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Phases Three & Four of Pedestrian Mall in Planning

Thanks to \$780,000 in funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation, plans for phases three and four of the Pedestrian Mall at Abraham Baldwin College are well underway.

ABAC President Mike Vollmer said, "We are most fortunate to have received these funds from the Department of Transportation to help enhance the interior of the campus. It was just 26 months ago that the concept of a pedestrian mall was just a pipe dream."

The Mall is a brick walkway through the center of the ABAC campus. It is lined with benches, lampposts, trees, shrubs, and flowers. The Mall now stretches from the front of the dining hall to the recently opened Ag Sciences building.

Under the new plans, the Mall will go



The Carlton Center fountain frames up Ag Sciences on the Mall

to the new Health Sciences building, as well as to historic Tift Hall and the new ABAC Place apartments. It will also expand to the south, behind the J. Lamar Branch Student Center down to the south parking lot.

"A Streetscape will be added on Perimeter Road from Moore Highway to Alumni Circle," said Stephen Rakestraw, representing Rakestraw and Associates, the company doing the planning of the Pedestrian Mall.

Rakestraw, who is an ABAC alumnus, said the Streetscape will consist of trees, pedestrian crosswalks and other features to tie in with the Mall.

When the \$32 million ABAC Place apartments project is completed,

the Mall will extend through the center of the complex, and two more fountains will be added. Rakestraw said phases three and four of the Mall should be completed by December of 2005.

Stephens Receives Donaldson Award

Trisha Stephens of Tifton received the highest honor presented to a graduating student from ABAC at the spring graduation ceremony. On behalf of the ABAC Alumni Association, ABAC President Mike Vollmer presented Stephens with the George P. Donaldson Award for outstanding scholarship and leadership.

Donaldson served as president of ABAC from 1947-61. Stephens' award included a plaque and a check for \$500 from the ABAC Ag Alumni Council. The award is based on a combination of academics and extracurricular activities.

A total of 156 students participated in the Gressette Gym ceremony, which featured a speech by one of the graduates, Joel McKie from Abbeville.

While at ABAC, Stephens was a mem-

ber of the Baptist Student Union, Inter-Activities Council, Phi Theta Kappa, and the Student Government Association. She also served as Traffic Court Justice, received the HOPE Scholarship, and was named to Who's Who at ABAC. Stephens was also selected for the prestigious ABAC Ambassadors' program. She served as vice president of the organization during her freshman year and as president her sophomore year.

Stephens, the daughter of Earl Stephens and Wanda Jones, plans to attend the University of Georgia where she hopes to receive undergraduate and graduate degrees. After college, she plans to teach vocational agriculture at a high school and eventually earn her doctorate degree and teach on the college level.



President Mike Vollmer presents Trisha Stephens the Donaldson Award



Moorman Wows Dollars Crowd

ABAC alumna Jennifer Moorman returned to the Donaldson Dining Hall stage for the first time since she was an ABAC student at the recent Dollars for ABAC Scholars show. The talented singer received a standing ovation from the sell-out crowd, which also seemed to enjoy the great voice of featured performer John Berry.

Apply Now for the Summer Term at ABAC

There is still time for students to enroll for summer term classes at Abraham Baldwin. Orientation for new freshmen students will be held June 3 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the J. Lamar Branch Student Center. Registration for new and returning students will take place later that day.

There is an orientation fee of \$35, and pre-registration is a plus. "Pre-registration and payment will speed up the process," said Angie Palmer, ABAC's Director of Admissions. Those who have paid registration fees may report at 9:30 a.m.

Evening registration for the summer term will take place on June 1 from 4-9 p.m. Students will meet in the main lobby of the Ag Sciences Building. Summer term classes begin June 7 and end July 26. Final exams will be administered July 27-28.

Palmer said that after summer registration is completed, students might also be able to register for the fall term that begins on Aug. 23. She said that transient students home from another college or university should consider taking a summer class at ABAC to lessen their load for the fall semester when they return to campus.

Students who need assistance paying for their college education can still apply for financial aid, but they must be prepared to pay initially and be reimbursed for the aid that they qualify for at a later date. For additional information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 386-3235.

For more information about the summer or fall terms or to request an application, contact Enrollment Services at (229) 386- 3230, or visit the ABAC web site at www.abac.edu.



Memorial Day Ceremony May 31

Abraham Baldwin will be open for business on Memorial Day on May 31. For the third year in a row, the college personnel on campus that day will have an opportunity to show their respect to those who have gone before with an 8:30 a.m. ceremony at the flag pole in front of Tift Hall.

All faculty, staff, administrators, and students are invited to attend the brief ceremony which will be led by the ABAC Ambassadors.

Alpha Beta Gamma Members Receive National Honors

Aaron Young and Katie Rayl, two Abraham Baldwin students from Fitzgerald, have received national honors from the Alpha Beta Gamma business honor society.

Young received the Eva Bobrow Memorial Medallion of Excellence. This is for an outstanding member who serves as an officer, contributes and has achieved excellent results for the chapter. This person is chosen by the chapter adviser. Young served as president of the Sigma chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma at ABAC this year.

Rayl, who is treasurer of the Sigma chapter, received the Zagara Competitors Award. It is given annually to an Alpha Beta Gamma member who is also an outstanding athlete. Rayl played tennis for the Golden Follies this season. Faculty advisors nominate recipients for this award. Rayl received a \$300 stipend and plaque. Rayl donated \$100 of the stipend back to the Sigma chapter of Alpha Beta Gamma.

Kathy Moreno serves as adviser to the ABAC chapter.

Pool Passes Available

Summertime is here, and pool passes to the ABAC Olympic size pool are now available at no charge to ABAC faculty



and staff and their immediate families who are living with them. The pool is now open from 3-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 1-6 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

Residency Requirement to be Enforced

Firsttime entering students at ABAC who live outside a 50-mile radius of the college can expect to live in the ABAC Place apartments in the fall unless they are married, they turn 21 before the start of the fall term on Aug. 23, they have children, or they have accumulated more than 30 hours of course work at another institution.

Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services Tom Call said students who are not exempt from the

requirement will not be allowed to register for their classes. All students who have not signed up for ABAC Place before attending the upcoming orientations are being reminded in a phone call that they need to get busy making housing arrangements. Call said ABAC Place is already about one-half occupied for the fall semester.

Call said most freshmen are delighted to have a brand new apartment to live in instead of a dormitory room.

Tuition to Rise \$35 per Semester at ABAC

Tuition at ABAC will go up \$35 per semester after a vote by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on Wednesday. The health fee will also go up from \$57 to \$65 per semester.



Director of Business Services Cam Reagin said fulltime in-state students will see tuition and fees increase from \$918 to \$961 per semester. Non-resident fulltime students will see their education investment rise from \$3,015 to \$3,163 per semester.

The USG raised tuition \$80 per semester at the four research universities and \$55 per semester at the regional and state universities.

USG Chancellor Thomas Meredith said, "The cost of a college education in Georgia continues to be a tremendous value." He cited proposed annual tuition increases of \$209 per semester at the University of Florida and \$1,440 at the University of Texas at Austin.

ABAC Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services Tom Call said the applications for the fall term at ABAC are running ahead of last year's pace.

Stallions Finish 4th

The Golden Stallions of Coach Alan Kramer are the fourth best tennis team in the USA. Tyler won the national title followed by Georgia Perimeter and Laredo. The Stallions had finished second in the national tourney two years in a row. ABAC won the national title in 1984 and 1999. The Stallions did win the state title this season, and Kramer was named Coach of the Year.

ABAC Alum's Team Takes National Title

Former ABAC tennis player Derrick Racine guided his West Florida Argonauts to the NCAA Division II national title recently with a win over Valdosta State in the championship match. One of West Florida's top players was German Dalmagro, another former Golden Stallion.

Dalmagro called ABAC Tennis Coach Alan Kramer minutes after the match. Dalmagro had a dream the night before that he won the clinching match for the national title. And he did.

As a coach, Racine now has two titles. He led the University of Mobile team to the NAIA throne room in 1997.

Rogers and Graham High Five Winners

The winner of the High Five Award drawing for the week ending May 14 was Cathy Rogers, Associate Professor in the Division of Humanities. The winner for the week ending May 21 was Brenda Graham, Senior Secretary for the Upward Bound program. Rogers and Graham were both members of the group of faculty and staff who served at the Midnight Breakfast for students. All 12 servers were nominated for the High Five Award with the comment: "If serving breakfast to our students at midnight to the wee hours of the morning isn't going above and beyond, I don't know what is."



Each will receive a certificate of appreciation and a T-shirt from the ABAC Bookstore. Their names will also go into the monthly drawing from the May weekly winners. The monthly winner will receive a gift certificate for \$50, which can be used at a number of local merchants.

Submit nominations for faculty and staff members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. Nomination forms are available on the Human Resources page of the ABAC website. The High Five weekly winners will also be posted each Monday on the Human Resources website. The weekly winners' names are listed in parentheses.



Lightfoot Signs with Fillies

Tift County High School tennis standout Whitney Lightfoot signed with the Golden Fillies of ABAC on a recent stormy Sunday afternoon. Seated beside Lightfoot are her parents, Dixie and Marion, both ABAC alumni. ABAC athletics' director Alan Kramer, TCHS assistant coach Helene Dutcher, TCHS Coach Jim Clayton, and Fillies' Coach Alton Hudgins stand behind the Lightfoots.



Smiles all Around!

Minne Nyutu from Kenya is congratulated by ABAC Director of Student Life Bernice Hughes after spring semester graduation exercises on May 11. Nyutu was one of 156 ABAC graduates who participated in the ceremony dressed in new black graduation caps and gowns.

Brass for the Kiwanians

Don Coates and the ABAC Brass Quintet as well as Gene Wyles and the Saxophone Quartet recently performed for the Tifton Kiwanis Club. ABAC Public Relations Director Mike Chason served as emcee for the event with help from ABAC Ambassadors Trisha Stephens and Jennifer Raynor.



Glenn Howie and Milena Stanoycheva

Former Fillies' Star Dies in Grand Canyon

Former Golden Fillies' tennis superstar Milena Stanoycheva died May 15 when a private plane she and her fiancé were riding in crashed in the Grand Canyon National Park. Also killed in the accident were Stanoycheva's fiancé, Glenn Howie; Howie's father, Jerry; and Stanoycheva's best friend, Anna Dolinska.

Stanoycheva became one of the few players in history to win back to back national singles' titles while at ABAC in 1998-99 and 1999-2000. She moved on to Clemson University on a scholarship and became an All ACC player for the Tigers in 2002.

In a story on the tragedy in *The Greenville News*, staff writer John Boyanoski reported that Stanoycheva was an All-ACC player in 2002 when she went undefeated in conference play. She was also a Scholar Athlete, which requires a 3.5 GPA.

Glenn Howie and Stanoycheva became engaged May 14 and planned to be married May 16 in Las Vegas, according to Boyanoski's article.

Kramer commented on what a great person Stanoycheva was while a student at ABAC as well as being a top quality tennis player.

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Human Resources Moves Down Hall

Jane Thompson from Human Resources has moved into the College Services Office in Room 21 in Tift Hall. Her phone number remains 3491.

Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to retired ABAC Purchasing Agent Sarah Willis, whose husband, Vondell, passed away on May 16. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations!



Dan Miller, ARAMARK Dining Services Assistant, and his wife, Carol, are the proud parents of a new baby boy born on May 11. Casen "Case" Alexander Miller weighed seven pounds and 20 inches long. Best wishes to all!

Celebrating Birthdays May

- 27 Troy Spicer
- 29 Tamara Dennis
- 31 Donnie Thompson

June

- 1 Ann Grubbs
- 1 Josh Phelps
- 1 Jeanna Weldon
- 2 Murray Fender
- 3 Laura Tucker
- 5 Hyde Willis
- 6 Ronnie Hall
- 6 Jenelle Handcox



Positions Open

ABAC:

- Temporary Fulltime Library
Technical Assistant (deadline 6/4)

Contact the Human Resources Office for details.



Dance This Summer

Call the Public Service and Business Outreach Center at 386-3267 to sign up for *Summer-time Swing* and *Latin Fever!*

ABAC Family

Mike Vollmer and **Mike Chason** were the guest speakers for the Chamber of Commerce luncheon featuring eighth grade students from Eighth Street Middle School and Tiftarea Academy on May 6.

Dr. Maggie Martin, **Annie Sims**, and **Penny Chesnut** completed the American Red Cross' Disaster Mental Health Services two-day training course on May 7-8. This certification allows them to respond to any level of man-made or natural disasters to provide mental health counseling to victims and workers.

Cheryl Biggs and **Rita Wade** were presenters at the Related Vocational Instructors Conference on May 7 at Jekyll Island. They spoke to over 100 students in six different sessions about ABAC's learning disability program and services. These students are considered the top technical/career related students through the state of Georgia.

The annual meeting of the Association of Southeastern Boards of Registra-

tion for Foresters was held in ABAC's Ag Sciences Building on May 10-11. In attendance were members and directors of professional licensing boards for foresters from several southern states, as well as a representative from Pennsylvania. Also in attendance was Michael Goergen, Executive Vice President of the Society of American Foresters. **Dr. Rod Brown** has served on Georgia's Board of Registration for Foresters since his appointment by Governor Harris in August, 1990.

In recruiting activity to date during May, **Bruce Applewhite** has visited South Gwinnett, Taliaferro, Phoenix, and Duluth high schools. He also attended the Georgia Agri-Leaders Institute. **Carlos Howard** has visited Pierce County, Swainsboro, Jordan, Glynn Academy, Brunswick, Windsor Forest, and Southeast Bulloch high schools. **Robin Poor** recruited for ABAC at Central Carrollton High School and at the Carroll County Ag Ed Center. **Angie Palmer** represented ABAC at the Omega Education Day.

Note of Thanks

Dear ABAC Family,

Thank you so very much for all the cards, calls, and visits celebrating the birth of our first daughter, Sarah Alinger Hutto.

The silver cup is such a beautiful keepsake that can be passed down through generations. We also appreciate the baby silverware set for when she is a little bigger. I look forward to introducing the newest "Filly" to the rest of her ABAC Family!

Missy Hutto

Calendar of Events

Monday, May 24

6:30 p.m.-Identity Theft Forum

(Howard Auditorium)

7 p.m.-Abbott Retirement Dinner

(Dining Hall)

Tuesday, May 25

4 p.m.-Administrative Planning Retreat

(Cordell Conf. Room A/B)

Wednesday, May 26

7:30 a.m.-Administrative Planning Retreat (Cordell Conf. Room A/B)

Noon-Retreat Luncheon (Magnolia Rm)

Thursday, May 27

6 p.m.-Older Americans Banquet

(Dining Hall)

Friday, May 28

8 a.m.-Women's Seminar (Dining Hall)

4:30 p.m.-Thomas/Morrow Wedding

Rehearsal (Chapel)

Saturday, May 29

4 p.m.-Thomas/Morrow Wedding

(Chapel)

Tuesday, June 1

Today-Maymester classes end

9 a.m.-Institutional SAT

2:30 p.m.-Upward Bound (Chapel)

4 p.m.-Evening New Student Orientation

Wednesday, June 2

Today-Maymester final exams

10 a.m.-Summer Educators Academy

(Cordell Conf. Room A)

Thursday, June 3

Today-Summer Term Orientation

Friday, June 4

Today-Fall Early Bird Orientation

6 p.m.-Smith/Shealey Wedding

Rehearsal (Chapel)

7 p.m.-Smith Shealey Rehearsal Dinner

(Magnolia Room)

Saturday, June 5

11 a.m.-Richardson Wedding Luncheon

(Magnolia Room)

Noon-Smith/Shealey Wedding (Chapel)

6 p.m.-Spivey Wedding Reception

(Dining Hall)

Monday, June 7

Today-Summer term classes begin