza symposium scheduled

The first UAB Center for Emerging Infections and Emergency Preparedness annual symposium, "Pandemic Influenza: Update on Biological Perspectives and Preparedness Efforts," will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6, in the Birmingham DoubleTree Hotel.

Experts, including representatives from the UAB Pandemic Influenza Task Force, will discuss pandemic influenza epidemiology, disease pathology, prevention and treatment developments, as well as the current state of UAB Hospital and facilities preparedness. State and local public health officials also will share preparedness and response activities initiated by state and local health departments. The symposium brochure and registration form can be found at www.uab.edu/ciep. CME credits will be offered.

Chinese healing explored with lecture

John Alton, a teacher and student of Chinese martial arts and philosophy, will present the UAB First Thursday Lecture Series annual symposium, “Chinese Qigong in the West: A Clash of Civilizations,” Tuesday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in the UAB Spencer Honors House. Admission is free.

Qigong (pronounced chi kung) is a method that has been used in China to maintain health using a combination of breathing techniques and specific physical movements and postures. Alton, an Alabama native, spent two years studying and teaching qigong at Beijing University. He now is the chief instructor for The Three Emperors of Internal Cultivations and attracts future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

Public auction set for Wednesday, Dec. 6

A public auction will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 9 a.m. to dispose of surplus equipment used in the University Stores Warehouse. The warehouse is located at 1405 Second Avenue S.

A special chair and office furniture sale will take place on Friday, Dec. 15, at 9 a.m. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the sale. Items available for sale may be viewed Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 4-5, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day.

The warehouse will be closed to the campus Nov. 29-30 in preparation for the auction. For additional information, contact Equipment Accounting at 934-3344 or 934-5144.

Stay safe with the Campus Escort

Faculty, staff and students are asked to remember that the Campus Escort service is available for their use from 5:15 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. on weekdays.

UAB Police recommend using the Campus Escort service if you are traveling to and from your car by your self in the evening. You can call 934-8772 or use one of the white “Escort” phones found across campus.
New TKC library available to help patients learn about disease

Lydia Cheney, program manager at the Comprehensive Cancer Center, and Ty Howell, librarian, are among the friendly faces waiting to help patients and staff at The Kirklin Clinic Patient Resource Library. The location was not easily accessible for patients or staff.

Located on the second floor of The Kirklin Clinic (TKC) next to Patient Services and the walkway to the parking deck, the library opened Nov. 1 and since then has drawn steady traffic and praise from patients, family members, doctors and nurses. "Wow. This is great," Boudreaux says as he examines the bookshelves full of information on diseases such as cancer, diabetes, nutrition and home care, among others. "I was just walking by and saw the library. I didn't know it was here."

Early in 2006, Nancy Dunlap, M.D., chief of staff at The Kirklin Clinic, identified space and renovation funds for the current library. Recent funding from a Protective Life Clinical Initiative Award will cover operational expenses of the new facility for the next two years. The new library is an outgrowth of the Cancer Resource Library, which until recently was located beneath the parking deck of The Kirklin Clinic. The space was attractive and had many good resources, but the location was not easily accessible for patients or staff.

In fact, in 2005, Ty Howell, librarian at the Cancer Resource Library, set up a library promotion table in The Kirklin Clinic on the second floor near the parking deck crosswalk as a test of the library's relevance. The table was staffed one day a week for three hours, with 474 people coming by during a three-month period. By comparison, the Cancer Resource Library only had 412 visitors during 18 months. So, it was easy to see that while the need for information was there, the method for disseminating it was lacking.

Edward Partridge, M.D., acting director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center, was a key figure in lending support for the new and much-needed facility. "More than 15,000 patients visit TKC each week for physical appointments, tests, procedures and out-patient surgery," Partridge says. "The focus of the Patient Resource Library is interdisciplinary, meeting the needs of those patients from approximately 30 specialty and subspecialty clinics at TKC."

Patient records show that 16 percent of appointments in TKC are scheduled between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. each day, thus placing the library in a high-volume area crucial for patients and their caregivers.

"Our hope is that the new library will be utilized by patients and their families," Cheney says. "UA researchers who enroll patients in clinical trials will have access to one of our small rooms for one-on-one interaction with participants."

Cheney and Howell are encouraging doctors and nursing staff to visit the library and help build the resource network for patients. They want doctors to suggest and contribute reading materials on the diseases they specialize in treating.

"We would love to facilitate information from doctors and nurses to the patients," Howell says. "Not only do we have expertise from the cancer area, but five Lister Hill librarians also are part of the working staff. We're very proud of the depth of our staff, and they are excited at the prospect of assuring visitors with information as well as clinical staff." Cheney says. "UAB researchers who enroll patients in clinical trials will have access to one of our small rooms for one-on-one interaction with participants."

The library is open 40 hours a week, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. "There always will be a trained librarian here to help," Howell adds. "We want visitors to leave our library with an answer to their question."

For more information on the library, call 302-9956.


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A LOOK AT THE WAY WE WERE

Basic Sciences groundbreaking

Umbrellas, raincoats and hardhats were the uniform of the day during groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Basic Science Research and Education Building. Vice President Charles McCulmell spoke as a guest. Joseph Volkler and President David H. Beck, M.D., and Medicine and Dentistry deans Leonard Robinson and James Pittman listen. (UAB Report, Vol. 6 No. 12, 1981)

20 YEARS AGO

Associate Professor Frederick Smith in forensic sciences developed a new technique for detecting cocaine in hair samples that are said to be as conclusive and reliable as blood and urine testing. Smith employed radioimmunoassay to evaluate the samples. "One aspect that makes this significant," he said, "is that hair is a non-invasive sample that produces the same evidence as urine or blood testing."

The UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Cancer Center Network, a satellite communications system that links 20 of the nation’s federally designed cancer research treatment centers. The system’s first transmission was a teleconference featuring Director Al LoBuglio.

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Have you completed FERPA training? It’s all online

Test your FERPA knowledge

Q: A local police officer is enrolled as a student in the course. A project belonging to this student is missing from a classroom. The next day, this on-duty, uniformed officer comes to the department office to investigate the theft. He asks for a copy of the class list for the course so he can track down the guilty student. Can you provide one?

A: No. Class lists contain confidential student information and cannot be given to fellow class mates under any circumstances. In this case, the fact that the student is also a police officer is irrelevant.

CWRH to fund pilot studies

UAB’s Center for Women’s Reproductive Health (CWRH) has announced that it will fund one or two women’s health-related pilot and feasibility (P/PF) studies for $15,000-$30,000 per year, depending on the number and content of applications received. A second year of funding is possible through a competitive renewal process. The P/PF studies will provide initial project support for new investigators and may focus on any area of research related to women’s health.

The awards provide an opportunity for established investigators to pioneer new directions in women’s health research and encourage investigators to develop interdisciplinary approaches to exploring women’s health issues.

Full-time UAB faculty members below the rank of associate professor with no current or past NIH research support are eligible for funding from this program. Faculty whose primary appointment is not in Obstetrics & Gynecology are strongly encouraged to apply.

Post-doctoral fellows are eligible but, generally, only will be competitive when preparing to transition to a faculty appointment, if UAB; they are encouraged to meet simultaneously with their UAB faculty mentor and the CWRH director prior to submitting a proposal.

The deadline for submission of applications is Jan. 15, 2007. Funding decisions should be announced March 1, 2007. Acceptance of funding will indicate agreement to submit a grant for extramural funding to continue the project, and to provide a written progress report at six-month intervals. A PDF with all submission information may be downloaded from www.uab.edu/uasom/wcm/cwrhpilot.pdf.

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to professor of biomedical engineering in 2005. Rigney also has been assistant dean for Academic and Student Affairs and associate dean of the School of Engineering. In 2009 he was named special assistant to the provost to oversee the implementation of a new student-information system.

In that effort, “Doug has demonstrated exceptional leadership and organizational skills while guiding a very complex implementation plan,” said Provost Eli Capilouto, D.M.D.” In all the many roles he’s served UAB, Doug has been concerned with our students’ welfare and immersed in student development, accepting nothing less than excellence from the students with whom he has come into contact. I’m very confident he will take that approach as vice president for Student Affairs, enhancing our undergraduate student experience both academically and socially.

Active both in the profession and community, Rigney has served in leadership roles in the Academy of Dental Materials, the Society of Biomaterials and the Alabama Electron Microscopy Society, plus the UAB National Alumni Society, Cahaba Heights and the Community Schools Advisory Council.

Armstrong Relocation joins NAS in support of scholarships

T here are plenty of rewards available for employees who become members of the UAB National Alumni Society. For a discounted rate of $35 a year, faculty and staff can support the National Alumni Society (NAS), which awarded more than $300,000 in scholarships and grants to outstanding students, faculty and university programs this year, including 50 new scholarships.

The membership comes complete with a wide variety of discounts and perks thanks to area partnerships with local businesses, and now another business — Armstrong Relocation — has joined to help UAB this time by funding additional scholarships. With every UAB move that Armstrong Relocation makes, 2 percent of the payment for the move goes back to the UAB NAS for scholarship funding. This includes any move for a member of the UAB family, either on-campus or personal.

“We are delighted that Armstrong Relocation has joined us in supporting UAB in such a positive and meaningful way,” says Becky Watson, UAB assistant vice president for Alumni Affairs and Annual Giving. “Armstrong Relocation is committed to providing outstanding service to the UAB family, just as we are committed to offering our members one of the most comprehensive membership benefits packages among universities.”

How can Armstrong Relocation help you? UAB offices relocate and move to new locations often, so when you organize your UAB office relocation, all you have to do is initiate your move is visit www.uabreloca- tion.com or contact Steve Martin, your UAB/Armstrong Relocation coordinator.

Armstrong showed its commitment to UAB and UAB students by recently presenting in first check of $7,000 to the UAB NAS for scholarships.

“We sincerely appreciate the opportu-

nity to support UAB in this meaningful program,” says Don Hire, chairman of the NAS. “Our move goes back to the UAB NAS for funding additional scholarships.”

The NAS participates in the Ellen Gregg Ingalls/UAB National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching Award and sponsors the Outstanding Academic Advisor Awards each year.

To join the UAB National Alumni Society or learn more, visit www.alumni.uab.edu.

Did you know...

Did you know that UAB undergraduate students are increasingly better prepared academically? The average freshman ACT score was up to 23.7 this fall, besting both the Alabama and U.S. averages.

UAB ... offering an effective undergraduate educational experience.
Syllabus

Monday, Nov. 20
Noon Monday Noon Conference. Infectious disease jeopardy. James Wilig (Houssette); WP-E.

Noon Sigma Xi Luncheon Seminar. Oxygen sensing and osteogenesis, Director Thomas Ciemiesz (Molecular & Cellular Pathology, Director; Hughes Med-Grad Fellowship Program); SPI-Library Corr Rd. Lunch is at 11:30 am. Must RSVP for lunch, cost is $8. RSVP to Dr Mitchell Pate at m.pate@sri.org/581-2268.

Noon Hematology/Oncology Research Conference. Exploring the innate anti-tumor immunity of gamma/ delta T-cells for the treatment of malignant disease, Apro Richard Lopez (Medicine); WTI-214.

4 pm Anesthesiology GRs. Complex regional pain syndrome, Apro Prof Jason L. McKeown (Anesthesiology); JT-906.

Tuesday, Nov. 21
Noon General Medicine Noon Conference. CAT-HEENT, potpourri, Apro Prof May Jennings and Apro Prof Jason Morris (Medicine); WP-E.

Final Defenses

Monday, Nov. 20
1 pm Cell Biology. Mechanisms of p53-mediated apoptosis; Candidate Kelly Harms; BBRB-170.

Meetings

Monday, Nov. 21
5:25 pm Power Yoga: UAB Arts Annex. For more info, call Fran 867-0030.
6:30 pm Power Yoga: UAB Arts Annex. For more info, call Bonnie 823-6622.

Tuesday, Nov. 21
10 am International Women’s Group. Smolian Int’l House. 4-1205/awowens@uab.edu.

Noon UAB Resource Center Wellness Program. Stress management through meditation; The Resource Center. Call 4-2281 for more info or visit www.uab.edu/eap.

4:30 pm Spanish conversation table; Humanities Bldg-309; HUC lounge (look for the Spanish fan). For more info, Maria Jesus Centeno, centeno@uab.edu.

Wednesday, Nov. 22
10 am Conversational English class; levels 1-4; Smolian Int’l House. 4-1205/awowens@uab.edu.

Noon French conversation table: Commons on the Green cafeteria (look for the French flag). Come to speak French and make new friends! For more info, Catherine daniels@uab.edu.

Noon UAB Resource Center Employee Assistance Program. The Joy of Stress brown bag lunch. A three-part series guaranteed to make you laugh while also providing information about managing stress. Participants are encouraged to bring their lunch while the Resource Center will provide drinks and dessert. The Resource Center. Call 4-2281 for more info or visit www.uab.edu/eap.

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Religion

Tuesday, Nov. 21
Noon Medical Center Christian Fellowship Meeting. WP-B. All welcome. Come. Mark 647-5177 or Blair 851-3826.

Wednesday, Nov. 22
Noon Employee-led Bible study; Interfaith Chapel-West Pavilion. 12:15 pm Latter-day Saints Student Association. Scripture study and discussion; HUC-413. All welcome. For more info, Andrew 822-9338. 7 pm Catholic mass; St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 933-2500.

Sunday, Nov. 26
5 pm UAB Hindu Student Council. We will have a session on singing and feasting the Hari Krishna way where everyone is welcome to join. For more info, Varadar Prabhu 383-9805, 1501 15th Ave S, Apt 20, Bham.

Exhibits

Mary H. Sterne Library. Censorship in schools and libraries: an Exhibit by the Long Island Coalition Against Censorship. 7:30 am-10 pm Mon- Thurs; 7:30 am-7 pm Fri; 9 am-5 pm Sat; 1-10 pm Sun.

The Samuel Ullman Museum. Home of prominent Birmingham civic leader and poet. Open by appointment only, 4-3328.

UAB Anesthesiology Library. Opium Eaters and Morphinists — Narcotic Addiction and the Civil War. Did it

CALENDAR

A look ahead

It’s a ‘Creole Christmas’ at the Alys Stephens Center on Dec. 3

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band will bring its ‘Creole Christmas’ show to the Alys Stephens Center Sunday, Dec. 3, at 3 p.m.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band has been referred to by one critic as “a bridge across the ages - a link between the present day and the heyday of traditional New Orleans music.”

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Tickets are $10. Tickets are $10. Tickets are $10.

For more info, call 975-2787 or visit www.AlysStephens.org.

All Start There? by Maurice Albin, M.D. Located just outside the Dept of Anesthesiology Library on JT9.

WBHM-FM, 90.3

Fresh Air with Terry Gross can be heard 3-4 pm daily on 90.3 WBHM-Birmingham, and 91.5 WGEN-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 heard on radio, and features interviews with prominent cultural and entertainment figures, as well as distinguished experts on current events.

Special events

Monday, Nov. 20
7 pm Music. UAB Gospel Choir Fall Concert, directed by Instructor Kevin Turner. General admission tickets $5; for UAB students and employees with valid ID; $3 for children 12 and under; and $4 each for groups of 15 or more with advance purchase. Tickets available at any UAB Ticket Office, 4-8001 or at the Alys Stephens Center Box Office, 5-2787.

Tuesday, Nov. 21
7:30 pm Music. UAB Chamber Ensembles featuring Clarinet Choir, Blazer Brass Ensemble and Piano Ensembles. Free. Hulsey Recital Hall. For more info, call 4-7376.

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We want to encourage people who are new enrollees because their premiums for December coverage is on a first-come, first-served basis and is limited to 25 enrollments and extracurricular opportunities. Registration is available at the end of the month.

Eight FLCs are being offered this fall. The selections include a health perspective that they can adapt to their own lives, regardless of age, it’s stressful.” McCaleb’s students are doing their own self-assessments, including nutritional and body-mass index (BMI), physical and mental well-being have an obvious impact on academic success. McCaleb’s students said the class has been helpful to them. McCaleb, a professor and administrator in the UAB School of Nursing who teaches upper division courses and otherwise wouldn’t teach freshmen, saw FLC students have said the class has been helpful to them. It’s not my area of study, but it’s broadened my appreciation for political history. I believe I’ve done a political history course for a long, long time,” Davis says. “It’s not my area of study, but it’s broadened my appreciation for political history. I believe I’ve learned from teaching the class.”

Providing faculty with an opportunity to stretch their wings or engage in and teach a topic personally exciting to them is a goal of the FLC and an added benefit to all involved, says Marilyn Kurata, Ph.D., director of core curriculum enhancement.

“This provides faculty an arena to explore interdisciplinary classes that they might not otherwise be able to offer as part of their regular teaching load,” Kurata says. “It’s a win-win situation because it also means that our first-year students are being taught by some of UAB’s best, most innovative and award-winning faculty.”

Additionally, students get personal help from a team [librarian, faculty adviser and Student Affairs expert] that provides essential instructional support to each FLC.”

FLC setup
FLCs are designed to help students have fun, make friends and learn more as they make the transition from high school to college. Students are concurrently enrolled with the same group of students in courses linked by a common theme. The freshmen have a ready-made community of study buddies and instructors who take a special, personalized interest in their progress.

Eight FLCs are being offered this fall. The selections include courses with related subject matter and assignments and extracurricular opportunities. Registration is on a first come, first served basis and is limited to students in each FLC. Each FLC includes a Freshman Seminar anchor course on the theme, Freshman Composition and a core math or science course.

Alberta McCaleb, D.S.N., is teaching “Body and Brain Power: Keeping Yourself Healthy” this fall. McCaleb designed the class because she believes one of the areas of greatest transition for students entering college is taking inventory of their own health.

“When you think about it, these young adults have been living at home for 18 years, and they’ve had someone there to tell them what they should do if they’re getting a cold, what medicine to take, whether or not they need to go to the doctor,” McCaleb says. “Now they’re having to take care of themselves while making a major life transition to college. Anytime you go through a transition in life, regardless of it, it’s stressful.”

McCaleb’s students are doing their own self-assessments, including nutritional and body-mass index (BMI), physical and mental well-being have an obvious impact on academic success. McCaleb, a professor and administrator in the UAB School of Nursing who teaches upper division courses and otherwise wouldn’t teach freshmen, saw FLC students have said the class has been helpful to them.

“It’s just been a great experience,” McCaleb says. “To be able to work with them as young adults and offer a health perspective that they can adapt to their own lives at the same time is a wonderful opportunity to be an integral part of the university regardless of your discipline.”

Welcome home
Another goal of the FLC is to enhance student retention.

Judy Traylor, director of Career and Student Services and support team member for Davis’s FLC, says as students tell other students about their experiences in the FLC and as faculty continue to develop courses, the sense of campus community grows.

“There’s no question as the FLC program continues to grow it will help with student retention,” Traylor says. Student Affairs is playing a key role in the process, too. Traylor says Student Affairs conducts two of the classes in each FLC during summer as a way of giving the students a chance to properly introduce itself to the students and demonstrate the value UAB has to offer.

“From my perspective, they are learning about services we offer that they otherwise might not hear about,” Traylor says. “It gives us a chance to form relationships, and that’s not always easy to do.”
Anthony Purcell said, “No, thank you,” when a search firm approached him to interview for the position of police chief at UAB. He was happy in his role as deputy police chief at Georgia Tech and content to stay where he was.

“But they convinced me just to take a look,” Purcell says. “I met Richard Margison, vice president for Financial Affairs and Administration, and I knew right away I would like to work for him.”

Shortly thereafter, Purcell was named assistant vice president and chief of police at UAB. He and his wife Karen moved to Birmingham, and he assumed his responsibilities here Oct. 9.

Prominent on the new chief’s to-do list is the morale of the officers, analyzing the strengths and weaknesses of the university’s police department, assessing personnel and reviewing the organization chart and inspecting equipment and supplies, he said.

So far, he’s more than pleased.

“I am blessed,” Purcell says. “There are many campus safety programs already in place and working.” He identified the Rape Assault Defense classes, the pedestrian safety campaign, Campus Watch organization and Operation ID among those programs that testify to the strength of the department and its campus-policing efforts.

“People here in the UAB Police Department are dedicated to the job and the university, and that is very evident,” Purcell says. The new chief, who counts UAB as his alma mater, North Carolina Central University in Durham, that he learned the difference between campus policing and county policing. On the 12th day in that job, an altercation left six students injured. Purcell says he was overwhelmed by the by the reaction of faculty, staff, students, relatives and community members demanding information and action.

“That never happened in the county,” he said of his previous nine years with the Durham County Sheriff’s Department.

“But I quickly learned how to respond to the wide range of people who had vested interests in what happened on that campus.”

Now in his 25th year in law enforcement and well into his second decade of campus policing. Purcell is at ease with the particular demands of the university setting and has been able to share his knowledge and experience.

He has presented nationally on campus-policing issues such as diversity, litigation and community-based problem solving, and he has been an adjunct professor in criminal justice at NCCU and UNC-Charlotte.

What is it that Purcell most wants people to know about him before they even meet him?

“I want people to know the police department is receptive to assisting people as best we can. That’s why I’m here, and I’ll do it to the best of my ability,” Purcell says.

And what should they learn by example?

With a sly smile and no elaboration, he says, “I’ve got a mean bowling game.”

**Steele awarded the Conner Prize for ideas on Jefferson**

While writing a book on the nation- dulm of Thomas Jefferson, Brian Steele, Ph.D. had a moment of insight that formed the basis for his winning entry in the 2006 Frederick Connor Prize in the History of Ideas.

Steele, assistant professor in the department of History, will be honored Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 3:30 p.m. in the Mervyn Sterne Library Henley Room for his essay, Thomas Jefferson’s Gender Frontier: The ‘Natural Equality’ of Women and American National Identity.

**Gender and a nation**

In this work Steele reveals Jefferson as a man certain that gender roles determined the degree of civilization in any society and who was anxious to protect a unique and well into his second decade of campus-policing.

Jefferson acknowledged that untold numbers of women from the oppression to which they were liable in savage cultures, affording them their ‘natural equity’ and happiness.”

Jefferson argued that American gender roles were a testament to American prosperity that were not evident in less republican societies abroad, where women were permitted or compelled to labor or exploit-

Jefferson equally emphasized the roles that men must embrace to make this possible, including fidelity and industriousness that permit women to assume their natural equality.

But, Steele noted: “Jefferson believed that American gender roles were a testament to American prosperity that were not evident in less republican societies abroad, where women were permitted or compelled to labor or exploit-

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**Fresh look**

Tackling a voluminous topic, a person, about whom so much is written is a bold move for a historian just two years into his first tenure-track position. Yes, Steele acknowledges that untold numbers of scholars have combed through these same materials, and the risk he assumed when selecting the Founding Father as the focus of what would be his first manuscript.

“If you want to write a new book about Jefferson,” Steele says in truth and jest, “you owe the public an explanation.”

Steele approached his research with an intent to “ask new questions of old texts” and to offer a “a fresh way of think-

**Winning analysis**

The Conner Prize judging committee rewarded the analysis Steele provided.

One commented: “This carefully nuanced essay offers an important and lucid analysis of Jefferson’s liberalism and the ways Jefferson balanced his egalitarian ideals against the boundaries of gender, nation, race and class. It constitutes a major contribution to American history.”

Another said: “This essay speaks to the conflicted and often paradoxical views of an intellectual giant. The author addresses Jefferson’s ideas of women and gender roles with thoughtful clarity. It makes a genuine contribution to the historiography of Jeffersonian thought and literature.”

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**Children**

Children’s glasses study: children age 11-15 who wear glasses are needed. Participants receive two pairs of glasses, known as the long-term effects of glasses on vision testing. Participants complete the survey at UAB Optical. Compensated. 930-5273.

Do you know a child who needs to lose weight? Children ages 8-10 who drink 1 glass of milk or less per day are needed to participate for a study to examine the relationship between diet and weight in children. Participants are eligible to participate at no cost, money compensation for study visits and exams. Administration of the study will be supervised by Dr. Carol Tavares. 4-3099 ext 1.

Would you like to know more about your child’s height? Children age 2-12 years needed for a study to determine the long-term effects of children’s height. The study will be conducted by Dr. Anthony C. Dowling. Participants are eligible to participate at no cost. Compensation up to $250. 3-9318 ext 1.

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Would you like to know about your body fat? Bone density? Healthy African-American and Caucasian women ages 35-50 needed for a study a on ethnic differences in bone density, body fat percentage, and spine strength to develop bone density screening guidelines. The survey will last approximately 20 minutes. Compensation for time and travel. Blood draw. Call Dr. David Askenazi at 939-9781.

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Incontinence: compares two treatments for urinary incontinence after surgery for pros- tate cancer. Men may be eligible if they are still experiencing urinary incontinence one month after their prostate surgery. 5-7398/866-435- 7398.

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