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What's Hot

A monthly selection from Web sites and online resources around Johns Hopkins that you might find interesting or useful:

* Want to know what it's **really like** to go to Johns Hopkins? Many prospective undergraduates are checking student-written **admissions blogs**.

Book of the Month

In "Lighter Than Air: An Illustrated History of Balloons and Air Ships,"



Tom D. Crouch, senior curator from the National Air and Space Museum, turns his

trained eye to the history of blimps and dirigibles, from the Graf Zeppelin to the luxurious Hindenburg. This richly illustrated book chronicles lighter-than-air flight from Archimedes' discovery of the principle of buoyancy to the latest in sport balloons and plans for future airships.

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Top Story



Reporting for work
Ron Daniels, the university's 14th president, is **on the job**.

University News



Provost up for administration post
Kristina Johnson, the university's No. 2 leader, is President Obama's choice for under secretary of energy. Also: A **SAIS scholar** has been nominated for assistant secretary of state.

Passing the YouTube audition

A Peabody student uploaded **herself** into the cello section of the **YouTube Symphony Orchestra**, selected from more than 3,000 online **auditions** around the world.

"An exceptional honor"

Poet and professor emeritus Allen Grossman is winner of the **\$100,000 Bollingen Prize**.



Medical education for the future
With students entering this fall, the School of Medicine will launch its first **full-scale curriculum overhaul** in two decades.

Research highlights

The **prevailing winds on Saturn's moon** Titan don't blow the way we thought they did. ... And we weren't completely right about how **dwarf galaxies** form either. ... A chain of **kidney transplants** that started in 2007 is still going. ... The Bloomberg School of Public Health, with support from the Gates Foundation, is launching a three-pronged **initiative against pneumonia**. ... **Graduation rates** are on the rise in nearly a quarter of the states.

Milestones and transitions

Tuition for most full-time undergraduates will go up next year by the smallest percentage in decades. ... A School of Nursing professor gets a **major grant** to test an approach to care for African American heart failure patients. ... Medicine's Jeremy Nathans receives a **major neuroscience award**.

Sports beat

Saturday's men's lacrosse game with top-ranked Virginia, an 8 p.m. start, will be on ESPNU. That game, and the women's lacrosse tilts with George Washington on Thursday and UMBC next Tuesday, can all be followed on the **Internet**. See the team and schedule pages.

Alumni Association News



Laissez les bon temps rouler!
New Orleans native **Chip Kahn, A&S '74**, rode in the Mardi Gras parade with the Mystic

Krewe of Hermes. This proud alumnus tossed the prized "throws" from his krewe's float to all who cried "Throw me something, mister!"

Oscar-bound Oppenheimer?

Amy Oppenheimer, A&S '07, premieres her first film, "Faces of Israel: A Discussion about Marriage, State, and Religion in the Jewish Homeland," March 24 in New York. Work on the film was funded in part by the Woodrow Wilson Research Fellowship she received at Johns Hopkins, which she says encouraged her to "do much more than write research papers."

Making an impact: Inspired research

As a student supported by the Peggy and Richard M. Danziger Scholar Fund, **Carlton Haywood Jr., SPH '08**, delved into the interpersonal health care experiences of adults with sickle-cell anemia – a condition he lives with himself. Today, he continues his research at the School of Medicine and the Berman Institute of Bioethics, honored as one of the first scholars in Johns Hopkins' **Mosaic Initiative**.

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Hopkins Online Book Club: Join the conversation

Join Matthew Crenson, A&S '63, professor emeritus of political science, for a conversation about April's **Book Club** selection, "The Race Card: How Bluffing About Bias Makes Race Relations Worse" by Richard Thompson Ford. [Listen to Crenson's introduction](#) and join the discussion on [JHU inCircle](#). [Top](#)

All roads lead to Homewood

Whether you travel by plane, train, or automobile, plan to get to campus April 17-19 for **Homewood Bound: Reunion and Homecoming 2009** - a weekend promising exciting events, delicious food, and special memories with old friends. One very special Blue Jay is already Homewood Bound - [watch a quick flick](#) about his adventures and get inspired to make your own trip back home! [Top](#)

Hey hon, *bonjour!*

From Baltimore to Paris, alumni are busy in April. In Charm City and Washington, D.C., they're taking a bus on April 24 to meet at the Music Center at Strathmore for a performance by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, while across the pond in *La Ville-Lumière* (translation: the City of Lights) alumni will meet at the Louvre Museum for a tour and cocktails. No matter where in the world you live, check in to find out what your local chapter is up to on the [Alumni Association's Web site](#). [Top](#)

Plug into our podcasts

Did you miss that last chapter event, but really wish you were there? No worries - the Alumni Association now offers recordings of recent faculty and alumni speakers online, free for you to download and listen to on your computer or iPod. Check out the latest recordings at alumni.jhu.edu/podcast [Top](#)



Ladies and gentlemen: Get your tickets to Spoleto

Space is still available for the **Johns Hopkins Alumni College** at Spoleto, June 4-7, 2009. Enjoy a weekend in Charleston, South Carolina, and one of America's most prominent cultural festivals. You'll get an insider's guide to the festival with Peabody alumni Enrique Graf, '78, Stephen Prutsman, '84, '89, and Ernest Liotti, '80, and have plenty of time to enjoy all of the cultural offerings in Charleston. [Book now](#) and reserve your spot for this unique learning vacation! [Top](#)

Alumni Journeys

Peru: Machu Picchu Explorer August 22-31, 2009

Explore Incan lore with a 10-day trip to Peru with our **Alumni Journeys**. Ride a train or hike to Machu Picchu - an unforgettable journey either way, as you cross high mountain passes and verdant valleys rife with ruins and ancient culture. Other highlights include a day in Cusco, the southern capital of the Inca Empire, and visits to Inca ruins, Andean markets, historic churches, and archeological wonders. [Top](#)

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