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### Medal of Honor Winner Makes Impact



James Livingston, a retired Major General of the U.S. Marine Corps, made quite an impression on the ABAC students who attended Thursday's presentation in Howard Auditorium. Livingston won the Medal of Honor for his bravery in Vietnam in a battle on May 2, 1968. Livingston told the students "do not squander the great opportunity you have of living in the United States." ABAC Police Chief Bryan Golden arranged for Livingston to speak.

### Green Wins Mr. ABAC Competition

Bernard Green, a sophomore business major from Tifton, was selected as Mr. ABAC 2011 during the recent competition at ABAC.

Green is a sophomore who serves as president of the ABAC Ambassadors. He is the 20-year-old son of Belinda and Johnny Green. He was sponsored by the women's tennis team.

"I am proud to be able to serve my school," Green said. "I was surprised to get it. It got a little nerve-racking at the end."

A part of Green's nervousness can be attributed to the fact that he had forgotten the pants to go with his formal outfit and had to run back to his room on campus to secure them. Feeling much calmer with his pants on, a button suddenly popped off his suit.

Green's training as an ABAC Ambassador shifted into high gear as he calmed his nerves and won the title.

"I look at ABAC very differently now than when I started as a freshman," Green said. "I would recommend ABAC to anyone. I'll never forget my experiences here. They have been life-changing. I will definitely miss the relationships I have built."

Green plans to transfer to Georgia Southern University to complete his degree.

Other finalists were Zachary Miller, an undeclared major from Ocilla; Kevin



Bernard Green (center) won the Mr. ABAC competition Thursday night. Other members of the top five (pictured left to right) include: Zebb Luster, Grafton Rabun, Kevin Vantrees, and Zachary Miller.

Vantrees, an agricultural business and agricultural economics major from Douglasville; Grafton Rabun, a diversified agriculture major from Monticello; and Zebb Luster, an agricultural communications/diversified agriculture major from Fort Myers, Fla.

Miller won the interview portion of the contest, and Josh Boydston, a diversified agriculture major from Chatsworth, won the essay competition. Austin Gibson, a diversified agriculture major from Olustee, Fla., was the contestants' award winner.

The event was sponsored by the Family and Consumer Sciences Club.

**Broadway Night at the First Tuesday  
Concert Tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Chapel!**



## AET Club Completes New Pulling Tractor

After months of hard work and dedication from ABAC students and alumni, the new pulling tractor is finally complete. The Agco Allis 9650 made its debut at the Jasper County Young Farmer's Tractor Pull in Shady Dale, Ga. on March 19. The Agricultural Engineering Technology (AET) Club was pleased with its first run. Renovations to "Cracker Jack" were also finished over Spring Break. "Cracker Jack" placed first in its 7500 Turbo class. The AET Club thanks everyone for their support. Please come out and support the AET club at the Truck Pull on Thursday night.



## ABAC Athletics Hall of Fame 2011 Class

Athletics Hall of Fame inductees at ABAC on Saturday were (l-r): Christa Timms ('95 softball team), Dot Malloy (representing A.B. Malloy), Buffi Whitley Jackson ('95 softball team), Tiffany Perry Thompson ('95 softball team), Allison Hooks ('95 softball team), Harley Stewart, Tonya Greene ('95 softball team), Benny Dees, Amy Norton ('95 softball team), ABAC President David Bridges, Greg Tanner (coach of '95 softball team), Teresa Cromer Walker, Amy Johnson ('95 softball team), Lynn Farnsworth (representing Kyle Farnsworth), Amanda Gibbs Layfield ('95 softball team), Karen Farnsworth (representing Kyle Farnsworth), Heather Beck Hunter ('95 softball team), Mia Gomez ('95 softball team), and Athletics Director Alan Kramer.



## After 35 Years At ABAC

Ken Newkirk retired March 31 after 35 years at ABAC as head of the Upward Bound program. He and his wife, Betty, were guests of honor at a reception on Wednesday in the J. Lamar Branch Student Center. Newkirk (left) recalls ABAC memories with Pam Leonard, the Executive Assistant to the President.



## They Fought A Good Fight

The faculty-staff team lost a 48-32 decision to the student team in the faculty/staff vs. students basketball game last Tuesday night in Gressette Gym. Faculty-staff team members included (back row, l-r) Keith Barber, Jeff Kilgore, Traci Bryan, John Davis, Don Coates, Richard Spancake, and John Farrar; (front row, l-r) Toni Gordon, Kris Liebegott, and Thunder. The SGA sponsored the event which included entertainment by Woody Leonard and the Thundering Herd Pep Band, a concession stand, halftime prizes, and music from WPLH.

## Honors Day April 13

The annual Honors Day at ABAC will be held on April 13 at 11 a.m. in Gressette Gym to recognize outstanding students, faculty, and staff for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Classes will be cancelled at 10:30 a.m. and will continue at 2 p.m. This event is open to the entire campus.



## Sign Up Now for Summer Tennis Camp at ABAC

Two sessions of a summer tennis camp will be offered at ABAC beginning in June. These camps are designed for middle and high school tennis team members. Pre-registration is required.

The first session of the camp will be held June 6 – 9, and session two will take place from July 25 – 28. Each camp will run from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at a cost of \$199 (includes lunch) per camper.

Directed by Alan Kramer, ABAC men's and women's tennis coach, and Dale White, assistant coach for the ABAC men's and women's tennis teams, campers will focus on technical, tactical and mental components of tennis to help players in competitive play. Former ABAC tennis players will serve as instructors for the camps.

To pre-register for this camp, interested persons can call (229) 391-4928, e-mail Kramer at [akramer@abac.edu](mailto:akramer@abac.edu). To complete the registration and waiver forms visit:

[www.abac.edu/pe/mentennis/2011%20Tennis%20Camp.pdf](http://www.abac.edu/pe/mentennis/2011%20Tennis%20Camp.pdf)



## Choral Concert Thursday at 7 p.m.

The ABAC Concert Choir will perform a variety of choral music at the spring concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday in Howard Auditorium on the campus of ABAC. This concert is open to the public at no charge.

Dr. Susan Roe, who directs the choir, said the performance will be dedicated to Dr. Eric Cash, associate professor in the School of Liberal Arts and faculty advisor of the student newspaper, "The Stallion". Cash passed away in 2010.

The choir's selection for the evening will begin with "The Star Spangled Banner" arranged by John Stafford Smith. Marjorie Fix, staff accompanist for the ABAC music program and the Mannheim Musicians, including Sheri Wyles on flute; Jonni Snyder on violin; Betsy Sone Jones on cello; and Dr. Robert Hubbard on double bass, will join the choir in the performance of "Sanctus" from Gabriel Faure's "Requiem."

The ABAC Chamber Singers will also sing a selection from "Requiem" titled "Agnus Dei" and "Music When Soft Voices Die" by Sherri Porterfield. The ABAC Jazz Choir will perform "Lullaby of Birdland" and "No More Blues", arranged by Paris Rutherford.

Laura Farnell's "The Night Shall Be Filled With Music" will continue the show, sung by the sopranos and altos of the choir. The tenors and basses of the choir will present the rhythmic spiritual "Dry Bones" arranged by Livingston Gearhart. Both pieces will be accompanied by Fix and Wyles.

The spiritual, "The Battle of Jericho", arranged by Moses Hogan, and the gospel song, "He Never Failed Me Yet" by Robert Ray, will conclude the evening's performance.

For more information on the concert, interested person can contact Roe at (229) 391-4943.

# Stallion Day April 16!



## New Scoreboard for Fillies Field

A dedication ceremony was held Saturday afternoon at Fillies Field for a brand new scoreboard which was made possible by the contributions of the families of A.B. Malloy and Jimmy Spurlin, and alumni of the Fillies' softball team. Vice President for External Affairs and Advancement Keith Barber and Athletics Director Alan Kramer recognized the families and contributors between games of the softball doubleheader.

## ABAC Family

Polly Huff and Ashley Williamson appeared on WTIF on March 31 to discuss upcoming events at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village.

Ashley Williamson and Garrett Boone were guests on FOX-TV in Albany April 1 to promote the Folklife Festival.

## Busy Week for Sports Teams at ABAC

Home games in baseball, softball, and men's and women's tennis will take center stage this week as home games are played on the field and on the courts of ABAC.

The Stallions baseball team will play South Georgia College at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. The Fillies softball team will take on Andrew College in a doubleheader on Thursday at 3 p.m.

The men's and women's tennis teams will compete against Georgia Southwestern University at 2:30 p.m. on the courts of the Red Hill Tennis Complex on Thursday.

## Jeff Gibbs Directing Traffic for Visitors

Dr. Jeff Gibbs, Dean of the School of Business at ABAC, leads the meeting of the business school deans in the University System of Georgia on Friday at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village. ABAC hosted the meeting on Thursday and Friday. The ABAC Bluegrass Band performed for the group on Thursday night.

