Alumni Gazette

A Publication for Alumni of the University of Alabama at Birmingham

Advising with a Personal Touch
Mentors Make a Difference
Taking a New Path to the Olympics

Three for the Future

Fall 2001
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16
Building Decoration Competition

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18
Gurney Derby
11:30 a.m.
13th Street South,
between University Boulevard and
10th Avenue South

Alumni Golf Classic
1:00 p.m.
Highland Golf Course

Street Dance
8:30-11:30 p.m.
Bartow Arena

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19
Wear Your UAB Letters Day

Homecoming Parade
Noon
University Boulevard

Dragon March
7:30 p.m.
Begins at UAB Mini Park

Bonfire and Pep Rally
Following Dragon March
11th Avenue South Park

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
Blazer Bayou Blowout
Noon
Legion Field

Homecoming Game
4:00 p.m.
Legion Field
UAB vs. Tulane

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. This year’s Homecoming is more jam-packed than ever before. Come participate in some great traditions—the Gurney Derby, Bonfire and Pep Rally, and Homecoming Parade, or round up three friends and spend an afternoon on the links at the Alumni Golf Classic. And then there’s the brand new Blazer Bayou Blowout, a kicked-back, casual affair with live Cajun music, Creole cooking, children’s activities and camaraderie. In keeping with our Louisiana theme, we are playing Tulane in the Homecoming football game. Hope to see you there.
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On the cover: Margaret Porter, Tommie Cummings, and Ada Long took varying routes on the road to becoming passionate supporters of UAB.
Ada Long grew up in Missouri, went to college in California and New York, and was working in Ohio when the opportunity came to move to Alabama. The prospect did not thrill her. “I thought, ‘I’ll go there for a year and then leave,’” Long says.

Twenty-four years after having that thought, Long is still in Alabama. In fact, she plans to retire from UAB in 2004. As founding director of the University Honors Program, Long has left her imprint on education in Alabama—and she even has become quite fond of the state.

“I’ve become a big fan of Alabama,” she says. “There are some things I hate about it, like its politics. But there is something special here, particularly at UAB. I love the quality of the students we get and the attitude they have about education. They don’t come with chips on their shoulders or a sense of entitlement. They give you a fair chance to teach, and they respond to your teaching.

“They may have disadvantages—working 40 hours a week, having kids at home, caring for aging parents—but they have something important to give. Even when they have serious problems, they have interesting problems.”

Unlike Long, Margaret Porter and Tommie Cummings grew up in Alabama. But they, too, have developed strong connections to UAB.

Porter, a leader in numerous civic organizations, is cochair of the Campaign for UAB, which already has passed its original goal of $250 million. The campaign runs through 2003 and now has a goal of $350 million. Porter also serves on the board of the University of Alabama Health Services Foundation.

Cummings, a 1975 graduate of the UAB School of Business, is a partner in the accounting firm Hardman, Guess, Frost & Cummings, P.C. She is organizing the 30th-anniversary celebration for the School of Business and has co-founded BlazerPac, a new political action committee that supports UAB. She also is a former president of the UAB National Alumni Society.

Long, Porter, and Cummings are the recipients of the alumni society’s primary annual awards, which recognize outstanding professional achievements that benefit UAB and the community.

“Building a strong alumni group is something that really matters to me, so I’m very honored,” Long says. “I’m also honored to be in the company of Margaret Porter and Tommie Cummings. And I think it’s great that the honorees are all women; that’s not a common thing. Good for us.”

ADA LONG, PH.D.
THE HONORARY ALUMNA AWARD

After sending out 49 job applications, Long was ready to send one more—to UAB.

It was 1977, and she was seeking a position as an assistant professor after completing a three-year lectureship in English at the University of Cincinnati. She wound up getting interviews at five places, including the University of Michigan. But none of the positions seemed to be quite right for her—until she came to UAB.

“The only interview I really enjoyed was the one with the English faculty here,” Long says.

Long has seen the appearance of the UAB campus improve significantly in recent years. But the campus of
the late 1970s was not an attraction. “It was a really dumpy campus at that time. There were no trees or shrubs and all of the buildings were hideously ugly. But I really liked all the people I met.”

Long grew up in St. Louis, Missouri, and completed her bachelor’s degree at Stanford University and her master’s and Ph.D. degrees at the State University of New York at Albany. It took her awhile to get used to UAB—and Alabama.

“I taught a lot of night classes, and I had never heard of that. I had two-hour classes, and I had never heard of that. But I had never been so excited by students, and I started to get a real feel for how I wanted to teach.

“I had a literary theory class with only four students, and they took me under their wing. We went out together and discovered Alabama. We visited a chicken farm, a county fair, and a flea market, and I just got hooked.”

Long’s eyes still light up when she talks about UAB students. “The students here never disappoint. There’s an openness and a trust about them. I have friends at other places who say students will come in and cry about getting a B-plus. You just don’t get that here.”

In 1982, Long became director of the University Honors Program. She clearly cherishes the program and delights in telling stories about its alums, who number 354. The program now admits 50 students a year, and honors students are required to take 33 hours in honors courses (replacing the university’s core-curriculum requirement).

“A lot of students come to UAB to get a piece of paper and walk,” Long says. “They need a degree to get on with their lives and do what’s important to them. But UAB has a segment of students who
want a fully involved educational experience that really challenges them to think. They like to read and write and have conversations about important things. They come from all walks of life, and in that sense, they are a cross section of our student population. What they all have in common is a desire to take some risks, to be visible rather than invisible.”

The program has turned out many highly successful alums. “They don’t have the cachet they would have if they went to Harvard or Yale or Princeton—and some of our students have chosen UAB over those schools. But assuming they work hard, they have every bit as much success as people from those schools.”

Long is particularly proud of the program’s diversity. “We really focus on creating a community of very dissimilar people. We have all ages, disciplines, religions, politics, and backgrounds, and we put them together so that they really learn from each other. Every four years we do an alumni evaluation, and the one thing virtually everybody mentions as a positive is the opportunity to meet so many different kinds of people.”

MARGARET PORTER
THE HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Margaret Porter grew up in Birmingham, but she did not fully appreciate UAB until after she had graduated from Hollins College in Roanoke, Virginia, and returned to her hometown.

“I was really introduced to it in 1970 when I took a job with AmSouth Bank. My job was to call on new doctors and professionals who were being recruited to UAB and help them get relocated.

“It was a time of great growth, and Birmingham was redefining itself. It was exciting to be a part of that.”

Porter left the workplace after having two children, but she became deeply involved in community activities. She was elected to the Mountain Brook City Council in 1984 and went on to serve as the city’s mayor. She has served on the boards of numerous organizations, including the Literacy Council of Central Alabama, Leadership Alabama, Operation New Birmingham, Children’s Hospital, the EyeSight Foundation of Alabama, the McWane Center, and many others.

“I’ve long believed in a concept called servant-leadership,” Porter says. “It was coined by a man named Robert Greenleaf, who was an executive with AT&T. The idea is that the best leaders are those who are servants first. I believe leadership is learned; it’s not something you are born with.”

The Campaign for UAB is a particular focus now for Porter. “I believe this five-year period is UAB’s window of opportunity to not only grow dollars but also to grow what I call ‘ownership.’ My hope is that alumni will look at this as their time to step up to the bar and begin, or enhance, their support. And I hope we see an upswing in the number of donors who contribute to UAB and feel ownership in UAB.”

Porter is deeply interested in science education and the role UAB plays in economic growth. “Science is so important to the future of Birmingham. If you look at our community—health care, telecommunications, engineering, the biomedical industry—we’ve got to grow a workforce that is well versed in science.

“We need to invest in intellectual capital. I’m all for the various automotive plants, but they are not the long-term future of Alabama. The long term is in new ideas and forward thinking, and that is what we have at UAB.”

TOMMIE CUMMINGS
THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA AWARD

When Tommie Cummings enrolled as a student at UAB in the early 1970s, convenience was a primary factor in her decision. “I was of traditional student age, but I was married and had a scholarship, so I wanted to stay in Birmingham,” Cummings says. “I don’t think I realized what a jewel UAB was. I took it for granted then, and I think that’s why I so appreciate UAB now.”

Cummings has become one of the
It is with great pleasure that I begin my year as your National Alumni Society president. Let me first say thank you for this opportunity. I am eagerly anticipating the challenge.

I invite you all to participate in the various activities of the society and hope you will enjoy all that UAB has to offer. Also, I would like to encourage you to take advantage of all of the opportunities that exist through membership in the society. We offer discounted tickets to campus events: from the Alys Stephens Center to Bartow Arena, we have something for everyone.

Our chapter program is growing rapidly, with the addition of two new chapters last year (Occupational Therapy and Former Athletes) and the possibility of bringing at least three new ones onboard this year. If you are a member of the National Alumni Society, you are automatically a member of the appropriate chapter and will receive notices regarding upcoming events. Also, if you are interested in starting a chapter for a particular constituent group or geographic area, please call the Office of Alumni Affairs at (205) 934-3555 or visit our Web site at [www.alumni.uab.edu].

I hope that you are as proud as I am of the great strides UAB has made with the Blazer athletic program, and especially our Division 1-A football team. Coach Watson Brown has done a phenomenal job with our team and has won us national recognition and respect.

One of our goals this year is to implement an online directory, or some other electronic process, to allow alumni to update their information and retrieve information on old friends and acquaintances who attended UAB. This is just one of the ways in which we hope to enhance the services that we provide to alumni.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you who have supported the Campaign for UAB. It is because of you that UAB has already exceeded its original goal of $250 million. The revised campaign goal is $350 million. These funds will go a long way toward providing scholarships and fellowships, retaining faculty, and enhancing teaching and research programs.

Again, I thank you for this opportunity to serve you, and I hope to meet you soon—perhaps during the society’s big Homecoming “Bayou Blazer Blowout,” October 20 at Legion Field. Go Blazers!

E. Douglas Rigney, Jr., Ph.D.
President, UAB National Alumni Society
Peggy Delmas is the recipient of UAB's Outstanding Advisor Award for 2001. She received a plaque and a $500 cash award on behalf of the UAB National Alumni Society.

Steve Mitchell, vice president for student relations on the Society's Board of Directors, presented the award to Delmas. The presentation was held in the Humanities Building, and a reception followed.

Delmas attended the University of West Florida, where she received a bachelor's degree in communication arts in 1992. In 1994 she received a master's degree in communication arts from the University of Alabama.

"I started at UAB in 1997 in the Registrar's Office, handling class schedules," Delmas says. "An advising position opened in the School of Education, and I had always wanted to work more closely with students, so I applied."

Delmas began her career as an advisor in the fall of 1998 and describes her experience in the beginning as "very challenging."

"There were so many policies, and at the time there were 16 different majors in the school. Luckily, I had a lot of support from the Committee on Academic Advising and my friends and former coworkers in the Registrar's Office."

Strong interpersonal skills are at the heart of advising, Delmas says. "I relate well to people on a personal level. I think the students feel comfortable with me—comfortable enough to discuss issues..."
that are deeper than what appears on the surface. You have to look deeper into what may be affecting students.”

Since winning the campus award, Delmas competed in the National Academic Advising Association’s advising competition and was selected as one of eight national award winners. She competed against advisors from across the country and will be recognized at the national conference in Ottawa, Canada, in October. A paper Delmas cowrote with colleague Elaine Robinowich will be recognized. “Advising First Generation Students” focuses on the challenges faced by students who are the first in their immediate family to attend college. ♦

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**A Blazing Bon Voyage**

The National Alumni Society is proud to announce a new partnership with Adventure Travel. In joining with Adventure, we have access to the best deals, customized packages, and most importantly, years of experience from some of the best professionals in the travel industry.

First on the itinerary: UAB football travel packages. We have put together three great trips to cheer on our Blazers—Florida State, Central Florida, and Memphis. Check out our Web site [www.alumni.uab.edu](http://www.alumni.uab.edu) for all the details.

For 2002, we are planning a winter ski trip, spring cruise, and summer golf trip to Scotland. Watch your mailbox for updated travel information.

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### 2001 UAB Alumni Homecoming Golf Classic

**Highland Golf Course**

**Thursday, October 18, 2001**

**1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start**

**Scramble Format**

*Entry deadline is Tuesday, October 16*

**Each Golfer Will Receive:**

- Playing spot in the tournament
  
  (golf, cart, driving range, course refreshments)

- Lunch and Dinner

- Tournament Gift Package

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Alumni Mentor Program

Alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of UAB are encouraged to sign up for the 2001-2002 Mentor Program. The program term begins January 9 and will end April 17. Whether you have signed up before or are a first-time participant, please fill out the information below and send it to:

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Phone (205) 934-3555
Fax (205) 934-3926

All participants must attend the welcome and training session, which is scheduled for January 9, 2001, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. You will meet your assigned student and receive information regarding program guidelines. The closing session of the program will be held April 17, 2002.

Note: If no students sign up for your area of interest, you may not be contacted this year, and we will keep your information on file.

Minimum Participation from Mentors Includes:

• Attending the training and orientation in January and the closing ceremony in April
• Interacting with the student at least four times during the program term, via telephone, e-mail, or face-to-face visits
• Sharing career experience and advice with students
• Reviewing the student’s resume and academic program selections to provide professional feedback

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS OCTOBER 26, 2001

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(only if UAB graduate, faculty, or staff)
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____Yes, I will mentor more than one student if needed.
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In 30 words or less, please describe what your job entails.
(This description alone will be shown to students, who will select a mentor with experience that matches their particular career goals.)

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Hangin’ with the Barons

The UAB National Alumni Society’s Annual Meeting was held in conjunction with the “Alumni Night with the Barons” baseball outing on Friday, July 20.

The event was held in the Michael Jordan Banquet Hall at the Hoover Metropolitan Stadium. The barbecue buffet dinner began at 6:00 p.m., followed by the annual meeting. New officers and a new board of directors were elected for the coming year. At the end of the meeting, Head Football Coach Watson Brown addressed the crowd of approximately 145 UAB alumni and friends. ◆
Members of the Society’s Board of Directors recently spent a day at the Carraway-Davie Conference Center, discussing programming for the upcoming year.

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**AN ANNIVERSARY MESSAGE**

Dear Friends:

What an honor it is to announce this exciting news: The UAB School of Business is ready to celebrate its 30th birthday.

I am serving as the chair of the 30-Year Anniversary Committee and want to personally invite all alumni and friends to join me in celebrating this special occasion. The 30-year anniversary is a chance for the School of Business to show appreciation to all of its constituents for helping the school get to where it is today. We also want to join together in looking toward the future. In celebration of the school's birthday, there will be a commemorative, special issue of *Venture*, the school's magazine.

Volunteers and school staff members have been working hard to plan the celebration for August 2001 through June 2002. More volunteers are needed for the anniversary committee, so please contact the Office of Development, Alumni, and External Relations at (205) 934-6386 or [alum@business.uab.edu] if you are interested in participating.

The celebration's kickoff event was a birthday party on September 13, 2001, at the Alys Stephens Center. Mark your calendars for the rest of the events and get ready for a very exciting year.

Happy 30th to the UAB School of Business!

*Tommie Cummings*
Chair, 30-year Anniversary Committee

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Fall 2001**
- Homecoming Week
  October 15–20
- Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series
  November 1
  6:00 p.m. lecture
  Alys Stephens Center

**Spring 2002**
- Winter Luncheon
  January 25
  11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
  The Club
- School of Business/
  Merrill Lynch Lecture Series
  February (date and time, TBA)
- "Masters" in Business Administration Golf Tournament
  April 22
  8:30 a.m. shotgun start
  Riverchase Country Club
- Dine–A–Rounds
  Date and time, TBA
- Graduation Barbecue
  Date and time, TBA

**A TOUCH OF HISTORY**

The winter luncheon is one of our biggest events of the year, and we plan to recognize the school's “firsts, uniqueness, and significants” over the past 30 years. If you, or someone you know, was a “first” (e.g., president of first MBA graduating class), is unique (e.g., an alum who founded the first Internet Bank), or significant (e.g., president of a student organization), please contact the Office of Development, Alumni, and External Relations at (205) 934-6386 with the name of the person and their story.

**ALUMNI DIRECTORY IS COMING**

The UAB School of Business Alumni Directory will be the most up-to-date and complete reference book of more than 8,000 UAB business alums. This comprehensive volume will include current names, addresses, phone numbers, academic data, and business information (if applicable), all bound into a classic, library-quality edition.

The school has contracted the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company to produce the directory. The Harris company is currently researching and compiling information to be printed in the directory by mailing a questionnaire to each alum. If you have not received a questionnaire, please contact the Office of Development, Alumni, and External Relations at (205) 934-6386.

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**DENTISTRY ALUMNI CHAPTER**

**A SEA CRUISE**

The School of Dentistry is offering a continuing-education cruise to the western Caribbean Oct. 28 through Nov. 4, 2001, aboard the Grand Princess.

Continuing education will be offered while at sea. The eight-hour “Forensic Odontology” seminar will be presented by Richard Weems, D.M.D., M.S., associate professor and director of dental radiology at the University of Alabama School of Dentistry.

The cruise departs from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with four ports of call. All dental alums and their family members and friends are invited; only those alums who wish to participate in continuing education need to pay the CE fee—$199 per dentist and $75 per auxiliary. For more information, please check our Web site [www.dental.uab.edu/ce].

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*Tommie Cummings*
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**TEACHING A PHILOSOPHY OF HOPE**

She has taught grades K-12 in rural, suburban, and urban settings. Physics, biology, chemistry, and algebra are among her previous teaching assignments. In the past two years, she has received national board certification (early adolescent generalist) and her Ph.D. degree (educational leadership). At the June 14, 2001, School of Education Alumni Chapter luncheon, she was named incoming president.

Who is this accomplished educator? Her friends call her Becky, but many know her as Rebecca Seales, Ph.D., a 1980 alum of the UAB School of Education. Seales's strong commitment to UAB has shaped her goals for the coming term. She plans to:
- continue current programs that support the School of Education;
- increase alumni membership;
- increase involvement in the support of TEP students; and
- increase scholarship funds available to the School of Education.

Seales obviously values education. But in conversation she does not focus on her own professional accomplishments. Instead, she talks about the importance of touching children's lives and stresses the need to reach out to troubled children and adolescents.

Seales has firsthand knowledge of this aspect of the education system. She teaches at the Shelby County Regional Juvenile Detention Facility and works with young people who often feel helpless, hopeless, and resigned to failure.

Through her philosophy that “there are no bad children, just children who have made bad choices,” she provides a caring learning environment filled with respect, tempered with humor, and balanced with instruction that provides her students with productive goals and lifelong skills.

If you are an educator or plan to be one—or if you are just interested in the welfare of young people—we encourage you to attend a meeting of the School of Education Alumni Chapter. You may meet someone who changes your way of thinking about the field of education—a role model of a caring individual who is a continuous learner in our ever-changing profession.

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**Nursing Alumni Chapter**

**KEEPING UP WITH ALUMS**

Martha Lavender (M.S.N., 1984; D.S.N., 1988), dean of the College of Nursing at Jacksonville State University, is the national president of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN). Lavender presided at the 2001 annual meeting of AWHONN June 10-13 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Approximately 2,000 nurses attended the meeting.

Penelope Morrison Bosarge (M.S.N., 1984) was elected to the validation panel of a project to develop nationally recognized outcome competencies for primary-care nurse practitioners. The project is being coordinated by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties. Bosarge serves on the nurse practitioner faculty of the School of Nursing.

Wanchai Moongtui (D.S.N., 1999) of Chiang Mai, Thailand, has published a paper based on his dissertation research with School of Nursing faculty members Joan Turner, D.S.N., and Dorothy Gauthier, Ph.D. The paper concerns the use of peer feedback to improve hand washing and glove usage among Thai health-care workers. Moongtui is a faculty member of the School of Nursing at Chiang Mai University. In February 2000, Chiang Mai University awarded the first-ever honorary doctorate for a foreign nurse to Rachel Booth, Ph.D., dean of the School of Nursing at UAB.

Phyllis Horns (D.S.N., 1980), former associate dean for undergraduate studies at the School of Nursing, is dean of the School of Nursing at East Carolina University. Effective June 21, 2001, she assumed the position of interim vice chancellor for health sciences at East Carolina. She continues in her role as dean of the School of Nursing.

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**Public Relations Alumni Chapter**

PR alums are asked to send their names, current addresses, job positions (even if they aren't in public relations), and e-mail addresses, so we can update our mailing list. This is the easiest way to keep you informed of chapter activities. Please e-mail your updates to [uabpralumni@aol.com].
UAB Sweeps Electronics Competition

Ten senior electrical engineering students from UAB recently competed in electronics hardware and software competitions at the annual Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Southeast Region 3 Conference at Clemson University. UAB won first place in both competitions.

Six students—Jason Blake, Laura Franklin, Jonathan Glidewell, Cory Hanks, Aaron Ismail, and Boon Leau—made up the team in the hardware competition. The students began working in October 2000 to construct an autonomous car, equipped with a magnet that can pick up a steel ball. In the competition, cars received points for picking up steel balls on a track and placing them in the scoring bin. The UAB students competed against teams from 18 other universities in the Southeast. The UAB entry survived all of the rounds with no losses in the double-elimination contest.

In the software competition, UAB’s team consisted of Eddie Kominek, Evan Koch, Nate Slabaugh, and Chris Whitaker. Teams were given a problem to solve and a computer to use. Students did not know the details of the problem until it was revealed at the competition. They had a fixed time during which they had to generate software that solved the given problem.

For the software competition, the problem involved writing the software to train a neural network to recognize one of 40 individuals from digital pictures. The software had to execute on a large, multiple-processor computer cluster. UAB’s team developed the best solution and was declared the winner.

David Green and Gregg Vaughn, Ph.D., from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, were faculty advisors for the team and accompanied the students to Clemson.

HONORING OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Student awards were presented at the Engineering Foundation Council meeting in April. The undergraduate award went to Joseph Puckett (Materials and Mechanical Engineering). The graduate award went to Jennifer Harper (Civil and Environmental Engineering).

Keeping up with Alums

Robert Holmes, Jr. (B.S.E., EGR, 1976), has been named senior vice president and chairman of the Alabama Power Foundation.

Penny Manuel (B.S.E., Materials Engineering, 1985) was recently named vice president and chief information officer for Southern Company’s Alabama region.

Bobby J. Kerley (B.S.E., Electrical Engineering, 1976) was named vice president of the southeastern division for Alabama Power Company.

Zane G. Hood, Jr. (B.S.E., Civil Engineering, 1991) has advanced to district manager at the PPM Consultants Birmingham office. ♦

MPA Alumni Chapter

Understanding the Manager’s Role

Norma Ann Dodd was recently elected to serve as 2001-2002 president of the MPA Alumni Chapter.

She is technical services manager with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama. Dodd is a 1988 graduate of the MPA program and takes every opportunity to tell others about her experience. “The MPA program helped me to better appreciate the role of manager and helped me to perform better in that role,” Dodd says. “I think the program teaches you the skills required of a good manager and is especially helpful in the personnel field.”

If you are interested in knowing more about the chapter or about the MPA program at UAB, please contact Lorraine Smith at (205) 934-2339 or lcsmith@uab.edu. ♦
The 2001 Gulf Coast Summer Conference, sponsored by the Alabama Optometric Association (ALOA) in conjunction with the UAB School of Optometry Alumni Association, held its annual conference at the Hilton Sandestin Resort in Sandestin, Florida, July 20-21. The conference was attended by a large group of UABSO alumni and their families. The beautiful beaches, combined with exceptional continuing-education courses, made for a weekend of education, reunions, reminiscing, and pure fun.

The weekend began on Friday morning with talks by Jimmy Bartlett, O.D., interim chair of the Department of Optometry and director of professional programs, and Ian Gaddie, O.D. (1997), from Louisville, Kentucky. Both discussed the management and treatment of glaucoma. Following lunch, the American Red Cross offered a class on CPR training. The day concluded with an informal evening reception, giving alums time to relax and enjoy an evening with family members and colleagues.

Saturday morning featured presentations by Mark Swanson, O.D. (1985), associate professor; Glenn Hammack, O.D., former UABSO chief of staff, now in Galveston, Texas; and Carl Spear, Jr., O.D. (1991), from Navarre, Florida. A golf tournament was held on Saturday afternoon, concluding a wonderful weekend of educational and social events.

The 2001 Convocation

The 2001 School of Optometry doctoral convocation and hooding ceremony was held at the Alys Stephens Center on Sunday, May 26. Family, friends, faculty, and staff gathered as 39 students received their doctoral degrees.

Interim Dean John F. Amos, O.D., presided over the ceremony, welcoming all those attending. Thomas L. Lewis, O.D., Ph.D., president of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, delivered the convocation address. Alumni Association President Cheryl Cheatham-Harris, O.D. (1981), welcomed the new members to the Alumni Association in an address to the class. Shane Johnson, the class president, talked about the accomplishments and the future awaiting the class of 2001.

Swanson introduced each student. Bartlett, Lawrence Mays, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Physiological Optics; and Rodney Nowakowski, O.D. (1975), chief of staff, performed the placing of hoods. Kent Keyser, Ph.D., director of graduate programs in vision science and the Vision Science Research Center, recognized the students who had completed the graduate program. Joseph Fleming, O.D. (1991), interim director of residency programs, recognized the six doctors of optometry who were about to complete the one-year residency program.

Seventeen of the graduates received awards, with cum laude honors going to Sapho Doan, George N. Eischens, Rachel Wilson Hansen, and David S. Parker. Hansen received the Beta Sigma Kappa Silver medal for the highest G.P.A. (3.96) and 20 graduates achieved a G.P.A. of 3.2 or higher to earn membership in the Beta Sigma Kappa Honor Society. Eischens received the Dean’s Award.

A reception, featuring the musical duo Two in Time, followed the ceremony. About 400 people attended the convocation.

Open House 2001

An open house for the UABSO is scheduled for 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 7. Anyone interested in optometry is invited to tour the school and visit with faculty. A host of faculty, staff, and students will be on hand to welcome visitors and answer questions about the school, financial aid, admission policies, curriculum, and student organizations. If you would like to attend, please call the UAB School of Optometry Alumni Affairs Office at (205) 934-5605. ♦
MAKING A DIFFERENCE

School of Public Health alumni had a busy spring and summer. Approximately 100 industrial hygiene alumni (Department of Environmental Health Sciences) gathered in New Orleans, where they were attending the American Industrial Hygiene Conference. They toasted the continuing success of the Vernon Rose Endowed Scholarship fund drive effort that they spearhead. So far, alumni and friends have raised almost $75,000. This fund provides scholarship support for industrial hygiene students.

WELCOMING NEW ALUMS

The School of Public Health Alumni Chapter welcomed our newest alums, members of the graduating class of 2001, at the third annual SPH Graduation BBQ on June 7. An afternoon shower did not dampen spirits; the party just moved inside. More than 20 “seasoned” alumni served food and offered advice to the new grads. Also in attendance were the grads’ family members and friends, as well as faculty and staff from the school.

CONVOCATION FEATURES PRIZE-WINNING AUTHOR

The 2001 convocation was held June 8 at the Alys Stephens Center. The speaker was Laurie Garrett, the only writer to win the Pulitzer Prize and the Polk and Peabody awards. Garrett is the author of Betrayal of Trust and The Coming Plague. She spoke to the new graduates and guests about the effects of globalization on public health.

The 2001 SPH Alumnus of the Year, Charles White, was recognized at the convocation. White received his M.P.H. in 1981 and is CEO of Franklin Primary Health Center, Inc., in Mobile, Alabama.

MAKING HOMECOMING PLANS

This is the Homecoming issue of Alumni Gazette, so you have, or will soon receive, information about the SPH’s activities. The alumni chapter plans to participate in the school’s building decoration. (We’re 2-0 as winners of this annual campus competition.) Also, we will hold our annual chapter meeting, where we will choose our next chapter president-elect. We plan to join in the fun at the Blazer Bash at the Homecoming game on October 20. We hope you will make plans to join us.

If you would like to be involved in SPH Alumni Chapter events, please contact Tamika Dunning in the UAB Office of Alumni Affairs at (205) 934-3555 or via e-mail at tamika@uab.edu.
contact alumni director Joan Ohrn at [ohrn@uab.edu] or chapter president Jim Tillery at [jctiller@southernco.com].

KEEPING UP WITH ALUMS

Joan Humphrey Anderson, J.D. (M.P.H./M.B.A., 1982), works for Pennington, Moore, Wilkinson, Bell & Dunbar, P.A., in Tallahassee, Florida, in the area of health-care law. She represents health-care providers, including hospitals, physicians, and insurance companies.

Lori de Ravello (M.P.H., 1993, International Health) was recently promoted to deputy chief of the Statistics and Computer Resources Branch in the Division of Reproductive Health, National Center of Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dave Friedman (M.S.P.H., 1996, Environmental Health) and his wife, Melissa, welcomed their new daughter, Annie Marie, in February. The Friedmans live in Portland, Oregon, where he works as an industrial hygienist for the SAIF Corporation.

Dee McGhee Ward (M.S.P.H., 1996, Environmental Health) was recently recognized by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene as certified in comprehensive practice in industrial hygiene. She works for International Paper’s corporate office as a health and safety specialist. She lives in Memphis, Tennessee, with her husband, Jeff.

Rodney A Samaan (M.P.H., 1997, Epidemiology) is a second-year medical student at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He presented a poster at the 16th annual WONCA Congress, May 13-17 in Durban, South Africa. WONCA is an Australia-based international family-practice organization. The title of the poster was “Ambulatory Diagnoses: Cluster Statistics in a Clinic in the Amazon Region of Ecuador.”

Former Athletes Chapter Recognized

The UAB National Alumni Society recently voted to recognize the UAB Former Athletes Chapter as an official group. Matt Holdbrooks, senior director of development for athletics and special projects, was instrumental in getting the chapter organized.

The group met in July and will have more events planned this fall. An event is being planned for the Cincinnati football game on October 13. If you are a former UAB athlete, or know of someone who lettered in a sport at UAB, please contact Holdbrooks at (205) 934-0766 or [matth@uab.edu].

Shoals Area Alumni Interest

Several alumni are interested in starting a UAB Shoals Area Alumni Chapter, but they need your help.

A small group of UAB alumni in the area has gathered for lunch a few times and participated in the W.C. Handy Festival. But more alumni are needed to form a chapter.

If you live in the Shoals area and would like to participate in the chapter’s activities, help get the group started, or serve as a chapter leader, please contact Marie Miller-Whitehead at [marie@tvee.org].

The group hopes to sponsor a bus trip to Homecoming on October 20 if there is enough interest.

Houston Area Alumni Revitalization

Alums in the Houston, Texas, area gathered earlier this year. Plans are under way to reactivate this chapter, and the next big event is set for November 17, 2001, when UAB plays Houston in football.

Theatre Alumni Interest

To form or not to form? That is the question. We hope the answer will be “to form.” If you are a UAB theatre grad and would like to participate in forming a chapter, or would just like to see it happen and participate in activities, please send an e-mail to Carol Odess at [codess678@aol.com].

Atlanta Alumni Revitalization

Alums in the Atlanta area are interested in getting a chapter back together and are looking for alumni who would be willing to serve as officers.

If you have questions about any of these chapters, or would like to become involved in their activities, please contact Tamika Dunning in the UAB Office of Alumni Affairs at (800) 898-ALUM, (205) 934-3555, or [tamika@uab.edu].

NEW CHAPTERS ARE ON THE WAY

Gerald McGwin (Ph.D., 1998, Epidemiology) has been elected chair of the Alabama Trauma Registry Task Force, which represents hospitals and partnering agencies throughout the state.

Jason Patterson (M.P.H., 1998, Health Care Organization and Policy) has been named the first director of the Commission on Men’s Health for the Georgia Department of Community Health.

Hans-Peter Goertz (M.P.H., 1999, Epidemiology/International Health) has accepted a position as clinical research scientist with Novartis Pharmaceuticals in Basel, Switzerland.

Matthew Smitha (Dr.P.H., 2000, Environmental Health) is a safety manager for the new Honda auto plant that is under construction in Lincoln, Alabama.
Vonetta Flowers has long dreamed of competing in track and field at the Summer Olympics. And she has come close, twice qualifying for the Olympic Trials.

One of the most decorated athletes in UAB history, Flowers now has another chance to reach the Olympics. But it is not in the Summer Games. And it is not in the sport she had imagined.

A seven-time NCAA All-America in track and field at UAB, Flowers is now a member of the U.S. women's bobsled team. She and partner Bonny Warner are ranked second in the United States and third in the world. If they finish in the top two at the U.S. Olympic Trials in December, they will qualify for the Winter Olympics, which will be in February 2002 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

“This is definitely not something I had ever imagined doing,” Flowers says.

“‘All my life I had been training for track, and I had wanted to go to the Summer Olympics. But I never thought of the Winter Olympics.’

She also had never thought much of bobsled until Warner approached her at the U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials in summer 2000 at Sacramento, California. Flowers finished 12th in the long jump, well behind the top three who made the U.S. team. “I was coming off surgery, so I knew I wouldn’t make the team,” she says. “In fact, I’d had so many injuries that I was thinking about retiring.”

But those thoughts changed when she met Warner, a three-time Olympian in luge who came out of retirement at age 37 to try two-man bobsled. Warner, a driver, was trying to recruit a brakeman, and she knew an outstanding athlete from another sport could make the transition to bobsled. In the 1992 Olympics, for instance, football star Herschel Walker competed for the U.S. men’s bobsled team.

Warner tested Flowers’s strength and speed in several drills and invited her to travel to Germany for training in bobsled techniques. After more training in Park City, Utah, they tried out for the national team and placed second.

### Inside Strength Bolsters Hoop Dreams

Inside play figures to be the primary focus for the 2001-02 UAB basketball season. But perimeter play might ultimately determine how far the Blazers and Lady Blazers can go in the postseason.

The Blazers return several experienced inside players, led by 6’8” senior center Will Campbell. Also returning are 6’7” senior forward Eric Batchelor and 6’6” senior forward Myron Ransom. Ransom is back after sitting out last season because of a knee injury.

But point guard LeAndrew Bass, who started most of the past three seasons, is gone. That means Coach Murry Bartow’s team will have a different look in the backcourt.

Eric Bush, a 5’10” recruit from Barton County (Kansas) Community College, is the favorite to fill the point-guard role. Bush averaged 18.2 points a game in leading Barton County to a 29-9 record. The Sporting News rated him the No. 1 junior-college point guard in the nation prior to the 2000-01 season.

The inside game is expected to receive a boost from two other junior-college recruits—6’5” Antonae Roberson from San Jose (California) City College and 6’8” Cedric Davis from Sinclair (Ohio) Community College.

P.J. Arnold, the leading returning scorer, became a consistent three-point threat late last season. Also returning in the backcourt are 6’4” junior Tony Johnson and 5’11” sophomore Morris Finley. After showing considerable promise as a freshman, Finley missed last season because of a back injury.

For the Lady Blazers, Coach Jeannie Milling will once again build her team around 6’2” Deanna Jackson, the reigning Conference USA Player of the Year. She averaged 25.1 points and 11.4 rebounds last season, making several All-America teams.

Other key returnees on the inside are 6’2” sophomore Natasha Thomas, 6’3” junior Michelle Smith, and 6’2” senior Shaquetta Rhodes.
Flowers says the transition from one sport to another has been surprisingly smooth. "People ask me how long I've been in bobsled, and I say I've really been training for it all my life. I just didn't know it.

"The speed training is very similar to track and field. But the big thing for me now is to work on my strength."

As brakeman, Flowers's first responsibility is to give her sled a strong start. Then, she must bring the sled to a halt at the end. "The first time I went down the course, no one told me about the G forces that pull your head toward the ground," Flowers says. "I was dizzy at first, but now I'm used to it. It's like riding on a roller coaster."

Flowers has already left a significant mark on track and field. As Vonetta Jeffery (she now is married to Johnny Flowers, a former member of the UAB football and track teams), she won conference titles in the 100 meters, 200 meters, long jump, and triple jump. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education in 1997 and still holds numerous UAB records.

Along the way, she had ankle surgery, two knee surgeries, and two hip surgeries. "I never really had a healthy college career," Flowers says. "I don't know how well I could have done if I had been healthy."

After serving as a graduate-assistant coach at the University of Alabama for two years, Flowers returned to UAB as an assistant coach with the women's track-and-field team.

"It's great to be back at UAB," Flowers says. "I've been accepted with open arms as assistant coach, and the school has been very supportive of my training for bobsled.

"I've long dreamed of representing my country. To get a shot at it in a second sport is very special." 

Roger Shuler
Powers—were very engaged with students. One of the things that seemed different about UAB was that the Department of Accounting encouraged us to get involved, as students, in professional organizations."

The reputation of the School of Business has grown steadily, Cummings says. "People are always interested in where you went to school, and when I first got out and said UAB, their reaction was, 'Well, she must not have had any other choice.' But it's not looked at that way anymore. It's seen as an informed decision to go to UAB because of its excellent programs."

Graduates of the school have a lot to do with that change. "I think students who come out of UAB are very practical in orientation," Cummings says. "If there is a negative aspect of their practicality, it might be that most business graduates need more background in the liberal arts. But in general, I think our students come out with a strong work ethic, knowing how to work."

Cummings has made a special effort to maintain her ties to the university. "I just believe in the people who are there. I believe in the professors, the staff, and the administration; they've never failed me. If you invest effort in UAB, you are going to receive more than you put into it.

"Plus, the economic force of UAB in our community is incredible. I hire people from UAB, so I'm interested in making sure the quality continues. And I have hundreds of clients who need good people, people who can be creative and go the extra mile. I believe they can find those kinds of people at UAB."

Cummings, Long, and Porter are quick to say that UAB faces challenges, particularly in a time of proration. But they are hopeful about the university's future. "At UAB, there is still a sense of youth about the organization, a sense that we are all pitching in to make it a better place," Long says. "That sense of youth is always fragile and endangered. And you can take that only so far when faculty are seriously underpaid.

"But I think the faculty feel a strong sense of responsibility to students. And there is still a lot of teamwork and collaboration, which adds value to the educational experience." ◆

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What’s up with Alums?

Gail H. Cassell (M.S., 1971; Ph.D., 1973) is vice president of infectious diseases, drug-discovery research, and clinical investigation for Lilly Research Laboratories.

Sandra Cleveland (B.S., 1971) was named vice president of community affairs at BellSouth.

Angela F. Jones (B.S., 1971) was honored with the ASCP Regional Associate Member Award for the Southeast region during National Medical Laboratory Week. She works for Baptist Medical Center-Montclair in Birmingham as general laboratory evening shift supervisor.

Patsy Hammett (M.A., 1973; A.A., 1977) has retired after 34 years of teaching. At the time of her retirement, she was teaching first grade at West End Elementary School in Etowah County, Alabama.

Michael E. Mason (B.S., 1973) has joined Tidwell, Mason & Thomas, Information Technology Solutions. He will focus on business-wealth creation, business consulting, information-technology consulting, and litigation/valuations support.

Roger Murphree (B.S., 1973) was promoted by New South Federal Savings Bank to executive vice president.

Melinda D. Beswick (B.S.N., 1975; M.S.N., 1976) has been named chief executive officer of Anaheim (California) Memorial Medical Center. She has more than 30 years of experience in hospital administration, transferring to Anaheim Memorial from California Hospital Medical Center in Los Angeles.

Charles Dobbs (B.S., 1975) was elected treasurer of Dobbs, Culotta & Scroggins.

Bobby J. Kerley (B.S.E., 1976) was promoted by Alabama Power to vice president for its Southeastern division.


Don Mandy (B.S., 1978) has joined Nowlin & Associates as an account manager. He brings 20 years of experience in personal financial planning, employee benefits, and business administration to his new position.

Mixon Russ (B.S.E., 1978; M.B.A., 1991) of Alabama Power, is one of Gateway's new trustees.

Larry Thorneberry (M.S.H.A., 1978) of Baptist Health System, is one of Gateway’s new trustees.

Katherine Kirkpatrick (M.A.E., 1979; Ph.D., 1989), associate professor of education at Birmingham-Southern College, is one of the recipients of the college's Henry C. Randall Outstanding Advisor Award, presented during the college's 2001 Awards Day Convocation.

Jackie Martinek (B.S.N., 1979) has been promoted by Brookwood Medical Center to vice president and administrator of Brookwood Women’s Medical Center.

J.D. Weeks (B.A., 1979; M.P.A., 1981) has written Birmingham: A Postcard Tour. It is now available at the UAB Bookstore in the “UAB Authors” and in the “Books About Alabama” sections.

Charles D. Whitefield, Jr. (B.A., 1979), has been named executive vice president of SouthTrust Bank’s human resources department.

Lou Willie (B.S., 1979) has been named vice president of public relations at New South Federal Savings Bank.

Dick Darden (M.B.A., 1980) was named vice president of Sunbelt Properties.

Kim Mangham (M.S., 1980) was named 2000 residential sales associate of the year by the Birmingham Association of Realtors.

Walter Howlett, Jr. (B.S., 1981), has been named president, treasurer, and COO of Booker T. Washington Insurance Company and its subsidiaries, including its parent company, the A.G. Gaston Corporation, and the A.G. Gaston Construction Company.

Linda H. Baker (B.A., 1982) was named development director for United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Birmingham. She will be responsible for the annual fund-raising and public-relations activities for UCP.

Gerry L. Turner (B.S., 1982) has been named vice president and general manager of BE&K in Houston, Texas.

Kathy Zwanzig (B.S., 1982) was named by President George W. Bush as a recipient of the 2000 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Each year the White House recognizes the best of the nation’s K-12 teachers.

Joseph A. Gilmore (B.S., 1984) was promoted by SouthTrust Bank to group vice president of branch administration.

Kenny Mallow Williamson (M.S.N., 1984), a first-year student at the Cumberland School of Law, recently won the Donworth Freshman Moot Court Competition.

Penny Manuel (B.S.E., 1985) was promoted by Alabama Power to vice president and chief information officer for Southern Company Alabama Region.

S. Jonathan Bass (B.A., 1986; M.A., 1990) wrote Blessed Are the Peacemakers,

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Nancy Davis (B.S., 1987; M.P.H., 1991), an associate professor of psychology at Birmingham-Southern College, was awarded the Mortar Board Community Service Award during the 2001 Awards Day Convocation. She has been a member of Birmingham-Southern’s faculty since 1993.

Vincent F. Pierce (B.S., 1987) has been appointed an agent by Farmer’s Insurance Group.

Cassandra Bussey (B.S., 1988) is a missionary for the North American Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention. She and her husband, Kevin, are helping form the Bridge Community Church in Canton, Georgia. They have two children, Jacob and Hope.

Kevin Bussey (M.A.E., 1988) is a missionary for the North American Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention. He and his wife, Cassandra, are helping form the Bridge Community Church in Canton, Georgia.

Deborah C. Gaddis (M.A.E., 1988) was promoted by Regions Bank to assistant vice president, branch operations office and internal support.

Eric Lee (B.S., 1988) and wife, Shannon, welcome their son, Ethan Joseph Lee, born April 20, 2001. Eric is a sales representative for St. Jude Medical.

Scott W. Corscadden (B.S., 1989) has joined the Miller, Hamilton, Snider, & Odom law firm.

W. Bryan Cowen (B.S., 1989) was promoted by SouthTrust Bank to officer of corporate tax accounting.

Timothy Gayle (B.S., 1989) was promoted by SouthTrust Bank to group vice president of SouthTrust Securities, Inc.

D. Stephen Jones (B.S., 1989), of SouthTrust Bank, has been promoted to group vice president of human resources.

Barbara Cole (B.S.E., 1986) has an associate professor of corporate tax accounting.

Jay Waters (B.S., 1989; M.B.A., 1991) has been promoted to senior vice president for communications planning at Luckie & Company.

Cindy Anderson (B.S., 1990) was named director of new business development in the circulation department at Southern Progress.

Thomas A. Bartels (M.B.A., 1990) was appointed chief financial officer at Atherotech, Inc.

Renee Sellers (M.P.H., 1990) was named safety supervisor at American Cast Iron Pipe Company.

Reba Belcher (B.S., 1991) has been named director of compensation and benefits at UAB.

Anita Pickens Curlin (B.S.N., 1991) is director of nursing for Tri-County Convalescent Home and Rehab, Inc., a 144-bed facility including a 32-bed skilled nursing unit in Adamsville, Tennessee.

Zane G. Hood (B.S., 1991) has been named district manager at the Birmingham office of PPM Consultants, Inc.


Christopher R Blake (B.S., 1992) was promoted to senior manager at the Birmingham office of Ernst & Young.

Marrietta Cameron (M.S., 1992; Ph.D., 1999), assistant professor of computer science at Birmingham-Southern College, has received a $10,000, 10-week summer faculty fellowship from NASA. The fellowship will be supervised by the American Society for Engineering Education.

Milton Davis (M.B.A., 1992) was promoted by BE&K to manager of business development.

Michael Higginbotham (B.A., 1992; M.P.A., 1995) was nominated by the Birmingham Unit of the National Association of Social Workers as Public Citizen of the Year.

Jim Hutton (M.B.A., 1992; Ph.D., 1998) has been elected to the Commission on College Accreditation of the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools in Washington, D.C.

Kelli Ives (M.B.A., 1992; M.S.H.A., 1993) has joined MediSYS as account manager.

Ramsey Jennings (M.S.H.A., 1992) is the principal in The Jennings Group, Inc., a full-service senior-living management and development firm based in LaGrange, Georgia. The company provides facility development and contract-management services to owners of assisted-living facilities.

Sheri Robinson (B.S., 1992) is a financial planner at Haines Financial Advisors, Inc.

Robert B. Adams, (P.E., B.S.M.E., 1993; M.S.M.E., 1995) recently accepted a position with the advanced concept department at the NASA Marshall Space Flight Center. He is helping develop vehicle concepts to replace the space shuttle and enable human exploration of the solar system.

Gwen Cox (B.S.N., 1993) graduated in May 2001 from Birmingham-Southern College with a master’s degree in public and private management.

Sherry Hopper (B.A., 1993), a member of the Birmingham Chapter of the Public Relations Council of Alabama, has earned the accredited in public relations (APR) designation. She is a senior communications specialist with Alabama Power.
Alum Notes

Cynthia Schramm (B.S., 1993) has been promoted in the programming administration department at SouthTrust Bank.

Phyllis Gamble Vinson (B.S., 1993) joined Synovus Wealth Management as vice president and relationship manager.

Marilyn J. Daniel (B.A., 1994) has joined Handy TV Appliance as director of advertising, managing all aspects of print, advertising, direct mail, television, radio, and Internet marketing.

H. Allen Franklin (M.S., 1994) is the new CEO of Southern Company, replacing William Dahlberg.

Stephen Carter Jackson (B.S.H.A., 1994) was awarded a master’s degree from Mississippi College in December 2000.

Tarrie Love (M.S.H.A., 1994) has been promoted by Brookwood Medical Center to senior services director.

Edgar Luna (D.M.D., 1994) completed his postgraduate training at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies.

Anthony Riccio (B.S., 1994) was promoted to vice president of the Alabama middle market at SouthTrust Bank.

Deena Sanfilippo (B.S., 1994; M.B.A., 1997) has been promoted by SouthTrust Bank to Community Reinvestment Act analyst.

R. Lee Willoughby (B.S., 1994) is a partner at the Moses, Phillips, Young, Brannon & Henninger accounting firm.

Shea Rabbeitt Maurin (B.A., 1995) teaches Spanish and is the assistant volleyball coach at Daphne High School in Daphne, Alabama.

Derek Henry (B.S., M.E., 1996), a project engineer in the commercial department of CRS Engineering and Design Consultants, earned the professional engineer (P.E.) designation from the Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors of Alabama.

Laurie Sullivan Hunter (Ph.D., 1996) was promoted to associate professor of psychology at Francis Marion University in Florence, South Carolina. She has been on the faculty at FMU since August 1996.

Margaret A. Mayfield (B.A., 1996) has joined the Edward Jones Investment Company as an investment representative.

Pat Tully (B.S., 1996) was promoted in May 2001 to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is a member of the 1st Brigade, 87th Division, and is employed with Electronic Data Systems in Birmingham.

Justin Craft (B.S., 1997) was named Agency Leader of the Year, Life Leader of the Year, and New Account Manager of the Year at Nowlin & Associates. He also recently qualified for membership in the company’s President’s Cabinet.

Cindy Self (B.S., 1997), a second-year student at the Cumberland School of Law, was named vice president of the Cumberland Christian Legal Society for the 2001-2002 academic year.

David Argent (B.S., 1998) has joined Truitt, Tingle & Paramore as staff accountant.

Coker Cleveland (B.S., 1998), a second-year student at the Cumberland School of Law, was elected Student Bar Association vice president for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Steve Crowe (M.B.A., 1998) was named by Southern Progress as circulation director for Southern Living.

Tonya Larson (B.S., 1998) is volleyball coach at Birmingham-Southern College. She moves to BSC after serving three years as assistant coach at UAB.

Commander Catherine E. Turner (M.S.N., 1998) has been promoted to the rank of commander while serving at Naval Hospital in Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Jon Vickers (B.A., 1998), a second-year student at the Cumberland School of Law, has been named assistant client counseling competition director of the Trial Advocacy Executive Board for the 2001-2002 academic year.

John Barranco (B.A., 1999) has accepted a job with International Sports Properties. The job will be at the company’s Tulane University project in New Orleans.

Patrick Gordon (B.S., 1999), a second-year student at the Cumberland School of Law, has been named materials editor of the Cumberland Law Review for 2001-2002.

Veronica L. Merritt (B.A., 1999), a second-year student at the Cumberland School of Law, has been named articles editor for Volume 25 of the American Journal of Trial Advocacy.

William Munn (M.B.A., 1999), founder of William Munn & Associates, a professional search and recruiting firm, has recently established a new division for temporary staffing services. The firm has also been accepted into the American Association of Finance and Accounting Search Firms.

Amy Newman (B.A., 1999) is a program coordinator at UAB’s Hill University Center.

Jennifer A. Nunneley (B.S., 1999), a second-year student at the Cumberland School of Law, was elected secretary of the Student Bar Association for the 2001-2002 academic year.

Bena G. Tinsley (B.S., 1999) recently graduated from the University of Alabama. She has been promoted by Brookwood Medical Center to senior services director.


Stephen Carter Jackson (B.S.H.A., 1994) was awarded a master’s degree from Mississippi College in December 2000.

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Bena G. Tinsley (B.S., 1999), of Technology Partners LLC, successfully completed the certified internal auditor examination.

David B. Wilson (M.B.A., 1999) has been promoted by SouthTrust Bank to

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information services department technical support.

**Bevin Barber (B.S., 2000)** has joined the emerging business department at Tidwell, Mason & Thomas.

**David L. Barton (B.S., 2000)** has been named to serve on the Franchise Advisory Council of STRATIS Business Centers, Inc., a national franchise of Executives Suites. He recently acquired the franchise development rights to build as many as five STRATIS Business Centers in Birmingham.

**John Carlson (B.S.M.E., 2000)** is one of four mechanical engineering students who recently participated in the NASA Reduced Gravity Students Flight Opportunities Program. The program included a flight on NASA’s KC-135 aircraft, also known as the Weightless Wonder.

**Kristen Marino (B.S., 2000)** joined DavisDenny Advertising & Related Services, Inc., as production manager.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Lloyd Slone (M.A.E., 1986)** died in October 1999. He was a professor at Birmingham-Southern College, where he taught for 23 years.
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Mondavi Celebration of the Arts October 6, 2001
Christmas at the Alys December 11, 2001
Ye Ole Madrigal Feaste December 13-15, 2001
A Starlight Gala featuring Bobby McFerrin April 6, 2002

Southern Accents Classically Inclined Series
Eroica Trio October 5, 2001
Moscow State Symphony featuring Vladimir Feltsman November 9, 2001
Gil Shaham, violin February 2, 2002
Renée Fleming, soprano February 9, 2002
Fazil Say, piano February 23, 2002

Protective Life Eclectic Palate Series
Roberta Flack October 14, 2001
Juan de Marcos’ Afro-Cuban All Stars October 28, 2001
Dukes of Dixieland November 29, 2001
Carnegie Hall Jazz Band featuring Jon Faddis March 16, 2002

Young Patrons Series
Bang On a Can All-Stars November 4, 2001
David Sedaris November 18, 2001
Penn and Teller January 19, 2002
Ladysmith Black Mambazo April 19, 2002

Alabama Power Movement and Magic Series
Mark Morris Dance Group January 6, 2002
The Alabama Ballet performing A Celebration of Dance January 26–27, 2002
Celticfusion March 24, 2002

Simply Sensational Theatre Series
George and Ira Gerswin’s/George S. Kaufman’s Strike Up The Band March 8, 2002
Reduced Shakespeare Company performing the Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) April 27–29, 2002

UAB Health System Family Fun Series
Daniel Heifetz with The Classical Band February 24, 2002
The Princely Players March 2–3, 2002
Beakman’s World April 21, 2002

Gloria Narramore Moody Foundation Rising Star Series
Margaret Lattimore, soprano October 29, 2001
Catrin Finch, harp March 10, 2002
Van Cliburn International Piano Competition April 28, 2002

Laser’s Edge Compact Discs Strings Attached Series
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