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Sodexho To Take Over All ABAC Food Services

Food service at Abraham Baldwin is about to take on a brand new look. Sodexho Campus Services will now provide all food needs to the campus. The new food distributor will take over services on July 1 previously prepared by ARAMARK.

Dr. Gail Dillard, Interim Vice President of Student and Enrollment Services, said, "Sodexho showed a lot of imagination and innovation for this project."

Sodexho's marketing team and chefs are now on the campus to start the process of the conversion. And while no new dining hall manager has been appointed, plans are moving forward.

Tom Call, Interim President of ABAC, said, "Although it is still early, we feel very good about what's going on with the dining hall."

Students will be able to get a buffet-style meal for one low price. Those who live in ABAC Place apartments will have to purchase a \$300 meal plan for the year. Meal plans are currently also in the works for commuter students, faculty, and staff.

Call said, "We will return to an affordable all-you-can-eat aspect of food service. We want to bring ABAC students, faculty, staff, and commuters back to the dining hall."

Call said this change has come about due to the need for meal plans for stu-

dents living on campus and lack of patrons frequenting the dining hall last year.

"When ABAC Place was built, it had full kitchens and because of that we dropped the mandatory meal plans. It was a concept that failed, so we had to re-evaluate meal plans and operations of the dining hall," Call said.

The layout of the dining hall will also face some rearranging. "The serving area will be set up like a buffet, while the dining area will be more intimate," Dillard said.

"We're very excited about the new prospects for our food operations and hope students will see the value in the higher level meal plans," Call said.

Fall Orientation Coming Thursday



Orientation for new freshmen students at ABAC will be held Thursday beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the J. Lamar Branch Student Center.

Activities are planned for students to get acquainted with future classmates during orientation, as well as a time for parents to get all their questions answered. There will also be orientation leaders available to assist students and give tours of the campus. Approximately 200-250 students and 125-150 parents are expected to attend.

Two more freshmen orientation sessions are scheduled prior to the beginning of the fall term. The next session is on July 21, and the final session is on Aug. 18. All first-time entering freshmen must attend an orientation session.

Classes for the fall semester at ABAC are scheduled to begin Aug. 22.



Health Sciences Shaping Up

Steel beams stretch out against a Tifton blue sky Wednesday as progress on the Health Sciences Building continued. Interim President Tom Call said the project is ahead of schedule at the present time. Students should be taking nursing classes in the building in August, 2006.

ABAC Implements Program to Prevent Identity Theft



Effective July 6, all students, staff and faculty at Abraham Baldwin can rest a little easier.

ABAC will no longer use social security numbers for identification. Instead, everyone on campus will have an ABAC identification number and Personal Identification Number (PIN) to help prevent identity theft.

Dr. Chrystle Ross, Executive Director of Information Technology Services,

said, "This was developed to lessen the use of social security numbers in order to do a better job of protecting the campus against identity theft."

Some institutions within the University System of Georgia already have this process in place. It is a System-wide initiative.

Ross said, "We will no longer use the Social Security number as the main means of identifying students. By using another number, we will be better safeguarding sensitive data."

Students who live in the ABAC Place apartments need to take their old identi-

fication cards to the John Hunt Town Center on July 6 and receive their new cards. Other students who use their ID card for other things, like purchasing books, can also come at this time.

Students can go onto the ABAC web site and get the new identification number assigned to them.

"It will take a little time for students to remember to use their new ID information, and faculty and staff will have to get used to asking for the new ID number. But it will be a smooth and safer transition," Ross said.

Open Records Contact

Interim President Tom Call has asked Dr. Donna Miller to serve as ABAC's official Open Records contact person. Please forward all requests to her.

Campus Closed for July 4 Holiday



The college will be closed for the Independence Day holiday on July 4. Regular summer office hours and classes will resume on July 5. Have a safe and happy holiday.



Call on the Civic Club Circuit

Interim President Tom Call and Public Relations Director Mike Chason gave a presentation on ABAC to the Sylvester Kiwanis Club on June 8.

Arts Connection Summer Programs Underway

The Abraham Baldwin Arts Connection's Summer programs are in full swing in Tift and Turner Counties. Both programs serve children enrolled in the 21st Century Learning Program. Performing and visual arts will be provided to these students for the next five weeks. Activities include single day workshops, week-long residencies, and performances.

Dulcimer master Les Scott will teach the students how to play several pieces on their dulcimers. Jazz singer Bonnie Earl will involve them in a week-long study of the evolution of jazz music. History-teller William Wilder will work with the younger students on telling fairytales



and on polishing up their acting skills.

All of the students will also be involved in pottery classes, music, and folk dance. TellTale Theatre will perform for students in both counties, and then engage the audience in drama and improvisation workshops for the remainder of the week. Afterhours Productions will create a hip-hop dance routine for the students and spend a week working on it.



At the end of each week, parents of the program participants will be invited to a showcase/concert.

If your child is a participant and you would like to visit during any of those classes, or if you have any questions about the Summer Enrichment Program, email coordinator Polly Huff at phuff@abac.edu.

Staff Forum June 29

The Staff Forum will meet on June 29 at 3 p.m. in Section A of the Cordell Conference Room. Mark your calendar.

Regents' Test Reminder

The Regents' Test will be administered at ABAC on July 12 at 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m., and 6 p.m. International students take the test at 9 a.m. (Reading) and 2 p.m. (Essay). Extended time testing is at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Students must sign in for a time slot for the test on July 11 from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. in front of the Student Development Center office even if students registered for the test during course registration. Students requiring extended time and International students should also sign up there. A photo ID is required. Call the Student Development Center at 391-5135 for more info.

Purcell Gets Learning Experience From Israeli Police

Billy Purcell, Assistant Chief of Police at ABAC, traveled to Israel in May to take part in the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) program. GILEE was established in 1992 as a joint project of Georgia State University and law enforcement.

Purcell and 12 other law enforcement personnel from the state arrived in Tel-Aviv and spent two weeks traveling the country.

Purcell said, "We traveled from Tel-Aviv to Haifa, the northernmost part of the country, and spent four days there. We then spent four days in Jerusalem and a day in Nazareth. After that, we traveled to Eilat, which is the southern tip of the country. Eilat is surrounded by desert and is a resort community sitting on the Red Sea. The desert and desert mountains around Eilat are 'virtually uninhabited.'"

He also visited the Sea of Galilee, the Dead Sea, and the Red Sea. "I swam in both the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea," Purcell said.

Purcell said, "In Israel, there is only one police force, unlike the United States which has federal, state, county, and city police. There are approximately 25,000 full-time and 75,000 part-time officers in Israel, and all are equally trained and certified. Israeli citizens work with the police force."

Purcell learned a lot about the police force of Israel. "Professionally, I saw a lot of ways to bring some of the terrorist and crisis training that I received to situations that may arise here," Purcell said.

"The Israeli community is not afraid to go up to an officer and tell him of something suspicious. They practice community policing better than we do."

Through this program, Purcell can teach other law enforcement agencies and the civilian population the techniques he has learned abroad. He will also receive credit for training from the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Purcell said there were a lot of differences from the U.S. Cost was a definite eye-opener.

"A gallon of gas is over \$5, and to purchase a very modest 500 square foot apartment costs \$85,000," Purcell said. "They are also more courteous drivers although Israelis park everywhere, including sidewalks. I learned more about how the country works politically, what Israel produces, and made a lot of new friends. The people were the most pleasant part of this experience."

The GILEE program is accredited by both state and federal governments. The goals of the program are to enhance inter-agency cooperation between the state of Georgia law enforcement and the police force of Israel; to offer an educational professional program to senior Israeli law enforcement officials in Georgia; and to offer an edu-



Billy Purcell traveled to Israel to take part in a law enforcement officer exchange program.

cational professional program to senior Georgia law enforcement officials in Israel, primarily in the areas of counter-terrorism and drug interdiction.

Riehle New to IRP

Clayton Riehle (pronounced "really") is the new Administrative Secretary in the Office of Institutional Research and Planning. He resides in Fitzgerald with his wife, Michelle, and their children, Robin, 12, and Tina, 11. Welcome, Clayton, to the ABAC Family!

Chancellor Names Interim Presidents

University System of Georgia Chancellor Thomas C. Meredith has announced that he has appointed John P. McElveen, vice president for student development at Middle Georgia College, to serve as interim president of South Georgia College in Douglas.

The appointment is effective July 1. McElveen will serve as interim president until a national search concludes with the appointment of a permanent president for South Georgia College.

McElveen was named to his current position at Middle Georgia College, in Cochran, in May, 2001. He previously served as the college's registrar and director of admissions from 1996-2001. Prior to this, he was director of admissions at Shorter College, in Rome.

Meredith has also announced the ap-

pointment of Dr. William H. Harris, former president of Alabama State University and Paine College, as interim president of Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley.

Harris will assume the interim presidency July 1. He will serve through the fall semester.

Harris served as president of Alabama State University from 1994-2000. He also served as president of Texas Southern University, from 1988 to 1993, and Paine College in Augusta from 1982 to 1988.

In early May, Chancellor Meredith launched the formal search process to identify a permanent president for Fort Valley State University. The new president is expected to be named by the end of the year.

Home Matters Workshop Saturday



A Home Matters

Workshop featuring three different topics will meet Saturday in the Yow Building, Room 105. In this workshop, participants will learn how to take care of any minor home repair that may arise.

The workshop will offer three classes: *Basic Home Repairs*, 9-11 a.m.; *Basic Plumbing Repairs*, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; and *Basic Home Wiring*, 2-4 p.m. Each class within the workshop is \$25. Pre-registration is required. Participants who register for all three classes pay \$59.

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

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Notes of Thanks

We would like to thank the ABAC Family for all their prayers and concern while Harold was sick. He is doing o.k. now, he just has to take it easy.

Thank you again for your kindness,
Arlene & Harold Bailey



The last administration of the National SAT for the 2004-2005 testing year was on June 4. The test was administered to 113 students from over 23 different school districts. Thanks to the following who helped make the administration go smoothly: Joyce Willis, Bernice Hughes, Margie Senkbeil, Phyllis Kester, Rita Wade, Arlene Bailey, Debra McCrary, Howard McCrary, Jack Larry, Bernice Corbin and Public Safety.



Dr. Maggie Martin

Next FOCUS on July 5

The next issue of the FOCUS will be emailed on July 5. Send information for this edition to pleonard@abac.edu by noon on June 30.

ABAC Family

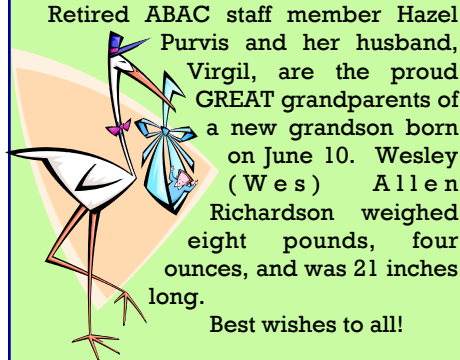
Joy Godin completed the Moultrie-Colquitt County Chamber of Commerce 2005 Leadership Colquitt County class and graduated on May 18.

Eleven high school horticulture teachers from across Georgia were on campus May 31-June 3 as part of the Georgia Vocational Staff Development Consortium's Diversified Turfgrass Management program. ABAC's Dr. Ed Seagle and Agricultural Education's Area Horticulture Teacher Eddie McKie planned the program. Seagle also delivered several lectures. Field trips included Forest Lakes Golf Course, FSU's sports facilities in Tallahassee, and Pike Creek Turf in Adel. Jimmy Felton assisted in transporting the students on their field trips.

Dr. Maggie Martin and Arlene Bailey administered the last National ACT for the 2004-2005 testing year to 29 students from 15 different communities and two states on June 11.

Congratulations!

Nancy Anthony is the proud grandmother of a new grandson born on June 13. William James Cicora weighed six pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long.



Retired ABAC staff member Hazel Purvis and her husband, Virgil, are the proud GREAT grandparents of a new grandson born on June 10. Wesley (Wes) Allen Richardson weighed eight pounds, four ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Best wishes to all!

Care & Concern

Judy Perry took a fall on June 9 and fractured her right upper arm/shoulder. Arlene Bailey's husband, Harold, is recuperating at home after undergoing heart surgery. Amy Willis' mother, Nadine Pearn, is also at home after having surgery on her back. Keisha Gay's mother, Faye Gay, also underwent back surgery on June 16.

Please keep all these members of the ABAC Family in your thoughts and prayers.

Celebrating Birthdays

June

- 21 Charles Harvey
- 21 Tom Call
- 22 John McFarland
- 23 Janet Weaver
- 24 Jerry Edwards
- 24 Martha George
- 25 LeeAnn Taylor
- 26 Sandra Giles
- 27 Simin Houshmand
- 27 Ramonda Holton
- 29 Renata Elad



July

- 1 Sandra Sellers
- 3 Joshua Smith
- 4 Eugene Slack
- 4 George Farmer



Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Susan Johnson whose father passed away on June 10. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Positions Open

ABAC:

- Public Safety Officer
- Salary \$22,145 (open until filled)
- Contact Human Resources for details.

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 20

9:30 a.m.—Georgia Ahead Workshop
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

6:30 p.m.—Steps to College
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

Tuesday, June 21

9:30 a.m.—Recruitment Interviews
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

6:30 p.m.—Steps to College
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

Thursday, June 23

Today—Fall Term Orientation

Friday, June 24

9:30 a.m.—Admissions Tour
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

1 p.m.—HEP Graduation Setup
(Howard Auditorium)

7 p.m.—PLIGHT Leadership Dinner
(Magnolia Room)

Saturday, June 25

9 a.m.—HEP Graduation
(Howard Auditorium)

3 p.m.—Bryant Anniversary Dinner
(Dining Hall)

Monday, June 27

8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class
(Cordell Conf. Room C)

6:30 p.m.—Steps to College
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

Tuesday, June 28

8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class
(Cordell Conf. Room C)

6:30 p.m.—Steps to College
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

Wednesday, June 29

8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class
(Cordell Conf. Room C)

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

Thursday, June 30

8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class
(Cordell Conf. Room C)

6:30 p.m.—Steps to College
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

Friday, July 1

8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class
(Cordell Conf. Room C)

8 a.m.—Steps to College
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

5:30 p.m.—Valdez/Valdez Wedding
Rehearsal (Chapel)

7 p.m.—EMS Banquet (Dining Hall)

Saturday, July 2

2 p.m.—Valdez/Valdez Wedding (Chapel)

Monday, July 4

Today—Independence Day Holiday
(Campus Closed)