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New State Budget Includes \$3.25 Million for Front Campus Project

Governor Nathan Deal's signature on the FY 2012 budget will allow ABAC to continue work on its historic front of campus project with \$3.25 million set aside to further the rehabilitation of the historic front of campus, including Tift Hall, Lewis Hall, and Herring Hall.

ABAC President David Bridges breathed a long sigh of relief when Deal signed the budget which covers the fiscal year from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

"I want to thank Governor Deal as well as all those legislators who made this possible," Bridges said. "We got a lot of local help from Senator John Crosby and Representative Tony McBrayer. Representative Jay Roberts is always in our corner, and Representative Penny Houston did some heavy lifting for us too."

Bridges also thanked the strong contingent of ABAC alumni who serve in the legislature.

"We have several ABAC alumni in the legislature who were very vocal on this one," Bridges said. "They made a difference."

When ABAC opened its doors as an area high school called the Second District A&M School on Feb. 20, 1908, Tift, Lewis, and Herring were the three original buildings on campus.

Lewis and Herring were closed because of their deteriorating conditions over 20 years ago, and Tift closed in 2007, marking the first time in the history of ABAC that the president's office moved out of Tift Hall.

"This funding will allow us to move more rapidly toward our goal of completing the project," Bridges said. "It should take care of the exterior of Lewis and Herring and the interior of Herring."



Construction on the inside of Tift Hall continues. The building is expected to be completed this summer.

The multi-million dollar project which began in 2009 includes upgrades to electrical, heating, cooling, water, sewer, and data lines as well as the renovation of Tift, Lewis and Herring Halls. The renovated Tift Hall will include a welcome center, a museum showcasing the history of ABAC, a conference room, and offices for the president, the vice

president for academic affairs, the vice president for planning and operations, and public relations.

Herring will be devoted to enrollment management offices, a reception area for prospective students, and administrative offices. Lewis will house faculty, staff and classrooms.

Greenline Architecture and J.T. Turner Construction, both from Savannah, are handling the design and construction work on the project with assistance from Jones Construction of Tifton.

Potter at Georgia Museum of Agriculture on Saturday

The Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC will feature its fourth installment of the "Second Saturdays" series on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. with Marty Haythorn, a potter from Thomasville.

"We are excited to bring in Marty, he is amazingly talented as a potter and a lecturer," Polly Huff, gallery coordinator from the ABAC Arts Connection, said. "We hope many patrons come and watch him work. It will be a treat"

Haythorn's heritage is both Native American and European. His interest in Native American pottery began as a child when his family traveled through the Southwest. Haythorn was in-



spired by the many exceptional Native American potters he met, leading to a lifelong passion for pottery-making. He has produced and taught pottery for over 35 years.

Haythorn holds a degree in arts administration and has worked as a supervisory arts specialist, a recreation therapist, and a children's program coordinator in an alcohol and drug treatment center. He is the founder and principle artist of Ancient Hands, which grew from the prolific work of Ivan Gundrum. In the late 1960's, with the support of noted archaeologists Dr. Edgar Banks and Dr. Hale Smith, and the Tallahassee Museum staff, Gundrum reproduced hundreds of Southeastern artifacts. Most of the reproductions offered by Haythorn's Ancient Hands were first reconstructed by Gundrum.

In the mid 1970's, Haythorn worked closely with Gundrum for four years. In the early 1990's, he began building upon Gundrum's work by documenting the reproductions he had done, and by experimenting with pit-firing and burnishing. Haythorn expanded the number of reproductions in the collection and introduced miniatures, ocarinas, clay beads, pendants, rattles and coasters with Southeastern motifs. In recent years, Ancient Hands has begun offering original contemporary art in the Southeastern tradition.

Future "Second Saturdays" events will feature a glass artist Tadashi Torii of Sandy Springs and groups of wool spinners, quilters, woodturners, and painters later this year.

For more information on "Second Saturdays" and a full calendar of events, interested persons can contact Huff at (229) 391-5222 or phuff@abac.edu

Apply to ABAC and Financial Aid Night June 14

The Office of Enrollment Management at ABAC will host an Apply to ABAC/ Financial Aid night on June 14 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Agricultural Sciences building on the ABAC campus.

Enrollment Management Counselor Brooke Jernigan said all prospective students are welcome to attend, no matter where they are in the admissions and financial aid process.

“We will be there answering questions and helping every prospective student on an individual basis,” Jernigan said. “It’s a drop-in event with no set program. We just want to help these students get ready for the fall semester at ABAC.”

Traci Bryan from the financial aid area at ABAC said that students who need assistance with financial aid must have their Personal Identification Num-



ber (PIN) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) web site and a copy of their 2010 tax returns for parents and students, if applicable, to receive assistance with the financial aid process.

“Students who wish to receive financial aid at ABAC during the 2011 fall semester should complete their financial aid applications by July 15,” Bryan

said. “We can help them meet that deadline by answering their questions on June 14.”

For more information, interested persons can contact Jernigan at (229) 391-5018. Classes for the fall semester at ABAC begin Aug. 15. To register visit www.abac.edu/fanight

Orientation Season is in Full Swing!

Friday, June 10
check-in at 8 a.m.

Thursday, June 16
check-in at 3:30 p.m.

Friday, June 17
check-in at 8 a.m.

Friday, July 8
check-in at 8 a.m.

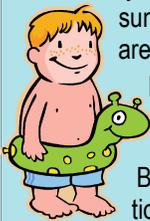
Friday, July 22
check-in at 8 a.m.

Tuesday, August 9
check-in at 8 a.m.

For more information on any of these sessions contact the Academic Support Counselors at 391-4995.

ABAC Pool Open

The ABAC pool is open for students and faculty to enjoy during the spring and summer months. The pool hours are Mon. – Thurs. from 3 – 7 p.m. and Fri. – Sun. from 1 – 6 p.m. Pool parties must be coordinated through Bobbie Baldree in the ABAC Information Center at 391-5001.



ABAC Family

Ashley Williamson appeared on WTIF June 1 to discuss upcoming events on the ABAC campus.

Spring 2011 Athletic GPAs

Great Job ABAC Athletics! Several individual players have also been nominated for All-American Status.

- Men's Golf 2.84
- Men's Tennis 2.70
- Baseball 2.68
- Women's Soccer 2.56
- Women's Tennis 2.50
- Softball 2.27

ABAC Receives \$2000 Target Grant



Executives from the Target Distribution center presented Polly Huff (middle), gallery coordinator from the ABAC Arts Connection, a check for \$2000 as part of their community grant project that distributes 5% of Target's profits locally. The support from Target will be used for Bottles & Brushes classes, 2nd Saturdays at the Museum demonstrations, and upcoming exhibits in the Gallery. Target representative pictured left to right include: Felicia McCant, Operations Senior Group Leader; Susan Green, General Manager Administrative Assistant, Greg Phillips, General Manager; and Robert Covington, Operations Group Leader.

ABAC Birthdays

- 8 Howard McCrary
- 8 Chrystle Ross
- 12 Betty Dotson
- 12 Brian Ray

Ross Retirement Reception June 15

Dr. Chrystle Ross, ABAC Chief Information Officer, will retire in June after 32 years of service to the college.

Please join us in wishing her well on June 15 from 3-4 p.m. in Evans Hall.