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ABAC's Division of Nursing Receives \$158,000 Grant

The Division of Nursing at Abraham Baldwin is the recipient of an Intellectual Capital Partnership Program (ICAPP) grant totaling \$158,000.

This is the fourth time ABAC has received this state grant. It is a continuation of the one the Nursing Division received for the 2004-2005 year.

"ABAC was the first school to have graduates under this grant program," said Wanda Golden, Chair of the Division of Nursing and Health Services.

The grant was originally established due to the shortage of healthcare workers and to promote new and innovative

programs in the medical field. ABAC has used this grant to help support the nursing program's one day a week classes for those who already have some experience in the medical field.

This program allows licensed practical nurses, paramedics, surgical technicians, and respiratory therapists to receive their R.N. degree in 12 months. Students can receive financial assistance through this grant if qualified. Participants can receive up to \$7,500 per year. Golden said this grant is a service cancelable loan that is paid off if students work in the state upon

graduating.

"This program has been very popular since the very beginning. A total of 85 students have graduated from the program since its start," Golden said.

The continuation of the Special Initiatives Grant will begin for the summer term. Currently, there are 40 students signed up for the transition course starting Tuesday and concluding next May.

For more information on this program, visit the ABAC web site at www.abac.edu/nursing and click on 'Transition Track' for more details.

American Cancer Society Awards \$7,250 Grant to ABAC

The American Cancer Society (ACS) has awarded ABAC a \$7,250 grant that will be used to assist in the funding of the first ever Hispanic Health Fair.

Troy Spicer, Assistant Professor in the Division of Nursing at ABAC, found out about the funds focusing on community initiatives and proceeded to write the proposal and submit it to the ACS.

Spicer said, "There has always been a healthcare component at Fiesta Del Pueblo, but this is the first time that there has been an event geared to Hispanic healthcare."

All funding will go to the Hispanic Health Fair, which will focus on the issue of cancer in the Hispanic community of Tifton. Participants at the fair will have the opportunity to learn about cancer prevention techniques and be screened for cancer.

The Hispanic Health Fair will take place on July 16 from 9 a.m. – noon at the American Legion Fairgrounds. Tift Regional Medical Center is the primary sponsor of the event.



Memorial Day at ABAC

ABAC Ambassadors Julie Lawhon, Ellis Washington, III, and Brent Brock were the key characters in the fourth annual ABAC Memorial Day Ceremony at the flag pole in front of Tift Hall. Washington was the keynote speaker at the event.

Horst Named New Director of the Baldwin Library



Victoria Horst

Victoria Horst is the new library director for Abraham Baldwin College's Baldwin Library.

Horst earned a Bachelor's degree in English from

Augustana University College in Alberta, Canada and a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Western Ontario, in London, Ontario.

She worked as Associate Director of Library Services for Public Services at Newberry (S.C.) College from 1994-2002.

From 2002-2003, Horst was a part of the Global Mission Volunteers program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, where she served as director

of the Iringa University College library in Iringa, Tanzania.

Horst said, "I am extremely pleased to be joining the ABAC and Tifton community, and I look forward to meeting everyone on campus."

Horst replaces Brenda Sellers, who retires this month after 33 years with the Baldwin Library. She had served as library director since 1998. Sellers served as interim director during the 1997-98 academic year.

FSU Comes to ABAC

FSU grad students in the area of student affairs visited the ABAC campus May 24. Interim Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services Gail Dillard directed an information session about the college.



Call Continues Civic Club Cavalcade

Interim President Tom Call continued to spread the word about ABAC during a May civic club tour that took him to the Adel Kiwanis Club, the Ocilla Rotary Club, the Ashburn Rotary Club, and the Nashville Rotary Club.

Today Call is scheduled to speak to the Fitzgerald Kiwanis Club. Public Relations Director Michael Chason also participates in the presentations.

Summer Term Begins

Classes for the summer term begin today and run through July 25. Final exams are scheduled for July 26-27. The college will be closed on July 4 for Independence Day.

Hendrix Signs Another ABAC Golfer

The Tifton Gazette reports that Coach Herb Hendrix has added another Stallion to the ABAC golf team roster in preparation for the 2005 season.

Hendrix recently signed Mitch Baxley from Brantley County to a grant-in-aid. Heron led the Brantley County High School team to the 2002 and 2004 Region 2-AA championships.

In an interview with the *Waycross Journal-Herald*, Brantley head coach Bert Smith said, "Mitch is just a natural athlete. I know Mitch will be an asset to the ABAC program."

The *Gazette* said Hendrix has signed six golfers for the ABAC team, which will face a tough challenge in its own backyard since Albany's Darton College won the national title this season.



Youmans Monthly High Five Winner

Interim President Tom Call congratulates Brenda Youmans, ABAC Bookstore Clerk, on winning the High Five Award drawing for May. In addition to a certification of appreciation and a T-shirt, Youmans received a \$50 gift certificate.

University System Approves Promotions

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia recently approved the promotions of six ABAC faculty members effective Aug. 1, 2005.

Jeff Newberry was promoted to the rank of assistant professor from instructor. Donna Hatcher, Dr. Marvin Holtz, and Abul Sheikh have been promoted to the rank of associate professor from assistant professor. Dr. Mary Ellen Hicks was promoted to the rank of professor from associate professor.

Receiving tenure for the coming year are Hatcher, Sue Wilson, and Dr. Joseph Njoroge. Tenure may be granted to a faculty member who has served at least five years as an assistant professor and has shown the potential for making significant contributions to the college and in the faculty member's field. Tenure gives a faculty member protection from summary dismissal.

Newberry, who has been a faculty member at ABAC since 2002, teaches in the Division of Humanities. He received a B.S. and M.S. degree in English from the University of West Florida.

Hatcher, who began teaching in the Division of Humanities in 2000, earned her B.F.A. in Sculpture and Art History from the University of Georgia and her M.F.A. in Art from Cornell University.

Holtz, who has been a faculty mem-

ber at ABAC since 2001, teaches in the Division of Science and Mathematics. He holds a B.S. degree in Biology from Lyon College, a M.S. in Biology from Niagara University, and a Ph.D. in Science Education from Florida State University.

Sheikh has been teaching in the Division of Business Administration since 1990. He received his B.S. in Agricultural Engineering from Bangladesh Agricultural University and a M.S. in Computer Science from North Dakota State University.

Hicks is a former ABAC student who has been teaching in the Division of Agriculture and Forest Resources since 1989. She holds a D.V.M in Veterinary Medicine from UGA.

Njoroge received his B.A. in Political Science and Economics from the University of Tennessee, an M.A. in Political Science from Eastern Kentucky and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Tennessee. Njoroge has taught at ABAC since 2000.

Wilson has taught in the Division of Social Science since 2000. She received her B.S. in Vocational Home Economics and her M.S. in Textiles/Clothing from Colorado State University and her Ed.S. in Education Administration and Supervision from Valdosta State University.



Forest Lakes Open For Summer Play

The Forest Lakes Golf Club, owned by the ABAC Foundation and operated by ABAC, is ready for the summer season. The nine-hole course is open from 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. seven days a week.

Danny Cravey, manager and superintendent of the club, said, "The course is in the best shape it has ever been. We encourage everyone to come out and play."

The Monday through Friday fee for the general public is nine holes for \$12 and 18 holes for \$18. ABAC students, faculty, staff, administrators and senior citizens over 60 can play nine holes for \$10 and 18 holes for \$15.

The weekend fee for the general public is \$14 for nine holes and \$20 for 18 holes. ABAC students, faculty, staff, administrators and senior citizens over 60 can play nine holes for \$12 and 18 holes for \$17 on weekends. The rental fee for a set of clubs is \$5. The par 72 course plays 6,500 yards over 18 holes.

The course, valued at \$1 million, was donated to the ABAC Foundation in January 2002 by Tifton ophthalmologist Larry Moorman and his wife, Debra.

The college uses the course for classes in various disciplines including agriculture, forestry, wildlife, horticulture, turf management, physical education, and more. ABAC will also field an intercollegiate golf team this fall under the direction of Coach Herb Hendrix.



Pennington Receives Top Award

Dan Pennington receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Interim President Tom Call and Alumni Relations Director Nancy Coleman in a ceremony Friday in the President's Office. Pennington was selected for the honor in April but was unable to attend the Homecoming Awards luncheon. Pennington was on campus Friday to bring his son to the Early Bird Orientation. Pennington also received a plaque for his commitment to the ABAC President's Club and a commemorative brick from his former residence in Fulwood Hall.

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Next *FOCUS* on June 20

The next issue of the *FOCUS* will be emailed on June 20. Send information for this edition to pleonard@abac.edu by noon on June 16.



No AC July 29-31

Floyd Wright has announced that work on the campus lines which will supply air conditioning to the new Health Sciences Building has been scheduled for July 29-31. The process will not affect domestic water for drinking and restrooms, but will shut down the air conditioning supply to Britt Hall, Gray Hall, Conger Hall, the Chapel, and the Music Building. Work will begin on Friday afternoon and go through the weekend to have the system running on Monday morning.



President Welcomes Congressman

ABAC Interim President Tom Call spoke with Congressman Jim Marshall at a reception in Marshall's honor at the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday. If Congressional redistricting occurs as expected, Tift County will be in Marshall's district when he runs for re-election in 2006. The change would take effect on Jan. 1, 2007. The district would extend from Newton County down to Colquitt County.

Care & Concern

Mandy Vassey has been diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in her lung. She will have more tests this week and treatment options will be considered. Please keep Mandy and her children, Dusty and Dena, in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations!

Olga and Sam Martinez are the proud parents of a new baby boy born on May 31. Samuel Martinez, Jr., arrived a bit early and is hospitalized in Macon to make sure he has extra care if needed. Please keep little Sam and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sharry Sackor is the proud grandmother of a new grandchild. Nolan Ajava Sudah was born on May 22 and weighed six pounds, 10 ounces.

Celebrating Birthdays

June

- 6 Jenelle Handcox
- 8 Howard McCrary
- 8 Cathy Newton
- 8 Chrystle Ross
- 12 Earl Denham
- 13 Larry McGruder
- 13 Vickie Walker
- 15 Albert Kress
- 15 James May
- 17 Van McGriff
- 19 John Lindsey
- 20 Gaye Elder



ABAC Family

Dr. Maggie Martin attended the annual meeting of the Georgia College Testing Association which was held in Savannah on May 19-20.

Positions Open

ABAC:

- Director, Student Support Services
Salary commensurate with experience (deadline 6/24)

Calendar of Events

Monday, June 6

Today—Summer term classes begin
8 a.m.—DHR/DFCS Training
(Cordell Conf. Room A & C)

Tuesday, June 7

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

Wednesday, June 8

8 a.m.—DHR/DFCD Training
(Cordell Conf. Room A & C)

Thursday, June 9

8 a.m.—DFCS Training
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

Friday, June 10

8 a.m.—DFCS Training
(Cordell Conf. Room A)
5 p.m.—Darden/Bondari Wedding
Rehearsal (Chapel)

Saturday, June 11

8 a.m.—National ACT Test
(Student Development Center)
5 p.m.—Darden/Bondari Wedding
(Chapel)
5 p.m.—Conger Wedding Reception
(Dining Hall)

Monday, June 13

6 p.m.—Tifton/Tift Co. Arts Council
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

Tuesday, June 14

9 a.m.—Carl Vincent Institute/DHR
Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)

Wednesday, June 15

9 a.m.—Carl Vincent Institute/DHR
Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)

Friday, June 17

7 p.m.—Miss Georgia Forestry Dinner
(Dining Hall)
5 p.m.—Slack/Smith Wedding Reception
(Dining Hall)

Monday, June 20

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