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'Strings & Things' Opens Tuesday

Four talented stringed instrument makers will take part in a new exhibit beginning Tuesday at the Gallery of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture operated by Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The exhibit, "Strings & Things", is presented in partnership with the Tifton Farmers' Market.



The exhibit will open at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the Museum Gallery with a "Good Food, Good Folk, Good Music" reception sponsored by the Tifton Farmers' Market, which will feature samples of locally grown foods prepared by local farmers and performances by some of the featured musicians.

"Strings & Things" will remain open through Oct. 1. Exhibit hours for the month of August will coincide with the Museum's hours which are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. During the months of September and October, the exhibit hours will be 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Tuesday - Saturday.

GMA Gallery Curator from the ABAC Arts Connection Polly Huff said "Strings & Things" will be open for group tours or other special events. For questions or to schedule your special event or class visit to the Gallery, contact Huff at (229) 391-5222 or via e-mail at phuff@abac.edu.

The exhibit will showcase the exquisite work of luthiers or stringed instrument-makers Mike VanDeVelde, Davy Davis, Mike Daugherty, and Michael Walker. Each luthier specializes in uniquely designed and hand-built musical instruments which will be on display including fiddles, mandolins, and guitars. An antique ocarina, a few Appalachian dulcimers, and a harp and a dou-

ble-bass made by retired ABAC professor Leon Benefield will also be displayed.

An interactive, hands-on corner will be set up as a part of this exhibit. It will allow patrons an opportunity to play one of the featured instruments. Several of the exhibited instruments will be available for purchase.

"This exhibit will give our guests a taste of authentic Georgia folk art, which is often created by self-taught artists and craftsmen," said Huff. "American art was indeed rooted in folk art or primitive art, and these works often reflect the values of the artists and their communities. We are honored to host this exhibit and pay homage to the talent of some of Georgia's best craftsmen."

ISAT Available Thursday

The Institutional Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) will be available Thursday at ABAC for any students who have yet to take the test. There is a fee of \$52 for the test that begins at 9 a.m. in the Ag Sciences building in room 146.

The admissions policy at ABAC now requires that all students who plan to enroll in baccalaureate or pre-baccalaureate degree programs at ABAC must take the institutional SAT, the national SAT or the American College Testing exam prior to being admitted.

Dr. Maggie Martin, Director of Student Development, said the institutional SAT offers several advantages.

"With the institutional SAT, students have the opportunity to take the test on a weekday, as opposed to a Saturday with the national SAT," Martin said. "Students also receive their score within 24 hours of completing the institutional SAT, and the essay portion is not required."

Testing for the institutional SAT is coordinated through the ABAC Office of Student Development. For more information on the institutional SAT, prospective students can contact the Office of Student Development at (229) 391-5135.



New Parking Decals Now Available

Decals for all Faculty/Staff are now available. To obtain your new decal, submit your decal application **online** at www.abac.edu/parkingdecal.

Click on the **Employee** link and fill out the required information. Click the "Submit Application" button at the bottom of the page and you will see a populated Permit Application page. Print this page and bring it with you to the police department to receive your decal.

Please try to complete your application by **Friday** to avoid the influx of students next week. For more information call the ABAC police at 229.391.5060

Newberry Named Advisor of ABAC Student Newspaper

Dr. Jeff Newberry, associate professor of English, has been named as the new faculty advisor of The Stallion, the award-winning student newspaper at ABAC.

Newberry's experience with this type of journalism began during his undergraduate studies, where he served in a number of positions on the staff of The Voyager at the University of West Florida, making him the perfect candidate for his new role.

The position came open when Dr. Eric Cash passed away in December. Newberry said that The Stallion was Cash's legacy, and he wanted to continue his co-worker's efforts.

Not having worked in the fast-paced world of newspaper journalism for a while, Newberry was surprised at how easily he got back into the swing of things.

"I am more of the creative-writing type," said Newberry. "But when I started working on The Stallion I was surprised at just how much I remembered. I credit that to my teachers."

Now that the summer issue of The



Stallion is out, Newberry is anxious for the fall when the paper will be available to students on a regular basis.

"I hope to have four issues in the fall, beginning with a back-to-school issue," said Newberry. "I want to make the paper more visible on campus again, and I plan

on getting the on-line side of The Stallion back up and ready to go live in the fall."

Under the direction of Cash and former advisor Helen Strickland, the ABAC newspaper became one of the top award winners every year at various statewide competitions.

Newberry plans to stay with the same basic look of the paper and its sections when the first fall edition hits campus but would like to run more national news, along with student opinion sections on topics such as the debt ceil-

ing and the war in Afghanistan.

"As future citizens, I think it is vitally important that our students have an understanding of not just local issues, but state and world issues as well," said Newberry.

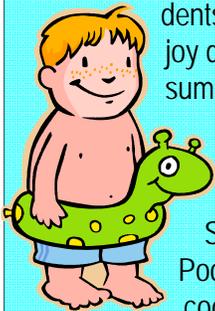
He believes it is his responsibility to provide The Stallion with high-quality stories that students want to read. He is proud of his student staff and would like to teach them that newspapers are not the fossils that popular culture claims them to be.

"There is journalism, and there is trained journalism," said Newberry.

"Trained journalism is becoming more and more important, especially in regard to ethics. I hope to teach my students to respond fairly and responsibly as journalists."

Newberry received a B.A. and M.A. in English from the University of West Florida and his Ph. D. in English from the University of Georgia. He has been a member of the ABAC faculty since 2002 and also serves as faculty advisor of the college's literary magazine, Pegasus.

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.

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Please submit any information by **Thursday at noon** to Ashley Williamson at awilliamson@abac.edu for inclusion in the next FOCUS.

ABAC Family

Donna Webb and Kaitlin Stannard attended the Southeast Homeschool Expo in Atlanta last week.

ABAC Birthdays

- 1 Marie Davis
- 1 Terence Turner
- 3 Bobbie Robinson
- 3 Donna Sledge
- 6 Beth Thornton



Thank You

My family and I would like to thank the ABAC family for all the cards, calls, visits and prayers during the loss of my father. Times like these prove the people of ABAC are truly special.

Howard McCrary



Last ABAC Tennis Camp Successful

About 40 athletes participated in the ABAC Tennis camp last week. The group battled rain and hot temperature for some tennis fundamentals and fun in the sun.