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Stephen A. Smith, Brittni Brown to speak during YMTF

By Tisha Arnold
Public Information

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Youth Motivation Task Force (YMTF) Program will be held Feb. 26-29. The theme this year is "Power Up! Your Response-Ability". Special emphasis will be

The opening banquet is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Sun., Feb. 26; Brittni Brown will be the guest speaker. Brittni is a native of Augusta, Ark. She received her Master of Science degree in Industrial and

becoming one of only 21 African Americans in the nation to hold such a title at that time.

Smith's career at ESPN as an analyst/insider on NBA Shootaround began just seven months after he was hired away

es needed to produce YMTF. The sponsors this year are: Platinum Level - The Kellogg Company and CHRISTUS Health; Gold Level - AT&T, Eaton Corporation, USDA-ARS, MSA and ODEO, and Walmart



Brittni Brown



Stephen A. Smith

placed on helping students realize what their role is as they move forward with making decisions about their careers. They should be able to determine if they are proactive or reactive, an asset or liability, a leader or follower, ambitious or content, a dreamer or doer, and if they are preparing to thrive or just survive.

Forty consultants representing the private sector, government agencies, and educational institutions will spend two and a half days on the campus of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. The consultants will speak to students in classrooms, present panel discussions, conduct a "rap" and one-on-one sessions to help prepare students for success in the classroom as well as in the workplace. More than sixty students were selected to serve as student liaisons, program participants and ushers.

VeLois Bowers, Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion for CHRISTUS Health; Kevin Blakely, Senior Technical Architect with AT&T; and Felecia Collins-Wylie, Regional Human Resources Director for Sam's Club, are this year's corporate chairpersons and Earnestine McLaughlin and Shirley Cherry, Office of Career Services, are the campus coordinators.

Agricultural Technology from Iowa State University in 2007. She is also a proud Summa Cum Laude graduate of UAPB. After graduation from Iowa State University, she began her career with the USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service as a Program Analyst. In July of 2010, she joined the Office of Advocacy and Outreach where she currently serves as the Interim Lead for the USDA/1890 Program. The opening banquet is by invitation only.

The YMTF Assembly will be held Wed., Feb. 29, at 11:00 a.m. in the Clemmons Arena of the Kenneth L. Johnson, Sr. HPER Complex. Stephen A. Smith, ESPN Sports Journalist will be the keynote speaker. The community is invited to attend.

Stephen A. Smith is one of the preeminent voices in the African American community. A graduate of Winston-Salem State University, Smith's journalism career began as a high school sportswriter at the New York Daily News in the summer of 1993. Just fourteen months later, he departed to cover college basketball for the Philadelphia Inquirer. After four years as a beat writer on the Philadelphia 76ers, he became an NBA columnist in 2001. By March 2003, Smith was promoted to General Sports Columnist,

from Fox SportsNet's, "Best Damn Sports Show, Period"! Smith's demonstrative, informative; in-your-face style has invaded the airwaves on NBA Shootaround, SportsCenter, ESPNNews, and his own talk show, Quite Frankly, which aired from Aug. 2005 to Jan. 2007. Smith also hosted his own weekday radio show on 1050 ESPN in New York which was picked up for national syndication.

In Dec. 2009, Smith joined the FOX Sports Radio Network as a regular contributor and took on the network's east coast morning drive show on January 4, 2010. Smith also served as a network commentator on various topics, and regular fill-in host for "The Steve Harvey Morning Show."

Smith has become a regular guest on the MSNBC's Morning Joe, the Ed Show, Hardball and Fox News' Hannity. In 2010, Smith was also a guest on CNN's Larry King Live and Your Money. Smith co-hosted The View twice.

In early Feb. 2011, Smith returned to ESPN as a weeknight radio show host on 1050 ESPN Radio New York (WEPN-AM) as well as 710 ESPN Radio Los Angeles (KSPN-AM), and is also a columnist for ESPN.com.

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Stores/Sam's Club; Silver Level - Tyson Foods; and Bronze Level - Monsanto, Verizon Wireless and Walgreens.

According to Mary M. Jones, Director of Career Services and Admissions, the momentum of the participants increases each year. In addition to the professionals who volunteer their time each year to participate, the cooperation of administrators, faculty, staff and students is a tribute to the longevity and success of YMTF.

The Office of Career Services at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff sponsors YMTF annually. For additional information, visit us in Caldwell Hall Suite 202 or contact Earnestine McLaughlin or Shirley Cherry at (870) 575-8461.

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Celebrating Black History

The Centennial

The 100th anniversary of Winthrop Rockefeller's birth is cause for celebration for Arkansas. Over the next year, the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation, Winrock International, the Winthrop Rockefeller Charitable Trust, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, the Central Arkansas Library System, and the Arkansas Arts Center will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Winthrop Rockefeller's birth by reaching out from Petit Jean Mountain, the home he created in his adopted state, to the rest of Arkansas and the United States. This Centennial Celebration will offer a variety of programs that will honor his legacy, bringing it alive to a new generation. These programs will convene some of the nation's leading thinkers and innovators to explore his contributions and take a contemporary look at the issues about which he cared so deeply. Alongside celebratory events, the Celebration will include an assortment of academic conferences, public forums, art exhibits, and educational programs. The Centennial Celebration will highlight the following events:

- Winthrop Paul Rockefeller "270" Exhibit: March 17, 2p.m.
- Tribute to 1968 MLK Memorial Service: April 4, 10-12a.m.
- Political Reform Conference: April 11-12
- UALR Center for Arkansas History and Culture: May-June
- Arkansas and Race Conference: May 11-12
- Arkansas Arts Center Exhibit: May 25 - August 19
- Winthrop Rockefeller Legacy Event: June 1-2

For information visit www.WR100.org

Chancellor's Spring Convocation set for February 21

By Tisha Arnold
Public Information

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff will present the Chancellor's Spring Convocation Tues., Feb 21 at 10:30 a.m. in the H.O. Clemmons arena of the Kenneth L. Johnson Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) complex. The theme for the year, "Thrive or Expire: Imperative for UAPB" is reiterated as the theme for the event. The keynote address will be given by UAPB's Chancellor, Dr. Lawrence A. Davis, Jr. The band and choir are also scheduled to perform. The event is free and open to the public.



Dr. Lawrence A. Davis, Jr.

YOUTH MOTIVATION TASK FORCE

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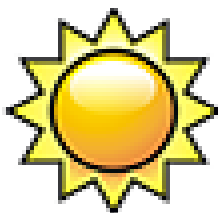
Feb. 18



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Feb. 19



Sunny
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Chance of Rain

Feb. 20



Mostly Sunny
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Chance of Rain

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Other highlights of YMTF include the following:

- Selected Classroom Visits - Monday, February 27 and Tuesday, February 28, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

- “Rap” Session - Monday, February 27, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., L. A. Davis Student Center

An open forum discussion that allows students to dialogue with professionals about a range of situations that they might encounter in the workforce.

- High School Visitations - Tuesday, February 28

YMTF Consultants will visit First Ward, Jack Robey, Dollarway and Pine Bluff High Schools to share information on what students need to do to prepare for transition from high school to higher education.

- Case Study Presentation - Tuesday, February 28, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Hathaway Fine Arts Auditorium

Travis Adams, Political Science '12; Mariam Kaleem, Biology '12; Marion Muhammad, Business Management '13; and Joseph Robinson, Psychology '12, will present their championship case study recruiting plan which was developed for United Parcel Service (UPS) in order to increase their standing as an employer of choice for UAPB students.

- Sister-to-Sister Panel, “What Your Peers Don’t Know and What Your Boss Won’t Tell You” The “W” Factor, Am I My Sister’s Keeper? Tuesday, February 28, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.,

Henderson Young Hall, Sylvester Early Auditorium

In light of today’s top reality shows where women are typically divided and incapable of getting along, Sister-to-Sister panelists will discuss the significance of women and how to establish lasting and productive relationships both in and outside the workplace. The panelist are: VeLois Bowers, Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion for CHRISTUS Health; Attorney Sheila McDonald, Counsel for Mail Contractors of America, Incorporated; Veronica Sabatier, Biomedical Flight Controller for Wylie Integrated Science and Engineering; and Tracy Troutman, Program Analyst for U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

- Brother-to-Brother Panel, “Am I My Brother’s Keeper II? Keep On Keepin’ On... - Tuesday, February 28, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., L. A. Davis Student Center Lounge.

Panelists will discuss with students how to set their standards to obtain, sustain, and retain themselves as an intricate part of the dominant society while remaining true to their own character and belief systems. The panelists are: Lee Allen, CEO for Diversified Business Network; Lt. Bennie Bowers, Michigan State Police; Excell LaFayette, Jr., Director of Supplier Development for Walmart Stores, Incorporated; and Danny Massey, District Manager, Social Security Administration.

Main Event hosts Spring Break in Panama City Beach

By Rachel Lloyd
Arkansawyer Staff Writer

The week of March 18, officially marks the beginning of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff’s spring break.

However, the days leading up to March 15-18 are when the fun really begins. In those days, packing and other preparations will be made for students planning a spring getaway.

Now is the time to plan out your trip! Spring break is fast approaching so if you haven’t made any plans thus far, this is your opportunity to make them happen.

Main Event Entertainment is hosting this year’s spring break vacation in Panama City Beach, Fla. for \$375.

This trip’s package includes round-trip luxury coach tickets and a 4-day/3-night stay in reserved condominiums on the beach front. Each condominium can accommodate up to 6 people.

“This isn’t the first time such an exciting trip to Panama City has been planned,” Jaceilia Ajanaku said.

Spring break of 2011, Main Event Entertainment hosted a similar trip and had a great turnout. Forty-six students participated. However, a crowd of more than 100 is expected to attend this year.

To reserve your seat and room, a \$100 deposit is due by February 15. This payment will be deducted from

the total of \$375. We hope you all enjoy your spring break and

have fun in a safe manner. For more information,

call 870-540-6316 or log on to www.mainevent-nightlife.com.

Detailed flyer for Main Event's Spring Break vacation

Stay in Control, Be Prepared

By Marian Smith
Arkansawyer Editor-in-Chief

Emergency preparedness is the preparation and planning necessary to effectively handle an emergency, according to DisabilityPreparedness.gov.

Emergencies can include health situations, such as heart attacks or strokes, as well as natural disasters. Precautions should be used to ensure safety in emergency conditions.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is an organization working to assist “citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to better build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards,” according to www.fema.gov.

FEMA sponsors the Ready campaign, a national public service advertising project which informs citizens on how to “prepare and respond to emergencies including natural and man-made disasters.”

The Ready campaign stresses three important steps. The first step is building an emergency supply kit. The kit should include basic items, such as a weather radio, flashlight, and batteries. At least a three-day supply of food and water is also recommended.

Step two is making a family emergency plan. Patrice Brown, a junior Biology major, admits that her family is prepared in the event of a fire emergency. “I think we’re well prepared. My mom went over what to do if you’re trapped in a room and how to get out.”

The final step is being informed about the different types of emergencies that could occur and their proper responses. Find out the hazards that could affect your area. For example, Arkansans should be informed about earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, according to the Arkansas page on the Ready website.

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

uses the RAVE system to alert students of emergencies on campus. RAVE can be activated over the web, by a mobile phone, or by calling a 24/7 hotline, as reported by www.news.ravemobilesafety.com. The system safeguards 30 percent of the student population in America.

“We take pride in protecting a large portion of the U.S. student population and providing the best technology available in the market. From emergency notifications, to personal safety, to crime tip reporting and anti-bullying tools all of Rave’s solutions make campuses safer,” Tom Axbey, Chief Executive Officer of Rave Mobile Safety said.

Nature is not on any schedule, so having knowledge of what hazards take place in a specific area could save lives. Being prepared is the best way to stay in control. For more information on emergency preparedness, visit www.ready.gov.

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UAPB to serve as site for College Goal Sunday

By Tisha Arnold
Public Information

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff will serve as a site for College Goal Sunday on Feb. 19 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Henderson-Young Hall rooms 204 and 209. College Goal Sunday is a statewide volunteer program that provides free information and assistance to students and families who are applying for financial aid for college. Students and parents should be prepared to get assistance completing the 2012-13 FAFSA. The following is a list of items that are needed to get started with the application process and should be brought to the site if they are available:

- 2011 W-2 Forms
- Social Security Numbers
- Amounts of untaxed income
- Amounts for child support received or child support paid in 2011
- A good idea

about amounts in checking and or savings accounts

- A good idea about the worth of other family assets (other than the residence home)
- The PIN (personal identification number) for the student and at least one parent

The student and one parent must apply for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. In order to receive the PIN by Feb. 19, an application must be made no later than February 12.

College Goal Sunday is co-sponsored by the Arkansas Association of Financial Aid Administrators and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.



Photo Courtesy of www.techies.atu.edu

Upcoming Sports Events

Women's Basketball vs. Texas Southern
5:00 pm
2.18.12

Men's Basketball vs. Texas Southern
7:00 pm
2.18.12

Women's Basketball vs. Prairie View A&M
5:30 pm
2.20.12

Men's Basketball vs. Prairie View A&M
7:30 pm
2.20.12

Women's Tennis at Belhaven
12:00 pm
2.23.12

Men's Tennis at Belhaven
1:00 pm
2.23.12

Men's Tennis vs. SWAC Round-Up
TBA
2.24.12

Indoor Track and Field Competes at Valentine Invitational

Article Courtesy of uapblionsroar.com

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Member of UAPB Women's Track team starting her event strong.

The Men's and Women's team had several impressive performances turned in by members of the Track and Field squads.

Brianna Hill finished in 2nd place in the Women's High Jump. Ninfa Barnard came in 3rd place in the Women's 1 Mile Run while fellow teammate Stephanie Jerson completed the Women's 400 Yard Dash with a time of 58.97.

The Lady Lions also had a strong showing in the Women's 800 Meter Run with Alicia Johnson finishing in 3rd place with a time of 2:17.38.

On the men's side, Terron Armstead placed 1st in the Shot Put (17.22), while Joel Porchia wrapped up the Men's 55 Meter Dash in 2nd place (6.61).

UAPB returns to action this weekend at the Red Hawk Invitational set to be held in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

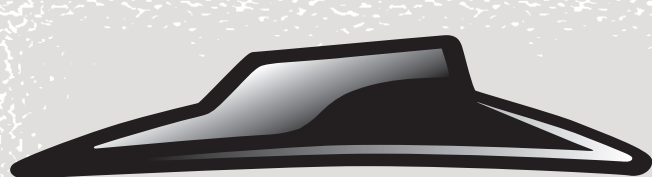
Baseball set to open 2012 campaign against UALR

Article Courtesy of uapblionsroar.com

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff baseball team opens the 2012 season with a weekend series against the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR). The three-game marks the beginning of Head

Coach Carlos James' second year leading the Golden Lions. Live stats and video are available through the UALR Athletics website or you can follow the Golden Lions on Twitter (@UAPB_Baseball) for updates.

Weekend Rotation:
Game 1: Jordan Sechler (Jr.)
Game 2: Michael Newby (Jr.)
Game 3: Stanten Jones (Jr.)



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The Professor's Corner

By LaToya Geter
Arkansawyer Staff Writer

The Professor's Corner is a new addition to the Arkansawyer. It highlights professors at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. The first instructor highlighted in the professor's corner is Mrs. Annette Fields. Mrs. Fields is an instructor/counselor of Basic Academic Services (BAS). She instructs/counsels Criminal Justice, Psychology, History, Sociology, Social Work, Political Science and Gerontology majors. Mrs. Fields is from Detroit, Mich., and resides in Pine Bluff. In Dec. of 2000, she received her B.S. in Fisheries and Wildlife from Michigan State University. Later in Dec. of 2004, she received her master's in Agriculture and Fisheries from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.



Annette Fields

Photo Courtesy of LaToya Geter

#BlackHistory

By Ronald Meeks
Arkansawyer Staff Writer

Ernie Davis played football for the Syracuse University Orangemen from 1959-1961. With his talents, the Orangemen won the Cotton Bowl in 1960 and the Liberty Bowl in 1961. Davis was named MVP for both bowl games.

In 1961, he was awarded the Heisman trophy and in the same year met with President John F. Kennedy.

In the 1962 NFL draft, the Washington Redskins traded their pick to the Cleveland Browns who then drafted Davis for the first overall draft pick. However, before



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the preseason began Ernie was diagnosed with leukemia, causing him to retire football before his first game in the NFL. He succumbed to his illness on May 18,

1963. In honor of Ernie Davis, the Cleveland Browns retired his jersey number 45, even though he never played an official NFL game.

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Make Your New Year's Resolutions Work for You

By Brittney McBride
Arkansawyer Staff Writer

According to WiseGeek.com, there is an old saying that a new broom sweeps clean. The first day of a new year also seems like an ideal time to sweep away one's past and start fresh.

Losing weight, working out, dieting and not smoking are just a few New Year's Resolutions. As the first month of the New Year commences, how many people have honored their New Year's resolution?

New Year Resolutions are typically promises or declarations made on the first day of a New Year that deal with personal matters of progress.

WiseGeek also says during the start of the New Year Work-

Out Centers predict an overflow of new membership intakes, whole and health food store sales also have a tendency to shoot through the roof knowing that these goals made by "New Year pioneers" will most likely not venture out into their quest past the first day of Feb.

So, have you ever wondered why your New Year's Resolution never worked? Or have you even questioned why you get the urge to turn over a new leaf?

The Huffington Post's answer to this question is the way you think,

"Ask yourself what it is about yourself that you would like to change in the New Year. Ask yourself why it would matter, or what difference it would make."

If questions focus mainly on altering physical attributes then, the manner in which you are thinking is still incorrect and deeper questions should be asked. Once you find out the true reason you want to achieve your goals and finding out

tive to help faculty/staff along with students achieve healthy weight lifestyles, with a competition called "UAPB Biggest Loser". The competition began on Feb. 7 and ends on March 15.

Participants can register independently or as a group for a cost of \$10 for each person. The cost covers workout and wellness sessions and admission to health professions.

Throughout the competition participants must weight in weekly. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top individual and team who end with the highest total weight loss and total percent of weight loss. There

will also be opportunities for weekly prizes throughout the competition.

Applications and more information are available at the Hugh Browne Infirmary and Student Government Association's Office.

Whether you want to fit into those size 5 jeans or quit smoking for good, before you start generating goals and targets for not just the New Year but any day of the year, first look at why it is important to you and the benefits that it will give you as a whole.

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff has taken the initia-

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THE TREND\$ETTER: MAKING a Fashion STATEMENT

By Karlen Freeman
Arkansawyer Fashion Writer



-Shanice Janae Jones
-Junior
-Chicago, IL

What do you live by when it comes to fashion? "You make the clothes, the clothes don't make you," said Jones.

An after-school event inspired her attire. "Basically, since I was going to a basketball game I didn't want to be too dressy nor too basic."

Our first TREND\$ETTER has really set the bar! By her outfit, she's definitely not afraid to be different. All of her bold pieces could stand alone but only a Trend\$etter would wear them all at once.

Jones incorporates

vibrant flavor with a patterned scarf and leggings. She adds winter time warmth with the black, brown, grey, and purple colors. Her sequin purse adds a jazzy spark to her ensemble. A pair of color block booties creates a laid back feeling. Jones' outfit is topped it off with a pair of large frame glasses!

Let's learn a lesson from Ms. Jones: Be Bold, Be Daring, and Be Confident.

Check out The Trend\$etter on YouTube at www.youtube.com/BabsBunny08.

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