



## FOCUS

### ABAC Fall Band and Choir Concert on Thursday

The ABAC Concert Choir, a 40-voice ensemble directed by Associate Professor of Music Wayne Jones, will perform a variety of choral music on the ABAC campus on Thursday at Howard Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. This concert is free and open to the public.

The choir will open with the anthem "Daemon Irrepat Callidus" by the Hungarian composer Gyorgy Orban. This will be followed by "Salmo 150" by Brazilian composer Ernani Aguiar. Next the choir will feature two choral numbers from Morten Lauridsen's *Les Chansons des Roses*, "Dirait-on and La Rose Complète." The choir will end its portion of the program with three spiritu-



*The ABAC Concert Choir, under the direction of Wayne Jones, will be one of the groups featured during the ABAC Music Program's Fall Concert on Thursday.*

The ABAC Concert Band, under the direction of Eugene Wyles, will also be featured in the concert with selections from musicals and overtures. Their program will begin with the "William Tell Overture," from Rossini's famous opera by the same name. Following this selection the band will perform Frank Erikson's "Toccata for Band."

The next selections performed will be "Noble Men," a march by the well-known James Henry Fillmore, and "The Music Man," from Meredith Wilson's

famous Broadway musical. The program will end with "Overture to Candide," a musical by Leonard Bernstein.

als arranged by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw: "Fix Me Jesus," "I Will Arise," and "Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal."

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### ABAC Beauty Revue on Tuesday



**Pippa Mpunzwana**  
**Ms. ABAC 2004**

Ms. Abraham Baldwin 2005 will be crowned on Tuesday at the 36th annual ABAC Beauty Revue.

The Revue begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall. Admission is \$3 and is sponsored by the Inter-

Activities Council, Student Government Association, and the College Ac-

ivities Board.

The event will feature 52 contestants who will compete in casual wear and evening gowns. They will also be judged on a written essay and an interview with the judges.

Andrea Willis, Division Chair of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics, will direct the pageant. Musical entertainment will be provided by soloist Derrick Dove.

ABAC Director of Public Relations Mike Chason will serve as master of ceremonies. Ms. Abraham Baldwin 2004, Pippa Mpunzwana, will crown the new Ms. ABAC.

### Hanging for Vollmer Nov. 22



Former President Mike Vollmer will make a brief return to the campus on Nov. 22 at 11:30 a.m. as he and his wife, Lennie, unveil his presidential picture which will hang in Tift Hall.

The entire ABAC Family is invited to join the Vollmers in front of Tift Hall for a short ceremony. Vollmer and Interim President Tom Call will both make remarks at the event.

# New Phone System at ABAC Begins On Tuesday

A brand new technologically advanced phone system begins operation on Tuesday at Abraham Baldwin. And yes, the ABAC phone numbers most persons are familiar with are about to change.

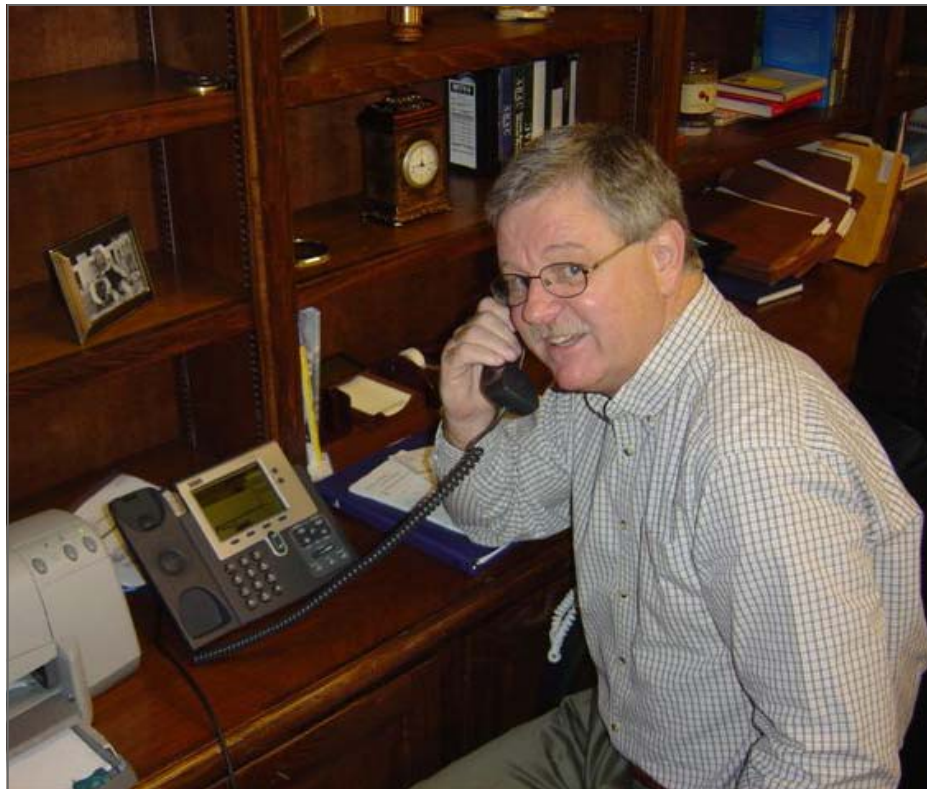
Dr. Chrystle Ross, Executive Director of the Office of Information Technology Services, said the technology is called Voice Over Internet Protocol.

"This system allows ABAC's computer network to bring individual offices online using the college's data network infrastructure," Ross said. "In the long run, it should be quite a cost savings for the college."

The new phone sets in the system are really computers with a wide variety of options far beyond the capability of the traditional telephone. OITS personnel have spent the last six months installing the system on the campus and conducting training sessions.

Cindy Jones, Systems Administrator for the project, said, "This is a pilot program. Eventually, the entire University System could be on this system. We hope that happens because then we could call any phone in the system, and it would be a local call."

New phone numbers have already been assigned at the college, all be-



***Interim President Tom Call tries out ABAC's new phone system which will be fully operational on Tuesday. The technology for the system is called Voice Over Internet Protocol.***

ginning with the 391 prefix. The main number for the college is now (229) 391-5000. The admissions office number is (229) 391-5001. The financial aid office number is (229) 391-4910.

For a period of six months, the 97 published numbers for the college in the Tifton phone book will have a recording on them, giving the changed number. Individual unpublished office

numbers of faculty and staff will not have a recording. Callers will receive a message that the number is no longer in service.

Ross said that from Nov. 16 through Dec. 3, both the new and old phones will continue to work at the college. After Dec. 3, only the new phones will be in operation. A complete list of the new phone numbers is available on the ABAC web site at [www.abac.edu/oits](http://www.abac.edu/oits).



## ***Oh, Branch Where Art Thou?***

***Branch Hall is now a pile of scrap metal after the Jaws of Death finished with it last week. Mitchell and Fulwood halls should come down this week. The Moore Building and Creswell Hall will also be demolished by Jan. 1, 2005.***

## **Order Poinsettias From PTK Soon**

ABAC's Phi Theta Kappa honor society will take orders through Nov. 30 for poinsettias.

The plants are red and come in 6 1/2-inch pots. The cost is \$10 per plant or \$9 each for orders of 10 or more. The poinsettias will be delivered to your office on Dec. 3.

Place your order with any Phi Theta Kappa member or email your order to Kim Ascani at [kascani@abac.edu](mailto:kascani@abac.edu).



# ABAC Students Awarded Foundation Scholarships

Eleven high school seniors from across south Georgia were awarded ABAC Foundation Scholarships for the 2004-05 academic year through the Foundation Scholars Program at ABAC. Of those 11 students, ten enrolled at ABAC for the fall 2004 semester, and the other recipient will begin attending in the spring.

The program provides scholarships to the top three honor graduates from eight local counties: Ben Hill, Berrien, Colquitt, Cook, Irwin, Tift, Turner, and Worth. If any of the top three students chooses not to attend ABAC, the scholarship is available to three of the top five graduates. The students receive scholarships which cover all tuition and fees to be divided equally among two semesters of attendance.

Students who received Foundation Scholarships included Sarah Ashley from Adel who was the second honor graduate from Cook High School; Germaine Beck from Ellenton who was the second honor graduate from Colquitt County High School; Maleria Brown from Sycamore who was the second honor graduate from Turner County High School; Kayla Fitzgerald from Tifton who was the fifth honor graduate from Tift County High School; and Mallory Gibbs from Ashburn who was the third honor graduate from Turner County High School.

Other ABAC Foundation Scholars included Sheena Griffin from Ocilla who was the fourth honor graduate



**Foundation Scholars attending the scholarship presentation reception were (left to right) Stephanie Nichols, Sarah Ashley, Jacob Richardson, Leeann Riggins, Kayla Fitzgerald, and Mallory Gibbs.**

from Irwin County High School; Stephanie Nichols from Nashville who was the fifth honor graduate from Berrien High School; Leeann Riggins from Fitzgerald who was the first honor graduate from Fitzgerald High School; Cassie Willis, from Sparks who was the first honor graduate from Turner County High School; and Tiffany

Walker from Moultrie who was the third honor graduate from Colquitt County High School.

The scholarships cover tuition and fees for two semesters of full-time enrollment provided the students maintain a 3.0 grade point average each semester. They are funded by the ABAC Foundation.

## Allen High Five Monthly Winner

**Interim President Tom Call congratulates Dr. Larry Allen, chair of the Division of Agriculture and Forest Resources, on winning the High Five Award drawing for the month of October.**

**Allen's nomination stated, "On behalf of all the 'beyond the call of duty' responsibilities of his position, I strongly recommend Dr. Larry Allen. He is a division chair that serves this college, this division and his faculty without hesitation or limitation. He is a 'user-friendly' faculty member and administrator that strives for the delivery of excellence from his faculty and students alike."**





*ABAC basketball now has cheerleaders to boost crowd spirit this year*

## ABAC Cheerleaders Named for 2004-05

After a 10-year absence from the campus, cheerleading is back at ABAC. Fifteen coeds make up this year's roster. The cheerleaders are coached by Mandy Stone and advised by Teri Mathis, Procurement Assistant; and Dr. Chrystle Ross, Executive Director of the Office of Information Technology and Services.

The 2004-05 ABAC Cheerleaders are Jessica Jones, captain, an early childhood education major from Lenox; Heather Jones, co-captain, an early childhood major from Savannah; Anna Marie Barrett, a liberal arts major from Richland; Tara Caldwell, a family and children service major from Moultrie; and Lindsay Dillon, a business administration major from Coolidge.


Other members of the squad are Eboni Griffin, a nursing major from Augusta; Alexius Hightower, a political science major from Tifton; Michelle Iverson, a business transfer major from Binghamton, N.Y.; Katie LaPine, a business transfer major from Newnan; and Melissa Martin, an interior design major from Bainbridge.

Also on the cheerleading team are Christy Scoggins, a music transfer major from Thomasville; Dana Sorrow, a business administration major from Fitzgerald; Betsy Strickland, an agriculture business major from Havana, Fla.; and Emily Thompson, an agriculture transfer major from Athens. Marla Ross, cheerleaders' mascot, represents the ABAC cheerleaders of the future.

### No *FOCUS* Next Week

Because of the Thanksgiving holidays, the next issue of the *FOCUS* will be Nov. 29. The deadline for submissions for that issue is noon on Nov. 19.

### Wild Adventures Passports on Sale



Representatives from Wild Adventures will be on campus Tuesday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the second floor of the Branch Student Center. Wild Adventures Passports 2005 are \$54.95 per person plus tax. Parking is additional.

### Two Resigning from Enrollment Services

Angie Newbern and Tawanna Ford have both announced they will be leaving the Office of Student and Enrollment Services on Nov. 30. We thank them for their time at ABAC and wish them well in the future.

### Holiday Buffet on Thursday at 11 a.m.

Dining Hall Supervisor Steven Cooper and the ARAMARK staff invite you to join them for an all-you-can-eat Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.. The cost is \$6 per person for roasted turkey with gravy, dressing, southern style green beans, buttered corn, sweet potato soufflé, mashed potatoes, cranberry relish, rolls, pumpkin pie, and pecan pie.

## Christmas at ABAC



### December 10

Interim President Tom Call and his wife, Judy, will host Christmas at ABAC on Dec. 10 from 6-8 p.m. in Tift Hall. Make your plans to bring your family for a time of fun, fellowship, and frivolity as the ABAC Family celebrates the holidays. This is a date change from the previously announced Dec. 11.

### Hoops on Wednesday



The Golden Fillies of Coach Julie Conner have a terrific season working so far. Your next chance to catch women's basketball action is on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. against Enterprise Community College.

On Saturday, the Fillies will host Hillsborough at 4 p.m., and the Stallions of Coach Todd Sheppard will take on Moody Air Force Base at 6 p.m. All these games will be in the newly remodeled Gressette Gym.

### Nursing Careers



The Student Development Center and the Division of Nursing will host ABAC's first Nursing Career Fair on Tuesday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Nickelodeon. Employers will be in attendance to interview students. Visitors to the fair will also be treated to free give-aways.

### Tom Turkey Auction This Week



The second annual Tom Turkey Auction will be held this week. Last year's auction was a great success, raising over \$1,000 for the Staff Forum Scholarship and the Jackson Award for Staff Excellence.

Bidding will be done through ABAC Classifieds on items such as desserts, casseroles, cornbread dressing, services, and training. Bids will be open on Wednesday from noon-5 p.m., Thursday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m.-noon. If you would like to provide items for the auction, contact Phil Hightower.

## ABAC Public Relations

ABAC 30, 2802 Moore Highway  
Tifton, GA 31793-2601  
(229) 386-3264

### FCA Huddle Today

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will meet today at 6 p.m. in Gressette Gym. You do not have to be an athlete or a student to attend. Everyone is welcome for food, fun, and fellowship.

### Positions Open

#### ABAC:

- Assistant Registrar  
Salary commensurate to qualifications & experience (deadline 11/17)
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of Physical Education/Women's Soccer Coach (deadline 12/1)

#### Atlanta Metro:

- Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Upward Bound Counselor (deadline 11/19)

#### Georgia Southern :

- Business Manager I (deadline 12/10)
- Admissions Counselor I (deadline 12/10)
- Personnel Specialist 1 (deadline 12/10)
- Contracting Officer I (deadline 12/10)

#### Southern Poly:

- Vice President for Academic Affairs (deadline 12/1)
- Director of Financial Aid (deadline 12/1)

Contact Human Resources for details.

## Celebrating Birthdays



### November

- 15 Carolyn Allen
- 15 Sue Wilson
- 16 James McGilvray
- 17 Stacey Abbott
- 17 Sharon Ellis
- 18 Jules Haywood
- 19 Lonnie Gibson
- 21 Gary Dicks
- 25 Brenda Graham
- 25 Mandy Vassey
- 27 Eric Cash
- 27 Doug Hicks
- 27 John Jones
- 28 Billy Purcell

### Fillies Stage Raffle



A reverse raffle, barbecue dinner, and silent auction will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. at the Rowan Pavilion at Lake Baldwin to benefit the ABAC Women's Basketball Team.

Tickets for the raffle are \$50 each and include a buffet barbecue dinner, one raffle ticket, one season pass for each regular season home game, and the listing of the participants' names as contributors on the ABAC Fillies web page. Tickets can be purchased from women's basketball players and the ABAC Rowdies.

Three hundred tickets will be sold for this event. Every 25<sup>th</sup> ticket pulled will win \$50 dollars and the last ticket pulled will receive \$1,000. Participants do not need to be present to win.

A silent auction will also take place as part of this event. Those interested in donating items to the auction can contact Coach Julie Conner at 386-3927 or [jconner@abac.edu](mailto:jconner@abac.edu).

### Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to the family of former ABAC Physical Plant Director Jim Livezey who passed away on Nov. 9. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

### Note of Thanks

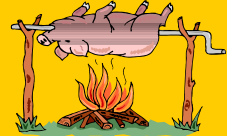
*The National SAT was administered on Nov. 6 to 135 students from over 20 different school districts. Thanks to the following who helped make the administration go smoothly: Annie Sims, Joyce Willis, Sherin Nixon, Margie Senkbeil, Debbie Riner, Reginald Hardeman, Rita Wade, Phyllis Kester, Arlene Bailey, Jack Larry, Scott Jackson and Public Safety. Dr. Maggie Martin*

### ABAC Family

**Jimmy and Lorie Felton** were evaluators for the "hands-on" portion of the Georgia Certified Landscape Professional exam held on Nov. 6 in Griffin at the Research and Educational Gardens.

**Dr. Maggie Martin** took the certification examination in September and was awarded Board Certification in University Crisis Response by the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress on Nov. 1.

## Pick Up Boston Butts



If you purchased a Boston Butt from the ABAC Ambassadors, don't forget to pick it up on Nov. 23 between 4-6 p.m. in the parking lot of the Ag Sciences Building. Enjoy!!

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, November 15

- 3 p.m.-CAMP Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 6 p.m.-Beauty Revue Rehearsal (Dining Hall)
- 7 p.m.-Student Union Show—*Richard Aimes* (Cordell Conf. Room)

### Tuesday, November 16

- Noon-Beauty Revue Interviews (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 7:30 p.m.-ABAC Beauty Revue (Dining Hall)

### Wednesday, November 17

- 11 a.m.-Student Support Services Workshop (Cordell Conf. Rm A)
- 3 p.m.-HEP Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)

- 5:30 p.m.-Basketball: Fillies vs. Enterprise (Gressette Gym)

### Thursday, November 18

- 8 a.m.-Board of Regents College 411 Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- Noon-College 411 Luncheon (Magnolia Room)

- 7 p.m.-PLIGHT Banquet (Dining Hall)
- 7:30 p.m.-ABAC Music Program Fall Concert (Howard Auditorium)

### Friday, November 19

- Noon-Causey/Epperly Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)

### Saturday, November 20

- Noon-Causey/Epperly Wedding (Chapel)
- 4p.m.-Basketball: Fillies vs. Hillsborough (Gressette Gym)
- 6 p.m.-Basketball: Stallions vs. Moody AFB (Gressette Gym)
- 7 p.m.-Bowen Party (Nickelodeon)
- 7 p.m.-Tift County NAACP Banquet (Dining Hall)

### Sunday November 21

- Noon-First Methodist Church Luncheon (Dining Hall)

- 2 p.m.-Ga. Army National Guard Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room)

### Monday, November 22

- 11:30 a.m.-Vollmer Portrait Hanging (Front steps of Tift Hall)

### Thursday, November 25

- Today-Holiday, College Closed
- 6 p.m.-Dolney/Taylor Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)

### Friday, November 26

- 4 p.m.-Dolney/Taylor Wedding (Chapel)
- Today-Holiday, College Closed