

FOCUS

New Accounting Lab Named for Betty Claxton

A new accounting lab at Abraham Baldwin has been named in honor of former faculty member Betty C. Claxton. The lab, which is housed in Room 109 in Conger Hall, is the first of its kind in the state of Georgia.

Claxton joined the faculty in ABAC's Division of Business Administration in September, 1963 as an assistant professor of business administration who taught accounting classes. In 1972, she received the Distinguished Teaching Award in recognition of the impact she had upon her students.

Claxton retired in January, 1997, as an associate professor and was granted emeritus status by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia in March, 1997.

Dr. Jeff Gibbs, Chair of ABAC's Division of Business Administration, said Claxton earned and maintained the respect of administrators, faculty, staff,



Betty Claxton speaks at the accounting lab named in her honor.

and students as she pursued her professional career.

"From the beginning of her tenure at ABAC, Miss Claxton distinguished herself as a noted classroom teacher who expected her students to perform according to her exacting standards," Gibbs said. "She enjoyed her subject matter, respected her students, and

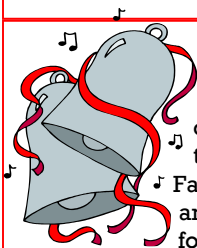
felt that their future careers would be influenced and determined by much of what she demanded from them. As a result of her leadership, structure, and academic zeal, many of her former students are now successful CPAs throughout the state.

"Miss Claxton is one of those teachers who belongs to the annals of time, and for many years in the future, the name of Miss Betty Claxton will evoke respect, admiration, appreciation, and honor from all who had the privilege of knowing her."

The Betty C. Claxton Accounting Lab houses

state-of-the art software designed specifically for accounting students as well as the most current instructional technology hardware available. This lab is designed to expose students to the latest advances in accounting technology and provide real world accounting experiences for ABAC students.

ABAC Holiday Music Celebration December 2



The annual Holiday Music Celebration will be held at ABAC on Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths. ABAC faculty and students will perform holiday selections for your enjoyment.

The ABAC Jazz Band, Jazz Choir,

Saxophone Quartet, and Clarinet Choir will be a part of the program. Faculty members Wayne Jones, Susan Johnson, Susan Roe, Dr. John Galyean, Jeff Newberry, and Keith Perry will also share their talents.

Refreshments will be served following the concert, compliments of President Mike Vollmer. Mark your calendar for these festivities.

ABAC Graduation December 16

The graduation exercises for the fall term will be held on Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. in Gressette Gym.



The graduation rehearsal is set for 11 a.m. on Dec. 12.



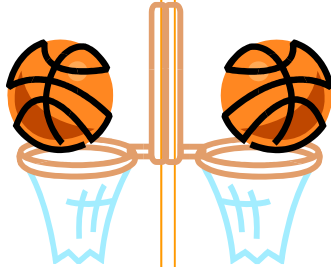
Open House For Faculty, Staff Dec. 8

Faculty and staff at ABAC can view the first ABAC Place apartment on Dec. 8 from 4-5 p.m. This time has been set aside specifically. It will not be available for viewing again until January. The Town Hall continues to rise out of the ground in this photo. It will be home to a game area, exercise room, convenience store, a 60-space meeting room, a computer area and TV viewing area.

Fillies Play Tonight

The Golden Fillies' basketball team of Coach Julie Conner will take on Southern Union at 7 p.m. tonight at Gressette Gym. The Fillies' record is 5-3 after a 61-57 loss to Hillsboro on Saturday.

The Fillies will also play at home on Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. against Palm Beach and on Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. against Florida Community College.



Stallions at Home December 3

The Golden Stallions of Coach Todd Sheppard will be at home for a 6 p.m. game against Hiawassee on Dec. 3 at Gressette Gym.

The Stallions will also have another home game on Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. against Enterprise.

ABAC is now 9-3 on the season.



Next FOCUS December 8

The next edition of this prized publication will be available by email and on the ABAC website on Dec. 8. If you have information for the FOCUS please email it to Pam Leonard at pleonard@abac.edu by noon on Dec. 4.

The final edition of the FOCUS for 2003 will be published on Dec. 22. The deadline for that issue will be noon on Dec. 18.

Western Humanities Class Presentations December 1

Students in the *Survey of Western Humanities I* class at Abraham Baldwin will present their class projects on Dec. 1 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. in Section A of the Cordell Conference Room. The event is open to anyone who would like to attend.

The theme of the students' projects, **From Babylonia to Byzantium: A Trip Down Humanities Lane**, provided an opportunity for students to work in groups, focusing on the history and culture of a different civilization—from Assyrian and Babylonian to Egyptian, Greek, Roman, and Byzantine. In their presentations, the students will use the art, artifacts, and architecture of each period to demonstrate what can be learned about each civilization through the study of its cultural production. Dr. Luke Vassiliou, an assistant professor in ABAC's Division of Humanities who teaches the class, said

since the students worked in groups, they were able to put their different talents to use.

"On an essay or a test, everyone's performance is judged by the same standards," Vassiliou said. "These projects allowed the students to divide the labor according to what each student does best: research, organization, technology, public speaking, etc. They were also able to make the connections between cultural production and the political, economic, and social situations of the various civilizations they studied throughout the semester for themselves, rather than have a ready-made product from the textbook."

Vassiliou said it is very important for students to have an audience for their presentations, and he strongly encourages the ABAC faculty, staff, and students, as well as members of the Tift-

area community to attend this event.

"There is a different sense of pride—and trepidation—when students present to an actual audience rather than just to their professor and classmates," he said. "So, I definitely want the community to see what the students can do with the material and for the students to take pride in their work. We are all interested in the influences that have shaped modern western culture. But, while the audience will get to know and identify those influences—Babylonian, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, and Byzantine—I think through that process of examination our audience will also get a sense of how our own culture is shaped by socio-economic forces today."

For additional information, contact Vassiliou at (229) 386-3248, or e-mail him at lvassili@abac.edu.

ABAC Fall Music Recital December 8

Music majors at Abraham Baldwin will perform in the Fall Music Recital on Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. at the Chapel of All Faiths. The concert is open to anyone who would like to attend. There is no admission charge.

Several music majors will be featured in the recital. **Ryan Clanton** of Sandersville will perform "Modal Moods" by Robert Kehrberg on the trombone. **David Durden** of Sylvester will perform "Sonatina" by Hayden on the alto saxophone. **Leigh Ann Farmer** of Douglas will perform "Nocturne from Concerto in G Minor" by Verhey on the soprano clarinet.

Josh Howell, a percussionist from Fitzgerald, will perform "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" by Leon Jessel. **Michael Kitchens** of Douglas will perform "Romance #3" by Robert Schumann on the tuba.

Nguyen Ly of Tifton will perform "Concertante" by E. Paladilhe on the alto saxophone. **Tomilyn Ragsdale** of



ABAC's music majors will present their Fall Music Recital on Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths. Everyone is invited to attend.

Nashville will perform "Sonatinas" by Muzio Clementi on the flute.

Katina Robinson of Tifton will perform "Allegretto Grazioso from Sonata in F Minor, Op. 120, No.1" by J. Brahms on the soprano clarinet. **Andrew Sawyer** of Douglas will perform "Allegro" by Joseph Fiocco on the trumpet.

Christy Scoggin of Thomasville will perform "Cantabile et Presto" by

Georges Enesco on the flute. **George Tyner**, a tenor from Atlanta, will perform "Trade Winds" from *3 Salt Water Ballads* by Frederick Keel and "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," arranged by Moses Hogan.

Evan Zebley of Moultrie will perform "Largo and Allegro from Sonata VI" by G. F. Handel on the alto saxophone.

Diane Coates will accompany each performer on the piano.

Governor Perdue Conducts Historic Swearing in of New Regent Jim Jolly

Governor Sonny Perdue made his first official visit to a monthly meeting of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents with a historic swearing-in ceremony of new regent Jim Jolly of Dalton on Nov. 18.

The Governor's visit marks the first time in the Board of Regents' 71-year history that a regent has been sworn in at the Regents' Office, and not at the State Capitol.

Jolly, 62, who will represent Georgia's 10th Congressional District, will complete the term of former regent Allene Magill, who resigned following her change of primary residence from that district.

Jolly is chairman and chief executive office of J&J Industries, Inc. He serves on the board of The Carpet and Rug Institute, is a member of the Covenant College Board of Trustees, and is chairman of the Covenant College Foundation. He is also a charter member of the board of directors of the Dalton Whitfield Boys and Girls Club.

In addition, Jolly has served as a

member of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association and the executive board of the Dalton-Whitfield Chamber of Commerce. He received his bachelor's degree in textiles from Georgia Institute of Technology. Jolly and his wife, Judy, have two sons and five grandchildren.

In other comments to the Board of Regents, Perdue said it was the University System that gave the state "a leg up during the 1990s and was responsible for much of the success Georgia enjoyed during this period."

Alluding to current tight state budgets, the governor said he did not want the University System's contributions to stop.

"I am committed to continuing the long-term investment in capital and in people," Perdue said.

Perdue said the University System continues to be a "jewel for the state," and that it was "important not to lose the stature and momentum that has been created for the System nationally and internationally."

Leland Named President of Georgia College & State University

Dr. Dortehea Leland, vice president of the Boca Raton campus of Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Fla., and professor of philosophy, was named president of Georgia College and State University last Tuesday by the Board of Regents and University System of Georgia Chancellor Thomas C. Meredith. Leland will assume her new post on Jan. 1, 2004.

"We are fortunate to have secured our first-choice candidate," the Chancellor said. "Dr. Leland has earned the esteem of her peers and colleagues for being an educator committed to the liberal arts experience. She is strongly supportive of educational access and diversity, and fosters a team-oriented approach in the organizations she leads. She has strong people skills and is well liked in her current position, as attested to by Florida Atlantic's faculty, staff, and students."

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Holidays Ahead

The college will be officially closed for the Thanksgiving holidays Nov. 27-28. All offices will reopen on Dec. 1.

Official holidays for December are Dec. 24-31. Official holidays for January are Jan. 1-2 and Jan. 19, 2004.

Notes of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Dr. Chrystle Ross whose mother-in-law, Marjorie Ross, passed away on Nov. 18. Sympathy is also extended to Dr. Gail Dillard whose brother-in-law was killed in an automobile accident on Nov. 17. Please keep both these families in your thoughts and prayers.

Care & Concern

Etta Lee's son, Authur Perry Smith, is recuperating at home after being hospitalized in the Pediatric ICU at Shands Hospital due to complications of very high blood sugar levels. Amy Willis' father-in-law, David Willis, underwent surgery on Nov. 18 to remove a cancerous lymph node. Please keep both these members of the ABAC Family in your thoughts and prayers.

Celebrating Birthdays



November

- 25 Brenda Graham
- 25 Mandy Vassey
- 27 Eric Cash
- 27 Louise Collins
- 27 Charles Hicks
- 28 Billy Purcell
- 30 Virginia Warren

December

- 1 Scotty Funderburk
- 1 George Lee
- 3 Brenda Doss
- 4 Kay Powell
- 6 Jeff Gibbs
- 7 Curtis Billings

Contributions Update

The final total of ABAC contributions for the State Charitable Contributions campaign was \$6,655 with 60 faculty, staff, and retirees participating. Of that total, United Way of South Central Georgia was designated for \$4, 858.

We did not reach last year's giving amount which was \$6,811. If you would like to contribute, it's not too late. Contributions will still be accepted until NOON today. Contact Bam Pirkle at 386-7232.

The percentages of participation are being determined for the Pizza Party. Thanks to all who contributed.

Notes of Thanks

Thanks to the ABAC Family for all the cards, calls, and flowers during my illness. Each act of kindness made my day a little brighter. It is good to have such a caring extended family
Fran Kinchen

Dear ABAC Family,
Thank you for the contribution you made in my mother's memory. She would often tell us how fortunate we are to live and work with "such fine people." And she was right. Thank you for all the love and support you expressed to us during her illness and subsequent death. We are indeed fortunate to be a part of the ABAC Family.

Cindy Jones

ABAC Family

Susan Johnson attended a conference in Washington, D.C. hosted by the American Association of Colleges and Universities on Nov. 13-15. She is part of a 13-member team made up of other faculty and administrators from the University System of Georgia. The team is exploring AAC&U's "Greater Expectations" concept with regard to the Core Curriculum and liberal education in the 21st Century.

Dr. Sue Hammons attended the annual conference of the Georgia Sociological Association, held on Nov. 13-15 at Jekyll Island.

Cheryl Biggs and **Rita Wade** accompanied several students to see the play, "Madea's Class Reunion" in Jacksonville, Fla., on Nov. 15. This was a part of the Student Support Services cultural component to expose students to live theatrical plays.

Midnight Breakfast



The Student Government Association will sponsor the Annual Fall Midnight Breakfast on Dec. 8 in the Donaldson Dining Hall from 9-11 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help serve the students' during this very stressful finals time. Call Dining Hall Supervisor Kristen Popham at 386-3264 if you can assist.

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 24

- 7 p.m.-Basketball: Fillies vs. Southern Union (Gressette Gym)
- Tuesday, November 25**
- 8 a.m.-Women's Business Forum (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 5 p.m.-FYE Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room)
- Monday, December 1**
- 6:30 p.m.-Humanities Presentations (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 7 p.m.-Circle K Dinner (Magnolia Room)

Tuesday, December 2

- 4 p.m.-Holiday Music Celebration (Chapel)
- 5 p.m.-FYE Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 7 p.m.-Omega School Dinner (Dining Hall)

Wednesday, December 3

- 5:30 p.m.-Writing Proficiency Exam (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 6 p.m.-Stallions vs. Hiwassee (Gressette Gym)

Thursday, December 4

- 7:30 p.m.-Basketball: Stallions vs. Enterprise (Gressette Gym)

Friday, December 5

- 11 a.m.-Red Hat Society Luncheon (Magnolia Room)
- 5:30 p.m.-Basketball: Fillies vs. Palm Beach (Gressette Gym)
- 7 p.m.-Beulah Hiss Christmas Banquet (Dining Hall)

Saturday, December 6

- 8 a.m.-National SAT
- 11:30 a.m.-Retired Senior Volunteer Program Luncheon (Dining Hall)
- 2 p.m.-Basketball: Fillies vs. FCCJ (Gressette Gym)

- 8 p.m.-Military Ball (Dining Hall)

Monday, December 8

- 8 a.m.-Nursing Division Class (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 3 p.m.-CAMP Lecture (Cordell Conf. Room B)
- 5 p.m.-ABAC Student Music Recital (Chapel)
- 6 p.m.-Tifton/Tift County Arts Council Board Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room A)