**Town hall meeting set**

A town hall meeting for faculty, staff and students on UAB’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is scheduled 3:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in the Hill University Center Alumni Auditorium.

Associate Professor Marilyn Kurata will outline changes to the undergraduate curriculum, as recommended by the QEP Committee, to enhance undergraduates’ skills in writing and quantitative literacy and develop their ethics and civic responsibility.

Kurata has taken temporary leave of her duties as English department chair to head the committee charged with developing the QEP that will help fulfill the re-accreditation requirements of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

The SACS on-site review committee will visit UAB March 22-24 to evaluate the extent to which the institution “has provided evidence that it is committed to a course of action that addresses a topic or issue to improve the quality of student learning,” according to SACS materials.

“I am very excited by the good work of Dr. Kurata and the committee, and I am looking forward to having the entire university community hear details of the plan,” said UAB President Carol Garrison. “This is an ambitious undertaking to redesign our curriculum and to make undergraduate education more exciting, cohesive and an even better preparation for our students’ lives and careers.”

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**Heart disease, cancer: Nobody wants to be No. 1**

The national media reported that recent statistics released by the American Cancer Society revealed that for the first time national mortality rates from cancer had surpassed those from heart disease for Americans under age 85, though death rates from both diseases are dropping.

Death rates from heart disease and cancer are dropping, said Director Robert Bourge (Cardiovascular Disease) and acting Director Peter Emanuel (Comprehensive Cancer Center). But it’s easy to misunderstand that report to read that cancer deaths have eclipsed deaths from total cardiovascular disease, which is not the case, they said.

“Diseases of the heart represent about three-fourths of what – in the American Heart Association – we call total cardiovascular disease,” Bourge said.

Here’s how he breaks it down. Heart disease still kills more people of all ages than all types of cancer combined. Total cardiovascular disease – which encompasses not only heart disease but also stroke and other vascular disease – is still the number one, non-accidental killer of Americans, with more deaths than the next 10 causes combined, Bourge said.

“One can look at sub-sections of the data by diagnosis or by age and show rates higher for one disease type in a particular age range,” Bourge said.

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**Election not a panacea for Iraqi national strife**

“Neither the American Heart Association nor the American Cancer Society wants the diseases we work to prevent or cure to be number one in deaths,” he said.

The good news – that rates of both heart disease and cancer are in decline – holds true nationally and statewide as well.

“We have seen a decrease in cancer death rates in Alabama,” Emanuel said.

The cancer death-rate decline is the result of a combination of factors, Emanuel said. One is that fewer people smoke, therefore the death rate for lung cancer – at least in men – is definitely dropping. “The death rate for cancer in women hasn’t started to drop yet, but it has started to plateau,” he said.

“The second big reason is that we have earlier detection and some prevention measures,” he continued. Also, there has been some drop in cancer death rates due to better treatment.

Alabama normally follows national trends when it comes to cancer incidents, Emanuel said; actually, Alabama comes in below the national rate for most cancers – with the exception of male smokers.

As far as total cardiovascular disease – and heart disease as its own category – is concerned, Alabama death rates are declining as well. “Unfortunately, we’re still 49th,” Bourge said. “But the percent change in death rates from 1991 to 2001 has decreased by 14.2 percent.”

This is a result of improved prevention, including the use of statin medications to lower cholesterol, smoking-cessation efforts and earlier detection and treatment methods for heart attacks, Bourge said.
Be more specific
Promises. Promises.
Most of the people who swore temporary oaths to
themselves last week to go on a diet, stop smoking or to
pay closer attention to what’s going on in the world have
already abandoned those vows.
They’ll still be good for next year.
While the best way to avoid the annual empty promises
is simply not to make them (what’s wrong with putting
down the smokes and the greasy food on a plain old
Wednesday?), if you’re going to go through the motions
of this contrived ceremony you may as well do it right.
“These are new behaviors, not learned habits,” said
Associate Professor Joshua Klapow (Psychology). “And
because of that, people tend to slip back to old behavior
patterns.”
Inventing new habits, or sloughing off old ones can be
tough.
Klapow suggests that best way to make a resolution
stick is not with sheer resolve, but with sensible, gradual
change.
“To say that you are going to exercise doesn’t tell you
which exercise to do, for how long or how frequently,”
he said.
Be specific in your goals, instead of just wandering
aimlessly around inside vague terms like diet or exercise.
—Western Star
Jan. 1
Spread the word, not flu
Beat the Flu, a community health campaign of the UAB
School of Public Health, is spreading the word about flu
prevention. The school has created a Web page of infor-
mation [www.soph.uab.edu] and resource links about the
flu and is producing and distributing yard signs featuring
the Web address.
“A simple idea, but potentially very effective,” said
Dean Max Michael (School of Public Health).
The yard signs are being made available in small
quantities free of charge to local communities while sup-
plies last.
The project is an outreach effort of Congregations for
Public Health, a faith-based initiative in the Birmingham
area led by the school to help meet the health, education
and economic needs of parishioners and other residents.
—Moundville (Ala.) Times
Dec. 15, 2004

Out of the Cold
Java City in the Hill University Center provided a place for respite and hot drinks this past week as
the cold, windy, rainy days signaled the arrival of the real Alabama winter.

Changes in parking set
Effective immediately, all new employees will be asked to go to Parking and Transportation Services, 608 S. 8th Street, to register for parking.
New employees will no longer be able to register during New Employee Orientation.

Tsunami funds to be released soon
The proceeds from the South Asia Tsunami Relief Fund (SATRF) fund-raising drive have reached $21,000, and the student-sponsored group is preparing to disburse the money, pending word from corporate donors regarding a fund-match.
The SATRF was created to collect donations for charitable agencies at work in the disaster-torn region.
UAB student groups held a fund-raising luncheon to benefit organizations aiding tsunami relief efforts in South Asia and set up an account at AmSouth Bank, under the auspices of the Indian Cultural Association, to receive non-tax exempt donations.
Seven organizations were selected to receive a percentage of the funds to use in the recovery efforts in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Thailand and Somalia. CARE, Americas and Red Cross each will receive 20 percent; 10 percent will be awarded to International Medical Corps, Mercy Corps, Save the Children and BAPS Care International.

Treat a sweetie to spice
The UAB Division of Clinical Nutrition and Dietetics is selling Blaze’s Blends, spice rubs for meat, seafood, poultry, vegetables and other foods just in time for Valentine’s Day. The proceeds will benefit student scholarships and dietetic internship stipends in the division of clinical nutrition and dietetics in the department of nutrition sciences.
Four blends are currently offered: Blaze Barbecue Rub, Blaze Cajun Rub, Blaze Gourmet Steak Rub and Blaze Hickory Rub. Each bottle is 8 oz, and costs $7. The order form is available on the Web site [www.uab.edu/nutrition], select Academic Programs, or call 934-3223 to place an order.

Chamber ensemble to perform Feb. 25
The Alys Stephens Center and the Birmingham Music Club present the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Chamber Ensemble, 8 p.m. Feb. 25 in the Jemison Concert Hall. The prelude, a 30-minute discussion designed to enhance enjoyment of the evening’s program, is held in the intimate Reynolds-Kirschbaum Recital Hall.
The chamber ensemble, fronted by Kenneth Sillito, artistic director and leader, are heralded for illuminating live performances. Tickets are $26-$46. Available for those age 30 or younger is the 30 & Under Classical Pass for $15 with valid ID. Call 975-2787 or log on [www.AlysStephens.org].

Team UAB recruiting for kidney walk
Join TEAM UAB in support of the Alabama Kidney Foundation annual Walk April 16 to raise needed funds to continue the fight against kidney disease and kidney failure. Money raised is used to fund research for a cure and provide preventive health-education programs, organ-donor awareness, camps for patients and direct assistance to kidney patients in Jefferson and surrounding counties.
The walk will take place at the Samford University’s Seibert Stadium. Choose either a 5K walk or five laps around the track. Team UAB will host a kick-off luncheon noon March 8 in the Kaul Conference Room for those who would like to participate as a walker or a TEAM UAB co-captain. Contact Katrina Fowler, Team UAB/AKF Captain, 975-7583, or e-mail [ka2681@uab.edu] for more detailed information regarding the walk.

Correction & Amplification
In the Page 1 picture accompanying the story, Campus is a microcosm of nation’s cultures, Qin Zhang was incorrectly identified as Qin Casey. We regret the error.
The UAB Reporter will correct any factual error or clarify any misleading statement which appears in the publication. Please notify the editor promptly. Call 5-5533, e-mail [lfg@uab.edu].
Alumni Affairs, 934-3555. The schedule for finance, education and more. The lecture series Feb. 7-10 in the Hill University Center. The UAB National Alumni Society will present the Black History Month lecture series set for three nights. The Whirling Dervishes of Rumi will perform their traditional Mevlevi Sufi ritual, which includes moving in counter-clockwise circles, one of the tools used by Sufis (Islamic mystics) to come closer to God. The captivating dance of the whirling dervishes, which displays infinite spinning in perfect harmony, is part of Turkish custom, history and culture.

A Sufi music concert will precede the performance. All of the professional musicians and performers for the event are travelers from Turkey and have volunteered their time to perform, said Omur Sen, president of UAB’s Turkish Student Association (TSA).

The Mevlevi Order was established on the teachings of Mevlana Jalaluddin Rumi in the late 13th century. The spiritual poetry of Rumi has been enormously popular in the United States. To learn more, log on [www.ruminights.com].

Tickets are $15, $25 and $35; student tickets are $10 with valid ID. Call 975-2787 or log on [www.AlysStephens.org].

Black History Month lecture series set

The Black Alumni Chapter of the UAB National Alumni Society will present its first Black History Month Lecture Series Feb. 7-10 in the Hill University Center Alumni Auditorium.

Topics include business, personal finance, education and more. For more details, contact the UAB Office of Alumni Affairs, 934-3555. The schedule is as follows:

10 a.m. Feb. 7 – Intergenerational Perspectives on African-American Education: Voices From Birmingham Educators Born Pre- and Post-Civil Rights, Assistant Professor Tondra Loder (Education);
1 p.m. Feb. 7 – Staying on Course: How Your Credit Report Can Affect Your Quality of Life, State Rep. Oliver L. Robinson Jr., president of Robinson & Robinson Communications LLC;
9 a.m. Feb. 8 – Small Business Entrepreneurship, entrepreneur Trudy M. Phillips, executive director of the Central Alabama Women’s Business Center;
1 p.m. Feb. 8 – Sixteen Years of UAB’s Minority Scholars Program, Director Cynthia Scott (Minority Recruitment Retention);
1 p.m. Feb. 9 – Employment Etiquette, employment specialist Elizabeth Cooper;
10 a.m. Feb. 10 – Entrepreneurship and Strategic Management Practices for Minorities, Associate Professor Vicki Cox Edmondson (Business); and
1 p.m. Feb. 10 – How to Influence Who Knows You and Spotlight What You Know, Gaynelle Adams Jackson, co-owner of Advanced Planning Services.

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2005 Pilot Grants from the NCI-sponsored Center for Nutrient-Gene Interaction in Cancer Prevention

The UAB Center for Nutrient-Gene Interaction (CNGI) in Cancer Prevention invites junior and interested senior faculty to apply to its 2005 Pilot Project Program. The focus of the center is on the actions of the diet or diet components on gene and protein expression in the breast and prostate as this relates to cancer prevention. The center encourages proposals on:

- the use of existing knock-out, knock-in and transgenic models of cancer as well as non-mammalian models;
- epidemiological studies using analysis of specimens previously collected that are relevant to CNGI’s interests;
- projects that will use specimens collected in the GRLS project;
- new methodologic studies for clinical specimens;
- development of advanced experimental design, in the use of high dimensional analytical procedures (DNA microarrays, proteomics, etc.); and
- improved statistical analysis of experimental data.

Since CNGI is a NIH Roadmap initiative, it also creates a demand for large-scale computation to carry out statistical analysis of systems containing a very high number of parameters, for effective Web-based data storage and database analysis and for visual presentation of CNGI-derived data. Meritorious projects in these areas will also be considered.

Faculty considering submitting pilot/feasibility proposals are particularly encouraged to discuss their research ideas with the leaders of CNGI: Stephen Barnes, 934-7117; Clint Grubbs, 934-6384; Coral Lamartiniere, 934-7139; Pam Harn-Ross, 510-429-2514; David Allison, 975-9169.

Deadline for proposals: 4 p.m. March 11. Proposals should be delivered or sent by e-mail to Rose Johnson, 4-6766 or [Rose.Johnson@ccc.uab.edu] in room 454 in the McCallum Research Building. A full list of the application guidelines are posted on the CNGI Web site [www.uab.edu/cngi/] or also may be obtained from Rose Johnson. There is a five-page limit for Specific Aims, Rationale, Preliminary data, and Experimental Plan.

It is expected that four-five awards in the range from $25,000-$40,000 will be made by mid April.
Experts doubt a unified Iraq will materialize soon

Continued from page 1
	ratic. So in the absence of knowing for sure, given the context, it probably wasn't free or democratic.”

Notwithstanding, the election did take place. Yes, people may have been coerced by religious, social or other forces to vote a certain way. Yes, the majority of the Sunnis didn't show up. But, prior to America's recent presidential election, Yordán pointed out, we didn't exactly have a stellar attendance record at the polls either. Nonetheless, under threat of violence, the Iraqis voted.

“ar the problem, is even after the election, democracy – if it is indeed attainable – is still a long way off,” Yordán and Yordán agree.

“I do think Iraq could be a democracy in the future, but I don’t think our expectations should be that high,” Yordán said.

To expect that Iraqis are going to get together, negotiate something and continue with life as normal is disregarding our own experience as a nation.

“We’re so impatient,” he continued. “But our own history has not always been one of unity.”

Indeed, the history of our nation is full of violence, repression, struggle and triumph, but Zahariadis cautions against using the lens of our experience as a way to help shape the future of Iraq.

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For example, America wants a strong Iraq that is democratic but secular. A problem may arise if the Iraqis disagree.

“At any rate, the chances are good that we’ll start to see American troops withdraw from Iraq, both experts agree, but full withdrawal probably won’t be any time soon. And when it does happen, Zahariadis fears the territorial collapse of the country.

“I’m thinking of the Kurds in the North,” he said.

“Because the area has oil, there could be problems. I’m thinking of the Shiites down South, who also have oil, who at some point may argue that it’s too much of a problem to deal with the Kurds and the Sunnis. And then there’s the Sunnis, who will be stuck in the middle with a nonviable land, grieved and eager for retribution.”

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BY Joy Carter

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### Syllabus

**MONDAY, FEB. 7**

11 am Comprehensive Cancer Center. Proteomics and cancer research: Opportunities and challenges, Director Stephen Barnes (Mass Spectrometry Shared Facility) and Director Helen Kim (2D Proteomics); WP-E.

11:45 am GI/Hepatology GRs. GERD and laryngitis: Real or hoax? Dr Michael Vaedi (Assoc Prof, Gastroenterology & Hepatology, Center for Swallowing and Esophageal Disorders, Cleveland Clinic Foundation); Finley Conf Ctr.

**Noon Monday Noon Conference.** HTN, Director Suzanne Oparil (Hypertension); WP-E.

1 pm Neurobiology. The double life of short stop in axonogenesis: Cytoskeletal crosslinker and calcium sensitive translational control switch, Dr Peter A. Kolodziej (faculty candidate, Asst Prof, Cell & Developmental Biology, Vanderbilt University Medical Center); Sparks Ctr 546.

4:30 pm Anesthesiology GRs. Pharmacological manipulation of bronchomotor tone, Prof James R. Boyce (Anesthesiology); JT-906.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 8**

9 am Geographic Medicine GRs. Analyses of CpG methylation during HIV-1 infection, Postdoc Lin Zhou (Medicine); BBRB-206.

11 am Laboratory Medicine. Osteopontin as a biomarker for ovarian carcinoma, Jeremy W. Henderson (Housestaff); WP-D.

**Noon CNRC/Nutrition Sciences Noon Seminar.** Characterization of the seven major polyphenols in the trypanosoma brucei mitochondrial RNA editing complex, Dr Sean O’Hearn (Johns Hopkins University); LRC-114.

**Noon UAB Injury Control Research Center.** Constraint-induced therapy to improve arm use after traumatic brain injury, Chair Sharon Shaw (SRHP); WP-Bd Rm.

**Opening the black box of hospice decision-making**

Dr David Casarett (Center for Health Equity Research at Philadelphia VAMC, University of Pennsylvania) and Dr Renny Franceschi (Prof, Department of Anesthesiology & Critical Care Medicine, University of Michigan); BBRB-170.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 11**

Noon Friday Noon Conference. Risk management: Tips for residency, Director Linda Mittleman (Risk Management); WP-E.

**Noon Vascular Biology/Hypertension Program.** Early disease detection: The role of arterial stiffness. Is it a better mousetrap? Prof Stephen Glasser (Preventive Medicine); BBRB-170.

**Noon UAB Center for Aging/GRECC Scientific Seminar.** Depression among chronically ill older adults: The roles of pain and disability, Dr Patricia Parmelee (Geriatric Medicine & Gerontology, Emory University); VA-948.

**Noon Hematology/Oncology GRs.** New developments in breast cancer, Prof John T. Carpenter (Medicine); WP-Bd Rm.

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### Final Defenses

**TUESDAY, FEB. 8**

11 am International Health. The relationship between hyperfertility (Parity≥15) and fetal outcomes among singleton births, Candidate Muktar Aliyu; WP-D.

11:30 am Postdoctoral Education Workshop. Effective presentations, Prof Robert Ruhete (Medicine); WP-D.

12:15 pm Lister Hill Center for Health Policy Seminar Series. What explains variations in health plan quality? Asst Prof Shailender Swaminathan (Medicine); WP-D.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 10**

8 am Rheumatology GRs. The autoimmune inflammatory disorders, Dr Hal Hoffman (La Jolla, Calif.); WP-D.

11:30 am Postdoctoral Education Workshop. Effective presentations, Assoc Dean Victor Darley-Usmar (Postdoctoral Education); WP-D.

**Noon Advances in Molecular & Cellular Pathology Noon Seminar Series.** Transcriptional regulation of osteoblast differentiation and applications for bone regeneration, Dr Renny Franceschi (Prof, Periodontics, Prevention, Geriatrics, University of Michigan School of Dentistry); WP-E.

**Noon Pulmonary GRs/Critical Care Medicine.** Validation of a school-based asthma case detection procedure, Asst Prof Lyn Gerald (Medicine); WP-E.

**Noon Geriatric Noon Conference/Center for Palliative Care.** Opening the black box of hospice decision-making, Dr David Casarett (Center for Health Equity Research at Philadelphia VAMC, University of Pennsylvania); WP-Bd Rm.

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### Meetings

**TUESDAY, FEB. 8**

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/awowens@uab.edu.

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### New Employee Orientation

Monday, Feb. 14

8 am-5 pm

Medical Towers-419

I.D. Photographs at Police Department, (1117 S. 14th St.)

Tues. - Fri. 8:30-4:30 pm


**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9**  
Noon Employee-led Bible study; Interfaith Chapel-West Pavilion.  
12:15 pm Latter-day Saints Student Association. Scripture study and discussion; HUC-413. All welcome. For more info, Andrew 822-9338.  
7 pm Catholic mass; St Stephen Church, 1515 S 12th Ave. 933-2500.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 12**  
4:30 pm Catholic mass; Interfaith Chapel-West Pavilion.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 13**  
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, 1501 S 15th Ave #17, Birmingham. For more info, call 933-8641 or [hsc@uab.edu].

**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. Front Gallery: Peter Halley/Rear Gallery: Recent Acquisitions. VAG presents several works on paper by Peter Halley (Prol, Painting, Yale) that are being considered for the university’s permanent collection, as part of Halley’s upcoming visit to UAB in February for the Visiting Artist’s Project. In the rear gallery, an exhibition of works acquired by the gallery since 1999 includes William Hogarth, Roberto Huezco and Sir Anthony Caro. 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.  
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**Special events**  
**SATURDAY, FEB. 12**  
10 & 11:30 am ASC Kids’ Club. African music and dance with Atu. Renowned local performer Harold “Atu” Murray illustrates how the African arts contribute to cultures throughout the world in this interactive presentation utilizing African songs, proverbs and instruments. Tickets are $7. Call 5-2787 or log on to [www.AlysStephens.org].  
3 pm Music. UAB Honor Choir Concert, featuring junior-high and senior high-school mixed choirs; Lynn Gackle and Chair Jeff W. Reynolds (Music) conducting. Jemison Concert Hall. Free. 5-2787.  
8 pm Alys Stephens Center. Al Franken. Harvard-educated political humorist and five-time Emmy Award winner Franken will treat the audience to a night of hilarious political satire with his deliciously quirky manner. Tickets are $31-$51. Jemison Concert Hall. Call 5-2787 or log on to [www.AlysStephens.org].

**SUNDAY, FEB. 13**  
3 pm Alys Stephens Center. Pianist André Watts. After a three-and-a-half star review for his unforgettable 1997 appearance at the Alys Stephens Center, Watts is back in Birmingham by popular demand. On the program are selections by Haydn, Mozart, Schubert, Debussy, Ligeti and Liszt. Jemison Concert Hall. Tickets are $31-$61. Call 5-2787 or log on to [www.AlysStephens.org].

**Blazer sports**  
FEB. 5: Women’s Basketball vs ECU; Bartow Arena, 7 pm

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**COMING EVENTS**

**FEB. 14**  
Curbelo and Gutierrez: Pioneers of epidural anesthesia  
Dr J. Antonio Aldrete  
(Arachnoiditis Foundation)  
Anesthesiology GRs

**FEB. 15**  
Cognitive aging and HIV: Results of a pilot study  
NIA Postdoctoral Fellow David E. Vance (Psychology)  
Center for Nursing Research

**FEB. 16**  
Issues in Hispanic health care: A panel presentation  
UAB Pediatric Pulmonary Center

**FEB. 22**  
Postdoctoral Research Day 2005  
Awards ceremony to follow  
Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation/UAB Gene Therapy Center/UAB Center for Free Radical Biology

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Center for Nursing Research
Booyse wins Silver Tray award

Professor Francois Booyse (Medicine) has been awarded the 2004–2005 Silver Wine Productivity Tray by the Vinifera Wine Growers Association (VWGA). This annual award honors individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution to the growth and viability of the American wine industry. In addition to the award, the VWGA also contributed a $1,000 grant to the UAB Center for Wine and Cardiovascular Health.

Booyse was instrumental in setting up the center, which he co-directs. The center was awarded a $7.6 million, 5-year grant awarded in 2003 by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute to research the heart-protective benefits of moderate wine consumption.

March 3 is Higher Ed Day

March 3 is Higher Education Day in Montgomery. Students, faculty, staff and alumni from across the state are invited to participate in a rally on the State House steps and meet with legislators afterward to discuss their concerns for higher education.

A free barbecue lunch will be provided by the Higher Education Partnership.

The Alabama Jobs 2005 Fair and Workshop follows at 2 p.m. in RSA Activities Center on Dexter Ave.

Free bus transportation is provided, and a complimentary breakfast will be provided by the UAB National Alumni Society for those who ride the bus. For transportation details, call Martha Fisher, 934-9354.

UAB Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda

7:30-9:30 a.m. Feb. 8
HUC–Great Hall A & B

1. Call to Order
2. Recognition of Visitors – Sign Attendance Roster
3. Approval of Minutes – Jan. 11 Meeting
4. Chair Report – Chair Ted Benditt
5. President’s Report – President Carol Garrison
7. Presentation – QEP – Chair – Dr. Marilyn Kurata
8. Senate Standing Committees
   a. Curriculum & Research – Senator Jeff Engler
   b. Faculty Affairs – Senator Gary Sapp
   c. Governance & Operations – Senator Beverly Mulvihill
   d. Finance – Senator Warren Martin
   e. Faculty Policies and Procedures – Past-Chair Smith
      • Tenure Clock Stoppage Policy – Section 7.5
      • Grade Posting and Distribution Policy
9. New Business
   a. Faculty Senate Representatives to University-wide Committees
   b. Updating UAB.EDU – Usability Research – agenda – Pat Greenup
10. Open Forum
11. Announcements
   a. Next Senate Meeting – March 8 – HUC A&B
   b. Nominations for Chair-elect and Secretary
   c. Nominations for Senators and FPFC
   Representatives are due to the Senate office by Feb. 23
   d. Higher Education Day – March 3

Doctor Elliott keeps his music on the side

by Lori Herring
Reporter Staff

Professor Tim Elliott (Psychology) might not get any more gigs if anyone outside UAB gets hold of this article. It could ruin his street cred.

“One of my post-docs came up to me [after a show] and called me Dr. Elliott,” he said.

“People froze. I said, ‘Don’t you ever call me that again!’ It’s hard to tell if Elliott’s kidding or not. The Opp, Alabama native can be sarcastic, much like the sassy blues-rock he’s been writing since he was 16 years old.

“For years, my hobby’s been playing music,” he said. “I’ve always had a bar band.”

These days, his bar band is the Sandspurs, a local four-man, blues-rock group Elliott heads. He’s primary vocalist and plays lead guitar.

He also takes his music on the road every year, in a band called Reel Goode and da Fo’Phree (named after the Joni Mitchell song “Real Good For Free”), and while players may change, the destination remains the same: the Rehabilitation Psychology conference. Yes, members of Fo’Phree all are psychology PhDs; in fact, they’re members of the American Psychological Association (APA) and more often than not are fellows of the organization. Elliott also happens to be the editor of the journal Rehabilitation Psychology, published by the APA.

But the psychologist’s first love is music.

“Music has certainly been my passion throughout the years,” Elliott said. “When we get together, I know who’s here.”

Elliott has good stories. He’s played with the music of the ‘70s that the musicians’ lifestyle isn’t conducive to a stable family life, he opted for a career.

But he’s kept his music on the side throughout the years. In college, he was in a band called Rooster and the Second National Band. In graduate school and later, he played in Slash Gospel Grass. (Slash designating the wet pineleaf forest indigenous to the area in Virginia where he lived; grass designating the blue variety.) A band called Dr. Hope followed; since then he’s played in various bands around Birmingham; most recently, the Sandspurs. They play around town at places like Whiskey Tango, the 22nd Street Jazz Café and the Barking Kudu, where they recorded a live CD, available at Charlemagne Records.

While the CD features mainly original music, the Sandspurs also play cover tunes at their shows. Covers, of course, are the bread and butter for Fo’Phree, whose members live all over the place, with the local exceptions of Elliott and, this year, Professor Dan Marson (Neurology), who Elliott calls “one of the best harmonica players I’ve ever heard, and certainly one of the best I’ve ever played with.”

About six months before the conference, Elliott will burn the songs he wants the band to play onto discs, then send those and his arrangements of the songs to the band members. After that, they’re supposed to practice on their own before the conference. Once there, the band rehearses once or twice, then they perform.

“I run a pretty tight ship,” Elliott said in his best professor’s voice. “When we get together, I know who hasn’t practiced and who has.”

Though Reel Goode and da Fo’Phree is relatively young, Elliott has good stories. Ask him, for example, about playing next door to President Bush in Tucson (“We got pre-empted by the president,” is the way he might put it).

The stuff of everyday also happens to be the life of his lyrics. Just because he plays the blues doesn’t mean it’s all going to be about Stormy Monday — although he does know how to let The Good Times Roll.

“I write about things that happen in everyday life,” he said. “It’s my blessing and my curse. I didn’t grow up a sharecropper’s son in the Mississippi Delta. But I do know how to entertain.”
CLINICAL TRIALS


Does your child have ringworm? Your child may qualify for a UAB Department of Dermatology study. Participants may be eligible to receive investigational medication at no cost, study visits and monetary compensation. Wendy 5-9962.

Postmenopausal women ages 20-80 who are not pregnant and who are not currently taking or have not recently been taking osteoporosis-related medications are needed for a research study evaluating an investigational method to detect osteoporosis. This study involves no medications.

Do you experience vaginal discharge/odor? If so, you may qualify to participate in a research study of an investigational herpes vaccine. If you have been diagnosed with herpes, you may also qualify to participate in a herpes vaccine study.

Do you have metabolic syndrome? You may qualify to participate in a study investigating the effects of diet on weight, blood lipids and blood pressure. Compensation: Dr. Shattell 6652.

Do you have diabetes? Are you overweight too? People ages 55-75 needed for a long-term weight loss study funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. Screening via telephone and physical exam at no cost. Compensation: Wendy 5-6478.

Healthy women age 65 & older needed for study of dementia. Participants receive a brief medical exam and a series of tests. (2) participants will be randomly assigned to receive either a mild or no cognitive impairment treatment. The UAB Center for Nursing Research is seeking volunteers who are interested in participating in this study.

Healthy women age 20-60 with a diagnosis of fibromyalgia may qualify to participate in a study evaluating new treatments for this condition. Study-related medical evaluation and lab work at no cost. Compensation: Wendy 5-9876.

Healthy women, age 25-60, with no more than 16 years of education, who do not have any chronic or recurrent pain syndromes are needed for the study. Compensation: $150 for 2 sessions. Adriana 4-9614.

Healthy women, ages 18-65 who are overweight and have metabolic syndrome may qualify to participate in a study evaluating new treatments for this condition. Study-related medical evaluation and lab work at no cost. Compensation: Wendy 5-9876.

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White Kenmore kitchen appliances: 25 of side-by-side refrigerator, side-by-side freezer, over-the-range microwave, etc., $150. Call 621-4923.

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4-9460/586-3482. '00 Toyota Corolla VE

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Sport Package-loaded, 98,000 mi, white/blue, serviced regularly, exc, like-new condition, automatic.

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'94 round solid oak dining table w/2 12" extensions & 6 chairs, garage kept, $500.

'93 Cadillac Seville, 4-dr, 4.9 liter engine, keyless entry, well maintained, white, $5,500.

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Tuxedo-style sofa, brown/camel fabric, large size, exc, cond, very quiet street in Heritage Hills Estates, $22,000/ea.

'99 Sunnybrook 26' travel trailer

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1 pair tickets to see Alabama Symphony Orchestra's April 9 performance, very good center seats, $75.00.

490-2159. Tuscaloosa County School System: invites applications for full-time early childhood special education teacher positions. To schedule an appointment with a physician (4-2640/586-3482).

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Tuxedo-style sofa, dark red, good condition. $75. 222-0384.

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Miscellaneous

Troy Bilt chipper/shredder, $180. Power Wizard ditch, $300 (2) push mowers, $50. Also do repair work. 563-0739.

For Rent

Southside—close to UAB & 5 Points South, the closest you ever find, 1 & 2 BR apts, W&D, down, refrigerator, CH&A. $450-$550/mo. No pets, no water or water heater. 998-4424/cell.


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She also builds Web pages and participates in strategic planning to create Web sites like [Antarctica.uab.edu], which has been selected as the Award of Excellence winner for Overall Website Design & Implementation by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District III.