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Workforce Center Named for Homer Day

The Tiftarea Workforce Center in downtown Tifton has been named the Homer A. Day Workforce and Education Center in honor of former ABAC Director of College Services Homer Day. Day also served for one year as interim president of the institution.

The Center is in the former Department of Labor Building. It contains computer labs, classrooms, resource rooms, and equipment for job seekers.

The renovation of the building was a joint project of Moultrie Technical College, ABAC, the South Georgia Workforce Investment Board, the South Georgia Regional Development Authority, and the Downtown Tifton Development Authority. Funds from the One Georgia Authority paid for the project.

ABAC President Mike Vollmer was a speaker at the dedication.



Dr. Homer Day and his wife, Caroline, at the unveiling of the new Workforce Center.



PTK Trick or Treat on Thursday

Phi Theta Kappa will host the annual Trick or Treat for Kids on Thursday beginning at 4:30 p.m. If your office would like to hand out candy to the kids who come to campus, let PTK Advisor Kim Ascani know at kascani@abac.edu.

The children will meet in the Student Center and be divided into groups by PTK members. After visiting all the offices, they will be taken back to the Student Center where they will hear Halloween stories until they are picked up by their parents.



Stallions on Saturday

The Golden Stallions of Coach Todd Sheppard open their season on Saturday at Santa Fe. The first home game for the Stallions will on Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. against Spartanburg Methodist.

Coach Julie Conner's Fillies open their season on Nov. 4 at Brewton Parker. The first home game for the Fillies will be on Nov. 10 in the first half of a doubleheader with the Stallions beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Academic VP Interviews

Two candidates will interview for the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs at Abraham Baldwin this week. Dr. Caroline Helms will interview on Thursday, and Dr. John Kooti will interview on Friday.

Please check your email so that you will know the appropriate times for you to take part in the interview process. Dr. Thomas Dukes interviewed for the position last week.

Halloween Carnival Thursday

ABAC students will host their annual Halloween Carnival on Thursday on the front campus. Bring your children by from 6-10 p.m..

Various clubs on campus will participate, and your little ghosts and goblins can win lots of prizes.



Russians Come to Campus

Diane Kilgore and Dr Hal Henderson of the Tifton Kiwanis Club hosted a group of Russian farmers on the ABAC campus Wednesday.

Open Campus Day Nov. 8

The annual Fall Open Campus Day will be held on Nov. 8 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Carlton Center. Prospective students will have an opportunity to view academic exhibits and will also get a look at the first apartment at ABAC Place.

Eat Pancakes Nov. 8

The Golden Fillies softball team will hold its fourth annual pancake breakfast at Applebee's on Nov. 8 from 8-10 a.m. Tickets are \$6 each and can be purchased from any player or by contacting Coach Donna Campbell at dcampbell@abac.edu.

Beauty Revue Nov. 11

Mark your calendar for the annual ABAC Beauty Revue on Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall. The event is sponsored by the ABAC Ambassadors.

ABG/AES Students at ABAC Conduct Computer Class for Seniors

Students in Alpha Beta Gamma/ABAC Entrepreneurial Society (ABG/AES) at Abraham Baldwin recently conducted a computer class for senior citizens called "Computers for the Young at Heart."

Business students who helped teach the class included Shine Rankin of Tifton, Heather Thompson of Marietta, Bill Hampton of Moultrie, Victoria Anderson of Tifton, Thomas Futch of Tifton, and Allen Hutto of Tifton. ABAC faculty members Kathy Moreno, ABG/AES advisor and instructor in the Division of Business Administration, and Joy Godin, assistant professor of information technology, assisted the students.

Ten senior citizens attended the class, which was led by Rankin. During the class, the students and professors worked individually with each student as they participated in the "hands-on" portion of the class.

Moreno said members of ABG/AES have a lot to offer the community and a strong tradition of service.

"The students offered a computer class for senior citizens because this segment of our population tends to experience a sense of isolation as their health declines and family members move away," Moreno said. "Teaching seniors citizens to use a computer has opened up a whole new world of com-

munication for them. They can chat electronically with children, grandchildren, and friends, e-mail pictures, and even shop on-line. We have taught them to overcome their fear of the computer and to see its potential. ABG/AES intends to offer this class every year. Both the students and the

senior citizens enjoy it."

Godin added, "It is important for students to learn the value of community service. Since computers play such a vital role in society today, offering a free computer class to senior citizens in our community seemed like a perfect fit for ABG/AES."



ABAC student Erendira Casas (right) works with a student during the "Computers for the Young at Heart" class sponsored by ABG/AES and the PSBOC.

Vonda Fenn Takes Home \$500 Top Prize

Vonda Doss Fenn from the Public Service and Business Outreach Center won \$500 at the first ever ABAC Ag Classic Golf Ball Drop on the front campus. Other winners were ABAC student David Brady who won \$250 for

second, and ABAC student Nathan Roberts who won \$125 for third place.

Director of Alumni Relations Nancy Coleman said the proceeds from the Golf Ball Drop will go into funding the Donaldson Award at graduation.

First Tuesday Concert Set For November 4

The next event in the First Tuesday Performance Series will take place Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. Featured performers will include Airman First Class Thomas H. Salyers, trumpet; Airman First Class Michael L. Pekarek, French-horn; and Susan Jackson, soprano. *The Mannheim Trio*, which includes Sheri Wyles Grabowski, flute; Lesli Bellflower Holton, flute; and Betsy Sone Jones, cello; will also perform. Gina Lawhon will accompany the musicians.

As part of the Arts and Entertainment Series, sponsored by the Abraham Baldwin Arts Connection, regional professional artists will be featured on the first Tuesday of every month in the Chapel of All Faiths on the ABAC campus. The concerts, which last one hour, are designed to be light, entertaining, and informative.

The Nov. 4 concert will be free to the public. For more information about the First Tuesday Performance Series, contact Dr. Susan Roe, First Tuesday Program Coordinator, at 386-3097.

This year, in conjunction with each First Tuesday Performance Series concert, there will be an art exhibit in the Music Building, adjacent to the Chapel of All Faiths. The exhibit will feature paintings, drawings, and two-dimensional designs by ABAC art students. This month, Donna Hatcher, assistant professor of art, will feature works by her students. The exhibit will be open for viewing before and after the concert.

The cost for season tickets for the Arts and Entertainment Series performances is \$50 per person for adults and \$15 for students 18 years old and under. This cost includes all six events in the Arts and Entertainment Series as well as the seven First Tuesday Performance Series events. For more information about the series, contact the Arts Connection at 386-3558.



Scotty Funderburk unloads the barrel of golf balls at the Ag Classic Golf Ball Drop.

Baldwin Players to Perform November 6-8 in Conger Hall 319



The Baldwin Players of Abraham Baldwin will present six monologue plays by playwright Don Nigro on Nov. 6 - 8 in Room 319 in Conger Hall. The show consists of six miniature one-person plays, celebrating the monologue as a dramatic form.

Showtime is at 7:30 p.m. each night. Latecomers cannot be

seated. General admission is \$5. There is no charge for ABAC faculty, staff, and students. The show is intended for mature audiences. There will be a brief intermission after the first three monologues.

Dr. John G. Galyean, ABAC's Director of Theatre and the Baldwin Players, said monologue is unique in today's theatre.

"In modern plays, characters' emo-

tions are usually dealt with in dialogue with other characters," Galyean said. "Seldom are there occasions for a character to launch into a prolonged speech. Of course, in earlier times, the monologue was a normal part of the drama, even a convention of the time, like a messenger's speech in ancient Greek plays or Shakespeare's soliloquies."

For additional information, contact Galyean at 386 - 3099.

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CAMP Volunteers

Five students from ABAC's College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) volunteered to serve as translators for Parent Conference Day on Oct. 20 at Len Lastinger Primary and G.O. Bailey Elementary schools for families of English learners.

The student translators at Len Lastinger were Jamel Cervantes and Claudia Estrada. Nelida Soto, Arieli Soto, and Raul Mejia volunteered at G.O. Bailey. They enjoyed helping parents have a better understanding of their children's educational progress and needs.

Terry James, a teacher at G.O. Bailey, commented that the CAMP students helped to make their Parent Conference Day a success. While at Lastinger, Assistant Principal Lydia Norburg observed that the translators conducted themselves in a professional manner while providing an invaluable service to the school.

New Open Enrollment Through November 14

The Open Enrollment period for your 2004 ABAC benefits package will extend through Nov. 14. This a great chance for you to take advantage of several benefits which you may not presently have in your package.

This year the Human Resources team of Bertha Daniel, Jane Thompson, and Bam Pirkle will not visit each individual office. However, open meetings will be held on Nov. 5 from 9-10 a.m. and from 2-3 p.m. in Cordell Conference Room C.

If you have questions, visit the Human Resources Office in Tift Hall, Room 23, or call 3491.

Celebrating Birthdays

October

27 Evelyn Perez
29 Cam Reagin

November

1 William Moore
1 Robin Poor

Fall Semester Enrollment Official at 3,407

Registrar Beth Saxon reports the fall semester 2003 headcount is 3,407 students, an all-time record. The number represents a 12.3 percent increase from the fall 2002 headcount of 3,033.

The FTE for fall of 2003 is 2,760 which is a 10.2 percent increase from the FTE of 2,505 for the 2002 fall semester.

A total of 79 of the students are from

out of state, and 32 of the students are from out of country.

The enrollment report indicates 18.7 percent of the enrollment is Black non-Hispanic, and 2.9 percent is Hispanic. A total of 56.9 percent of the enrollment is female, and 696 of the students are non-traditional.

Contributions Update

ABAC contributions to the State Charitable Contributions Program as of Oct. 22 totaled \$5,284 with 44 contributors. The United Way total was \$3,887. So far this year, United Way contributions are at 65 percent of the ABAC goal of \$6000. If you have not already sent in your pledge, the deadline for participation is Nov. 21.

Aquatic Lab at ABAC

John Crabb, President, and Andrew Cobb, representative and ABAC alumnus, of Estate Management Services in Brunswick were on campus on Oct. 21 conducting an aquatic management lab at Lake Baldwin for Dr. Ed Seagle's turfgrass and plant protection classes. Each student had the opportunity to operate the air boat which is used by EMS in aquatic applications.

ABAC Family

President Mike Vollmer was the guest speaker at the Charles Spenser Elementary School Academic Assembly which recognized students for academic excellence on Oct. 21.

Fran Kinchen was a presenter at the 31st annual fall conference of the Georgia Association of Special Programs Personnel held in Macon on Oct. 17.

Dr. Ed Seagle presented "Characteristics of the Turfgrass Industry in 2020: A Delphi Study with Implications for Agricultural Education Programs" at the annual meeting of the national Society for Experiential Education in Minneapolis, Minn., on Oct. 15-18.

Dr. Jonathan Harrington and **Cheryl Biggs** accompanied several ABAC students to the Walt Disney World College Program presentation at Valdosta State on Oct. 21, where the students interviewed for cast member roles. Students attending were Tarsa Andres, Brian Buchanan, Misty Johnson, Renee' Parker, Jase Register, and Amber-Rae Wayment. Kimberly Young is the student campus representative.

Poetry Reading

You're invited to the *Pegasus* Fall Poetry Reading Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Baldwin Gardens Gazebo. Read your own works, other poems you like, or simply enjoy listening to poetry on an autumn evening at ABAC.

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 27

- 8:30 a.m.-Tiftarea Board of Realtors (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 10 a.m.-Open Enrollment for Retirees (Magnolia Room)
- 11 a.m.-Student Support Services Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 11:30 a.m.-Student Union Show (Dining Hall)
- 1 p.m.-ABAC Ag Classic (Sunset Country Club, Moultrie)
- 4 p.m.-Beauty Revue Contestants Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room A)

Tuesday, October 28

- 11 a.m.-FCSC Luncheon (Magnolia Room)
- 5 p.m.-FYE Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 6 p.m.-ACE Program Dinner (Magnolia Room)
- 7 p.m.-Pegasus Fall Poetry Reading (Baldwin Gardens)

Wednesday, October 29

- 1 p.m.-Cranford Class (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 3 p.m.-Vassiliou Class (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 11:30 a.m.-Faculty/Staff Luncheon (Magnolia Room)
- 1:15 p.m.-VP of Academic Affairs Candidate (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 6 p.m.-Halloween Carnival (ABAC Front Campus)
- 7:30 p.m.-Arts Series Event—*Chicago Shakespeare* (TCHS PAC)

Friday, October 31

- 1:15 p.m.-VP of Academic Affairs Candidate (Cordell Conf. Room A)

Saturday, November 1

- 8 a.m.-National SAT
- Noon-Gideons Auxiliary Luncheon (Magnolia Room)

Sunday, November 2