

# FOCUS

## Pedestrian Mall Grand Opening Tuesday

All faculty, staff, and students at ABAC are invited to the grand opening of the Pedestrian Mall in front of the Donaldson Dining Hall On Tuesday at 9 a.m.


University System of Georgia Chancellor Thomas Meredith will be the guest speaker and will plant a tree at the ceremony. He will begin the day with an 8 a.m. breakfast with legislators and will visit the Sunbelt Ag Expo later in the day.

The Pedestrian Mall is a \$1.5 million project which will soon be two-thirds finished. The mall extends from the Dining Hall to the front of the Ag Sciences Building. It is lined with benches, lampposts, shrubs, trees, flowers, and plants. A new fountain in front of the Dining Hall recently began operation. The fountain in front of the Carlton Center opened at Homecoming in April.

In its future stages the mall will

stretch through ABAC Place apartments and eventually behind the Student Center to the south parking lot.

### Win \$500 in Ag Classic Golf Ball Drop

You could win \$500 by purchasing one or more tickets for the ABAC Ag Classic Golf Ball Drop.  Numbered golf balls will be dropped from a bucket truck over a hole on the lawn in front of Tift Hall at 3 p.m. on Oct. 20.

The first ball in the hole wins \$500! The second ball wins \$250, and the

third ball \$125. If a second and third ball do not go into the hole, the winners will be drawn from ticket stubs. You do not have to be present to win.

Tickets can be purchased at a cost of \$5 each from the Alumni Office or the Ag Division. Proceeds will benefit the George P. Donaldson Award presented to the most outstanding member of each graduation class.



*Horticulture students prepare for the Pedestrian Mall grand opening .*

### Enrollment at 3,410




*Beth Saxon*

Enrollment at ABAC is holding at 3,410 students, according to registrar Beth Saxon. Director of Institutional Research Donna Miller said these students hail from 22 countries, 22 states, and 146 Georgia counties. Miller said the enrollment is 58 percent female, the highest female enrollment for a fall term perhaps in the history of the college.

Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services Tom Call said nursing is the single largest major at ABAC with 731 students. He said the Division of Agriculture and Forest Resources has 718 students.

### Submit Your ABAC Holiday Card Designs

The annual design contest for the official ABAC holiday card is now underway. President Mike Vollmer and his wife, Lennie, want to continue the tradition of having an original design that depicts or promotes the college. To be eligible, you must have some connection to the college. That can be as a student, 

faculty member, staff member, administrator, or alumnus. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate from the ABAC Bookstore and a short bio on the back of the card.

Submit your entries to Fran Kinchen in the President's Office by Oct. 15. The only guidelines are your imagination and the ability to have your entry reproduced.

### Publications Approvals from Public Relations

All ABAC publications must continue to approved through the Public Relations Office. Publications Specialist Helen Strickland has retired. Assistance with graphic design is no longer

available. Freelance graphic designers are available in Tifton. Some design can be offered through your local printer. For details, call Mike Chason at 3264.

## ABAC Public Relations

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### CHANGE the World

Thanks to Alpha Beta Gamma, students became involved in ABAC's United Way campaign for the first time. Members of Alpha Beta Gamma asked students entering the dining hall to help CHANGE the world by donating their pocket change.

The United Way appreciates all donations, no matter how small. Over 30 local charities will benefit from the students' United Way donations.



### Division of Nursing Hosts Student Visitors

ABAC Nursing student Kay Graham practices her blood pressure taking skills when 22 students from Tift County High School visited the Division of Nursing on Sept. 26. Pattie Clark, chair of the IMAGE Committee, coordinated the event. Wanda Golden welcomed the students, and Kitty Ray also assisted with the visit.

Twenty students from Eighth Street Middle School also visited the Nursing Division on Oct. 3. Ray coordinated the visit.

### THE ABAC AMBASSADORS

invite campus clubs and organizations  
to enter contestants in the

## 36<sup>th</sup> Annual ABAC Beauty Revue

for the selection of Miss Abraham Baldwin 2004

the pageant will be held on

**Tuesday, Nov. 11**

at 7:30 p.m.

in Donaldson Dining Hall

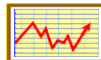
Sponsor's agreements, entry fees, and  
contestant's information sheet must be  
turned in to the Office of Public Relations  
by 12 o'clock noon on

**Friday, Oct. 24**

For more information, call  
**386-3264**

### GSW Enrollment

ABAC faculty member Paul Miller has announced a new record enrollment for the Georgia Southwestern B.B.A. program on the ABAC campus. Forty-nine students are enrolled this fall, 24 accounting majors, 24 management majors, and one double major in accounting and management. Miller directs the



### Contributions Update

ABAC contributions to the State Charitable Contributions Program as of Oct. 7 totaled \$4,034 with 34 contributors. The United Way total was \$2,717. Remember President Mike Vollmer has promised a pizza party for the departments and divisions that reach 100 percent participation.

### ABAC Ag Classic October 27 in Moultrie



The third annual ABAC Ag Classic Golf Tournament will be held for the first time in Moultrie at the Sunset Country Club on Oct. 27. Tee time is at 1 p.m.

The entry fee is \$125 per person or \$500 for a four-player team. This fee includes cart and greens fees, a premium golf shirt embroidered with the tournament logo, a sleeve of balls, and lunch.

Prize payouts begin at \$1,000 for the first place team and continue through fifth place. A Buick Regal will be

awarded to a player who makes a hole-in-one on a designated hole, courtesy of Edwards Motors in Moultrie and Albany. Other prizes will be given to the player who makes the longest drive and the player whose shot is closest to the pin on designated holes.

Proceeds from the tournament, which is sponsored by the ABAC Ag Alumni Council, will be used to benefit students in ABAC's Division of Agriculture and Forest Resources.

For additional information, contact Nancy Coleman at 386-3321, or email her at [ncoleman@abac.edu](mailto:ncoleman@abac.edu).

### New Electronic Signs

Two new electronic signs are scheduled to be put into place this week at ABAC. The Coca Cola Corporation and the Student Government Association at ABAC provided the funding for the signs. No state funds were used for the project.

One will be located on Moore Highway near the entrance to Perimeter Road, and the other will be located on Davis Road near the entrance to the South Parking Lot. Messages for the signs will be coordinated through Administrative Assistant Pam Leonard in the Public Relations Office.

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### ABAC Going to Expo

ABAC will be one of the exhibitors at the annual Sunbelt Ag Expo this week at Spence Field near Moultrie. Showcased during the entertainment portion of the day will be the ABAC Jazz Band on Tuesday, the ABAC Jazz Choir on Wednesday, and the Sabor Latino dancers on Thursday. The Expo is the largest outdoor farm equipment show in America. The show actually began as a series of small equipment shows on the ABAC campus.



*Members of the ABAC Jazz Choir performed during last week's Fall Concert and Picnic on the front lawn of campus. They will also perform at ABAC's Sunbelt Expo exhibit on Wednesday.*

### Pork Chop Plates

The ag clubs are once again sponsoring their famous smoked pork chop plates on Oct. 23. The \$6 cost guarantees you a three-quarter inch smoked pork chop, green beans, corn, bread and cookies. Contact [lallen@abac.edu](mailto:lallen@abac.edu) for details.

### Building Dedication

Mayor Paul O. Johnson, City Council Members and the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Tifton cordially invite you to attend a Building Dedication Ceremony for the Tiftarea Workforce Center at 902 South Main Street on Oct. 20 at 11 a.m.

### Positions Open

**ABAC:** Camp Recruiter  
Contact Jane Thompson in Human Resources at [jthomps@abac.edu](mailto:jthomps@abac.edu) for details.

### Care and Concern

Martha Rae Hill, wife of retired ABAC Coach Red Hill, has been hospitalized at Tift Regional due to the progression of cancer. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

### Calendar of Events

#### Monday, October 13

Today-Fall Break  
6 p.m.-Tifton-Tift Co. Arts Council (Cordell Conf. Room A)  
6:30 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

#### Tuesday, October 14

Today-Fall Break  
Today-Sunbelt Expo  
9 a.m.-Pedestrian Mall Ribbon Cut  
7 p.m.-Gideons Dinner (Magnolia Room)

#### Wednesday, October 15

Today-Sunbelt Expo  
11 a.m.-Student Support Services Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)

#### Thursday, October 16

10 a.m.-Open Enrollment Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room C)  
11:30 a.m.-Faculty/Staff Luncheon (Magnolia Room)  
3 p.m.-Open Enrollment Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room C)

#### Friday, October 17

5:30 p.m.-Avery/Brandt Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)

#### Saturday, October 18

9 a.m.-Ga. Teen Institute (Cordell Conf. Room)  
Noon-Ga. Teen Institute Luncheon (Magnolia Room)  
2:30 p.m.-Avery/Brandt Wedding (Chapel)  
7:30 p.m.-Pentecostal Full Gospel Church Banquet (Dining Hall)

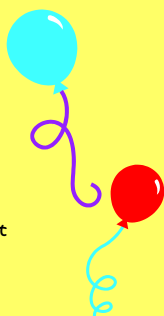
#### Monday, October 20

11:30 a.m.-Phoebe Putney Recruitment Luncheon (Magnolia Room)  
1:15 p.m.-VP of Academic Affairs Candidate (Cordell Conf. Room A)  
6:30 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

### Celebrating Birthdays

#### October

- 14 Gail Dillard
- 15 Floyd Vogel
- 16 Ellen Bullington
- 17 Polly Huff
- 18 Mitchell Barton
- 18 Marsha Blanchett
- 19 Shawn McRae
- 20 Arlene Bailey
- 20 John Tanner



### ABAC Family

**Pattie Clark** attended the National Academic Advising Association Conference in Dallas, Texas on Oct. 2-3. Approximately 2,000 participants representing colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and Canada attended the conference.

**Mike Chason** spoke to the senior class at Tiftarea Academy on Oct. 7 on opportunities at ABAC and in public relations beyond high school.

**JoAnn Brannen, Joy Godin, and Dr. Amy Willis** made presentations at the 11th annual Gulf South Adult and Career Education Conference held at Valdosta State on Oct. 3.