Building an Online Community

Welcoming a Historic Class

Reaching Out to Prospective Students

Tending to the Family Tree
I AM VERY EXCITED about all that we have planned for UAB alumni. This year will be filled with exciting new benefits and programs for you. You will see many of the old favorites as well, such as Springfest and our Annual Meeting and Barons Night at the Hoover Met. New programs to look for are the alumni online service, an affinity Internet provider service, and many other wonderful benefits that will make you proud to be a UAB graduate—while helping you save money.

This year we introduce an alumni online service, allowing you to register through our Web site and update your information in a matter of seconds. It also allows you to locate and communicate with classmates and friends who have graduated from UAB. It's a wonderful new tool, and it costs you absolutely nothing. We will also have Thrifty Car Rental services added to our list of benefits. A percentage of your discounted rental fee will come back to the society for our scholarship program.

These are just a few of the new programs we will have for you, and we invite you to participate in all of our activities and tell us what we can do to make them even better.

It will soon be time to gear up for the fall and UAB football. Check our Web site [www.alumni.uab.edu] for new information about Homecoming and the UAB football schedule.

I would be remiss if I did not thank President W. Ann Reynolds, Ph.D., for her years of service at UAB and for all of the progress she has helped bring to the university. The advances that we have made during her tenure will continue for years to come. We will miss her leadership.

I look forward to seeing you at our events this year and hope you will continue to be involved in the society. I believe I speak for all UAB graduates when I say, “Go Blazers!”

Sincerely,

E. Douglas Rigney, Jr., Ph.D.
President, UAB National Alumni Society
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As new-student orientation approaches, every summer at UAB, Doug Rigney, Ph.D., knows the phone call soon will come. It will be someone from student affairs, asking him to make a presentation for parents at orientation. “I joke that the reason they use me is because they get a lot with one shot,” Rigney says.

Indeed they do. As an academic associate professor of biomedical engineering and assistant dean for student and academic affairs at the School of Engineering, Rigney is a UAB employee. With four degrees (two bachelor’s degrees, one master’s, and a Ph.D.), he is a UAB alum. And as president of the UAB National Alumni Society, he is a key player in the university’s outreach efforts. But Rigney’s ties to UAB do not end at the campus boundaries. He is also the husband of a UAB alum and the father of a UAB student.

In fact, the Rigneys are part of a “family tree” that is gradually developing at UAB. Now in its 33rd year as an autonomous campus of the University of Alabama System, UAB is an infant in higher education. Harvard, the nation’s oldest institution of higher learning, is 366 years old, with some families producing Harvard alums for generations.

By comparison, UAB’s family tree is at the sapling stage. But signs of its growth are increasingly apparent.

“One of the things we’ve been missing here is that long tradition of ‘UAB families,’” Rigney says. “When you have a history with families, and you know their children probably are going to come, it’s a built-in recruiting tool. Now that we are almost 35 years old, we can start seeing more family connections at UAB.”

The Rigneys are just one example of how those connections already are forming.

PERSONAL ATTENTION

Doug Rigney grew up in Montgomery and thought he probably would go to Auburn University. But UAB offered him a scholarship, so he visited the campus and liked what he saw.

“It was a very one-on-one experience, and people genuinely seemed interested in me,” Rigney says. “That really turned my head.”

While a student in the School of Engineering, Rigney worked in the biomedical electronics department at UAB Hospital. “In Birmingham, there are so many opportunities to get work experience while earning your degree, especially for an engineering student. That’s something you can’t do at many more traditional campuses.”

Rigney and his wife, Renita, a School of Nursing graduate, met at UAB. Renita works as a quality assurance analyst for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama.

The Rigneys’ daughter, Erin, is a sophomore nursing major who plans to become a nurse practitioner, possibly in pediatrics. She also works part-time at the School of Engineering. “I like having my dad here as a professor,” Erin says. “He’s someone I can always go to for advice. And I think it’s good to work on campus. It helps me get to know a wide range of students.”

LOCATION, LOCATION

Allison Barnes and her three siblings live in Roebuck and go to church in West End. So it seemed appropriate that they all would go to school at UAB.

“UAB is the central meeting location for just about everything we do,” she says. “It’s right between home and church.”

Allison and her sisters, Alisa and Antoinette, went to Huffman High School, and their brother, Anthony, went to Ramsay.

Alisa was the first to enroll at UAB, earning a bachelor’s degree in accounting in 1999. She completed her MBA last year and now works for Ernst & Young in Virginia, near Washington, D.C.

Antoinette was next, graduating with a degree in biology last year. She is working toward a master’s degree in the School of Public Health and plans to go on to medical school.

Allison is a junior, majoring in communications studies, with an emphasis on broadcasting and journalism. She works part-time in the UAB Office of Media Relations and writes for Kaleidoscope, the student newspaper.

Anthony is a freshman majoring in business, with an emphasis on management information systems. He is interested in biostatistics and works part-time for Stephen Hajduk, Ph.D., UAB professor of biochemistry.

The family’s ties to UAB do not end with the children. Their father, who is also named Anthony and is a safety specialist with the U.S. government, has a master’s degree in public health from UAB. And their mother, Angella, a teacher, is taking classes in UAB Special Studies.
“Our mother really wanted us to go to a local school, and with four of us in college at the same time, scholarships were very important,” Allison says. “All four of us have been fortunate to get full scholarships to UAB.

“Our parents always told us to do our best, and if it took turning off the TV to do homework, that’s what we’d do. I’m so grateful they instilled that in us.”

A LATE BLOOMER

Gail Stephens was 38 years old when she quit her job as a secretary and entered UAB as a full-time student. “I had never been able to go to college,” Stephens says, “so I wanted to be as much of a traditional student as possible.”

She graduated in 1990 with a bachelor’s degree in marketing and returned to Sevier, Fowlkes & Jackson Insurance Co., where she had worked for 17 years. Now she is a manager and producer.

“My experience at UAB has opened so many doors for me,” Stephens says. “I love learning, and the kids in my classes accepted me so well. It was stressful, though. I never took algebra in high school, and I worked my way through business calculus at UAB. I found out I was good at math.”

Stephens also started a family tradition. Her daughter, Staci Storey, went to UAB and graduated in 1997 with a bachelor’s degree in industrial distribution. Staci is now a sales engineer for Cutler-Hammer Products in Birmingham.

“I used to go to class with my mom when she couldn’t find a baby-sitter, so UAB really holds a special place in my heart,” Staci says. “A lot of my friends went to Auburn or Alabama, but I was able to go to UAB and make it my own. I was a shy kid in high school, but going to UAB allowed me to spread my wings.”

Gail’s husband, Jim, earned a bachelor’s degree in computer science at UAB after retiring from the U.S. Air Force and went on to work for AmSouth Bank and O’Neal Steel.

To make the family connection complete, Staci’s husband, Chris, is a senior civil-engineering student at UAB.

Gail Stephens now is a vice president in the UAB National Alumni Society. “I have a lot of friendships with young people, and those developed from college,” she says. “When I was a student, I was determined to have a college life, and I still want to be involved with UAB.”

NORTHWARD BOUND

The past year has been an unusual time for the Rosenstiel family. For the first time in 20 years no family member is in training at UAB.

Since Carol Rosenstiel enrolled as an undergraduate in 1981, five of the six Rosenstiel children have come to UAB, producing two physicians, a dentist, an optometrist, and an electrical engineer.

“I think if you added it all up, we’d have close to a half century of training at UAB,” says Guy Rosenstiel, who has a dental practice in Hoover.

The Rosenstieles grew up in Mobile, and Carol originally enrolled at the University of South Alabama. But after two years there, she transferred to UAB. She completed her bachelor’s degree in biology and psychology and went on to graduate from the School of Optometry.
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in 1988. A contact-lens specialist, she is on faculty in the UAB Department of Ophthalmology and sees patients at the Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital.

"I enjoyed the urban setting at UAB and had a great experience here as a student," Carol says. "I had always worked while going to school, and UAB is a great environment for that. As my siblings all finished up high school, I started recruiting them so I could have some company up here."

Her recruiting efforts paid off, with Guy and Bryan the next to head north. Guy earned a bachelor’s degree in biology and was accepted into the School of Dentistry’s early-admissions program, graduating in 1989.

"UAB was known for the ability of its postgraduate programs to take average entrance-exam scores and turn them into very high national board scores on completion of training," Guy says. "That was important, plus the fact they would loan us money. Every one of us had some type of student loan."

Bryan earned a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering and went on to law school at the University of Memphis. He now practices law part time and teaches science and math at Shades Valley High School in Birmingham.

Tommy started his college career as a scholarship student at the University of the South. But he transferred to UAB for his final two years as an undergraduate and went on to the School of Medicine. He now has an OB/GYN practice in Florence.

David followed his siblings to UAB, earning his bachelor’s and medical degrees here. He completed a residency in otolaryngology in 2000 and now has a private practice in Tuscaloosa.

Guy, Bryan, Tommy, and David all lived together at various times while attending UAB. “There wasn’t much on-campus living available at the time, so we sort of formed our own fraternity,” Guy says. “We can all tell some great stories about living together on Southside.”

The Rosenstiel’s father, Don, is a chemical engineer who works as a consultant for IBM. Their mother, Betty Schopfer, is a retired nurse. The family’s roots are in Mobile, but much of their lives have centered around Birmingham and UAB.

Guy Rosenstiel often has new patients come to his practice wearing an Alabama or Auburn jersey. “They want to know who I root for, and when I tell them UAB, they are surprised,” he says. “Then I claim that UAB could have beaten both of them last year. We have fun with it.”

BLAZER MOM

When Janice Ward was a student at UAB, her son, Torrey, was a preschooler. "Torrey was first introduced to UAB when he was about four years old," Janice says. "I remember taking him to basketball games, but it never occurred to me that my son might someday come to my school."

Torrey not only came to UAB, but he became a three-year starter for the Blazer basketball team. He graduated last August with a degree in criminal justice and a minor in health education.

“To see my son in a Blazer uniform, and have him graduate from UAB, has been a very special experience,” Janice says. “Now, whenever we have new kids come into the family, we immediately start teaching them to say, ‘Go Blazers.’”

Janice graduated from Woodlawn High School, and at first did not think much about going to UAB. “Many of my friends were talking about going to school out of town, so naturally I thought about that, too. But it was very convenient for me to go to UAB, and once I got here, I was fortunate to meet a lot of people who became mentors. I never felt like I was wandering around lost on this big campus.”

After receiving her bachelor’s degree in marketing in 1989, Janice went to work for UAB. She started as an administrative assistant in the School of Nursing before moving to the School of Public Health and then UAB Marketing. She now is a personnel officer in the Office of Public Relations and Marketing.

“One of my goals was to work at my

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Honoring Mr. and Ms. UAB

Nathaniel L. Wade and Rayna Marshá Dyck were named Mr. and Ms. UAB at Homecoming 2001. A native of Helena, Wade is a senior majoring in biology. While at UAB, he has been active with the UAB Ambassadors and the Leadership Service Council, and he is president of the Phi Sigma Biology Honor Society. He has received the Joseph F. Volker Alumni Society Scholarship and the United States Presidential Service Award and Scholarship. Wade has been active in the community, working as a volunteer at the Shelby Baptist Medical Center and as an assistant scoutmaster.

Dyck, of Dothan, is a junior chemistry and premedicine major. She has received several academic awards, including the Omicron Delta Kappa Outstanding Sophomore Leadership Award and the Outstanding Freshman Chemistry Award. She has been active with the Trailblazers and International Mentors and has been vice president of the Minority Association of Pre-Health Students. Dyck has been a volunteer with Children’s Hospital and also worked on a service project with Washington Elementary School.

Mr. and Ms. UAB candidates gather at Legion Field. Rayna Marshá Dyck (fourth from left) and Nathaniel L. Wade (fifth from left) received the honors.

BUILDING A UAB COMMUNITY ONLINE
Available through a link at www.alumni.uab.edu

The Internet is now allowing UAB alumni to stay more closely connected to the university—and to each other.

The UAB Online Alumni Community will be launched in April 2002. The UAB National Alumni Society and the UAB Office of Alumni Affairs offer the online community through an agreement with Harris Internet Services.

“The future for staying in touch with our alumni is on the Internet,” says Joe Davidson, executive director of alumni affairs at UAB. “We are very excited about the opportunity to offer this service to our alumni.”

At the heart of the community is the Online Alumni Directory. The searchable directory will include complete contact information for alumni, and it allows alums to make updates online.

The community also includes a class notes section, where alums can post information regarding marriages, engagements, births, moves, and career changes.

“The Harris program is a valuable tool for us in Alumni Affairs,” Davidson says. “This program allows our UAB alumni to update their personal information and to keep in touch with old friends and constituents at any time, through our Web site.

“This is not an affinity program; it is a service for UAB graduates. And it allows our office to keep in better touch with all of our alumni, as well.”

Harris Internet Services is a component of Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, Inc., which is based in White Plains, New York.

The company has developed alumni communities for many colleges and universities, including Duke University, Yale University, the University of North Carolina, the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, Clemson University, Emory University, Mississippi State University, Jacksonville State University, and the Stanford University School of Medicine.

“The Internet has changed the way we interact and the way we stay informed,” Davidson says. “We’ve come to expect instant access to the people and information we need. The UAB alumni membership base is no different. Our alumni expect us to communicate more frequently and deliver more valuable and technologically advanced services than ever before.

“The Internet also affords an almost endless array of opportunities, both as a communication tool and a delivery vehicle for enhanced services. Harris understands that a significant online presence, and a shift in communication strategy to include a variety of electronic media, is critical to building and maintaining support for colleges and universities.”

OTHER CANDIDATES FOR MR. AND MS. UAB:
- Jarvis Escott, 21, Tarrant, junior, marketing major;
- Kierstin Cates, 20, Montgomery, junior, Spanish/premedicine major;
- Marie Vowels, 38, Trussville, senior, biology major;
- Angela Ward, 22, Boaz, senior, secondary math education major;
- Ajay Kamireddi, 19, Huntsville, senior, philosophy and biology major;
- Adam Summerlin, 20, Mount Olive, senior, biology and psychology major;
- Jessica King, 21, Hazel Green, senior, biology major; and
- Patrick Alan Hubbard, 20, Oxford, junior, nursing major.

The winners of the Mr. and Ms. UAB competition each receive a $1,500 scholarship from the UAB National Alumni Society.
Looking Back on a Happy Homecoming

GREAT ALUMNI participation, beautiful weather, and a football victory made for a memorable Homecoming Week 2001.

We started off the week with the Building Decoration Competition, always a lively event. This proved to be the best competition yet, with 13 buildings vying for the trophy. Schools came out in full force to cheer for their teams’ efforts. It was great to see so many alumni, students, faculty, and deans involved with the festivities. The grand prize went to the School of Public Health, with the School of Business taking second, and the Schools of Nursing and Health Related Professions tying for third.

The annual Alumni Homecoming Golf Tournament was held at Highland Golf Course with 100 participants. Golf, food, beverages, prizes, and more than a few wild shots created a relaxed afternoon of camaraderie.

Coach Watson Brown served as the grand marshal for the annual Homecoming Parade, the biggest in UAB history. Crowds lined the streets to watch floats, bands, and other attractions.

Friday night’s Dragon March, Pep Pally, and Bonfire drew a large and enthusiastic crowd. The cheerleaders, band, Golden Girls, and Blaze added to the sense of excitement for the next day’s game.

Call for NAS Board Nominations 2002

Please return this completed form no later than May 10

Nominees should: (1) be graduates of UAB and active Society members; (2) have demonstrated a strong interest in UAB and the Society; (3) be persons of competence who have demonstrated leadership qualities; and (4) have an interest in the role alumni can play in the advancement of higher education. While the board is not limited to alumni in the Birmingham area, elected board members are required to attend regular board meetings as well as committee meetings in Birmingham on a regular basis.

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Fax: (205) 934-3926; www.alumni.uab.edu
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THE UAB ONLINE ALUMNI COMMUNITY

The searchable directory includes complete contact information for alumni and allows alums to make updates online.

Bookstore Goes Online

The UAB Blazer Bookstore is now online. Alumni all over the world can access the new Web site and obtain books, supplies, and UAB logo apparel and gifts—24 hours a day, seven days a week. The online catalog can be accessed through the Alumni Society home page [www.alumni.uab.edu] or directly through the bookstore home page at [www.uab.edu/bookstore].

Call 1 (877) 934-4686, toll free, for more information.
The National Alumni Society’s pre-game Blazer Bayou Blowout was the perfect culmination to a week of activity. More than 100 guests relaxed to the sounds of the Steel City Ramblers and dined on jambalaya, crawfish etouffee, gumbo, and bread pudding. Sherri Van Pelt was the winner of the trip for two to New Orleans, courtesy of Adventure Travel.

During halftime, the winners of the Spirit Competition were announced. Taking home the big trophy was the School of Nursing in first place, followed by the School of Business and the School of Public Health. To top it all off, the Blazers beat Tulane 34-27.

UAB continues to grow as we saw the largest freshman class to date enter the university in fall 2001. Here are a few interesting statistics about this historic class:

- **Size of class**—1,305
- **Average high-school GPA**—3.11
- **Average ACT score**—21.8
- **Average age**—19

In addition, the university experienced an increase in transfer, out-of-state, African-American, and international students. As the university continues to strive for a diverse, global, and talented student body, more and more students are beginning to understand what our alumni already know—UAB is the place to be.

Welcome to UAB, Blazer Nation!
### LIFE MEMBERS OF THE UAB NATIONAL ALUMNI SOCIETY

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- Free UAB visitor campus parking pass ($50 value)
- Free UAB National Alumni Society luggage tag ($5 value)
- Free designated services at University Credit Union ($72 value)
- Discounted services and career counseling at the UAB Career Center
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JEMISON CONCERT HALL • 8:00 p.m.

For three decades the South African a cappella chorus, Ladysmith Black Mambazo, has shared the rich, complex beauty of Zulu harmonies with the world. The 10-voice ensemble’s last appearance in Birmingham thrilled a sold-out crowd with a show described by The Birmingham News as “gorgeous” and “excellent.” They have recorded 40 albums, including the Grammy-winning Shaka Zulu. First introduced to a worldwide audience through their collaboration with Paul Simon on his Graceland album, the group is hailed as “the voice of a new South Africa.” This performance is in collaboration with the Birmingham International Festival’s salute to South Africa. Visit Ladysmith Black Mambazo’s Web site at [www.mambazo.com].

APRIL 27–29
ALYS STEPHENS CENTER PRESENTS
REDUCED SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
SIROTE THEATRE • 7:30 p.m.
(Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m.)

One of the world’s best-known comedy troupes shakes up Shakespeare. The bad boys of abridgment, those bards of bawdy, the schlemiels of shrinkage, will perform 37 plays and 154 sonnets in less than two hours. It’s a madcap, whirlwind condensation that features nonstop laughs, up-to-the-minute humor, and riotous audience participation. “Shakespeare went too far and wrote too many words,” affirms one of the cast members, “so we get right to the sex, the insults, and the violence.” Visit their Web site at [www.reduced-shakespeare.co.uk].

APRIL 21
ALYS STEPHENS CENTER PRESENTS
BEAKMAN’S WORLD
SIROTE THEATRE
2:30 p.m. AND 7:30 p.m.

He once got stuck in a model of a giant nostril. He has electric-shock, Kramer-style hair and cooks up rapid-fire experiments that are nothing less than a spectacle. The wacky wizard from the Emmy Award-winning children’s show Beakman’s World uses humor, downright silliness, and scientific principles as the formula for answering all-important children’s questions, such as “What makes people burp”? Played by Guggenheim fellow and Obie Award-winning performer Paul Zaloom, Beakman enjoys mixing entertainment with education. Grownups are allowed to attend. Visit Beakman’s Web site at [www.beakman.com].

APRIL 28
ALYS STEPHENS CENTER PRESENTS
OLGA KERN, VAN CLIBURN
COMPETITION GOLD MEDALIST PIANO
REYNOLDS-KIRSCHBAUM RECITAL HALL
7:00 p.m.

Once every four years, a select few pianists emerge victorious from the thrill of competition, judged by some of the premiere classical artists of our time. Shortly afterward, they embark on a tour of the world’s most prestigious concert halls. This season, the ASC champions the spirit and tradition of the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition—hailed as one of the most important music competitions in the world—by presenting a special solo recital by the 2001 Van Cliburn Gold Medal winner, Olga Kern. Visit the competition’s Web site at [www.cliburn.org].

MAY 8–11
ALYS STEPHENS CENTER PRESENTS
THE MALE INTELLECT, AN OXYMORON
SIROTE THEATRE • 7:30 p.m.

A rollicking examination of the differences between men and women (multitudinous) and the communication problem that exists between them (limitless). His delightful one-man show, a clever combination of theatre and standup comedy, will have you in stitches as it attempts to answer the impossible question: What do women want? Visit the official Web site at [www.maleintellect.com].

MAY 11
ALYS STEPHENS CENTER PRESENTS
CARNEGIE HALL JAZZ BAND
JEMISON CONCERT HALL • 8:00 p.m.

Big band jazz has never sounded so smooth. The Carnegie Hall Jazz Band is a marvel to hear. In 1991, Carnegie Hall announced the formation of the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band under musical director and trumpeter Jon Faddis. Since that time, the band has dazzled audiences around the globe, boasting a roster that’s a Who’s Who of jazz. Artists sitting in with the band have included Doc Cheatham, David Liebman, Wynton Marsalis, Joshua Redman, Clark Terry, and Cassandra Wilson. Join Jon Faddis and the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band for an evening of music so good you won’t want the night, or the series, to end.
A CELEBRATION CONTINUES
The 30th anniversary celebration proved to be quite a success. More than 600 attendees, including alumni, UAB administrators, students, and members of the business community, joined President W. Ann Reynolds, Ph.D., Dean Robert E. Holmes, Ph.D., and the UAB School of Business for the September 13 event.

The celebration included a tribute to our nation with the singing of “God Bless America” and the distribution of tiny flag stickers in remembrance of those killed in the terrorist attacks that had taken place just two days before.

Festivities continued on November 1, 2001, with the Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series. James H. Woodward, Ph.D., chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, spoke on “Higher Education: Good Management Practices for Corporate America.” More than 125 people attended the event, and many visited with Woodward, a UAB MBA graduate, prior to his talk.

HANDING OUT UFO AWARDS
A School of Business original may become an annual awards ceremony. The 30th Anniversary Winter Luncheon was held January 25, 2002, at The Club. Ten alumni were awarded the UFO award in recognition of their unique, first, or outstanding accomplishments. In addition, 100 alumni were recognized for their achievements, with their names displayed upon stars and planets hanging from the ceiling.

DINING AND CONNECTING
Alumni and friends of the School of Business are hosting Dine-A-Rounds in their homes this spring. Each host will work in conjunction with the Office of Development, Alumni, and External Relations to plan a dinner for a select number of guests, including alumni and business-community friends.

BUILDING AN MBA VISION
The MBA Alumni Association completed its first strategic-planning session on October 12, 2001. Members of the board met at the Summit Club for a four-hour planning session conducted by board secretary Jim Miller of Vantage Associates, a strategic-planning firm. The meeting produced new vision, mission, and values statements, plus a plan of action to carry the board through 2006.

The revamped vision for the MBA Alumni Association is to become recognized as an influential organization committed to supporting the needs of its various constituents. The association will hold a membership drive in conjunction with several new programs, reevaluate its Web presence, concentrate on increasing awareness of the association, and will ultimately work to influence the curriculum offered by the School of Business to its MBA students.

Just around the corner is the “Masters” in Business Administration Golf Tournament, to be held June 3 at the Riverchase Country Club. Proceeds will go toward the educational programs hosted by the UAB School of Business and the MBA Alumni Association.

Please contact Leslie Murphy at [alum@business.uab.edu] if you are interested in sponsoring the “Masters” in Business Administration Golf Tournament or if you are a UAB MBA graduate interested in becoming involved with the MBA Alumni Association.

KEEPING UP WITH EVENTS
Please visit our Web site at [www.business.uab.edu/events] to RSVP for any School of Business event.
BUILDING LIVES THROUGH QUALITY EDUCATION

As a child, I watched UAB being built brick by brick. It was fascinating to watch the changes from the window of a city bus as my mother and I traveled through Southside. I made up my mind that I wanted to attend college there one day, when the dust settled and the construction was finished. If you had asked me what my career goal was, I would not have known at that point. To a child, however, this lack of a focus was not a deterrent.

I returned to Birmingham in the summer of 1979 after living in Dothan, Alabama, for six years and completing one year of junior college. Things change while you are away. UAB had changed. There were now several completed buildings where once just the foundations stood. My home for the next several years would be Building No. 1, the Education Building. I graduated in two years with a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education. I returned over the next several years to work on other degrees and certifications.

As I grew older, I decided I wanted to give something back to UAB because it had given me so much. Working and being a productive citizen helped me see the need to be there for other students. At the invitation of Maryann Manning, Ed.D., who nurtured me through my undergraduate and graduate studies, I became a part of the School of Education Alumni Chapter. It has been a privilege to work with the chapter and watch it grow. It is my desire to positively influence young people as they receive their educations. I wish to stress to many of them that education is their way out of less-than-perfect situations.

Members of the Education Alumni Chapter are from differing backgrounds and have various life experiences. They do have one thing in common—they all want to provide positive influences for young people. They are all giving something back to UAB, whether it is time, resources, ideas, or all of the above. They each have a story to share.

Do you have a story to share that would help a young person? We need you as a part of our alumni chapter. Don’t let your education end with a degree. You never know whose life you could help change for the better by becoming involved with today’s students.

S. Darlene Gray

Public Relations Chapter

The legacy lives on
UAB PRCA wins Chapter of the Year for 20th year

A WINNING STREAK CONTINUES

For the 20th consecutive year, the UAB student chapter of the Public Relations Council of Alabama was recognized as Chapter of the Year at the 2001 PRCA State Conference in Mobile.

The chapter dominated the individual and group categories by receiving a record 86 of the 144 awards given at the state conference this past weekend. The annual competition, sponsored by PRCA, includes student chapters from the University of Alabama, Spring Hill College, the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Auburn University, Alabama A&M University, and UAB.

“The continued success of the chapter is a testament to the dedication and talent of our students,” says Tommy Palladino, UAB chapter president. “Every member is capable of doing top-notch work. New members see this and want to attain that level of excellence. I think that’s why we succeed year after year.”

Although students in the program agree that hard work is the foundation of their achievements, others credit Wittig for the chapter’s success. “He expects no less than each person’s best,” says Ashley Fulmer, former chapter president. “After a while, students start to expect the best from themselves, and that’s when you get results.”

The level of hard work, dedication, and excellence that Wittig demands from his students are what make them, and the chapter, winners, says Lee Baker, a 1999 UAB graduate. “He always expects more from his students than any employer ever will,” she says. “That is why the UAB chapter has built such a legacy.”
Engineering Alumni Chapter

ALUMNI TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLES
Engineering alumni are playing prominent leadership roles at UAB. Doug Rigney, Ph.D., was sworn in as president of the UAB National Alumni Society in October 2001. Marc McCluney accepted the presidency of the Engineering Alumni Association in September 2001.

Rigney holds four degrees from the UAB School of Engineering and is the assistant dean for academic and student affairs at the SOE. He is a former president of the Engineering Alumni Association.

McCluney began his career with the School of Engineering in the fall quarter of 1991. He was a member of the first NCAA football team at UAB, lettering from 1991 to 1994.

McCluney graduated from UAB in March 1996 with a bachelor's degree in materials engineering. In January 1997, he began work as a quality engineer covering the pipe hot mill at U.S. Steel's Tubular Division. His love for the School of Engineering brought him back to his alma mater to pursue a master's degree in materials engineering, which he was awarded in 1998. He also holds an MBA from Samford University.

McCluney became a quality engineer covering the pipe heat treatment facility and was named supervisor of the physical test laboratory in August 1998.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
The School of Engineering celebrated its 30th birthday this year in conjunction with the annual open house. Catering was by Anne Katrins, with music provided by GoodFellas.

The crowd was the largest ever for an open house, with a record number of alums returning to visit the School of Engineering.

SHRP Alumni Chapter

KEEPING UP WITH ALUMS
Michael E. Fallon (B.S., 1998, Medical Technology) and Cathy Hill (B.S., 1999, Medical Technology) announce their engagement. Matthew is a blood bank specialist, and Cathy works in tissue typing, both at UAB. They plan to be married on April 6, 2002, in Gadsden.

Bea Evans (M.S., 1997, Physical Therapy) and her husband, Lance, celebrated the birth of their first child, Zeo Graham, in January 2001. They anticipate the arrival of their second child in April 2002.

Jody Monahan Schorr (M.S., 1994, Physical Therapy) and her husband, Eric, had their first child, Emma Claire, on August 2, 2001. Jody works as a physical therapist at Sheltering Arms Rehabilitation Center in Richmond, Virginia.

Ed Hettinger (M.S., 1999, Health Informatics) and his wife, Heather, announce the birth of their first child, Olivia, who was born in April 2001.


CONDOLENCES
UAB offers its condolences to Larry Skelton, M.D., and Marta Isabel Coleman Skelton (CRNA, 1992) on the death of their 21-year-old daughter on July 19, 2001, following an eight-year battle with leukemia.

ORTHNER RECEIVES INFORMATICS HONOR
Helmuth F. Orthner, Ph.D., director of the Health Informatics Program, received the President's Award from the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA). The award was presented at the AMIA's 25th Annual Symposium in Washington, D.C., on November 4, 2001. Orthner was the program chair for the first SCAMC (precursor to the AMIA) conference and has made many other contributions to the organization and the field.
HONORING A TRUE FRIEND OF STUDENTS

Edith C. “Eydie” Jones has not only been a dedicated employee of the Office of Student and Alumni Affairs at the UAB School of Optometry, she has also been a friend and mentor to many colleagues during her 30 years of service to the UABSO.

Jones retired on September 1, 2001, and she will long be remembered for her devoted service to the school and its alumni and students.

Jones began working at the school in April 1971 when there were only two classes, a total of 19 students, and four staff members. Today, the school has 160 students and more than 60 staff members. She served as an administrative assistant for student affairs for 17 years while taking classes at UAB and supporting her two young sons.

In 1988, Jones was promoted to director of marketing and alumni relations. That same year she received her bachelor’s degree in business from UAB. In 1996, she assumed the duties of director of student and alumni affairs, a position she held until her retirement. Throughout her 30 years, Jones has worked tirelessly as a recruitment and public-relations liaison for the school.

“It will be difficult to think of students, or matters related to the Office of Student Affairs, without thinking of Eydie Jones,” says John F. Amos, O.D., interim dean of the UABSO. “Eydie has been a student advocate since the beginning of her career at UAB. Her dedication to the professional program and this school is remarkable, especially when viewed from a perspective of 30 years.”

Jones has long been dedicated to the profession of optometry. She served on the program committees of the Alabama Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers and the Southern Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers, and she represented the optometry profession for three years on the American Association of College Registrars and Admissions Officers Professional Schools Committee.

She was instrumental in the development of the first Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) recruiting video at the UAB School of Optometry. All of the ASCO member schools used the video as a recruitment tool. Jones served on the ASCO Student Recruitment Committee for five years, which included two years as chair of the committee.

“She has always been responsive to the needs of students within the School of Optometry and has mentored them in a caring and professional manner,” says Virginia D. Gauld, Ph.D., UAB vice president for student affairs.

“Her dedication to this institution began when she was a student at UAB and has continued throughout her entire career.”

The UABSO was established in 1969, and Jones has known just about every student in the school’s history. During her retirement celebration on October 25, 2001, the UABSO Alumni Association named a student room in the soon-to-be-renovated clinic in her honor. As a special tribute from her family, her husband, John Jones, Ed.D, and sons, Henry and Michael Cornelius, established the Eydie C. Jones Scholarship.

“I enjoyed my interactions with faculty, staff, students, and alumni,” Jones says, “and I will miss that during my retirement.”
Public Health Alumni Chapter

MOVING AHEAD WITH NEW LEADERS

Don Pugh, (M.P.H., 1990) is the new president-elect of the School of Public Health Alumni Chapter.

Pugh received his bachelor’s degree in biology from Livingston University in 1970. In 1988, he returned to school to obtain the M.P.H. degree offered through the SPH weekend program. His concentration was in administration, with an emphasis on maternal and child health.

Pugh has been employed by the Alabama Department of Health for 27 years. He is director of environmental health for Public Health Area III, which encompasses six counties in west Alabama. He has served on numerous committees and was most recently president of the Alabama Public Health Association.

Rob McDonald (M.P.H./M.B.A., 1997) assumed the office of president. He is assistant to the director at the UAB Center for AIDS Research.

Our thanks go to Jim Tillery (M.P.H., 1999), who served as president this past year. He is responsible for getting “No Frills Friday” started and has been a leader in promoting career networking among the alumni group.

ALL WORK, NO PLAY

School of Public Health alumni from the greater Birmingham area got together last fall for their annual reunion at the B&A Warehouse. Alumni had the opportunity to meet Dean Max Michael, M.D., eat good food, and listen to great music. There were even a few prizes to go around.

MOSTLY WORK, A LITTLE PLAY

Alumni leadership met last November to set goals for the 2002 year. Alumni involvement in student recruiting and matriculation was a primary area of interest. Alumni leaders also pledged their support to the school’s annual fund drive, which ends in May. The drive allows alumni to support the school’s various scholarships. Alumni can also choose to support the Alumni Legacy Fund, which provides support to the school where the need is greatest. Our thanks to all alumni who support these efforts.

KEEPING UP WITH ALUMS

Margaret S. Davis (Ph.D., 1999, Biostatistics), professor of mathematics at Floyd College in Cave Spring, Georgia, was named the 2001 Teacher of Excellence for two-year colleges in the University System of Georgia. In 2000, Davis received the Wesley C. Walraven Award, which is the highest faculty honor bestowed by Floyd College and is in honor of its first dean.

James Camel (M.P.H., 2000, Health Care Organization and Policy) has accepted the position of financial officer III with the UAB Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

IN MEMORIAM

John Quinn (M.P.H., 1998, International Health) died in August 2001. He was director of the Community Action Transformation Program, a U.S.-financed initiative to rehabilitate gang members, educate them about the dangers of AIDS, and provide them with job training. He had lived in Honduras since 1999.

Mary J. Tiller (M.P.H., 1972) died September 3, 2001. She was one of the earliest graduates of the SPH. She was a distinguished public health nurse and physician, serving the citizens of Alabama for more than 40 years before retiring in 1985.

Shoals Alumni Chapter

A HANDY OCCASION

Make plans now to attend the W.C. Handy Festival the first week of August. The Shoals core group will host and “meet and greet” visiting alums from across Alabama. For additional information, check the Shoals Web site at http://www.dpo.uab.edu/~tnmarie/shoals_alum.htm.

Houston Alumni Chapter

Alums gather at a recent event in Houston.
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**National Alumni Society**

If you are interested in the activities of these established alumni chapters, or if you are interested in forming a chapter for any group not listed, please contact Tamika Dunning in the UAB Office of Alumni Affairs at (205) 934-3555 or via e-mail at [tamika@uab.edu](mailto:tamika@uab.edu).

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**UAB Blazers**
For many years, UAB has been developing and following a master plan for growth on Birmingham’s Southside that reflects the institution’s priorities and the needs of the community surrounding it. As the university continues to revise its master plan to meet the evolving needs of its constituents, capital improvement funds are a critical requirement.

During UAB’s three decades as an independent institution, the state has provided only 8.2 percent of the $866 million the university has spent to build or renovate campus facilities. UAB has grown from only a few buildings to dozens of facilities occupying more than 70 square blocks—and more than 90 percent of its capital expenditures have been made possible through careful budgeting, bonding, and private gifts.

Now, during the record-setting Campaign for UAB, the university hopes to continue this trend. In keeping with its master plan for growth, UAB needs to expand its facilities in order to continue to evolve as a world-class provider of education, research, and health care to the Alabama community and beyond. Current buildings are practically bursting at the seams; there isn’t enough room to sustain the groundbreaking research that has put UAB on the map as a premier research institution. More space for teaching and research is greatly needed. In addition, buildings that were constructed 20, 30, and 40 years ago are in need of repair and renovation. Students also need more living and recreation space.

UAB has made extraordinary progress in a short period of time. In order for this success to continue, private support is essential for the fundamental building blocks of a great university—literally, its buildings and facilities.

### Spotlight on Building Priorities

One of the Campaign’s chief goals is to raise funds for building projects. Some of these projects are renovations to existing buildings; others include constructing new buildings from the ground up. The following facilities, which are in various stages of planning or construction, are examples of high-priority building needs for which funds are currently being sought:

#### University Hospital

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new University Hospital project took place last July, and construction is under way on the nine-story, 850,000-square-foot tower. The new facility is being constructed on the corner of 6th Avenue and 18th Street South, placing the building within the central core of the current hospital complex, which connects five city blocks, occupies 13 major buildings, and covers 2.1 million square feet of space. The new tower will house emergency services, surgery, imaging, support services, a heliport, and intensive- and acute-care units with a capacity of nearly 200 beds. Scheduled for completion in 2004, the new building will replace the hospital’s oldest facilities, while maintaining and maximizing the usefulness of more current structures.

#### Biomedical Research Buildings

Lifesaving biomedical research will receive a boost as UAB adds two new research buildings to provide desperately needed space for its rapidly expanding biomedical research enterprise. The buildings, currently named Biomed I and Biomed II, will provide additional labs and office space for researchers and equipment.

Biomed I, which is currently in the planning stage, will be located at 1825 University Boulevard, replacing Mortimer Jordan Hall. The proposed 460,000-square-foot, nine-story facility will support interdisciplinary research programs and feature research laboratories, support spaces, offices, and conference rooms. U.S. Senator Richard Shelby has helped secure some $17.5 million in federal funds for the initial planning of the building, and, thanks largely to the efforts of Governor Don Siegelman, the State of Alabama has committed a total of $35 million to the project. Through the Campaign for UAB, university officials are striving to raise the rest of the funds needed to construct the $90-million facility.

#### Student Recreation Center

As UAB continues to attract more traditional students (full-time students coming directly from high school), additional student-centered living and recreational space is needed on campus. A new student recreation center will provide students, faculty, and staff with a place to participate in activities that promote good health and positive social interaction. Such a facility will also allow UAB to compete with similar institutions in attracting students who are looking for a campus that can meet all of their needs—academic, social, and recreational.
STEEL SHIELD WILL HAVE A NEW LOOK

For UAB fans, the 2002 football season will be an unusual experience in several ways.

For one, the NCAA has voted to allow 12 regular-season games in years that have 14 eligible Saturdays in the calendar from the first playing date of the season. That means, for the first time in its history, UAB will play 12 regular-season games in 2002. (In the current decade, 12 games will also be allowed in 2003 and 2008.)

For another, Conference USA is moving from a seven- to an eight-game league schedule. Along with the league opponents, UAB will face nonconference foes Florida, Troy State, Pittsburgh, and Louisiana-Lafayette.

But perhaps the biggest difference will be on the field, particularly on the defensive side of the ball. Nine starters will be gone from the “Steel Shield” defense that led UAB to back-to-back winning seasons and a No. 1 ranking in the nation last year in rushing defense.

Coach Watson Brown, however, expects the Blazers to build on the 7-4 and 6-5 records of the past two seasons. “We could have a better team (in 2002) because our offense will be much better, our kicking game is all back, and we won’t be that inexperienced on defense,” Brown says. “We won’t be as good on defense, but our offense will be a whole lot better, and we could end up overall with a better team.”

Cornerbacks Chris Brown and Dio Hill will be the only returning starters on defense. But linemen James Malone and Hassan McKeithan, linebacker Gaylon Black, and safety Carlos Hendricks lead a group of experienced reserves who probably will move into starting positions.

Seven starters return on offense, led by receivers Willie Quinnie and Jason Southall and tackle Wilbert Hamilton. Thomas Cox returns at quarterback after starting in place of the injured Jeff Aaron for the final five games of 2001.

Brown is disappointed that the Blazers were passed over for a bowl game for the second season in a row, but he plans to continue putting UAB in position to be bowl eligible. “The only way I know to improve our image is to keep winning games, and I think we can do that,” he says.

Soccer Blazers Make Their Mark

Coach Mike Getman and the UAB men’s soccer team continue to make a national impression.

The 2001 Blazers won two matches in the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the Sweet 16 for the second time in three years. A 3-2 double-overtime loss to Clemson ended UAB’s season with a 15-6 record.

UAB defeated Furman 1-0 and South Carolina 3-2 to advance to the Sweet 16. In the Furman match, Martin Rey made the game-winning penalty kick, and goalkeeper Clint Baumstark recorded his school-record ninth shutout. In the South Carolina match, Flavio Monteiro scored the winning goal.

The Blazers now have a 4-4 record in NCAA Tournament play, with six of the eight matches going into overtime.

Getman completed his 10th season at UAB and has a record of 126-67-9. He has led the Blazers to four NCAA Tournament appearances and three conference championships.

Three UAB players—sophomore Marin Pusek and seniors Brantley Spillman and Martin Rey—were named first team All-South Region by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. It was the first time UAB had three players honored on the All-South team.

Rey led the team with 14 goals and finished his career with 27 goals—third on UAB’s all-time list.
What’s up with Alums?

Warren E. Day (D.M.D, 1953) died at DCH Medical Center in Tuscaloosa on September 23, 2001. He was 76 years old.

Jon E. Sanford (M.D., 1966) of Fayette, Alabama, is president of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.

Jack Hasson (M.D., 1970) of Birmingham, was elected as a member of council for the Medical Service Board for the State of Alabama.

Laura Doumont (B.A., 1972) of Luckie and Company, has been appointed as secretary/treasurer of the Birmingham Advertising Federation.

Sherrod B. Clarke, Jr. (B.S., 1974) has been named president of Vulcan Materials’ Midsouth Division, based in Knoxville, Tennessee. He had been vice president and general manager of western Tennessee operations.

Ron Wanninger (B.S., 1974) who works for Weathertech Automotive Accessories, is vice president of the National Association of Credit Management’s Southern Group.


Kathy Martin (M.S.N., 1977) has been named director of the School of Nursing at Austin Peay State University. She has more than 25 years of nursing experience and is certified in advanced nursing administration and online teaching.

Mary Maude McCain (M.A.E., 1977; C.A.S.E., 1981) published the Dictionary for School Library Media Specialists. She also serves as adjunct professor of library media management and children’s literature at UAB.

Art P. Beattie (M.B.A., 1978) was elected president of the Alabama School of Fine Arts Foundation.

John W. Gillespie, Jr. (B.A., 1978) was named director of the education department at the Southern Medical Association.

Kenneth W. Aldridge (B.S., 1978; M.D., 1981) was elected to the board of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.

Stan Batemon (B.S., 1979) was elected to the board of directors of the Association of County Commissions of Alabama.

Mark K. Addison (B.S., 1979; M.P.H., 1988) was elected as a member of council for the Medical Education Board for the State of Alabama.

Linda Lucas (B.S.E., 1979; M.S.E., 1980; Ph.D., 1983) professor and chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering at UAB, has been named dean of UAB’s School of Engineering. She had been interim dean since June 2000.

Marlene McCain (B.S., 1979; M.B.A., 1987) will preside over the Birmingham Chapter of the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Walter Howlett, Jr. (B.S., 1981) has been appointed to the board of the Business Council of Alabama.

Dayna King (B.S., 1981) has joined Rast Mortgage as a loan officer.

Nancy C. Lovejoy (R.N., D.S.N., 1981) is recipient of the Oncology Nursing Society’s Publishing Division 2001 Susan Baird Excellence in Writing Award in Clinical Practice. Lovejoy is an associate professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Massachusetts in Boston.


Lisa M. Avant (B.S., 1984) was appointed vice president of special projects for the Birmingham Chapter of the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Regina Benjamin (M.D., 1984) of Bayou La Batre, is president-elect of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.

Jorge Alsip (M.D., 1985) of Daphne, Alabama, was elected as a delegate to the American Medical Association.

Karla Wright (B.A., 1985) received her master’s degree in agency counseling in December 2001.

Lydia Andrews (M.S.N., 1986) and her husband have accepted a call to teach in Kenya. They are teaching at the University of Eastern Africa, Baraton, a four-year coed boarding school. She is the chair of the nursing department, and her husband is the school counselor.

Jacqueline L. Franklin (B.A., 1986) has been appointed as a board member to the Society for Marketing Professional Services. She is with the engineering firm Volkert & Associates, Inc.

Michael L. Hicks (M.D., 1986) was one of 16 recipients of the Luther Distinguished Service Awards. The award, one of the highest honors bestowed by Luther College, is given in recognition of success and achievements in a professional field.
Mark D. Nelson (B.S., 1986) has been promoted to associate dean for undergraduate studies in the College of Communication and Information Sciences at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. Nelson served as assistant dean for the past five years.

R. Worth Davis (B.S., 1987) has been admitted by Aldridge, Borden & Company as a shareholder.

Mark Dinan (B.S., 1987; M.B.A., 1992) has been awarded the certified commercial investment member (CCIM) designation by the CCIM Institute. The Chicago-based institute is an affiliate of the National Association of Realtors.

Kealon Drake (B.S., 1988) will represent the Birmingham Chapter of the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants at the state level.

Tara Sudderth (M.A., 1988) an assistant professor of accounting at Birmingham-Southern College, has been named the Donald C. Brabston Professor of Accounting. She joined the Birmingham-Southern faculty in 1998.

Kevin J. Alexander (D.M.D., 1989) was awarded a fellowship by the Academy of General Dentistry.

Michael W. Bean (B.S., 1989) is human resources manager for RadiciSpandex Corporation in Tuscaloosa. He also earned the Professional Certification in Human Resources (PHR) designation from the Society of Human Resource Management.

Ken R. Taunton (B.S., 1989) has launched The Royster Group, an executive search firm specializing in retained and contingency search in the fields of health care, financial services, technology, and consumer products.

Lynn M. Stover (B.S.N., 1989; M.S.N., 1993; D.S.N., 2000) recently moved to Savannah, Georgia, to accept a position as an assistant professor of nursing at Armstrong Atlantic State University. She is coordinating the maternal-child health course.

Donel DeFreese (B.S., 1990) joined the job-search firm William Munn & Associates as vice president in the professional search group.

Mike Hamilton (B.S., 1990) joined Birmingham-Southern College as Web manager. He is responsible for enhancing and maintaining the college’s Web site. Prior to joining BSC, Hamilton developed Web sites for a number of clients, including the Alabama Democratic Party and General Motors.

Valerie L. Acoff (B.S., 1991) has become a shareholder in the law firm Thomas, Means, Gillis & Seay.

Stephen Searcy (B.A., 1991) has been promoted by Cowin Equipment Company to general manager of product support.

Dwayne Godwin (Ph.D., 1992) is one of four recipients of a 2001 McKnight Technological Innovations in Neuroscience Award. Godwin is a professor at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Judith M. Smith (M.P.H., 1992) a public health nurse, served with the American Red Cross in disaster-relief efforts at the World Trade Center site in New York.

Sheree Smothers (M.B.A., 1992) of AmSouth Bank, will serve as one of the vice presidents of the South Birmingham Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Jack Taylor (Ph.D., 1992) has earned the designation of professional certified marketer from the American Marketing Association. He is one of only 60 marketers nationwide, and one of two from Alabama, who have been certified by the AMA. Taylor joined the Birmingham-Southern faculty in 1988.

Melissa Kendrick (M.P.A., 1993) was recently named senior director of development for The League of Women Voters.

Sean Lay (M.A.C., 1994) was appointed treasurer for the Birmingham Chapter of the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Sherry H. Pierce (B.S., 1994) accepted the position of controller at Corr Wireless Communications, LLC, in February 2000. The company is a cellular/PCS carrier with two locations in north Alabama. She had previously spent five years working at Hardman, Guess, Frost & Cummings, P.C.

Jason T. Stewart (B.S., 1994) has earned his professional engineering license in Indiana. He is a product design engineer at Rotary Lift in Madison. He and his wife, Michelle, have two children—Troy, 3, and Sarah, 7 months.
Becky Wilson (B.S., 1994) recently joined Bayer Properties as controller. She has more than six years of accounting experience and lives in Gardendale.

Margaret S. Davis (Ph.D., 1995) has been chosen the 2001 Teacher of Excellence for two-year colleges in the University System of Georgia.

Alice Womack (M.B.A., 1995) of First Commercial Bank, has been named vice president of private banking.

Wyndall A. Ivey (B.S., 1996) was selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers Consumer Guide, a database of the top attorneys throughout the country for handling consumer-oriented legal matters. He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and a former Mr. UAB.

Bruce Larson (M.B.A., 1996) will serve on the board of the South Birmingham Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.

Daniel G. Reid (B.S., 1996) was named soldier of the year for the 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne) of the U.S. Army National Guard. The SFGA is based in Birmingham.

Carlos G. McDonald (B.S., 1996; M.A.C., 1999) of the Pearce, Bevill, Leesburg & Moore accounting firm, has successfully completed the uniform certified public accounting examination.

Misti Barnett (B.S., 1997) of L. Paul Kassouf & Company, was appointed president-elect for the Birmingham Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants.

Isabel Killoran (M.A.E., 1997; Ph.D., 2000) has been awarded the 2001
Dissertation Research Award for Doctoral Level Research by the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). She will be given the award at the annual CEC conference in New York City in April 2002.

Keith Pooser (B.S., 1997; M.A.C., 1999) of the Pearce, Bevill, Leesburg & Moore accounting firm, has successfully completed the uniform certified public accounting examination.

John Zielke (B.S., 1997; M.B.A., 2000) of Collateral Mortgage, was named the underwriter for Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac, Inc.

Eric Garner (M.B.A., 1998) was named director of information systems for TAD Telecom in Atlanta, managing all international IS operations, including a global e-commerce front-office initiative.

Drucilla Harris (B.S., 1998) a staffing specialist at the Southern Progress Corporation, was selected one of Ebony magazine's 30 Leaders of the Future for 2001. She is involved in many community activities.

Takesha Magby (M.A.C., 1998) of PricewaterhouseCoopers, was promoted to senior associate of assurance and business advisory services.

Raleshia L. Nix (O.D., M.S., 1998) was recently named Young Careerist of the Year by the Business and Professional Women's Organization of Chilton County.

Krista Seale (M.A.C., 1998) of KPMG Peat Marwick, was appointed secretary for the Birmingham Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants.

Patrick L. Dodd (B.S., 1999) of the Pearce, Bevill, Leesburg & Moore accounting firm, has successfully completed the uniform certified public accounting examination.

Alesia Mack Jones (M.B.A., 1999) has joined the corporate human resources group at BE&K as compensation and planning manager.


Amy N. Newman (B.A., 1999) is a program coordinator with UAB's Hill University Center Operations.

Tabitha Goodman (B.S., 2000) joined Intermark Gillis Advertising as an account assistant.

Sally Sprayberry (M.A.C., 2000) of Warren, Averett, Kimbrough & Marino, LLC, completed the certified public accounting exam.

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alma mater, and that has been special, too,” Janice says. “I have this saying: ‘I’m a Blazer alum, a Blazer employee, a Blazer mom, and a Blazer fan.’”

She also is a Blazer teacher, having taught UAB Special Studies classes since 1989. She has taught resume writing, principles of management, management skills for secretaries and administrators, and supervisory skills for entry-level supervisors.

Janice became a Blazer mom in 1996 when Torrey accepted a basketball scholarship to UAB after being named all-state at Phillips High School. He considered several schools, including Tennessee, Colorado State, Arkansas-Little Rock, and South Alabama, before deciding on his hometown school.

One of the most explosive athletes in UAB history, Torrey provided Blazer fans with many exciting moments. He had 25 points in a victory at Memphis in 1999 and 16 points in a win over Auburn in 1998.

“I have a lot of good memories of my time at UAB,” Torrey says. “To be at home, play basketball, and go to the same school as my mom is something I’ll always remember.”

Torrey played briefly for a professional team in China last year and is still considering basketball opportunities, both in the United States and abroad. He may pursue a master's degree and eventually hopes to go into coaching.

Even though her son has graduated, Janice Ward is still a regular at UAB basketball and football games, often making trips to away games. “UAB sports is just a big part of our life as a family,” she says. “We tend to congregate around UAB sporting events. We’ve had as many as 10 family members in one group at games, so it’s a great time of fellowship for us.”

Janice recently happened upon the University of Minnesota Web site and noticed that the university is celebrating its 150th anniversary. “Can you imagine the alumni base they have, just by existing so long?” she says. “At UAB, we’re still trying to establish our identity.”

She plans to continue doing her part.

“My message to students is: Become part of the life of the university, and it will enhance your experience here. When it’s time to leave, don’t just hit the door and say, ‘That’s in my past.’”

“If I could wave a magic wand, I would want all of our students to graduate feeling that the university is a part of them.”

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FORMER MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT MALCOLM PORTERA, PH.D., has become the new chancellor of the University of Alabama System. He replaces Thomas C. Meredith, Ed.D., who is now chancellor of the University of Georgia System. The transition took place in January.

Portera was the sole candidate interviewed by the UA Board of Trustees, who cited his familiarity with the trustees, the system campuses, and the political and economic realms of Alabama as among his many qualifications. Portera spent 26 years working for the University of Alabama and the UA System before accepting the presidency at Mississippi State in 1997. He held a number of posts of increasing responsibility during his tenure in Alabama, including vice chancellor for external affairs. He is also widely credited with helping lure DaimlerChrysler AG to build a Mercedes-Benz plant in Vance, Alabama, which has produced thousands of new jobs in the state.

THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S NEW DIVISION OF GENETIC AND TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE has been approved by the University of Alabama System Board of Trustees. A joint division within the Departments of Medicine, Pediatrics, and Human Genetics, the new division will focus on translating basic science discoveries into clinical applications and on developing targeted therapeutic interventions for specific genetic disorders. Lisa Guay-Woodford, M.D., an associate professor in the Division of Nephrology, has been named director of the new division.

The division will help UAB attract talented new faculty and increase its research funding, says William Koopman, M.D., chair of UAB's Department of Medicine. “The field of genomics holds enormous potential in our quest to diagnose and treat illnesses of every kind,” Koopman says. “We are fortunate to have Dr. Guay-Woodford's leadership and the support of the University of Alabama Board.”

The new division will coordinate researchers with many different specialties to study genes and their interactions in experimental models. “There has been tremendous progress in identifying genes that play a role in both rare diseases and common disorders such as hypertension and diabetes,” Guay-Woodford says. “Through research, we are developing more sophisticated insights into what goes on in these disorders and how the normal biologic processes become distorted.”

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES has two new members with ties to UAB. Andria Scott Hurst and Richard Scrushy, both of Birmingham, were elected to six-year terms.

Hurst was selected to replace retiring District 7 trustee Sandral Hullett, M.D., interim CEO of Cooper Green Hospital. Hurst, the foods editor for Southern Living magazine, graduated from UAB in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in English from the School of Arts and Humanities. She is a member of the UAB National Alumni Society.

Scrushy replaces retiring District 6 trustee Garry Drummond, CEO of Drummond Company. Scrushy is chairman and founder of the HealthSouth Corporation; he graduated from UAB in 1974 with a certificate in respiratory therapy from the School of Health Related Professions.

LINDA C. LUCAS, PH.D., is the new dean of UAB’s School of Engineering. Lucas has been interim dean since June 2000, when former dean Steven Szygenda, Ph.D., left UAB to become dean of engineering at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

Lucas joined the UAB faculty in 1982 and was named chair of the Department of Biomedical Engineering in 1996. She also serves as the director...
Lucas earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and chemistry from the University of Alabama and another bachelor’s degree in engineering from UAB. She has master’s degrees in mathematics, education, and materials engineering from UAB. She earned her doctorate in biomedical engineering with an emphasis in biomaterials from UAB.

“Dr. Lucas has been a driving force behind the growth of our biomedical engineering program, both in its research activities and its innovative classroom experiences,” says Arol Augsburger, O.D., interim provost. “As dean, she brings that energy and innovation to the entire school.”

MAX MICHAEL, M.D., former chief executive officer and medical director of the Jefferson Health System/Cooper Green Hospital in Birmingham, has been named the new dean of the UAB School of Public Health. He joined UAB in August 2001.

Michael earned his bachelor’s degree in general biology from Vanderbilt University and his medical degree from the Harvard Medical School. After residency training at UAB and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he was named director of ambulatory services at Cooper Green Hospital in 1977. He became chair of the Department of Medicine in 1983. During his tenure as chair, Michael also spent a year on the staff of the Health Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ways and Means as a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellow.

During his eight years as CEO and medical director of Cooper Green, Michael served on the executive committee of the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems and as president of the Birmingham Regional Council of the Alabama Hospital Association. He continues as the medical director for Birmingham Health Care for the Homeless, where he was responsible for the initial development and implementation of one of the nation’s first comprehensive health-care delivery programs for homeless people.

“We are most fortunate to recruit a person with Dr. Michael’s depth and breadth of experience in public health matters,” says Arol Augsburger, O.D., interim provost. “He is a national leader in health policy and community health initiatives. We look forward to Dr. Michael continuing the success and leadership position that our School of Public Health has worked so hard to achieve.”

Michael succeeds Eli Capilouto, D.M.D., M.P.H., Sc.D., who served as dean from 1996 to 2001 and is now a professor in the Department of Health Care Organization and Policy. “Dr. Capilouto has established a very high mark for all deans who follow him,” Michael said. “I look forward to working with him and with all of the faculty, staff, and students to continue this legacy of excellence.”

THE UAB DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE AND THE ALYS STEPHENS CENTER have launched a professional equity theatre company, The 13th Street Ensemble, which is in residence at the Alys Stephens Center.

The company marked its inaugural summer season with two award-winning plays, Noises Off by Michael Frayn, and David Mamet’s Oleanna. “The 13th Street Ensemble was created to provide our advanced students with a bridge to professional theatre, to provide the professional actors on our faculty with a venue for their continued work, and to further enrich the summer theatre scene in Birmingham,” says Marc Powers, M.F.A., chair of the Department of Theatre. “In future seasons we hope to increase the number of productions and open the casting to include the many fine actors we have here in Birmingham.”

EIGHT UAB PROGRAMS are ranked in the U.S. News & World Report’s 2001 “America’s Best Hospitals” issue. The magazine selects 50 programs in 17 medical specialties; UAB is the only Alabama hospital included in the listing.

UAB’s rheumatology program was ranked eighth; the heart program ranked 13th, and the cancer program 26th. Orthopedics jumped from 31st to 24th. Pulmonology was not ranked last year, but is 42nd this year. UAB’s gynecology program was ranked 26th. Nephrology (kidney disease) is ranked 20th, and the program in hormonal disorders is ranked 27th.

“Our continued presence in the rankings demonstrates the quality of our programs,” says David Fine, CEO of the UAB Health System. “We continue to be leaders in research and treatment in many of the areas that affect the health and well-being of people in Alabama and beyond.”
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