Alumni: Included in this newsletter you will find our 2005 alumni survey. Please take a few minutes to complete and return it in the envelope provided. No matter what your profession is, your response is important to us as we work on issues such as the planning of curriculum, programs, projects, student recruiting, and communications. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this important endeavor.

- Joan Ohrn, Director of Alumni Relations

**READY FOR A CLOSE-UP…**

**ALUMNI STAR IN SPH DOCUMENTARY**

Nine alums; five days. Lights, camera, action! Alums Gene Saywell (MPH ’77), Bill deShazo (DrPH ’97, MPH ’82), Eli Capilouto (DMD, ScD, MPH ’85), Earl Sanders (MPH ’85), Sam Cartner, (PhD ’96, DVM, MPH ’88), Brad Clement (MPH ’89), Don Pugh (MPH ’90), Antoinette Barnes (MPH ’02), and Toni Rhodes Leeth (MPH ’02) participated in the making of a documentary highlighting the first 25 years of the UAB School of Public Health. Lucky for us, our “stars” weren’t too demanding; we didn’t have to pick out the blue M & M’s or anything.

They shared their memories of time spent at the School, recalling favorite profes-

and stories, lots of stories! Gene recalls that from the beginning the School embraced the concept of “prevention.” Bill gives us an explanation of the early “family tree!” Earl recounts Dr. Leh-

man’s efforts to put together an intramural flag football team and evenings spent with other stu-

dents at Dr. Lehman’s home studying epidemiology. Don, Brad, and Sam remember care-

free (yeah, right!) weekends at the beach while participating in the Gulf Shores MPH program. Antoinette and Toni shared the benefits of their education from the School.

In addition to alumni, the documentary features inter-

views with the five deans who

guided the School as well as with friends and supporters. It also contains over 100 archive photos and new video footage of the Ryals Building for those who haven’t been able to see it yet.

Details on how to order the History of the UAB School of Public Health documentary DVD are on page 3.

**2005 ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR-Bruce Taylor, MD, MPH**

Bruce Taylor, MD, MPH (’95) is the recipient of the 2005 SPH Alumnus of the Year Award. The award, including a check for $1,000 funded by the Hillcrest Foundation, was pre-

presented to Bruce during the School’s convocation ceremonies held May 6.

“If students are the heart of a school, then alumni are its soul,” said Dean Max Mi-

chael. “We owe our existence to those such as Dr. Taylor who remain closely connected to the School and who generously share their time, talents and financial gifts to ensure our continued suc-

cess.”

Bruce is truly a product of UAB having also received his bachelor’s and medical degrees here. He is owner of Taylor Internal Medicine of Selma. He chose to practice in Selma be-

cause it has the highest diabetes rate in the nation and because there is a huge need for practitio-

ners in the Black Belt.

He is active in educat-

ing the community about the prevention and management of chronic diseases. His efforts include establishing a drug assistance program for patients without prescription insurance, rais-

ing awareness of heart disease, organizing community health fairs, speaking to community groups and starting a non-profit health services organization to assist county residents.

Bruce’s commitment to the community extends beyond health-related activities. He has sponsored a food drive for the Food Bank and was a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. He also has given numerous scholarships to local youth and currently spon-

sors two youth softball teams.

As busy as he is, Bruce remains committed to serving the School. He has worked with the UAB Center for Health Promotion’s Community Health Advisor Program and has been a standing guest expert for the School’s BODYLOVE broadcast in Selma. Bruce is also a financial supporter of the School’s scholarship program.

We thank the 2005 SPH Alumnus of the Year Committee members who so conscientiously considered this year’s worthy nominations: Kelley Swatzell, MPH ’03, Mark Marchant, MPH ’01 and
We thank our alumni listed below who led the 2005 Alumni Career Round Table in March. The advice they shared with our students was invaluable and much appreciated!

Susan Brouillette, MBA, MPH ’88 HCOP  
CEO  
Alacare Home Health & Hospice  
Birmingham AL

Barbara Buchanan, MBA, MPH ’04 HCOP  
Customer Relationship Manager  
Med Mined  
Birmingham AL

Ada Griffies, MPH ’86 HCOP  
Program Director  
UAB School of Public Health  
Delta States Stroke Consortium  
Birmingham AL

Beverly Laird, PhD ’03 HB  
Owner, 3D Medical Concepts, LLC  
Pelham AL

Lisa McCormick, MPH ’00 EH  
Program Manager,  
South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness  
Birmingham AL

Rebecca Noel, DrPH ’02 IH  
Epidemiology and Analytical Methods  
Global Product Safety  
Eli Lilly and Company  
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U.S. Public Health Commission Corps  
Cincinnati OH

Anna Lyn Whitt, MSW, MPH ’03 MCH  
Assistant Director, Health Services Data Unit  
Mississippi Department of Health  
Jackson MS

Congratulations to our 2004-05 graduates, many of whom were recognized at our annual graduation luncheon at The Club in Birmingham. Best wishes for a bright future from the faculty and staff of the School of Public Health!

Employment Network  
Would you like job announcements emailed to you? Email SPHalumni@uab.edu and request to be added to the career distribution list.  
Also, email us public health job announcements and we’ll pass them along to students and alumni. THANK YOU!

Alums, faculty, staff and friends of the UAB industrial hygiene/occupational health and safety program got together for their annual reunion in May while attending the American Industrial Hygiene Conference in Anaheim California.

“Reach out and touch someone” with the help of the UAB On-line Alumni Directory. To register go to www.soph.uab.edu/alumni and click on Alumni Directory.

2005 Delta Omega Inductees
Please support our students and the School by giving to the Annual Fund. Your gift will go a long way toward providing much needed funding for student scholarships as well as programs and projects that benefit students, alumni, and the School itself. Donations are tax deductible and 100% of your gift goes to the fund that you designate, not overhead.

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- Herman Lehman Scholarship

**Other Funds**

- SPH Alumni Legacy Fund
- H. Kenneth Dillon Environmental Health Sciences Teaching Lab

For more information on the SPH Annual Fund, please contact Joan Ohrn at OHRN@UAB.EDU or 205-934-7799.

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IN MEMORY OF JOE BARNES

The School of Public Health family was saddened to learn of the passing this past April of alumnus Joseph Robert Barnes, MD, MPH ’85 following a battle with cancer.