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Drummond, Dunn Receive Top Honors

Miles Drummond and Jill Dunn were selected as Mr. and Miss Baldwin by a campus-wide vote to head a list of 23 students selected for Who's Who At ABAC. Drummond is an English major from Tifton, and Dunn is a pre-vet major from Tifton. Both are ABAC Ambassadors. Drummond was active in many organizations on campus this year, and Dunn was a member of the Fillies' basketball team.

Other students selected for Who's Who at ABAC were Robin Belcher, Sherral Renee Bivens, Laura Beth Braziel, Jason Chapman, Danielle Croft, Oluwakemi Jean Elufiede, James Benjamin Howard, Conchetta Jackson, Janna Legg, Rhett Lermy, Michael Ellis Matuson, Chivaun Perez, Amanda Perry, Elizabeth Autumn Roberts, Seth Welchel Robinson, Paula Jane Rogers, Jennifer Renee Smith, Michael R. Smith, Stephen Stokes, Zachary Tomberlin, and Jeanna Zito.



Mr and Miss Baldwin: Miles Drummond and Jill Dunn



Willis Receives SGA Impact

Andrea Willis, chair of the Division of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, received the SGA Impact Award from SGA President Jason Chapman at Thursday's Student Leadership Banquet.



The New SGA President

Willie Dean, an education major from Tifton, was selected by a campuswide vote as the new president of the Student Government Association at ABAC. Dean is a member of the ABAC Ambassadors and former president of the student body at Tift County High School.

Faculty/Staff Meeting, Retirement Reception Today

The entire faculty and staff of ABAC will meet in the Cordell Conference Room of the Carlton Center today at 3:30 p.m. President David Bridges will address the group and will then present the annual service awards. After the meeting, a retirement reception will be held in the Donaldson Dining Hall from 4-5:30 p.m. The reception will honor Dr. Caroline Helms, vice president and dean of aca-

ademic affairs; Fran Kinchen, secretary to the president; Sue Wilson, associate professor in the Division of Social Science; Mandy Vassey Bryant, office manager for Public Service and Business Outreach; Barbara Snyder, accounting clerk in the bookstore; and Brenda Youmans, clerk in the bookstore. Please make your plans to attend the meeting and reception.



ABAC Pacesetters Selected

Michael McMillan, editor of ABAC's award-winning campus newspaper, *The Stallion*, presented Pacesetter awards at Thursday's Student Leadership Banquet. Those present included: (l-r) Jason Chapman, Joyce Willis, Kari Kwasheen White, Jimmy Ballenger, Beth Thornton, Jeanna Zito, Dr. Gail Dillard, and Miles Drummond. Others selected were Ali Csinos, Dr. Chrystle Ross, Dr. Jeff Gibbs, Dr. Herb Shippey, Todd Sheppard, and John Michael Hall. Pacesetters have been presented every year since 1970.

Academic VP Candidates This Week

Two more candidates for the position of Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs will interview at ABAC on Tuesday and Thursday of this week. Dr. Galan Janeksela will speak at his colloquium at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the Cordell Conference Room, and Dr. Ron Key will speak at his colloquium at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, also in the Cordell Conference Room. Both sessions are open to all faculty and staff. Info on this week's candidates is as follows:

Dr. Galan (Lanny) M. Janeksela is Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, West Virginia University Institute of Technology, Charleston, West Virginia. Dr. Janeksela earned a B.A. with a major in sociology from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. He earned a M.S. in sociology (Corrections) from Minnesota State University and a Ph.D. in sociology from Iowa State University. His administrative and academic experiences include positions on the faculty, department chairperson, coordinator of graduate programs, dean, vice president for academic affairs and interim positions as vice president and president.

Dr. Ronald A. Key is Vice President for Academic Affairs, Okefenokee Community and Technical College, Waycross, Georgia. Dr. Key earned a B.A. from Kentucky Wesleyan College, a M.A. in communications and speech

from the University of Kentucky and an Ed.D. from the University of Louisville in higher education administration. His administrative and academic experiences include positions on the faculty, assistant dean, dean, vice president for academic affairs and interim positions as vice president and provost.



Pre-Vet Animal Science Named Club of Year

Miles Drummond presented Pre-Vet Animal Science Club advisor Beth Thornton and club president Jeanna Zito with the prestigious Club of the Year award at Thursday's Student Leadership Banquet.

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Jeannie Rigdon

Jeannie Rigdon is a registered nurse and faculty member in the Division of Nursing Services. She has been with ABAC since 1996. She teaches medical/surgical nursing II and III.

She received two bachelor's degrees. The first is a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Furman University in 1975 and a second Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill in 1978. She received her Master of Science in Nursing from Valdosta State University in 1996.

She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, the national honor society of nursing. In 2001, she received the Arts Citizen of the Year award. She is active in the Tifton Museum of Arts and Heritage, where she serves on the board and exhibits committee. She is also a member of the St. Anne's Episcopal Church vestry.

Her hobbies include reading, traveling, and swimming. She is married to Steve, a medical doctor at Affinity Health Group. They have two children, Alice (25) and David (22).

ABAC Alumnus Gets First PGA Victory

Former ABAC student Thomas "Boo" Weekley won the Professional Golf Association's (PGA) Verizon Heritage golf tournament on April 16, winning \$972,000 and a slot in the Masters.

A native of Milton, Fla., Weekley becomes the first PGA Tour winner to qualify for the 2008 Masters after his performance in Hilton Head Island, SC.

Weekley got the chance to make up for a heartbreaking loss at the Honda Classic last month with a pair of dramatic par-saving chips on the 17th and 18th holes to defeat Ernie Els.

Weekley, who goes by the nickname of "Boo", after Yogi Bear's sidekick, attended ABAC from fall of 1992 to spring of 1993.

Amy Grant Tickets Available April 30

Tickets for Dollars for ABAC Scholars on June 15 featuring Amy Grant will be on sale beginning April 30. Tickets are \$125 for the banquet meal and show. Concert tickets without the meal are \$75 each. Reserved tables for the meal, which include eight tickets together in a prime concert location, are \$1,250. A portion of the ticket price is tax deductible.

Platinum Scholarship sponsors for the event are the Ambling University Development Group, Ameris Bank, Pennington Lawn and Garden Products, and The Stafford Companies.

For more information, call the ABAC Foundation office at (229) 391-4897 or visit the ABAC web site at www.abac.edu.

Turf Club Basketball Shootout Tuesday



March Madness is over but the basketball fever continues at Gressette Gym on Tuesday at 7 p.m. when the ABAC Turf Club sponsors the Relay For Life Basketball Shootout.

Competitors in five age divisions will shoot for prizes in the slam dunk contest, the free throw contest, the three-point contest and the hot shot contest. The cost to enter is \$10 for the slam dunk competition, and \$5 for the others. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. The winner of the slam dunk contest will receive a \$50 Wal Mart gift card.

Age divisions are 12 and under, 13-15, 16-18, 19-40, and 41 and up. All competitors can sign up at the gym on the night of the event. For more information, contact Jake Purvis with the ABAC Turf Club at (229) 560-7986.

Tennis Teams Win, Golf Second In State

The women's tennis team of Coach Alan Kramer claimed its 14th consecutive state title on Saturday at the ABAC Tennis Center with an 8-1 win over Young Harris. Freshman Kedi Magakgala was selected as the MVP. Kramer was named Coach of the Year. The Fillies will now advance to the national tournament in Tucson, Ariz., on May 4-10.

The men's tennis team also won the state championship without playing a match since the Stallions are the only NJCAA Division II team in Georgia. The Stallions will travel to the national tournament in Dallas, Tex., on May 11-18.

Coach Herb Hendrix and the ABAC golf team finished second in this weekend's NJCAA Region 17 golf tournament in Albany. Darton, the defending national champion, won the tournament. Mitch Baxley and Samuel Del Val were named All-Region performers for ABAC.

The baseball Stallions of Coach Steve



Janousek will wind up regular season play on the road this week in preparation for the state tournament. The softball Fillies of Coach Donna Campbell will begin state tournament play Friday.

VSU Chamber Singers at ABAC Tonight

The Valdosta State University Chamber Singers, under the direction of David Lee Johnson, will present a choral concert at 7 p.m. tonight in Howard Auditorium.

The Chamber Singers are the premier choral ensemble in the VSU Music Department. They have toured Poland, Italy, the Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Hungary, and England.

The literature the Chamber Singers perform is varied and encompasses various historical periods, especially the Renaissance and the Twentieth Centuries. The selections will range from Giovanni Gabrieli's "Jubilate Deo", to the folk song "Hail Mary" by William Levi Dawson. The



accompanist for the singers is Maila Springfield.

This concert is open to the public and free of charge. For further information contact Dr. Susan Roe, assistant professor of voice at ABAC, at 391-4943.



The Love Affair Fine Arts Festival is a week-long celebration of visual and performing arts slated for Saturday through May 6 in Tifton. With the emphasis on fine arts, activities and entertainment offer a break from the ordinary. Love Affair gives you a chance to discover great art, see great performances, enjoy fabulous foods and just relax.

Love Affair begins this Saturday with Arts in the Heart of Downtown. The evening keystone event is the walking tour of downtown observing the window displays decorated with works of area artists. Over 50 merchants have displayed works from 23 local artists. Displays are cur-

rently in the store windows.

Children will enjoy walking in the "Creative Kids and Cuddly Critters" parade at 4:30 p.m. Jim Newton and Friends will be in the Myon Courtyard for a jazz concert. Local youth will showcase their talents in an art exhibit at the Tifton Museum of Arts and Heritage. The Carolyn Ellis School of Dance will hold an exhibition in front of the Myon. Local band Twisted Pfister will play at the street dance. The local theater will host a production of *On Golden Pond*. For more information, call ABAC Arts Connection 391-4820 or go to www.tiftonloveaffair.com.

ABAC Cattlemen's Chapter Attends State Convention

Eleven members of the ABAC Cattlemen's Chapter attended the Georgia Cattlemen's Association Convention April 4 – 7 in Perry at the Georgia National Fairgrounds. The event was highlighted by the Cattlemen's Ball on Thursday night where the ABAC chapter was recognized for having the second largest membership increase of any of the 80 chapters currently in the state.

The ABAC students listened to John Queen, current National Cattlemen's Beef Association President, address issues relevant politically and economically to the beef industry today. Other speakers during the convention included state and national leadership in production and economics. The students were also able to speak with representatives of companies in the trade show area and producers of livestock on job availability and placement.

The ABAC chapter received the Georgia Cattlemen's President Award, given to a chapter recognized as outstanding as well as potential for further growth and leadership.

Also during the convention, scholarships were awarded through Georgia Cattlemen's scholarship awards pro-



ABAC students (left to right) Jennifer Beggs, Carla Dean, Katelyn Gitschier, Lee Busbee, Brittany New, Trish Strawn, Justin Johnson, Rebekah Estes, Regina Holliday and Advisor Mary Ellen Hicks recently attended the organization's state convention.

grams. Receiving scholarships were ABAC students Regina Holliday, Casey Allen and Jason Thrasher.

Other ABAC students attending included Rebekah Estes, Trish Strawn, Katelyn Gitschier, Jennifer Beggs, Justin Johnson, Chris Tatum, Corey Maddox,

Lee Busbee, Brittany New and fall semester president Carla Dean, who is currently attending the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Dr. Mary Ellen Hicks, faculty advisor, as well as Doug Hicks and Dr. Tim Marshall also attended the convention.

Family Legal Issues Wednesday



Judge Nancy Stephenson will present a workshop on family legal issues and wills on Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Cordell Conf. Room. All faculty and staff are invited to attend.

Care & Concern

Donna King's son, Conner, was hospitalized in Augusta after suffering first and second degree burns on his foot and toes. He was released on Wednesday. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Jennifer and Alan Murphy upon the death of Jennifer's brother, Daryl Renny Tucker on April 15. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Celebrating Birthdays

April

- 24 Monique Glover
- 27 Nancy McGee
- 29 Marsha Anderson



ABAC FAMILY

ALI CSINOS, BROOKE SANDERS, LYN SMITH, MIKE CHASON, and ABAC student WILLIE DEAN spoke to the 105 seniors at Irwin County High School in Ocilla on Thursday on the benefits of attending ABAC.

MIKE CHASON was the guest speaker at the Fellowship of Christian Athletes final meeting of the year at the Baptist Collegiate Ministries building on Thursday. He spoke to all the ABAC athletes on "The Eagle In You."

Calendar of Events

Monday, April 23

- 3:30 p.m.—Faculty/Staff Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 4 p.m.—ABAC Retirees Reception (Dining Hall)
- 7 p.m.—VSU Chamber Singers (Howard Auditorium)

Tuesday, April 24

- 3:30 p.m.—VPAA Candidate Colloquium/Social (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 4 p.m.—ABAC Music Majors' Recital (Chapel)
- 7 p.m.—CAB Show: Tad Dreis (Town Hall)
- 6 p.m.—SGA Banquet (Magnolia Room)

Wednesday, April 25

- 8 a.m.—Hudgins Class Final (Howard Auditorium)
- 11 a.m.—Stephenson Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 11:30 a.m.—Phoebie Putney Luncheon (Magnolia Room)
- 3:30 p.m.—Vice Mayor Lewis Lecture (Cordell Conf. Room A)

Wednesday—Continued

- 4 p.m.—ABAC Music Majors' Recital (Chapel)
- 7 p.m.—Ag Division Annual Banquet (Dining Hall)
- 7 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Thursday, April 26

- 10 a.m.—Financial Seminar (Ag Sciences 139)
- 3:30 p.m.—VPAA Candidate Colloquium/Social (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 6:30 p.m.—Alpha Beta Gamma Dinner (Magnolia Room)

Friday, April 27

- 7 p.m.—Ferguson/Walker Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)

Saturday, April 28

- 4 p.m.—Ferguson/Walker Wedding (Chapel)

Monday, April 30

- Today—Last day of spring semester classes
- 8 a.m.—Hudgins Class Final (Howard Auditorium)