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Vollmer Last Day September 14

President Mike Vollmer will spend his last day at Abraham Baldwin on Sept. 14. A going-away party will be held in the Donaldson Dining Hall from 4-6 p.m. on that day to honor Vollmer and his wife, Lennie. Everyone is invited to attend.

Vollmer announced on Aug. 12 that he had been appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to be the next Commissioner of the Department of Technical

and Adult Education. He will oversee all the technical colleges in the state of Georgia. The Vollmers plan to move back to Atlanta.

If the University System follows its history, an interim president will be appointed by Chancellor Thomas Meredith, and then a search committee will be formed to find ABAC's 10th president. In the past, the search process has taken from eight to 10 months.



Lennie and Mike Vollmer

ABAC Welcomes New Faculty and Staff This Semester

The start of the fall semester spelled change for 18 new faculty and staff members at ABAC. In addition to a host of newcomers, some ABAC faculty and staff members have changed positions within the college.

The Division of Humanities welcomed Stacey Abbott and Jana Williams as Instructors of English. The Division of Nursing and Health Services has added Rhonda Lewis, Full-Time Temporary Lab Coordinator, and Shelly Davis, Instructor of Nursing, to its faculty and staff. Tammy Allen, Registered Nurse I, joins the nursing staff of the Health Center.

Dr. Remzi Engin, Full-Time Temporary Assistant Professor of Physics, is the newest member of the Division of Science and Mathematics. Keisha Gay is the new Administrative Assistant at ABAC on the Square in Moultrie.

Melissa Scott, LaWanda Peacock, Justin Willingham and Debbie M. Pyles were added to ABAC's Police Department this year. The College Assistance Migrant Program/High School



New faculty at ABAC for the upcoming year include (l-r) Jana Williams, Humanities; Stacey Abbott, Humanities; Rhonda Lewis, Nursing; Shelly Davis, Nursing; and Remzi Engin, Science/Mathematics.

Equivalency Program welcomed Lois Moon, HEP Instructor; and Dr. Doris Roundtree, CAMP Academic Advisor.

The Upward Bound Program welcomed Buffy Edwards to the campus as Program Coordinator. Kris Chason, Part-Time Library Assistant; and Susan Griffin, Temporary Library Tech Assistant; have joined the Baldwin Library staff. Student Support Services welcomed Sandra Murray Sellers, Senior Secretary.

Barbre Skwira is the new Coordinator of Residence Life in the office of

Student Life & Housing. Public Service & Business Outreach Center has added Patricia Lott, Part-Time Senior Secretary, to its staff.

Changes in the Division of Science and Mathematics include Margaret Treadway from Part-Time Instructor to Full-Time Instructor. Other changes include Lee Ann Taylor of the Division of Business Administration from Part-Time Instructor to Full-Time Instructor; Teri Mathis of Procurement to Full-Time Procurement Assistant and Inventory Clerk; and Francisco

Zepeda, Jr. of the CAMP/HEP Program from Part-Time HEP Recruiter to Full-Time HEP Recruiter.

Michelle Barton is now Office Manager of Student and Enrollment Services. Joyce Willis joined the staff of the Student Development Center as Senior Secretary. The Public Service & Business Outreach Center promoted Debra McCrary from Office Manager to Program Manager; and Mandy Vassey from Senior Secretary to Office Manager..



Ernesto Ortiz Ariza (left) and Daniel Andres Alamo Segura were named the first recipients of a new scholarship for ABAC students.

First Goizueta Scholarships Awarded

Ernesto Ortiz Ariza and Daniel Andres Alamo Segura are the first two recipients of the Goizueta Foundation Scholars Fund Scholarship at ABAC.

Ortiz Ariza, originally from Mexico City, Mexico, moved to Tifton in 1995 and graduated from Tift County High School. He was a member of the Beta Club and Y Club, as well as serving in the Model United Nations as Director General. Currently, he is President of the National Migrant and Immigrant Youth Board. He was also recognized as the 2004 Georgia Migrant Education Honor Graduate at the State Board of Education Meeting in Atlanta.

Ortiz Ariza plans to major in Political Science/Law. "I have always been interested in social studies and government," said Ortiz Ariza. "I plan to join the Student Government Association at ABAC."

Ortiz Ariza chose ABAC because it's close to home. "I have friends here, and the academic level is good. It's a good place to start. I'm looking forward to the college life and excited to see how everything goes."

Alamo Segura is originally from Caracas, Venezuela and moved to Fitzgerald in 1999. There he attended Bowers Mill Christian Center, a community school in Fitzgerald. While attending this school, Alamo Segura men-

tored children and helped with music programs in the community.

Alamo Segura plans to major in Computer Science at ABAC. "I got my love of computers from my mom. She was always around them. I'm just a computer guy," said Alamo Segura.

Alamo Segura selected ABAC because of the convenience and because he has family here. "My brother is here. I'm looking forward to being with him again and meeting new people," he said. Alamo Segura hopes to play in ABAC's Jazz Band, as well.

Ortiz Ariza and Alamo Segura will both live at the brand new ABAC Place Apartments during the fall semester.

The Goizueta Foundation was established to provide financial assistance to educational and charitable institutions by Roberto C. Goizueta. The Goizueta Foundation is a private, general purpose, grant-making foundation whose mission is to assist organizations that empower individuals and families through educational opportunities to improve the quality of their lives.

To be eligible to receive The Goizueta Foundation Scholars Fund Scholarship, a student must be Hispanic/Latino, accepted to ABAC with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher, able to demonstrate financial need, and reside in the United States.

Over 3,200 Students Registered for Fall Term

As of this morning, Registrar and Director of Admissions Beth Saxon reported a total of 3,248 students registered for fall term classes at Abraham Baldwin. Late registration continues through Friday.

That figure compares to a headcount of 3,407 students last fall. Almost 200 students from that figure came from the South Georgia Regional Education Consortium at Valdosta State University. ABAC was a Consortium partner along with South Georgia, Waycross, and Bainbridge colleges. That Consortium no longer exists, and South Georgia receives the head count from the joint relationship with VSU.

"We could actually have more students taking ABAC classes and a lower headcount because of the change in the Consortium," ABAC President Mike Vollmer said.

Saxon said late registration is usually heaviest during the fall semester.

Wood Wins High Five

The winner of the High Five Award drawing for the week ending Aug. 20 was Barbara Wood. She is the Administrative Secretary in the Office of the Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services. Wood and the rest of the members of the search committee for the Student Development Senior Secretary position were nominated with the following words, "These four professionals served as the search committee...and went "the extra mile" to run the committee in the most timely, professional and thorough fashion. They took their responsibilities seriously and were highly professional throughout the whole process. Thanks to each of them for a job well done!"

Wood received a certificate of appreciation and will be given a T-shirt donated by the ABAC Bookstore. Her name will also go into the monthly drawing from the August 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 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.



Murray Big Supporter of ACE Program at ABAC

Like many non-traditional students, Tammy Murray of Alapaha was very apprehensive about starting Abraham Baldwin later in life. However, after losing two jobs in the past 11 years due to the companies using workers in Mexico and Brazil, Murray decided to attend college again to do something she always loved – nursing.

“I was considering being a radiology technician through Abraham Baldwin College and Macon State, but upon talking with the Evening and Off Campus Office, I decided to pursue a career in nursing,” Murray said. “I could not say enough good things about Dr. Gail Dillard (Director of Evening and Off-Campus Programs) and Ellen Resta (Senior Secretary).”

Dillard suggested to Murray that she attend the 11-week Adult College Entry (ACE) Program to help adjust to being at college as a non-traditional student.

“The program helps me out a lot. I went through a lot of ups and downs when deciding to go back to college and the ACE program made it so much easier,” Murray said.

“My biggest preconception about



Tammy Murray said enrolling in the ACE program seminar made her adjustment to Abraham Baldwin College classes much easier.

entering college was that I was going to be thrown into classes with all these kids. When I entered the program the first day, I realized I was not alone. The biggest benefit I got out of the ACE program was that little boost of confidence I needed to make my life dream come true.

“I tell people who are considering going back to college about the ACE Program all the time. It’s super-beneficial. The ACE people are always there for you, even after the course is over.”

Upon completion of the program, Murray decided to go for her RN degree as opposed to her LPN, which she initially had planned on.

“With my Compass scores and encouragement from Dr. Dillard, it just seemed best to jump in,” Murray said. After two semesters of classes, Murray is excelling in her field and holds a GPA of 3.95.

“My first choice after I receive my degree is to be an RN in Cardiology in a hospital setting. The heart has always interested me,” Murray said.

The next ACE Seminar meets every Tuesday beginning Sept. 7 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. through Nov. 16 in Room 202 in

the Baldwin Library on the ABAC campus. The cost is \$49 and includes the following: a \$20 application fee if the student decides to apply to ABAC, a textbook, and waiver of ABAC 1000—Freshman Seminar as a graduation requirement upon successful completion of the ACE Seminar and enrollment at ABAC.

For more information on the ACE Program, contact Dillard at 386-7154 or visit the ABAC website at www.abac.edu.

Grand Opening for ABAC Place Sept. 23

The grand opening for the largest housing project at a two-year college in America will be held Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. at ABAC Place on the campus of Abraham Baldwin.

Chancellor Thomas Meredith of the University System of Georgia will be the featured speaker at the event. Also speaking will be Regent Julie Hunt and Cecil Phillips from Place Properties.

The \$32 million project includes 835 private rooms. ABAC Place is a complete sellout with many students entering their names on a waiting list. Some of those students are now living in Comer Hall. If a space opens up in ABAC Place, they will be moved into one of the apartments.

Ambassador Applications Due by August 31

Applications for the ABAC Ambassador program are now available in the Public Relations Office in Tift Hall. The deadline for applications is noon on Aug. 31.

The Ambassadors’ program involves 14 students who represent the public relations and admissions offices in a variety of functions including Open Campus Days, Homecoming, Dollars for ABAC Scholars, the Sunbelt Expo, First Tuesday Concerts, Cordell Lectures, the President’s Club Dinner, and many more.

Students must have at least a 2.5 grade point average and must be willing to give at least 30 hours of service per semester to the program. A mandatory retreat is scheduled Sept. 10-12. Weekly meetings are held at 4 p.m. on Mondays.



Melissa Martin, Melissa Cleary, Jessie McMillan, and Mack Branch are among the sophomore Ambassadors for 2004-05.

For more information on the program, interested students can contact Michael Chason or Pam Leonard at 3264.

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Big Announcement Set For September 1

ABAC and Tift Regional Medical Center will team up for a huge announcement concerning the new Health Sciences Building on Sept. 1 at 11 a.m. in front of the Moore Building. Make your plans to attend.

Notes of Thanks

Thank you to all those who made the Faculty/Staff Social happen: Super Committee members Debbie Cromer, Beth Thornton and William Moore. Not to mention the Master of Ceremonies Mike Chason, Team Captains Alan "Number One" Kramer, and Silver and Bronze Horseshoe winners Caroline Helms and Tom Call, Cindy "Zsa Zsa" Jones, Janelle "Zsu Zsu" Handcox, Missy Hutto, Floyd Wright, everyone at the Public Service and Business Outreach Center, the Baptist Student Union for entertaining the children during the event, Duane Weeks, Curtis Billings, Calvin Lee, and all 36 of the very special volunteers. A+ EVERYBODY!

Betty McCorvey
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To the Staff and Students of ABAC,
On behalf of the American Cancer Society and the Tift County Relay for Life Committee, I would like to express our appreciation to you for your contribution to the Relay for Life. This year's Relay was a huge success. With your help and the help of our community, we were able to raise over \$200,000 for cancer research. We appreciate your generosity and look forward to working with you at next year's Relay for Life.

Sincerely,
Erika Smith, Co-Chair
2004 Relay for Life
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I would like to thank the ABAC community in general, the Science/Math Division, and many individuals in particular for prayers, positive thoughts, flowers, cards, and other expressions of love and friendship after the surgery to fuse two of my cervical vertebrae. I am back on campus, mending goes well, and I hope to be completely healed by Christmas.

Love,
Mike Curry



Golden Horseshoe Winners!

Why are these people so happy? Under the direction of Coach Alan Kramer, their team just won the coveted Golden Horseshoe at the Faculty-Staff Olympics on stage in the Donaldson Dining Hall on August 17. The team won all three phases of the competition which included Sit on the Balloon, Mystery Bag, and Lemon Golf.

Care & Concern

Janice Payne is recuperating after undergoing surgery to repair a broken ankle. Bernice Hughes was hospitalized on Thursday and underwent a heart catheterization on Friday. Please keep both these members of the ABAC Family in your thoughts and prayers.



Congratulations!

Sandra Murray, Student Support Services Senior Secretary, married Tony Sellers on July 16 at the Whitestone Inn in Kingston, Tenn. They reside in Norman Park. Best wishes from the ABAC Family!

Celebrating Birthdays

August

- 24 Carolyn Cater
- 24 Wayne Harris
- 24 David Smith
- 28 Susan Groff



ABAC Family

Jewrell Rivers and **Rita Wade** were nominated and selected to participate in the second AAHE Black Caucus Leadership and Mentoring Institute at Savannah State on July 11-17.

Cheryl Biggs and **Rita Wade** attended the 2004 Regents Center for Learning Disorders Conference at Valdosta State on July 23.

Calendar of Events

Monday, August 23

Today—Fall Semester Classes Begin
5:30 p.m.—Hunter Safety Education
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

Wednesday, August 25

9 a.m.—HEP Workshop
(Cordell Conf. Room C)

Thursday, August 26

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

Friday, August 27

Today—Drop/Add Ends

Saturday, August 28

8 a.m.—CAMP Workshop
(Cordell Conf. Room A)
7 p.m.—Harris/Shively Wedding
Reception (Dining Hall)

Monday, August 30

8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class
(Cordell Conf. Room C)