Williamson Named Interim Public Relations Director

Ashley Williamson has been named the Interim Director of Public Relations at ABAC by President David Bridges.

Bridges said the interim appointment becomes effective June 1 with the retirement of Mike Chason, who has served as the ABAC Director of Public Relations since 1979.

“Ashley has been with us as the public relations assistant for four years now, and she has handled her duties and responsibilities very well,” Bridges said. “She will take care of all public relations issues beginning June 1.”

Bridges said the public relations office is in a “transitional phase” with many hours of planning ahead to try to anticipate the future needs of ABAC in the public relations area.

Williamson said, “It’s easy to fall in love with a place like ABAC.”

Williamson said she plans no immediate changes to the public relations operation. She said her duties will encompass the entire spectrum of public relations responsibilities for ABAC.

Candlelight Vigil Tonight at 8 p.m. to Remember Tatum

Chris Tatum, a Diversified Agriculture major from Alachua County, Fla., passed away Friday night as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident on I-75 in Dooly County. Randi Walden, a Diversified Agriculture major from Stockbridge, was also in the vehicle. She was taken to a hospital in Macon where she is still being treated for injuries.

Tatum was an active member of the Kappa Sigma chapter at ABAC as well as the Cattlemen’s Association and the Ag Business club.

A candlelight vigil will take place at 8 p.m. tonight on the ABAC soccer practice field. Please join his friends and loved ones for this event.

Chason Honored As Voice of ABAC

President David Bridges (right) presented Mike Chason a special microphone trophy in recognition of his 32 years of service to the college as the Public Relations Director and The Voice of ABAC. Chason will retire May 31, but continue to work part-time at ABAC.

Chason Reception May 31 in Evans Hall

Director of Public Relations Mike Chason will retire on May 31 after 32 years of service to the college.

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship as we wish him well on May 31 from 3-4 p.m. in Evans Hall.

ABAC Pool Open

The ABAC pool is open for students and faculty to enjoy during the spring and summer months. The pool hours are Monday – Thursday from 3 – 7 p.m. and Friday – Sunday from 1 – 6 p.m.

Pool parties must be coordinated through Bobbie Baldree in the ABAC Information Center at 391-5001.
**ABAC Legacy at First Community Bank**

Butch Davis (left) has handed off the reins to his son, Mike, as President and CEO of First Community Bank in Tifton. They were honored at a reception on Thursday at the bank's primary location in downtown Tifton. Butch (Class of '65) and Mike (Class of '90) are both ABAC alumni. Butch's father, the late John Henry Davis, was also a president of First Community Bank and a longtime member of the ABAC Foundation.

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**Baseball Stallions Win Individual Honors**

Three members of the Golden Stallions' baseball team, Les Evans, Jacob Stinson, and Jeremy Rosier, have been selected for post season honors.

ABAC Coach Steve Janousek said Evans, a freshman speech communications major from Waycross, was named to the All Conference Second Team. Evans led the Stallions in batting average (.346), hits (55), doubles (13), walks (19), total bases (74), and RBI's (30). He was second on the team in home runs (2), runs scored (23), slugging percentage (.465), and on-base percentage (.422). Evans pitched and played third base.

Stinson, a physical therapy major from Tifton, and Rosier, a math major from Sylvania, were selected as two of the nine conference players winning Gold Glove awards.

Stinson earned the award for his play in right field. He had a .990 field percentage, committing only one error during the entire season. Stinson recorded 83 put outs and had an amazing 18 assists.

Rosier had a .988 fielding percentage at first base. He had 312 put outs and 28 assists with just four errors on the year.

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**ABAC Birthdays**

23 Nicholas Urquhart
23 Gloria Sulkowski
24 Keisha Hadden
24 Janet Myers
24 Troy Spicer
27 Brandon Street
28 Ronnie Cook
28 Laurien Diffie
29 Tami Dennis

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**New Customer Service Representative at ABAC**

Brenda Corbin is the new customer service representative in the financial services area. Her desk is located on the second floor of the J. Lamar Branch Student Center. Corbin temporarily worked at ABAC in 2007 in the financial aid office. Stop by and give her a warm ABAC welcome!

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**ABAC Golfer Finishes 12th Among Medalists**

ABAC golfer Terry English finished in a tie for 12th place among the 32 low medalists from around the nation at the National Junior College Athletic Association national golf tournament at the Goose Pond Colony course in Scottsboro, Ala.

ABAC Coach Herb Hendrix said English, a turf management major from Clayton, had five-day scores of 73, 79, 75, 78, and 78. In the overall competition among the 133 players competing in the tournament from 29 teams, English finished in a tie for 75th. Only scores from the final four days counted in that phase of the competition.

“Terry finished 12th among the 32 low medalists from around the nation at the National Junior College Athletic Association national golf tournament. He is just a freshman, and he will be the captain of our team next year,” Hendrix said. “I’m really glad that we can count on him next season.”

John A Logan (III) won the tournament, and Filip Timmerman from John A. Logan was the low medalist. Coastal Georgia, which defeated the Stallions in the Region XVII tournament, finished fourth in the national competition.