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Regents to Hold Textbook Forum at ABAC Wednesday

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 on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until noon 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 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, 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.

ABAC's Fulltime Enrollment Highest Ever for Spring

Figures recently released by the Registrar's Office at ABAC show a 2005 spring semester enrollment of 2,562 fulltime students, an increase of 1.9 percent over the 2004 spring semester. This number represents the largest sector of the total enrollment population.

The total headcount for spring semester is 3,106. This is a 1.6 percent decrease from spring 2004, which had a total headcount of 3,157.

During this spring semester, 29 international students are enrolled, as well as 93 students from states other than Georgia. ABAC's enrollment is 59.1 percent female.

Georgia residents who are at ABAC total 2,984 students.

Applications are now being accepted for the summer term, which begins June 6, and for the fall semester, which begins Aug. 22. For additional information, contact the Admissions Office at 1-800-733-3653, or visit ABAC's web site at www.abac.edu.



Call Connects With Alumni

Interim President Tom Call welcomes alumni present for the annual awards luncheon on Saturday. He also addressed the Golden Alumni on Friday with a look back to 1955 and the progress of the college to the present day. On Saturday, Call delivered a presentation in the Carlton Center for alumni on future plans for the college including the Master Plan and State College status.

ABAC Honors Alumni at Homecoming 2005

Former ABAC students and supporters were honored for professional achievement, community service, and service to the college during the 2005 ABAC Alumni Association Homecoming Awards Banquet on Saturday.

Award recipients included William Dan Pennington, Distinguished Alumnus; Dr. Stephen J. Brannen, J. Lamar Branch Award; Ricky Sparkman, Master Farmer; Betty West Carlson, Helen Brown Sasser Award; Lawton E. Bassett, III, Outstanding Business Leader Award; Dr.

Rose Baugh Bacon, Outstanding Educator; and Greg Goggins, Outstanding Health Care Professional Award. The Family Legacy Award was presented to the Mr. and Mrs. Grady M. Thompson, Sr. Former President Mike Vollmer received the Honorary Alumnus Award.

SGA President Catrina Kennedy presented Justice George T. Smith with a plaque containing the names of all past SGA presidents.. Smith was the 1940 SGA President and holds the distinction of being the only Georgian to serve in all three branches of Georgia State Government. He is the oldest living ABAC SGA President.

Pennington has been involved in the Pennington Seed family business since childhood. He attended ABAC in 1980-82 and returned to Madison to join the company. He is now the Chief Operations Officer and leads the manufacturing division of the company.

Following his graduation from ABAC in 1949, Brannen had an illustrious career with the University of Georgia, working in Extension for several years before becoming chairman of the Division of Agricultural Economics in 1961, a position he held for 26 years until his retirement in 1987.

Sparkman is a successful dairy farmer, operating the only dairy farm in Colquitt County. He graduated with



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honor from ABAC in 1990 with a degree in business administration.

Carlson, a 1966 graduate of ABAC, is married to her ABAC sweetheart, David. She has taught at Carver Elementary School in Dawson for 24 years, 18 years as a special needs teacher and six years as a 4th grade teacher. She was voted by her peers as the 2002-03 Teacher of the Year.

Bassett, a 1988 business administration graduate from ABAC, completed his education at the University of Georgia, earning a BBA with a specialization in Real Estate. He is currently president and chief executive officer of the Citizens Security Bank in Tifton.

Bacon graduated from ABAC in 1955. After a career with the Air Force, she started teaching at Georgia College in 1969. During her tenure at Georgia College she helped educate teachers and nurses for 36 years, including several years as coordinator of the graduate programs.

Goggins graduated from ABAC in 1978. In 1986, he moved to Coffee County to begin his practice and has been in full-time orthodontist practice (including the opening of a Fitzgerald office) since then.

He recently added State Senator to his list of accomplishments, just last week having completed his first session of the Georgia General Assembly.

There are 27 Thompson family members who have attended ABAC, including three current students. Seven of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson's nine children attended ABAC, including one who is currently attending.

Vollmer was one of the most active presidents in the history of the college during his 2001-2004 tenure. Construction sites have become commonplace on campus over the past three years as the college completed the \$7.1 million Agricultural Sciences Building, the much-needed \$1.2 million renovation of Howard Auditorium, and the \$32 million ABAC Place student apartment complex. He laid the groundwork for the \$7.2 million Health Sciences building and the \$1.5 million Pedestrian Mall.

He left his position at ABAC on Sept. 14 to become the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education.



Newest Honorary ABAC Alumnus

Former President Mike Vollmer (right) receives the Honorary Alumnus Award from Interim President Tom Call and Alumni Association President June Branch at Saturday's Homecoming.

Temptations To Appear at Dollars For ABAC Scholars

One of the legendary performing groups of all time will headline this year's Dollars For ABAC Scholars when The Temptations appear on May 20 at Abraham Baldwin.

Sponsored by the ABAC Foundation, the event begins with a lavish buffet meal at 7 p.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall. Tickets are \$125 each. Reserved tables seating eight people are \$1,250 each. Interested persons can call (229) 391-4900 for ticket information.

"We expect this show to sell out fast," Betty McCorvey, Assistant Director of Development, said. "People have asked us to try something different in the way of entertainment, and we think The Temptations certainly fit the bill. People love their music."

For more than 40 years, The Temptations have produced chart toppers such as "My Girl," "Ain't Too Proud To Beg," "Papa Was A Rolling Stone," "Just My Imagination," and "I Can't Get Next To You."

Otis Williams is the only original member of the group but the voices of G.C. Cameron, Terry Weeks, Ron Tyson, and Joe Herndon give audiences what they ask for, that famous Temptations' sound.

"Our challenge is to live in the present while respecting the past," Williams said. "Great singing will always



The Temptations will be the featured performers at Dollars for ABAC Scholars on May 20 in the Donaldson Dining Hall. Contact the ABAC Development Office at 391-4900 for tickets to the event, which includes a lavish dinner.

prevail."

All proceeds from Dollars for ABAC Scholars go toward student scholarships at the college. Over \$1,000,000 has been raised for scholarships since the first show in 1972.



Planting Seeds For The Future

ABAC Ambassador Megan Brannen talks to a group of visitors at Saturday's Spring Open Campus Day. Student Recruitment Coordinator Ali Csinos Kilby said 119 visitors attended the event. Thanks to all faculty, staff, students, and administrators for your assistance.



The SGA: From 1940 to 2005

SGA President Catrina Kennedy presents 1940 SGA President George T. Smith with a plaque containing the names of all past ABAC SGA Presidents. Smith is the only Georgian to serve in all three branches of state government. He has been Lieutenant Governor, a legislator, and a Supreme Court Justice.

ABAC Instructor Receives UGA Award

Darby Thompson Sewell received the Pacesetter Award during recent ceremonies hosted by the College of Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Georgia.

The Pacesetter Award recognizes a graduate from the College of Family and Consumer Sciences within the past 10 years who actively promotes the beliefs and values of Family and Consumer Sciences.

According to her nomination by a former student, Sewell "is an inspiration to all that cross her path. Mrs. Sewell enters her office every morning with a smile and a presence that reflect the positive attitude that she radiates throughout the day."

Sewell, who earned her bachelor's degree in family and consumer sciences from UGA in 2000 and her master's degree in family and consumer sciences education in 2001, teaches all Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) classes offered at ABAC, serves as an

academic advisor, and is the advisor to the FACS club.

Sewell, who is from Moultrie, attended ABAC from 1996-1998. As a student, she was active in Baptist Student Union and served as an ABAC Ambassador.

In addition to her teaching duties, Sewell recruits new students to her program by visiting high schools with FACS departments, attending career fairs and hosting high school visits. As the only teacher in her department at ABAC, she oversees all the preparation, teaching, grading and counseling for each of the 17 classes for which she is responsible.

Sewell joined the ABAC faculty in 2002 as Instructor of Family and Consumer Sciences.



Darby Sewell

Rivers Awarded Grant

Jewrell Rivers, Assistant Professor of Sociology at ABAC, was recently awarded a Dissertation Research Grant for his doctoral research from Florida State University. The title of his dissertation project is "The



Jewrell Rivers

Relationship of Parenting Style and Academic Achievement Moderated by the Influences of Motivation, Goal Orientation, and Self-Efficacy Among High School Students in Tift County."

Rivers will be recognized for this achievement at an awards banquet on Tuesday sponsored by the College of Human Sciences at FSU.

Honors Day April 13

The annual ABAC Honors Day Program will be held on April 13 at 11 a.m. in Gressette Gym. Scholarships from the ABAC Foundation will be presented, and students will receive recognition for academic accomplishments. The J.G. Woodroof Scholar will also be presented, and the top faculty member, staff member, administrator, and advisor will be recognized.

Wilson High Five Winner



Vickie Wilson is this week's High Five Award Winner. She is the Division Secretary for the Social Science Division at ABAC.

A comment from her nomination form read, "Vickie has been so helpful in taking care of the financial details of our *Improving Teacher Quality* grant. She has even delivered supplies and materials to faculty members here at ABAC and in the Tift County School System. This certainly shows her willingness to go above and beyond!"

Wilson will receive a certificate of appreciation and a t-shirt from the ABAC Bookstore. Her name will also go into the monthly drawing of the four weekly winners.

Submit your nominations for 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.



The Duck With All the Luck

Dr. Donna Miller, Director of Institutional Research at Abraham Baldwin, picked out the lucky duck among 730 entries at the Carlton Center fountain on Thursday. Student Life and Housing raised money for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life by selling ducks for \$1 each. The winning duck was worth \$300 to the ABAC Ambassadors. Miller is a cancer survivor who said the Relay for Life will be held at the ABAC track on April 22-23.

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ASU Degree Program Info Session Thursday

An information session on the MBA degree program offered at ABAC through a partnership with Albany State University (ASU) will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. in the John Hunt-Town Center lobby.

Representatives from ASU will be available to discuss the MBA program and answer questions. Students interested in entering the program should plan to attend the session.

For information, contact Kay Powell, ABAC's Interim Director of Evening and Off-Campus Programs, at 391-4905 or kpowell@abac.edu.



Softball & Baseball Slated This Week

With the time change, you have plenty of daylight to catch softball and baseball doubleheaders this week. The Fastpitch Fillies of Coach Donna Campbell host conference foe Darton today for a 4 p.m. twin-bill at Fillies' Field. Coach Steve Janousek's baseball Stallions host the Georgia College JV Thursday at 4 p.m. for a doubleheader and Gordon College Saturday for a 3 p.m. pair of games. The Stallions will also be at home Sunday for a 1 p.m. game against Gordon.

Celebrating Birthdays

April

- 6 Wanda Golden
- 8 Judith McFarland
- 9 Rebecca Harnage
- 9 Jeannie Rigdon
- 10 Diantha Ellis
- 10 Bernice Hughes
- 10 Leonard Smith



No Excuse for Abuse Fun Run on April 12

The ABAC Circle K and the Tift County Child Abuse Council will sponsor the second annual No Excuse for Abuse 5K/1 Mile Fun Run on April 12 beginning at 6 p.m. The run is one of many events planned to make local residents aware of child abuse in our neighborhoods—578 cases of child abuse reported in Tift County alone.

Entry forms are available in all ABAC division offices and at the Baldwin Library. Contact Cathy Rogers at 391-4968 for more information.

Congratulations Grandparents!

Sue and Dave Wilson are the proud grandparents of a new granddaughter born on March 20. Kathryn Julia Rhodes weighed eight pounds and was 20 3/4" long.

Brenda and John Bailey are also proud grandparents of a new granddaughter. Allison Leigh Eidson was born on March 35 and weighed seven pounds, three ounces.

Congratulations and best wishes to all!



ABAC Family

Don Coates talked about the ABAC Spring Concert on the WTIF Morning Show on Wednesday. Later in the program, **Nancy Coleman** talked about the Homecoming events.

Michael Chason served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes annual banquet on Thursday.

Kay Powell spoke to approximately 50 Future Business Leaders of America members at Colquitt County High School on March 16 about the value of a college education and educational opportunities in the community.

Dr. Doris Roundtree, Francisco Zepeda, and CAMP students Roy Alejandro, Zenaida Limon, Alex Salazar and Amanda Villalobos attended the NSHMBA-Atlanta Chapter's 5th Annual Career Growth Conference at Georgia State University on March 24. Students participated in workshops and a Career Fair with representatives from Fortune 500 Companies.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, April 5

- 4 p.m.—Softball: Fillies vs. Darton *DH* (Fillies Field)
- 7 p.m.—HIV Awareness Speaker (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 7:30 p.m.—Arts & Entertainment Series (Howard Auditorium)

Wednesday, April 6

- 10 a.m.—Regents Textbook Forum (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Thursday, April 7

- 1 p.m.—Police Academy Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room B)
- 4 p.m.—Baseball: Stallions vs. Georgia College JV *DH* (Stallion Field)
- Thursday, April 4—Continued**
- 7:30 p.m.—Student Leadership Banquet (Dining Hall)

Friday, April 8

- 10 a.m.—Regents' Study Abroad Committee (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 12:30 p.m.—Study Abroad Committee Luncheon (Magnolia Room)
- 6 p.m.—Whitley/Stanton Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)

Saturday, April 9

- 3 p.m.—Baseball: Stallions vs. Gordon *DH* (Stallion Field)
- 5 p.m.—Whitley/Stanton Wedding (Chapel)

Sunday, April 10

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

Monday, April 11

- 6 p.m.—Ms. MASDA Rehearsal (Dining Hall)
- 7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)