



## FOCUS

### ABAC Honors Alumni at Homecoming 2004

Former Abraham Baldwin students and supporters were honored for professional achievement, community service, and service to the college during the 2004 ABAC Alumni Association Homecoming Awards Banquet on Saturday.

Governor Sonny Perdue highlighted the luncheon with some very kind remarks about ABAC.

"I hope the legislature will agree with the \$4.7 million building for Health Sciences and Nursing," Perdue said. "I realize this area needs nurses, and there's no better place than ABAC for them to get their education."

Award recipients included Eunice Lastinger Mixon, Distinguished Alumnus; Ernie Ford, Master Farmer; Donna Marshall Blalock, the Helen Brown Sasser Award; Brian Law, Outstanding Young Alumnus; James Patrick (Pat)

Atwater, Sr., Outstanding Business Leader Award; Dr. Delano R. Braziel, Outstanding Educator; and William R. Boone, Ph. D., Outstanding Health Care Professional Award. The Family Legacy Award was presented to the J.E. McGill Family. Dale N. Pflug, Andrea Savage, and Larry & Deborah Moorman earned Honorary Alumnus Awards.

Alumni Relations Director Nancy Coleman received a special award from the Alumni Association for her efforts in putting together the Homecoming event.



**ABAC President Mike Vollmer presented Governor Sonny Perdue with an ABAC sledge hammer that Perdue hinted he might have to use on legislators to get funding for the Health Sciences Building**



### Concrete Cracking on Phase III

**President Mike Vollmer, Landscape Designer Stephen Rakestraw, Miss ABAC 2004 Pippa Mpunzwana, and Miss ABAC 1954 Martha Spell Lee opened Phase III of the Pedestrian Mall project at Saturday's Homecoming.**

### Honors Day Event Set for Wednesday

A total of 52 scholarships worth \$52,700 will be presented at Wednesday's 11 a.m. Honors Day ceremony in Gressette Gym. All faculty and staff participating in the ceremony should be in place by 10:45 a.m. Classes on the entire campus will be dismissed at 10:30 a.m. and will resume at 2 p.m.

Highlights of the event will include the presentation of the J.G. Woodroof Scholar, representing the top academic student at ABAC, and the announcements of the top faculty member, staff member, administrator, and advisor of the year.

Various division and discipline awards will also be presented along with recognition of the Honor, Superior Honor, and Distinguished Honor students. Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Beta Gamma members will also be recognized.

## Bands Perform Thursday in Howard



The Abraham Baldwin Concert Band, under the direction of Eugene Wyles, and the Abraham Baldwin Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Don Coates, will present their annual spring concert on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Howard Auditorium on the ABAC campus. The concert is free of charge to the public.

The ABAC Concert Band will perform a medley of songs in various styles, including a tribute to the Armed Forces, with such anthems as "Armed

Forces Salute", "The Marines' Hymn", "The U.S. Air Force", and "Anchors Aweigh".

The ABAC Jazz Ensemble will also perform a variety of selections as well. One noted piece to be played is "Won't You Be My Neighbor". Recorded by Fred Rogers in 1967 for the famed children's show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood", the piece will be performed in samba form as arranged by Mike Tomaro in the memory of Fred Rogers who passed away this past year. Featured soloists in the ABAC Jazz Ensemble performance are Jeffery Cribb on drums, Evan Zebley and Eugene Wyles on saxophone, Derrick Dove on guitar, and Brandon Van Hall on trombone.

The Spring Concert will be the last formal concert for the 2003-04 year for both the Concert Band and the Jazz Ensemble. For additional information please contact Coates at 386-3094.

## Spring Sports This Week



The Golden Fillies fast-pitch softball team will host Gordon College on Thursday in a 3 p.m. twin-bill at Fillies Field. The women's tennis team will host Thomas College in a 3 p.m. match on Thursday as well.

The Golden Stallions tennis team will host the Bobcats of Georgia College on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. and the Jaguars of Georgian Perimeter on Thursday at 2 p.m.. Come out and support ABAC spring sports!

### Retirement Reception In Dining Hall April 20

Mark your calendar for the annual retirement reception on April 20 at 4 p.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall. Those scheduled to be honored include Hazel Purvis, Ray Wells, Verlin Scott, Ray E. Miller, Charles Turner, and Nathaniel Varnadoe.

The Years of Service awards will also be presented at the event for those faculty and staff members who have achieved five, 10, 15, 20, and 30 years of ABAC service.

### Identity Theft Tuesday

Learn to protect yourself from identity theft by attending a forum on Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.



Cosponsored by Human Resources and the Public Service and Business Outreach Center, the forum is designed to help you cope with the fastest growing consumer crime in the country. It is open to all members of the faculty and staff at no charge.

### New E-Mail on the Way

Dr. Chrystle Ross, Executive Director of the Office of Institutional Technology, has announced that ABAC's new e-mail system should be up and running this week.

Details are forthcoming but you should be able to check your e-mail from anywhere in the world, better filter viruses, send campus announcements to more targeted audiences, have a more recognizable e-mail address and get rid of most of your spam with a brand new mailshield feature. Instructions and training on the way. Check your e-mail!



## First Tuesday Series Performance This Week

The final concert of the semester in the First Tuesday Series will take place Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

Individual tickets for the performance may be purchased at the door. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. ABAC students are admitted free with ID. Patrons of the Arts and Entertainment Series can also attend at no charge. For additional information contact Dr. Susan Roe, program director of the First Tuesday Series, at 386-3097.

The concert, titled "A Night of Ensemble Music," will feature perform-

ances by the ABAC Brass Quintet, the ABAC Clarinet Choir, the ABAC Saxophone Quartet, the ABAC Jazz Choir, and a woodwind trio that features two of ABAC's adjunct music instructors, students and featured soloists.

The ABAC Brass Quintet, organized and directed by Don Coates, Director of the Music Program at ABAC, includes Coates, trumpet; Jordan Brock, trumpet; Don Wauchope, French horn; Brandon Van Hall, trombone; and Michael Kitchens, tuba.

The ABAC Clarinet Choir, organized by Eugene Wyles, Director of Bands at ABAC, includes Wyles, Leigh Ann Farmer, Alicia Griffin, Sabrina Oliver, and Robert Grabowski.

Members of the ABAC Saxophone

Quartet, also organized by Wyles, include Wyles, Nguyen Ly, Evan Zebley, and David Durden.

The ABAC Jazz Choir directed by Wayne Jones, Director of Choral Music at ABAC as well as Director of the Arts Connection, includes Katie Brinkley, Josh Calhoun, Brian Chandler, Derrick Dove, Michele Grice, Ashley Harris, Quentin Hall, Rachel Jones, Nguyen Ly, Ashley May, Charles McCormick, Alana Pearce, Justin Pitts, Deena Roberts, and Katina Robinson.

As part of the Arts and Entertainment Series sponsored by the ABAC Arts Connection, regional professional artists are featured on the first Tuesday of every month in the Chapel of All Faiths.

# Place Properties Opens Town Hall at ABAC Place

Today is the first day of operation for the Town Hall at ABAC Place student activity center for the residents of ABAC Place apartments and the students at Abraham Baldwin. The Town Hall, which was scheduled to open this fall, opened four months early to accommodate the first occupants of ABAC Place, who moved in this past January.

Town Hall was open for viewing this weekend by ABAC students, ABAC alumni in town for the annual Homecoming celebration, and by prospective ABAC students at the annual Spring Open Campus Day on Saturday.

Brad LeRay, Place Principal Operating Officer for Design and Construction said, "The aggressive schedule for Phase One and the Town Hall has been quite a challenge. Our team has met these challenges and kept the Place Properties' guarantee that opening day would be a pleasant one for both the residents and the college. The move-in this past January went without a hitch, and we are excited to see Town Hall open smoothly also. The Place team remains committed to completing the second phase as planned, to deliver the remaining beds for ABAC

students to call home."

The Town Hall is a 10,000 square foot facility which includes a wellness center, a computer room and lab, an activity room, a community room, leasing and management offices, ATM machine and Value Transfer Station, retail space for a convenience store, and a prominent clock tower with an ABAC Stallion weather vane.

ABAC Place will be an 835 bed state-of-the-art facility that will provide hi-tech resources along with all the comforts of home. Each apartment is fully furnished with finished kitchens that include all major appliances. Every bedroom has a full size bed, a built in desk with shelves and a two-position



**Go by and see the very impressive Town Hall at ABAC Place**

study chair, hide-away storage, a five drawer dresser, and individual connections for phone, cable and Internet.

Place Properties is a leading developer of student housing and related facilities for colleges and universities. Since 1998, Place has financed, developed and managed 26 projects and delivered more than 13,000 beds for on and off-campus student housing.

## Jazz Sax Great at ABAC on April 15

Award-winning jazz saxophonist Joe Lovano, known for the chemistry created by improvisation in a trio environment, will perform at the Donaldson Dining Hall on April 15 at 7:30 p.m. His performance, called "Trio Fascination," is the concluding event in this year's Arts and Entertainment Series and is held in conjunction with ABAC's Jazz Festival.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students under 18. Admission is free to ABAC students with a valid ID. Tickets are available online at [www.abac.edu/arts](http://www.abac.edu/arts) or by calling ABAC Arts Connection at 386-3558.

The concert is presented in a dinner theater format with a gourmet meal being served by the dining hall staff for \$15 per person. Reservations for dinner are required no later than April 8 by calling the Arts Connection at 386-3558. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

Lovano has been named Musician of the Year by jazz magazines throughout the last 10 years. He embellishes jazz standards with his unique style and renders his own compositions with frequent variations of instruments in-



**Jazz saxophonist Joe Lovano**

cluding tenor sax, alto sax, straight alto sax and curved soprano sax. Five Grammy nominations are interspersed through his list of jazz awards.

*The New York Times* stated that he is one of the greatest musicians in jazz history.

## IAAP Administrative Luncheon on April 20

Show your appreciation to your administrative staff by taking them to the Administrative Professionals Week Luncheon on April 20 at noon in the Georgian Room.

The luncheon is sponsored by the Tiftarea Chapter of the IAAP. The cost is \$10 per person. Purchase your tickets from Bam Pirkle at 386-7232 or e-mail her at [bpirkle@abac.edu](mailto:bpirkle@abac.edu).

The guest speaker will be Demetrice Clayton, the Senior Executive Staff Assistant to the Senior Vice President of Operations at Oglethorpe Power Corporation in Tucker. Many door prizes will be given away.

## Love Affair Festival Volunteers Needed

Contact Polly Huff in the Abraham Baldwin Arts Connection office if you can spare some time to volunteer for the annual Love Affair Fine Arts Festival on April 29-May 2 in Tifton's Fulwood Park. Lots of volunteers are needed to make this festival another huge success. Call her at 386-3558.

## George Scott Day Activities On Front Campus April 15

George Scott Day, a celebration of the arts which includes the 25<sup>th</sup> annual jazz festival, will take place on April 15, from 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. on the front lawn of the Abraham Baldwin campus.

The event is sponsored by the Humanities Division and the ABAC Music program. In the event of rain, the George Scott activities will be held in the ABAC Chapel of All Faiths and Conger Hall. The Jazz Festival activities will take place in the Donaldson Dining Hall.

The George Scott Stage will feature performances by various Humanities organizations from the ABAC campus as well as invited guest performers. Art exhibits will be displayed throughout the day. The Pegasus poetry awards will be held at 10:30 a.m., with readings until 11 a.m. The student writers' conference will begin at that time. The Pegasus readings and art exhibits will be held in the ABAC Music Building. The ABAC Concert Band and Concert Choir are scheduled to perform at noon. The ABAC Jazz Choir performs at

12:30 p.m.

The ABAC Sabor Latino Dancers will perform from 4:30 -6 p.m. during the dinner hour. At 5 p.m., the Dougherty High School Sax Ensemble will entertain and at 5:15 p.m. the ABAC Clarinet Choir will follow up with a performance of its own. The ABAC Saxophone Quartet will play at 5:30 p.m. and the Tift County Blues Devils will play at 5:45 p.m.

ABAC clubs and organizations will also have booths and activities throughout the day. The George Scott Celebration is held each year as a tribute to George Scott, an associate professor of English at ABAC, who passed away in 1994.

Starting at 11 a.m. the jazz festival stage will feature performances by Appling County High School, Lowndes High School, Colquitt County High School, Thomas County Central High School, Ware County High School, Lamar County High School, Glynn Academy, Cook High School and Tift County High School. The ABAC Jazz

Ensemble will perform at 3 p.m.

Meals will be served to the public during the festival from 11 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. and from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the charge of \$5 per meal. For additional information or for details concerning the schedule for the George Scott Day/Jazz festival, interested persons can call the ABAC music program office at (229) 386-3094 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. -5 p.m.

To culminate the jazz festival, there will be a dinner/concert held in the Donaldson Dining Hall featuring Joe Lovano, Grammy award winning saxophonist, and his ensemble "Trio Fascination". Tickets for the evening concert can be purchased by calling the Abraham Baldwin Arts Connection at 386-3558, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

All events, except for the Lovano concert, are free of charge. General admission for the Lovano concert is \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. ABAC students will be admitted free with ID.

### Harrington High Five Winner



Dr. Jonathan Harrington is this week's High Five Award Winner. He is coordinator of Job Placement at ABAC.

A comment from his nomination form: "Dr. Harrington took time out of his busy schedule to conduct resume writing workshops for HEP students to assist them with the skills that they need to enter the job market after earning their GEDs."

Harrington will receive a certificate of appreciation and a t-shirt from the ABAC Bookstore. His 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 Thursday mornings to select the weekly winner. For questions, call Bertha Daniel in College Services or Jane Thompson in Human Resources.



### Man in the Middle

*President Mike Vollmer and six of the 14 ABAC Ambassadors are all smiles after Saturday's Spring Open Campus Day. Admissions Director Angie Palmer said the event was the second largest ever for the spring visitation days. She said 79 students and 93 parents attended the event for a total of 172 visitors, topped only by the 184 visitors on campus for the spring 1999 event. The visitors enjoyed tours of the new ABAC Place apartments, campus tours, a bus tour of the J.G. Woodroof Farm, and exhibits from all the divisions on campus. Vollmer led off the information session with an overview of the campus and campus life.*

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### Note of Sympathy

*The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Dr. Jeff Gibbs whose mother-in-law passed away on April 1. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.*

## Notes of Thanks

The Student Development Center participated in the online pilot administrations of the Regents' Test on March 9-11. ABAC was one of 13 System schools to participate in the study. Sixty-three ABAC students were administered the online version. Thanks to the following who helped make ABAC's participation possible: Ellen Bullington, Dr. Jonathan Harrington, Annie Sims, Dr. Bobbie Robinson, Dr. Chrystle Ross, Dr. Amy Willis, Dr. Jeff Gibbs, Dr. Larry Allen and Humanities faculty who helped recruit students for the test.

Dr. Maggie Martin

The Student Development Center administered the paper and pencil version of the Regents' Test to 514 students on March 22-23. Thanks to the following who helped with the test administration: Ellen Bullington, Annie

## ABAC Family

**Dr. Su Senapati** has been chosen to participate in the University System's Faculty Development program in Hungary this summer and has been awarded a Chancellor's Scholarship to assist with expenses.

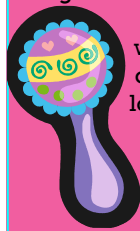
**Sue Wilson** submitted a proposal for the federally funded Improving Teacher Quality Grant, resulting in a \$27,820 award to ABAC. Through this grant some faculty will be working with area teachers to promote a seamless transition from high school to college.

**Jeff Newberry** has been chosen to participate in the Summer Symposium option of the Governor's Teaching Fellows Program.

**Dr. Joseph Njoroge** and **Mouyyed Hassouna** conducted a most informative "Focus on the Middle East" symposium on March 26-27 which was very well attended.

## Congratulations!

Floyd and Diane Wright are the proud grandparents of a new granddaughter born on March 30.



Brenda Ellen Hardin weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Parents Joy and Howard Hardin live in Homestead, Fla. Best wishes to all!

## Celebrating Birthdays

### April

6	Wanda Golden
8	Judith McFarland
9	Rebecca Harnage
9	Jeannie Rigdon
10	Diantha Ellis
10	Bernice Hughes
11	Dina Branch



## Care & Concern

Joyce Cogdell is undergoing chemotherapy as a part of treatment for breast cancer. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, April 5

6:30 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

### Tuesday, April 6

2:30 p.m.-Tennis: Stallions vs. Georgia College (ABAC Tennis Center)

2:30 p.m.-Identity Theft (Howard Aud.)

4 p.m.-Honors Day Rehearsal (Gressette Gym)

7 p.m.-First Tuesday Concert (Chapel)

### Wednesday, April 7

11 a.m.-Honors Day Ceremony (Gressette Gym)

3 p.m.-Easter Egg Extravaganza (Magnolia Room)

7:30 p.m.-Student Leadership Banquet (Dining Hall)

### Thursday, April 8

10 a.m.-Physical Plant Employees Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room C)

11 a.m.-Faculty/Staff Luncheon (Magnolia Room)

2 p.m.-Tennis: Stallions vs. Georgia Perimeter (ABAC Tennis Center)

3 p.m.-Tennis: Fillies vs. Thomas (ABAC Tennis Center)

3 p.m.-Softball: Fillies vs. Gordon (Fillies' Field) *Doubleheader*

6 p.m.-Pritchett Shower (Magnolia Rm)

7:30 p.m.-ABAC Spring Band Concert (Howard Auditorium)

### Friday, April 9

Noon-Donaldson Luncheon (Magnolia Room)

2 p.m.-Bell/Norris Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)

### Saturday, April 10

3 p.m.-Bell/Norris Wedding (Chapel)

### Sunday, April 11

Noon-Lee Saye Class (Magnolia Room)

### Monday, April 12

6 p.m.-Tifton-Tift Co. Arts Council (Cordell Conf. Room A)

6:30 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)