

April 1, 2009

Campus Highlights

SpringFest: Play hard or go home

Free food, music, games and tournaments are planned for SpringFest '09 on the Campus Green from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 4. Bring your student I.D. In case of rain, activities will be moved to the Campus Rec Center.

International Food Fair is April 7

Challenge your taste buds with food from around the world at the International Food Fair Tuesday, April 7 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Smolian International House. Tickets are 50 cents each, and the average cost for lunch is \$5. Call 934-1205 for more info.

Peer mentoring program eases transition to college

Freshman entering UAB in fall 2009 will have a personal mentor to provide resources and support to help them make connections and develop relationships with other students, faculty and staff. "We want first-year students to immediately connect with campus and have someone they can contact with questions regarding anything, from academic expectations and advising to campus events and activities," director of new student orientation Andrea Miller Pound explains in this [video](#). For more information, e-mail peermentors@uab.edu or go to www.uab.edu/peermentors.

UAB Honors Student Jocelyn Gipson wins UNCF/Merck Scholarship

Jocelyn Gipson, 21, of Aliceville, a junior majoring in biology and chemistry, has won a United Negro College Fund Merck Undergraduate Science Research Scholarship Award for 2009-2010. Gipson also will participate in two Merck summer research internships mentored by Merck scientists in the process chemistry department at the facility in Rahway, N.J.

Information

Survey answers could win you an iPod Touch

UAB is participating in NSSE, the National Survey of Student Engagement, and is encouraging those who receive an e-mail invitation to participate. Results of the online survey will be used to improve the UAB undergraduate experience. The survey ends April 10, and there will be a drawing for an Apple iPod Touch on April 30. Responses will be anonymous.

Win an iPod Touch on DragonTrail

All students who have uploaded an approved resume into DragonTrail by April 17 are eligible to win a free iPod in a drawing Career Services will hold on Wednesday, April 22. The approval process may take up to one week, so don't delay. Students with approved resumes already in the system automatically are eligible.

Campus police advise caution to portable GPS owners

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A growing number of vehicle break-ins to steal GPS systems has been reported on the UAB campus. The UABPD warns owners to be vigilant by keeping the devices and mounts concealed when not in use. Take the device with you or lock it in the trunk. Hide the device before arriving at your destination. Keep in mind, if thieves can see it, they will try to steal it.

Linking lifestyle and climate change is Discussion Book topic

Marca Alexander, M.D., Endowed University Professor in rehabilitation neuroscience research at UAB, will examine lifestyles and climate change during the next Discussion Book Dialogue from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16 in the Lister Hill Library Ireland Room. The presentation is free and open to the public. A complete listing of Discussion Book activities is available [online](#).

Health and safety institute recruiting undergrads

The second annual Environmental & Occupational Safety & Health Institute will be held June 22-25 for select undergraduate students in engineering, the sciences, nursing and health-science programs. This is an opportunity to learn the scientific principles and practice of occupational and environmental safety and health. Enrollment will be limited to students who have completed three years of college and have a 3.0 GPA or above. A limited number of student stipends will be available. An application and letter of recommendation is due Friday, May 15. Direct questions to 934-7178, e-mail dsc@uab.edu or go to www.uab.edu/dsc.

Phi Kappa Phi, other scholarship opportunities online

Scholarship opportunities are available to UAB students through the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. More than \$800,000 is awarded each year to outstanding Phi Kappa Phi members and chapters through the Society's various awards competitions. Check out these and other scholarships [online](#).

Marching band scholarships available

The Marching Blazers are looking for talented, enthusiastic musicians and dancers. Be a part of The Sound of the Magic City, the UAB Marching Blazers. Questions? Contact Sue Samuels at samuels@uab.edu, or call 975-9589.

UAB spirit team tryouts are April 3-5

Tryouts for UAB Cheerleaders, Golden Girls and Blaze are open to graduating high-school seniors, transfer students and current UAB students. Tryouts begin promptly at 6 p.m. on April 3. Call 975-5376 for more info.

Wednesdays are for wellness

The UAB Wellness Committee invites you to bring your lunch and join them during April for Wellness Wednesdays on the Campus Green beginning from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. April 8-29. Pick up a Wellness Wednesday Punch Card from our table at the Campus Green to enter the prize drawing. For more information and to view the schedule of upcoming events, go to www.uab.edu/wellness.

Campus Rec offers Ufit program

Ufit offers more than 60 group exercise classes each week, and

all classes are free except Spinning, which is \$1 per class or \$5 for an unlimited monthly pass for students. Other options include a four-week Boot Camp that meets at 6:15 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday mornings; the final session is April 14-May 7 and costs \$25. For more info, e-mail [Wendi Stanley](mailto:Wendi.Stanley).

Timelines & Deadlines

Time to register for summer classes, fall

Summer and fall registration is under way. Get ahead of the game: Clear any holds and check in with your advisor so that you can register early and get the best pick of classes. You can register for classes 24/7 during the registration period on [BlazerNET](#).

Campus Events

Athletics: Baseball and Softball ahead

[UAB Baseball](#) hosts upcoming games against No. 19 East Carolina and Alabama A&M at Young Memorial Field and then Mississippi State at Regions Park in Hoover. [UAB Softball](#) hosts upcoming games against Western Kentucky at George Ward Park, Field No. 6. For more on UAB Athletics, call 975-UAB1 (975-8221) or visit uabsports.com.

Jail-N-Bail today at Mini Park

Jail-N-Bail is Alpha Xi Delta's annual fund-raising opportunity. Fellow students and teachers have signed up to be "arrested" on April 1. UAB Police takes them to jail in the Mini Park where they are held until make bail. Student's bail is \$20 and teacher's bail is \$100. The money raised goes to "Autism Speaks."

Rohde to discuss use of satellites to monitor health

[Greg Rohde](#) will discuss SkySite, the Navajo Nation diabetes project that uses air-born transceivers to monitor the health of Navajo, at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 1 in Ryals Building Room 407. This high-tech, cost-effective way for the Navajo who live in remote areas to manage their almost-epidemic rates of diabetes puts them in the forefront of medical and digital technology. Free pizza will be provided to all students. For more information, contact jmeier@uab.edu.

Stargazers to offer high-powered view of moon, stars

Four nights of telescopic star and planet viewing are planned, from 7 to 9 p.m. April 2-5, in the parking lot between Campbell Hall and Bartow Arena, weather permitting. Two high-powered telescopes will be available for stargazers to view spectacular, up-close images of the moon, Saturn and its moons, the constellations Ursa Major, the Orion Nebula and other heavenly bodies. Participants are invited to bring their own telescopes.

Blazer Nights: Free food and fun April 3

Join in Blazer Nights activities from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, April 3 in the HUC lobby. See *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* at 8 p.m. in the HUC Alumni Auditorium or a comedy show with Jeff Richards of SNL, Mind of Mencia, and Mad TV at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall. At 9 p.m. make your own FliPics and Spin Art Frisbee or enjoy free food in the HUC Lobby or try

karaoke at Jazzman's.

Guitar and jazz performances April 3

Two music performances are scheduled April 3. Joel Smith will direct the UAB Guitar Ensembles at 5:30 p.m., and Steve Roberts will direct the Jazz Combos at 7:30 p.m. Both performances are in the UAB Mary Culp Hulsey Recital Hall. Free admission. For more information or a listing of upcoming events go to www.music.uab.edu.

The ideology of pilgrimage is lecture topic April 6

Author Thomas D. Spaccarelli will discuss the ideology of pilgrimage in a lecture beginning at 4 p.m. Monday, April 6 in the Sterne Library Henley Room. Spaccarelli, a Spanish language professor, and UAB Assistant Professor John Moore, Ph.D., have edited a collection of essays on the Road to Santiago and pilgrimage. These ancient pilgrimages through Spain began after the bones of St. James were rumored to have been discovered at Compostela in the ninth century. The lecture is free and open to the public.

First female winner of highest computer science honor to speak April 6

Will the rate at which computing capabilities develop continue or has the field reached a tipping point? Computer-science pioneer Frances Allen, the first female to be named an A.M. Turing Award winner and an IBM Fellow, will answer that question during a free lecture from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, April 6 in the HUC Auditorium. Allen will draw on her experiences during a 45-year career with IBM.

Student Alumni Society appreciation dinner is April 7

The SAS Appreciation Dinner will be from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 at Al's Deli & Grill. RSVP to the Alumni Affairs Office at 934-3555 or chbeasle@uab.edu by April 6.

UAB chapter of SEA meeting April 7

The UAB chapter of Scientists and Engineers for America will meet at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 in Shelby Building Room 105. Bryan Noe, Ph.D., dean of the Graduate School, will speak and answer questions about graduate and postdoctoral education and training. All are welcome to attend. Learn more about the UAB SEA [online](#).

Foreign Film Series presents *Talk to Her*

The Spanish film *Talk to Her* will be shown 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 7 in the UAB Mary Culp Hulsey Recital Hall. Admission is free to the public. The life of four characters flows in all directions, past, present and future, leading all of them to an unexpected destiny in this Spanish language film with English subtitles. More about this film and a list of upcoming films is [online](#).

Life of Booker T. Washington is April 8 lecture topic

Historian Robert J. Norrell will discuss the philosophy and challenges of Booker T. Washington at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 8 in Heritage Hall Room 102. Washington, who was born a slave, founded Tuskegee Institute. The UAB History Department Colloquium Series event is free and open to the public.

SOPH holds inaugural Public Health Research Day

The School of Public Health will hold its first annual Public Health Research Day Thursday, April 9 from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the HUC Great Hall. The keynote speaker is Dr. Brian Wansink, Cornell University's John Dyson Professor of Consumer Behavior.

BFA student exhibition opens April 10

Works by students graduating from the UAB bachelor of fine arts program will be exhibited in the UAB Visual Arts Gallery April 10-May 2. Admission is free.

Brunch, egg hunt among Easter activities

Campus Restaurants will be hosting its second annual Easter Day Brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12. Students can use their meal plans and dining dollars. Then, have pictures taken with the Easter bunny, enter a raffle drawing and join in an Easter egg hunt on the Campus Green starting at noon.

Ensemble performances ahead

Woodwind Chamber Ensembles will perform at 7:30 p.m. April 14, and the Computer Music Ensemble will perform new works of electro-acoustic music and multimedia by UAB student composers at 7:30 p.m. April 16. Both performances are in the UAB Mary Culp Hulsey Recital Hall. Admission is free. For more information or a listing of upcoming events go to www.music.uab.edu.

Student recital is April 15

The Department of Music Student Recital is at noon April 15 in the UAB Mary Culp Hulsey Recital Hall, 950 13th St. S., Birmingham. Free admission. For more information or a listing of upcoming events go to www.music.uab.edu.

More music performances April 17-21

The UAB Steel Drum Band will perform at 5:30 p.m. April 17 and the UAB Brass Chamber Ensembles at 7:30 p.m. April 18 in the Mary Culp Hulsey Recital Hall. UAB Wind Symphony and Symphony Band will perform at 3 p.m. April 19 and the UAB Jazz Ensemble will perform at 7 p.m. April 21 in the Alys Stephens Center Jemison Concert Hall. Admission is free to all four events. For more information or a listing of upcoming events go to www.music.uab.edu.

Backpack in North Carolina

Go backpacking in North Carolina's Pisgah National Forest Apr 17-19. The pre-trip meeting is at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 14 in The Campus Recreation Center Room 290. The group will leave at 8 a.m. Friday, April 17 and return at 10 p.m. Sunday, April 19. The cost is \$40 for students, \$50 for faculty and staff and \$60 for all others. Direct questions to outdoor@uab.edu or call 934-8224.

Graduate/Professional Students

Graduate School Hooding Ceremony is May 9

The Graduate School's Hooding Ceremony for doctoral candidates will be held at noon Saturday, May 9 in the Alys Stephens Center. There will be two graduation ceremonies for

master's candidates at the Bartow Arena.

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