



# Alumni

# News

## Message from the President

Hello Fellow Alumni,



I think we can all agree that this has been a whirlwind year. Thank you for all of your support of our local chapter as we strive to become a thriving chapter. We are doing all we can to ensure that our Vision is met on behalf of our Alma Mater. We attended

the chapter presidents retreat hosted by the National Alumni Association April 24-25, 2009 at the university. A new student scholarship initiative was introduced by the National Alumni Association entitled, "Scholarships of Hope." All chapters have been requested to support this new initiative which will assist those students which are most in need or of dire need in an effort to keep them in school. This initiative was presented at our May Alumni meeting and we voted to support this initiative since it was in keeping with our mission to support students with scholarship as we have done in the past. More will be covered later on in this newsletter.

Congratulations and best wishes is extended to **Miss Emily Watson**, a 2009 UABP graduate and one on our previous scholarship recipient.

H. Ed Calahan, President

## Local Chapter Update



The **Austin UABP/AM&N Alumni Chapter** held its first fundraiser during the months of April and May. Whereas we did not meet the project goal, we still deem the effort a success. The drawing was held on May 16, 2009 and the winner is **Ms. Sylvia**



**Rodriguez**. Mr. Willie Everett sold the winning ticket. Thanks to all to all who participated in this effort to support student scholarships at the university. Hopefully, we have learned

from this process as we continue to look at other fundraising ideas.

**Congratulations** to **Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson & Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller** who celebrated their wedding anniversaries during the month of June.

**Remember:** There will **not** be any alumni meetings during the months of **July** and **August**. We will reassume our monthly meeting on the second Saturday, **September 13, 2009** at 1 P.M.



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## Philosophy of Education

*"The end of education is to know God and the laws and purposes of His universe, and to reconcile one's life with these laws. The first aim of a good college is not to teach books, but the meaning and purpose of life. Hard study and the learning of books are only a means to this end. We develop power and courage and determination and we go out to achieve Truth, Wisdom and Justice. If we do not come to this, the cost of schooling is wasted"*

John B. Watson  
First President, AM&N College

## University Campus Updates

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff is fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. It has program accreditation by the National League for Nursing, National Association for Schools of Music, American Home Economics Association, International Association of Counseling Services, and the National Association for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, and the National Association of Industrial Technology. The institution is a member of the American Council on Education, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, Association of American Colleges, and the National Collegiate Honors Council.



The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff will graduate **280** students. The 2009 Commencement exercises were held May 9 at 3 p.m. in the Pine Bluff Convention Center. **Major General Elder Granger**, M.D., Deputy Director and Program Executive Officer of the TRICARE Management Activity, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) Washington, DC gave the Commencement address. Major General

Granger serves as the principal advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) on Department of Defense (DOD) health plan policy and performance. He oversees the acquisition, operation and integration of DOD's managed care program within the Military Health System. MG

Granger leads a staff of 1,800 in planning, budgeting and executing an \$18 Billion Defense Health Program and in ensuring the effective and efficient provision of high-quality, accessible Health care for 9.2 Million Uniformed Service members, their families, retirees and others located worldwide.

### The Canadian Football League Signs John Keith



The Canadian Football League's Toronto Argonauts has announced the signing of former Arkansas-Pine Bluff linebacker **John Keith** to a free agent contract. Keith will officially report to training camp on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The 6-0, 210 Palmdale,

California native was a standout player while a member of the Golden Lions football squad. Last season Keith was the anchor on UAPB defensive unit that ranked fourth in the Southwestern Athletic Conference in total defense. In 2008 he amassed a total of 119 stops in the 12 games in which he competed ranking first on the team in tackles and second in the SWAC overall. Keith was among a total of four players that were signed by the Argonauts as the team also announced the additions of ex-NFL pro bowl wide receiver and kick returner Jerome Mathis, quarterback Stephen Reaves, and cornerback Dovonte Edwards.



*Josh Tinker, Sports Editor for the Pine Bluff Commercial writes, Skip Perkins has a plan. As the second-year athletic director at Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Perkins*

has made it his mission to turn around an athletic department that has been seemingly dormant for much of its time in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. That plan has included several new faces around the UAPB campus. In less than two years on the job, Perkins has replaced five coaches. If the 2008-2009 athletic year is any indication, Perkins is well on his way to having that plan pan out. After **UAPB** teams combined for only three winning records in the past decade, five teams finished with more wins than losses in SWAC play this season. For these efforts, UAPB finished sixth in the Commissioners Cup, a point-based system that awards the top athletic department in the SWAC each season.

This past season, **UAPB** finished sixth in the Southwestern Athletic Conference all-sports standings, its highest finish since rejoining the conference in 1997.

### Golden Lions Release 2009 Football Schedule



A pair of exciting college football Classic and five home games highlights the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff's **2009 Golden Lions'** football schedule, which has been released by the UAPB athletic department.

The Golden Lions are slated to take on fellow Southwestern Athletic Conference member during the Thanksgiving weekend as they will battle SWAC West nemesis Texas Southern in the Dallas Lone Star Classic on Nov. 28.

In addition, five home games are also on the Golden Lions' schedule for the upcoming season. UAPB opens the season on **Sept. 5** against long-time foe Arkansas-Monticello at Golden Lion Stadium, followed by Langston in Pine Bluff on **Sept. 12**.

After facing Mississippi Valley State on **Sept. 19**, UAPB travels to Huntsville, AL to take on Alabama A&M on **Sept. 26**.

*"We're extremely pleased with this year's football schedule," UAPB Director of Athletics Louis "Skip" Perkins said. "Our fans have asked us for more "Classics" and we've tried to accommodate that request with our return to Dallas."*

UAPB returns home to take on Alcorn State (**Oct. 3**), before traveling to Jackson State (**Oct. 10**). The

Golden Lions close out the month with a pair of home games: Edward Waters College (**Oct. 24**) which will serve as the annual homecoming contest and Southern University (**Oct. 31**).

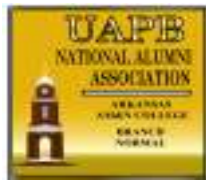
The Golden Lions will spend the entire month of November on the road as Grambling State (**Nov. 7** in the annual Delta Classic 4 Literacy in Little Rock), Prairie View A&M in Houston (**Nov. 21**) and Texas Southern in the Dallas Lone Star Classic (**Nov. 28**) wrap up the Golden Lions' 11-game season.



The **Southwestern Athletic Conference** announced its 2009 All-Conference Baseball Honors Tuesday night, headlined by the

University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff's **Justin Moring** who was voted Pitcher of the Year. All honors were voted on by the league's coaches and sports information departments. Moring, a 6-2, 210-pound senior from Pine Bluff, Ark., had an 8-2 record with a 2.96 ERA in 14 starts. He threw six complete games with one shutout and was fourth in the league in strikeouts with 66. His win total tied for second in the Conference, and his ERA ranked third among all pitchers with at least five starts. **Moring** is a 6'2, 210 Senior from Pine Bluff Arkansas.

## National Overview



The **2009 National Alumni Conference** will be held in **Las Vegas, July 16-18, 2009**.



The host hotel is the **Golden Nugget** downtown. Hotel rates will be \$45 per night (Monday-Thursday) and \$65 (weekends). Regular registration is \$195.00 until June 30, 2009. Late or onsite registration is \$225.00.

**Scholarships of Hope** is the National Alumni Initiative and will be highlighted at the National Conference. The association is recommending for the implementation of this initiative that:

- Each chapter selects it as its major scholarship program and identifies an individual to coordinate all chapter activities supporting this program.
- Chapters establish financial targets of \$3,000 to \$10,000 to be reached within a two to three year period of time. These funds will be transmitted to the University where the chapters, their regions, and the national organization will be given credit.
- Each region is expected to identify three (3) persons who will become Ambassadors of HOPE by each contributing \$10,000 to the scholarships. Selected individuals will comprise a Board of Ambassadors and will assist the University in a myriad of activities related to identification of award recipients, seeking other assistance when needed, and ensuring the ongoing viability of the program.
- Other individuals donors will be solicited who might be interested in establishing HOPE Scholarships in their own names or as a memorial to someone else.
- Alumni Chapters will be urged to plan and participate in fundraising events coordinated to occur throughout the year with outcomes reported and prizes awarded for successes achieved according to previously established criteria (i.e., fund raisers held in each of the regions near Martin Luther King's Birthday, Valentines Day, Month of June, and Labor Day).
- The National Alumni Association Board of Directors will identify individuals in each region to serve as coordinators of fundraising for the region.

These alumni fundraising initiative will be introduced to the regions and the chapters in early 2009 with implementation by the chapters and members to begin immediately.

The **National Alumni Association Board** consists of the following organizational structure.

### Officers

1. Mr. Samuel Staples, President - 2010
2. Hannibal Bolton, First Vice-President - 2008
3. Kristina Gulley, Second Vice President - 2010
4. Rosie Pettigrew, Recording Secretary - 2010
5. Matthew Henry, Treasurer - Ex-Officio
6. Gary Owens - 2010
7. Ceola Davis-Barnes, Immediate Past President

### Board of Directors

8. Napoleon Carter - 2010
9. Johnnie T. Flemming - 2010
10. Verlia Grice-Hoggard - 2010
11. David Jones (Member at large) - 2010
12. John A Kuykendall, Director of Alumni Affairs
13. Doris Moore (Member at large) - 2010
14. Bobby Sweat - 2010

**Chaplain:** H. Ed Calahan

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### 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 UAPB/ AM&N Alumni Chapter:**

### We Need Your Support



**Historical Black College/University**

### Our Meeting Place

The **Austin Chapter** of the **AM&N/UAPB Alumni Association** invites 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.

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