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ANNUAL CAMPUS EVENTS

Homecoming

The most celebrated week-long event of the year...all facets of University life are involved in this winter celebration. Window painting competition, spirit contests, Homecoming Court elections, a major concert, and basketball games—everyone gets caught up in the excitement.

Greek Week

Greek Week, organized by the fraternities and sororities at South Alabama, is a week of fun and fundraising. Starting with the Greek games, the week progresses to include a two-day Red Cross Blood Drive in the Student Center and a food drive for the Bay Area Food Bank. The organizations consistently donate over 200 pints of blood and collect 5000 pounds of food, as well as sponsor one additional fund raiser each year. A day of public service gives Greeks an opportunity to give back to the community. The week concludes with a band party open to all USA students and the naming of the Greek God and Goddess.

SpringFling

Sponsored by Jaguar Productions, Spring Fling is a week in late March that is chock full of fun, day and night. Diverse music, contests, games, and other fun things to do. It's at the Student Center, so don't miss it!

International Spring Festival

An annual tradition at South Alabama! The goals of the Festival are to promote international interest and knowledge through the efforts of both foreign and American students, faculty, and staff, and to increase the importance of international affairs. Traditional events include the Parade of Flags, Food Fest, International Dance, Exhibits of the World and Talent Show. The festival provides a fascinating window of the world that's fun, informative and delicious!

Miss USA Scholarship Pageant

Choosing a beautiful and talented young woman to represent the University of South Alabama in the Miss Alabama scholarship contest is the purpose of the Miss USA Pageant. The pageant also awards several scholarships to the contestants. The sponsors for this event are Pi Kappa Phi and the Miss USA Board of Directors.

Student Art Show

The Student Art Association sponsors a semi-annual art show and sale in the spring and fall. Held in the lobby of the Student Center, this two-day event features the work of USA students and is juried by recognized authorities. The show offers faculty and students a chance to enjoy and purchase paintings, prints, ceramics, drawings, sculpture and photographs. Both fine arts students and commercial design students participate in this cultural affair.

College Bowl

The College Bowl Tournament is sponsored early in the Fall Semester each year by the USA College Bowl Club and the Student Center. Teams of four students compete in the tournament by answering toss-up and bonus questions that cover all academic

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fields, as well as, areas such as sports and current events. Teams can be sponsored by student organizations or may be composed of four individual students. Both graduate and undergraduate students who are currently enrolled are eligible to participate. An All-Star team is composed of the five highest scorers during the campus tournament. All campus participants are invited to take part in weekly practice sessions to select the team which will represent the University of South Alabama at the Region VI College Bowl Tournament held at the end of February. Two teams are also selected from the participants to compete at the Alabama State Invitational Tournament held in early February. Teams from Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi compete at the regional level, with the winning team advancing to the national competition. For further information contact Dr. Michael Doran 460-6390.

Oozeball

“Get Down and Dirty” with The Southerners, the University ambassador group, during Oozeball-co-ed volleyball played in eight inches of goeey mud. The event originated in 1989 and will be played on April 26, 2008. It is a unique and memorable event that includes 6-8 person teams. South Alabama students, faculty, staff and alumni are eligible to participate on four courts located across from Stanky Field.

Applications are available in March at the Office of Alumni Relations, Campus Rec Center, SGA Office and the SC Info desk. For other information contact Carol Kittrell, Office of Alumni Relations, 460-7084.

Midweek Nooners

Check out the fun on the first Wednesday of each month in the Student Center. Jaguar Productions provides a diversion from normal class activity by providing a way for you to meet others in wild and wacky ways.

African-American Awareness Observance

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration begins the annual African-American Awareness Observance. The King celebration includes a luncheon, a memorial on-campus march and rally, and a keynote speaker. African-American Awareness programs continue throughout the Spring Semester with a wide array of speakers, panels, entertainers, and other activities. Student services, student, and academic organizations join in this goal of promoting an appreciation for and understanding of the contributions of Africans and African-Americans to civilization.

National Engineers Week

National Engineers Week is an annual event to bring public attention to the work and contributions of the nation's engineers. The College of Engineering celebrates the week by introducing local middle school students to engineering concept during Open House, where students participate in hands-on demonstrations and experiments. Engineering students end the week by participating in E-Day, where there are activities such as a career fair with local companies, a cookout, and competitions between the various disciplines.

Get On Board Day

Get On Board Day is an opportunity for USA's 200+ student organizations to reach out to new and returning students, letting them know about each organization's purpose and goals. Held in early fall in the Student Center, the day is sponsored by the Office of

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Campus Involvement and the Freshman Advisory Board. Organizations reserve tables, set up displays, and have the opportunity to recruit new members. USA students are able to visit with club officers and advisors, ask questions, and learn about the many opportunities to get involved in student life.

Hey Day!

Say Hey, USA. This fun-filled day takes place every October and is an opportunity for students to prove we are the friendliest campus around. The Freshman Advisory Board and the Freshman Leadership Council jointly sponsor this event, distributing buttons and stickers urging students to interact and "Say Hey!" to everyone they meet. The Student Government Association gets involved with tee-shirts, food, and other prizes. Spread all over the campus from the Housing area to the Student Center and beyond, we are out to prove that attitude is contagious, and USA has the best!

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