Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

ABAC athletes will compete in a variety of contests this week on the ABAC campus. Go out and see them perform in the sunshine.

The softball Fillies will host Waycross in a Tuesday doubleheader at Fillies’ Field at 2 and 4 p.m. On Saturday, Coach Donna Campbell’s team will be back at home for a twin-bill against Tallahassee at 1 and 3 p.m.

Coach Steve Janousek’s baseball Stallions will be under the lights at Stallion Field Friday at 7 p.m. for a game against Andrew. On Saturday, the Stallions will host Andrew for a 1 p.m. doubleheader.

The men’s and women’s tennis teams of Coach Alan Kramer will be at the Red Hill Athletics Center on Friday for 3:30 p.m. matches against Meridian. On Saturday, the Fillies’ tennis team will host Florida State College at 2 p.m. and Oxford at Emory at 6 p.m. The men’s team hosts Emory at Oxford at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Coach Herb Hendrix and the ABAC golfers will travel to Meridian, Miss., Sunday to play in the Lou Hart Invitational Tournament which runs through March 27.

Next Bottles and Brushes Friday at Museum

The next Bottles and Brushes art class will take place Friday from 6-9 p.m. at the Museum. Participants will recreate “Some Pig” by Brenda Rose. There is a fee of $25 per person for the class or $40 for a couple. Participants must register ahead of time by contacting Polly Huff at 391-5222 or phuff@abac.edu.

Back To Your Future On Tuesday

The first of two “Back To Your Future” events will be held on Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. in the Agricultural Sciences Building. Aimed at adult learners who have been out of the classroom for awhile, the event offers information on admissions, financial aid, and a chat with a current non-traditional student, according to Enrollment Counselor Kaitlin Stannard.

Stannard is helping Dr. Gail Dillard coordinate another edition of this event in Moultrie on April 12 from 6-8 p.m. at ABAC on the Square.

Tuesday’s event will be held in conjunction with an “Apply To ABAC/Financial Aid Night which also runs from 6-8 p.m. at the Agricultural Sciences building. Enrollment Counselor Brooke Jernigan will coordinate that part of the evening.

Retirement is a big deal, and ABAC is making sure its retirees know they are appreciated.

Return of the Retirees

ABAC retirees visited the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village conference room on March 12 for breakfast and an update on the college. Richard Spancake and Lynda Fisher provided information from the Human Resources Office and introduced personnel from the USG Shared Services Center. Paul Willis spoke on behalf of the Museum with information on upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.
Mr. ABAC Contest On March 29

Fifteen men at ABAC will compete for the title of Mr. ABAC in the 21st annual competition at 7 p.m. on March 29 in Howard Auditorium. The theme for this year’s event is “Top Gun”. The contest is sponsored, directed, and produced by the Family and Consumer Sciences Club.

The cost for tickets is $5. Tickets will be available in Bowen Hall, Room 205 beginning on March 26. If the event is not a sellout, they will also be available at the door.

Contestants are sponsored by campus clubs, athletic teams, and student media. They will compete in casual attire, formal attire, and interview categories. Contestants will also be judged on a written timed essay.

The top contestant will receive a plaque and a cash prize. Contestant, interview, and essay awards will be given. 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, an agriculture education major from Dalton, sponsored by Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity; Cole Brogdon, a diversified agriculture major from Irwin, sponsored by the ABAC Cattlemen’s Club; Jalen Bullard, a music education major from Blakely, sponsored by the Residential Hall Association; Shawn Burnette, a history major from Cordele, sponsored by the Rural Studies Club; David Cox, a physical education major from LaGrange, sponsored by the Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators (SPAGE); and Austin Dunn, a biology major from Tifton, sponsored by the ABAC Ambassadors.

Other contestants include Randall Ellis, an agricultural business and economics major from Blakely, sponsored by the ABAC Collegiate FFA; Dylan England, a diversified agriculture major from Jesup, sponsored by the Agricultural Engineering Technology Club; Ronnie Few, a diversified agriculture major from Covington, sponsored by the SGA; Ronald Kerestus, a veterinary medicine major from Valdosta, sponsored by the Honors Club; and Mac Leskosky, an agricultural business major from Macon, sponsored by the ABAC Ambassadors.

Also competing are Zebb Luster, a diversified agriculture major from Ft. Myers, Fla., sponsored by the Ag Business Club; John McLocklin, an agricultural business major from Statham, sponsored by Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity; Clemente Oriciaga, a biology major from Hazlehurst, sponsored by the Cultura Latina Club; and Kevin Vantrees, a landscape design major from Douglasville, sponsored by the Ag Business Club.

Mark it on your calendars!

Stallion Day April 14

Relay For Life Yard Sale March 31

It’s Relay for Life Yard Sale time again, so clean out those closets and storage rooms! The yard sale will be in the Nickelodeon March 31 from 7 a.m.–1 p.m. Contact Bernice Hughes at bhughes@abac.edu or 229-391-5129 to reserve your table.

Honors Day
April 11
11 a.m.
Gressette Gym

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ABAC Birthdays
21 Brandi Arrington
22 Kingsley Dunkley
23 Brenda Bailey

ABAC Family
Amanda Wulle and Mike Chason represented ABAC at the FFA Forestry Field Event near Quitman on March 13. Brooke Jernigan represented ABAC at a similar event on March 15 at Laura S. Walker State Park near Waycross.