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Service Awards Presented at Reception

Six retirees and 15 service award recipients were recognized at the annual meeting and reception in the dining hall on April 20.

Retirees honored included Verlin Scott, Charles Turner, Ray Miller, Hazel Purvis, Nate Varnadoe, and Ray Wells.

Twenty-five year service award recipients were Mike Williams and Brenda Keller. Twenty-year persons were Leon Wilcox and Dr. Sue Hammons-Bryner.

Recognized for 10 years of service were Diane Kilgore, Dr. Bobbie Robinson, David King, Cheryl Biggs, Kim Scarborough, and Floyd Vogel.

Receiving five-year certificates were Lonnie Gibson, Betty McCorvey, Dr. Amy Willis, Lori Pearman, and Cam Reagin.

Kim Ascani received a special award from Phi Theta Kappa International for her work as a chapter advisor.

President Mike Vollmer led off the day by praising the faculty and staff for a terrific year under less than ideal budget cutting circumstances. The ABAC Foundation sponsored the refreshments at the event.



Retirees present for the reception included (left to right): Nate Varnadoe, Hazel Purvis, Ray Wells, Ray Miller, Verlin Scott, and Charles Turner.

May 11 Graduation Set In Gressette

Joel McKie from Abbeville will be the guest speaker at the spring graduation exercises at 6 p.m. on May 11 in Gressette Gym.



Joel McKie

McKie is a former FFA state president and former national officer for the organization as well. He will be participating in the ceremony as a graduate although he has already transferred to UGA. At ABAC, McKie was involved in the Ambassadors and BSU.

Georgia Satellites at Love Affair Saturday

The music will be jamming in Fulwood Park on May 1, with the Love Affair Fine Arts Festival Picnic Concert. The featured band this year is The Georgia Satellites playing its #2 Billboard chart hit, "Keep Your Hands to Yourself" and other southern rock music. Also appearing on stage will be Conch Republic offering Jimmy Buffet songs and other island tunes.



The Georgia Satellites

Tickets for the picnic concert are available in two ways. Patron tables sitting six people are \$300 each.

Bleacher or lawn seats are \$10 per person. Tickets can be purchased by calling the ABAC Arts Connection at 386-3558. A limited number of patron tables are offered.

The picnic will begin at 7 p.m. At 7:45 p.m., the Arts

Citizen Award and the Arts Volunteer of the Year Award will be announced. The bands will play immediately afterwards.

Concert goers may bring their own picnic or purchase food from the festival vendors.

Dollars Meal Offers Tasty Menu

Dollars for ABAC Scholars has always provided a lavish buffet and top-quality entertainment from its first show at Abraham Baldwin in 1972. This year's event on May 14 featuring John Berry is no exception. The buffet, prepared and served by ARAMARK Dining Services, continues to be a main attraction to those who attend the annual benefit sponsored by the ABAC Foundation.

ARAMARK has provided the buffet for Dollars for ABAC Scholars since 1984. And this year's menu will satisfy even the most finicky of palettes. There will be four main buffet lines containing salads, entrees, and vegetables. There will also be three buffets containing desserts.

Salads being served are Spinach salad a la ABAC, Crab salad, Angel Hair Pasta salad, and Broccoli Bacon salad. To compliment the salads, a choice of strawberries with raspberry vinaigrette, ranch, and poppy seed dressings will be provided. Sides

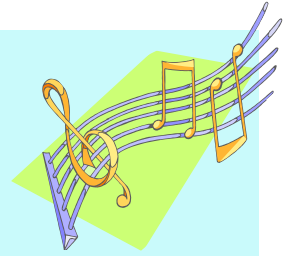
served for the benefit include Bourbon Street potatoes, Rice Jacqueline, Eggplant Parmigiana, and roasted asparagus with buttery bread crumbs.

For the entrees, ARAMARK is bringing back Chef Carved Steamship Round of Beef, as well as Fried Shrimp and Chicken Florentine. Each meal also will be served with assorted bread and rolls.

For dessert, participants can choose from a selection of homemade delicacies. These include a fruit medley in parfait glasses, Bourbon chocolate cake, apple almond cheesecake, Crème Brule, homemade key lime pie, mocha chip cupcakes with chocolate sour cream frosting, bite-size ginger cupcakes with lemon cream cheese frosting, caramel cupcakes with butter-scotch frosting, and banana cream pie.

At presstime this morning only 137 tickets remained available to the event. Tickets are \$125 each. Contact the ABAC Foundation Office at 386-3265 for information.

ABAC Spring Music Recital May 4



Music majors at Abraham Baldwin will be featured in a recital on May 4 at 5 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths on the ABAC campus. Music Program Director Don Coates said all the music majors have dedicated themselves to improving their artistic talents through private lessons, performing in various ensembles, and logging countless practice and rehearsal hours.

This free concert is open to anyone who would like to attend to hear how each student's hard work has helped to develop them as a musician and performer this season.

Performers include Katie Brinkly, David Durden, Michael Kitchens, Christy Scoggin, Evan Zebley, and Nguyen Ly.



The ABAC Jazz Band under the direction of Don Coates performed in New Orleans Saturday

ABAC Groups Jazz Up The Park in Trip to 'The Big Easy'

Across from the famed Jackson Square near the waterfront of New Orleans, the Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Choir from Abraham Baldwin performed at the Washington Artillery Park for the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival on Saturday.

This year was the 35th anniversary of the event, and it spanned a period of five days featuring hundreds of artists

and ensembles on 12 different stages eight hours each day. The ABAC Jazz Ensemble and Choir performed on a stage designated solely for their performance sponsored by the French Market Corporation.

The ABAC Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Don Coates, and the ABAC Jazz Choir, under the direction

of Wayne Jones, performed a variety and mixture of swing, Latin, and blues.

This concert was the last leg of an annual spring recruitment tour taken every April by ABAC's music department. Prior to the New Orleans performance, the ABAC Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Choir, and Jazz Band performed at local high schools.



Stallions Number 1 in State!

Coach Alan Kramer's Golden Stallions' tennis team won the state title on Saturday in a hard fought match with Georgia Perimeter on the Jaguars' home court in Atlanta. Coach Donna Campbell's Golden Fillies fastpitch softball team lost Saturday in the state tournament to complete its season .

Coach Steve Janousek's Golden Stallions' baseball team will host archival Middle Georgia in a 7 p.m. contest on Thursday. The Stallions will also host the Warriors in a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Saturday to end the regular season. ABAC is hoping for a berth in the state tournament which begins on May 8 in Albany.



Just What the Doctor Ordered

Dr. Amy Willis, Dr. Earl Bennett, and Dr. Jonathan Harrington enjoy the culinary delights at the annual retirement reception in the dining hall last week. A good time was had by all.



Hughes High Five Winner



Bernice Hughes is this week's High Five Award Winner. Hughes is Director of Residence Life at ABAC.

A comment from her nomination form: "Dean Hughes recently organized a 'homecoming' and invited old staff members to return to ABAC so they could view the new ABAC Place. A lot of hard work and extra time was put into planning and carrying out the event which saw 30 former employees return to campus. The event was successful and made many who had lived and worked in housing in the past appreciate all the planning, hard work, money, and time that have been put into creating the new facilities."

Hughes will receive a certificate of appreciation and a t-shirt from the ABAC Bookstore. Her name will also go into the monthly drawing of the four weekly winners. The monthly winner will receive a gift certificate for \$50, which can be used at a number of local merchants.

Submit your nominations for faculty and staff members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for this week's High Five winner. Nomination forms are available on the Human Resources page of the ABAC website. A drawing will be held on Thursdays to select the weekly winner. For questions, call Bertha Daniel or Jane Thompson.

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ABAC Upward Bound Finishes in 1st Place



The ABAC Upward Bound Classic Team brought home the championship trophy for the second consecutive year from the Scholars' Bowl Competition in Atlanta.

The team was scheduled for regional competition Saturday.

The Upward Bound Tiftarea Team placed third in the competition in its first event ever.

During the awards program She-meka Durden and Ellis Washington, III of the Classic program received Outstanding Leadership Awards.

A total of 35 students and four advisors made the trip, which also included tours of the MLK Jr. Center, Georgia Music Hall of Fame, and Mercer University.

Notes of Thanks

Dear ABAC Faculty and Staff,

Thank you for the beautiful rubber plant. We appreciate your thoughts and support during this difficult time.

Gratefully yours,
Ellen Bullington

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Dear fellow ABAC Family members,

In the name of my whole family, I take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to everyone who in any way expressed compassion and support to me and my family when my daughter, Mallie, fell sick and was hospitalized. She is now feeling much better and is back home where she will complete her treatment.

Alongside medication, your thoughts and prayers saw her and all of us through those trying times. May God Bless you all and help you fulfill your needs and the needs of your loved ones.

Barry Miburo

### Last Look!

Take a last long look at spring-time at ABAC as we rapidly close in on the summer time weather conditions. The azaleas and dogwoods were particularly lovely this year.



### Summer Hours Begin May 10



Summer office hours at ABAC begin on May 10 and continue through Aug. 13. The college will be open from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Friday. Business casual—no jeans—will be the summer hours dress code.

### Celebrating Birthdays

#### April

- 27 Terry Clark
- 27 Nancy McGee
- 29 Marsha Anderson
- 30 Adrian Salter

#### May

- 2 Margaret Brogdon



### ABAC Family

**Darby Sewell** visited the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America State Convention in Atlanta on April 15-17. She served as a judge for the organization's STAR Events competition, as well as manning an ABAC recruiting display. She was also inducted as an FCCLA Honorary Member at the closing session.

**Gary Dicks, Ran Fredell, Jerry Edwards, Stephanie Holcombe, Lori Pearman, Melanie McDaniel, and Joy Shurley** attended the Learning Support Conference at Jekyll Island on Apr 4-6. Holcombe and McDaniel were also presenters.

**Joy Godin** was selected as the Volunteer of the Year for the Colquitt County Habitat for Humanity.

### Calendar of Events

#### Monday, April 26

- 5:30 p.m.-VSU Early Childhood Ed Program Information Session (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 6:30 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

#### Tuesday, April 27

- 4 p.m.-Phi Theta Kappa Lecture (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 5 p.m.-ABAC Music Students Recital (Chapel)
- 6 p.m.-Writing Proficiency Exam (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 6 p.m.--Ms. Stallion Rehearsal (Dining Hall)

- 7:30 p.m.-SGA Banquet (Magnolia Room)

#### Wednesday, April 28

- 7:30 p.m.-Miss Stallion Pageant (Dining Hall)

#### Thursday, April 29

- 11 a.m.-Faculty/Staff Luncheon (Magnolia Room)
- 7 p.m.-Baseball: Stallions vs. Middle Georgia (Stallion Field)

#### Friday, April 30

- Today-Love Affair
- 11 a.m.-Dept. of Public Safety Hearings (Tift Hall Conference Room)

#### Saturday, May 1

- Today-Love Affair
  - 8 a.m.-National SAT
  - 1 p.m.-Baseball: Stallions vs. Middle Georgia (Stallion Field)
- Doubleheader*

#### Sunday, May 2

- Noon-Raley SS Class (Magnolia Room)
- 3 p.m. I Hope Church of God Banquet (Dining Hall)
- 6 p.m.-ABAC Women's Basketball Banquet (Magnolia Room)

#### Monday, May 3

- Today-Classes end
- 7:30 a.m.-TCHS AP Testing (King 6 & 7)
- 8 a.m.-Barber Nursing Class (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 9 a.m.-Nursing Students' Red Cross Training (Cordell Conf. Room C)