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ABAC Homecoming Activities Begin Thursday

The Golden Anniversary Class of 1955 will kick off the Homecoming weekend at ABAC Thursday with a social and dinner at the Donaldson Dining Hall beginning at 6 p.m.

On Friday, Interim President Tom Call will address the group at 11 a.m. in the Cordell Conference Room, comparing the ABAC Class of 1955 to the ABAC Class of 2005. That presentation will be followed by the Golden Anniversary Luncheon at noon in the Donaldson Dining Hall. Each class member will be presented a specially commissioned bronze medallion, commemorating the induction of the class.

The Candlelight Remembrance Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths. In a service led by an area minister, individuals are invited to light a candle in memory of an alumnus, student, faculty/staff member or friend of the college. Because the country is currently at war, candles may also be lit in honor of someone serving in the military.

The Homecoming dinner and dance



will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the dining hall. This event is open to alumni and the general public for \$22 per person. Following a meal, alumni and friends will be listening and dancing to hits from the 50's to the 80's provided by MusicMASTER Disc Jockeys from Buford. This event is open to the public.

On Saturday, students and young alumni will meet with seasoned professionals at the "Networking in the Industry" event sponsored by the Ag Alumni Council at 10 a.m. The gathering will be held at the Rowan Pavilion at Lake Baldwin and will include lunch.

Call will once again address alumni at 11 a.m. in the Cordell Conference Room. His remarks will focus on where ABAC will be headed over the next

five to ten years, including a sneak preview at the soon-to-be-released Master Plan.

The highlight of the weekend will be the Alumni Awards Luncheon at noon in the Donaldson Dining Hall. Alumni from various walks of life will be honored for their contributions to their professions, their communities, and ABAC. One very special individual will be recognized as an Honorary Alumnus. The Legacy Family will also be introduced at the luncheon.

Alumni who bring prospective students to the event can send them to the annual Spring Open Campus Day from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday.

Ticket orders can be picked up at the Alumni Office or registration desk at Homecoming. A limited number of tickets will be available the day of Homecoming but will be assessed a late charge of \$2 per ticket.

For tickets and more information, contact the ABAC Alumni Office at 229-391-4898. Homecoming details can be viewed at www.abac.edu.

Peach State Stampede This Week

The 11th Annual Peach State Stampede Rodeo will be held at ABAC Friday and Saturday as part of this year's Homecoming activities. Events will begin each evening at 8 p.m. at the ABAC Rodeo Arena. Tickets are \$8 for the general public, \$5 for ABAC students, and \$5 for children under the age of 12. Events for this competition will include bull riding, bareback, calf roping, team roping, and barrel racing.



ABAC Spring Concert Thursday



The Jazz Band will be one of the featured groups performing in the Spring Concert on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.

ABAC's Concert Band under the direction of Eugene Wyles and Jazz Ensemble conducted by Donald B. Coates will host their annual Spring Concert on Thursday.

The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. The concert is free to the public.

The band will begin with "Barber of Seville" arranged by M.L. Lake. Selections from "The Sound of Music" arranged by Jim Christensen will follow. The band will perform the title song, along with "Do-Re-Mi", "My Favorite Things", and "Climb Every Mountain".

"From Sea to Shining Sea" based on the song "America the Beautiful" and written by Katherine Lee Bates and composed by Samuel A. Ward will be performed by Dr. Susan Roe, who is part of the music faculty of ABAC.

The band will continue its performance with "Festival", a dynamic and bold piece. The band's performance

will culminate with "Americans We", arranged by Henry Fillmore.

The ABAC jazz Ensemble will begin its performance with "Hot House", a swing piece composed by Jack Cooper. The Bossa Nova sounds of "The Girl from Ipanema" will follow, arranged by Mark Taylor. Wyles will be the featured tenor saxophone player, music major Nguyen Ly will play alto saxophone, and music major Lee Cross will be drum soloist for this number.

"God Bless the Child" will slow the pace of the evening. This piece was made popular by 1930s Jazz soloist Billie Holiday. Adrian Rivers, a sophomore music major, will be lead soloist for this song.

"Formula One" will pick up the tempo. The final performance for the Jazz Ensemble will be "Manteca", made most popular by jazz trumpet player Dizzy Gillespie and arranged by Mike Tomaro.

Open Campus Day Saturday

The annual Spring Open Campus Day will be held Saturday from 2-4 p.m. in the Cordell Conference Room of the Carlton Center. Setup for exhibitors will be from 1-5 p.m. on Friday in Section A. All exhibits must be in place by 1 p.m. on Saturday. The prospective students and their parents usually begin arriving at 1:15 p.m. Takedown for exhibits is at 3:15 p.m. A complete schedule for Open Campus Day is on page four of the *FOCUS*.

Honors Day April 13



The annual ABAC Honors Day Program will be held on April 13 at 11 a.m. in Gressette Gym.

Students will be awarded scholarships from the ABAC Foundation as well as receive recognition for academic accomplishments.

One student will be the recipient of the J.G. Woodroof Scholar Award during the proceedings. This is given to the student who is recognized in a proclamation by the Georgia General Assembly. Woodroof was president of ABAC from 1933 - 34.

The top faculty member, staff member, administrator, and advisor will also be recognized during the program.

For more information on Honors Day, contact Brenda Doss in the Office of Academic Affairs at 391-4780.

Spring Sports Teams in Action

Fillies' fastpitch softball takes center stage Thursday when Coach Donna Campbell's team hosts archrival Middle Georgia for a 2 p.m. twin-bill. Freshman Amber Whittle (right) shows how flexible one must be to play a phenomenal first base.

The Fillies will return to Fillies' Field Friday for a Homecoming 3 p.m. doubleheader against always tough Georgia Perimeter. Come out and enjoy some great softball action.

Coach Alan Kramer's men's tennis team is also at home this week. The Stallions take on Georgia Southwestern at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the ABAC Tennis Center.





Congressman Speaks at Career Day

Congressman Sanford Bishop (center) was the guest speaker at the Upward Bound Career Day on March 19. Upward Bound Director Ken Newkirk (left) coordinated the program, and ABAC Interim President Tom Call (right) gave the welcoming remarks to the students.

Bozeman a Fan of ABAC on the Square



Joey Bozeman

After being away from the classroom setting for several years, Joey Bozeman from Moultrie started thinking about college. The thought of a jam-packed lecture hall on a huge campus did not seem appealing.

That's when the Abraham Baldwin

location in Moultrie called ABAC on the Square proved to be a perfect fit.

"I wanted to go to college badly but I never would have gone to a big campus," Bozeman said. "I tried Moultrie Tech, but I just wasn't comfortable. At ABAC on the Square it was inviting, not intimidating."

Kay Powell, Director of ABAC on the Square, said, "When Joey first started here he was in my freshman seminar class. He was very quiet and shy. But as the semesters went by he became more and more confident. He rose to the challenge that his classes put him under."

Bozeman's self-esteem grew in leaps and bounds. He went from thinking "I can't do this" to "this isn't bad after all" to "yes, I can."

"Going to ABAC opened me up to doing things I never would have done before," said Bozeman. "Now, I go up to people I don't even know and talk to them because the campus has a hometown atmosphere. That is what I liked best about my time there."

Bozeman had another big change come his way last summer when one of his classes was dropped at the Moultrie location.

"Ms. Powell said I could take the class at the main campus in Tifton. At first I wasn't sure about that. But when she said the class would be small, I went. I felt better, too, when I recognized some other people from Moultrie."

Shortly after his first class on ABAC's main campus, he moved to Tifton to continue his education. Bozeman graduates in May with an Associate's degree in Allied Health and begins his studies at the Medical College of Georgia to eventually obtain a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy.

Bozeman would like to return to Moultrie upon completion of his degree and practice in a therapy clinic.

"I would recommend ABAC on the Square and the main campus of ABAC to anyone interested in college," Bozeman said. "It helped my self-esteem in a big way and was quite an eye-opener."

'Books and More'

Please donate your unwanted books, movies, DVDs, albums, and cassettes to the Student Life and Housing Office's "Books and More Sale" which will benefit Relay for Life. The sale will be held April 14-15.

Student Life & Housing will also host its annual yard sale on April 16 in front of Lewis Hall from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Booth rental is \$20, which also goes to Relay for Life. Clean out your closets and earn some money! Call 391-5140 for details.

Regents Textbook Forum April 6



In response to a growing national concern on the part of students, parents, college and university administrators and elected officials over the price of college textbooks, the University System of Georgia is holding a series of public forums on this issue. The final forum will be held here at ABAC.

The Tifton forum will be held from 10 a.m. until noon on April 6 in Section A of the Cordell Conference Room.

"Our purpose in holding these forums is to provide information that will help all interested parties understand the various factors driving the cost of textbooks," said Senior Vice Chancellor for Academics and Fiscal Affairs Dr. Daniel S. Papp. "We will utilize the information gained from these forums to develop recommendations on future textbook pricing that will be presented to the Board of Regents."

Papp will provide the welcome and an overview of the issues for the April 6 event. The forum will include a panel representing students, the textbook industry and university faculty. It will be moderated by William Bowes, vice chancellor of Fiscal Affairs for the University System.

Panelists will include Catrina Kennedy, a student and president of the Student Government Association at ABAC; Tommye Miller, director of university stores at Valdosta State University; J. Bruce Hildebrand, executive director for Higher Education of the Association of American Publishers; and Dr. Bobbie Robinson, chair of the Humanities Division at ABAC.

In addition to presentations by the panelists and a general discussion, the program will accommodate written questions from the audience, which will be directed to panel members.

See
the new
ABAC!



Open Campus Day

This day is for you. Look at the exhibits. Talk with instructors. Visit the new ABAC Place apartments. Explore the campus on your own or participate in one of the guided tours. Ask questions. Our dedicated objective on this day is to help you discover the treasures of a great education at ABAC.

Saturday, April 2, 2005

2-3:15 p.m.	Registration & Academic Displays (Displays close at 3:15 p.m.)	Carlton Center
2-3 p.m.	Campus Walking Tours	Carlton Center
2-3 p.m.	Tours of ABAC Place Apartments	Carlton Center
2-3 p.m.	Campus Driving Tours to Farm & Wildlife Area	Carlton Center
3:15-3:45 p.m.	Info Session	Carlton Center
3:45-4 p.m.	We Answer Your Questions	Carlton Center
4 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of ABAC Place Apartments • Campus Walking Tour • Campus Driving Tour to Farm & Wildlife Area 	Carlton Center

**Parking will be available in the north lot at the Pedestrian Mall.*

It's Now Official!

(Right) The letters for the John Hunt Town Center are now on the building, and plaques have been installed at the opening of the building. It continues to be a popular gathering place for ABAC Place residents.



Homecoming Plant Sale Ahead

(Left) The annual Homecoming Plant Sale by the ABAC Horticulture Club will take place Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in front of the Horticulture Building. Lorie and Jimmy Felton have some great plants for you to choose from.

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Milam Passes Away

Dr. Tom Milam, former chair of the Division of Social Science and Coordinator of Federal Programs, passed away on Sunday. He was 83. Milam joined the ABAC administration on Sept. 1, 1968. He retired Jan. 1, 1987. Funeral arrangements were incomplete as of this morning.

Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to former faculty member Laura Tucker whose father, Lawrence Kittle, passed away on March 22. Keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Celebrating Birthdays

March

- 28 Traci Bryan
- 28 Patsy Hembree
- 29 Janice Payne
- 30 Annie Simms
- 31 Don Coates



April

- 1 Cheryl Biggs
- 1 Maria Cahill
- 1 Melody Williams
- 3 Richard Hollingsworth
- 3 Melvin Merrill
- 3 Margie Senkbeil



Golf Association Members on Campus

Representatives for the Georgia State Golf Association and the Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association were on campus recently to interview candidates for the 2005-06 James B. "Monty" Moncrief Turfgrass Scholarships awarded annually to turf students at ABAC and UGA. Approximately \$7,000 was awarded last year to ABAC students, and the projected awards should be similar this year. Dr. Ed Seagle was instrumental in bringing these scholarships to ABAC in 1983, with the current grand total awarded surpassing \$100,000. Representatives pictured are William Smith, Columbus Country Club; Don Branch, Consulting GCS, Columbus; and Dr. Wayne Hanna, Professor, CPES. Student candidates pictured include Reese Brunson, David Elder, Keith Kohlier, Wes Pitts, William Slim and Brianne Ziegman.



Care & Concern

Trina Jones' mother, Carolyn Jones, is recuperating after a recent surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 28

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

Tuesday, March 29

7 p.m.—Gideons Banquet (Dining Hall)

Wednesday, March 30

2:30 p.m.—Tennis: Stallions vs. Ga. Southwestern (Tennis Center)

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

Thursday, March 31

Today—Homecoming

2 p.m.—Softball: Fillies vs. Middle Georgia (Fillies Field)

5 p.m.—PTK Induction (Chapel)

Friday, April 1

Today—Homecoming

3 p.m.—Softball: Fillies vs. Georgia Perimeter (Fillies Field)

8 p.m.—Peach State Stampede (Rodeo Arena)

Saturday, April 2

Today—Homecoming

2 p.m.—Open Campus Day (Cordell Conf. Room)

8 p.m.—Peach State Stampede (Rodeo Arena)

Monday, April 4

3 p.m.—Tennis: Fillies vs. Georgia Southwestern (Tennis Center)

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

ABAC Family

Jo Ann Brannen presented "Introduction to WebCT Vista Basics" at the Gulf South Adult Career and Education Conference at Valdosta State University on March 4.

Dr. Joseph Njoroge and **Dr. Paul Foote** accompanied ABAC students from the Political Science Club, College Democrats, and State & Local Government course to the state capital on March 14 to meet with Governor Sonny Purdue, Senator Joseph Carter, and State Representatives Austin Scott, Jay Roberts, and Penny Houston. The students also went on a capital tour and were recognized in the Senate by Sen. Carter and Lieutenant Governor Mark Taylor's Senate chamber.

Dr. Larry Allen and **Dr. Mac Rainey** represented ABAC in Atlanta on Tuesday at an Agricultural Aware-

ness Showcase. Two students, Katelyn Crow and Justin Godwin, accompanied them, and one of them dressed in the Stallion Mascot costume and went on stage with Governor Sonny Purdue.

Michael Chason talked about the Spring Open Campus Day and Homecoming on the WALB-TV Noon News show last Monday and the WTIF Morning Show on Wednesday. He also served as the M.C. for the Tifton Kiwanis Club Talent Show on March 19.

Due to the efforts of **Lorie and Jimmy Felton**, the Georgia Green Industry Association held a Town Hall Meeting on campus on March 3-4. The purpose of the meeting was to promote association membership in south Georgia. The Horticulture Club and Turf Club assisted in sponsoring this event.