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ABAC Place Begins Online Housing Reservations; Pick Your Roommate Using WebRoomz Technology

ABAC Place Apartments, the newest housing located on the campus of ABAC, has partnered with WebRoomz, a provider of web-based housing management solutions, to allow students to reserve their rooms and select roommates online.

Currently, residents are using the system to apply online. Beginning this month, students will be able to use the system to handle all aspects of their leasing.

"I really like the WebRoomz concept," ABAC President Mike Vollmer said. "Our students are spending more and more time online. I think they'll love chatting with their future roommates."

Since 2001, WebRoomz has been providing unique housing management solutions for higher education. Similar to Internet airline reservations, after a student completes the room and



Using WebRoomz should help eliminate many surprises about roommates for students moving into ABAC Place when fall semester begins

roommate selection process, they receive immediate reservation confirmation. WebRoomz is changing students' residential experience by allowing them more decision-making power with their housing choices.

Dana Dennis, Vice President of Property Management for Place Properties said, "We are looking forward to the improvements that WebRoomz will

bring to our communities and our staff. Our management team is committed to providing the best service possible-WebRoomz will take us to the next level."

ABAC Place is a state-of-the-art living learning community situated in the heart of the ABAC campus. ABAC Place offers two-bedroom one-bathroom, three-bedroom two-bathroom, or four-bedroom two-bathroom apartments that are fully furnished, complete with a finished kitchen including all major appliances. Each bedroom is individually wired for cable, phone and high speed Internet.

Community amenities include a pedestrian walkway with barbeque stations and gathering areas, a Town Hall with a fitness center, a computer lab, an activity room, meeting rooms, study areas, and management offices.

For more information, please visit: www.ABACPlace.com or www.WebRoomz.com.

Women's History Lecture on Tuesday



In honor of Women's History Month, the Minority Advising Program is sponsoring a lecture on Tuesday at noon in the Cordell Conference Room. Dr. Elaine Baker will speak on the national Women's History Month theme, *Women Inspiring Hope and Possibility*.

Baker is retired from Albany State University, where she was a professor in the Department of Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work. She was also director of the Social Work Program.

Lunch will be served, and everyone is invited to attend. Contact Marsha Anderson at mandersn@abac.edu for more information.

Next FOCUS March 22

The next issue of the FOCUS will be emailed on March 22 due to spring break for ABAC faculty and students March 15-19.

If you have information for the FOCUS, please turn it in to the Public Relations Office by noon on March 18.

Deadline for Trip to London, Paris, & the Chateaux March 15

The deadline for final payment for the trip to London, Paris, and the Chateaux offered by Abraham Baldwin College's Public Service and Business Outreach Center (PSBOC) is March 15. The trip is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Debra McCrary, Program Coordinator in ABAC's PSBOC and Tour Coordinator of the trip, said anyone who has not already registered must submit an enrollment form and full payment by March 10 to allow for processing by the March 15 deadline. The total cost of the trip is approximately \$2,538. The fee is based on double occupancy for adult travelers and Atlanta departure.

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.

During their stay, members of the travel group will visit several famous sites and landmarks in London, including Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, Piccadilly Circus, No. 10 Downing Street, Kensington Palace, Royal Albert Hall, Hyde Park, St. Paul's Cathedral, and Buckingham Palace. Travelers will also visit Stonehenge and then board a ferry to cross the channel to Northern France.

In France, tourists can connect with American history on the D-Day beaches, where Allied troops invaded



PSBOC travelers will visit the Eiffel Tower while in Paris this summer

occupied France during World War II. They will also visit the Arromanches Invasion Museum, the island of Mont St. Michel off the Normandy coast, the Loire Valley, with visits to Chenonceaux, and the massive castle Chambord.


En route to Paris, travelers will visit Gothic Chartres Cathedral and King Louis XIV's Versailles Palace. Sightseeing tours in Paris will highlight the Place de l'opera, the Place de la Concorde, the Champs-Elysees, with its massive Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, and the Louvre Museum.

"As Tour Coordinator, I am certainly looking forward to visiting some special places in these two countries," McCrary said. "I am especially excited about the opportunity to visit the site of the D-Day invasion during the 60th anniversary."

The price for the trip covers round-trip air transportation, seven nights' accommodations in selected three and four star hotels, the full-time services of a professional, multi-lingual tour director, all on-tour transportation services, two meals daily (usually breakfast and dinner), guided city sightseeing tours, walking tours as per itinerary, and taxes.

For more information about the trip, contact McCrary at (229) 386-3267, or e-mail her at dmccrary@abac.edu.

Other ABAC trips have included visits to Greece and the Greek Islands; London, Paris, and the Alps; Italy; England and Ireland; and England, Ireland, and Scotland. Last summer, ABAC sponsored a trip to the Hawaiian Islands.

 **Student Center Closed March 16**

The J. Lamar Branch Student Center will be closed on March 16 because of underground electrical work. The Health Center will also be closed on that day.

Vice President for Fiscal Affairs Floyd Wright said since the boiler room will not have power, none of the buildings connected to the central plant system will have hot water, heat, or air conditioning. This power outage will be from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on March 16.

Wright said that on March 17 the Student Center and the Health Center will be without power from 8-10 a.m. On March 18 the power will be off in the Physical Plant Building from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Wright said the electrical work is being done during the spring break to lessen the impact on the campus.

Basketball Fillies Advance to State Semifinal



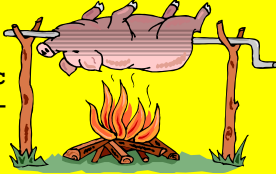
The Golden Fillies of Coach Julie Conner advanced to the semifinal round of the state basketball tournament for the second year in a row before falling to Atlanta Metro, 95-57. The Fillies defeated archrival Middle Georgia 65-48 in the first round of the tourney. MGC had won the two regular season contests under the direction of former ABAC assistant coach Jamie Childs. The Fillies wound up with a 14-18 record on the season.

Coach Todd Sheppard's Golden Stallions lost in the first round of the men's state tournament to Atlanta Metro, 66-55. The Stallions compiled a 13-17 record in Sheppard's first season with the team. "I think there are great things on the horizon for ABAC basketball," Sheppard said.

Ambassadors Selling Cooked Boston Butts

The ABAC Ambassadors are selling 7-9 pound fully cooked Boston butts at a cost of \$20 each. The meat can be picked up on April 1 between 4-7 p.m. in the parking lot of the Ag Sciences Building.

Contact any Ambassador or the Public Relations Office to place an order.



YMCA Needs Help From ABAC Clubs

Circle K will host a meeting with Brandon Flickner, the program coordinator of the Tiftarea YMCA, on March 25 at 3 p.m. in Conger 319. He will discuss the upcoming YMCA Healthy Kids Day to be held on April 3. He is asking for support for this project from other clubs on campus.

If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact Circle K Advisor Cathy Rogers, crogers@abac.edu, or President Mandy Ward, mward@crunkmail.com.

Bright Smiles!

ABAC Ambassadors Amanda Hayes (left) and Melissa Martin were on hand to help with a variety of duties at the recent Cordell Lecture. This is just one of the many events the Ambassadors assist with during the year. If you know a student who would make a great Ambassador, have them stop by the Public Relations Office and pick up an application for the 2004-05 year.



Spring
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UGA Deadline April 1



The deadline for admission applications for the UGA programs at ABAC is April 1. Donna Webb, UGA's Coordinator of Academic Programs at the Tifton Campus, will be on campus Wednesday and again on March 24 from 2-5 p.m. in the Ag Sciences Building. She will be available to assist students with the admissions application or answer questions about the admissions standards.

Cooper Classic Set March 27

The first annual Cooper Classic Golf Tournament will be held on March 27 at Forest Lakes Golf Course.

The \$40 per player cost includes greens fees, golf cart, entry fee, and lunch for the two person scramble. The field will be limited to 64 players. The registration deadline is March 25.

Prizes will be awarded for the lowest three net scores, closest to pin, and long drive.

All proceeds from the tournament will go toward an ABAC scholarship on behalf of former ABAC Golf Coach Wayne Cooper. To sign up, contact Floyd Wright at 386-3240 or Forest Lakes at 386-7626.



Open Campus Day Tuition Grant Winner

Ms. Abraham Baldwin, Pippa Mpunzwana, congratulates Matthew Owens, the winner of the \$500 tuition grant, at the recent Winter Open Campus Day. Owens is from Brooks County High School and plans to attend ABAC in the future.

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Town Hall Meeting Wednesday

The ABAC Student Government Association will host a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Cordell Conference Room. Please encourage your students to attend.

Who's Who Deadline

Now is the time to pick up applications for students for Who's Who at ABAC and Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. Applications are available in the Student Life Office in the J. Lamar Branch Student Center. The application deadline is Friday.

Students should have at least a 3.0 GPA for Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges and at least a 2.5 GPA for Who's Who at ABAC, as well as having completed 30 semester hours at the end of the Fall 2003 semester. They should also be very active on campus. Selections will be announced at the Student Leadership Banquet on April 7.

ABAC Family

In recruiting activities during the week of Feb. 23-27, **Bruce Applewhite** visited schools in Gwinnett, Hart, and White counties. **Carlos Howard** spoke with prospective students in Bainbridge, Cook County, and Echols County. **Robin Poor** visited Whitfield County and Carroll County schools, and **Angie Palmer** represented ABAC at Thomas County schools.

Celebrating Birthdays

March

8	Delmer Bullington
8	Julie Cartwright
8	Jokabeth Villalobos
14	Katrina McCrae
14	Lori Pearman
16	Bruce Applewhite
18	Lorie Felton
19	Ray Miller
20	Brenda Sellers



Spring Sports Update

The Fillies and Stallions will host Garner Webb for matches at the ABAC Tennis Center on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

The baseball Stallions will play St. Claire on Thursday and John Wood on Friday for 1 p.m. doubleheaders at Stallion Field. The Stallions will also be at home on Saturday against South Georgia for a 1 p.m. doubleheader and again on Sunday at 2p.m.

Come out and support spring sports at ABAC!

ABAC Place, Halls Closed for the Break

All ABAC residence halls, including ABAC Place, will close during the spring break. All students must leave by 5 p.m. on Friday. They may return on March 21 at noon.

If you have questions, contact Emily Hall at 386-3233.

Note of Thanks

We would like to thank the ABAC Family for your support during our time of sorrow with the loss of our father-in-law. Each card, email, kind word, the beautiful plant, but more importantly, your prayers were and are comforting. You all make ABAC a special place to work.

Sincerely,

JoAnn & Nancy Brannen

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 8

6 p.m.-Tifton-Tift Co. Arts Council (Cordell Conf. Room A)
6:30 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Tuesday, March 9

Noon-Women's History Lecture (Cordell Conf. Room)
5 p.m.-Phi Theta Kappa Induction (Cordell Conf. Room A)
6 p.m.-ACE Program (Magnolia Room)
6:30 p.m.-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Wednesday, March 10

11 a.m.-Student Support Services Workshop (Cordell Conf. Rm A)
2 p.m.-Tennis: Fillies & Stallions vs. Gardner Webb (Tennis Ctr)
6:30 p.m.-SGA Town Hall Meeting (Cordell Conf. Room)

Thursday, March 11

11 a.m.-Faculty/Staff Luncheon (Magnolia Room)
1 p.m.-Baseball: Stallions vs. St. Claire (Stallion Field) *Doubleheader*
3 p.m.-CAMP Workshop (Cordell Conf. Room A)

Friday, March 12

1 p.m.-Baseball: Stallions vs. J. Wood (Stallion Field) *Doubleheader*
6 p.m.-Stanfield/Laycock Wedding Rehearsal (Chapel)

Saturday, March 13

9 a.m.-Upward Bound Career Fair (Cordell Conf. Room)
10:30 a.m.-Bridal Brunch (Magnolia Rm)
1 p.m.-Baseball: Stallions vs. South Ga. (Stallion Field) *Doubleheader*

Saturday, March 13—Continued

5 p.m.-Stanfield/Laycock Wedding (Chapel)
Sunday, March 14
2 p.m.-Baseball: Stallions vs. South Ga. (Stallion Field)

Monday, March 15

8 a.m.-Dept of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)

Tuesday, March 16

8 a.m.-Dept of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
7:30 p.m.-Tift Co. Foundation for Educational Excellence/Tifton Rotary Club Banquet (Dining Hall)

Wednesday, March 17

8 a.m.-Dept of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)

Thursday, March 18

8 a.m.-Dept of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)

Friday, March 19

8 a.m.-Dept of Corrections Class (Cordell Conf. Room C)
3 p.m.-Baseball: Stallions vs. Three Rivers (Stallion Field)
3 p.m.-Police Academy Graduation (Cordell Conf. Room)

Saturday, March 20

1 p.m.-Baseball: Stallions vs. Andrew (Stallion Field) *Doubleheader*

Sunday, March 21

1 p.m.-Baseball: Stallions vs. Andrew (Stallion Field)

Monday, March 22

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