



## FOCUS

### Chancellor Cuts Ribbon for Pedestrian Mall

University System of Georgia Chancellor Thomas Meredith recognized a "college on the move" at the grand opening Tuesday for the Pedestrian Mall at ABAC.

Meredith said the \$1.5 million project will become a "gathering place for students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of ABAC. Ideas will be exchanged, and friendships will be made on this Mall."

ABAC President Mike Vollmer said the Mall was funded as a collaborative effort between the Board of Regents, the Georgia Department of Transportation, the ABAC Foundation, and many alumni, friends, faculty, and staff of the college.

"Stephen Rakestraw did a terrific job with the design of this project, and now I'm already thinking about what we can do with the next phase," Vollmer said.

The Mall is a brick walkway through



*Chancellor Thomas Meredith cuts the ribbon on the Pedestrian Mall*

the center of the ABAC campus. It is lined with benches, lampposts, trees, shrubs and flowers. The Mall extends from the front of the Donaldson Dining Hall to the front door of the new Ag Sciences Building.

When the \$32 million ABAC Place apartment project is completed, the Mall will extend through the center of

the complex, and two more fountains will be added. The existing Mall has a fountain in front of the dining hall and another between the Carlton Center and the Environmental Horticulture Building.

At a recent statewide meeting on the campus, members of the Garden Clubs of Georgia added to the beauty of the Mall by bringing plants and flowers from their home counties and planting them along the walkway. Vollmer said that eventually most plants

native to Georgia that can survive the summer heat will be planted along the Mall.

DOT Board member Billy Langdale, Regent Julie Hunt, Legislators Jay Roberts and Austin Scott, Meredith, and Vollmer assisted in the planting of a tree beside the Mall and cut a ribbon to open the new project.

### Deadline is Friday for Ms. ABAC Event

Friday at noon is the deadline for clubs, organizations, teams, and other groups to enter contestants in the 36th annual ABAC Beauty Revue to be held Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall.

All sponsor sheets, entry fees, and contestant's information sheets must be turned in to the Office of Public Relations by noon on Friday. The event is sponsored by the ABAC Ambassadors. For more information, call Pam Leonard at 386-3264.

### VP of Academic Affairs Candidate Here Today

Dr. Thomas Dukes, the first of three candidates for the position of Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, is on campus today for an interview. For a schedule, go to [www.abac.edu/robinson/dukes.htm](http://www.abac.edu/robinson/dukes.htm) and plan to meet with him at the appropriate time.

Dukes is currently Dean of the School of Business at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. He holds the D.B.A. in marketing from Louisiana Tech University, the M.B.A. in marketing from Northeast Louisiana University, and the B.S. in business administration from Northeast Louisiana Uni-

versity. He was previously Dean of the School of Business and International Commerce at Merrimack College. As a part of his current responsibilities, Dukes recruits faculty, manages budgets, and is extensively engaged in budget planning. He received the Fuqua Excellence in Teaching Award in 1992 and 1995.

Other candidates for the position are Dr. Caroline Helms who will interview on Oct. 30, and Dr. John Kooti who will interview on Oct. 31. Take the opportunity to meet with all the candidates and ask questions about their vision for ABAC and their management styles.

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### Town Hall on Tuesday

The Student Government Association is sponsoring a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Cordell Conference Room. Panelists will include Mike Vollmer, Dr. Caroline Helms, Bernice Hughes, Tom Call, Kristen Popham, and Bryan Golden. Students will be able ask questions they have about the campus.

### Russian Farmers at ABAC

Director of Public Service and Business Outreach Diane Kilgore is coordinating a visit by a group of Russian farmers to the campus on Wednesday. They will engage in various seminars throughout the day and eat lunch in the Donaldson Dining Hall. The visit is sponsored by the Tifton Kiwanis Club.

## Win \$500 in Golf Ball Drop Today

You could win \$500 today in 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.

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.

Proceeds benefit the George P. Donaldson Award presented to the most outstanding member of each graduation class.



## ABAC at Expo Tremendous Success

Thanks to all those persons who helped to make the exhibit at Sunbelt Expo 2003 a great success.

Special appreciation is extended to the ABAC Ambassadors, Admissions Director Angie Palmer, Alumni Relations Director Nancy Coleman, Evening and Off-Campus Programs Director Gail Dillard, ABAC on the Square Director Kay Powell, Don Coates and the ABAC Jazz Band, Wayne Jones and the ABAC Jazz Chorus, and the Sabor Latino Dancers. ABAC alumna Autumn

Cross also provided entertainment during the show.

The ABAC Physical Plant staff did a great job in cleaning and setting up the building which attracted thousands of people during the three days of the event. The building was funded by the ABAC Foundation through contributions provided by Lanier Carson in 1999.

Palmer said over 500 prospect cards were received during the show.



Five of the 14 ABAC Ambassadors had a great time at Expo on Thursday.



Members of the ABAC Jazz Band entertain visitors at the ABAC Building at the Sunbelt Expo on Tuesday.



Near record crowds visited the ABAC Building at the Sunbelt Expo last week.



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### Donaldson Award Nominations Due Friday

Nominations for the prestigious George P. Donaldson Award are due Friday. Nominees should be well-rounded with a strong balance between academic excellence (3.0 GPA or higher) and extracurricular activities. Leadership and service to the college are also key points of consideration. Please send letters of nomination to the alumni office by noon on Friday. Contact Nancy Coleman for more information at 386-3321.



### 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

### Fillies' Pancake Meal on Nov. 8

The women's softball team will hold its fourth annual pancake breakfast at Applebee's on Nov. 8 from 8-10 a.m. Tickets are \$6 each. Tickets can be purchased from any player or by contacting Coach Donna Campbell at [dcampbel@abac.edu](mailto:dcampbel@abac.edu).



### Pork Chop Plates

The ag clubs are once again sponsoring their famous smoked pork chop plates on Thursday. 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.

### Dedication Today at 11

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

### Calendar of Events

#### Monday, October 20

11:30 a.m.-Phoebe Putney Recruitment Luncheon (Magnolia Room)

6:30 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

#### Tuesday, October 21

10 a.m.-HOPE Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)

11:30 a.m.-YMCA Board of Directors (Magnolia Room)

Noon-Student Union Show (Dining Hall)

6 p.m.-ACE Program Dinner (Magnolia Room)

6:30 p.m.-SGA Town Hall Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room)

6:30 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

#### Thursday, October 23

8 a.m.-Grant Writing Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)

11:30 a.m.-Faculty/Staff Luncheon (Magnolia Room)

#### Saturday, October 25

8 a.m.-National ACT (Student Development Center)

8:30 a.m.-PREP Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room)

2 p.m.-McSwain Dessert (Magnolia Room)

6 p.m.-Lundy Dinner (Dining Hall)

#### Sunday, October 26

6 p.m.-Georgia Agri-Leaders Dinner (Magnolia Room)

#### Monday, October 27

8:30 a.m.-Tiftarea Board of Realtors (Cordell Conf. Room C)

10 a.m.-Open Enrollment for Retirees (Magnolia Room)

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

11:30 a.m.-Student Union Show (Dining Hall)

1 p.m.-ABAC Ag Classic Golf Tournament (Sunset Country Club, Moultrie)

4 p.m.-Beauty Revue Contestants Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room A)

### Contributions Update

ABAC contributions to the State Charitable Contributions Program as of Oct. 15 totaled \$4,869 with 40 contributors. The United Way total was \$3,552. If you have already made a contribution, thank you. If not, the deadline for participation is Nov. 21. Dig out that form and send it in. Thanks from all the deserving charities that will benefit from your generosity.

### Thanks!

The National SAT was administered on Oct. 11 to 159 students from over 15 school districts. Thanks to the following who helped make the test a success: Ellen Bullington, Dr. Jonathan Harrington, Annie Sims, Bernice Hughes, Jenelle Handcox Debbie Riner, Rita Wade, Ellen Resta, Anita Williams, Bernice Corbin, Jack Larry, Scott Jackson, and Public Safety.

### Celebrating Birthdays

#### October



- 20 Arlene Bailey
- 20 John Tanner
- 21 Andrea Willis
- 22 Jean Oliver-Burks
- 22 Reba Selph
- 23 Beverly Clark
- 23 Helen Wishart
- 23 Jimmy Woods
- 26 Floyd Wright
- 27 Evelyn Perez

### ABAC Family

**Dr. Rod Brown** attended *Introduction to Geographic Information Systems* in Atlanta on Oct. 13-14. This hands-on course involved spatial analysis and development of maps using ESRI's ArcView 8.3 software.

**Cheryl Biggs** and **Rita Wade** accompanied a group of ABAC students, alumni, and employees to Jacksonville, Fla., on Oct. 10 to attend the play, *If These Hips Could Talk*. Providing cultural enrichment to their program participants is just one of the many components of Student Support Services.