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Dormitories Coming Down on ABAC Campus

If dormitory rooms could tell stories, they would be writing volumes about the history of Abraham Baldwin this week. Longtime ABAC dormitories Fulwood Hall, Mitchell Hall, and Branch Hall are being demolished as a part of the new ABAC Place apartments project.

Chandler Hall was torn down in January so the final 635 rooms of the mammoth \$32 million ABAC Place project could be finished. Although no apartments are planned for the Fulwood, Mitchell, Branch site at this time, the razing of the three halls was a part of the construction package.

"We expect all three of these dormitories to be down by the time the spring term begins on January 10," ABAC Interim President Tom Call said. "We'll be talking with our Master Plan firm about future buildings on that location."

Call said Sasaki Associates, a master planning firm, is in the midst of a year-long study to outline how best to use the 421 acres ABAC has available. The site of the old dorms will be a green space on campus for the time being.

Another ABAC dormitory, Creswell Hall, will also be torn down to make way for the new \$6.2 million Health Sciences building. That area, along with the Fulwood, Mitchell, and Branch site, has already been fenced in to get ready for the demolition.

ABAC Director of Alumni Relations Nancy Coleman said Creswell Hall, the oldest of the five, was opened in 1954 and named the Girls' Dormitory. In 1956, it was renamed in honor of the late Edith Vaughn Creswell, who served as Dean of Women and a Professor of Home Economics.

Both Branch and Mitchell Halls were opened on Valentine's Day in 1970. Branch Hall was dedicated to the mem-



Interim President Tom Call, Director of Development Melvin Merrill, and Director of Student Life Bernice Hughes were among those who chipped the first bricks off Mitchell Hall as the demolition began last week.

ory of Frank G. Branch, President of ABAC from 1929 – 1933 when it was a four-year college called the Georgia State College For Men.

Mitchell Hall was named for Coach Orion Mitchell, who served as a member of the faculty and coached the Rams' football and baseball teams. Under Mitchell's leadership, the football Rams defeated the University of Miami 13-12 on Oct. 16, 1931.

Chandler and Fulwood Halls were the last to be built. These dormitories were opened in the fall quarter of 1973. Chandler Hall was called the New Women's Dormitory and later dedicated for the late Iva Mozelle Chandler on April 16, 1983. She was Dean of Women, Associate Professor of

Social Science and Director of Creswell Hall.

Fulwood was named the New Men's Dormitory upon its opening in 1973. A year later, it was renamed in honor of Paul Fulwood, Sr., an outstanding businessman in Tift County.

All five dormitories have commemorative blocks on the Pedestrian Mall in front of the fountain at the John Hunt Town Hall Center. The blocks include the name of the building, the person it was named for, and the years it served as a residence hall.

On Wednesday, three students who formerly lived in Fulwood, Branch, and Mitchell took part in a symbolic event to knock bricks off Mitchell Hall.



ABAC is this year's featured exhibitor at the Sunbelt Expo at Spence Field

Call to Speak at Sunbelt Expo Lunch

Interim President Tom Call will be one of the guest speakers at the annual exhibitors' luncheon at the Sunbelt Expo on Oct. 19. ABAC will be the featured exhibitor at the three-day event at Spence Field near Moultrie.

Entertainment under the ABAC building at Expo will include Don Coates and the ABAC Jazz Band on Oct. 19 with shows at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The band will also play prior to the 1,000-person exhibitors' luncheon.

Also on Oct. 19, ABAC alumna Autumn Cross will sing on the ABAC stage at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and ABAC

alumnus Stephen Monroe will bring his "Florida Cowboy Poet" act to the stage at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Wayne Jones and the ABAC Jazz Choir will perform on Oct. 20 with shows at 9, 10, 11, 1, 2, 3, and 4. On Oct. 21, Cross will perform at 9, 10, and 11, and ABAC student Julie Lawhon will sing at 1, 2, and 3.

The ABAC Ambassadors will serve as emcees all three days of the Expo as well as operate an ABAC t-shirt shop and run the Putt for Prizes display. The Horticulture Club will again beautify the exhibit with plants and flowers.

Open Enrollment Begins Tuesday

The Open Enrollment period for your 2005 ABAC Benefits will be Oct. 12 through Nov. 12. Enrollment Packets will be distributed on campus this week. These packets contain the information about changes and new rates, where they are applicable.

This year there will not be a Benefits Fair, but the HR Team (Bertha Daniel, Jane Thompson and Bam Pirkle) will hold combined department and division meetings at various locations around campus. Check with your department or division secretary to find out when your meeting will be held. If you are unable to attend with the rest of your department or division, call the Human Resources office to find out when the other meetings will be held. It is very important for the department heads and division chairs to attend these sessions if at all possible.

If you make changes in your benefits selection you will need to come by the Human Resources Office, Tift Hall Room 23, to fill out the appropriate forms. If you have questions call Human Resources, 3491, or College Services, 7232.

The deadline to enroll, change or cancel your coverage is 5 p.m., Nov. 12. Requests received during the annual enrollment period will become effective Jan. 1, 2005.

ABAC Fall Picnic and Concert Coming up on Wednesday



The annual Fall Picnic and Concert sponsored by the ABAC Music Department, Music Educators National Conference (MENC), ARAMARK Food Services, and the Campus Activity Board (CAB) will be held Wednesday at the ABAC Place apartments gazebo from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

The picnic and concert are open to the public as well as ABAC students, faculty and staff. This fall's show promises to provide great food and entertainment for everyone. ARAMARK Food Services is providing barbeque style foods, baked beans, corn on the cob, potato salad, cookies, and beverages of tea and lemonade at a \$5 per person cost.

Branden Berger, a member of the Arts Student League, will be on hand to do caricatures of anyone in attendance.

ABAC students with a Gold or Silver meal plan will be allowed to eat from their meal plan with no additional charge. Door prizes will be furnished by CAB. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Donaldson Dining Hall.

The Concert Band, directed by Gene Wyles, will play a variety of selections from "The Music Man," and Henry Fillmore's famous march, "Noble Men."

The ABAC Jazz Choir, directed by Wayne Jones, will present several selections that are well known in today's culture as spellbinding tunes. Bart Howard and Kirby Shaw's arrangement of "Fly Me to the Moon" will be performed, as well as an arrangement of another swing classic, "This Can't Be Love." The audience will also hear a bit of New Orleans style music in the selection "Saturday Night Fish Fry." Kirby Shaw's "Sing Me A Swing Song" and George Shearing's "Lullaby of

Birdland" will keep a swing feel to the performance, but the selection "Something Latin" will add a change in the style of the show.

The ABAC Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Don Coates, will play sounds of swing, blues, and even a Latin Samba. Performance pieces will include "Cruisin" by Lennie Niehaus, "Blues for C.J." by Bob Meyer, and "The Girl from Ipanema" with featured soloist Evan Zebley, a music major from Moultrie.

The Jazz Band will highlight the big band era with a tune called "Jersey Bounce." The group also perform Les Sabina's "Brazil Nuts."

Other featured soloists in the ABAC Jazz Ensemble include Gail Wyles, piano; Zebley, tenor saxophone; Derrick Dove, guitar; Nguyen Ly, alto saxophone; and Wyles, alto saxophone.



Csinos Coordinator of Student Recruitment



Ali Csinos

ABAC alumna Ali Csinos has joined the ABAC staff as the new Coordinator of Student Recruitment in the admissions office.

Csinos is a 1998 ABAC Liberal Arts graduate

who received her B.S. degree in Agriculture Communications and her M.S. degree in Agricultural Leadership from the University of Georgia.

For a brief period of time in 2003, Csinos worked as an admissions counselor at ABAC before joining the Berrien High School faculty as an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.

"I believe ABAC is a premier institution for higher education, and I am excited to be back on board," Csinos said. "I really enjoy working with young people and helping them to achieve success."

Ag Classic Huge Success

Director of Alumni Relations Nancy Coleman said the annual ABAC Ag Classic on Oct. 1 will net around \$19,000 for student scholarships, the funding of the Donaldson Award, and instructional resources for the Division of Agriculture and Forest Resources.

Coleman said the tournament was held at ABAC's very own Forest Lakes Golf Club this year for the first time. Key workers for the event were alumni and development office personnel as well as faculty and students from the Ag Division.

Coleman said the tournament has generated \$64,500 in the past four years. The event is sponsored by the Ag Alumni Council.

Finishing in first place was the Sims, Fleming, and Benson team followed by



The Sims, Fleming and Benson team finished in first place at the Ag Classic at Forest Lakes

the Place Properties team. The student team from the Ag Division finished third. The first place team won \$1,000, the second place team won \$600, and the third place team won \$500.

Coleman thanked all those who helped to make the tournament a great success.



More PSBOC Fall Classes

Fall is in the air and now is the time to plan fun fall activities!

Check out the list of classes that the Public Service & Business Outreach Center has to offer! Call us at

5070 (on campus) or 386-3267 (land line), or respond by email.

Travel with us! Join us for lunch and a show at the Alhambra Dinner Theater in Jacksonville on Nov. 6 - only \$79! And, you can experience the wonder and beauty of Christmas at the Biltmore on Dec. 3-5 - only \$450! Check our web site at www.abac.edu/psbo. Note reduced prices for faculty/staff.

Drawing & Sketching II - (Thur, Oct 14 - Nov 11, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, F/S \$40, Others, \$79) There is an artist inside you! Learn new skills or enhance your abilities while working with pencils, charcoal and color in your drawings and sketchings.

Ceramic Basics - (Thur, Oct 14 - Nov 11, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, F/S \$40, Others, \$79) It's time you learned about pottery! It is easier than you think and an adult excuse to get your fingers in the "mud". You can create works of art out of clay!

Beginning Watercolor - (Mon, Oct 18 - Nov 15, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, F/S \$40, Others, \$79) Brush up on your watercolor skills, or develop those you

never knew you had! You will learn to use different techniques and brush strokes while discovering techniques for composition and elements of design.

Arranging Holiday Greenery - (Mon, Oct 18 - 25, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, F/S \$35, Others, \$59) Prepare now to add that wonderful holiday cheer to your home! We'll show you how to make your own holiday bouquets, table arrangements and mantle pieces. Let us help you get a jump on the holiday spirit!

Buy A Digital Camera with Confidence! - (Mon, Oct 18, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, F/S \$20, Others, \$39) Are you ready to go digital with your pictures but don't know what features are important? Deciding about megapixels, storage types and connectivity issues can be very confusing, but we can help!

Beginning Spanish - (Thu, Oct 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, F/S \$65 (includes text), Others, \$109 includes text)) Have fun as you learn Spanish conversation in a relaxed atmosphere! You will focus on everyday language and basic communication.

Holiday Photography - Mon/Tue, Nov 1 & 2, 6:00 - 7:30 pm, F/S \$25, Others, \$49) Learn tips and tricks to capture those cherished moments that you will treasure for years to come!

Nominate for High Five



There were no High Five nominations for last week.

Have **you** seen a co-worker or colleague going the 'extra mile'? Remember to nominate him or her for the High Five award. Nomination forms are on the Human Resources page of the ABAC website or from the Human Resources Office (7232, soon to be 4888).

Cooper new ARAMARK Food Services Director

Steven Cooper has joined the ARAMARK staff in the Donaldson Dining Hall as the new Director Food Service. ARAMARK operates the dining hall and the convenience store at ABAC Place. Call Cooper with your food service needs at 3220.

Fall Break Oct. 18-19 for ABAC Students

The annual fall break for students is set for Oct. 18-19. Offices will be open at the college as usual.

Classes will resume on Oct. 20.



Beatles Tribute at Ashburn Civic Center

It's Beatlemania at the Ashburn/Turner County Civic Center on Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. with The Fab Four. Review after review of this Beatle cover band proclaims this group's uncanny likeness to the Beatles. The Fab Four's performance takes you back 40 years to the British Invasion, making you believe you are seeing The Beatles for the very first time.

Tickets can be purchased as part of the season subscription for seven performances for \$50 for adults, \$15 for students under the age of 18 and free for ABAC students. Single event tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Call 229-386-3558 or go to www.southgaarts.com for more information or to purchase tickets

The Fab Four begins the concert recreating the early days including the Ed Sullivan Show appearance with "She Loves You" and "Twist and Shout". The years of 1967 and 1968 are showcased with "Sgt. Pepper", "Penny Lane" and "Strawberry Fields," all performed live without tapes or sequencers. The final portion of the concert is focused on the break up of the Beatles and features timeless songs "Let It Be," "Hey Jude," and "Imagine".

To get a glimpse of the show and hear the group's amazing replication of Beatles music, visit the website www.thefabfour.net.

The band members will be giving an informal talk about how they create such a realistic portrayal of the Beatles at the informance that begins at 7 p.m.

Other Arts and Entertainment season events include renowned European orchestra Polish Philharmonic Resovia, Nov. 11; classic musical theatre *Porgy and Bess*, Feb. 15; chamber music with a twist by The Mallarmé Trio, March 17; Russian classical pianist Vassily Primakov, April 5; and the legendary Preservation Jazz Hall Band, April 25. Details about each performance are available on the website www.southgaarts.com.

The Arts and Entertainment Series is presented by the ABAC Arts Connection, the Tiftarea Concert Association, and arts councils in Irwin, Tift and Turner counties through the South Georgia Arts Alliance. The series is funded, in part, by grants from the Georgia Council for the Arts through appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly and the Southern Arts Federation. Both are partner agencies of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Ms. ABAC Applications

Contestant applications for the ABAC Beauty Revue on Nov. 16 are available in the Student Government Office on the first floor of the Student Center. The deadline for applications is Oct. 20. The event is co-sponsored by the SGA, IAC, and CAB. Call 3227, 7159, or 7408 for more information.

FCA Meeting Tonight

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle Coaches John and Judy McFarland said all faculty and staff members are invited to a 6 p.m. FCA meeting with ABAC students today in Gressette Gym. Food, fun, and fellowship will abound.

Operation Military Pride



The Family and Consumer Sciences Club is participating in Operation Military Pride and is collecting items to send to troops overseas. The club has prepared boxes to place around campus in order to collect items from faculty, staff, and students that can be used in the care packages.

If you or your office would like to participate in this activity, please contact Darby Sewell at dsewell@abac.edu. She can provide a collection box and/or a list of needed items. Please announce this project to your students and encourage them to participate.

For more information, visit www.operationmilitarypride.org and select CARE PACKAGE.

'House Calls' at ABAC Place on Wednesday

ABAC Place's First Annual "House Calls" will be held on Wednesday from 6:30-9 p.m. "House Calls" is a developmental approach that engages the ABAC Place community with ABAC administration, faculty, and staff members for the purpose of bridging the gap between the students and college departments.

Originated at the University of Oklahoma, "House Calls" has been proven highly effective in allowing students to feel welcome, providing them with additional resources on campus, engaging students through developing living learning experiences, and much, much more. Through "House Calls," a team consisting of a staff member, faculty member, and student will be assigned a certain floor of ABAC Place to knock on doors and see if they need assistance with anything. Even if the student does not have a need, "House Calls" gives faculty and staff a chance to talk to the students in a friendly and inviting atmosphere away from the classroom or offices.

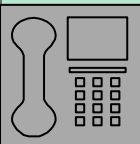
As many people may have noticed, this year we are having a difficult time getting students to come out of their apartments. Through this program, we do not have to try to get the students out of their rooms, we are able to go to them and visit them in their own environments.

If you are interested in participating in "House Calls," email Barb Skwira at bskwira@abac.edu.

ABAC Public Relations

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Telephony Update



Negotiations between USG and BellSouth have been completed. A conversion date will be announced in the near future. At that point, you

should change your e-mail signature to indicate that your phone number will change to (new number) and that date on which the number will change.

Working with the Office of Public Relations, OITS will use a variety of additional media approaches to inform the public.

BOR Meeting Webcast Tuesday & Wednesday

The Board of Regents will meet for their monthly meeting Tuesday and Wednesday, and you can see all the live action thanks to a webcast in Cordell Conference Room C.

Interim President Tom Call said the main meeting to discuss budget cut options will begin at 1 p.m. on Tuesday. Wednesday's meeting begins at 9 a.m. and includes an agenda item on the proposed state college in Gwinnett County.

Care & Concern

Donnie Thompson is recuperating at home after injuring her ankle in a auto accident. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

Positions Open

ABAC:

- HEP/CAMP Senior Secretary
Salary \$18,000-\$19,500
(deadline 10/22)

Contact Human Resources for details.

Celebrating Birthdays October

- 11 Braden McCurdy
- 14 Gail Dillard
- 17 Polly Huff
- 18 Michelle Barton
- 19 Shawn McRae



Atlanta Botanical Gardens Trip Thursday

The Abraham Baldwin Arts Connection is planning to take patrons on a surprise fall trip to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens on Thursday. The garden is hosting a one-of-a-kind exhibit of stunning blown glass by Dale Chihuly within the Garden's own lush setting.

The exhibit weaves together art and nature, and showcases the majesty of Chihuly's glass with the inspiring plant collection. The sculptures are placed in various botanical settings, floating in ponds, suspended in the air, and inserted in plants. It is a truly unbelievable exhibit. Also, some framed Chi-

huly pieces will be on display.

The bus will leave at 8 am from the Tifton Museum, and return around 6pm. Lunch is on our own at the Gardens Café. Refreshments will be available on the bus. The price is only \$55 including your Garden and Exhibit tickets and trip. For an additional \$5 you will be able to rent a self-guided tour device, if you'd like.

Call your reservation in to trip leader Polly Huff at 386-3478, or email her at phuff@abac.edu. Tell your garden club friends-this is a golden opportunity!

Make Safe Choices

The first annual Safety Presentation will be held today from 3-4 p.m. in the Cordell Conference Room, Section C. Presented by the Jesup Police Department and the University of Georgia College of Family and Consumer Sciences, the event is sponsored by CAMP, the ABAC Police Department, Student Life and Housing, BACCHUS, MASDA, and CAMP Club.

Notes of Thanks

Dear ABAC Family,

August 27 was a scary night for me, but I thank God that I am alive and healing. This process has been easier because of caring folks like you. Thank you so much for the beautiful flower you sent me following my wreck. The many acts of kindness such as cards, calls, food, visits, and prayers have been greatly appreciated. See you soon!

*With much love and gratitude,
Anita White*

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Dear ABAC family,

Thank you so much for your cards and for checking on me. The flowers really brightened my gloomy mood! I do appreciate your thoughts and prayers. I am very lucky to have so many people in my life that care. Thank you!

Janet Weaver

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Dear ABAC Family,

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, emails, and the basket of pretty flowers. Your thoughts and prayers during my surgery and recovery have been very much appreciated.

Evonne Connell

Note of Sympathy

Margie Senkbeil's father-in-law, Ervin Senkbeil, passed away on Oct. 7. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 11

- 3 p.m.-Safety Presentation
(Cordell Conf. Room c)
- 8 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship
(Chapel)
- 6 p.m.-Tifton-Tift Co. Arts Council
(Cordell Conf. Room A)

Tuesday, October 12

- 2 p.m.-Student Union Event—*Make a Hit CD* (Dining Hall)

Wednesday, October 13

- Today-Last day of Session A classes
- Noon-Christian Student Fellowship
(Chapel)

Thursday, October 14

- Today-Session A Final Exams
Midterm deadline for withdrawal without penalty
- 11 a.m.-Student Union Show—*John Stetson* (Dining Hall)
- 11 a.m.-Student Support Services
Workshop (Cordell Conf. Rm A)

- 6 p.m.-Pageant Coaching
(Cordell Conf. Room C)

- 9 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship
(Chapel)

Friday, October 15

- Today-Session B classes begin
- 7:15 p.m.-Smith/Turner Rehearsal
Dinner (Magnolia Room)

Saturday, October 16

- 1 p.m.-Foster Grandparents Annual
Banquet (Dining Hall)
- 6 p.m.-Truman Party (Nickelodeon)

Monday, October 18

- Today-Fall Break
- 11 a.m.-Student Support Services
Workshop (Cordell Conf. Rm A)
- 8 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship
(Chapel)