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Enrollment Shatters 3,400

Vice President for Student and Enrollment Services Tom Call reports an enrollment of 3,407 students at presstime. This headcount shatters the previous alltime record of 3,033 students set last fall. Congratulations to every faculty member, staff member, and administrator who helped make this record possible. Your hard work has paid off!



Moonlight Mania September 29

Get ready to have lots of fun and meet the Fillies and Stallions at the annual Moonlight Mania at 7 p.m. on Sept. 29 at Gressette Gym.

One of the highlights of the event will be the annual faculty/staff versus students game. The faculty/staff team is 3-0 and looking to keep the undefeated string going.

If you are a faculty or staff member and would like to play in the game, call Julie Conner at 3927 so she can get your T-shirt size. Players need to be on the floor between 6:30-6:45 p.m.

Bernice Hughes and the Residence Life staff are sponsoring Couch Potato Basketball where a student will have a chance to win a reclining chair. The annual Crawl for Cash while blindfolded will also be featured during the evening, as well as the ABAC Ambassadors Half Court For \$100.

The Fillies will engage in a scrimmage, as well as Coach Todd Sheppard's Stallions. Meet the coaches, meet the players, and mark your calendar!

Benefits Fair September 30

Make your way to the Donaldson Dining Hall from 2-4 p.m. on Sept. 30 for the annual Benefits Fair. All benefits providers will be on hand to answer questions about health insurance, teachers retirement, and much, much more.

This day will also serve as the Charitable Contributions Campaign kickoff. There will be food, door prizes, and entertainment.

For more information, contact Director of College Services Bertha Daniel at bdaniel@abac.edu.

Strickland to Retire Again

Helen Strickland has served as our publications specialist on campus since she retired from her faculty position. She has done a terrific job. On Sept. 30, 2003, Helen will retire from ABAC for the second



time. If you have publication needs which may include t-shirt design, brochures, promotional items and other tasks, please contact her at 3599. She is in her office for the next two Tuesdays. Also, wish her well in her second retirement. She has been a dedicated and faithful member of the ABAC Family, and she will be missed.



Pick Up Your Gold Card

ABAC faculty members, staff members, and administrators can pick up their ABAC Gold identification cards at the Housing Office on the second floor of the Branch Student Cen-

ter from 8-11:45 a.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. this week. New employees should schedule a few extra minutes to fill out a form. These pictures may also be used on the website as a future faculty/staff directory.

Only a Few Left

Only a few tickets remain for the Tom M. Cordell Distinguished Lecture Series featuring author Anthony Grooms on Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cordell Conference Room. If you need a ticket, pick one up from the Public Relations Office today.



Construction continues on the center tower of the new Ag Sciences Building. The grand opening is tentatively set for 11 a.m. on Jan. 5, 2004.

ABAC Public Relations

ABAC 30, 2802 Moore Highway
Tifton, GA 31793-2601
(229) 386-3264

Scott Retires

Congratulations to Verlin Scott who has retired from ABAC after 33 years of service. Verlin served most of his career in Gressette Gym. Best wishes!



Go to Europe With ABAC Next Summer

Anyone planning a vacation during the summer of 2004 may be interested in the London, Paris, and Chateaux trip offered by ABAC's Public Service & Business Outreach Center.

The trip is open to anyone who would like to attend. A \$95 non-refundable deposit reserves a place. Within 30 days after the initial deposit, a minimum payment of \$400 is due. The deadline for full payment is March 15. For more info, contact Debra McCrary at 386-3267 or dmccrary@abac.edu.

The nine-day trip is a tour package designed by CHA (Cultural Heritage Alliance) Educational Tours. Projected dates of the trip are June 23-July 1. SDU (Staff Development Unit) credit is available. The total cost of the trip is approximately \$2,538. The fee is based on double occupancy for adult travelers and Atlanta departure.

Members of the travel group will visit



Brown Bag Lunch On October 1

The next faculty development brown bag lunch date is Oct. 1 in Conger Hall, Room 222. You will learn all the great things the Baldwin Library can do to help you enhance your classes through the use of resources available using new technology. Mary Rootes will be the featured speaker.

M.B.A. News Thursday

Representatives of Albany State will be here Thursday at 6:30 p.m., to talk with students about the M.B.A. degree at ABAC offered through Albany State. The meeting will be held in the Evening Program Office in Tift Hall. Contact Dr. Gail Dillard at 386-7154 or gdillard@abac.edu

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 22

- 8 a.m.-GA Chiefs Assoc. Management Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 9 a.m.-TCHS Northeast Tour Group (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 5:30 p.m.-DAR Tallassee Chapter Dinner (Magnolia Room)

Tuesday, September 23

- 8 a.m.-GA Chiefs Assoc. Management Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 8 a.m.-GA Association of Assessing Officers Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 6:00 p.m.-ACE Program Dinner (Magnolia Room)
- 6 p.m.-Hunter Safety & Education (Cordell Conf. Room B)
- 6 p.m.-Student Union Show—Clay Ratliff (Dining Hall)

Wednesday, September 24

- 8 a.m.-GA Chiefs Assoc. Management Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- Noon-Fit for Life (Magnolia Room)

Thursday, September 25

- 8 a.m.-GA Chiefs Assoc. Management Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 11 a.m.-Student Support Services Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 11:30 a.m.-Faculty/Staff Luncheon (Magnolia Room)
- 5 p.m.-Horticulture Intern Presentations (Cordell Conf. Room A/B)

Friday, September 26

- 8 a.m.-GA Chiefs Assoc. Management Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
- 8:30 a.m.-ABAC Nursing/American Red Cross Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)
- 6 p.m.-Morton/Davis Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)

Saturday, September 27

- 8 a.m.-National ACT (Student Development Center)
- 6 p.m.-Morton/Davis Wedding (Chapel)
- 7p.m.-Morton/Davis Wedding Reception (Dining Hall)

Monday, September 29

- 8 a.m.-ABAC Nursing/American Red Cross Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)



Celebrating Birthdays

September

- 22 Wasdon Graydon
- 23 Lum Roberts
- 24 Cathy Rogers
- 27 Caroline Helms
- 27 Jane Thompson
- 28 Mike Williams
- 29 Steve Janousek



ABAC Family

Alan Kramer, Donna Campbell, Todd Sheppard, Julie Conner, Andrea Willis, and Alton Hudgins recently completed the Red Cross AED CPR and First Aid certification. Willis also received certification in personal training and sports nutrition.

Dr. Maggie Martin attended the University System's Counseling Center Directors' meeting at Clayton College and State University on Sept. 5 where she was elected Chair Elect. She will serve as Chair during the 2004-2006 term.