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One event in particular brings the Samford spirit to life. This weekend, Kate Campbell, a folk singer, will hold performances on Samford’s campus. Campbell, whose songs have been featured on National Public Radio, is an alumna of Samford and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in history in 1993. Since graduating, she has released 12 CDs, each with a different musical flavor. Her latest album, “Save the Day,” combines several different genres of music, from R&B and gospel to folk and country to pop. David Geusken, director of alumni and parent programs, said that Campbell is a very talented artist who has been on the radar of Samford alumni for years. This study shows being exposed to a wider variety of ideas in college.

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The Cahaba Heights Doodless, an art group, will assist with the BRICK Homecoming brunch fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 25. The group will sell original art and calligraphic art, as well as offer free face painting and sell t-shirts.

The event, which is free, will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Samford University gym and will conclude at 1 p.m. The event will feature a craft fair with items such as candles, jewelry, and books.

In addition to the art and craft fair, the event will feature live music, food, and a silent auction. The proceeds from the event will be used to support the Cahaba Heights community.

“The Cahaba Heights Doodless is excited to support the BRICK Homecoming fundraiser,” said Emily Reigle, president of the Cahaba Heights Doodless. “We believe in giving back to the community and in supporting local organizations.”

The Cahaba Heights Doodless is a group of local artists who create artwork on demand. The group was founded in 2009 and has since grown to include over 50 members. The group meets monthly to practice and discuss their craft. They also offer classes and workshops to teach others how to create art.

“We are thrilled to be able to support such a great cause,” said Reigle. “We believe in giving back to the community and in supporting local organizations.”

The event is open to the public and is free to attend. For more information, please visit the Cahaba Heights Doodless’ website at CahabaHeightsDoodless.org.
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“You don’t have to know how to cook,” he said. “It’s not class. It’s just all about fun and eating. No pencils, no papers.”

Carmon said that the Rotunda club will continue to host cooking classes and other student-oriented events in the near future.

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Deas Vail brings ‘mature sound’ to SU bonfire

Deas Vail, a band from Russellville, Ark., is composed of an impressive five-piece band that includes lead singer Rick Ives, bassist and keyboardist Ryan Lockhart, drummer Steven Seibert and guitarist Keith Mabus. Their sound is both unique and refreshing, with a blend of both indie and alternative music that appeals to a wide range of audiences.

The band is set to perform during the Fraternity & Sorority Week Bonfire at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 24, 2008.

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“There are so many hands putting our music right now, we want to put out as much music as we can,” band member Wes Blaylock said. “We want to continually push ourselves, but we’re also trying to keep things interesting for our fans.”

Back in the studio with producer Mark Luc Townsend (Robert K.), the band searched for ways to build on what it had started with its previous release without simply replicating what had already been done.

“When the initial response was great, the Rotunda Club’s kitchen space was not. I worked with my brother in high school to create a CD to raise money for pediatric illness, and ended up raising $4,000 for St. Jude’s Hospital.”

“After I created my idea, I went to Rotunda Club manager, said. “We just comned a bunch of names. We had about 50 of them. We’ve put in a lot of effort to make sure that the classes are very much,” McCormack said. “We can’t take a dozen people at one time because they wouldn’t be able to learn or see anything that we would be doing.”

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