Dean Rachel Booth said she will retire as dean of the UAB School of Nursing Sept. 1 after almost 18 years on the job.

Booth has received many honors and awards during her career as a nursing educator, researcher and administrator. These include designation as distinguished practitioner by the National Academy of Nursing Practice; receipt of an honorary doctoral degree, presented to her in 1999 by King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand; induction into the Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame and being named a Health Care Hero of Birmingham by Birmingham Business Journal.

She was the first foreigner to receive an honorary doctoral degree in nursing in Thailand’s history. “Rachel Booth has served UAB and her profession with great distinction during some of nursing education’s most trying years, dominated by a nationwide nursing shortage and many challenges in U.S. health care, generally,” said UAB President Carol Garrison.

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“She has strengthened the UAB School of Nursing on every possible front and will leave it as dean of what is now, thanks in large part to her leadership, one of the top nursing schools in America.”

Booth is a native of Seneca, S.C., and started working

The doctor will see you [on line] now

Implantable monitor reduces heart-failure rates, improves care

BY TRACY BISCHOFF
Media Relations

Recurrence of heart failure was reduced by 33 percent among patients in a study testing an implantable heart monitor that transmits data to physicians via the Internet.

The Chronicle implantable hemodynamic monitoring device continuously tracks intracardiac pressure, body temperature, physical activity and heart rate in patients with systolic and diastolic heart failure. It is part of a comprehensive patient-management system developed by Medtronic Inc. to enable doctors to capture real-time data on physiological conditions of the heart and, appropriately, make treatment changes.

“Currently, physicians have no reliable, efficient way to measure this information, which presents a significant challenge in managing patients with heart failure and the detrimental cardiovascular effects of chronic fluid overload,” Director Robert Bourge (Cardiovascular Disease) said. “We now are aware that with regular access to continuously measured, precise patient data, physicians can make real-time changes to medications, diet and fluid balance—often before patients even feel worsening heart failure symptoms—to reduce the need for hospitalization. This is an exciting technology that I expect one day will change the long-term management of heart failure for many patients.”

More than 5 million Americans suffer from heart failure, and 550,000 new cases are diagnosed annually. Every year more than 1 million hospitalizations occur due to acute heart-failure exacerbation.

What if you can no longer do your job?

EDITORS NOTE: This is the last in a series of stories that detail some of the career services available for UAB employees.

MARCH 21: TRANSFERRING WITHIN UAB
MARCH 14: RELOCATING SPOUSES AND PARTNERS
MARCH 7: FINDING JOBS FOR DISPLACED WORKERS

BY LORI HERRING
Reporter Staff

Until three months ago, Quality Improvement Coordinator Regina Stewart (Quality Resources) had only had one job interview since graduation. It was 22 years prior, when she came to work at UAB as a floor nurse. But after she fell during an exercise class and injured her wrist, she no longer could do her job. Stewart’s husband is retired on medical disability, so as the sole breadwinner in her family, she had to find a job she could do.

Stewart’s head nurse told her about a program here at UAB called Retaining A Valued Employee (RAVE). A partnership between UAB and the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services (ADRS), RAVE is a “one-stop-shop for people with disabilities,” said Disability Representative Richard Helling (HRM), who directs the program. UAB and ADRS share the cost of the program.

Through RAVE, disabled employees may receive the assistance they need. While RAVE’s first objective is to find a way to keep employees in their current positions—and to keep them productive and well—sometimes that turns out
Paperless records

President Bush has called for the medical industry to implement electronic medical records for the majority of Americans within 10 years. “This is the first time there has been such a high-level endorsement of a concept that can improve patient safety, potentially save money and dramatically change the way health care is carried out,” said Prof Eta Berner (Health Administration), secretary of the board of directors of the American Medical Informatics Association.

Berner said the main challenges to overcome involve addressing financial incentives for adoption of these systems, developing the needed human resources to manage such systems and adjusting to the changes that will affect physicians and patients.

—Alabama Messenger
Feb. 26

Artifacts for archives

Wooden boxes filled with the personal papers and memorabilia of Alabama Gov. George C. Wallace are sitting in an Atlanta warehouse as efforts to memorialize him have gone nowhere since his death in 1998.

Funds have not materialized to create a museum or research center for the one-time segregationist icon who made four bids for president, carrying five states in 1968, and was shot by a would-be assassin in 1972.

The University of Alabama and other educational institutions talked about starting Wallace collections in their libraries, but they never developed.

Now the boxes just sit, awaiting a home.

UAB Instructor Margaret Armbrester and Associate Professor Sam Webb (History), co-editors of the book Alabama Governors, said the unsettled nature of the Wallace artifacts is not the result of people’s views of him, but rather the size of the collection and the cost of processing it.

They both said the state archives should be the home for the material.

“What we want is to see it archived and see it organized so historians can get at it,” Armbrester said.

—Huntsville Times
Feb. 13

TASTE OF TALENT

Students in the Asian-American Organization perform at the 4th annual Taste of Asia March 19. This year's event was dedicated to the victims and survivors of the tsunami that struck Southeast Asia this past December.

UAB to host Education Career Fair April 5

UAB Career Services and the UAB School of Education will present the 2005 Education Career Fair, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. April 5 in Bartow Arena.

Representatives from school systems across the Southeast, Texas and California will conduct interviews and discuss potential employment opportunities. Candidates should bring resumes. Business attire is suggested. Candidates from other universities, as well as UAB, are welcome. For an up-to-date list of participating school systems, go to [www.careerservices.uab.edu].

School systems can still register online for the event. To register, go to [www.careerservices.uab.edu] and click on Education Career Fair Employer On line Registration. The deadline to register is March 29.

The UAB School of Education offers degrees in early childhood education, elementary and secondary education, health education, physical education and special education.

Violinist to perform

Violinist Ju-Young Baek will perform 7 p.m. April 10 in the Alys Stephens Center. Tickets are $29.

On the program for her performance is Chaconne for violin and piano in G minor by T. A. Vitali; Fantasy in C Major for violin and piano, D. 934 by F. Schubert; Variations on a theme of Nel cor più non mi sento by N. Pagannini; Vocalise by S. Rachmaninoff; and Carmen Fantasy by P. Sarasate.

Call 975-2787 or log on [www.AlysStephens.org].

Learn Spanish at UAB summer camp

Registration is open for the UAB Spanish Summer Camp sponsored by the UAB Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures to be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 6-10 at the Marshall Conference Center, 802 S. 11th St.

Spanish Summer Camp is a week-long day camp for children, ages 8-13, that teaches the Spanish language and Hispanic/Spanish cultures through fun, enriching and interactive activities. With an ever-increasing Spanish-speaking population, say organizers, it’s vital for children to learn Spanish to communicate with others and compete in the job market.

Children at the camp are taught in Spanish through methods that are innovative and interactive, and they are encouraged to use as much of what they learn in class as possible. The children also experience the Spanish language and culture through fun activities, which includes dance, drama, crafts, cooking and art.

The cost is $195. Scholarships are available. For more details, or to download the UAB Spanish Camp registration form, visit the Web site [www.uab.edu/foreignlang/spanish.html] or call 934-4652 or Lourdes Sánchez, 934-8281.

Collections closing

UAB Historical Collections (Reynolds Library, UAB Archives & Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences) will be closed the week of April 4-8 to host the American Association for the History of Medicine meeting.

UAB 2005 Affirmative Action Plans available

The UAB 2005 Affirmative Action Plans can be reviewed in the office of Organizational Development 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

To review the plans, call 934-8988 to set up an appointment.
Assistant Professor Joe March (Chemistry) will become chair-elect and Associate Professor Pat Greenup (Clinical Lab Services) will remain secretary of the UAB Faculty Senate for the 2005-06 term in elections that ended March 17. These elections were held to select a new chair-elect and secretary of the senate plus academic unit representatives and their alternates for the period June 1-May 31, 2006.

Chair-elect Peter Anderson will replace outgoing Chair Ted Benditt in the new term.

Elected senators for the next academic year are Assistant Professor Bob Kesterson (Joint Health Sciences), Assistant Professor Alison Chapman (Arts & Humanities), Professor Theodore Bos (Business), Assistant Professor Yung-Tsung Hsu (Dentistry), Assistant Professor Tondra Loder (Education), Associate Professor Heng Ban (Engineering), Associate Professor Cecilia Graham (Health Related Professions), Associate Professor Louis Bridges (Medicine), Assistant Professor Mark Lockhart (Medicine), Senior Assistant Librarian Jonathan Harwell (Mervyn Sterne Library), Assistant Professor Pamela Autrey (Nursing), Professor John Clasie (Optometry), Assistant Professor Shannon Bailey (Public Health) and Professor William Cockerman (Social & Behavioral Sciences).

Alternates for the coming year are Assistant Professor Lucas Pozzo-Miller (Neurobiology), Professor Jean Bodon (Arts & Humanities), Associate Professor Joe Walker (Business), Assistant Professor Lillian Mitchell (Dentistry), Assistant Professor Kathleen Martin (Education), Professor Robert Peters (Engineering), Assistant Professor Jennifer Brascwell (Health Related Professions), Associate Professor Jeffrey Edberg (Medicine), Professor Christine Curcio (Medicine), Senior Assistant Librarian Jennifer Long (Mervyn Sterne Library), Assistant Professor Linda Reed (Nursing), Associate Professor Roderick Fullard (Optometry), Research Assistant Professor Kui Zhang (Public Health) and Professor Rex Wright (Social & Behavioral Sciences).

The names of the senator and alternate senator representing Natural Sciences & Mathematics were not available at press time.

Elected to the Faculty policies and Procedures Committee were Professor Carolyn Conley (Social Behavioral Sciences), Professor Om Srivastava (Optometry), Assistant Professor Mark Lockhart (Medicine) Professor Eduardo Neiva (Arts & Humanities) and Professor Kathleen Berneck (Joint Health Sciences).

Visit the Faculty Senate Web site [www.uab.edu/fsenate] for additional information.

Raisin in the Sun opens April 7

The UAB African-American Studies Program and the Carver Theatre for the Performing Arts are teaming up to present A Raisin in the Sun by playwright Lorraine Hansberry.

Performances will be held 7 p.m. April 7, 8 and 9 and April 14, 15 and 16 at the Carver Theatre, 1631 N. 4th Ave.

A Raisin in the Sun tells the story of an African-American family living on the south side of Chicago in the 1950s. UAB Associate Professor Adeniyi Coker will direct.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for students with I.D. and senior citizens. For tickets, call the Carver Theatre at 254-2731, Ext. 21.
SOM Class of 2005 focuses on primary care

The 2005 graduating class of the UAB School of Medicine will send more than half of its graduates into one of the primary-care specialties, according to numbers released at Match Day March 17.

Coordinated by the National Resident Matching Program, Match Day is the appointed time graduating seniors at medical schools nationwide find out where they will be doing their residency training and the field they will pursue. This year, more than 14,700 U.S. medical school seniors participated, the highest total in 20 years.

Fifty-three percent of 156 UAB graduates will conduct their residency training in a primary-care field: internal medicine, family practice, pediatrics or obstetrics/gynecology. "There is a great need for more primary-care physicians in this country, particularly in the rural South and inner cities," said Senior Associate Dean Kathy Nelson (Medicine).

Twenty-one percent of UAB's graduates will serve residencies in general surgery or a surgical subspecialty, with 25 percent in other medical specialties.

Seventy-two percent of the 2005 UAB graduates will do their residency training in the Southeast, down slightly from 76 percent last year; of those, 46 percent will remain in Alabama, up from 42 percent a year ago. Graduates will serve residencies in 65 hospitals or medical centers in 28 states and the District of Columbia.

"Young physicians tend to establish their permanent practices in the same state or region where they received postgraduate training," Dr. Nelson said. "More residents remaining in-state translates into better health care and better access to health care for all Alabamians."

R A V E helps keep employees productive, on the job

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not to be possible.

"I'm not sure that's the case, we look at their abilities and background and try to look at alternate positions," Helling said.

And so, Helling helped Stewart locate another job here at UAB. Since it had been some time since Stewart had last interviewed for a job, Helling gave her pointers. He showed her how to locate job listings on the computer. Additionally, a representative from ADRS talked with her to assess whether Stewart needed any special equipment. ADRS also helped Stewart make her co-payments on hand therapy for a couple of weeks until she had an income again.

"I didn't even know about RAVE. I didn't know there was such a thing," said Stewart, who loves her new job. While she could no longer continue working as a floor nurse with her wrist injury, 22 years of nursing experience made her a good fit in Quality Resources.

"We're often able to provide much more," Helling said. "Sometimes, what may be considered a disability problem or absenteeism might turn out to be more of a disability issue." Helling said. A disability could be anything from major, like blindness, to something less major, like carpal tunnel syndrome. It may also be something less obvious, like mental illness.

Employees who seek assistance from RAVE are screened by Helling to see if they fit under the guidelines set forth in the Americans With Disabilities Act; however, some employees who don't fall within the law's parameters still may qualify for disability assistance. "We're not limited to what we can provide," Helling said. "We're often able to provide much more."

A good example is Instructor Noreen Sheridan (Communications Studies). Because of a muscular disorder, she has problems with her hands, back and hips. RAVE, through its partnership with ADRS, is in the process of getting her a laptop and other tools, which will allow Sheridan to work even when she needs to be off her feet.

"They have made a tremendous difference in making my job a bit easier," Sheridan said. "I'm still rather amazed they were able to do everything."

"Every case is totally individualized," Helling said. "We try to come up with creative solutions. Supervisors also are involved in the problem-solving process, as potential solutions might involve loading new software on an employee's computer or modifying an employee's workplace, for example. "We want to address the department's needs as well," Helling said.

Eventually, the road runs both ways: Helling also helps recruit people with disabilities to UAB. Last year, RAVE helped more than 60 people being helped by ADRS find jobs at UAB.

Although RAVE helps disabled potential employees in the job-search and application process, no one is given preferential treatment in the hiring process.

Employees seeking RAVE's assistance may contact Helling, 975-9973.
VA research spotlighted

During National VA Research Week, the Birmingham VA Medical Center will host research presentations conducted by BVAMC researchers, beginning 9 a.m. March 31 in the ninth floor Auditorium. Introductory remarks will be followed by the Health Service Research Plenary Session of oral scientific presentations until 11 am. On April 1, poster presentations will be made 9:30-11 a.m., also in the Auditorium. The Basic Science Plenary Session will begin with the Center on Aging-GREECC noon conference, followed by oral presentations.

Youth violence seminar set

UAB Comprehensive Youth Violence Center presents Assessing the Effects of the ‘Dating Violence Prevention Program ‘Safe Dates’ Over Time by Vangie Foshee of University of North Carolina, 2 p.m. April 12 in UAB/University Hospital West Pavilion, Conference Room E. To register call 975-9477 or e-mail [brownd@uab.edu]. Space is limited.
Evoking treatment for IBS
Dr. Kevin W. Olden (Prof, Medicine & Psychiatry; Director, Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Clinic, University of South Alabama)
GI/Hepatology GRs
MARCH 28

Multiple sclerosis: Exploring the path from acute lesion to disability
Dr. Henry McFarland (Senior Scientist, Neuroimmunology, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke)
Neurology/Neurosurgery GRs/
MARCH 29, 30

HIV/STI prevention: Research, practice and policy
Dr. King Holmes (Prof, Medicine; Director, University of Washington Center for AIDS and STDs)
CFAR Dinner Lecture
MARCH 30

Bladder cancer
Fellow Scott McDonald (Medicine)
Hematology/Oncology GRs
APRIL 1

2005 Starlight Gala, featuring Natalie Cole
Alys Stephens Center
APRIL 2

Syllabus
MONDAY, MARCH 28
11:45 am GI/Hepatology GRs. Evolving treatment for IBS, Dr. Kevin W. Olden (Prof, Medicine & Psychiatry; Director, Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Clinic, University of South Alabama); Finley Conf Ctr.
Noon Monday Noon Conference. Physicians’ patterns of follow-up for positive ovarian cancer screening tests in the PLCO trial, Assoc Prof Mona Fouad (Preventive Medicine); WP-E.
Noon Hematology/Oncology Research Conference. Mechanisms of prostate tumor initiation: Insight from mouse models, Assoc Prof Sarki Abdulkadir (Pathology); WTI-214.
5 pm Anesthesiology GRs. The nature of medication errors, Instructor Truitt Ellis (Anesthesiology); JT-906.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29
11 am Laboratory Medicine. Citrobacter rodentium infection: A paradigm for dissecting mucosal and systemic responses that defend epithelial surfaces, Dr. Lynn Bry (Pathology, Harvard Medical School); WP-D.
Noon General Medicine Noon Conference. CPC, Asst Prof Stuart Cohen (Medicine); WP-E.
Noon Neurology/Neurosurgery GRs. Multiple sclerosis: Exploring the path from acute lesion to disability, Dr. Henry McFarland (Senior Scientist, Neuroimmunology, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke); WP-E.
Noon Microbiology. Regulation of CXCR4 signaling: Can we KiSS metastases goodbye, Dr. Stephen Peiper (Pathology, Medical College of Georgia); BBRB-170.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30
7 am Cardiology GRs. The changing paradigm of radionuclide myocardial perfusion imaging, Dr. Raymond Taillefer (Director, Department of Nuclear Medicine, Centre Hospitalier de l’Universite de Montreal); LHRR-302.
Noon Medical GRs. Nuances in the diagnosis of irritable bowel syndrome, Dr. Kevin Olden (Prof, Medicine & Psychiatry; Director, Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Clinic, University of South Alabama); LHRR-302.
3 pm Cell Biology. Pathogenesis of neurofibrinomatosis type 1, Chair Bruce Korf (Genetics); BBRB-170.
5 pm CFAR Dinner Lecture. HIV/STI prevention: Research, practice and policy, Dr. King Holmes (Prof, Medicine; Director, University of Washington Center for AIDS and STDs); BBRB-170. Seminar begins at 5:30 pm. Open to the public. For more info, call 4-2437.
5 pm UAB 2nd annual Whittaker Lecture in Neuroimmunology. Multiple sclerosis: Exploring the path from acute lesion to disability, Dr. Henry F. McFarland (Senior Scientist, Neuroimmunology, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, NIH); WP-E. The lecture is part in a series designed to honor the late Dr. John Whittaker, former chair of UAB’s Department of Neurology.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31
8 am Rheumatology GRs. Clinical conference; WP-D.
Noon Endocrine Conference. Diabetic eye disease in the primary eye-care practice, Dr. Jack Schaeffer (local optometrist); BDE-334.
Noon Advances in Molecular & Cellular Pathology Noon Seminar Series. Oxidative modification of cardiovascular protein function, Dr. Richard Cohen (Director, Vascular Biology Unit, Boston University School of Medicine); WP-E.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
Noon Friday Noon Conference. Sodium/water, Asst Prof Ashita Tolwani (Nephrology); WP-E.
Noon Hematology/Oncology GRs. Bladder cancer, Fellow Scott McDonald (Medicine); WP-Bd Rm.
Noon Vascular Biology/Hypertension Program. Molecular imaging approaches for vascular biology research, Co-director Kurt R. Zinn (Laboratory for Multimodality Imaging); BBRB-170.
Noon UAB Center for Aging/GRECC Seminar. Role of myostatin in sarcopenic older adults, Asst Prof Marcus Bammam (Physiology & Biophysics); VA-948.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30
2 pm Pharmacology/Toxicology. Role of MnSOD in renal I/R injury, Candidate Danielle Cruthirds; VH-D.
2:30 pm Civil & Environmental Engineering. System variable parametric and optimization study of a single-sensing bridge load rating system, Candidate Zhao Zhisong; Heohn-120.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31
2 pm Physics. Anisotropic compression effects in f-band metals at high pressures, Candidate Kevin Hope; CH-301.
3 pm Molecular & Cellular Pathology. Genetic adenosine labeling system for in vivo detection of viral replication and spread, Candidate Long Phi Le; BBRB-170.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
10 am Prosthodontics. Amylin octapeptide (1-8) and bone response to titanium alloy implants in ratibia, Candidate Ramakiran Chovali; SOD-301A.
1 pm Pharmacology & Toxicology. Mechanism of action of 4’-thio-arabinofuranosylcytosine (Tarase), Candidate Hitoshi Someya; VH-C.

Meetings
TUESDAY, MARCH 29
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].
7 pm Conversational English classes, levels 2-3; Smolian Int’l House. 4-1205/ [awowens@uab.edu].

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30
10 am Conversational English classes, levels 1-4; Smolian Int’l House. 4-1205/ [awowens@uab.edu]. Free babysitting

New Employee Orientation
Monday, April 4
8 am-5 pm
MEDICAL TOWERS-419

Tuesday, April 5
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
THURSDAY, MARCH 31
7 pm Conversational English classes, levels 1 & 4. Smolian Int’l House. 4-1205/4-1210.
8 pm Stammtisch conversation table, for anyone who speaks German; Formaggio’s, 1713 5th Ave. For more info, [danielou@uab.edu].

FRIDAY, APRIL 1
7 pm Falun Dafa exercises, an ancient Chinese exercise that brings harmony & health. UAB Mini Park, 4-8295.

Religion
TUESDAY, MARCH 29
Noon Medical Center Christian Fellowship Meeting. WP-B. All welcome. Mark 647-5177 or Blair 951-3826.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30
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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
4:30 pm Catholic mass; Interfaith Chapel-West Pavilion.

SUNDAY, APRIL 3
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. Samuel B. Barker Memorial Sculpture Competition. Ten finalists will exhibit small models of their works, from which a winner will be chosen as a permanent sculpture installed on the UAB campus. 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. African American Writers. 7:30 am-10 pm Mon-Thurs; 7:30 am-7 pm Fri; 9 am-5 pm Sat; 1-10 pm Sun.

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

UAB Anesthesiology Library. Military Opposition and Religious Objections to Anesthetics, 1846-1848 by George A. Swanson, M.D. Just outside the library on JT-965.

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
MONDAY, MARCH 28
3-5 pm 2005 UABSON Student Art Show Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony; Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences-3rd floor. For more info, call 4-4475.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2
7 pm Alys Stephens Center. 2005 Starlight Gala, featuring Natalie Cole. The Starlight Gala is the Center’s annual gala fundraiser. It’s an elegant evening of exceptional music, great food, drinks and celebration. Proceeds from the event will support future programming for the center. A cocktail reception begins at 5:30 pm. Jemison Concert Hall. For info, call 5-2787 or go to [www.AlysStephens.org].
Documentary to be distributed April 3

A documentary co-produced by UAB communication studies professors June Mack and Larry Powell on the life of a country music legend will be distributed by the National Educational Telecommunications Association to 201 affiliate public broadcasting stations through a satellite uplink April 3.

Country music legend and Alabama native Hank Williams Sr., considered by many to be the greatest country songwriter ever, was just 29 years old when he was found dead in the backseat of his Cadillac on New Year's Day 1953. Fifty years later, Williams is the subject of a documentary, Hank Williams Sr.: Along for the Ride.

“The stories about his short life — like his tragic death — come in many varieties as they have grown and changed in the telling over the years,” Mack said. “This is an Alabama story, told by Alabama people.”

The film takes viewers through Williams’ childhood, his struggles with alcohol and his rise to stardom.

Powell, a long-time fan who grew up in Williams’ hometown of Georgiana, came up with the idea for the film and asked Mack to work with him in bringing in an early-years perspective to the story.

The documentary took 15 months to produce. Associate Dean Ward Haarbauer (Arts & Humanities) narrated. Joe Walker, a UAB graduate, was a cinematographer.

State ethics forms to be mailed to home address

The State of Alabama Ethics Commission requires certain UAB employees to complete a Statement of Economic Interests. The UAB Office of Human Resource Management has met the requirement for supplying names of employees who met the criteria during Calendar Year 2004.

Persons whose base rate of pay at any time during that calendar year would have annualized to $50,000, or greater, are required to be listed, even if employment during the year was for as short as one day. Persons under this salary threshold whose jobs include authority for procurement or investments are required to be listed.

The Ethics Commission has exempted persons whose primary affiliation is with UAB Hospital from the filing requirement.

Employees who meet the requirements have been sent a copy of the form to their home address. It must be postmarked to the Ethics Commission office no later than April 30. The mailing address is P.O. Box 302300, Montgomery, AL 36130-2300; it is provided on the pre-addressed envelope included with the form.

The Ethics Commission Web site [http://www.ethics.alalinc.net/] has FAQ that contains a section near the bottom regarding the Statement of Economic Interests.

Obituaries

Retired Environmental Service Specialist Rosie A. Crum (Spain Rehab Center), March 17
Retired OSS II Warren Kirkland (Vice President for Financial Affairs and Administration), Feb. 20

Program Administrator II Annie Jenkins Edwards (Nursing Student Affairs) is Employee of the Month.

Edwards is the ‘face of the School of Nursing’

By Lori Herring

Reporter Staff

Program Administrator II Annie Jenkins Edwards (Nursing Student Affairs) — March’s Employee of the Month — is conscientious, if nothing else. Well, OK, she’s also popular. With more than 30 nomination letters for the award, many of them stating that they “see her as a major asset at the school and cannot imagine how anyone else could ever do the job the way she has done it,” it’s probably safe to say that Jenkins is not disliked or unappreciated.

Edwards, who was presented with the recommendation letters at her award ceremony on March 18, was surprised and thrilled at the heft of them. “I just want to thank everyone that took that time to write those letters for me,” she said.

“I do my best,” she said. Edwards also was recognized recently for putting 30 years in here at UAB. At that ceremony, she received a Waterford crystal bowl. She’s only worked in the School of Nursing for half those 30 years; the other half, she worked in the registrar’s office. Edwards has been a UAB employee since 1974.

“I guess my favorite part about my job is seeing students come in when they get here, graduate, then come back and tell of their successes and that they’re meeting their career goals,” said Edwards, whose duties include managing the office for student affairs in the School of Nursing.

“I try to put myself in the student’s place,” she said of her work philosophy. “I try to treat them the same way I would want somebody to treat me if I was in that position. I hate calling a business and having them give me the run-around. I make sure the students aren’t done that way. I help them as much as I can without passing them on to someone else.”

It’s not a quality that’s lost on her colleagues.

“Annie occupies a hot seat in that she interacts with a large number of people, many of whom are confused and/or frustrated by the time they reach her,” Assistant Professor Wendy DiMicco (Nursing) said. “She quietly, competently and gracefully unravels the mysteries of academic procedures and forms, all while communicating good humor and caring.”

Edwards’ good humor helps her when it comes to dealing with upset people.

“If I realize it’s a particular situation people are upset about, not me,” she said of her coping mechanism. “If you remain calm, then they’ll calm down. If you get upset, then they’ll continue to be upset.”

“One of her most remarkable characteristics is that she is able to keep her head while others around her seem to be losing theirs,” Associate Dean Barbara C. Woodring (Nursing) said.

Many of Edwards’ colleagues agree with Woodring.

“She goes the extra mile in every circumstance,” Associate Professor Gail Hill (Nursing) said. “She exhibits an attitude that says she enjoys helping everyone. This is a difficult characteristic to define on paper. But it is one of those characteristics that brightens the day of all who come in contact with her.”

Whatever her co-workers have to say about her, the superlative seems only adequate for their feelings.

“Annie is more than good — in some ways she is the face of the School of Nursing,” Professor Norman L. Keltner (Nursing) said. “I have yet to ask a question that Annie couldn’t answer.”

“Annie always gives me 100 percent regardless of the situation, workload or time of day, and she has caused me to redefine my definition of what a perfect employee is,” Director of Student Affairs Kyle Puchta (Nursing) said.

“I believe you would be hard-pressed to find an employee who deserves this award more than she does,” Associate Professor Jean Ivey (Nursing) said.

At least one of Edwards’ peers believes she’s integral to the cosmic makeup here at UAB.

“In every organization there are a very few employees who are so essential that the world would end as we know it if they were to leave,” Director John Coles III (Administration and Fiscal Affairs, Nursing) said.

“Annie is one of those rare folks. With a few Annies at your side, you could rule the world.”
CHILDMEN


Does your child have ringworm? Your child may qualify for a UAB Department of Dermatology study. You may be eligible to receive non-invasive medication at no cost, study visits and monetary compensation. Wendy 502-9962.

Parent with 6-12 y/o needed for a study looking at how families with young children decide on what foods to purchase, prepare and eat. You and your child may be asked to attend one 2-hour meeting. Parent paid $20 and child receives $12 gift. Stephanie 5-0346/steph@uab.edu.

Children ages 8-10 yr who drink less than 1 gal/month are needed. You may be compensated up to $25. Call 5-2422.


Want to know how well your baby sleeps? Infants (and parents) needed ages 3-12 months. Help us practice vision testing. You hold your baby while we entertain them with toys and have them look at black and white stripes. Compensated $10/examiner 30 min visit. Terra Breaker 5-0204.

Healthy girls 10-17 yr old needed for a research study of an investigational herpes vaccine. If you have never had herpes (fewer blisters or genital herpes), you may qualify, Reimbursement for time and travel. 939-5279/933-5271.

African-American mothers and their daughters ages 8-11 yr needed to participate in a smoking and physical activity program. You and your daughter will attend weekly sessions to improve your diet and increase physical activity. You may be reimbursed up to $60. Daughters provided with gifts valued up to $30. Stephanie 5-0346/steph@uab.edu.

WOMEN


Do you experience vaginal discharge/odor? If so, you may have BV! Female volunteers ages 18-45 needed to participate in a 3-month study for a new treatment medication for BV. Compensated up to $296.27/cycle.

Post- and pre-menopausal 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. Compensated. 5-2713.

Women age 19-45 recently diagnosed (within 5 yr) with Type 2 diabetes needed for a study to evaluate insulin resistance. Participants receive a brief medical exam and a series of tests. An overnight stay at UAB may be req. Compensated. 5-2422.

African-American mothers and their daughters ages 8-10 yr needed to help design a nutrition and physical activity program. You and your daughter will attend weekly sessions to improve your diet and increase physical activity. You may be reimbursed up to $60. Daughters provided with gifts valued up to $30. Stephanie 5-0346/steph@uab.edu.

Inquire for a research study at UAB Department of Dermatology. You may be eligible to receive investigational medication at no cost, study visits and monetary compensation. J.Tommy 502-9967.

Healthy adults ages 19-64, and adults ages 19 and older with osteoporosis are needed to participate in a study testing a drug for insomnia. Participants receive study-related exams, medical tests plus counseling on diet and activity. Three-night admissions to UAB Hospital. Food provided. Comp up to $800. Paid. JULIET study, 5-6666.

Incontinence study consists two treatments for urinary incontinence after hysterectomy or prostate cancer. Men may be eligible if they are still experiencing urinary leakage more than a year after their prostate surgery. 5-7931/666-4535/7934.

Healthy men ages 18-35 and 60-75 needed for a weight training study. Increase strength, power, and muscle with free personal trainer and access to a physical activity center. 939-5279/5-8313.

HIV associated co-infections: tuberculosis, HPV, other STDs

HIV-associated drug use and methamphetamine abuse

Complications associated with highly active anti-retroviral therapy: diabetes, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis

Research on, or leading to, the development of HIV/AIDS therapies or vaccines

High-risk behavior assessment and prevention related to substance abuse and HIV with emphasis on intravenous drug use and mental health

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

CLINICAL TRIALS

ClinicalTrials.gov provides information on clinical studies conducted in the United States and worldwide. The information provided includes results of completed studies and information about studies being conducted. For example, ClinicalTrials.gov enrolls and sorts a large number of sites in which there are participating study patients by the number of patients. In this regard, the CFAR is encouraging applications in these programmatic areas:

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FOR SALE

Appliances & Electronics

Vintage stereo equipment: dual turntable, $125; Sansui, 22-channel stereo, $80; Marantz quad amp & tuner, $90; Bose 101 speakers, $70 up; 20 Bose 101s, $200; Genesys II speakers, $200; JBL L-19 speakers, $410; Chlads-845/67/830, $407; GE 8500 BTU air conditioner, $2,000; 11ammer, in perfect cond, remote control inc, $100s. Lindsey 4-5810/41-046.

Earphone, white, digital clock & oven, 2-yr-old, $50, couch, burgundy & green pleat, sleep-er, 2-sold, $150. 410-2286.

Brand new, $100, tons of plus-size clothing’s. 425-7311.

Color printers: Lexmark Z51 and Z60, never used, still in box. 882-5458/556-3018.

Toys

Antique bicycle complete w/ladder filter pump, cover, $500/obo. David 945-9271/2.

Moonwalk rental—$99 for 4 hrs. Includes delivery & set up; also has tents, canopies, tables & chairs for rent. 566-5567.

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Laundry: Will keep house while out-of-town. 251-5867.

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Optician Supervisor Michele Self (Optometry Clinical Services) helps find a Costa Rican girl the right pair of glasses. From Feb. 26 – March 6, Self and others involved with Students in Optometric Service to Humanity, or SOSH, volunteered in Costa Rica by giving free eye exams and glasses to those who ordinarily would not be able to afford them. Self, who has been on five such trips to Central and South American countries with SOSH, got hooked on helping when she was in Guatemala five years ago with the organization. An older woman to whom Self had given glasses told her, “Before I die, I’ll be able to see the face of my child.”

SOSH welcomes used eyeglasses. To donate yours, bring them to Self at the Optometry Clinic in the Callahan Eye Foundation Hospital.