

April 13, 2011

Campus Highlights

Blazer Blitz Weekend is free for all UAB fans

[UAB Athletics](#) kicks off a full day of free events Saturday, April 16, with its [Blazer Blitz Weekend](#). On Saturday morning [UAB Football](#) will play its annual Spring Game on West Campus Field at 11 a.m., with an autograph and photo session set from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Then, [UAB Softball](#) will host Conference USA foe East Carolina for a doubleheader starting at 1 p.m. Full Moon BBQ plates will be available for \$5 (cash only). The Blazer Blitz event offers activities for kids —inflatables, face painting, caricatures and balloon artists and clowns. [UAB Baseball](#) will throw its first pitch against Memphis at 2 p.m. For more information, call 975-UAB1 or visit uabsports.com.

Green, Gold and Bold

The student investment team of the UAB Green and Gold Fund, a student-managed investment portfolio, recently won top honors at a national competition. In this victory and other recent accomplishments, business students are carrying on UAB's tradition of excellence and service, as President Carol Garrison discusses in her latest post at www.uab.edu/president/post.

Varma awarded Fulbright Scholarship to teach in India

Krish Varma has been named to an elite group that includes heads of state, CEOs and Nobel Prize winners. Varma, a senior majoring in economics and Spanish, has been awarded a 2011 Fulbright scholarship to teach in India for a year. Varma, a member of the University Honors Program, is the 14th UAB student to receive this honor since 1993.

Olson awarded DAAD-RISE scholarship, internship

Joseph Olson, a junior with a double major in physics and mathematics and minor in chemistry in the UAB College of Arts and Sciences, has been awarded a scholarship to attend the prestigious Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD) -RISE summer internship program.

Woolley named C-USA Co-Pitcher of the Week

[UAB Baseball's Ryan Woolley](#) was selected Monday as the [Conference USA Co-Pitcher of the Week](#) after posting a complete-game victory Saturday in Houston. Woolley allowed just three hits in the first complete game of his career and helped UAB secure its third straight conference series win with Saturday's victory. He is the second UAB pitcher in two weeks to earn the honor after Dillon Napoleon grabbed the award the previous week. Woolley shared the award with Sam Moll of Memphis.

BFA student exhibit opens April 14

The works of six student artists graduating from the UAB Department of Art and Art History studio arts program will be

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presented at the UAB Visual Arts Gallery April 14-May 7. An opening reception is planned for 5 to 7 p.m. April 14 in the gallery, 900 13th St. South.

Create your own story at Sterne Library today

Join us at Sterne to celebrate National Library Week. Write on the wall, give advice to others students about using the library on our monumental staircase or on our virtual wall. Tell your story — on Wednesday we will record students interviewing students about their library experience. A schedule of this week's events is online at www.mhsl.uab.edu and on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/sternelibrary.

HOW TO GET YOUR NEWS AND INFORMATION REPORTED

Do you have news you want to share with students in GreenMail, The Kaleidoscope or on BlazeRadio? Use the [Request Publicity](#) form online. Deadline for submitting information for GreenMail is 10 a.m. every Tuesday.

Information

Have you completed your student satisfaction survey?

The 2011 Student Satisfaction Inventory will be conducted until April 22, and we want you to tell us what you think — really. Complete the survey and register for a chance to win a \$250 gift card from Barnes & Noble, \$75 gas cards or \$25 iTunes gift cards.

Scholarships available for five students

Apply for one of five student scholarships to attend a two-week intensive training course at the Southern Institute for Appropriate Technology May 15-28. Learn roof-top gardening, build a simple solar cooker, make leaf concentrate to treat malnourished children, learn simple technologies for clean water and sanitation, build fuel-efficient cookstoves, learn to preserve foods without electricity and much more. Send a 500-word essay explaining the way you could use these skills to benefit a community in the future by Friday, April 22 to Heather White at hwhite@uab.edu.

April 26-27 are make-up days due to snow

UAB has rescheduled the class days missed Jan. 10-11 when the campus closed due to snow. Classes missed Tuesday, Jan. 11 from 8 to 11 a.m. will be made up 8 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 26. Classes missed Monday, Jan. 10 will be made up Wednesday, April 27. Students should contact individual professors if they have any questions about making up specific classes.

Change in account payments starts Aug. 5

To ensure you have the best possible access to the classes you need to complete your degree on a timely schedule, UAB is changing when student account payments are due. All UAB undergraduate and graduate students will be required to have 50 percent of their account balance paid by 10 days before the fall 2011 term starts Friday, Aug. 5. For questions regarding financial aid, educational assistance, and/or third-party payments visit the "Aid & Scholarships" section on www.uab.edu/whentopay. For more information please visit www.uab.edu/whentopay.

Dining program to see student-driven changes

Beginning fall semester, the UAB Campus Dining program will implement student-driven policies. The first change is that 50

percent of a student's unused meal plan meals from the fall semester will carry forward automatically to the spring 2012 semester. Another new policy is converting 25 percent of the Dining Dollars funds remaining on student CampusCard accounts to BlazerBucks at the end of the 2011-12 academic year. This will give students opportunities to use these funds at any venue that accepts BlazerBucks. In addition, a seventh meal plan option — designed primarily with upperclassmen and commuter students in mind — is now available. To learn more, visit www.uab.edu/dining/meal-plans.

No plans for Easter Brunch? Go to the Green

Join us for the fourth annual Easter Day brunch — all you care to eat for \$6.99 per person — at the Commons on the Green. Enjoy traditional Easter fare with friends and family. This event is open to the public.

Help us tell a student success story

Behind every diploma to be handed out during Spring Commencement is a student success story. Help UAB tell it. Whether you're a student or a proud faculty member, e-mail us at reporter@uab.edu with success stories, future plans, proudest moments and more. We'll be collecting stories for the next few weeks.

Graduate/Professional Students

Master of Arts in Education Degree in Reading approved

The University of Alabama System Board of Trustees approved the Master of Arts in Education Degree in Reading in the UAB School of Education during its meeting April 8. Previously, the curriculum had only been offered as a certificate program, which will continue to be offered.

ESL teacher education program renamed

The University of Alabama System Board of Trustees renamed the English as a Second Language teacher education program to the Master of Arts in Education Degree in English as a Second Language. The program is offered by the UAB School of Education. The program offers three tracks: traditional, alternative and international.

Harper appointed to endowed chair in nursing

The University of Alabama System Board of trustees appointed Doreen Harper, Ph.D., to the Fay Ireland Endowed Chair for the Dean of the UAB School of Nursing during its meeting April 8.

Watts appointed to endowed chair in medicine

The University of Alabama System Board of Trustees appointed Ray L. Watts, M.D., to the James C. Lee Jr. Endowed Chair for the Dean in the UAB School of Medicine during its meeting April 8.

Timelines & Deadlines

Register your student organization online by April 15

All student organizations registered through the Office of Student Involvement must register on OrgSync by Friday, April 15 to continue to be recognized. Register at uab.orgsync.com/training.

Register for Film Scramble April 14

The third annual Film Scramble is a competition among teams, made mostly of UAB students, who have one weekend to

develop a film on diversity at UAB. One member of each team must be present at the Call for Filmmakers Launch Party to be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 14 to register and receive the instruction packet. Films will be submitted by 3 p.m. Monday, April 18. Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place.

Last day to use spring meal plan is May 3

Tuesday, May 3 is the last day to use meal plans from the spring 2011 semester. Unused meals will be cleared after May 3 to prepare for the fall semester. Meal plans can be used at the Commons on the Green, the Diner and Blazer Café. Dining Dollars from this academic year will roll over into the summer semester. For more information on meal plans and Dining Dollars visit www.uab.edu/dining/meal-plans.

CHECK ONLINE CALENDAR FOR LATEST EVENTS

The UAB Campus Calendar at www.uab.edu/calendar is updated daily with campus events, activities and deadlines, and the "Calendars" link on the UAB home page takes you straight there. Postings can include detailed information, photos and links to sites or related events. Check out the FAQs for more information.

Campus Events

UAB Baseball and Softball action all week

Your first-place [UAB Baseball](#) team will host four total games this week, as the Blazers continue a previously halted game against Mississippi State tonight at 6 p.m. and host a weekend series against Conference USA rival Memphis. Friday's 6:30 p.m. game will feature a [Gang Green](#) tailgate at 6 p.m. [UAB Softball](#) hosts a weekend series against the East Carolina Pirates with a doubleheader on Saturday and single game Sunday. All students are admitted free to all home UAB sporting events with a valid student ID. For more information on Blazer sports, join UAB Gang Green on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

The Clothesline Project on campus today

Come out at 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 13 and decorate a shirt in the Blazer Hall Residence Life Center for The Clothesline Project, a national effort to increase awareness of the impact of violence against women. Express your thoughts through words and art by decorating a T-shirt for display.

Creative Writing Program to host student reading April 13

The Creative Writing Program will host a student reading from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 in the Spencer Honors House. Graduating students from the program will read original works. Featured readers are Quinn Lewis, Ashley Jones and Laura Clements.

▣The Three Sisters▣ to open April 13

Theatre UAB's performance season culminates with Anton Chekhov's "The Three Sisters," a story of three passionate, restless sisters who dream of escaping the isolation of their small town. See it at 7:30 p.m. April 13-16 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 17 in UAB's Alys Stephens Center Sirote Theatre. Tickets are \$7 for students. Call 975-2787 for tickets. "The Three Sisters" is regarded by many critics as the best drama of the 20th century.

Service-learning luncheon to be held April 13

Learn more about what you can do to transform Birmingham during the Service Learning Luncheon beginning at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 13 in Heritage Hall Building Room 549. Light lunch served. Details are online at www.uab.edu/service-learning. RSVP to nmisakow@uab.edu.

CMA@UAB to meet April 13

CMA@UAB will continue its spring speaker series, Building Relationships, with guest speaker John Stone, president of the Alabama Association of Nonprofits. Stone will speak about local government and the nonprofit sector at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 in Heritage Hall Room 102. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to attend.

SAE Baja to compete April 14-17

The UAB School of Engineering, along with the SAE Alabama Section, will host the Baja SAE competition April 14-17 at the Stony Lonesome OHV Park on Hwy 69 South in Bremen. Spectators are invited to watch the competition at the park April 16-17. For more information go to www.bajasaebirmingham.com or www.stonylonesomeohv.us.

Career Development Workshop on campus April 15

The annual Career Development Workshop will be held Friday, April 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Nursing Building Room 1028. The workshop exposes students to careers available with a Ph.D. in the sciences. Speakers will share their experiences and valuable advice. A lunch and time for networking will be provided. Get information on interviewing, and learn to use results from a Myers-Briggs style personality test to help prepare for a career. Visit www.uab.edu/gcat to take the test before to April 15.

Jupiter to be examined at next UAB SEA seminar

Melissa McGrath, Ph.D., chief scientist, NASA Marshall Space Flight Center, will discuss Jupiter and its Galilean satellites at the next UAB Scientists and Engineers for America seminar to be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 15 in Campbell Hall Room 301. Light refreshments will be served at 12:45 in Campbell Hall Room 361.

Free jobs clinic to help international students April 16

Learn to research the job market, prepare documents, present professionally, chat over lunch with interview team members and practice with face-to-face and phone (Skype) interviews during a free job clinic for international students 8:45 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 16 in Education Building Room 146.

Building Bridges seminar to be held April 16

If you are gay, straight, parent, friend, ally, Christian or atheist, and have wondered if there is an alternate view, this is the conference for you — Building Bridges: Creating Dialog and Embracing Change — to be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 16 in Hill University Center.

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