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ABAC is Spotlight Exhibitor at Expo

A ribbon cutting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday to highlight ABAC's involvement in the Sunbelt Expo. The event will take place at the ABAC building at the Expo site at Spence Field near Moultrie.

Interim President Tom Call will cut the ribbon to symbolize ABAC's spotlight exhibitor status for this year's three-day event, which is the largest equipment show of its kind in the South.

Call will also be a featured speaker at the exhibitors' luncheon on Tuesday at noon in the Maule building. The ABAC Jazz Band will play prior to the luncheon, and ABAC Ambassador Julie Lawhon will sing the national anthem.

Entertainment at the ABAC building on Tuesday will include Don Coates



The ABAC building at the Sunbelt Expo attracts hundreds of visitors each year

and the ABAC Jazz Band as well as several vocal selections from ABAC alumna Autumn Cross.

Wayne Jones and the ABAC Jazz Choir will take the stage on Wednesday beginning at 9 a.m. They will also perform at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., and 3:45 p.m.

On Thursday, Cross will perform at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. Lawhon will perform at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.

The Expo got started as a series of small equipment shows on the ABAC campus in the mid 1960's. It moved to Spence Field in 1978.



The Tubas Tune It Up

The ABAC Music Program staged a wonderful concert on Wednesday at the Gazebo at ABAC Place. Sunshine, barbecue, fried chicken, and some terrific music made for a spectacular noontime event. Thanks to Don Coates, Wayne Jones, and Gene Wyles for providing the musicians.

Open Enrollment Continues To Nov. 12

The Open Enrollment period for your 2005 ABAC Benefits will run through Nov. 12. Packages were distributed last week about changes and new rates. If you have questions call Human Resources, 3491, or College Services, 7232. Meetings with the HR staff are being held in coming days. Don't forget . . . **the deadline to enroll, change or cancel your coverage is 5 p.m., Nov. 12.** Changes made during this period will become effective January 1, 2005.

House Calls Pay Off For the Residents of ABAC Place

Every apartment at ABAC Place had visitors Wednesday night. ABAC students teamed with faculty members, staff members, and administrators to visit every apartment at the complex to talk to residents about any problems they may be having and to deliver some prizes.

Bernice Hughes and Barbre Skwira coordinated the event titled "House Calls." Most residents were happy to have visitors and freely shared their experiences so far at the apartments. The visitors took notes and turned in all comments to Hughes and Skwira.

"I hope that it was as rewarding for you as it was for the students," Hughes said to those who took part. "I heard many great comments from the residents of ABAC Place. I hope that this event will become an ABAC tradition."

Those participating from the faculty, staff, and administration included Tom Call, Annie Sims, Bertha Daniel, Beth Saxon, Dr. Chrystle Ross, Dr. Donna Miller, Dr. Doris Roundtree, Dr. Doug Waid, Dr. Gail Dillard, Dr. Jeff Gibbs, Jenelle Handcox, Jewrell Rivers, Julie Conner, Kathy Moreno, Kim Ascani, Dr. Larry Allen, Lorie Felton, Lyn Smith, Dr. Maggie Martin, Melvin Merrill, Mike Chason, Missy Hutto, Polly Huff, Sean Cox, and Wasdon Graydon.



Bernice Hughes and Barbre Skwira led a very successful ABAC House Calls on Wednesday night at ABAC Place. ABAC faculty members, staff members, and administrators joined with ABAC students to call on every apartment at the \$32 million complex.



If They Could See Me Now

Caricaturist Branden Berger does some fine work at the concert at the ABAC Place gazebo on Wednesday. Many students took advantage of his talents.

Tuition Remission & Reimbursement (TRR) Now Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

The policy, rules and name for the University System of Georgia tuition assistance program have all changed. Tuition Remission and Reimbursement (TRR) has been redesigned and is now called the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).

If you plan to take advantage of this benefit please be advised that **applications for spring term must be submitted to the Human Resources Office by Nov. 15, 2004.**

Please go to the ABAC website and view the new policy, rules and application form from the Human Resources page/Employee Benefits – University System of Georgia/Tuition Assistance.

Call Human Resources at 3481 if you have questions.

GIL Express System Implemented at ABAC

The libraries of the institutions in the University System of Georgia (USG) have implemented an automated system that gives authorized users quick and easy access to more than four million titles. Abraham Baldwin is part of this new system.

Called GIL Express, the new system allows all faculty, staff and students of the college to make online or in-person requests for any of the items contained in the general collections of 35 libraries throughout the state. This will allow ABAC students and faculty to obtain the materials needed from a wider variety of sources.

GIL Express is the most recent evolution of GALILEO Interconnected Libraries (GIL), which is the second phase of the University System's GALILEO initiative. GALILEO has been a part of the campus library for years, providing access to multiple information resources for educational use.

Through GIL Express, the ABAC campus will have access to the Universal Catalog, which combines the individual collections of the libraries at the 34 USG institutions and the Gwinnett University Center. The Universal Catalog contains over 4.3 million titles, including 2.6 million titles that are held by only one library in the USG.

ABAC's GIL Express will have unique holdings that reflect differences in curriculum, faculty research interests and collecting policies completely separate from its fellow USG libraries. The system is geared for capabilities specific to the individuality of ABAC.

Communication between all of the libraries in the USG also plays a crucial role in the implementation of GIL Express. This allows ABAC, as well as other colleges, to share information that may not be attainable within their own library.

The USG serves approximately a quarter of a million students, all of whom have access to GIL Express. For more information on GIL Express and the GIL Universal Catalog, visit <http://gil.usg.edu>.

College Democrats Sponsor Events

ABAC's College Democrats have invited Reverend Dr. Stafford Wicker, Senior Pastor of Antioch African Methodist Episcopal Church and spokesperson for Democratic Congresswoman Denise Majette, to speak on Wednesday at 1 p.m. outside Town Hall. He will talk about the importance of voting and being active in the community. Everyone is invited to attend.

The College Democrats are also sponsoring a showing of Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" on Oct. 27 in Howard Auditorium at 7 p.m. This event is open to the ABAC and Tifton community at no charge.



Moonlight Madness October 27

A "Moonlight Madness" basketball game will be played in Gressette Gym on Oct. 27. It will feature the faculty and staff against the students.

The game will start at 7 p.m. followed by a Fillies' intrasquad scrimmage and an intrasquad scrimmage between the Stallions. The Ambassadors will present "Half Court for 100" for a chance for someone to win \$100. The cheerleaders will also perform during the event.

Any interested faculty, staff, or students can sign up with Men's Basketball Coach Todd Sheppard or Women's Basketball Coach Julie Conner.



A Shadow of its Former Self

Fulwood Hall served as a home to thousands of ABAC students but this week the main part of the structure will give way to the steely jaws of a construction company. Mitchell Hall and Branch Hall are also in their last days.

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 Wednesday.

The event is co-sponsored by the SGA, IAC, and CAB. Call 3227, 7159, or 7408 for more information or visit www.abac.edu/sga.



Major Decisions on Wednesday

The Student Development Center will conduct information sessions titled "Major Decisions for Your Future" on Wednesday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the J. Lamar Branch Student Center snack bar area. Please encourage your students to attend for career guidance and information. Call Annie Sims at 3231 for information.

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Care & Concern

Herb Hendrix's wife, Karen, underwent bypass surgery after having a heart attack last week. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Laura and Tony Tucker who are the proud parents of a new baby boy born Oct. 7. Brooks William Tucker weighed six pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Atlanta Botanical Gardens Trip Rescheduled

The Abraham Baldwin Arts Connection trip to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens has been rescheduled for Oct. 28. The garden is hosting a one-of-a-kind exhibit of stunning blown glass by Dale Chihuly within the Gardens' 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 Chihuly 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!

Notes of Thanks

I appreciate all of the cards, calls, and flowers that I have received during my recuperation from dislocating my knee. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers.

Darby Sewell
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*I would like to thank the ABAC Family for their prayers, cards and kind words during the death of my father-in-law. I hold a special place in my heart for each of you.*

Margie Senkbeil  
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The National SAT was administered on Oct. 9 to 157 student from over 20 different schools. Thanks to the following who helped make the administration a smooth one: Jenelle Handcox, Bernice Hughes, Debbie Riner, Sherin Nixon, Rita Wade, Penny Chesnut, Debra McCrary, Ellen Resta, Phyllis Kester, Anita Williams, Bernice Corbin, and Public Safety

Dr. Maggie Martin

Celebrating Birthdays

October

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| 18 | Michelle Barton |
| 19 | Shawn McRae |
| 20 | Arlene Bailey |
| 20 | John Tanner |
| 21 | Andrea Willis |
| 22 | Jean Oliver-Burks |
| 22 | Reba Selph |
| 23 | Beverly Clark |
| 25 | Julian Young |



ABAC Family

Dr. Rod Brown attended the Council of Eastern Forest Technician Schools annual meeting at Southeastern Community College (Whiteville, N.C.) on Oct. 6-9. Included were tours of Carolina Bay ecosystems managed by the state park system and the Nature Conservancy and visits to longleaf pine restoration sites on private lands. Representatives from 13 forest technology programs in the eastern U.S. were in attendance.

Jo Ann Brannen attended a Microsoft Connections workshop on Oct. 7 in Albany. The event promoted small businesses and what technology is currently available for the small business owner.

Ali Csinos and **Michael Chason** spoke to seven classes at Worth County High School on Tuesday on the value of an ABAC education.

Calendar of Events

Monday, October 18

Today-Fall Break
8 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Tuesday, October 19

Today-Fall Break
Today-Sunbelt Expo
8:30 a.m.-OSR Care Giver Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)

Wednesday, October 20

Today-Sunbelt Expo
8:30 a.m.-OSR Care Giver Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)
Noon-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Thursday, October 21

Today-Sunbelt Expo
8:30 a.m.-OSR Care Giver Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)
6 p.m.-Phi Theta Kappa Induction (Chapel)
6 p.m.-Pageant Coaching (Cordell Conf. Room C)

Friday, October 22

8:30 a.m.-OSR Care Giver Training (Cordell Conf. Room A)
6:30 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship Gospel Sing (Chapel)
7 p.m.-Beulah Hill Church Banquet (Dining Hall)
7:30 p.m.-Hall/Wilkerson Wedding Rehearsal Dinner (Magnolia Room)

Saturday, October 23

8 a.m.-MAP Alcohol Awareness Workshop (Howard Auditorium/ Thrash Gym)
11 a.m.-MAP Luncheon (Dining Hall)
6 p.m.-Lundy Dinner (Dining Hall)

Sunday October 24

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

Monday, October 25

8 a.m.-Ga. Dept. of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
11 a.m.-Student Support Services (Cordell Conf. Room A)
4 p.m.-Beauty Revue Contestants Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room A)
5 p.m.-Student Support Services (Cordell Conf. Room B)
8 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)