



# Alumni News

Publisher: **Austin UAPB/AM&N Alumni Chapter** Volume No. **1** Issue No. **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter** Date: **December, 2007**

## Message from the President

Hello Fellow Alumni,



It is hard to believe that we are closing out another year. Thanks to all of you, we have had a very good year. Just a recap: we met our 2007 goal for membership; we participated in the first Southwest Regional Conference held in April during UAPB

Founders Day activities; your President was selected to serve as Chaplain for the National Alumni Association; we were represented at the National Summer Conference in Washington D.C.; your President was appointed to serve on the National nominating committee, the rewrite of the Bylaws and Constitution; we were represented at the annual homecoming activities by four of our members and we gave our annual contribution to the university as budgeted.

As we approach the New Year, we are challenged to accomplish more for the good of our dear alma mater Please come, join our efforts and help us to fulfill our vision as a chapter. We need your help and commitment. Thank you for your commitment and willingness to serve. May God bless each of you.

H. Ed Calahan, President

## Local Chapter Update

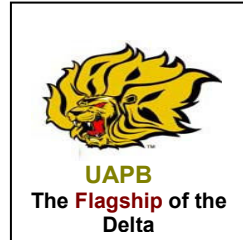


The Austin UAPB/AM&N Alumni Chapter met its 2007 goal for recruitment of university alumni and friends. We had several members to attend and participate in the 2007 Homecoming Activities, November 1 - 3 in Pine Bluff. They were **Levi Bullock, Joe and Rose Stewart** and **President Calahan**. The Chapter presented its annual contribution to Chancellor Davis during the Alumni assembly. President Calahan has been actively involved with the National Association serving as its National Chaplain, a member of the Nominating Committee and an appointed Presidents Caucus Committee charged with the rewrite of the proposed changed Bylaws and Constitution. Our chapter is in the process of developing a volunteer Recruitment Coordinator's position to enhance its efforts to participate in career day activities to recruit more students for the university. We continue to work collaboratively with the other Texas Chapters in promoting our collective commitment to the university in recruitment and fundraising.

## University Campus Updates

UAPB ANNOUNCES NEW GRADUATE PROGRAM.

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff will offer the Master of Arts in Teaching Degree effective January 2008.



**UAPB Professor** to be inducted into the **SWAC Legends Hall of Fame**. **Dr. Vannette W. Johnson**, an alumnus and long-time employee of the

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff will be inducted into the **SWAC Legends Hall of Fame** on December 13, 2007 at Birmingham, Alabama. The former **Golden Lion All-American Quarterback**, served as head football coach and athletic director for 11 years while posting the best record of any **Golden Lion Football coach**. His overall record was 54-46-6. Johnson joined the **AM&N staff** in 1957 as assistant football and head track coach. He was named head football coach and athletic director in 1962.

The Southwestern Athletic Conference, Inc. (the "**SWAC**", the "Conference") is organized exclusively for the purpose of encouraging, promoting, advancing and conducting intercollegiate sports activities and other recreational and not-for-profit activities among the members of the Conference.

**UAPB Head Track and Field Coach Curtis Pittman** named **SWAC Coach** of the year. The **UAPB Women's Cross Country Team** wins **SWAC Championship**.

## UAPB STUDENTS IN HIGH DEMAND

"UAPB'S Most Wanted" is a title the Office of Career Services uses to highlight offers received by our students for internships and permanent positions. This title was developed by Candice Jones, Interim Assistant Director for Cooperative Education and Internships as a phrase to describe UAPB students that are in high demand and are being sought after by top ranking employers such as Microsoft, Aldi, and Monsanto just to name a few. It is important that people, especially other students, be informed of the accomplishments of these outstanding students and the effort that is put forth by both the student and the Office of Career Services in increasing students' marketability and assisting them with their professional development while helping them prepare for their future.

The Office of Career Services will showcase on a regular basis students who receive Cooperative Education and other internship offers. In this article, we will highlight **Joseph Cogshell** a sophomore majoring in

Business Management from Little Rock, Arkansas. **Joseph Cogshell** is just one example of students who are taking advantage of benefits offered through the Office of Career Services.

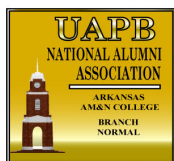


The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff "Marching Musical Machine of the Mid-South" better known as **M4** has been officially invited and has accepted the invitation to perform in the Honda Battle of the Bands, Jan. 26, 2008, in Atlanta, GA at the Georgia Dome. Please forward this to all other alumni that are living in the Atlanta, GA area. I will be forwarding you more information about when we will be arriving there and where the band will be staying. You can purchase your tickets online at [www.hondabattleofthebands.com](http://www.hondabattleofthebands.com). Go get your tickets now!! See you there!



The Vocal Department at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff presently consists of the Vesper Choir, University Singers, and Opera Workshop. The Vesper Choir, under the direction of Dr. Michael J. Bates, prepares for its annual Handel's Messiah Performance on December 2, 2007.

### National Overview



The National Alumni Association was unable to elect a new slate of officers during the Homecoming event. The current slate of officers will continue to serve until the current constitution and bylaws are rewritten and presented at the summer conference in Dallas Texas. **Update:** Per actions taken by the National Board on December 27<sup>th</sup>, **Mr. Samuel Staples** was elected by his the sitting National Board as its new president. Mr. Staples currently resides in California and is a native of Camden, Arkansas.

The Local Presidents exercised leadership responsibilities by submitting to the board a subcommittee that would review and rewrite the Bylaws and Constitution. This rewrite was presented in November general meeting at homecoming. The Board requested further review and feedback from

all of the chapters by the end of January, 2008. The subcommittee will compile those findings and the final report will be presented at the 2008 National Summer Conference in Dallas, Texas.

President **Ceola Davis-Barnes** extends her appreciation for the support received during her presidency and reminds us all that all of our efforts..."*Is all about the UAPB Students and University*" Thank you President Barnes.

### Recruitment

#### One Recruit One

UAPB Recruitment Slogan is **One Recruit One**. If any of you are interested in becoming the Recruitment Coordinator for the chapter, let us know at our next meeting.



### Membership Opportunity



Fellow Alumni the mighty Lions need your support. Please join our efforts in supporting the university as she continues to provide an excellent education to young men and women of this country.

**Sign up today!**

**Austin AM&N/UAPB Alumni Chapter:**  
[www.austin-uapb-alumni.org/index.html](http://www.austin-uapb-alumni.org/index.html)

**We Need Your Support**

### Our Meeting Place

The **Austin Chapter** of the **AM&N/UAPB Alumni Association** would like to invite you to join in our efforts in supporting our Alma Mater. We meet every **second Saturday** at the **Agape Baptist Church**, 7801 North Lamar Blvd. Bldg. F-15 at 1:00 P.M. in the "Centre" Building Complex.

Church Telephone number: (512)454-1547

Church Email Address:

[hecagape@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hecagape@sbcglobal.net)

### Contact Information

**Austin UAPB/AM&N Alumni Chapter**

Our Email Address:

[Austin\\_UAPBAlumni@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Austin_UAPBAlumni@yahoogroups.com)

Our Web Address:

<http://www.austin-uapb-alumni.org>

Our local Mailing Address:

C/o 1700 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78722-1202



