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Walking to Wellness Program Begins Today With Perry Speech

To help promote the American Association of Family and Consumer Science national theme of the year, *Obesity: Causes, Effects, and Solutions*, the ABAC FACS is starting a "Walking to Wellness" program on the campus.

To kick off the program, the Abraham Baldwin FACS has invited motivational speaker Stuart Perry to speak today from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Cordell Conference Room. This event is open to the public.

Perry suffered from clinical depression. As an effort to reduce the stigma of depression and emphasize the illness, he and a group of people walked 1,000 miles from Americus to Chicago, Ill.,

where the American Medical Association is located. His story is told in *Journey for Life* by Rudy Hayes.

Perry has received the Clifford Beers Award, the highest award given annually by the National Mental Health Association, at its 50th annual national conference. He is the father of ABAC student and FACS Club President, Amanda Perry.

The "Walking to Wellness" program begins Oct. 3 with an orientation meeting in the Ag Sciences Building, Room 139 at 5:15 p.m. All faculty, staff, and students are welcome to take part in this program. For more information, contact Darby Sewell at 391-4810.

Benefits Fair On Wednesday

A Benefits Fair will be held Wednesday from 1-4 p.m. in the Cordell Conference Room. Representatives will be on hand to answer questions about health and life insurance, TRS and ORP retirement plans, ExpressScripts pharmacy coverage, Unicare Wellness, long term disability insurance, and supplemental insurance plans.

Also present will be representatives from the community including the financial institutions, Affinity, and Tift Regional Medical Center.

The Nursing Division will conduct health screenings and a massage therapist will do neck and shoulder massages. Door prizes will be given away, and refreshments will be served.

Increased Reimbursement for Mileage



According to ABAC Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Floyd Wright, the General Services Administration has adopted the IRS rate of 48.5 cents per mile. Based on the law passed by the Georgia General Assembly and approved by Governor Sonny Perdue, this is the rate that should be used to reimburse USG employees effective Sept. 10, 2005.

Therefore, for any travel completed prior to Sept. 10, 2005 using a privately owned vehicle, the reimbursement rate should be 28 cents per mile. For travel completed after Sept. 10, 2005, the 48.5 cents per mile rate should be used.

Birthday Party for GALILEO



Baldwin Library Secretary Dina Willis, Interim President Tom Call and Baldwin Library Director Victoria Horst enjoyed cake and punch with ABAC students on Wednesday for the 10th birthday of GALILEO. The system allows ABAC students to access databases from all over the world. A statewide celebration featuring the University System and Governor Sonny Perdue was held in Atlanta.



Look into the Future

(Below) Dr. Gail Dillard and Dr. Caroline Helms look over the plans for the new Health Sciences Building during a tour on Friday. The building will also include the Health Center.

Golden Rules

Nursing Division Chair Wanda Golden (left) seems to have Javier Gonzalez, Dr. Caroline Helms, Pattie Clark, and Interim President Tom Call all lined up and ready to tour the new Health Sciences Building on Friday.



Executive Order

Governor Sonny Perdue requested all Georgia public K-12 schools closed today and Tuesday. The University System of Georgia was not included in the Governor's request. ABAC will be affected by the Governor's request to eliminate all non-essential travel. More details on that request are forthcoming.

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Brenda Graham

Brenda Graham is the Senior Secretary and Office Manager for the TRIO/Upward Bound Program. She has been part of the ABAC community since March of 2001.

She is a member of the Georgia Association of Special Programs Personnel.

Her hobbies include reading and being a do-it-yourselfer around the house. She is the mother of David (36), Tony (33), and Chad (30).

She is also the proud Mema to eight and still counting grandchildren. Graham is a member of Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Adel.



Stallions Back on the Links

For the first time since 1995, ABAC has a golf team. The Stallions have already finished fifth in one tournament and will play in another next month. Members of the team include (left to right) Mitch Baxley, Ryan Jones, Josh Carter, Martin Lanier, Scott Ludwick, Samuel Del Val, and Coach Herb Hendrix. Not pictured are Ric Ellis and Keegan Mason.

Anderson Named New Director

Marsha Anderson is the new Director of the Office of Student Support Services at ABAC.

Employed with the college since 1991, Anderson served as a Minority Admissions Counselor, Senior Secretary, and Residence Hall Director from 1991–1993. She then became a Transfer Specialist for Student Support Services from 1993–present, as well as serving as Minority Advising Program Coordinator from 1995–present.

Anderson was also Interim Director of the MAP/TRIO/Learning Disabilities Services from August 2000 to June 2001, and November 2002 to June 2003. Prior to assuming her new position, she served as Administrative Coordinator for MAP/TRIO/ Learning Disabilities

Services.

Anderson attended ABAC, majoring in Social Work, before transferring to Georgia Southern University to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology. She obtained her Master of Science degree in Sociology with a minor in Social Work from Valdosta State University.



Marsha Anderson

Settimi Named Ag Division Interim Chair

Dr. John Settimi, Associate Professor of Agronomy at ABAC, has been named the Interim Chair of the Division of Agriculture and Forest Resources effective Jan. 1, 2006.



Dr. John Settimi

Settimi will fill the position

of Dr. Larry Allen, who has served as chair of the Division of Agriculture and Forest Resources for more than 11 years.

Settimi received his Master's degree in Agronomy from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Doctorate in Agronomy from Louisiana State University.

In 2002-2003, Settimi served as Vice President of Academic Affairs at the National University of Rwanda, supervising the development of an Agricultural Technology program while on leave from ABAC. He is beginning his 10th year at ABAC.

A committee will be established shortly to find a permanent chair for the Division of Agriculture and Forest Resources.

First Tuesday Features Jazz

The South Georgia Jazz Trio from the South Georgia Jazz Project will perform as part of the First Tuesday Concert Series on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of All Faiths.

The trio will present a concert of standard jazz tunes covering blues, swing, Latin, and other such styles in the jazz tradition. The trio members are Cary Brague (saxophone), David Springfield (Piano), and Donovan Stokes (Bass).

Individual tickets for the performance may be purchased at the door. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. ABAC students are admitted free with ID. Patrons of the Arts and Entertainment Series can also attend at no charge.

The South Georgia Jazz Project, formed by Cary Brague, is a cultural

education initiative that is sponsored by the Valdosta State University Music Department. The Jazz Project promotes activities that enhance public awareness of the importance of jazz in American culture and society, giving concerts and lectures aimed at diverse audiences across the South Georgia region.

The Jazz Project combo has also performed international cultural outreach work. In 2004 the group traveled to Hungary, visiting Egger and Budapest, giving a series of jazz concerts and lectures on American Jazz.

For more information on the series, contact Dr. Susan Roe at 391-4943.



Huaorani Leader to Speak Friday

Moi Enomenga, the Huaorani tribe leader from the Amazon rain forest, will be on the ABAC campus to help showcase the documentary *Trinkets and Beads* on Friday in the Cordell Conference Room from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Trinkets and Beads tells the story of how drilling on Huaorani land led to the 1957 massacre of five American missionaries by the Huaorani people, the evangelizing efforts of Rachel Saint, and the reported pollution of Huaorani land by Texaco and Shell.

Enomenga is now trying to unite his



tribe in opposition to the drilling of the land. He was made famous for his appearance as the main character in the book *Savages* by Joe Kane.

Enomenga is an eco-tourist guide and the Vice President of the Organization of the Huaorani Nation of Ecuadorian Amazon. He has worked with U.S. senators and the United Nations. Enomenga is touring south Georgia as a cultural ambassador to make others aware of what is happening to his people's land.

This event is sponsored by a grant from the Georgia Humanities Council, Valdosta State University, and the Office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs at ABAC. For more information contact Mouyyed Hassouna at 391-5083.

At the AAC This Week

Student Success Workshops hosted by the Academic Assistance Center this week include:

Major Choices for Your Career

Tuesday, 2-3 p.m.

Learn how to research careers that match your interests plus find out what you must do to enter the career field of your choice.

Don't be HOPE-less

Thursday, 2-3 p.m.

Find out valuable information about the HOPE scholarship.

Students may sign up for these workshops in the AAC, Carlton Center 104.

Donations Needed

The Lewis Hall collection center for items to be sent to hurricane victims will be open through Friday only. Hours are 4:30-6:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, and 4:30-5 p.m. on Friday.

Very few items have been donated, so your help would be greatly appreciated. Needs include baby items, bottled water, canned goods, clothing, children's toys, cleaning supplies, toiletries, blankets/pillows, towels/washcloths, shoes (new), medical supplies, sleeping bags, batteries, and kitchenware.

Blood Drive Wednesday

The ABAC Interactivities Council will sponsor a blood drive on Wednesday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Nickelodeon. Give the gift of life.

Notes of Thanks

Thank you for all the cards, emails, calls, good thoughts, and fine meals. It has made recovery so much easier for me. I am mending well - it seems my brain is all corrected now. Looking forward to being back on campus in a few weeks.

Cathy Rogers

Thank you so much for the flowers, thoughts, and prayers during my stay in the hospital. May God bless you.

Sincerely,
Randy Willis

Thanks to Troy Spicer and the Health Center staff for their assistance in getting the new cheerleaders ready for this upcoming year. With physicals complete and insurance coverage enabled, the squad plans to kick up spirit with added gymnastics this year.

Thanks again,
The ABAC Cheerleaders

Celebrating Birthdays

September

- 28 Susan Watson
- 28 Michael Williams
- 29 Tracy Dyal
- 29 Steve Janousek
- 29 Brenda Whitley
- 30 Mike Curry

October

- 1 Neva Herschell
- 1 Allison Young
- 2 Sue Hammons



Wild Adventures Special Offer

Representatives from Wild Adventures will be in the lobby of the Cordell Conference Room from 1-4 p.m. on Wednesday during the Benefits Fair offering special prices on season passes. These discount prices are available only on this date and cannot be purchased at Wild Adventures.

The **PASSPORT 2006** will be offered at a cost (\$54.95 each plus tax). This pass allows unlimited free admission to both Wild Adventures in Valdosta and Cypress Gardens Adventure Park in Winter Haven, Fla., until Dec. 31, 2006. Admission includes Splash Island Water Park at both locations, over

100 thrilling rides and attractions, more than 500 wild animals, up to 15 daily shows, and over 50 all-star concerts and special events. The Passport does not include parking, but parking decals will be available at a cost of \$20 each.

The **PLATINUM PASS 2006** will also be available at a cost of \$119.95 each (plus tax), which allows unlimited free admission to both Wild Adventures and Cypress Gardens Adventure Park until Dec. 31, 2006, PLUS free parking at both parks. Also included are free go-carts, free adventure golf, free Skycoaster rides, discounts on food and merchandise, special VIP hospitality tents at selected concerts, and much more.

FCA Meets Today

The first huddle of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for the fall is planned for today at 6 p.m. in Gressette Gym. The FCA welcomes everyone—athletes, other students, faculty and staff members, community members—for fun, food, and fellowship.



Pool Closes

The ABAC Pool will close on Friday at 7 p.m. for all public use for the season.

Update on USG Website

In anticipation of the 2005 open-enrollment period for University System of Georgia employee benefits, the newsletter *Health Plan Update* has been posted on the USG website at http://www.usg.edu/employment/benefits/health/hp_update.phtml.

Positions Open

ABAC:

- Administrative Records & Research Assistant for First ABAC, LLC, a division of the ABAC Foundation (deadline 10/8)

Contact Human Resources for details.

ABAC Family

Lorie Felton and Dr. Eddie Seagle lectured at the Landscape Design School held on Sept. 19 in Atlanta. The event was coordinated by The National Garden Clubs, Inc., The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., and The Dogwood District. This is School One of a four part series over the next two years.

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 26

- 8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections (Bowen 113)
- 5:30 p.m.—Walking to Wellness (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 27

- 8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections (Bowen 113)
- 11 a.m.—Student Support Services Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)

Wednesday, September 28

- 8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections (Bowen 113)
- 1 p.m.—ABAC Employees Benefits Fair (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 6 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Thursday, September 29

- 8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections (Bowen 113)
- 11 a.m.—Faculty/Staff Luncheon (Magnolia Room)
- 6 p.m.—Shoplifting & Theft Prevention Class (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 6 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

- 7 p.m.—MASDA Benefit Talent Show (Howard Auditorium)

Friday, September 30

- 7:30 a.m.—Ruth's Cottage Breakfast (Magnolia Room)
- 8 a.m.—Ga. Dept. of Corrections (Bowen 113)

- 10 a.m.—Trinkets & Beads (Cordell Conf. Room A)

Sunday, October 2

- 12:30 p.m.—Raley Sunday School Class Luncheon (Magnolia Room)

Monday, October 3

- 6 p.m.—Hunter Safety (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)