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ABAC Students Visit the Capital

Members of the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Political Science Club traveled to the State Capital in Atlanta on March 7 to meet with members of the Georgia State Government. They were accompanied by ABAC President David Bridges; Dr. Chris Kinsey, SGA Advisor; Dr. Hans Schmeisser, Political Science Club Advisor and Dr. Joseph Njoroge. During their visit they met with many officials including Governor Nathan Deal, Senator John Crosby, Senator Tyler Harper, Representative Penny Houston, Representative Jay Roberts and Representative Sam Watson.



ABAC Represented During Leadership Symposium at Citadel in Charleston, S.C.



Pictured above: (left to right) students Ryan Purvis, Garrett Gaches, Andrea Smith and Athletics Director Alan Kramer represented ABAC at the 6th Annual Principled Leadership Symposium at the Citadel in Charleston, S.C. March 7 and 8.

Weill to Sign Debut Novel at ABAC on Tuesday in Health Sciences Building

Former president of Gordon College, Dr. Lawrence Weill, will be on the campus of ABAC for a book signing for his debut novel, *Incarinate*, on Tuesday from 2-4:30 p.m. in the Health Sciences building, Room 108. This event is open to the community.

For More information on this event contact Stephanie Coney in the ABAC Baldwin Library at 229-391-4987 or sconey@abac.edu.



ABAC Sports Recap

Baseball:

The stallions had a tough week losing 4 games against GA Perimeter, but they will come back this week and play Andrew College at home Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and away Friday and Saturday.

Softball:

After a week off the fillies will play East GA at home in a double header Tuesday at 2 & 4 p.m. They will also travel to Covington to play GA Perimeter at 3 & 5 p.m. Friday.

Tennis:

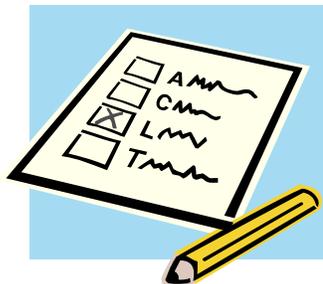
The Fillies had a tough loss to Southeastern Univ 5-4 on Monday, but won Tuesday against Upper Iowa 7-2 and Wednesday 8-1 against Judson. The Stallions won against Southeastern 9-0 and Judson 9-0. The last home game of the season will be Tuesday at 2:30 against Albany State.

ABAC Faculty and Staff Surveys Begin Tuesday

Tuesday you will receive an electronic survey from Institutional Research (IR) via your official ABAC email address. The survey will seek input on selected topics. It will also provide you opportunity to provide free-form input. Survey responses will be anonymous. IR will only know who responds, not how they responded. Only persons to whom the survey was sent by IR will be allowed to respond. And, the results will be tallied in aggregate.

Faculty are invited to attend a campus-wide faculty meeting on March 28 at 3:30 pm in Bowen 100 during which President Bridges will share the survey results. Staff will also be invited to attend a campus-wide staff forum meeting to hear the results, date and location TBA.

We hope to have a high level of input, so please be on the lookout for the email tomorrow and be prompt in your reply.



Successful Recruiting Events & More To Come

The regional recruiting receptions continue this week. Tuesday's event is located in Gwinnett County at the Historic Gwinnett County Courthouse from 5:30-7:30 and with the amount of students in the area, the event should be a huge success! On Thursday everyone will divide and conquer. Thomas County is at Building 209 from 5:30-7:30 and the Floyd County Event is at Pepperell High School during the same time. If you are interested in attending or helping recruit for the events please contact Donna Webb.

Henry Co. Heritage Park	March 14 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Gwinnett Co. Historic Gwinnett Co. Courthouse	March 19 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Thomas Co. Building 209	March 21 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Floyd Co. Pepperell High School	March 21 5:30-7:30 p.m.



Webb presented Ashley Crawford from Henry County high school on-the-spot admission.

Personnel Changes at ABAC

In addition to the moving of offices, there have been a few personnel changes on campus in the past few weeks. Congratulate these ladies on their new positions within the ABAC family.

Elaine Auger

Marketing Assistant at GMA

Vonda Fenn

Program Coordinator for School of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Lynda Fisher

Assistant Director of Advancement

March is National Athletic Training Month

The National Athletic Trainers Association and ABAC's Head Athletic Trainer, Donna Sledge, would like to request your help in promoting the field of Athletic Training. ABAC has had three graduates go on to complete college curriculum programs and Pass National Board of Certification Examination to become Certified Athletic Trainers. Sledge MS, ATC, LAT; Tyler Bryan ATC, Phoebe Sports Medicine and Jessica Corbett Bolesta ATC, contract worker for Clinch and Echols county. Currently ABAC has 14 students majoring in Sports Medicine. For more information about Athletic Training and the benefits, contact Donna Sledge at dsledge@abac.edu.



March is
NATIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINING MONTH

Help us celebrate this year's theme

Every Body Needs an Athletic Trainer

Athletic trainers are health care professionals who specialize in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of injuries and sport-related illnesses.

Visit www.NATA.org

Grease Themed Mr. ABAC March 28

Thirteen men at ABAC will compete for the title of Mr. ABAC in the 23rd annual competition at 7 p.m. on March 28 in Howard Auditorium. The theme for this year's event is "Grease". The contest is sponsored, directed, and produced by the Family and Consumer Sciences Club.

Tickets are \$5 per person and will be available in the School of Human Sciences office, Bowen Hall 205, beginning March 25. If the event is not a sellout, tickets will also be available at the door.

Contestants will compete in casual attire, formal attire, and interview categories. Contestants will also be judged on a timed essay.

The top contestant will receive a plaque and a cash prize. Contestant, interview, and essay awards will be given. The Family and Consumer Sciences Club members will also choose "Fun Awards" that will be presented to contestants.



Students involved in this year's competition include **Chandler Bartley**, a diversified agriculture major from Dalton, sponsored by ABAC's Sigma Alpha sorority; **Conor Dunn**, an English major from Omega, sponsored by the ABAC Honors Program; **Ronnie Few**, a diversified agriculture major from Covington, sponsored by the ABAC Collegiate FFA; **Marcus Grant**, a mass media communications major from Ellenwood, sponsored by ABAC's student newspaper, The Stallion; **Gerron Green**, an engineering major from Enigma, sponsored by ABAC's student newspaper, The Stal-

lion; and **Spencer Highsmith**, a diversified agriculture major from Wray, sponsored by the ABAC Cattlemen's Association.

Other contestants include **Jermaine Hill**, a psychology major from Cordele, sponsored by Brother 2 Brother; **Blake Johnson**, an economics major from Ocilla, sponsored by the Baptist Collegiate Ministries;

Logan Layne, a rural studies major from Manning, S.C., sponsored by the ABAC Ambassadors; **Clemente Oriciga**, a biology major from Tifton, sponsored by the Cultura Latina Club; **Ray Sanders**, a dual major in agricultural business and diversified agriculture from Brooklet, sponsored by ABAC's Student Government Association; **Jake Todd**, an agricultural education major from Arnoldsville, sponsored by the ABAC Collegiate FFA; and **Kevin Vantrees**, a diversified agriculture major from Douglasville, sponsored by the Agricultural Business Club.

Emory's Vega String Quartet Performs Thursday in Howard

Emory University's quartet-in-residence, The Vega String Quartet, will perform on Thursday in Howard Auditorium at 7 p.m. as a part of the "ABAC Presents!" performing arts series.

Tickets for The Vega String Quartet performance are \$15 each for adults and \$10 each for students under 18 years of age. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased online at www.artsconnection.ticketleap.com or by phone at (229) 391-4895.



Stallion Day Saturday April 6

The final Stallion Day of the semester is April 6, help us make it the biggest event yet by recruiting students to attend! Contact Enrollment Management at 229.391.5004 with any questions.

Support the Stafford School of Business with ABAC Penley

ABAC commissioned Steve Penley to create the painting for the Stafford School of Business in the newly renovated Lewis Hall. Business School Deans Dill and Susan Driscoll said funds from the Penley prints will enhance student enrichment experiences including the support of national and international internships, a professional speaker series, networking opportunities, student community life, and other necessary educational supplements that better position ABAC students for promising futures. In support of ABAC's initiative, join our team and support the ABAC family by purchasing a limited edition signed and numbered copy of the ABAC piece by donating \$500 to the Stafford School of Business and it's students. Contact Dill Driscoll (dill@abac.edu) or Susan Driscoll (sdriscoll@abac.edu) if interested.



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Time to Get in the Relay Spirit!

"LAAADIIIEESS AND GENTLEMENNNNN AND CHILDREN OF ALL AGES! WELCOME TO THE MOST EXTRAVAGANT EXTRAVAGANZA THE HUMAN EYE CAN BEHOLD...JOIN US FOR THE MOST SPECTACULAR SHOW ON EARTH AS WE DREAM BIG, HOPE BIG, RELAY BIG....UNDER THE BIG TOP!!!"

April 26 will be here before you know it and everyone needs to get into the Relay spirit! The theme this year is the Circus and decorations need to be extravagant. Dancing Bears, clowns, magicians and all sorts of Circus games! If you have ideas, please send them to Bernice Hughes (bhughes@abac.edu) and a meeting will be scheduled soon.

The Annual Yard Sale will be Saturday, April 12, so while cleaning out those closets at home remember that we take donations! The set up will be the same. It will be in the Nickelodeon. Tables are \$10 per table or 3 for \$25. You pay the fee and you keep your money that you make. Set up on Friday 3-8 p.m. with volunteer help. The sale is from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Charity trucks pick up what you no longer want. Last year this sale made \$500 for the Relay for Life.

Additionally, the Duck Chance Sale will start again soon! Look for more information soon! If you want to sale the chances from your office let Bernice know.



ABAC Birthdays

- 18 Sherrie Nalls
- 18 Lorie Felton
- 22 Kingsley Dunkley
- 23 Brenda Bailey

