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ABAC Enrollment Highest in College's History

It's official. The 2005 fall semester enrollment of 3,423 students is the highest in the 97-year history of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Interim President Tom Call couldn't be happier.

"This is great," Call said. "Coming into fall semester, we felt like the enrollment number would be high because we had the highest number of new student applications."

ABAC is growing along with the University System of Georgia. This is the seventh consecutive year of growth in enrollment at the state's public learning institutions. Enrollment during this period has increased by 53,540 students.

Two-year institutions in the System increased by 2.6 percent or 1,276 students this fall. ABAC's total headcount for the 2005 fall semester climbed to a

1.8 percent increase from the fall 2004 enrollment of 3,362 students.

ABAC's full time student enrollment is 2,929, an increase of 2.8 percent over the fall 2004 semester number of 2,849. This number represents the largest sector of the total enrollment population.

A total of 860 students are living on campus this semester. Call said ABAC could have had at least 100 more students had the ABAC Place apartments not filled up. "We are looking into building additional housing on the campus due to the demand by students," Call said.

During the fall semester, 33 international students are enrolled, as well as 96 students from states other than Georgia. The total number of Georgia residents attending ABAC is 3,294. The col-

lege currently has 569 non-traditional students attending the institution.

ABAC's enrollment is 57.8 percent female. However, in the University System as a whole, the male enrollment increase surpassed the female enrollment increase from fall 2004 to fall 2005. There was an increase of 1.5 percent or 1,511 for male students as opposed to a .9 increase or 1,382 for female enrollment in 2005.

A total of 1,056 new freshmen enrolled at ABAC for fall semester 2005. There was a record high enrollment of first-time freshmen for fall 2005 within the University System, totaling 39,960 students. That is an increase of 6.2 percent over fall semester 2004 and represents 81 percent of USG's enrollment gain for fall 2005.

ABAC Coaches for Cure



Forty-seven youngsters from all over south Georgia attended clinics on Saturday with the ABAC coaches serving as instructors. The event served as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Tift County, raising \$1,135 for the ABAC team.

Staff Forum Today

A called meeting of the ABAC Staff Forum will be held today at 3 p.m. in Section A of the Cordell Conference Room. Interim President Tom Call will address the group and entertain questions regarding the new hours of operation which begin on Dec. 12. Please attend this important meeting.

Fillies at Home Tonight

Coach Julie Conner's Golden Fillies of ABAC take on Southern Union at Gressette Gym tonight at 6 p.m. The Fillies will also be at home on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. against Enterprise. The Fillies have racked up four wins and two losses so far.

Both ABAC teams will be at home on Nov. 29 against Chattahoochee Valley beginning at 5:30 p.m. Those games will be broadcast on Tifton radio station WTIF 107.5 FM. Public Relations Director Mike Chason will provide the play-by-play action.



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Michael Curry

Michael Curry is an Associate Professor in the Division of Science and Mathematics. He has been a member of the ABAC teaching faculty since 1993.

He received a Bachelor's of Education degree in Mathematics, with a minor in Accounting and Business Law from Illinois State University, a Master's in Mathematics from Purdue University; and a Master's in Exercise Physiology from Georgia State University.

Curry has taught in the education field for six decades, beginning in 1959. He has taught in Illinois, Missouri, at the Georgia Military College at Robins Air Force Base, and at Georgia College in Milledgeville before coming to ABAC.

He has also worked in the fields of construction, sales, engineering, editing and writing mathematic textbooks, and pricing and financing with the US Air Force. His hobbies include working on his house, reading, and being a sports enthusiast.

He is married to Marion E. Jay Curry. He has a son, James McKinley and she has a daughter and son, Elizabeth Stuart and Phillip Jay.

Purcell to Speak

The next Faculty Development Committee Seminar features Lieutenant Billy Purcell who will discuss techniques to improve personal safety and practical self defense. The seminar will be held on Nov. 30 at 3:30 p.m. in Bowen Hall, Room 126.

Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Heather Vaughn whose grandmother passed away last week. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Celebrating Birthdays

November

- 21 Gary Dicks
- 24 Jennifer Funderburk
- 25 Brenda Graham
- 25 Mandy Vassey
- 27 Eric Cash
- 27 Doug Hicks
- 28 Billy Purcell

December

- 2 Kailan Fonsah
- 3 Brenda Doss
- 4 Kay Powell



Dedication Nov. 28

A dedication honoring former Social Science Division Chair Tom Milam will be held at 3 p.m. on Nov. 28 on the second floor of Bowen Hall. Everyone on campus is invited to attend the brief ceremony.

Next FOCUS Dec. 5

The next edition of this prized publication will appear on your e-mail on Dec. 5. The final FOCUS of the 2005 calendar year will appear on Dec. 19. Please e-mail all items for the next edition to pleonard@abac.edu by Dec. 1 at noon.

Hispanic Scholarship Fund Meeting Dec. 3

A Hispanic Scholarship Fund meeting will be held at the John Hunt Town Center on Dec. 3 from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. This is a free event for all Hispanic families. The Hispanic Scholarship Fund and college representatives will be on hand.

Corral the Bears November 29

The ABAC Circle K is hosting the fourth annual Corral the Bears project on Nov. 29. Members of the club will be in front of the Carlton Center from 9-11 a.m. to take teddy bear donations to be distributed to hospitals, police, EMTs, the Child Abuse Council, the Georgia State Patrol and homeless shelters in Tifton and surrounding counties. Contact Cathy Rogers at 391-4968 for more information.



Note of Thanks

Thank you for all your support during this trying time. It truly is a blessing to work with such a caring, compassionate, and understanding group of people.

*Sincerely,
Heather Vaughn*

Positions Open

ABAC:

- Faculty Positions, (\$34,000-\$38,000)
- Instructor/Assistant Professor of:
 - English (deadline 1/15)
 - Reading/English (deadline 1/15)
 - Psychology (deadline 2/7)
 - Biology (deadline 2/7 or until filled)
 - Mathematics (deadline 2/7 or until filled)

Contact Human Resources for details.

Faculty Christmas Concert December 6



The fourth annual Faculty Christmas Concert will be held at 4 p.m. on Dec. 6 in the Chapel of All Faiths. This concert is free to all faculty, staff, their children, and the ABAC students. Refreshments will be provided after the concert by Interim President Tom Call and his wife, Judy.

The audience is invited to participate in a holiday sing-a-long of all the Christmas classics.

Calendar of Events

Monday, November 21

11:30 a.m.—SGMC/ABAC Nursing Grads Luncheon (Magnolia Room)

3 p.m.—Staff Forum (Cordell Conf. Room A)

7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Wednesday, November 23

6 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Friday, November 25

5 p.m.—Maddie/Johnson Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)

Saturday, November 26

4 p.m.—Maddie/Johnson Wedding (Chapel)

Monday, November 28

7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Tuesday, November 29

1 p.m.—DFCS Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)

5:30 p.m.—Writing Proficiency Exam (Cordell Conf. Room)

6 p.m.—Tifton Woman's Center Banquet (Magnolia Room)

Wednesday, November 30

6 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Thursday, December 1

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

6 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

6:30 p.m.—Georgia Cotton Women Banquet (Magnolia Room)

Friday, December 2

6 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship Sing (Chapel)

8 p.m.—Sumner Birthday Party (Nickelodeon)

Saturday, December 3

8 a.m.—National SAT

10 a.m.—CAMP Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room)

Monday, December 5

7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)