



# FOCUS

## Women's Tennis Finds New Life At ABAC

Women's tennis is alive and well at Abraham Baldwin. Athletics' Director Alan Kramer had previously announced that women's soccer would replace women's tennis beginning with the 2006 fall semester. That plan has now changed.



Alan Kramer

"I'm very pleased to tell you that with our continuing increases in enrollment, we have found a way to keep women's tennis," Kramer said.

Kramer said the increased number of students means more athletic fee funds and a slightly larger budget for ABAC

intercollegiate sports.

"It just makes sense to keep a very popular sport that we have been quite successful at," Kramer said. "I know we have some parents and friends of tennis that are very excited."

ABAC will still add men's golf this fall and women's soccer in the fall of 2006. That will give the college eight sports including men's basketball, baseball, tennis, and golf as well as women's soccer, basketball, tennis, and softball.

"I believe with eight teams we will have as many sports as any two-year college in the state," Kramer said.

Kramer will coach both the women's and men's tennis teams. Prior to becoming the men's coach at ABAC, he led the Fillies' tennis team to seven consecutive state titles and a second place finish in the national tournament in 1999.

He was named the ITA/Wilson Coach of the Year in the nation in 1998.

Since taking over the Stallions in 2002, Kramer has guided the team to three state titles and two second place finishes in the national tournament.

Under the direction of Coach Alton Hudgins, the Fillies won the state tournament this year and finished in a tie for 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Hudgins will take over as the intramural director this fall.

Kramer said a parttime assistant coach to work with both tennis teams will be added to the staff.

Herb Hendrix will be the coach for the new golf team, which will begin play this fall. Jimmy Ballenger has been hired to coach the women's soccer team. He will spend the next year teaching in the physical education division and recruiting for the team.

### ABAC Goes To Alaska

*Diane Kilgore led a group of 48 persons on a trip to Alaska June 18-25 on the annual trip coordinated by ABAC's Public Service and Business Outreach Center. ABAC employees making the journey included (left to right): Beth Thornton, Mike Chason, Kris Chason, Tom Call, Mandy Vassey, Kilgore, and Bertha Daniel. Next year's trip is to Australia, New Zealand, and Fiji.*





## Cochran Recruitment Night

*ABAC Ambassadors Megan Brannen, Ross Cargle, Ernesto Ortiz Ariza, Ellis Washington, III, and Elton Baldy traveled to Cochran last Tuesday night for an ABAC recruitment night at the Natural Resources Conservation Workshop. Also representing ABAC were Ali Csinos, Carlos Howard, Vonda Fenn, and Mike Chason. The NRCW was held at Middle Georgia College this year for the first time since ABAC no longer has dormitories to house the campers.*

## ABAC Prepares for SACS Evaluation

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) will be conducting a re-affirmation of accreditation of ABAC in the spring and fall of 2006. SACS conducts these re-affirmations every 10 years.



*Dr. Donna Miller*

Accreditation by SACS signifies that an institution has a purpose appropriate to higher education and has resources, programs, and services sufficient to accomplish and sustain that purpose.

Dr. Donna Miller, Director of Institutional Research and SACS liaison, said, "This is a two-part process. In May of 2006, there will be an off-site review of the compliance standards for ABAC, and then evaluators will come to the campus in October of 2006 to evaluate the quality enhancement plan of the campus."

ABAC has core requirements, or necessary parts to this re-affirmation that

must be complied with. If compliance is not met, ABAC will be asked to fix the problem or receive a warning. If the college receives a warning, this warning applies to the whole institution. This review will take place May 15 - 18, 2006.

The second part of this process is an on-site Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Evaluators will meet with the QEP team at ABAC to see if the plan for improving an area of the college that will benefit student learning is in context with its missions, resources, and capacities in order to carry on in an environment where teaching, public service, research, and learning can occur. Evaluators will be on the campus of ABAC Oct. 9 - 11, 2006.

"We expect ABAC to maintain its good standings in each SACS evaluation without any difficulties," Miller said.

If there are any questions regarding the SACS Accreditation process, go online at: <http://sacscoc.org>. For more information on the re-affirmation of accreditation at ABAC, log onto the ABAC web site at: <http://www.abac.edu/SACS>.

## New ID Numbers Will Prevent Identity Theft

The new identification system at ABAC begins on Wednesday.

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 identification cards to the John Hunt Town Center on Wednesday 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. For more information, visit [www.abac.edu/oits/ssn](http://www.abac.edu/oits/ssn).

"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," Ross said.



## In Memory: Richard Strickland

Richard Strickland, former instructor and director of the Abraham Baldwin Police Academy and past director of Evening and Off Campus Programs, died June 17. He was 54 years old.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the March of Dimes.

He left ABAC in 1995 to serve as Director of Instruction and Vice President of Satellite Operations at Moultrie Technical College. At the time of his death, he was the Director of Institutional Effectiveness at Lanier Technical College in Oakwood.

Funeral services were held June 21 at First Baptist Church in Adel.

# Goizueta Foundation Scholarships Awarded at ABAC

Ernesto Ortiz Ariza, Daniel Andres Alamo Segura, and Pedro Perez are the recipients of The Goizueta Foundation Scholars Fund Scholarship at ABAC for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Ortiz Ariza, originally from Mexico City, Mexico, moved to Tifton in 1995 and graduated from Tift County High School. He was a member of the Beta Club and Y Club, as well as serving in the Model United Nations as Director General. He was also recognized as the 2004 Georgia Migrant Education Honor Graduate at the State Board of Education Meeting in Atlanta.

Ortiz Ariza is a Political Science/Law major at ABAC. He is also a member of the ABAC Ambassadors. He was selected as the recipient of the Distinguished Ambassador award this year.

Alamo Segura is originally from Caracas, Venezuela and moved to Fitzgerald in 1999. There he attended Bowens Mill Christian Center, a community school in Fitzgerald. While attending



**Goizueta Foundation Scholarship recipients (l-r) Pedro Perez, Daniel Andres Alamo Segura, and Ernesto Ortiz Ariza are congratulated by ABAC Interim President Tom Call.**

this school, Alamo Segura mentored children and helped with music programs in the community. He is majoring in Computer Science at ABAC.

Perez is originally from Queretaro, Mexico and moved to Moultrie in 1996. He is a 2004 Colquitt County High School graduate and received the Rotary Club of Moultrie Scholarship.

Perez is an engineering major who is a member of the ABAC Honors Program

and was named to Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges.

He is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society; Vice President of the College Assistance Migrant Program (CAMP) Cultura Latina Club; Treasurer of the ABAC Honors Club; and Public Relations Director of the Political Science Club.

The Goizueta Foundation was established to provide financial assistance to educational and charitable institutions by Roberto C. Goizueta. The Goizueta Foundation is a private, general purpose, grant-making foundation whose mission is to assist organizations that empower

individuals and families through educational opportunities to improve the quality of their lives.

To be eligible to receive The Goizueta Foundation Scholars Fund Scholarship, a student must be Hispanic/Latino, accepted to ABAC with a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher, able to demonstrate financial need, and reside in the United States.

## Quick Pace So Far On Health Sciences Bldg.

The new Health Sciences building at ABAC is progressing at a rapid rate.

Floyd Wright, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs said, "We expect the building to be finished a few weeks ahead of schedule."

The 41,424 square foot, \$7.2 million building will serve two functions. The building will be the site for classrooms and clinical labs for nursing students, as well as house the student health center for everyone on the ABAC campus. The classrooms and labs will make up three-fourths of the building's space leaving the remainder for the student health center.

Eight classrooms will be in the new building, including two that seat 100 students each. Four general labs are included in the plans as well as three small specialty labs.

Administrative offices for Nursing and Health Services Division Chair Wanda Golden and her faculty and staff will move from Gaines Hall into the new building upon its completion.

Tom Call, Interim President of ABAC,



**Construction is ahead of schedule on the new Health Sciences Building.**

said, "This building will give us space for our students that we just don't have right now. Nursing is our biggest major, and this building will give us the space and facilities it deserves."

The new building will be located on the site formally occupied by Creswell Hall and the Moore Building. The Health Sciences building grand opening is slated for August 2006.

## ABAC Public Relations

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### Give Blood Wednesday

A Red Cross blood drive will be held on Wednesday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Nickelodeon. Stop by and give the gift of life.

### Water System Maintenance

Plant operations flushed the main water system for the campus on Monday. The water will be stained for a couple of days. Your patience is appreciated.



### Care & Concern

Mandy Vassey underwent surgery for lung cancer on June 28 at Phoebe Putney Hospital. Bertha Daniel's mother, Doretha Teal, underwent back surgery on June 17. Her condition was complicated by a blood clot in her lung, but she is now on the mend. Keisha Gay's mother, Faye Gay, is also recuperating after undergoing back surgery at the Hughston Orthopedic Hospital on June 16. Please keep all these members of the ABAC Family in your thoughts and prayers.

### Positions Open

#### ABAC:

- Library Assistant III
- Salary \$17,500 (deadline 7/15)
- Contact Human Resources for details.

### Celebrating Birthdays July

- 5 Wendy Harrison
- 7 Barnabe Miburo
- 8 Andrew Wright
- 9 Kim Ascani
- 9 Caren Bierbaum
- 10 Missy Hutto
- 10 Jana Williams
- 11 Robin Crumley
- 11 Bertha Daniel
- 11 Anita Hobbs
- 12 Elizabeth Stone
- 12 Mary Willis
- 14 Dawn Davis
- 14 Keith Perry
- 14 Beth Saxon
- 15 Christopher Ellis
- 16 Lynda Harris
- 16 Amy Willis



### Retirees Honored

ABAC faculty and staff bid retirees Arlene Bailey and Emory Johnson a fond farewell at a reception held in their honor last week. Johnson retired June 30 after 32 years at ABAC. Bailey's last day will be Friday after working at ABAC for 22 years. Best wishes to both these dedicated members of the ABAC Family!



### Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Kimberly Keen whose grandmother passed away on June 24. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

### Notes of Thanks

Dear Friends at ABAC,  
Thank you so much for your many acts of kindness following the death of my father, Clarence Barker. I appreciate the plant, flowers, notes, cards, memorial gifts, and words of comfort so much. Your warmth and support have been truly uplifting. I sincerely appreciate your compassion during this sad time in my life.

Susan Johnson

I would like to express my thanks to the ABAC family for their prayers, calls, visits, and cards during the recent death of my grandmother, Irene New. It is encouraging to know that others were thinking of my family during this time.

Kimberly Keen

### ABAC Family

Tom Call and Mike Chason presented a program on ABAC to the Fitzgerald Rotary Club on June 28.

Darby Sewell accompanied four students to the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., on June 22-26. The topic was *Sizing Up America: Obesity Causes, Effects, and Solutions*. Students attended educational sessions with FCS professionals and students.

### Next FOCUS

July 18

The next issue of the FOCUS will be emailed on July 18. Send information for this edition to [pleonard@abac.edu](mailto:pleonard@abac.edu) by noon on July 14.

### Calendar of Events

#### Tuesday, July 5

- 2:30 p.m.—Upward Bound (Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m.—Upward Bound (Howard Auditorium)

#### Wednesday, July 6

- 11:45 a.m.—Robinson Class (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 6:30 p.m.—Upward Bound (Howard Aud.)

#### Thursday, July 7

- 2:30 p.m.—Upward Bound (Chapel)
- 6:30 p.m.—Upward Bound (Howard Aud.)

#### Friday, July 8

- 2:30 p.m.—Upward Bound (Howard Aud.)

#### Saturday, July 9

- Noon—Jones/Darden Family Reunion (Dining Hall)

#### Monday, July 11

- 8 a.m.—LACE Camp (Cordell Conf. Room A)

#### Tuesday, July 12

- 9 a.m.—Regents' Exam (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 1:30 p.m.—Regents' Exam (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 2:30 p.m.—Upward Bound (Chapel)

- 6 p.m.—Regents' Exam (Cordell Conf. Room)

#### Wednesday, July 13

- 9 a.m.—LACE Camp (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 3:30 p.m.—LACE Camp (Howard Auditorium)

- 7 p.m.—Upward Bound (Chapel)

#### Thursday, July 14

- 2:30 p.m.—Upward Bound (Chapel)

#### Friday, July 15

- 8 p.m.—LACE Camp Awards (Cordell Conf. Room A)