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## Ag Sciences Building Receives Design Award

The Agricultural Sciences Building on the ABAC campus has been recognized as an Outstanding Design – Specialized Category, from *American School and University* magazine.

“We are proud of one of our signature buildings being recognized as a national model for educational design,” ABAC Interim President Tom Call said.

The design is featured in the institution’s Architectural Portfolio for the 2004 year. The annual publication honors educational design excellence. The Ag Sciences Building is one of 258 projects listed in the publication.

The 38,669 square feet, \$7.1 million



**Architect Kent McClure (center) shares a copy of the publication which recognized the ABAC Ag Sciences Building for outstanding design with Ag Division Chair Larry Allen (left) and Interim President Tom Call.**

dollar project was designed by the firm of Yielding, Wakeford, and McGee Architects, PC. Kent McClure

was Principal-in-Charge of the design.

In considering projects for publication, specific characteristics including innovation; program/building; organization; meaningfulness, representation; and design continuity and balance were evaluated. Significance was placed on features that would facilitate advancements in research and teaching methods.

The building, which opened in January, 2004, houses seven classrooms, including a distance learning classroom, five general labs, two computer labs, and an outdoor animal science lab.

## First Tuesday Concert This Week



The First Tuesday Performance Series on Tuesday will feature ABAC students and faculty musicians.

The performance will begin at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. A variety of musical selections will be performed by the ABAC Saxophone Quartet, Jazz Choir, and Brass Quintet.

The Saxophone Quartet will

perform *Three Shades of Blue* arranged by Paul Nagle, and *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* arranged by Jack Gale.

The Jazz Choir will swing into gear with *Swingin’ at Basie’s Place* by Kirby Shaw and the Broadway hit *And All That Jazz* from the musical, “Chicago.”

The Brass Quintet will play *Air and Allegro* from “King Arthur”, *Serenade in G* by Mozart, and *Washington Post March* by John Philip Sousa.

## ABAC Scholarship Deadline Tuesday

The deadline for submitting applications for scholarships at Abraham Baldwin is Tuesday. Students who are interested in scholarships for the 2005-06 academic year should apply to the Office of Academic Affairs in Tift Hall.

Sixty-three scholarships totaling \$52,700 were awarded to ABAC students during the annual Honors Day event last April. The awards were funded by the ABAC Foundation.

For information, contact the Office of Academic Affairs at 391-4780.





**Whitney Lightfoot and the rest of Coach Alton Hudgins' Fillies' tennis team will be in action on Tuesday.**

## Enjoy the Sunshine & Sports This Week

The ABAC women's tennis team and the fastpitch softball team will be in action at home Tuesday when Coach Alton Hudgins' Fillies host Georgia Perimeter on the tennis courts at 3 p.m. and Coach Donna Campbell's team takes on Tallahassee in a 3 p.m. doubleheader at Fillies' Field.

On Friday, Coach Steve Janousek's baseball team hosts John Wood for a 1 p.m. twin-bill. The Stallions get into conference action on Saturday with a 1 p.m. doubleheader against Truett-McConnell. ABAC will also host Truett for a 1 p.m. game at Stallion Field on Sunday.

## Staff Excellence Award Nominations Due Tuesday



The deadline for nominations for the Jackson Award for Staff Excellence is Tuesday at 5 p.m. To nominate an exceptional ABAC staff member, go to the Staff Forum page on the ABAC website. Click on "Roy Jackson Award—Spring Semester Only" and follow the instructions. The winner of the award will be announced at the Honors Day ceremony on April 13.

## Wyles Reception Set for March 14

A reception will be held in honor of Gene Wyles, director of bands at ABAC, on March 14. The reception is in recognition of Wyles being inducted into the Georgia Band Directors Hall of Fame last month.

The event will take place in the Music Building from 4–6 p.m. The ABAC campus and community are welcome to come and celebrate Wyles' achievement.

The Georgia Band Directors Hall of Fame's purpose is to acknowledge outstanding performance of band directors, musicians, and teachers of the past and present.

## Basketball Teams Begin Tournaments

Coach Todd Sheppard's basketball Stallions will travel to Cleveland on Tuesday to play Truett-McConnell in the first round of the state tournament. The winner will play South Georgia Tech on Friday at 8 p.m. in Americus.

Coach Julie Conner's Fillies will also take on Truett-McConnell in the first round of the state tournament in Albany on Thursday at 8 p.m.



## ABAC Field Days For Kids March 7-8

Several area third grade teachers will bring their classes to the campus for the first annual "ABAC Field Days" on March 7-8.

Planned activities for this event include a mini-rodeo, an exotic animal collection tour, and other activities at the ABAC Farm. Activities begin at 9 a.m. and conclude with a hot dog lunch at Lake Baldwin at noon.

Contact Vonda Fenn at 391-5070 or e-mail at [vfenn@abac.edu](mailto:vfenn@abac.edu) for further information.

## Federal Funds Have Positive Impact on ABAC's Mission

A little known fact about the budget of Abraham Baldwin is that over \$2 million in funding each year comes from the federal government.

Federal Funds Coordinator Wasdon Graydon said the college could not serve its many constituents without the federal assistance.

"All these programs are beneficial to the campus and to the community," Graydon said.

ABAC Interim President Tom Call echoed Graydon's sentiments.

"These federal programs are important in that they function to make higher education more feasible for populations that otherwise have very



**Wasdon Graydon**

limited access to college," Call said.

Georgia's congressional delegation plays a key role in making sure that the college continues to receive this much needed assistance.

One prime example was the recent announcement that ABAC will receive \$250,000 through the Georgia Project. Representative Sanford Bishop played an important part in securing the funding, which will promote English as a Second Language (ESL) to Hispanic K-12 students.

For many years, ABAC has operated the Upward Bound Classic and Upward Bound Tiftarea programs, which provide college preparatory classes for low income and potential first generation college students.

The College Assistant Migrant Program (CAMP) has assisted many migrant/seasonal farm workers and their dependents in their goal of enrolling in college and successfully completing

the freshman year.

Another program which aids many Hispanics and migrant/seasonal farm workers is the High School Equivalency (HEP) program, which assists adults who do not have a high school diploma. They enroll in classes to obtain a GED certificate.

The Gaining Early Awareness/Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR UP) prepares area teenagers for enrollment in postsecondary educational institutions.

On campus, Graydon heads up an area called Student Support Services, which provides academic support services for first generation ABAC students as well as individuals with disabilities.

"ABAC would not be the college it is today without this federal support," Call said. "We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all those who represent us well in Washington."



## Open Campus Day a Great Success

Gressette Gym took on a festive atmosphere last Wednesday when all areas of the campus were front and center for the largest recruiting day of the year. Recruitment Director Ali Kilby said 1,153 prospective students, parents, and high school personnel visited the college. (top right) The ABAC Ambassadors gave tours of the campus. (bottom right) Tuition grant winner Gannon Adams from Mansfield received congratulations from Mr. ABAC Elton Baldy and Ms. ABAC Jessica Jones. Thanks to all who helped make the day a success.



## Jones Monthly High Five Winner

Interim President Tom Call congratulates Cindy Jones, Media Services Coordinator, on winning the High Five Award drawing for the month of February. Jones' nomination stated: "Cindy coordinated the technology for our Showcasing Teacher Quality event on Feb. 15. She went above and beyond by staying after hours to videotape the entire program, then packed up all the equipment we left at the end of the evening."



## Armed Forces Salute March 7

The Tift County High School Concert and Symphonic bands will present an Armed Forces Salute concert at 7:30 p.m. on March 7 in the TCHS Performing Arts Center. Local guest musicians, including ABAC's own Don Coates and Eugene Wyles; the TCHS Women's Chorus, and the Georgia 51st AFROTC unit will also be featured during the event.

TCHS Director of Bands Woody Leonard said the evening will conclude with a salute to local veterans and a rousing rendition of *The Stars and Stripes Forever*.

Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Veterans and current members of the Armed Forces will be admitted free.

## In Memory

For those who wish to honor the memory of Chris Maxwell, the son of Dr. Chrystle Ross, you may send contributions to the Valdosta Methodist Children's Home, P.O. Box 2947, Valdosta, GA 31604-2947. Contributions can be made in memory of William Christopher Maxwell and in honor of his daughter, Kendall Joanna Maxwell.

## ABAC Public Relations

ABAC 30, 2802 Moore Highway  
Tifton, GA 31793-2601  
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### AAC Workshops This Week

The Academic Assistance Center will host the following workshops for ABAC students this week:

**Reading a Textbook—It's Different!**  
Thursday, 2-3 p.m.

*Is your textbook a mystery? Just Doesn't make sense? Learn how to read your textbook and really understand what it says.*

**Regents' Reading Preparation**  
Thursday, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

*Find out how to be successful on the reading portion of the Regents' Exam.*

To sign up for this workshop, stop by the Academic Assistance Center located in the Carlton Center, L-104.

### Care & Concern

Larry Williams, ABAC SODEXHO Director, is recuperating after undergoing surgery to remove a malignant tumor from his stomach last week. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as he begins further treatment.

### Celebrating Birthdays March



- 3 Shelly Davis
- 4 Diane Kilgore
- 7 Fran Kinchen

### Positions Open

#### ABAC:

- CAMP Recruiter (deadline 3/4)
- Director of Procurement  
Salary commensurate with experience (deadline 3/5)

#### Albany State:

- Assistant/Associate Professor of Chemistry (deadline 3/15)
- Chair, Dept. of Counseling & Ed Leadership (deadline 3/15)
- Chair, Teacher Ed (deadline 3/15)

#### Waycross:

- Instructor/Asst Professor of Mathematics (deadline 3/15)
- Instructor/Asst Professor of Criminal Justice (deadline 3/15)

Contact Human Resources for details.

### Water Tank Maintenance on Tap



ABAC's water tanks are scheduled to be cleaned and serviced on March 7-8 to insure the water supply is properly maintained. During this time, the campus will be on the City of Tifton water supply. Water pressure will be less than normal campuswide, including ABAC Place.

### Memoir Writing Class Begins on March 14

A Memoir Writing: The Story of Your Life class will begin on March 14 at Abraham Baldwin.

The class will be held from March 14 -April 4 from 5-6:30 p.m. in Conger Hall. The March 14 and 21 sessions will meet in Room 220, and the March 28 and April 4 classes will meet in Room 222. There is a fee of \$59. Pre-registration is required.

For additional information or to register, contact the Public Service & Business Outreach Center at 391-5070.

In this class, aspiring writers will develop skills to take an artistic look down memory lane to help document their contribution to family history or simply leave their mark for future generations. No previous writing experience is required.



### ABAC Family

**Alton Hudgins** and **Alan Kramer** talked women's and men's tennis at ABAC on the WTIF Morning Show on Wednesday.

**Nancy Coleman** recently served as a judge for the preliminary speech competition at Williams Middle School in Moultrie. She also served as a judge for the FFA Regional public speaking contest.

**Dr. Ed Seagle** served as a judge for the 2005 Georgia Farm Bureau Scholarship Finalists Interviews on Feb. 19 in Macon.

**Dr. Maggie Martin** administered the Test of Spoken English to four students on Feb. 19. She also attended the College Board's Southern Regional Forum in Atlanta on Feb. 10 for training on the new SAT I with Writing.

Spring  
Break  
March 7-11



### Calendar of Events

#### Monday, February 28

- 8 a.m.—DHR/DFCS Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

#### Tuesday, March 1

- 8 a.m.—DHR/DFCS Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- Noon—Nursing Students Luncheon (Magnolia Room)
- 3 p.m.—Softball Doubleheader: Fillies vs. Tallahassee (Fillies Field)
- 7 p.m.—First Tuesday Concert (Chapel)

#### Wednesday, March 2

- 8 a.m.—DHR/DFCS Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

#### Thursday, March 3

- 8 a.m.—DHR/DFCS Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 10 a.m.—RACSA Meeting (Ag Sciences 139)
- Noon—RACSA Lunch (Magnolia Room)

#### Friday, March 4

- 8 a.m.—DHR/DFCS Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 8 a.m.—RACSA Meeting (Ag Sciences 139)
- 1 p.m.—Baseball Doubleheader: Stallions vs. John Wood (Stallion Field)
- 7 p.m.—President's Club Dinner (Dining Hall)
- 7 p.m.—Jones/Coarsey Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)

#### Saturday, March 5

- 1 p.m.—Baseball Doubleheader: Stallions vs. Truett McConnell (Stallion Field)
- 3 p.m.—Jones/Coarsey Wedding (Chapel)
- 7 p.m.—Willis Party (Nickelodeon)

#### Sunday, March 6

- 1 p.m.—Baseball: Stallions vs. Truett McConnell (Stallion Field)

#### Monday, March 7

Today—Spring Break