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George T. Smith Made An Impression On ABAC & The State of Georgia

The ABAC Family lost one of its most distinguished members on Aug. 23 when George T. Smith passed away at the age of 93. A member of the Class of 1940 at ABAC, Smith is the only person in the history of Georgia to win contested elections to all three branches of state government.

Smith became Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1963 and held that position through 1966. In 1966 he was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Georgia and is the only person to ever serve as Presiding Officer of both the House, as Speaker, and the Senate, as Lieutenant Governor, and Presiding Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court.



George T. Smith spoke at the 100th birthday celebration in 2008.

In 1976 he was elected to a six year term as Judge on the Georgia Court of Appeals. Justice Smith was elected to the Supreme Court of Georgia in 1980, and joined the Court on Jan. 1, 1981. He was elected by his colleagues as Presiding Justice and took office as of Jan. 1, 1990. Funeral services were held on Thursday at Johnson Ferry Baptist Church with Bryant Wright officiating. Entombment followed in Arlington Memorial Park with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Johnson

Ferry Baptist Church, the ABAC Foundation, Inc., or the University of Georgia School of Law. Online

condolences may be expressed at www.hmpattersoncantonhill.com.

Smith came to ABAC in 1939. He said his tuition, books, room, and meal plan

cost him \$69.50 a quarter.

"I just loved ABAC," Smith said in a 2007 interview. "If it hadn't been for ABAC, I never would have made it. I was president of the student body my sophomore year. I only had two pairs of

pants my whole two years." Smith received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the ABAC Alumni Association in 1969 and the Abraham Baldwin Distinguished Service Award in 2007. He was the guest



George T. Smith and his wife, Joan, pose with a picture of George during his ABAC days.

speaker at the ABAC commencement ceremony on May 4, 2007 and gave a special tribute to ABAC at the 100th birthday celebration on Feb. 20, 2008.

ABAC Hosts CEFTS

The ABAC Department of Forest Resources hosted the annual meeting of the Council of Eastern Forest Technology Schools on Aug. 3-5. Representatives from nine forest technology programs from across the eastern U.S. and Canada attended. The meeting included an all-day field trip to the Jones Ecological Research Center in Baker County, a tour of Balfour Pole Company in Mitchell County, and a campus session in which teaching materials and techniques were shared.



Baldwin Players 'No Exit' Auditions September 13 & 14

The Baldwin Players at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will hold auditions for the play "No Exit" by Jean-Paul Sartre on Sept. 13-14 at 7 p.m. each night in Room 319 of Conger Hall on the ABAC campus.

A classic of existential drama, the play involves three people ushered into a room in hell to spend eternity together. Although each expects to be met with torture devices and fire and brimstone, they each find that their re-

spective hellish afterlives involve much worse punishments.

Dr. John Galyean, director of the Baldwin Players, said there are parts for two men and two women. Auditions are open to all, and no experience is necessary. Information sheets will be available a week before auditions.

Those persons interested in acting, assistant directing, or working on a crew are asked to come early to either or both nights of auditions. Candidates

for crew work as well as potential actors will be asked to fill out an information sheet indicating personal schedule and contact numbers. Only prospective actors will be asked to stay for the duration of auditions.

Galyean said rehearsals usually last about two hours and a half, about four times a week. Production dates are Nov. 11 - 13.

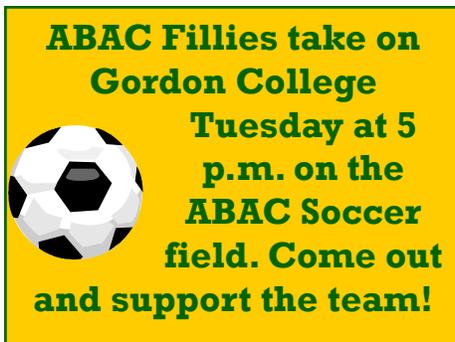
For more information, contact Galyean at (229) 391-4960.

First ASSETS Seminar Tuesday

The inaugural ASSETS Seminar will be held Tuesday from 5 - 6:15 p.m. in Conger Hall, Room 319 with featured speaker James C. Bell, CEO and chairman of the board of Bell Research Companies in Tifton.

The ASSETS Seminar will take place each month and focus on subjects related to science, mathematics, engineering, and technology. It is designed for any ABAC faculty or staff member who would like to attend.

Bell built his first computer at the age of 14. He attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, SC and then joined the City of Atlanta Police Department at 19. He became a detective at the age of 23. He then changed professions and began developing products related to computer hardware and software associated with Command and Control systems and intelligence gathering.



ABAC Fillies take on Gordon College Tuesday at 5 p.m. on the ABAC Soccer field. Come out and support the team!



ABAC will be closed September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

Gladin Wins Monthly High Five Award

Caren Gladin of the Enrollment Services office is the High Five Award winner for August. Her nomination by Michelle Barton reads:



"During the last two or three orientations Caren spent most of the day volunteering in the main Enrollment Services office, helping students and parents. On August 16, the first day of classes, Caren put forth extra effort to help a student and his mom with his financial aid and his Gold Card which was blocked by a download problem. She arranged to get him a temporary card so he could move in before his mom had to leave, making it much easier for the mom to leave her son. She had the nervous student come back to see her the next morning to make sure everything was worked out smoothly. Caren made a lasting impression on this student which will stay with him his entire ABAC career."

Gladin was the ABAC High Five winner for the week of August 16.

Nominate someone you think goes above the call of duty at www.abac.edu/hr/highfive.

Travel with ABAC This Autumn

The Office of Educational Outreach at ABAC will feature a variety of trips for the fall and holiday seasons. All the trips are available to the general public.

The travel season at ABAC kicks off with an Atlanta Braves game on Sept. 12 when the Braves will face the St. Louis Cardinals in Atlanta. ABAC alumnus Kyle Farnsworth is now a pitcher for the Braves. The one-day trip features round trip motor coach transportation to and from Atlanta, lunch, and tickets to the game. The cost of this trip is \$99 per person.

On Oct. 23, experience one of Rodgers' and Hammerstein's most beloved musicals, "The King and I", at the Alhambra Theater in Jacksonville, Fla. The Saturday matinee includes lunch and the show, as well as transportation via motor coach to and from the venue. There is a cost of \$99 for this trip.

The holidays get into full swing with

the Candlelight Christmas at the Biltmore Estate on Dec. 1 - 2. Travelers will depart for the palatial mansion on Dec. 1 and travel to Asheville, NC, where they will be able to do some shopping and dine at the Deerpark Inn for an early holiday feast before taking part in the candlelight tour of the Biltmore Mansion. The following day, visitors will be re-admitted back into the Biltmore Estate that features the stable gift shops and green house before heading home in the afternoon. The trip includes motor coach transportation, one night's lodging, ticket for the Biltmore Estate, and one dinner and one breakfast. The cost for this trip is \$299 per person (based on double occupancy).

To get you into the Christmas spirit, two trips to see the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes will be offered Dec. 10 and 11 in Jacksonville, Fla. The show will feature the "Nutcracker" ballet,

"The March of the Toy Soldiers" and a live nativity scene. The travel package will provide transportation via motor coach to and from the venue, lunch, and a matinee showing of the "Radio City Christmas Spectacular." The package price for this trip is \$159 per person.

For more information on any of these trips, visit the ABAC Educational Outreach web site at <http://www.abac.edu/psbo/Travel/index.cfm>, contact Diane Kilgore at dkilgore@abac.edu, or call (229) 391-5070.

