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ABAC Band Director Inducted into Hall of Fame

Eugene Wyles, Director of Bands at ABAC, was recently inducted into the Georgia Band Directors Hall of Fame at the annual Georgia Music Educators Association Conference in Savannah.

Wyles said, "I was somewhat speechless. I know some of the founding members. They were my mentors, and it was shocking to be equated to them."

Wyles' 46-year distinguished career in music includes 31 years as director of bands at Worth County High School in Sylvester, where he enjoyed a successful career with many accomplishments and awards with the Worth County music program, and 15 years as director of bands at ABAC.

"My father's side was always musically interested. But I didn't really decide music was what I wanted to do until ninth grade," Wyles said.

Wyles earned a BFA from the University of Florida, MME from Vandercook College of Music in Chicago, and is a graduate of the U.S. Naval School of Music in Washington, D.C. During his high school teaching career, he was selected STAR Teacher on four separate occasions and was recipient of the yearbook dedication.

Most recently, he was selected Band Director of the Year at the Southeast Band Directors Clinic held at Troy State University. In 1994, he was presented the Distinguished Career Award at the Georgia Music Educators Association Convention.

Wyles is a past president of the Georgia Chapter of Phi Beta Mu honorary music fraternity and a past State



Eugene Wyles has been inducted into the Georgia Band Directors Hall of Fame

by the state of Georgia Zeta Chapter of the national band fraternity, Phi Beta Mu. The Georgia Band Directors Hall of Fame's main purpose is to honor band directors, both past and present, who have distinguished themselves as outstanding musicians and teachers. There were 15 charter members, and since

1987 only five conductors have been honored with this distinction. Wyles became the sixth. The Hall of Fame is housed in the Lowell Mason Room (national founding father of music education) in the Savannah Civic Center. The official hanging ceremony will take place in Savannah in March during the Georgia All-State band performance.

The Georgia Band Directors Hall of Fame was established in May of 1987

Open Campus Day on February 23



High school students from across Georgia will converge on Gressette Gym on Feb. 23 for the Winter Open Campus Day.

Set-up for division, office, and club displays will be on Feb. 22 from 3-5 p.m. Set-up will also be allowed from 8-9 a.m. on Feb. 23. All displays must be set up and ready for visitors at 9:15 a.m. All exhibits must be taken down from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

One of the visiting students will receive a \$500 tuition grant thanks to the generosity of Public Relations, Student

Life, SGA, and the Admissions/Registrar's office.

Campus walking tours and a campus bus tour will be available. Wayne Jones and the Jazz Choir will perform, and Donna Hatcher's art students will have an art exhibit. Bernice Hughes has arranged for a vendor to make key chain souvenirs for the visitors.

One of the highlights of the day will be a visit to the ABAC Place apartments. The students will receive a free lunch in the Donaldson Dining Hall and then adjourn to an Exploring Majors and Careers time with academic disciplines across the campus.

A complete schedule of Open Campus Day will be in next week's FOCUS.

Mr. ABAC to be Selected on February 17

Twenty men attending Abraham Baldwin will compete for the title of Mr. ABAC in the 15th annual competition on Feb. 17. The theme for this year's event is "Hollywood Nights." Sponsored, produced, and directed by the Family and Consumer Sciences Club, the event will begin at 7 p.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall. The cost is \$3 for general admission.

Contestants are sponsored by campus clubs, athletic teams, residence halls, and student media. They will compete in casual attire, formal attire, and interview categories. Contestants will also be judged on a written timed essay. The top contestant will receive a plaque and a cash prize.

A contestant's award will also be given. The recipient of this award is chosen by the other contestants. The Family and Consumer Sciences Club members will choose "Mr. Photogenic," "Best Eyes," "Best Smile," and other awards.

Dotty Davis, from K-Country 104.5, and John Baldwin will emcee the event. Entertainment will be provided by



Twenty ABAC gentlemen will compete for the title of Mr. ABAC on Feb. 17

Devon Fleming, Miss Historic First City and former ABAC student. Family and Consumer Sciences Club President Jessica Landmon of Baxley will present the award to Mr. ABAC 2005. Last year's winner was Samuel McGaughey, an animal science/herd health major from Lakemont.

Students involved in this year's competition include Daniel Alamo, a computer science major from Fitzgerald; Vikash Amin, a physician assistant major from Peachtree City; Elton Baldy, an agriculture education major from Norman Park; Jeffrey Barksdale, a secondary education major from Conyers; Jesse Bolton, an agricultural and envi-

ronmental science major from Dawson; Brent Brock, a biology major from Arabi; John Gibbs, a secondary education major from Tifton.; Bradley Hall, a pre-veterinary major from Pavo; Chase Hemphill, a wildlife technology major from Blairsville; William Herringdine, a pre-veterinary major from Carrollton; Ben Hutchens, a business administration major from Cordele; Bradley

Lowe, a pre-medicine major from Reynolds; Michael Maynard, an agricultural education major from Byron; and Marcus McGee, a political science major from Adel.

Also competing are Jesse McMillan, a pre-dentistry major from Enigma; Marshall Musgrove, an agriculture education major from Norman Park; Will Rineair, an agriculture education major from Fitzgerald; Nathan Roberts, a wildlife technology major from Fairmount; Jeremy Rogers, an undeclared major from Watkinsville; and Neal Torley, IV, a landscape design major from Orange Park, Fla.



Fillies Softball, Tennis Scheduled Thursday

Thursday will be a big day for women's sports at ABAC. Coach Donna Campbell's 3-1 Fillies will host Georgia Southwestern for a 3 p.m. softball doubleheader, and the tennis Fillies of Coach Alton Hudgins will host Albany State at 3 p.m. at the Red Hill Tennis Center. Hudgins' team will also host Young Harris on Saturday at 10 a.m. Coach Steve Janousek's baseball

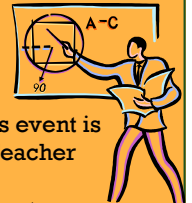
team is off to a 1-4 start. The Stallions' next home game will be against George Wallace at 4 p.m. Feb. 17.

Coach Alan Kramer's men's tennis team lost to NCAA Division II National Champion West Florida on Saturday. The Stallions' home opener will be on Feb. 15 against Gordon.

Coach Todd Sheppard's basketball Stallions shocked 15th ranked Truett-McConnell 88-87 in overtime Saturday for their biggest win of the year. The Fillies of Coach Julie Conner completed the sweep with a 64-60 win.

Teacher Quality Showcase February 15

A Teacher Quality Showcase will be held on Feb. 15 from 4-6 p.m. in the Cordell Conference Room. This event is part of the Improving Teacher Quality Grant.



Twenty-three Tift County School System and ABAC faculty members will participate in the showcase, which will feature workshops in history, economics, English/Literature, mathematics, and science.

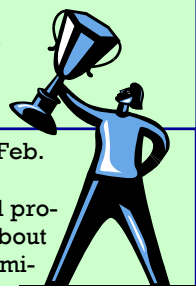
For more information, contact Sue Wilson, Associate Professor of Education at ABAC at 391-5090 or Mary Anne Gibbs of the Tift County Board of Education at 386-6500.



Snyder High Five Monthly Winner

Interim President Tom Call congratulates Barbara Snyder, Secretary in the ABAC Bookstore, on winning the High Five Award drawing for the month of January. Snyder's nomination stated, "Barbara Snyder has performed extremely well under a great deal of pressure that usually goes unnoticed. During book rush Barbara has people pulling her strings from all angles and she does an outstanding job of juggling all of her assignments while not falling behind in any of her assigned duties. She keeps the bookstore's bills paid on time, which keeps us in good standing with our vendors. She is one of those employees whose efforts may go unnoticed by the masses yet the masses reap the results of her endeavors on a daily basis. Barbara deserves a "High Five" for her unselfish attitude and the continued excellent execution of duties in the Bookstore."

Alumni Award Nominations Deadline on February 15



Nominations are now being accepted for the awards presented annually by the ABAC Alumni Association. The honors will be awarded at the Homecoming Awards Luncheon to be held on April 2. All awards are based on professional achievement, community service, and service to the college. Anyone who attended ABAC for one full year and has 30 semester hours or 45 quarter hours of credit is eligible for nomination.

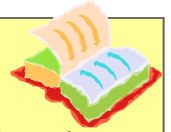
Nomination forms are available by contacting Alumni Director Nancy Coleman at 391-4898 or via e-mail at ncoleman@abac.edu, or by logging on to www.abac.edu/alumni and clicking on the "Alumni Award Nominations" link. Completed nominations

must be returned by Feb. 15.

Nominations should provide specific details about the person being nominated. Nominations can be made by alumni, friends, family members, or ABAC faculty and staff.

"The awards program is the Alumni Association's way of recognizing individuals who have excelled in their professions and in their service to the community," said Coleman. "Some years the award winners are well-known, and some years those who work quietly behind the scenes are recognized. By bringing distinction to themselves, these alumni bring distinction to ABAC."

Poet to Read February 14



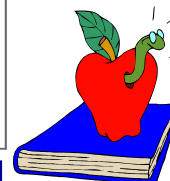
Tom C. Hunley, author of three poetry books, will read at Abraham Baldwin on Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Cordell Conference Room, Section C, of the Carlton Center.

Hunley will read from his published works and works in progress, followed by a brief question and answer session. Books will be available for sale and can be signed by the author. The event is open to the public at no charge.

Hunley is the author of *The Tongue; Still, There's a Glimmer*; and *My Life as a Minor Character*, which was co-winner of Pecan Grove's national chapbook contest in 2003. He is currently finishing *Towards a Rhetoric of Poetry Writing Instruction*, an excerpt of which will appear in an upcoming edition of *The Writer's Chronicle*.

Hunley is an assistant professor of English at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green and also operates a small poetry press called Steel Toe Books. This event is sponsored by the Humanities Division at ABAC.

Early Bird Registration Deadline March 1



Incoming freshmen who want the best chance of getting their preferred classes in a favored time slot for the fall term at ABAC must meet the Early Bird deadline of March 1.

A special orientation session will be held in June prior to all other freshmen orientation sessions for those prospective students who meet the deadline.

Prospective students must have completed an application with the application fee, high school transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, medical history form, and any placement testing results by March 1 in order to attend this invitation-only session. Those who meet these qualifications will receive the invitation in the mail.

Care & Concern

Chris Maxwell, the son of Dr. Chrystle Ross, is in critical condition in a Macon hospital after he was involved in a motorcycle accident over the weekend. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Black History Month Opportunities

ABAC's Minority Advising Program and MASDA will sponsor several activities during Black History Month. The theme is "Legacies of the Past: Transforming the Future." Everyone is invited to attend the events listed below. Contact Marsha Anderson for information at 392-5160.

Feb. 7-10

Jim Crow Law Video Series—7:30 p.m., Cordell Conference Room, Section A
A Social Science faculty member will facilitate each night

Feb. 14

Valentine's Dance—Nickelodeon, 8 p.m.

Valentine's Day Grams, Pictures, & Raffle for Red Lobster

Feb. 22

Talent Show—7 p.m., Nickelodeon

Feb. 24

Black History Program—Chapel, 7 p.m.
(Co-sponsored by Christian Student Fellowship)

In an effort to keep ABAC's Staff informed, the upcoming administration of the Staff Forum will contribute to

this fine publication on a regular basis. The Staff Forum met on Feb. 2 for its regular semester meeting. The guest speaker was our Interim President, Tom Call. He spoke about various issues that concern all of us, such as the Salary Study that is currently underway, state of the budget for our institution, the SAC's re-accreditation, and the return of summer hours this year.

Forum Chair Philip Hightower announced the new officers who will take office at the beginning of the summer term. They are Chair Olga Contreras, Vice Chair Brenda Doss, Secretary Reba Selph, and Parliamentarian Ellen Resta.

The Staff Forum will sponsor a fund

Staff Matters



raising event on Valentine's Day. Items ranging in price from \$3-\$5 will be located outside of Conger Hall. To see the items available, go to <http://www.abac.edu/fs/StaffForum/Valentine/>

Monies earned from fund raising events of the Staff Forum are used for the Roy Jackson Award of Excellence given each year during Honors Day and ABAC scholarships.

The next meeting of the Staff Forum will be June 29 at 3 p.m.

Kickliter Passes Away

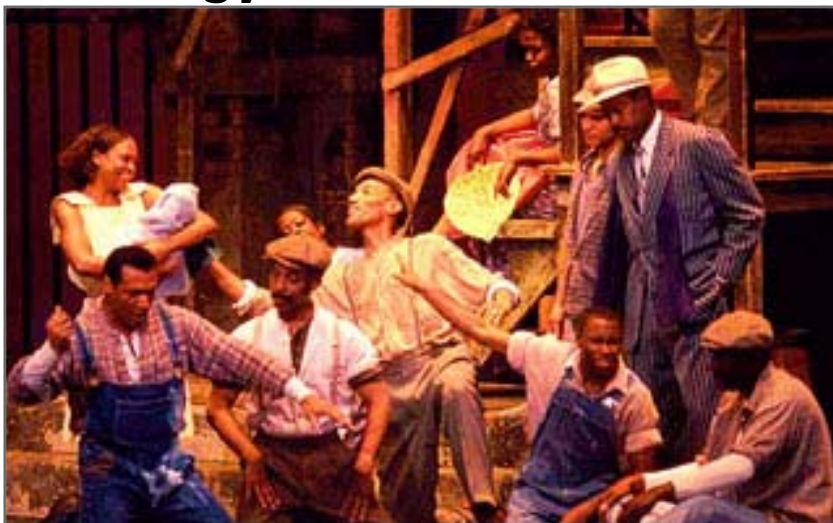
Friday's *Tifton Gazette* reported the death of former ABAC Humanities Division Chair Ralph Kickliter. The *Gazette* article said that Dr. Kickliter was a professor of Humanities and the accompanist for the Glee Club from 1948 until 1968. He was 82.

Gershwin's 'Porgy and Bess' Comes to TCHS Stage

George Gershwin's American masterpiece "Porgy and Bess" will be performed at the Tift County High School Performing Arts Center Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. The production is a part of the world tour presented by Living Arts, Inc. The current production has received standing ovations and excellent reviews on six continents and in over 400 cities.

"After performing in Tifton, this group is heading across the Atlantic to give performances in England and Scotland including Edinburgh, Buxton and Birmingham. The South Georgia Arts Alliance has tapped another world-class production for the Tift area," commented Wayne Jones, Executive Director of the ABAC Arts Connection.

This event is a part of the South Georgia Arts Alliance's Art and Entertainment Series. Individual tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students under the age of 18. ABAC students are admitted free with a valid ID. Tickets



"Porgy and Bess" will be presented on Feb. 15 at Tift County High

served as the inspiration and basis for the collaboration between George Gershwin, Ira Gershwin and Heyward that eventually became the boundary breaking musical drama, "Porgy and Bess."

Recognized as an American masterpiece, the story entwines pride, prejudice, pathos and passion through a jazz and blues influenced score. "Porgy and Bess" includes great songs like *Summertime*, *I Got Plenty O' Nuttin'* and *It Ain't Necessarily So*.

In presenting this play, Living Arts Inc. has drawn cast and production personnel from some of America's leading musical companies. Will Roberson is the director and Maestro Zoltan Papp leads the orchestra.

A behind the scene glimpse of this production will be given at 7 p.m. Members of the touring group will discuss the story, the actors and life as a part of a touring production.

For a preview of the performance, go to www.southgaarts.com and follow the link to "Porgy and Bess."

can be purchased by calling the ABAC Arts Connection at 391-4820 or at the door.

"Tickets to this quality production would make a great Valentine's gift and it is certainly affordable," said Jones.

"Porgy and Bess" is based on the DuBose Heyward novel that tells the moving story of the cripple Porgy and the residents of Charleston's famed Catfish Row. It later became a successful play called "Porgy" written by Heyward and his wife, Dorothy. This play

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Order Ahead for Valentine Roses

The ABAC Ambassadors are again sponsoring their annual Valentine's Rose Sale. The roses will be wrapped appropriately for Valentine giving and can be picked up on Feb. 14. See any Ambassador or call the Public Relations Office at 5055 to place an order at the following prices:

1 Rose \$5
3 Roses \$15
6 Roses \$25
1 Dozen Roses \$35



Care & Concern

Bobbie Baldree's daughter-in-law, Tracy Baldree, is recuperating at home after undergoing surgery at Emory on Jan. 27. Please keep her in your prayers.

Positions Open

ABAC:

- Instructor/Assistant Professor in Nursing (deadline 2/22)
- Senior Secretary, Student Life & Housing — Internal Search Salary \$18,000-\$19,500 (deadline 2/11)
- Senior Secretary, PSBOC Internal Search (deadline 2/7)

Andrew College:

- VP for Business Affairs
- Director of Admissions

Contact Human Resources for details.

ABAC Family

Interim President Tom Call was an in-studio guest on Chris Beckham's Morning Show on WTIF Thursday. He was also the guest speaker at the Moultrie Kiwanis Club Thursday. **Michael Chason** also spoke at the program.

Dr. Susan Roe appeared on The Morning Show on WTIF Tuesday.

Michael Chason was a guest on the WALB-TV Noon News show on Wednesday.

AAC Workshops This Week

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

Are You Listening? — Tues., 2-3 p.m.
How you listen not only affects your personal relationships, but also your academic success. Learn about your own personal style of listening to see if you are truly listening or simply hearing what you want to hear.

Inventing an Essay — Wed., 2-3 p.m.
Most student writers find that the number one stumbling block to their writing is simple: they don't have anything to say about a topic. Learn to develop meaningful topics with the intellectual. Participate in a hands-on guided exercise in topic invention.

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



Aloha for Adrian!

Adrian Salter said good-bye to ABAC last Monday after 30 years of service with the Physical Plant. We wish him well in his retirement years.

Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Herb Shippey whose mother passed away on Jan. 27. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Celebrating Birthdays



February

7 Ernest Kelly
12 Charlotte Davis
12 Todd Hicks

Calendar of Events

Monday, February 7

- 8 a.m.—DHR/DFCS Training (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 9 a.m.—Managing Problem Employees (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 6:30 p.m. Black History Month Series (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Tuesday, February 8

- 8 a.m.—DHR/DFCS Training (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 9 a.m.—How to Get People to Pay (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 6:30 p.m. Black History Month Series (Cordell Conf. Room A)

Wednesday, February 9

- 8 a.m.—DHR/DFCS Training (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 11 a.m.—Student Support Services Workshop (Cordell Conf. Rm A)
- 6:30 p.m. Black History Month Series (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Thursday, February 10

- 8 a.m.—DHR/DFCS Training (Cordell Conf. Room C)

Thursday, February 7—Continued

- 3 p.m.—Softball: Fillies vs. Georgia Southwestern (Fillies Field)
- 3 p.m.—Tennis: Fillies vs. Albany State (ABAC Tennis Center)
- 6 p.m.—TCHS Chorus Rehearsal (Dining Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Black History Month Series (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 8 a.m.—DHR/DFCS Training (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 6:30 p.m. Black History Month Series (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 7 p.m.—TCHS Chorus Valentine's Dinner Theater (Dining Hall)

Saturday, February 12

- 10 a.m.—Tennis: Fillies vs. Young Harris (ABAC Tennis Center)

Monday, February 14

- 6 p.m.—Tifton-Tift Co. Arts Council (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 7 p.m.—Tom C. Hunley Poetry Reading (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 7 p.m.—Tift Co. Foundation for Educational Excellence/Tifton Rotary Banquet (Dining Hall)
- 7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)