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FOCUS

ABAC Professor, Student Named to GA Honors Council



Dr. Luke Vassiliou

Dr. Luke Vassiliou, assistant professor of English and Director of the Honors program at Abraham Baldwin, and Renee Smith, a freshman agricultural education major from Way-

cross, were each recently elected to positions with the Georgia Collegiate Honors Council.

Smith was elected Student Vice President of the Georgia Collegiate Honors Council. This is the highest student office in the state organization, and the first time an ABAC student has held the position. Smith has already shown her

commitment to service through her work as an ABAC Ambassador.

Vassiliou was elected Faculty Vice President of the State Council, and his duties include organizing next year's conference theme and presentations schedule. Smith and Vassiliou are part of the Council's executive board for the upcoming year as well.

Freshmen honor students Rebekah Fox and Chivaun Perez also presented research with Smith to other Honors program students from colleges around the state. Fox is a foreign language major from Tifton, and Perez is an English ma-

ior from Nahunta. The students' participation in the conference was made possible by the generous ABAC Foundation funding of Honors Program activities.



ABAC Honors program students (l-r) Rebekah Fox, Chivaun Perez, and Renee Smith at the Georgia Collegiate Honors Council.



Black Inventors on Display

Pathelyn Smith and Clayton Riehle take a look at the traffic signal, which was invented by G.A. Morgan in 1923. The amazing exhibit in the dining hall last Tuesday showcased African-American inventors. Other inventions included the spark plug, wrench, mail box, super soaker, ice cream, chewing gum, potato chips, rolling pin, key chain, mop, lawn sprinkler, and many more. Thanks to Bernice Hughes for bringing this exhibit our way.

Stallions at Home for First Round

The Golden Stallions' basketball team of Coach Todd Sheppard will host Atlanta Metro in the first round of the state basketball tournament on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Gressette Gym.



The Golden Fillies of Coach Julie Conner recorded their 22nd win of the season on Saturday to set the record for most wins by a women's basketball team in ABAC history. Conner's 2003 team had the previous record with 21 victories.

The Fillies are scheduled to play at 7:30 p.m. Thursday against Truett McConnell in the first round of the women's tournament at Darton College in Albany.

Conner said that matchup could change because the Middle Georgia women's team has elected not to play in the tournament.



Georgia's First Lady

Mary Perdue, wife of Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue, was in Tifton last Tuesday to talk about the "Our Children Campaign." Sponsored by Northside Baptist, the event was held in the lobby of the John Hunt Auditorium at UGA's Tifton Campus Conference Center. Hunt was an ABAC alumnus and a former member of the Board of Regents. His wife, Julie, now serves as a Regent.

Mark Your Calendar!
On-campus interviews for candidates for ABAC's new President will be held March 14-16 & March 20-23.

**Town Hall Meeting
 Wednesday at 7 p.m.**
 A Town Hall meeting will be held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Cordell Conference Room. Sponsored by the ABAC SGA, the annual spring meeting will be held to address student issues with administrators, faculty, and staff.

FOCUS ON Eddie Seagle

Dr. Eddie Seagle is a Professor of Agriculture and Environmental Horticulture with the Division of Agriculture and Forest Resources. He has been a member of the ABAC faculty since Jan. 1, 1978.

He teaches a variety of classes including Turfgrass Science and Technology, Commercial Turf, Sports Turf, and Golf Course Design and Management.

He received his Associate's degree from Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC; a Bachelor's degree in Horticulture/Agronomy from the University of Georgia; his Master's degree in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design from the University of Tennessee; and a Doctorate from the University of Georgia in Occupational Studies – Agricultural Education.

Seagle has received the SGA Impact Award, USG BOR Distinguished Professor for Teaching and Learning, and the W. Bruce and Rosalyn Donaldson Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence. He holds honorary degrees from the American FFA and the Georgia FFA.

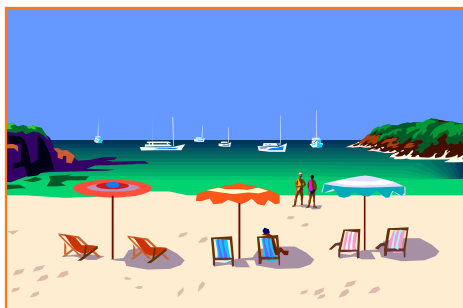
He is a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association, Sports Turf Managers Association, Irrigation Association, and National Society for Experimental Education. He has also held speaking engagements at the state, southeast, and national levels.

Seagle enjoys going to the gym, golfing, motorcycling, reading, and traveling to the beach and mountains. He has a daughter, Autumn Lee, 22, attending the University of Georgia, majoring in marine and avian biology.

Open For Business

The new One-Stop Shop is open for business in the former snack bar in the J. Lamar Branch Student Center. Students will no longer go to Tift Hall to the business office windows.

March 1 Deadline
Early Bird Orientation and Scholarship Applications



Spring Break Next Week
 Spring Break at ABAC will take place March 6-10. Administrative offices will remain open, but all faculty offices and student use areas will be closed during this time. Classes will resume on March 13.

First Tuesday Concert on March 14 Features ABAC Vocalist Susan Roe



Dr. Susan Roe

The First Tuesday Concert Series for March 14 will feature ABAC's Dr. Susan Roe, assistant professor of voice and director of the First Tuesday Concert Series. She will be accompanied by Gina Lawhon, a local piano and organ instructor who teaches general music with the Tift

County Public School System. free with ID. Patrons of the Arts and Entertainment Series can also attend at no charge.

Roe will perform Landon Ronald's *Love I Have Won You* from *A Cycle of Life*, *Ici-Bas* by Gabriel Faure, and *Bot-shaft* written by Johannes Brahms. Roe will also perform selections from *La Boheme* and *Gianni Schicchi* by Puccini, the Gershwin classic *Summertime* from *Porgy and Bess* and *Till There Was You* from Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man*.

Wayne Jones, Director of ABAC's Arts Connection, will join Roe in a duet of *Bess, You Are My Woman*, also from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*. The performance will conclude with *It Is Well* by Horatio Spafford and Phillip Bliss.

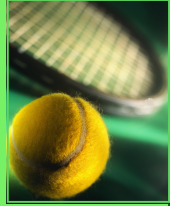
The First Tuesday Concert Series takes place on the first Tuesday of each month from September to April. For more information, contact Roe at 391-4943.

County Public School System.

Tickets for the performance may be purchased at the door. The performance will begin at 7 p.m. at the Chapel of All Faiths. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. ABAC students are admitted

Softball, Tennis, Baseball on Tuesday

If you like spring sports at ABAC, Tuesday is your day. For one of the few times all season, the softball team, the baseball team, and both tennis teams will be at home on the same day.



Coach Donna Campbell's softball team hosts Tallahassee in a 3 p.m. doubleheader at Fillies' Field. Coach Alan



Kramer's tennis teams host Gordon at 3 p.m. at the ABAC Tennis Center. Coach Steve

Janousek's Stallions take on Lake City in a 4 p.m. contest at Stallion Field.

The baseball team also hosts John Wood for 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday doubleheaders. The softball team takes on Coastal Georgia Thursday at Fillies' Field for a 2 p.m. twin-bill. The tennis teams will not be back at home until March 18 against Gardner Webb.

Local Family Donates Painting

The Carper family of Tifton recently donated to ABAC one of four paintings that hung inside the Alpine Restaurant from the 1950s to 1970. The painting will now hang in the lobby of the Ag Sciences building.

Dorothy Carper and her three sons, Gerald Carper (ABAC '69), Charles Carper, and Bill Rogers, along with Rogers' wife, Neva Jane Wiley Rogers (ABAC '92) made the presentation to Dr. John Settimi, Interim Chair, Agriculture & Forest Resources.

Sidney Carper commissioned Lorenzo Griffith to do the painting in the 1950s, along with three others for approximately \$3,000. The painting that ABAC received had been in Dorothy Carper's home from 1970 until being moved to the college.

The Carper family owned and operated the Alpine Restaurant from 1947 to 1970. It was located where the Western Sizzlin' now stands and was a Tifton landmark known to many tourists traveling to and from Florida. The Alpine, Myon Hotel, and Lankford Manor were the three places tourists and locals "ate out" in Tifton. The family restaurant served over 100 inside and had a staff of 50. The Alpine also offered the first curbside service in Tifton.

The Alpine served fresh seafood, western beef, and eight different homemade pies. The restaurant was open every day of the year except for Christmas. The Alpine cooked BBQ on the premises, cut its own meat, bought Black Angus cows from ABAC, and also catered for the Rural Development Center, International Harvester, and tractor shows.

In The Alpine's history as an eatery, it catered to Pernel Roberts of the television show *Bonanza*; President Jimmy Carter; Elvis Presley during his truck driver days, and Neva Jane Langley—Miss America 1952.

ABAC notables who ate at The Alpine included Talmadge Webb, Paul Gaines, Bruce and Rosalyn Donaldson, Dr. Vernon Yow, Jesse Chambliss, and Tom Cordell.



Members of the Carper family donated this painting to ABAC which will hang in the lobby of Ag Sciences.

May Wins High Five



Jim May is this week's High Five Award Winner. He is Database Administrator for the Office of Instructional Technology.

His nomination stated, "While staff from Enrollment Services were in Athens participating in beta testing for electronic transcript transfer, Jim May was our guardian angel back on campus in Tifton. When a problem arose, Jim was instantly there to tweak settings and restart processes that were critical to the testing process. Often he took care of issues before we could even let him know by email or telephone. This required him to put his own pressing duties aside and devote his entire attention to monitoring our test data and progress. Jim's quick response and constant monitoring of the beta test issues allowed our testing to progress as far as possible."

May will receive a certificate of appreciation and a t-shirt from the ABAC Bookstore. His name will also go into the drawing for the monthly High Five.

Nominate someone you know who has gone above and beyond for next week's High Five Award.



Four Hands on the Ivories

Dr. Lyle Indergaard from VSU and Dr. Judit Gabos from Romania play a remarkable four-hand piano recital at the Stafford Series last Tuesday in Howard Auditorium. The Stafford family donated the Steinway to the ABAC Foundation for use by the college and in the Stafford Series.

Safe Space Training Offered at ABAC

The first annual Safe Space Program training sessions will be offered on campus in March. Safe Space's goal is to provide a network of students, staff and faculty committed to providing support to Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender individuals and their allies at ABAC and beyond.

This ally program will give willing participants important insight on how to provide a safe and comfortable environment for members of the ABAC community that may be dealing with these issues or want to help. It is not a program geared at changing opinions and beliefs already in place about GLBT people, only to make us, as educators and lead-

ers, better prepared to understand our students and peers.

Participants will receive a work book of resources and with successful completion, be given a logo to display in their offices to signify the decision to be an ally and knowledge on GLBT issues.

Two sessions will be offered in the first round: March 16, 7-9 p.m., and March 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Student Life Courtroom. Each session has room for 20 attendees.

Please email Nick Rachowicz at nrachowicz@abac.edu or call the Housing Office at 391-5140 to reserve your seat or for more information concerning this important training.

Congratulations!



Judy Perry is the proud grandmother of a new granddaughter. Alexis Emma was born on Feb. 16. She weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Judy's daughter, Brittany, and Alexis are doing fine. Best wishes!

Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Brenda Doss. Charlotte Toney Reed, maternal grandmother of Brenda's husband, Lee, passed away on Feb. 26. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Celebrating Birthdays

February

27 Joyce Willis

March

4 Diane Kilgore

4 Jessica King



Calendar of Events

Monday, February 27

6 p.m.—CAB Show: *Comedian Roy Wood, Jr.* (Dining Hall)

Tuesday, February 28

9:30 p.m.—Courson Speech Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)

11 a.m.—Student Support Services Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)

3 p.m.—Softball: Fillies vs. Tallahassee Doubleheader (Fillies Field)

3 p.m.—Tennis: Fillies & Stallions vs. Gordon (ABAC Tennis Center)

4 p.m.—Baseball: Stallions vs. Lake City (Stallion Field)

7 p.m.—Black History Month Program (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 1

6 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

7 p.m.—SGA Town Hall Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room)

Thursday, March 2

9:30 a.m.—Courson Speech Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)

Thursday—Continued

11 a.m.—Faculty/Staff Luncheon (Magnolia Room)

2 p.m.—Softball: Fillies vs. Coastal CC Doubleheader (Fillies Field)

Friday, March 3

8 a.m.—Ga. Student Finance Comm. (Cordell Conf. Room A)

12:30 p.m.—Academic Freedom Lecture (Cordell Conf. Room C)

7 p.m.—President's Club Dinner (Dining Hall)

Saturday, March 4

8 a.m.—Optimist Club Area Speech Contest (Cordell Conf. Room A)

1 p.m.—Baseball: Stallions vs. J. Wood Doubleheader (Stallion Field)

Sunday, March 5

1 p.m.—Baseball: Stallions vs. J. Wood Doubleheader (Stallion Field)

Monday, March 6

Today—Spring Break begins

6 p.m.—Hunter Safety (Cordell Conf. Room A)