



# FOCUS

## Chancellor Here for Pedestrian Mall Grand Opening



**Dr. Thomas Meredith**

University System of Georgia Chancellor Thomas Meredith will be at ABAC on Oct. 14 for the grand opening of the Pedestrian Mall.

Meredith will speak with legislators at an 8 a.m. breakfast and then will open the

mall by planting a tree and cutting a ribbon at 9 a.m. All faculty and staff who are on campus that day are invited to attend the grand opening which will be in front of the Donaldson Dining Hall.

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

Make your plans to attend the grand opening on Oct. 14 at 9 a.m. in front of the dining hall.

### Fall Picnic Wednesday

The annual Fall Picnic Concert will take place on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. on the front lawn of Tift Hall. While enjoying your lunch, you can hear music from the Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Choir, Jazz Ensemble, and two new groups, Clarinet Ensemble and Saxophone Ensemble. The cost for lunch is only \$5. ARAMARK Food Services will provide barbecue-style foods, assorted desserts, and beverages. Lunch is optional. The concert is free.

### Chapel Performance on Tuesday Night

Claire Fox Hillard and Leroy Bynum will be the featured performers in the First Tuesday Performance Series at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Chapel of All Faiths. Individual tickets may be purchased at the door. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$1 for students. ABAC students are admitted free with I.D. Patrons of the Arts Connection Arts and Entertainment Series will also be admitted at no charge.

Hillard serves as Music Director and

Conductor of the Albany Symphony Orchestra. He is also a violinist. Bynum is Chair of the Fine Arts Department at Albany State University. He was a former choral director at ABAC. He has appeared as a recitalist and soloist throughout the United States and Europe. Meri Beth Hillard will accompany the musicians on the piano. There will also be an art exhibit by ABAC students in the Music Building adjacent to the Chapel.



**ABAC Place's first apartment will be open for Open Campus Day on Nov. 8**

### ABAC Place Info

#### Session Wednesday

You've heard a lot about the ABAC Place apartments. Now is the time to get the inside story.

The entire faculty and staff and all ABAC students are invited to join ABAC Place representatives in Section B of the Cordell Conference Room from 4-5 p.m. on Wednesday to find out more about this \$32 million project which will change the face of this campus forever. Make plans to attend.

## ABAC Public Relations

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### ABAC Going to Expo

ABAC will be one of the exhibitors at the annual Sunbelt Ag Expo Oct. 14-16 at Spence Field near Moultrie. Showcased during the entertainment portion of the day will be the ABAC Jazz Band on Oct. 14, the ABAC Jazz Choir on Oct. 15, and the Sabor Latino dancers on Oct. 16. 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.

### 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.

### PTK Seminar Today

Phi Theta Kappa is sponsoring a Cancer Awareness Seminar today at 6 p.m. in the Student Courtroom. Everyone is invited to attend.



### Rogers is Chair

Cathy Rogers is the new chair of the Academic Assembly. Julie Conner is the vice chair, and Abul Sheikh is secretary. Congratulations!

### Care and Concern

Ellen Bullington's daughter was diagnosed with cancer and underwent surgery last week. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

## Celebrating Birthdays

### October

- 7 Vonda Fenn
- 7 Teresa Williams
- 9 Becky Arnold
- 9 Cindy Jones
- 10 Earl Bennett
- 10 Alvin Caquelard
- 10 Philip Hightower
- 10 Ray Wells
- 10 Shirley Wilson



### Win \$500!

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.

### Condolences to Vollmers

Peter Jupin, the father of Lennie Vollmer, passed away on Sept. 29. Funeral services were held Friday in Lancaster, Penn. In lieu of flowers, Mrs. Jupin is requesting that donations be sent to the Lancaster County Hospice at P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, Penn. 17604-4125. Acknowledgements may be sent to Rose Marie Jupin, 1718 Billview Drive, Lancaster, Penn. 17601, or to Lennie Vollmer, 2811 N. Park Avenue, Tifton, Ga. 31794. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

### Wild Adventures Passes

A representative from Wild Adventures will be in the Student Center today from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to sell 2004 passports. The cost is \$49.95 plus tax and will be good through Dec. 31, 2004.

### ABAC Family

**Tom Call** and **Mike Chason** spoke about the new ABAC Place apartments at the Fitzgerald Rotary Club on Sept. 30.

**Dr. Maggie Martin** and **Arlene Bailey** administered the national ACT to 24 students on Sept. 27. The students were from 12 communities and two states.

**Dr. Doug Waid**, **William Moore**, and students from the Forestry and Wildlife Club assisted Lt. Steve Hyman and members of the Tifton Police Department with a Fishing Rodeo for kids on Sept. 27 to celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day. The students worked directly with participants, managed the casting contest, and provided an information and education exhibit on native wildlife species.

### Notes of Thanks

Thank you so much for the ABC Waterford photo frame that you gave to Cole. It looks so cute in his nursery with his picture in it. I am so blessed to work with such kind and thoughtful people.

Sincerely,  
Kip & Cole Smith

Thanks so much for your prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls. Your care and concern were a comfort and very much appreciated.

Annie Sims

### Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Bertha Daniel whose aunt, Linda Faye Henderson, passed away last week. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, October 8

- 8 a.m.-Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 6:30 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

### Tuesday, October 7

- 8 a.m.-Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 5 p.m.-FYE Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room)
- 6 p.m.-ACE Dinner (Magnolia Room)
- 7 p.m.-First Tuesday Concert (Chapel)

### Wednesday, October 8

- 8 a.m.-Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 11:30 a.m.-Fall Picnic Concert (Front Lawn)
- 2 p.m.-AAC Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)

### Thursday, October 9

- 8 a.m.-Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 11:30 a.m.-Faculty/Staff Luncheon (Magnolia Room)

### Friday, October 10

- 8 a.m.-Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 7 p.m.-Tiftarea YMCA Benefit Dinner/Show (Dining Hall)

### Saturday, October 11

- 8 a.m.-National SAT
- 8 a.m.-ACT Training (Cordell Conf. Room A/B)
- 10 a.m.-HEP Graduation (Chapel)
- Noon-HEP Reception (Dining Hall)

### Sunday, October 12

- Noon-Lee Saye Sunday School Class (Magnolia Room)

### Monday, October 13

- Today-Fall Break
- 6 p.m.-Tifton/Tift Co. Arts Council Board Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room A)

## Benefits Fair/Charitable Contributions Kick-off Great Success

A very big thank-you goes to all who helped make the first ABAC Benefits Fair a success! This year the kick-off for the State Charitable Contributions Campaign was combined with a Benefits Fair. Many positive comments and helpful suggestions were made which will be used to build a bigger and better event in 2004.

Director of College Services Bertha

Daniel expressed thanks to all the committee members, Mike Chason for serving as master of ceremonies, and President Mike Vollmer and the ARAMARK Dining Staff for the refreshments. Thanks also to the Sabor Latino dancers for entertainment and to ARAMARK Custodial Services for set-up.

Daniel also gave special thanks to

her staff, Jane Thompson, Bam Pirkle, and Alex Salazar, for their hard work.

The faculty and staff will be surveyed in coming weeks to determine the level of interest in bringing AFLAC on campus.

The ABAC State Charitable Program contributions totaled \$2,220 at presstime.



## Moonlight Mania Tips Off Hoops!

*The faculty/staff team (above) put up a hard fight, but lost their first game in four seasons to the students at last week's Moonlight Mania by a 33-28 score. Team members were (l-r) Traci Bryan, Donna Campbell, Jonathan Harrington, William Moore, Doris Roundtree, Mike Vollmer, Coach Jeff Gibbs, Jimmy Palmer, Steve Janousek, Carlos Howard, and Don Coates. Not pictured are Julie Conner, Evelyn Perez, John Davis, and coach Bernice Hughes.*

*President Mike Vollmer (right) poses with two ABAC students who dressed as Sumo wrestlers to boost the Stallions and Fillies at Moonlight Mania.*

