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**Upcoming Events**

**Honors Convocation**
**June 2**

**Graduation**
**June 4**

**ALDA 141st Annual Session**
**June 13-18**

**Alumni Luncheon**
**June 17**

**White Coat Ceremony**
**August 18**

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**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Alumni Weekend 2012**
February 2-5
Wynfrey Hotel
Birmingham, AL

*On the cover:* The 2011 Alumni Association Officers: (Back) Dr. James Hawkins, Dr. Leigh Ann Nevins, Dr. Tony Dollar, (Front) Dr. Carol Merkle and Dr. James Shamburger
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

First let me say what an honor and indeed a privilege it is to serve you as President of the Alumni Association for 2011. I look forward to working with each of you and representing you this next year, and I am committed to strengthening our organization in addition to working harmoniously with our school’s administration, faculty, and students as we continue to improve our school. Secondly, congratulations to my predecessor, Dr. Leigh Anne Nevins, for a truly outstanding year as president of our association.

As most of you know, on Wednesday, April 20, 2011, Dean Huw Thomas announced his resignation from our school to accept the deanship at the Tufts University School of Dentistry. We would like to thank Dr. Thomas for his contributions to our school over the past few years and wish him much success in the future. As we now begin the search for only the eighth dean in our school’s history, it is also the perfect time for each of us to renew our commitment of love, loyalty, and support for our school.

I want to congratulate the professional staff at our alumni office for another exceptional Alumni Weekend this past January. Executive Director, Mr. Scott Huffman, Executive Secretary, Ms. Charlene Phillips, and Alumni Relations Officer, Ms. Kimberly Beiersdoerfer are each to be commended. Also, special thanks to Dr. Lori Gearhart who has done such a wonderful job as program chairman in securing nationally renowned speakers for our continuing education. Our meeting is continuing to grow in numbers and respect, thanks again to the tremendous efforts of our staff.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Perdido Beach for the ALDA Annual Session. Our Annual Alabama Dental Alumni luncheon will be held on Friday, June 17, at noon. Our keynote speaker will be Mitch Gaspard, Head Coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide baseball team. Tickets are $30 and can be purchased through ALDA at www.aldaonline.org. Also, visit our alumni website, www.dental.uab.edu/alumni, for information and updates on our association.

Thank you all again for your help and support and for the honor of serving as your president this year.

Sincerely,

Tony W. Dollar, DMD, MAGD
The School of Dentistry Alumni Association hosted its annual Alumni Weekend, January 27-30, at the Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. A total of 1445 people were in attendance including dentists, dental staff members, guests, and exhibitors. Highlights of the weekend’s events included the Distinguished Dentist Reception (the School’s annual donor recognition event), Continuing Education Courses, the President’s Reception, and the School of Dentistry Open House. During Alumni Weekend, a raffle was held to benefit the Alumni Endowed Support Fund. More than $4,700 was raised. Prizes included a diamond necklace, a vacation in Big Sky, Montana, and several trips to the Gulf Coast.

Distinguished Dentist Reception

Dr. John C. Barnes was presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Since graduating from the school in 1965, Dr. Barnes has been involved in organized dentistry, the alumni association, and dental education. He has served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President of the Alumni Association. He served as President in 2003 and 2004. Dr. Barnes lives and practices in Atlanta, Georgia. He and his wife, Claudia, have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.

Dr. Barnes is very active with the Hinman Dental meeting and the Hinman Dental Society. He was recently elected to the Hinman Dental Society Executive Council. Dr. Barnes is past president of the Buckhead Lions Club, the University of Alabama Alumni Chapter in Atlanta, and the Civil War Roundtable. He supports many charities including the Buckhead Christian Ministry.

He is a member of the Atlanta Opera Guild and Cathedral St. Phillips Episcopal Church.

He continues to be active with the school. This year, he served as chair of the Class of ’65 Fundraising Committee.

Dr. Sam Citrano, Jr. received the Young Alumnus Award. He has been active in organized dentistry since he graduated in 1996. Dr. Citrano owns a practice in Huntsville where he first went into practice with his father, Sam Citrano, Sr. He bought the practice in 2008.

He is a member of the Huntsville-Madison County Dental Society, where he served as President in 2004. He is also an active member of the CC Bass Study Club and the Alabama Dental Association.

Dr. Citrano, Jr. helped develop the New Dentist Committee for ALDA. He is an examiner of the Council for Interstate Testing Agencies or CITA and a member of the PEER review committee of Madison County.

He regularly volunteers and speaks at elementary schools for Children’s Dental Health Month.

In his spare time, he participates in the ELKS club and enjoys golfing and Alabama football.

Distinguished Dentist Reception

Dr. Thomas and Dr. Citrano
Dr. Leigh Anne Nevins, President of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association hosted a reception on Friday, January 28 at the Wynfrey Hotel, which was sponsored by Nobel Biocare. Dr. Nevins introduced the 2011 Alumni Association Officers.

Throughout the weekend, raffle tickets were sold to benefit the Alumni Endowed Support Fund. More than twenty prizes were given away including several beach vacations, a diamond necklace and a trip to Big Sky, Montana. The raffle was a huge success, raising $4,700 for fund.

Top Left: Dr. Thomas presented Dr. Leigh Anne Nevins with a gavel plaque in appreciation of her service as 2010 President of the Alumni Association.

Center Left: Mary Ann and Dr. Sam Holland enjoys the reception.

Bottom Left: Dr. Donald Aspray and Dr. Jim Shamburger.

Above: Dr. Nevins introduced the new 2011 Officers: Pictured (L to R): Dr. Carol Merkle, Vice-President; Dr. James Hawkins, President-Elect; Dr. Tony Dollar, President. Dr. Jim Shamburger will continue his role as Secretary/Treasurer.

Below: Dental Students with Dr. Charles McCallum.
Alumni Weekend 2011
Class Reunions


Top Left: The Class of 1956 celebrated their 55th Class Reunion at the Vestavia Country Club.

Above: The Class of 1961 held their 50th reunion at the Embassy Suites in Hoover. Dean Thomas presented members of the class with a medallion.

Left: The Class of 1966 held their reunion at the Wynfrey on Saturday, January 29.

Bottom Left: The Class of 1971 gathered at The Club on Friday, January 28 for their 40th reunion.

Below: The Class of 1976 held their reunion at The Club on Saturday, January 29.
The Class of 1981 held their reunion at the Wynfrey.

The Class of 1986 held their reunion at Daniel George.

The Class of 1991 held their reunion at Ross Bridge.

The Class of 1996 held their reunion at Village Tavern.

The Class of 2001 gathered at Flemings to celebrate their 10th reunion.

The Class of 2006 celebrated their five year reunion at the Cantina at Pepper Place.
Mitch Gaspard to Headline Alumni Luncheon

The Annual Alabama Dental Alumni Luncheon will be held at noon on June 17 at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL in conjunction with the ALDA Annual Session. The featured keynote speaker will be Mitch Gaspard, Head Coach of the Alabama Crimson Tide baseball team.

Gaspard served as an assistant coach at Louisiana-Lafayette from 1989–92, helping the Ragin' Cajuns reach three NCAA Regionals and win three conference titles. In 2009, Gaspard completed his second season as the Tide's assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. He returned for his second stint with the Crimson Tide in 2008 after six years as head coach at Northwestern State in Natchitoches, La., where he compiled a 211-128 (.622) record. During those six years, he led the Demons to a pair of Southland Conference championships, one SLC Tournament championship and a berth in the 2005 NCAA Baton Rouge (La.) Regional. In twenty years of coaching, Gaspard has worked with teams that have won eight conference championships, eight conference tournament championships, played in 16 NCAA Regionals and three College World Series berths.

Gaspard was a member of Wells' original staff at Alabama in 1995 and was a pivotal figure as an ace recruiter and a shrewd tactician in the remarkable revival of the program. Alabama had four SEC wins in 1994, but after Wells and Gaspard arrived, the Tide won the SEC Tournament in 1995 and was one win away from the College World Series. By the time Gaspard returned to LSU, Alabama had earned six NCAA Regional appearances and three College World Series berths, including a national championship game loss to LSU in 1997. In each of his first seven seasons at Alabama, Gaspard helped mold the Tide into one of nation's finest defensive units.

As the chief recruiter, he helped land five successive Top 20 recruiting classes, including three Top 10 finishes in 1997, 1998 and 1999.

To purchase tickets for $30 each, please contact ALDA at 1-800-489-2532 or 334-265-1684.

SCHOOL NEWS & EVENTS

Dentsply Tulsa Dental has pledged $400,000 to renovate the endodontic clinic. Dr. Joel Hearn (Past Alumni President '92) is chairing the Excellence for Endodontic fundraising campaign.

Dr. Lillian Mitchell has been accepted into the class of 2011-2012 for the ADEA Leadership Institute and named the ADEA/Alpha Omega Foundation/Leonard Abrams Scholar, which provides a $20,000 honorarium to support tuition and travel for the program.

Dr. Steven Filler has been named the School of Dentistry's recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching for 2011. The UAB Faculty Awards Convocation and reception was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 in the Alys Stephens Center to honor the faculty receiving these prestigious awards and recognize their important contributions to UAB.
SCOLARS’ DAY
The School of Dentistry hosted the Sixth Annual Scholars’ Symposium on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. The Scholars’ Symposium started with Poster Presentations and a Research Competition for students and others conducting research in Oral Health in either Basic Science or Clinical Research; and a lecture session with the keynote speaker, Dr. Jack Lemons.

PARENTS’ DAY
Parents’ Day was held on April 22, 2011 at The Club. Seniors and their parents and families enjoyed lunch and a slideshow presentation which highlighted the students four years in dental school. The lunch was followed by a tour of the school. The event was sponsored by the SGA.

HINMAN PROFESSORSHIP
During the Distinguished Dentist Reception in January, the Hinman Dental Society presented Dean Thomas with a check for $100,000. This gift goes toward their $500,000 pledge to fund the Hinman Dental Meeting Endowed Professorship in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry.

HOMECOMING
The Freshman Class decorated the building for Homecoming
Michael Reddy, DMD, DMSc, has been named Interim Dean of the UAB School of Dentistry, effective June 6.

Dr. Reddy, chair of the Department of Periodontics since 2004 and former assistant dean for Planning and Clinical Activity attended the Harvard School of Dental Medicine where he earned his DMD degree in 1986, and Certificate of Periodontology and Doctorate of Medical Sciences Degree in Oral Biology in 1989. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and the recipient of the Clinical Research Award from the American Academy of Periodontology. He has published more than 200 scientific manuscripts and abstracts and he has had continuous NIH funding for the past 20 years and over 40 grants awarded as an investigator or co-investigator. He is actively involved as a scientist in the UAB Center for Aging and the UAB Center for Metabolic Bone Disease and the Periodontal Research Clinic.

Dr. Reddy has lectured extensively on implant placement and restorative topics. Dr. Reddy has been recognized as a fellow of the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon dental honor society. He is an Associate Editor of the Journal of Periodontology, and Editor, Clinical Advances in Periodontics.

Reddy says “I look forward to building upon the rich history that has defined the School of Dentistry at UAB. My initial efforts will be to work on consensus building and faculty development along with curriculum refinement focused on prosthodontics and restorative dentistry. The goal is to ensure that the School of Dentistry remains a visible contemporary model for healthcare innovation. “

A national search for a permanent dental school dean will begin soon. Reddy’s appointment comes after the current Dean, Huw F. Thomas, Ph.D., was announced as the new dean of the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.
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Lane named Development Officer

Jessica Brooks Lane joined the School of Dentistry’s Development and Alumni Relations Department as a Development Officer on May 31 of this year. Her primary responsibilities include developing and cultivating external relations and soliciting major and reunion class gifts.

Lane is a native of Birmingham and a graduate of Mountain Brook High School and the University of Alabama, where she received her bachelor’s degree in 2002.

Prior to joining the SOD, Lane was employed for three years as a major gifts officer at Birmingham-Southern College; before BSC she was the human resources staff recruiter for Balch & Bingham LLP, and she has worked at her family’s drug store, which has been in business for four generations.

Other fundraising, marketing, event and community experience includes her musical theatre performance and volunteer work with local theatre companies such as Red Mountain Theatre Company and their Young Executives Council, the Junior League of Birmingham’s Choral Group and the JLB’s Public Relations Committee, Independent Presbyterian Church’s Start the Adventure in Reading program, the United Way of Central Alabama, Southern Accents magazine, and the Delta Zeta Birmingham Alumnae Chapter.

Lane will celebrate her third anniversary in marriage to George T. Lane III this August. She can be reached at 205.996.6786.
Grateful Patients, Thanksgiv-ing and the Iron Bowl

In a nutshell, the Grateful...So many of you have made gifts to the Annual Fund or Dean's Discretionary Fund … OR … both! Recently I've received some inquiries about these. In a nutshell…

When you contribute to the Annual Fund, you are making a gift to a School of Dentistry account. This account is supervised by Dean Thomas but may have some restrictions on its use according to state law. For example, these funds can't be used to purchase alcohol, gifts of appreciation, or even flow-ers.

When you make a gift to the Dean's Discretionary Fund, you are making a gift to the Alumni Association. The Association holds it in an account for Dean Thomas's use. He may request funds for student travel, events for visiting scholars, special events that serve alcohol, etc…Many of these items are better suited coming from the alumni account and may not be payable from a state account. All of these requests are subject to the Alumni Association Executive Council for approval.

Many of you give to the Annual Fund and belong to a list of supporters called the Dean's Partner Giving Club ($1,000 to $9,999). These gifts are deeply appreciated and are counted in official university fundraising totals. Gifts to the Alumni Association Dean's Discretionary Fund are also greatly needed but aren't counted in those totals. Both of these are tax deductible.

Patient Program encourages all of our alumni to select one or two patients to donate an honorarium in the dentist's name in lieu of payment for services rendered. You are donating your procedure. The patient is making the monetary donation. Both you and the patient will be recognized for your generosity.

Gratitude is.....

The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard but must be felt with the heart

-Helen Keller

In the wake of the devastating tornadoes here in Alabama and in the midwest, flooding across the heartlands and southeast, and tragedy around the world, it is an appropriate time to reflect upon what we all have to be grateful for.

The outpouring of support for Alabamian effected by the tornadoes has been more amazing than the destruction itself. There is no doubt that the positive spirit and resiliency of our state and neighbors will prevail.

Most of you have that spirit and are continually reaching out to your communities, your patients, and our school. On behalf of our students, faculty and staff, I want you to know how grateful we are for your support. There are so many examples of our alumni giving back their time, talents, and treasures, many times anonymously. Your acts of kindness make a difference.

Your support goes beyond monetary contributions. You have volunteered your time to speak to our students about ethics, practice management, or handling daily stress. Many of you have volunteered to teach part-time in one of the clinics. Your expertise and collegiality are deeply appreciated. You have also mentored our students or prospective students, allowing them to “shadow” you.

Last year the Class of 2012 worked with the Birmingham-based “Neverthirst” organization to raise funds for a well in southern Sudan. Seeing that our students had an unselfish desire to help others in the midst of their own educational debt, the Sixth District made a $3,500 gift to help them achieve their goal. In December, the Sixth District hosted a luncheon for the students and “Neverthirst” to jointly present the funds to construct a well in a country plagued by civil war and unrest.

The article about the Excellence for Endodontics Campaign in this issue of Dent Alumni summarizes the plans to renovate the clinic. There are several alumni working hard behind the scenes to make the clinic a reality. Dr. Joel Hearn, the Excellence for Endodontics Campaign chairman has worked tirelessly. He is contributing financially and spending numerous volunteer hours because he is grateful for what the school and the endodontic program did for him. He has a passion for the project and that passion comes through loud and clear!

Finally, I want you to know how grateful I personally am. In my seven years at the School of Dentistry, I have been overwhelmed by your generosity and encouragement. Thank you and keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

J. Scott Huffman, CFRE
Senior Director of Development
Under the direction of Department of Endodontics Chair Dr. Paul Eleazer, the UAB School of Dentistry plans to relocate and renovate its endodontic clinic. The Excellence for Endodontics Campaign was launched to seek private gifts to help fund the project. The Excellence for Endodontics Campaign steering committee is chaired by Dr. Joel Hearn of Florence, AL. To be housed on the School of Dentistry’s fifth floor, the clinic will provide enhanced training for future generations of general dentists and endodontists.

Dentsply Tulsa Dental has made a leadership gift of $400,000 to benefit the new clinic. The campaign goal is to raise an additional $400,000. The entire project is estimated at $1.2 million.

The clinic last underwent a major renovation more than thirty years ago. The clinic is one of the busiest facilities in the school. Dental students and residents provide surgical and non-surgical endodontic care to about 2,500 patients annually. The clinic will provide advanced endodontic therapies such as implants, pulp regenerative therapy and IV sedation. Aided by the operating microscope with video capabilities, the clinic will act as a classroom where students and residents obtain a valuable portion of their education leading to board certification. An important aspect will be the one-on-one faculty supervision of student procedures.

The renovation will provide larger resident rooms, six state-of-the-art treatment suites for D.M.D. students with x-ray capability in every room, and cubicles for practicing on extracted teeth. There will be major improvements to the sterilization area, and substantial improvement in inventory storage and auditing.

A donor wall appropriately recognizing all individual and corporate gifts of $1,000 and above will be prominently displayed in the clinic. Contributions will be accepted via check, credit card, or stock gift. Please make your check payable to: UAB Excellence for Endodontics Campaign and mail to SDB 214, 1530 Third Ave. S. Birmingham, AL 35294-0007. For more information please contact J. Scott Huffman, Senior Director of Development at (205) 934-3601 or shuffman@uab.edu
1. Gaines Thomas, Michael O’Brien, Bud Rogers, Gordon Isbell, Glen Brawley and Joe Hastings at the Auburn tailgate.
2. The President of the Sixth District Dental Society, William Roe, and Officers present a $5,000 check to Scott Huffman. This check fully endows the Sixth District Scholarship.
3. Scott Huffman, Dr. John D. Barnes, Dr. Sam Citrano, Jr. and Dr. Sam Citrano, Sr. at the Huntsville-Madison County Dental District Meeting in April.
4. Dr. J.C. Shirley, Dr. Bruce Camp and Dr. Brent McClenny at the Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta.
5. Scott Huffman visits Dr. Alan Yount at his office in Auburn.

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Clinician: Dr. Louis Malcmacher is a practicing general dentist in Bay Village, Ohio and an internationally known lecturer and author, known for his comprehensive and entertaining style. An evaluator for Clinicians Report, Dr. Malcmacher has served as a spokesman for the AGD and is President of the American Academy of Facial Esthetics. For close to three decades, Dr. Malcmacher has inspired his audiences to truly enjoy doing dentistry by providing the knowledge necessary for excellent clinical and practice management.

Educational Method: Lecture
CE Hours: 6
Tuition: Dentist $200   Auxiliary $100
After July 15: Dentist $225   Auxiliary $125
Location: The Ledges of Huntsville Country Club
2501 Ledges Drive, Huntsville, AL 35802-1273

This course made possible in part through an educational grant from Coltene Whaledent and with the support of Oral Arts Dental Lab.

Botox and Dermal Fillers for the Cosmetic Dentist – A Two-Day Limited Attendance Course
Presented by: Peter Waite, DDS, MD
Friday, Sept. 30 - 1pm to 5pm & Saturday, Oct. 1 - 8am to 5pm

This course is designed for the cosmetic dentist. Safe, secure Botox techniques will be presented in a lecture format and clinical demonstrations. Facial fillers will be presented for correction of minor peri-oral rhytids and prominent naso-labial angels. Radiesse and Restylane (hyaluronic acid) type products will be demonstrated.

Requirements: Licensed dentist with a minimum of 5 years of clinical experience.
Reference: Facial Cosmetic Surgery by Joe Niamtu

Objectives:
1. Teach and train safe minimally invasive cosmetic surgery that can be performed by a licensed dentist.
2. Demonstrate safe and simple Botox injections and dermal and subdermal facial fillers
3. Achieve clinical competence by proctoring procedures performed by the attendants.

Goals:
1. Lectureship module with examination. The student must successfully pass (80%) on the written exam to advance to the clinic training module
2. Students must review key articles, textbooks, and demonstrate critical comprehension of patient safety.
3. Students must understand and demonstrate clinical competence in cosmetic facial analysis, diagnosis, potential problems, technique, and peri-operative management.
4. Students must demonstrate technical competence on a live patient of their choice or fellow course participant.
5. Botox will be limited to the frontalis rhytids including the frontalis, procerus, and corrugator muscles. The lateral orbits (crow's feet) will also be taught to the level of competence.

Tuition: Dentist  $2295
Dentist with Patient  $2595
CE Hours: 12
Location: UAB SOD
Alumni Spotlight: Dr. Daniel Pittman ('05)

In September 2008, Dr. Daniel Pittman, Periodontist in Dothan, AL, began dreaming of starting a branch of the Seattle Study in his area. By January, this idea had taken form as the Wiregrass Dental Study Group (WDSG) with more than 30 dentists from the Wiregrass area (Alabama, Southwest Georgia, and Northwest Florida). This study group is committed to lifelong learning in dentistry and is often referred to as a university without walls. Through monthly meetings and a national symposium event each year, dentists keep abreast of the latest developments, treatment options and techniques available to their patients. These meetings give dentists, orthodontists, periodontists and oral surgeons a chance to sit down together to discuss cases and problem solve in a multidisciplinary fashion.

Dr. Pittman has taken what he has learned with the WDSG and formed the UAB Practice Management Study Group. When asked about the program, Dr. Pittman says, “I feel like this is a way I can give back to my residency program and the school as whole. I hope we will be able to branch out to other programs as well as the dental students.”

The inaugural year consisted of residents from the Periodontal and Prosthodontic Departments and was sponsored by Nobel Biocare, a dental implant company. As with the WDSG, this group allows residents to gain real world knowledge in how to transition from residency to private practice. The speakers were excited to engage to the residents about many aspects of dentistry including dealing with the business side of a practice. The residents learned about accounts payable, hiring new employees and becoming better leaders in the dental profession.

Ultimately, the knowledge gained from the program speakers, other dental professionals, as well as the residents themselves will elevate the quality of the current residents' future practice.

Dr. Daniel Pittman maintains a private practice limited to Periodontics and Dental Implants in Dothan, AL with partner Dr. John B. Miller. He graduated from the University Of Alabama School Of Dentistry with a Doctor of Dental Medicine in 2005 and earned his certificate in Periodontics in 2008. Soon after he graduated, Dr. Pittman became a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. He is active on the Alabama Dental Association's membership committee as well as director of various study clubs across the Wiregrass region. In addition to the Wiregrass Dental Study Group, he has recently started the Wiregrass Hygiene Study Group and the Wiregrass Dental Office Managers Study Group all located in Dothan, AL.

Dr. Pittman can be contact at drpittman@deothanperio.com.

Want to be featured as our "Alumni Spotlight?"

Email story ideas, recent accomplishments, etc to Kimberly Beiersdoerfer at kncrowe@uab.edu
Alumni News

1962
Samuel L. Horton was married to Sondra Reeder on September 25, 2010. Dr. Horton is retired and lives in Narvon, PA.

1977
Dr. John B. Thomas of La Vista, Nebraska was elected Secretary of the Nebraska Dental Association in April 2010. He is also a member of the board for the Omaha District Dental Society and has been nominated as President-elect.

IN MEMORIUM

1952
Dr. J.L. Sanderson, Sr. age 84, of Birmingham, AL, passed away Feb. 1, 2011. Dr. Sanderson practiced dentistry in the Birmingham area for 52 years. He was in the first graduating class of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. For many years, he gave one day a month of dentistry to those in need. He also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War. Dr. Sanderson was a lifetime Methodist and was a member at First United Methodist Church and more recently St. Mark United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents James Solan and Lillie Pearl Sanderson and wife Frances Christine Doane Sanderson. He is survived by his daughters Linda Kime, Wanda Gilmore, and sons James (Katrina) Sanderson and Kent Sanderson, grandchildren Stephanie Kime, Amy (Chris) Baker, Tina (Mark) Anderson, Becky (Matt) Peterson, Cindy (Benton) Robbins, Sara, Emily, and Jill Sanderson, great-grandchildren, Taylor Anderson, Caroline and Kate Peterson, and Avery and Sam Robbins. The family would like to thank Shelby Ridge Nursing Home for the excellent care Dr. Sanderson received over the last two and a half years. The service was held on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011 at Southern Heritage funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to the Dr. J.L. Sanderson Scholarship Fund at the UAB School of Dentistry, Office of Development SDB 214, 1530 3rd Ave S, Birmingham, AL 35294.

1967
Dr. James John Merig, Jr. - A native and lifelong resident of Mobile, passed away Saturday, October 30, 2010. Dr. Merig graduated from McGill Institute in 1955, earned his bachelor's degree in biology from Spring Hill College in 1959 and his dental degree from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in Birmingham in 1967. His professional career in oral and maxillofacial surgery includes almost 30 years of private practice. A Diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Merig is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon and the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, as well as a Fellow of the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He was a proud member of the McGill Toolen Sports Hall of Fame, two mystic societies, and served as president of the Alabama Dental Board of Examiners from 1984 through 1989. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Corpus Christi Catholic Church on Friday, November 5, 2010. Memorial donations may be made to the McGill Toolen Academic Scholars-ship Fund, 1501 Old Shell Rd., Mobile, AL 36604.

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Dr. Vance Scott "Scotty" Phillips, age 66, passed after a valiant lung disease battle on February 7, 2011, with his son at his bedside. Born in the Panama Canal Zone (when his own father worked for the US Government), Scotty was raised in Homewood, attended Shades Valley High School and the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, where he was a member of Delta Chi fraternity. Scotty graduated with honors from the UAB School of Dentistry and worked in private practice in Birmingham. During the Vietnam War, he served as a Captain in the U.S. Army, based in Fort Polk, LA. Scotty was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Earl Vance Phillips of Homewood. He is survived by his mother, Marie Phillips; son, David Phillips of Chelsea; daughter, Natalie of Homewood; sister, Francis Williams of Greystone;, and three grandchildren, Jacob Phillips, Audrey Taylor and Madeline Phillips. Scotty had a great love for animals starting with his childhood dog Bullet. This compassion continued throughout his life with cats and wild birds. He was an avid golfer with an affinity for fine antiques, history and historical homes, fly fishing and family. Scotty was equally proud of his Scottish heritage. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Birmingham Humane Society. Dr. Phillips was a peaceful, loving and compassionate man and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Dr. Bobby B. Deason, age 73, of Centreville, entered into rest April 3, 2011, at DCH Regional Medical Center. Graveside services were April 6 at Plantersville Christian Cemetery with Rev.
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