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Time Capsule Secured in The Wall of Tift Hall

ABAC President David Bridges recently placed the 100th Birthday Time Capsule in the wall of Tift Hall, the oldest building on the ABAC campus. The time capsule was sealed on April 5, 2008 during ABAC's 100th birthday celebration and was placed in the wall of the historic building on March 8, 2011. Items inside include 100 pictures from ABAC students, a history book, and a 100th Birthday Celebration DVD. A plaque will be placed on the wall after the renovation on the building is completed with instructions to open the time capsule on Feb. 20, 2108.



Dillard Heads Up ABAC Operation in Moultrie

For the first time in 20 years, Dr. Gail Dillard will find the drive to her office at ABAC a relatively short one.

Dillard is now directing all activities at ABAC on the Square in Moultrie as well as coordinating new programs linking area high school students to ABAC.

For 20 years, Dillard drove to the ABAC campus in Tifton for her duties as a faculty member and administrator.

"I'll be working with high schools in Colquitt and surrounding counties to provide additional opportunities for students to complete college courses while still in high school," Dillard, who has lived in Colquitt County since 1978,



said. "Students can get almost all of their core curriculum classes here at ABAC on the Square."

Dillard steps in for Kay Powell, who expressed a desire to return to the ABAC classroom. Powell now teaches ABAC classes in Moultrie and on the main campus.

"In addition to providing opportunities for

high school students to get a head start on college, ABAC on the Square is really a great location for adult students who are place-bound or who just don't want to take classes on-line," Dillard said. "We have a great team of faculty who teach here, and we also offer free tutoring."

Dillard will be teaching some classes later this year but now she is working hard to get involved in community activities.

"There are lots of ways to get involved in the community," Dillard said. "I'm particularly looking forward to tying ABAC on the Square in with some of the cultural activities."

ABAC offers 20 classes in Moultrie this semester. Eleven classes are planned this summer, and over 25 classes will be available in the fall semester.

"I really enjoy being at ABAC on the Square," Dillard said. "It's just a good place for people to get started in college."

For more information about ABAC classes available in Moultrie, prospective students can call Dillard at (229) 891-7235 or e-mail gdillard@abac.edu.

Buy Tickets Now For Athletics Hall of Fame

Former student athletes, coaches, and supporters of ABAC will be honored at the annual ABAC Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony and luncheon on April 2 at noon at the ABAC softball field.

Inductees for 2011 include the 1995 ABAC national championship women's softball team; Kyle Farnsworth, pitcher for the 1994-1995 Stallions baseball team; Benny Dees, basketball coach of the ABAC Stallions from 1962-1967; Harley Stewart, player for the Stallions basketball team from 1968-1970; and the late A. B. Malloy, loyal supporter of the Fillies softball team from 1985 - 2005.

Tickets are now available at a cost of \$30 per person for the luncheon on April 2. Tickets can be purchased from

the ABAC Athletics Office by calling Shirley Wilson at (229) 391-4930.

ABAC initiated the Athletics Hall of Fame during the 100th birthday celebration in 2008. This year represents the fourth class to be inducted. The first class included Orion Mitchell, Bruce Gressette, Thomas Cheney, Philip Simpson, Norman "Red" Hill, and Milena Stanoytcheva.

The 2009 class included the 1984 national championship men's tennis team, Ellen Vickers, Cook Holliday, P.W. Bryan, Jr., Dorsey Brooks, and Newell "Sarge" Dorsey.

The 2010 class included the 1991 ABAC national championship women's softball team, Thomas "Boo" Weekley, Joseph Grist, Harley Klepfer, and Jim Sparks.

ABAC Baseball, Tennis On Agenda This Week

Home games in baseball and tennis highlight the intercollegiate sports week at ABAC.

The Stallions baseball team will be at home on Tuesday against Georgia Perimeter College at 3 p.m. and again on Wednesday at 5 p.m. against Three Rivers Community College at the ABAC baseball field.

The men's and women's tennis teams will take to the courts on Friday to face Oklahoma Christian University at 2 p.m. at the Red Hill Tennis Complex. The men's team will also take on Itawamba Community College on Saturday at 1 p.m.

For more information on upcoming sports events at ABAC, contact the ABAC athletics' office at (229) 391-4930.

Relay for Life Yard Sale On April 2

A yard sale to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life will be held on April 2 beginning at 7 a.m. in the Nickelodeon at ABAC.

Interested persons can rent tables for \$10 each or three for \$25. All proceeds from the table rentals will go to the Relay for Life.

Set-up for the sale will be from 3-7 p.m. on April 1. Sellers keep their profits, and anything that does not sell will be hauled off and donated to charity.

For more information on the Relay for Life Yard Sale, contact Dean of Students Bernice Hughes at 391-5130.

Summer Job & Intern Workshop March 24

A Summer Job and Internship Workshop will be held for ABAC students on March 24 from 5 - 6 p.m. in Bowen Hall, Room 100. Free food and door prizes will be provided.

At the event, ABAC students will learn of opportunities available for employment with industry and government agencies and options in the workforce upon completion of their degrees.

For more information on this workshop, contact Annie Sims in the Student Development Office at (229) 391-5135.

A Note of Thanks

Words are inadequate to express the humbleness and gratefulness my family feels toward all of your prayers, visits, calls, cards, messages, flowers, and gifts of food received after the death of my sister, Bonita Gale Haddock. May God bless each of you.

Pathelyn H. Smith

ABAC Students Participate in Super Chicken Road Show

Lorie Felton and six ABAC students participated in the Sanderson Farms Super Chicken Road Show March 4. The event is hosted by Sanderson Farms to recruit interns and graduates for their manager trainee program. Approximately 100 college students majoring in agriculture and/or business from around south Georgia participated. Felton and her students are pictured after touring the Sanderson Farms chicken hatchery, feed mill and processing plant in Adel and Moultrie.

