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Calvin Johnson to serve as interim chancellor of UAPB

Ben Beaumont
University of Arkansas System

University of Arkansas System President Dr. Donald R. Bobbitt has named Dr. Calvin Johnson to serve as the interim chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff beginning Tuesday, May 29, 2012.

Johnson will serve as interim chancellor while a national search is conducted to find a permanent replacement for Dr. Lawrence A. Davis, Jr., who will retire Fri., May 25. Johnson has said he will not be a candidate for the permanent position.

Johnson is former dean of the College of Education at UAPB and former chair of the Department of Teacher Education at the University of Arkansas at

Little Rock. His career in education as a teacher and faculty member spans more than 30 years. He served in the Arkansas House of Representatives from 1998 to 2004 and is a current member of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, a position he will resign before becoming interim chancellor.

"After consulting with campus and community leaders, I'm pleased that Dr. Calvin Johnson has agreed to serve as interim chancellor of UAPB," Bobbitt said. "Calvin has vast experience in higher education and is a strong leader in the Pine Bluff community. I believe he has the right combination of experience and knowledge of the university to serve in



Calvin Johnson

this capacity, and I look forward to working with him."

Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in agriculture education at UAPB and a master's degree in counselor education from the University of Central Arkansas. He completed his Ph.D. degree in adult education and public school administration at Kansas State University.

"As a graduate of UAPB and having served on the faculty for almost 20 years, I have a firm understanding of the important role

the university plays in our community and state," Johnson said. "I'm excited about the opportunity to serve in this capacity and help bridge the transition to a new chancellor."

Bobbitt has met with the UAPB Faculty and Staff Senate, campus administrators, and state and local leaders about the search for a new chancellor. He plans to convene an advisory committee to assist in the process with the goal of having a permanent chancellor in place by July 1, 2013.

139th Founders' Celebration

The 139th Founders' Celebration at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff will run April 25-29 with the theme for this year's celebration is, "Planting Seeds for a New Generation: Imperatives for UAPB."

"My hope is that alumni and friends get an enriched appreciation for the heritage of Branch Normal/AM&N/UAPB," said Joyce Vaughan, chair of the Founders' Celebration Committee. "We want to celebrate the achievements of this institution and encourage investment in planting seeds for future generations".

Founders' Celebration activities are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, April 25

6:30 p.m. Branch Normal/AM&N/UAPB Jeopardy Game
L. A. Davis, Sr. Student Union Lounge

Thursday, April 26

12:00 p.m. Roars from the Den,
L. A. Davis, Sr. Student Union Lounge

Friday, April 27

12:00 p.m. The Bell Tower Gathering,
W. E. O'Bryant Bell Tower
4:30 p.m. Caldwell Hall Auditorium Open House
5:30 p.m. Alumni Hall of Fame Unveiling & Dedication,
Caldwell Hall Front Lobby

7:00 p.m. Annual Founders' Concert,
Hathaway-Howard Fine Arts Auditorium
Featuring UAPB Jazz Ensemble & Wind Symphony

Saturday, April 28

8:30 a.m. UAPB/AM&N National Alumni Association Walk-A-Thon
Regional Park

1:00 p.m. Black and Gold Intra-Squad Football Game
Golden Lion Stadium

Sunday, April 29

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service & Memorial March
Caldwell Hall Auditorium

8:00 a.m. Alumni Fellowship Breakfast,
L. A. Davis Student Union Cafeteria

Immediately following Sunrise Service

3:00 p.m. Annual Founders' Convocation
Hathaway-Howard Fine Arts Auditorium

For more information about Founders' Celebration, visit www.uapb.edu/founders or call (870)575-8969.

Children's Author, Disney Animator to present during lyceum event

By Tisha Arnold
Public Information

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff will host Daniel Holom, Christian Children's Author and Mark Henn, animator for Walt Disney Studios Wed., April 25 in the Hathaway-Howard Fine Arts Center. Sponsored by the UAPB Lyceum Committee, all events are free and open to the public.

Daniel Holom, Senior Vice President - Investments, Financial Advisor, Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC began his career as a Financial Advisor in 1983 and continues to this day. He is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University with a degree in English Literature. He has spent many years volunteering in public service, and caring for those less fortunate. Through this, a passionate vision emerged of producing something with lasting influence. Daniel lives with his

wife, Vicki, and their two daughters in central Arkansas.

Mark Henn, one of Disney's best animators (1980 - present) works out of the Burbank, California Disney Studio.

Photos Courtesy of Tisha Arnold



Daniel Holom

and Bianca (The Rescuers Down Under); Grace the Cow(Home on the Range); Ariel (The Little Mermaid); Jasmine (Aladdin); Belle(Beauty and the Beast); Mulan (Mulan); Pocahontas (Pocahontas); and Giselle (Enchanted). He has recently completed work on Princess Tiana in "The Princess and



Mark Henn

the Frog" and the character Winnie the Pooh in an animated feature. Mark also directed the award-winning short feature, John Henry, Steel Driving Man. Mark lives with his wife, Debbie, in southern California. They have two

grown children. Presentations will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the John M. Ross Theatre followed by a book signing in the lobby from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. where attendees can also purchase copies of the book, Sleepy Sheepy and Daniel written by Holom and illustrated by Henn. A Q&A session

will also be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Leedell Moorehead-Graham Art Gallery for

aspiring artists and writers to ask in-depth questions and gain valuable insight. For more information concerning the event, call (870)575-8946.

UAPB to offer lifeguard training classes

By Tisha Arnold
Public Information

The division of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education has collaborated with the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) and the American Red Cross to offer Lifeguard training classes.

Those interested in the classes must be 15 years of age or older

and pay a one-time cost of \$195.00 for books and materials. All classes will be held in the Kenneth L. Johnson, Sr. Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) Complex from 10:00 am to 6:00 p.m. April 28, May 5 and May 19.

For more information, call (870) 575-8317

April 25



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10%
Chance of Rain

April 26



Partly Cloudy
86° / 64°
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10%
Chance of Rain

April 27



AM Clouds/PM Sun
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HI LO

10%
Chance of Rain

April 28



Mostly Sunny
82° / 60°
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10%
Chance of Rain

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Last Chance in Arkansas for Free Legal Help in Filing Track A Claims

By Carol Sanders
School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences

Photo Courtesy of www.uaex.edu



S.J. Parker Extension Complex

April 27 is the last day in Arkansas that Black farmers can obtain free legal help with filing Track A claims in the Pigford II law suit. Othello Cross, class counsel for Pigford claimants, and his legal team will be at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff S.J. Parker 1890 Extension Complex Auditorium, Friday, April 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Help will be provided by appointment or as a walk-in.

"The Pigford II claims process is only for indi-

viduals who did not obtain a decision on their claim in Pigford I," says Dr. Henry English, head of the Small Farm Program at UAPB. "If you filed a claim in Pigford I and received a decision, you are not eligible to participate in Pigford II," he emphasized. May 11, 2012 is the last day of the claim submission period which began Nov. 14, 2011.

The maximum recovery for a Track A claim will be \$50,000, plus a tax payment and debt

relief, if applicable, he added. Awards under both tracts A and B are subject to reduction based on the amount of available funds and the number of prevailing claimants.

Appointments begin at 9 a.m. after an 8 a.m. presentation by Cross. To make an appointment, call 1-877-810-8110. The Extension Complex is located at 2300 L.A. "Prexy" Davis Drive in Pine Bluff. Contact Kellye Lockett at (870) 575-7226 for more information.

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Harry Cross



Della Phipps

Lecture Hall to be named for Harry Cross, Della Phipps

By Tisha Arnold
Public Information

As part of the 139th Founders' Celebration at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Caldwell Hall auditorium will be named the Cross-Phipps Lecture Hall in honor of Harry Cross and Della Phipps. The free, public event will take place Friday, April 27 at 4:30 p.m. in Caldwell Hall.

Harry L. Cross was born and reared in Camden, Ark. where he attended the Camden Colored School from elementary through high school. Having developed an appreciation for education early in life, Cross graduated as co-valedictorian of his high school class before moving to Pine Bluff to attend Arkansas Mechanical and Normal College (AM&N College). While on campus, Cross was an active member of numerous campus organizations including the Vesper Choir and the Marching Band and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

Upon graduation, Harry Cross spent four years serving his country during World War II where he served in the Quartermaster Corps in the European and in the Pacific Theaters Operation. After being honorably discharged with the rank of Captain, Cross established a career in education administration and finance administration at his alma mater where he remained for nearly forty years in the capacities of accounts receivable clerk, internal auditor, chief accountant, and instructor of account-

ing. An active member of St. John A.M.E. Church in Pine Bluff, Cross has offered his service in many capacities including class leader, steward, finance committee member, and church treasurer. He is married to Mildred Cross, a retired Associate Professor of English and former Head of the Department of English, Speech and Drama at UAPB.

Mrs. Della Gardner Phipps grew up in Hot Springs, Ark. attending Langston High School and later AM&N College. She obtained her bachelor degree from Bishop College in Marshall, Texas and did post-baccalaureate study at Howard University in Washington, DC and Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. She began her professional career as an elementary and high school teacher in both Rison and Wilmar, Ark. before assuming the Registrar's position at AM&N College in 1962.

Phipps' dedication and enthusiasm for work extended well beyond the boundaries of the campus. She was an active citizen of Pine Bluff participating in a gamut of professional associations including the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers, and the National Association of Deans, Registrars and Admissions Officers. She was a charter member of the Pine Bluff Chapter of the Links, an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, and was affiliated with the Old Timers Auxiliary

of UAPB/AM&N Alumni Association. Mrs. Phipps was also an active member of St. John A.M.E. Church. There she served on the Stewardess Board #2, was a member of Collegiate Club, Lady B. O'Bryant Women's Missionary Society, and Sunflower Club among other committees.

Upon her retirement from UAPB in 1983, Mrs. Phipps continued to serve the community by working with young people and was serving as a board member for the Arkansas Cancer Society and the Southeast Arkansas Arts and Science Center. Mrs. Phipps was a very personable woman whose kindness and concern for others began at home with her husband, Dr. Harold Phipps, Jr. and their three children: Dr. Evelyn Boyer, Willeta Phipps, and Harold Phipps, III and extended to her wide circle of family and friends including that of the AM&N/UAPB community.

For more information concerning the event, call (870) 575-8969.

Vesper Choir to present Spring Concert May 4

By Tisha Arnold
Public Information

Photo Courtesy of Tisha Arnold



University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Vesper Choir

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Vesper Choir, directed by Dr. Michael J. Bates, is performing its Spring 2012 Concert on Fri., May 4 at 6:00pm in the Hathaway-Howard Fine Arts Center Auditorium. The choir will be performing classical and contemporary choral works, spirituals, opera, and gospel selections. Admission to the Spring Concert is free and the public is welcome.

Featured soloists include graduating seniors Janitha Lawson, Stephan Burse and Devin Heggie; as well as music majors Brandon Black, Phyllissa Dunk, Naocea Evans, and Echol Simpson. In March, the Vesper Choir performed an evening of opera

favorites with the Pine Bluff Symphony Orchestra and toured Kansas City, Las Vegas, and Los Angeles during its annual spring tour. The choir has also performed in Memphis, Southaven, Miss., West Memphis, Little Rock, Hot Springs, Camden, Dermott, and Pine Bluff this semester. Dr. Heidi Gordon serves as Assistant Director, Julia Buckingham is the choir's accompanist, and Dr. Andre Strydom is rehearsal accompanist.

Organized in 1945 by Ariel M. Lovelace, the Vesper Choir serves as one of the main fundraisers for the campus and was given its name because it presented music for the mandatory Sunday evening "Vesper" services on

the AM&N campus. The choir is a service organization that has performed for significant campus and community events, schools, churches, and community organizations around the state of Arkansas and internationally. With a mission that is cultural, artistic and educational, the group has produced a long line of distinguished singers, performers and professionals in other work fields and academic including Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, prominent theologian, pastor and author; Smokie Norful, noted contemporary gospel artist and pastor; and Mr. James McKissic, internationally renowned concert pianist.

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Dr. Amanze Ihedioha

Dr. Amanze Ihedioha Joins UAPB Human Sciences Department

By Tisha Arnold
Public Information

Dr. Amanze Ihedioha has joined the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Department of Human Sciences as an assistant professor with expertise in the human development and family studies area.

Prior to joining UAPB, he was the service coordinator at Mental Health Mental Retardation of Tarrant County in Fort Worth, Texas. He also has served as a senior associate with the Mantz Consulting Service in Burleson, Texas; a teacher's assistant at the University of North Texas; a senior lecturer in the Sociology Department at Abia State University in Nigeria; and an after care worker for Correc-

tional Services Corporation in Dallas, Texas, and Macon, Ga.

At UAPB, Dr. Ihedioha teaches Child Development, Family Dynamics and Human Sciences Research. His responsibilities also include advising students in the human development and family studies program and outreach to the community. He has conducted research in the areas of childhood diseases, childhood trauma and the impact of globalization on child development.

Ihedioha has a doctorate in child development from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas; a master's degree in clinical sociology from Texas Southern University in

Houston; a certificate in substance abuse counseling from the University of Houston and a bachelor's degree in international relations from Cuttington University College in Liberia, West Africa.

"Dr. Ihedioha is a great addition to the department," said Dr. Linda Okiror, interim chair of the Department of Human Sciences and assistant dean of the School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Sciences. "He rounds out program expertise by bringing extensive experience in the area of the sociology of family life. He brings a fresh perspective and energy to the program which has been already important to students."

Upcoming Sports Events

- Women's Softball @ Southern**
4:00 p.m. - 12:00 noon, 2:00 p.m.
4.27.12 - 4.28.12
- Men's Baseball vs. Prairie View A&M**
12:00 noon
4.28.12
- Men's Baseball vs. Prairie View A&M**
1:00 pm
4.29.12
- Men's Baseball vs. Arkansas-Monticello**
3:00 pm
5.1.12
- Men's Baseball @ Southern**
12:00 noon
5.5.12
- Men's Baseball @ Southern**
1:00 pm
5.6.12
- Men's Baseball vs. Arkansas State**
3:30 p.m.
5.8.12

20 UAPB Student-Athletes inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society

Article and Photo Courtesy of uapblionsroar.com

The University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff Department of Athletics took time this past week to salute several student-athletes that were selected for induction into Chi Alpha Sigma.

In all a total of 20 UAPB student-athletes were inducted into the honor society which consists of student-athletes that achieve at a high level academically.

"Becoming just the second university in the state of Arkansas to be

chartered with membership into Chi Alpha Sigma is a tremendous honor and an indica-

as well as in the athletics arena," said Lonza Hardy Jr., UAPB's athletics director.



Chi Alpha Sigma inductees during induction ceremony

"The 20 students who have earned the distinction of becoming our first inductees into the honor society are to be applauded for being leaders among their peers by amassing cumulative grade point averages of 3.40 or higher. That verifies that they are surely keeping the 'student' in 'student-athlete.'"

tion of our commitment to salute our student-athletes for excellence both in the classroom

2012 University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Chi Alpha Sigma Inductees

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| Ninfa Barnard | Kaitlin Morin |
| Erika Forbes | Nicole Parks-Powell |
| David Gomez | Jamaal Phillips |
| Hugo Gomez | Antonio Richmond |
| Jarissa Greenard | Ryan Savage |
| Valerie Higareda | Stephanie Tubby |
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| Austin Keithley | Lauren Valecillos |
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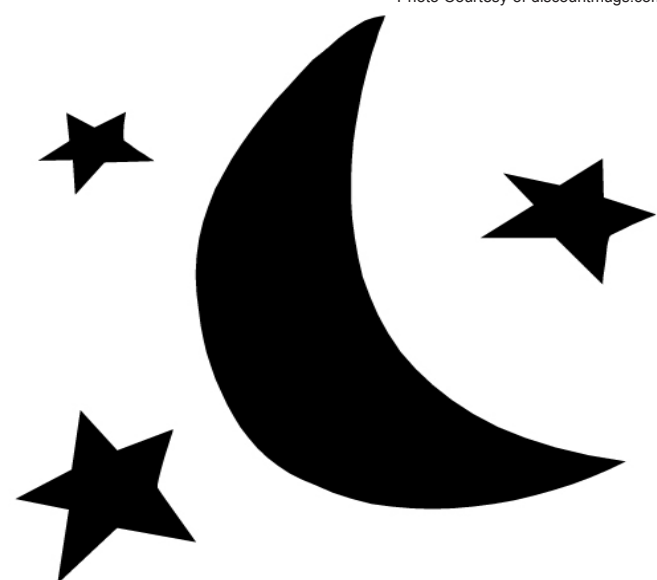
Earth Day Facts Courtesy of the University of North Dakota

- Between 20 and 500 species will disappear from the planet forever. We know so little about the family of life to which we belong that we cannot quantify the damage we are inflicting upon it. We do know that extinctions are occurring 100 to 1,000 times faster than the normal background rate.
- 800 million people will go to bed hungry and awake too weak to lead productive lives.
- Earth will travel 1.6 million miles in its annual journey around the Sun, the 4.6-billionth such round-trip. It will rotate about its axis exactly once.
- The population of the world will grow by 211,000 people. A new Akron, Ohio will be added every day.
- 40,000 acres of land, an area about the size of Boise, Idaho will be converted to desert.
- 18,000 children will die from chronic hunger, malnutrition, and related diseases.

April Horoscopes

From Horoscope.com

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ARIES (Mar. 21- Apr. 20) Your thinking will be creative, yet very grounded, setting up a recipe for great success in your workplace. Don't be intimidated by bullies who think they know better than you just because they have been at the job longer than you have.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You are frustrated by the doors closing in your face, but don't be. These are messages from the universe steering you in the right direction. Some things are not meant to be - accept this and move on. The right door will open at the right time.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Work with what resonates with you instead of letting someone else talk you into a situation that is not healthy for you to be in. Listen to your instincts instead of getting pushed around by people who claim that they know what is best for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Right now is a good time to re-locate or change positions. Even a small change can have a huge impact on your life. Moving to the next town over or the next office over can make a big difference on your attitude toward going to work every morning.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Friction comes from all sides, and unfortunately, this friction will only increase as the day wears on. Most of this difficulty has to do with other people, not you, so don't take anything personally. Just do your job and be as amiable as possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You are not going to be able to think straight if you find yourself in a position of stress and pressure. Don't let other people get to you in this manner. Protect yourself instead of letting other people have such a huge impact on your wellbeing.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) You will feel a slow and steady tension brewing as the day wears on. Someone seems to resent you for something you have accomplished, such as a raise you have earned in the workplace. Try not to let these people's jealousies inhibit you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You know you are right, deep down inside. However, trying to convince your superiors of this is a different story. It will be hard to convince people in authority of anything. They want to disagree more than agree.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You know something that someone else doesn't know and you love having this power. Be careful here. This is no time to be hurtful through the use of unnecessary gossip or rumors. This type of action will end up hurting you later on.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Overall, your thinking is quite clear and grounded, but someone else is planting seeds of doubt in your head. Someone with a rather inflated view of himself is blatantly against your current mode of thought. Align with your truth, not someone else's.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) You hear an idea and you want to take it to the next level. You want to inflate it to something that is much more grand and flashy. Be careful. Flashy is not necessarily the best way to go. Do more research and collect more facts before you proceed.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Your instincts are keeping you hot on the trail of a wonderful new opportunity for you. You may hit a couple of small obstacles today, but this is no reason for you to throw in the towel at this point. Be optimistic and don't stop now.

The Skinny on Tight Jeans

Angel Brown
Campus Echo

From baggy pants to skinny jeans: What made the young black males of today go from the oversized jeans of the past to these air-suppressing skinny jeans of the present?

When I was growing up, baggy jeans were the fashion must-have among young black men. On BET, all you saw was Wu-tang and the thousands of guys rocking pants three times their size.

The funny thing about sagging is it originated in the prison system because prisoners weren't allowed to wear belts. It also showed the wearer's "availability" to other prisoners. I guess whoever brought light to the public about this trend overlooked that factor.

In Texas, Georgia and Florida, mayors, boards of education and city council members have made major efforts to put a stop to sagging.

The notion to stop sagging has worked; now, it seems, young

black males have found a new way to express their rejection of cultural norms: tight-fitting jeans. I can only wonder if skinny jeans are a health risk to men, as they can be to women.

Gynecologists have advised women to be cautious of consistently wearing jeans that are too tight. Can men get infections from wearing skinny jeans? No, but they can suffer from a damaged thigh-nerve condition called meralgia paresthetica, according to the American Academy of Neurology. However, boys, don't fret. This condition can be resolved easily by refraining from wearing skinny jeans and allowing the nerve to repair itself.

Research on how skinny jeans affect the male

reproductive system presents the same scare Mountain Dew sparked for young males some time back; yet, this still has not stopped guys from wearing them.

I like men in clothes that actually fit them, not too baggy or too skinny.

As a grown-up, I wear clothes that fit me, and I expect the same for a guy I am dating. I like to see a young brother in a respectable cardigan, jeans that fit him and a decent pair of kicks. Appearance is everything in our society.

Let's not even discuss going to the mall together. Why would a man want to shop in the same section as his woman when accompanying her to a store such as Express? That would be awkward. I



Angel Brown

can respect that all people have the right to express themselves through fashion. I support doing so. However, I cannot say I would accept the skinny jean fad as appropriate for a potential suitor.

To the young brothers out there with skinny jeans as tight as my leggings, I salute you. You are brave ones, daring to be different with your skinny jeans. Keep sticking it to "The Man" with your tight jeans and bright tank tops.

Angel Brown writes for The Campus Echo, the North Carolina Central University student newspaper, which originally published this article.

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