Regional center examines environmental threats

A new Center of Excellence in Environmental Health (CEEH) at UAB is one of five regional centers nationwide intended to enhance and strengthen the practice of environmental public health.

Funded by a $200,000 per-year grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the CEEH housed in UAB’s School of Public Health was chosen from among 30 schools to be the Southeast region’s Environmental Public Health Academic Center. The region includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The grant is renewable for up to three years.

“Environmental public health looks at issues with clean air and water, pest control, solid waste disposal, rabies control and more … anything that’s a threat to human health that’s present in the environment,” said Project Director Tom Struzick (CEEH).

Laboratory science has always been the school’s strongest point, Struzick said, but the center wants to expand outreach efforts to advocate for poor communities that often are overlooked as progress unfolds around them.

“Once the students graduate, they have the knowledge and skills to make an immediate, positive impact on their communities,” said Dr. Sharunda Buchanan (Chief of the Environmental Health Services, Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and Chair Edward M. Postlethwait (Environmental Health Sciences) pose for a picture at a steering committee meeting for the Center for Excellence in Environmental Health at UAB.

Associate Professor Riedar K. Oestenstad (Public Health), principal investigator; Dr. Sharunda Buchanan (Chief of the Environmental Health Services, Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and Chair Edward M. Postlethwait (Environmental Health Sciences) pose for a picture at a steering committee meeting for the Center for Excellence in Environmental Health at UAB.

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Degree expands options for ‘business savvy scientists’

A new degree option is available for persons with advanced degrees in science eager to learn the business principles that will enable them to market their specialized knowledge more successfully.

Associate Professor Lisa Schwiebert (Physiology & Biophysics) has helped establish a specialized MBA program for persons with graduate degrees that would enable them to augment their science background and make them more attractive to employers. Schwiebert also hopes the program’s unique design may make UAB more attractive to graduate students.

“We’ve had a significant amount of interest, and several students who have expressed their intent to apply,” Schwiebert said.

The program, which will begin in August, is a fast-track, full-time, one-year program meant solely for those with terminal degrees in science. Tuition and fees will cost $12,000. Students may apply for a part-time position on campus that would help defray the cost of living.

During the seven years Schwiebert has directed the graduate program in physiology & biophysics, she said students have related their interest in pursuing business courses. Michael Boffi, a doctoral candidate in cell biology, intends to apply.

“One of the most significant things that I have learned in the program is the tremendous difficulties faced by the scientist-turned-entrepreneur trying to

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Luncheon to benefit tsunami-relief fund

UAB student groups will hold a fund-raising luncheon to benefit organizations aiding tsunami-relief efforts in South Asia, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Jan. 12 in the UAB Hill University Center Great Hall.

Area restaurants and caterers are pledging to donate food and prepare more than 700 lunches for the event. The menu is expected to feature international cuisines, such as Chinese and Italian.

The event is open to the public. The cost is $10 per person. Additional donations are welcome.

Collaborating groups have established the South Asia Tsunami Relief Fund (SATRF) to collect donations for charitable agencies at work in the disaster-torn region.

The group has identified two organizations so far to receive the funds: AmeriCares [www.americares.org] and CARE [www.care.org]. It is researching other charitable groups but pledges all funds will go to help people throughout the region affected by the tsunami.

An account also has been set up at AmSouth Bank, under the auspices of the Indian Cultural Association, to receive non-tax exempt donations.

Checks made payable to SATRF may be deposited at any area AmSouth Bank.

For more information contact event organizers [satrf2005@yahoo.com] or 933-5094.

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Paper or plastic?

The Shaefers’ weren’t planning to make any big purchases when they took an out-of-town trip. But when they visited a mom-and-pop furniture store, they spotted something they liked at a bargain price. But there was a problem.

The store owners wanted $800 for the couch. And they wanted it in cold, hard American cash. They might as well have posted a “no sale” sign in their window.

Like a growing number of Americans, the Shaefers carry only plastic. For many like them, using debit cards and credit cards instead of cash and checks has become a way of life.

Cash is still the most widely used form of payment in the United States, according to the Federal Reserve Bank. Checks are the second most-commonly used form of currency, but their numbers began declining sometime in the mid-1990s. Meanwhile, the number of debit and credit card transactions has grown.

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“We’ll never be a cashless society,” said Associate Professor Sarah Culver (Business), director of the UAB Center for Economic Education. “There are a lot of transactions that we want to remember. And as long as there’s underground economics, be it criminal or legal, people just not wanting a paper trail, there will always be cash.”

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“I think people feel a lot safer with them,” she said.

Using plastic is fine as long as people remember the difference between their debit card and their credit card, she said.

“What we worry about is when people see these things as the same action. That’s what I worry about with people who are new to finance and budgeting.”

— The Miami Herald

Jan. 2, 2005

MLK holiday set Jan. 17

Monday, Jan. 17 is an official holiday according to university policy. Although most campus operations will be suspended on this day, essential services, such as maintenance, some clinical facilities and UAB police among others, will continue. In those departments requiring essential services, managers are required to provide adequate staffing. Therefore, it is essential to notify employees in advance of the work schedule to cover the holiday.

All full-time regular hourly and monthly paid employees are eligible for designated holiday benefits. Under university policy, eligible full-time regular hourly paid employees who are required to work on a designated holiday will be paid double time (their normal straight time rate for work plus straight time for the holiday) for no more than eight hours.

Part-time regular employees receive personal holiday benefits rather than a combination of designated and personal holidays. The accrual rates for part-time regular bi-weekly paid employees are prorated based on hours paid. Part-time regular employees should always use the personal holiday or vacation designation on their time sheets for time off due to a University recognized designated holiday.

Eligible employees of the University of Alabama Hospital, the UAB Police Department, the UAB Call Center and other designated units receive 11 personal holidays instead of eight designated and three personal holidays. Therefore, Hospital, Police Department, UAB Call Center and other designated unit employees are not subject to the above policy and should check with their supervisors regarding staff requirements.

For clarification of the holiday policy, contact the Office of Human Resource Management.

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Faculty to address aging policy committee

Professor Cynthia Owsley (Ophthalmology), Director Karlene Ball (Center for Research in Applied Gerontology) and Associate Professor Gerald McGwin (Ophthalmology) were scheduled to speak in a White House Conference on Aging policy committee event held Jan. 8 in Washington, D.C. The event, called a listening session, was held to gather information on various topics and generate ideas for federal policy initiatives regarding older adults in the United States.

As chair of the Transportation Research Board’s Committee on the Safe Mobility of Older Persons of the Transportation Research Board, Owsley organized the speakers for the session. She also was scheduled to moderate.

At issue is how to determine if someone has adequate vision to drive, Owsley said, not just in terms of visual acuity, but also in terms of other skills such as visual attention, processing speed, motor skills and cognitive skills such as decision-making.

Owsley’s talk, Transportation and Quality of Life for Older Adults, was to emphasize the critical role of driving a personal vehicle in meeting transportation needs, the need to make driving a safe possibility for older adults by making roadways more friendly and the need to create a transportation infrastructure for those who have to give up driving because of functional impairments.

“The biggest bang for our buck is to help those older people who want to drive keep on driving as long as it is safely possible for them to do so,” Owsley said.

UAB researchers were asked to participate in the session based on their expertise: Owsley studies visual risk factors that elevate crash risk among older drivers; Ball’s Group in the Center for Research in Applied Gerontology is identifying cognitive impairments that elevate crash risk; and McGwin is an expert on functional risk factors and driving and the role of seat belt and airbags in older driver safety.

Martin Luther King Jr. tribute set

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Visit the ASC on line [www.Alys Stephens.org] or call 975-2785 for tickets and information.

WBHM launches local Tapestry

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A special sale of chairs and other furniture will take place 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4.

Call for ABSTRACTS

Graduate Student Research Day is an annual competition in which graduate students present their original research in an open forum. Degree-seeking UAB graduate students in all areas of study are invited to compete for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place cash awards.

The deadline for submission of abstracts is 5 p.m. February 4, 2005. Abstact can be submitted electronically at www.uab.edu/graduate/researchday

Faculty are encouraged to act as judges for the competition. Interested faculty should contact kellie Carter by February 18.

Sponsored by the Graduate School, Sigma Xi, and Graduate Student Association, the competition will be held in Hill University Center Great Hall on Friday, March 4, 2005.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: www.uab.edu/graduate/researchday or email GradResearchDay@uab.edu

Comprehensive Cancer Center

Applications for pilot project funding

The Morehouse School of Medicine/Tuskegee University/UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Partnership will be submitting an application for a U54 level partnership to be funded at a level $2.5 million direct funding. We are soliciting scientifically sound, pilot projects that have potential to become independently funded or to become funded as full projects in the partnership. The level of funding for these is capped at $120,000 annual direct for no more than three years.

These projects must demonstrate relevance to cancer and can be for prevention and control, clinical pilot projects, epidemiology, social and behavioral sciences or basic science. All projects will require co-investigators from Morehouse School of Medicine and UAB or Tuskegee University and UAB. They must be joint projects between the Cancer Center (defined as greater than 50% of budget at the CCC) and one of the other minority-serving institutions (MSI). Pilot cancer-research projects or pilot cancer-training and career-development and/or cancer-outreach programs to be divided appropriately between the two institutions.

Research projects conducted primarily at the MSI (defined as greater than 50% of budget at MSI) may be in any area of cancer research, but research projects conducted primarily at the Cancer Center must specifically address areas of disparity in minority and under-served populations.

The expectation is that successful pilot research projects will become full research projects and that full research projects will become competitively funded grants (e.g., R03, R01, project on a P01, project on a P50).

Investigators who are unable to identify a co-investigator at either institution are encouraged to contact Dr. Joel Okoli at Morehouse School of Medicine (404-616-3015) or Dr. Shyam Reddy at Morehouse School of Medicine (404-489-9991) or Dr. Ed Partridge at UAB (205-934-4986) or Dr. Tim Turner at Tuskegee University (334-727-8787) for assistance. All investigators are encouraged to apply irrespective of faculty rank or current NIH, ACS, or other funding.

Please submit a formal NIH-type application on PHS 398 forms by Jan. 15, 2005. No late applications will be accepted.

Direct queries to Earl Sanders, [earl.sanders@ccc.uab.edu] or 934-5291.

Submit the application via e-mail attachment as a Word document to Earl Sanders, [earl.sanders@ccc.uab.edu]. Also, send one hard copy of the application to Earl Sanders, 2001 N. 3rd Ave., LNB 1001, Birmingham, AL 35233.
Chair Report: Chair Ted Benoit presented an update on the status of the IDEA Administrator evaluation reports for President Carol Garrison and acting Provost EB Capilouto. The tables and comments summaries were given to the president and provost on Dec. 8, 2004. The overall response rates were 43 percent for the president and 41 percent for the provost. These rates are the highest observed for Senate-administered evaluations, and the number of comments received were in the hundreds compared to less than 100 for 93 administrators evaluated in 2000. The tables will be distributed to the faculty in January; the provost's report will be given to the president and the president's report will be forwarded to the chancellor. Updates were given on a QEP report; SACs visit in March 22-24; Effort Reporting requirements of faculty and Senate representatives to the UAB Status of Women commission will be Dr. Seino Chang.

President’s Update: President Garrison reported updates on SACs and identified the three areas of continuing work: outcomes assessment, faculty credentials, and GEP; search committees for VP-IT [internal search with Chair Richard Margison]; VP Research [internal search with Chair Dean Rich]; Dean of Graduate School [national search with Chair Dean Thomas]; Provost [national search with Co-chairs Dr. Kahn and Dr. Soni; Senate representative is Senator Adam Gordon]; VP Human Resource Management – position has been filled by Cheryl Lacle; Chief Operating Officer for University Hospital will be Dr. Michael Woldum. President Garrison announced that in the spring term she will initiate these activities: (1) visits with the faculty in each of the academic units; (2) A President’s Column in the UAB Reporter; (3) Lunch Series with members of UAB community. President Garrison expressed appreciation to faculty for the accomplishments during full term and recognized Drs. Koopman, Lalor and Wendell for outstanding contributions.

Presentation – Vice President Richard Margison – Dr. Margison reviewed the trends in health-benefits costs for UAB employees in comparison with national average costs and the projected increasing costs for 2005 at 11.2 percent. The UAB Fringe Benefits Committee membership and the process or timeline for the committee’s work during the 2004 period were reviewed. Major changes in health benefits for UAB employees were reviewed for the Vive UAB, Viva Access and Blue Cross/Blue Shield programs. The Fringe Benefits committee will be working on these topics during the coming year: (1) Health Savings Accounts; (2) reevaluation of the use of debit cards for Flexible Spending Accounts; (3) monitoring timely access to providers; and (4) committee procedures with recommendations to President Garrison for expansion of the membership and to increase the number of meetings during the year. Margison’s slide presentation will be posted on the Senate page [www.uab.edu/fsenate/home.html] at presentation drop down.

Section 2.0 – Faculty Handbook Revisions Process – Chair Benoit reviewed the process occurring since the November Senate meeting [communications with provost and executive committee review of the provost’s concerns identified at the November Senate meeting]. The executive committee approved a proposal from acting Provost Capilouto addressing Section 2.7.3 and the inclusion of a default policy/procedure so that all academic units will have guidance if needed for circumstances defined in Section 2.7.3. Chair Benoit presented the proposal and after explanation, the revised Section 2.7.3 was approved by the Senate. Senator Engler presented a motion [seconded by Senator Ogard] to forward the Senate-approved version of Section 2.0 with the revised Section 2.7.3 and Appendices A, B and C to the Acting Provost.

Standing Committee Reports – Curriculum & Research Chair Jeff Engler presented a resolution of Faculty Senate support for the QEP proposal related to the SACs review process. The amended resolution of support was approved by the Senate and will be forwarded to the acting provost and president. Finance Committee Chair Warren Martin reported on the article in an October issue of the UAB Reporter describing the advantages of UAB health-benefits options and flexible savings accounts and reported that the committee continues to interact with Dr. John Lyons for ongoing committee activities.

Open Forum – The following topics were presented with the requests that the Senate address these topics during the spring term: (1) the academic calendar; (2) metrics and scorecards application in academic units.

Announcements: Secretary Pat Group reviewed the Senate Elections Process for 2005 materials distributed to senators and encouraged all senators to communicate with their colleagues in academic units to solicit nominations for chair-elect (Academic Affairs rotation), secretary, senators and Faculty Policies and Procedures Committee elections with nominations due for chair-elect and secretary Jan. 31 and for senators and PPC representatives Feb. 23. Visit the Senate Web site for an electronic version of the Acceptance of Nomination Form and elections information. The next Senate meeting will be Jan. 11 in the HUC A&B.

Secretary Group submits this draft summary of minutes and a complete record will appear on the Senate Web page after approval at the January Senate meeting [www.uab.edu/fsenate/home.html].
G R A N T S  &  C O N T R A C T S

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

NEW/COMING CONTINUATION

Marcus Bannman/ Steven Tuggle (Physiology, Biophysics, & Biomedical Engineering) IPA - Craig Tuggle VA $9,770, 12/4/2004-9/30/2005
Andres Forero-Irurza (Medicine/Hematology-Oncology) A Phase II Multi-Dose Study of SGN-30 (anti-CD30 mAb) in Patients with Cutaneous Anaplastic Lymphoma Karpov 150,000, 8/31/2004-9/30/2005
Linda Goodson (Health Behavior) Satellite Continuing Education Alabama Department of Public Health $98,000, 11/15/2004-9/30/2005
Roxanne Jones (HRM - Employee Relations) Participation in the Child Care Food Program Bryant: Children’s Trust Fund State of Alabama $60,000, 10/1/2005-9/30/2005
Catarina Kiefe/ Donna Slovensky (Medicine/Preventive Medicine) HVA Clinicians & Bietorner Events - Slovensky VA $243,056, 11/1/2004-10/31/2005
James Kirklin (Surgery) Impact of Mycophenolate Mofetil on Acute Rejection and Graft Failure in Pediatric Heart Transplant Recipients, UAB Site Arkansas Children’s Hospital/ Roche Pharmaceuticals $62,000, 6/1/2004-12/31/2004
West-Chin Lin (Medicine/Hematology-Oncology) 2004 ASH Medical Student Award American Society of Hematology $4,500, 11/1/2004-10/30/2005
David Naulty (Surgery) Genetic Contribution to Graft and Patient Outcomes NIH/ University of Pittsburgh $351,335, 2/15/2004-1/31/2005
Laurence Bradley (Medicine/Immunology-Rheumatology) A 13 Week, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Monotherapy Trial of Pegabalin (BD) in Patients with Fibromyalgia Pfizer Pharmaceuticals/ Sciex Corp $30,802, 12/22/2004-1/19/2006
Robert Carey (Medicine/Hematology-Oncology) “Targeted 7 days on 7 days off” Schedule vs. DTIC in Unresectable Metastatic Melanoma Patients Without Clinical CNS Involvement: A Randomized Phase III Trial Schering-Plough Research Institute $88,750, 11/19/2004-11/18/2005
Human Fertility (Psychiatry): Targeted Capacity Expansion Grant from Jail Diversion Jefferson, Blount, St. Clair Mental Health Authority $300,000, 10/1/2004-9/30/2005
Veronica Franco (Medicine/Cardiovascular Disease) Eplerenone Reverses Adverse Remodeling induced by Pressure Overload in Atrial Natriuretic Peptide Null Mice Pfizer Inc $40,000, 11/30/2004-11/29/2005
Fernando Ovalle (Medicine/Endocrinology) A Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group Study of the Efficacy and Safety of WeCholl® in Type 2 Diabetes with Inadequate Glycemic Control on Sulfonylurea Monotherapy or Sulfonylurea Therapy in Combination with Other Oral Anti-Diabetic Agents Sanyko Co., Ltd $24,596, 12/3/2004-6/1/2005
Larry Moreland (Medicine/Immunology-Rheumatology) A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Four-Arm, Parallel-Group, Multicenter, Multinational Safety and Efficacy Trial of 100mg and 300mg of LP 394 in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) Patients with a History of Renal Disease La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company $102,504, 10/25/2004-10/24/2005
CONTINUATION

David Briles/ Susan Hollingshead/ Alexander Szolaki Mechanism of Action of Antibody to PPSA NAID $435,914, 11/1/2004-10/31/2005
Christopher Coffey Genetic Variants and Thrombosis: Renin Angiotensin NIH/ Yale University $48,646, 1/1/2004-9/30/2005
Lynda Harrison/ Isabel Scarinci-Seares Child Health Needs of Rural Alabama Latino Family Southern Coastal AgriCenter $10,000, 10/1/2004-6/30/2005
Clifton Kew II A Randomized, Controlled Trial of Homocysteine (FAVORIT) (anti-CD30 mAb) in Patients with Primary Cutaneous Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma $290,000, 10/1/2005-7/31/2005
Roxanne Jones A Randomized, Controlled Trial of Homocysteine (FAVORIT) (anti-CD30 mAb) in Patients with Primary Cutaneous Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma Karpov 150,000, 8/31/2005-5/31/2006
Raymond Watts Contract Enhanced Breast MRI for Patients Undergoing Neoadjuvant Treatment for Stage III Breast CANCER NIH/ American College of Radiology Imaging Network $82,125, 11/1/2004-11/30/2005
Russell Findley REACT Team Jail Diversion Project: State and Local and Match Jefferson, Blount, St. Clair Mental Health Authority $160,000, 10/1/2004-9/30/2005
Mary Cottage II PA Public Health Traineeship Health Resources and Services Administration/ HRSA/ HHS/ PHS Continuation $61,175, 7/1/2004-6/30/2005
Mary Sansgare Deafblind Transition Services Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services $135,000, 10/1/2004-9/30/2005
Isabel Scarinci-Seares Smoking Cessation in African-American Men: A Pilot Study NIH/ University of Memphis $125,471, 7/1/2005-6/30/2005

REMINDER

Investigators seeking support for research or extramural activities are required to file Conflict of Interest disclosure forms. Forms and additional information can be found at [www.uab.edu/uabra/cirb/cirb.htm]
Jan. 10-16
HIGHLIGHTS

COPD and its relationship to screening and/or prevention of lung cancer
Director William Bailey
(UAB Lung Health Center)
Comprehensive Cancer Center
JAN. 10
The nursing labor force in 2004 and what lies ahead
Dr Peter Buerhaus (Vanderbilt University School of Nursing)
Lister Hill Center for Health Policy Seminar Series
JAN. 12
Patient reported outcomes in health research: Evolving applications
A half-day seminar and videoconference with guest lecturer Dr Donald Patrick
(Director, Social & Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine)
COERE/UAB Center for Aging
JAN. 13
Black business practices
Assoc Prof Vickie Cox Edmondson
(Management, Marketing and Industrial Distribution)
African-American Studies Colloquia Series
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Syllabus
MONDAY, JAN. 10
10 am Comprehensive Cancer Center. COPD and its relationship to screening and/or prevention of lung cancer, Director William Bailey (UAB Lung Health Center); WP-E.
11:30 am Sigma XI Seminar. Computer exploration of sound, Assoc Prof Michael Angell (Music); CH-274. RSVP is required for lunch from the Char-House ($8); RSVP to Lucy Andrews, 4-4575 or e-mail [landrews@uab.edu].
Noon Monday Noon Conference. Approach to arthritis, Asst Prof Laura Hughes (Medicine); WP-E.
Noon Hematology/Oncology Research Conference. Nitric oxide regulation of redox signaling reactions, Prof Bruce Freeman (Anesthesiology); WTI-214.
2 pm Microbiology. Molecular mechanisms of lymphocyte migration across the blood-brain barrier, Dr Britta Engelhardt (The Theodor Kocher Institute, University of Bern); BRRB-170.
4 pm Anesthesiology GRs/Visiting Professor. Rational use of new modalities for treatment of low back pain, and Managing acute pain in the opioid-dependent patient, Dr James Rathmell (Prof, Anesthesiology, University of Vermont, Burlington); JT-906.

TUESDAY, JAN. 11
9 am Geographic Medicine GRs. Update on GeoSentinel and global surveillance for emerging pathogens, Prof David Freeman (Geographic Medicine); BRRB-206.
10 am Molecular & Cellular Pathology. Wnt signaling through coreceptors LRPS/6, Dr Xin Zeng (Neuroscience, Harvard Medicine School); VH-G011.
11 am Laboratory Medicine. Phospholipid autoantibodies and the antiphospholipid antibody syndrome, John Lavelle (Housestaff); WP-D.
Noon CNRC/Nutrition Sciences. Tasting menu II: Family medicine & community programs, Research Prof Myra Crawford (Family & Community Medicine), Prof Michael Wyss (Cell Biology) and Asst Prof Monica Baskin (Health Behavior); RMSB-226.
Noon General Medicine Noon Conference. EMB IV, Assoc Prof Terrence Shanefield (Medicine); WP-E.
Noon Pharmacology & Toxicology. Organelle proteomics to study-acquired drug resistance, Dr Catherine Feneslau (Prof, Medicine, Johns Hopkins University Medical School; Prof, Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Maryland); VH-C.
3 pm Neurology/Neurosurgery GRs. Transmissible spongiform encephalopathies in humans, Gerald Calegan (Housestaff); WP-E.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12
8:15 am Optometry Residency Conference. Grand rounds, UABSO Residents; SOO Clinic Conf Rm.
12:15 pm Lister Hill Center for Health Policy Seminar Series. The nursing labor force in 2004 and what lies ahead, Dr Peter Buerhaus (Vanderbilt University School of Nursing); BRRB-170.
Noon Physiology & Biophysics. TRAFs: wear multiple hats in lymphocyte activation, Dr Gail Bishop (Prof, Microbiology & Internal Medicine, Holden Chair of Cancer Biology, University of Iowa); TH-740.
Noon Medical GRs. Clinical trials: Key aspects of the WHI hormone trials and data safety monitoring, Prof Cora Lewis and Prof Dale Williams (Preventive Medicine); MCSA.
3 pm Cell Biology. Identification and characterization of mitotic regulatory proteins, Asst Prof David Crawford (Pediatric Hematology/Oncology); BRRB-170.

THURSDAY, JAN. 13
8 am Rheumatology GRs. Clinical conference, WP-D.
Noon Advances in Molecular & Cellular Pathology. New antioxidants to prevent hepatic inflammation and damage, Dr. Govin Arteel (University of Louisville Health Sciences Ctr.); WP-E.
Noon Geriatric Noon Conference. SCEGM quarterly meeting; CH19-207.
12:15-4:45 pm COERE/UAB Center for Aging. Patient-reported outcomes in health research: Evolving applications, a half-day seminar and videoconference with guest lecturer Dr Donald Patrick (Director, Social & Behavioral Sciences, University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine); MT-111. 4.0 CME contact hours; $35 registration fee. Direct questions to Suzanne, 4-6844.

FRIDAY, JAN. 14
Noon Friday Noon Conference. Senior talks, Darryl Prime and John Reardon (Housestaff); WP-E.
Noon Hematology/Oncology GRs. Acute myelogenous leukemia, Prof William P. Vaughan (Hematology/Oncology); WP-Bd Rm.
Noon Vascular Biology/Hypertension Program. Dissecting endothelin-induced oxidative stress from hypertension, Dr David Pollack (Assoc Prof, Surgery, Physiology, Graduate Studies, Pharmacology & Toxicology, Medical College of Georgia); BBRB-170.
Noon UAB Center for Aging/GRECC Seminar. Palliative care, Asst Prof Carol Griffin (Gerontology & Geriatric Medicine); VA-9th fl.
1 pm African-American Studies Colloquia Series. Black business practices, Assoc Prof Vickie Cox Edmondson (Management, Marketing and Industrial Distribution); HUC-325. Free and open to the public. Call 5-9652 for more details.

Final Defenses
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12
2 pm Neurobiology. Ion channels that contribute to the resting conductance in normal and malignant glial cells, Candidate Michelle Olsen; Sparks 546.

Meetings
TUESDAY, JAN. 11
10 am International Women’s Group, provides activities to meet the needs and backgrounds of international women at UAB; Smolian Int’l House.
4-1205/[lavowens@uab.edu].
7 pm Conversational English classes, levels 2-3; Smolian Int’l House.

New Employee Orientation
Tuesday, Jan. 18
8 am-noon
UAB Hospital New Employee Orientation
MCSA
I.D. Photographs at Police Department, (1117 S. 14th St.)
Tues.-Fri. 8:30-4:30 pm
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

10 am Conversational English classes; levels 1-4; Smallman Int’l House. 4-1205/[awowens@uab.edu]. Free babysitting available for children 3 and older.

12:15 pm Noon Employee-led Bible study; Interfaith Chapel-West Pavilion. 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.

SATURDAY, JAN. 15

4:30 pm Catholic mass; Interfaith Chapel-West Pavilion.

SUNDAY, JAN. 16

10 am Catholic mass; St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 933-2500.

11:15 am Chapel service; Interfaith Chapel-West Pavilion.

5 pm Catholic mass; St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 933-2500.

6 pm UAB Hindu Student Council;

FRIDAY, JAN. 14

7 am Falun Dafa exercises, an ancient Chinese exercise that brings harmony & health. UAB Mini Park, 4-8295.

Religion

TUESDAY, JAN. 11

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

Exhibits

UAB Archives Exhibit. University Hospital: The Origin and Development of a Health-Care Institution. Historical images from the UAB Archives in two locations: Second floor of Russell and Part II, in the main entrance lobby of Jefferson Tower. Visual Arts Gallery. Justine Cooper: Rapt I and Rapt II. This installation project, by New York-based artist Justine Cooper, explores the human body. Using MRI images on 3 x 3-foot clear polyvinyl, Cooper creates a whole body experience through which visitors can walk. In the rear gallery, an animated journey through the body is created in 3-D imaging. Through Feb. 7. 900 S 13th St. Gallery hours are 11 am-6 pm Mon-Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Fri; and 1-5 pm Sat. Free. 4-0815 for info.


Mervyn H. Sterne Library. Book Arts Show. 7:30 am-10 pm Mon-Thurs; 7:30 am-7 am 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.

WBHM-FM, 90.3

Fresh Air with Terry Gross can now be heard 3-4 pm daily on 90.3 WBHM-Birmingham, and 91.5 WSGN-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

TUESDAY, JAN. 11

6 pm African-American Studies Colloquia Series. The social construction of race in Malawi, program director Bettina Byrd-Giles (Office of Cultural Diversity); HUC 325. Free and open to the public. Call 5-9652 for more details.

FRI-SAT, JAN. 14-15


SUNDAY, JAN. 16

3 pm Alys Stephens Center. Reflect & rejoin: A community tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A special musical tribute to the late Dr. King celebrating the legacy of the civil rights leader, presented by the ASC, the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and the Alabama Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are $7-$25 at the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and Alys Stephens Center box offices, call 5-2787. Jemison Concert Hall.

Blazer sports

JAN. 12: Men’s Basketball vs Charlotte; Bartow Arena, 7:30 pm

COMING EVENTS

JAN. 19

Brachial plexus anatomy and blocks

Prof Nabil M.K. Ali
(Anesthesiology)
Anesthesiology GRs

JAN. 19

Ken Waldman
Known as Alaska’s “fiddling poet” since 1994, produces poems, stories and fiddle tunes that combine into a performance that is uniquely his own. Free, open to the public. Call 4-4250 for more details.

UAB Writers’ Series

JAN. 20

Ask the nurse:
The side-effects of chemotherapy and radiation

Clinical Nurse Specialist Shannon Graham (Medical Nursing). Patients and families welcome. Direct questions to Marilyn, 996-2592, or Lydia, 4-5772.

Comprehensive Cancer Center

JAN. 22

Regina Carter
Detroit native Regina Carter has broken musical barriers to become jazz’s preeminent violinist. Tickets are $26-$46. Call 5-2787 or visit [www.AlysStephens.org]. Alys Stephens Center

JAN. 24

Anatomy and complications: Spinal and epidural interventions

Professor Nabil M.K. Ali
(Anesthesiology)
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St-Onge named 2004 Future Leader

Assistant Professor Marie-Pierre St-Onge (Nutrition Sciences) has received the 2004 Future Leader Award from the North American branch of the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI N.A.). The award provides St-Onge with funding for research into the effects of medium-chain triglyceride (MCT) oil on weight loss.

Previous work by St-Onge and others has shown that medium-chain triglycerides increase energy expenditure and lead to changes in body composition when consumed as part of a controlled, weight maintenance diet.

"MCT oil has been suggested for use as a weight-loss aid, but no research has so far examined its effects in a weight-loss program," said St-Onge. "This award will fund a study to look at whether MCT oil should be promoted as part of a healthy weight-loss plan and considered as functional food for weight management and the prevention of obesity."

St-Onge is the third member of UAB’s faculty to receive this award, joining earlier recipients Associate Professor Timothy R. Nagy (Nutrition Sciences) and Professor David B. Allison (Public Health).

ILSI N.A. is a nonprofit scientific research and educational foundation headquartered in Washington, D.C. that identifies and evaluates food, nutrition and related food safety issues that are of importance to academic, government and industry scientists. The institute contributes to the scientific resolution of these issues for the benefit of the general public.

Windle joins committee

UAB psychologist Michael Windle has joined the steering committee of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism’s Initiative on Underage Drinking.

The steering committee comprises leaders with broad and varied expertise in child and adolescent development, neuroscience, genetics, prevention research, public policy, communications, alcohol research and other fields.

Windle is a professor in the UAB Department of Psychology, and he directs the university’s Center for the Advancement of Youth Health. His research focuses on the correlates and predictors of substance abuse, psychiatric dysfunction and violence among children and teens and the consequences of these conditions for subsequent life adjustments in young adulthood.

Senate requests officer nominations

Nominations for chair-elect and secretary of the Faculty Senate (all academic units) must be received in the Senate office by Jan. 31. Chair-elect nominees are expected to be within the academic affairs units. Faculty from all units on campus may be nominated for secretary.

Nominations for senator and alternate senator positions with academic units are due Feb. 23.

Nominations for elected representatives from academic units to the Faculty Policies and Procedures Committee (FPPC) are due Feb. 23.

Visit the Faculty Senate Web site to obtain duties and responsibilities for each position and to obtain a nomination form.

For additional information contact Pat Greenup, chair of Elections Committee [Greenup@uab.edu] or Stephanie Belcher [sbelcher@uab.edu] in the senate office.

Kelly Allison works in the spotlight everyday

BY LORI HERRING
Reporter Staff

Associate Professor Kelly Allison (Theatre) received his M.F.A. from the University of Minnesota in 1987 in scenography — a discipline that encompasses all three aspects of theatrical design: costume, scenery and lighting. Then he racked up considerable experience lighting for dance before he came to design lighting for the stage at UAB more than six years ago.

Both these experiences inform the style and expertise as a lighting designer that have landed Allison recognition from a Region IV Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF) committee. They’ve nominated Allison for a national design fellowship that includes attendance at a Kennedy Center workshop directed by those at the top of the craft.

Selections of Faculty Design Fellowship nominees are made by regional executive committees, based on nominations from colleagues and judges who have seen the designer’s work and recognize it as outstanding. They had a first-hand look at Allison’s work in January, when UAB hosted the 2004 Region IV KCACTF competition.

Allison was lauded by the committee during the festival for outstanding lighting design for the Theatre UAB production Metamorphoses, one of six full-length plays selected for competition by KCACTF judges.

The play wasn’t selected to go to the Kennedy Center, but it still got a positive response from the national selection committee,” Allison said. The committee also recognized the original music in the play (written by UAB graduate Adam Fox). But of all the plays that received recognition, Metamorphoses was the only one cited for excellence in lighting.

This is one factor that Allison believes may have contributed to the committee’s recognition of him. The other factor that might have put Allison in the spotlight was that one of his advisee students, Erin Thompson, won the 2004 Barbizon Medal for lighting design for the UAB Theatre production The Body of a Woman as a Battlefield in the Bosnian War.

To compete for the fellowship, Allison must put together a design display, featuring photographs of five to 10 productions for which he’s designed the lighting. The judges then look at the pictures for evidence that the lighting enhances and supports the pictured moment in the play. Judges will also look at Allison’s style.

Allison describes his style as “theatrical” and attributes it to the work he’s done for dance.

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Allison is competing against seven other lighting designers nationwide for the fellowship. Only one lighting designer, one scenery designer and one costume designer will be chosen to attend a series of master classes to be offered at the Kennedy Center workshop; but it also is possible to apply for an unpaid slot in the workshop, and Allison said he intends to do so if not chosen.

Allison expects to know whether he’s received the fellowship by early spring.

Obituaryes

Retired Receptionist Doris J. Naler (Spain Administration), Nov. 17.
Retired Professor Malcolm Turner Jr (Biostatistics/Biomath), Nov. 24.
Retired Carpenter Shop Group Leader Gordon Bell (Maintenance), Nov. 27.
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Men and women ages 55-65 are needed for a study on weight loss and health habits. AIM Project, a short-term UAB/AVA study designed to evaluate changes in muscle across the age span. Volunteers receive $20 per full participation and $5 for evaluations of body fat, bone density, muscle mass, exercise capacity and blood cholesterol and cholesterol levels. Enrollment period is 4-6 visits that last 1-2 hours. Call 1-800-996-MOMS or visit [www.physiology.uab.edu/aim.htm].


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