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ABAC Place Apartments are Almost Full

There are now only 50 of the 835 available rooms left for the fall term at the brand new ABAC Place apartments at Abraham Baldwin College.

Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services Tom Call said students who wish to live in the \$32 million complex, which features fully furnished private rooms for all students, should get their housing applications in the pipeline.

The ABAC Foundation sponsored the mammoth project, which is the largest privatized housing development at a two-year college in the United States. Most of the units are four-bedroom, two-bath with a completely furnished kitchen and living area.

Each bedroom is equipped with a double bed, desk, chair, a chest of drawers, extra storage space underneath the bed, a closet, and a ceiling fan. Students can also access the internet and cable television in their rooms. Each room also has a phone jack.

The kitchen includes a microwave, stove, oven, refrigerator, and garbage disposal. Students who live at ABAC Place are not required to purchase a meal ticket although optional meal plans will be available for on-campus dining.

Call said students will be asked to sign a 12-month lease with a cost ranging from \$345 to \$360 per month. This price covers all utilities.

"The best thing about these apartments is that students are right in the center of the campus," Call said. "Since the apartments are fully furnished, students can move right in with their clothes, kitchen utensils, and their televisions."

Call said all ABAC students must live on campus unless they are 21 years of age or older, they have accumulated 30 or more semester hours, they are



Students who plan to submit housing applications for the new ABAC Place apartments should do so quickly. The new complex now has only 50 of the 835 rooms still available for the fall semester. When classes begin on Aug. 23, all residential students at ABAC will be housed in the apartments.

married, they have children, or they live less than 50 miles away from the college.

ABAC Place opened in January when 200 students from Chandler Hall moved into the facility. Chandler Hall was demolished to make way for the remainder of the project. Fulwood, Mitchell, and Branch halls will be demolished in the fall. Former residents of those buildings will be living in ABAC Place when classes begin on Aug. 23 for the fall term.

For more information about living in ABAC Place, interested students can contact Place Properties in the Town Hall at (229) 391-2500.

Grand Opening in Sylvester



ABAC will officially open its new classroom in Sylvester on July 20 at 4 p.m. The classroom will be located in the Governmental Building on Highway 82. Everyone is invited to attend.

ABAC President Mike Vollmer and Worth County Commissioner Dan Miller will speak at the grand opening. Tours of the facility will be available and refreshments will be served.

ABAC will offer one college credit class and five continuing education classes at the facility this fall term.

Farewell Celebration

Faculty and staff from across the ABAC campus gathered in the Magnolia Room last Tuesday to bid farewell to seven employees who are leaving the Student and Enrollment Services area.

Those honored at the reception were Ellen Bullington, Emily Hall, Dr. Jonathan Harrington, Jennifer Murphy, Angie Palmer, Njeri Pringle, and Ja'Nay Windmoller.

Good luck and best wishes to all of these fine individuals in their future endeavors.



Food Service at ABAC Gets a New Look this Fall



Food service at Abraham Baldwin is about to take on a brand new look. Due to the opening of ABAC Place apartments

and the future arrival of a convenience store to be located in Town Hall at ABAC Place, the way students receive their meals is being revamped. Residents will no longer have a limited amount of choices to dine from, and a meal plan will not be required for students living on campus. ARAMARK will continue to be the food services provider for the college.

To accommodate the anticipated changes, a portion of the Donaldson Dining Hall will be renovated before classes begin for the fall term on Aug. 23. The current plans are to section off a part of the main dining room and

make it into more of a modern and classy dining area. Another section will be transformed into a student lounge area with comfortable seating, television, and computers.

The food service area will possibly be renovated into a food court area. Food court possibilities include a Salad Garden salad bar; a Montague's Deli that will feature hamburgers, Philly steaks, chicken finger baskets, grilled chicken breast sandwiches, Bene Pizzeria pizza and pasta; and a Home Zone area that will include home style type entrees and vegetables. ARAMARK also hopes to bring a Yava City coffee center to the dining hall.

All meals will be on an a la carte basis starting this fall semester in the dining hall. Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Floyd Wright said the manner in

which meals will be provided will be totally different. In the past, every student residing on campus had to buy a meal plan. With the development of ABAC Place, that is no longer mandatory since all of the apartments have a full kitchen.

Another huge change will be the placement of a convenience store located in Town Hall at the ABAC Place apartments. The convenience store will offer a variety of products that students might need on a daily basis in their apartments. ARAMARK also hopes to bring Starbucks Coffee to the store.

Students will be able to purchase items from the dining hall or convenience store on a cash basis or by depositing funds to their ABAC Gold-Card, which can be used in the dining hall, convenience store, or bookstore.



Barton Wins June High Five

President Mike Vollmer congratulates Michelle Barton on winning the monthly High Five Award for June. She was one of nine employees of the Enrollment Services Office nominated for their work with orientation and registration for Summer and Fall. An excerpt from their nomination form is "Because of the combined efforts of these employees we had some of the smoothest orientations we have ever had and we believe they deserve a huge high five." As the monthly drawing winner Barton will win a \$50 gift certificate.

Arts Connection Summer Enrichment Underway

The Arts Connection's summer enrichment program sponsored by the 21st Century Community Learning grant is in full swing in Ashburn. Program coordinator Polly Huff reports that approximately 200 children, ages 5-12, are served each day through an excellent summer program featuring academics, nutrition, gymnastics, music, dance, art, drama, and hands-on crafts. Each week's program is followed by a showcase/performance for the families of the students.

The students have participated in a comprehensive journalism and oral history program by nationally acclaimed storyteller, danced to the beat of new and familiar music during a line dancing residency, and created their own routine in a Stomp! residency, both led by professional dance instructors. Each student also participated in the painting of five anti-tobacco murals under the direction of a dedicated artists. The murals will grace the en-

trances and walls of the elementary and middle/high schools in Ashburn.

Under the direction of a national puppet company, the students have also built a puppet stage, created several different puppets, and featured them in a performance. Also, the older group engaged in a history of quilting residency, and worked on their own quilts with a master artist.

To finish off the summer with a big bang, program participants will team up with the entire community to build an enormous site sculpture, a piece of "usable art" which will be placed on the lawn of the elementary school. Children participating in the summer program designed the sculpture in a planning residency with a "space" artist, who is also coming back to lead the community through the construction process.

For questions about the program, contact Huff at 386-3478 or phuff@abac.edu.

Resta, Hembree High Five Winners



The weekly winners of the High Five Award for the last two weeks were Ellen Resta and Patsy Hembree. Resta, Sr. Secretary in the Evening and Off-Campus Programs Office, was the winner for the week ending June 25. She was nominated by Sue Wilson who said, "Ellen created a brochure and web site for students who want to major in secondary education. The brochure and website will be very helpful to both faculty and students!"

Hembree was the winner for the week ending July 2. She was nominated by Emory Johnson, whose nomination said, "We now have a website that is accessible in real time...to shop for textbooks and other items on a secure network. A great deal of Patsy's work gets done long after most of the college has vacated the campus. Her dedication ...is far beyond measure."

Both Resta and Hembree will receive ABAC High Five T-shirts donated by the ABAC Bookstore. Their names will also go into the drawing for the monthly winner.

Submit your nominations for the 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.

Groover Resigns Post

Tammy Groover has resigned her position in the Division of Nursing and Health Services. Her last day at ABAC was June 25. She had been a member of the ABAC staff science November, 1989.

Groover has accepted a fulltime nursing teaching position with Moultrie Technical College. We wish her well in her new endeavor.

Jordan Leaves Police Academy

Jay Jordan retired from the South Georgia Police Academy on June 30. He has been an instructor with the Academy since 1989 when the Albany Police Academy consolidated with ABAC. Best wishes for a long and happy retirement!

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New to PSBOC

Pat Lott has been hired as the new half-time senior secretary in the Public Service and Business Outreach Center. She begins her duties today.

Lott recently retired from DFCS where she was a social services case manager and resource development worker. Her work involved recruiting and developing foster and adoptive homes and organizing and teaching GPS_MAPP training classes.

Welcome, Pat, to ABAC!

Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Arlene Bailey whose step father, Ralph Porter, passed away on June 1. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Next FOCUS July 19

The next edition of this prized publication will appear on your email on the morning of July 5. Info for this edition should be sent to Pam Leonard at pleonard@abac.edu by noon on July 16.

Celebrating Birthdays

July

- 5 Wendy Harrison
- 7 Barry Miburo
- 8 Andrew Wright
- 9 Kim Ascani
- 9 Caren Bierbaum
- 10 Missy Hutto
- 11 Robin Crumley
- 11 Bertha Daniel
- 11 Anita Hobbs
- 12 Elizabeth Stone
- 12 Mary Willis
- 14 Keith Perry
- 14 Beth Saxon
- 15 Lance Arnett
- 15 Christopher Ellis
- 16 Lynda Harris
- 16 Jennifer Palmer
- 16 Amy Willis
- 17 Donna King
- 19 Keetra Branch
- 19 Wilma Knisel



Give Blood Wednesday

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held Wednesday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Nickelodeon. Positive ID is required. A free gift will be given to each donor.

New England Trip Cancelled

Diane Kilgore of the Public Service and Business Outreach Center has announced that the New England trip scheduled for October has been cancelled. While there seemed to be quite a bit of interest, no one has paid to date.

Trips are still scheduled to Alaska, the Biltmore House, and Jacksonville, Fla., to see the production of *Showboat* at the Alhambra Theater. Other U.S. trips are also being planned for next year. Call the PSBOC at 386-3267 for more information.

Care & Concern

Garth Webb, retired ABAC Admissions Director, is recuperating after being hospitalized for blood clots in his lungs. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Positions Open

ABAC:

- Director of Student Recruitment
Salary \$53,000-\$58,000
- Office Manager, Enrollment Services
Salary \$24,000-\$26,000
(deadline 7/14)

Contact Human Resources for details.

Dining Hall Hours

The Donaldson Dining Hall serving hours for the next two weeks are as follows:

July 5-11

Monday
Closed

Tuesday-Sunday

Breakfast 7-8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30-6 p.m.

July 12-16

Monday-Thursday

Breakfast 7-8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30-6 p.m.

Friday

Breakfast 7-8:30 a.m.
Lunch 11:30-1 p.m.



Calendar of Events

Monday, July 5

Today-Campus Holiday
Today-Migrant Education Camp
8 a.m.-Ga. Chiefs Assoc. Class
(Student Courtroom)
7 p.m.-Upward Bound (Thrash Gym)

Tuesday, July 6

Today-Migrant Education Camp
8 a.m.-Ga. Chiefs Assoc. Class
(Student Courtroom)
2:30 p.m.-Upward Bound (Chapel & Howard Auditorium)
3 p.m.-Upward Bound (Tennis Courts)
7 p.m.-Upward Bound (Thrash Gym)

Wednesday, July 7

Today-Migrant Education Camp
8 a.m.-Ga. Chiefs Assoc. Class
(Student Courtroom)
11:30 a.m.-Faculty/Staff Luncheon
(Magnolia Room)
7 p.m.-Upward Bound (Thrash Gym)

Thursday, July 8

Today-Migrant Education Camp
8 a.m.-Ga. Chiefs Assoc. Class
(Student Courtroom)
2:30 p.m.-Upward Bound (Chapel & Howard Auditorium)
3 p.m.-Upward Bound (Tennis Courts)
7 p.m.-Upward Bound (Thrash Gym)

Friday, July 9

Today-Migrant Education Camp
8 a.m.-Ga. Chiefs Assoc. Class
(Student Courtroom)
1:30 p.m.-Upward Bound (Pool)
2:30 p.m.-Upward Bound (Howard Aud.)
7 p.m.-Upward Bound (Thrash Gym)

Saturday, July 10

8 a.m.-S. Ga. Upward Bound Olympics
(Cordell Conf. Room/
Howard Aud./Thrash Gym)
7 p.m.-CME District Banquet
(Dining Hall)

Tuesday, July 13

9 a.m.-Regents' Exam
(Cordell Conf. Room)
1:30 p.m.-Regents' Exam
(Cordell Conf. Room)
2:30 p.m.-Upward Bound (Chapel)
3 p.m.-Upward Bound (Tennis Courts)
6 p.m.-Regents' Exam
(Cordell Conf. Room)

Wednesday, July 14

11:30 a.m.-Faculty/Staff Luncheon
(Magnolia Room)
Thursday, July 15
3 p.m.-Upward Bound (Tennis Courts)
4 p.m.-Evening Orientation

Friday, July 16

1:30 p.m.-Upward Bound (Pool)
Saturday, July 17
10 a.m.-HEP Graduation (Chapel)

Sunday, July 18

12:30 p.m.-Bridal Luncheon
(Magnolia Room)