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4-0 Fillies Play Two Games at Home this Week



Fillies Soccer kicks the season off undefeated. Come cheer the team on Tuesday at 5 p.m. against Gordon College and Friday at 5 p.m. against South Georgia College. Go Fillies!

Members of the team include (1st row, l-r): Katelyn Martin, Jana Hamilton, Sierra Sawyer, Hanna Wilkes, Nikita Morris, Caroline Schwab, Nicole Stevenson, Jasmine Johnson, Amanda Biondino. (2nd row, l-r): Allyson Stoffel, Sydney Humphrey, Kaylee Moore, Kayla

ABAC Golfers Began Fall Campaign Last Week

With five veteran players and three new recruits, the golf team at ABAC teed off its fall season with high hopes for the year ahead.

ABAC Coach Herb Hendrix begins his eighth year with the Stallions in Cullman, Ala., in the Wallace State Invitational.

"I believe we'll be better than last year," Hendrix said. "Last year's team was four strokes off going to the nationals."

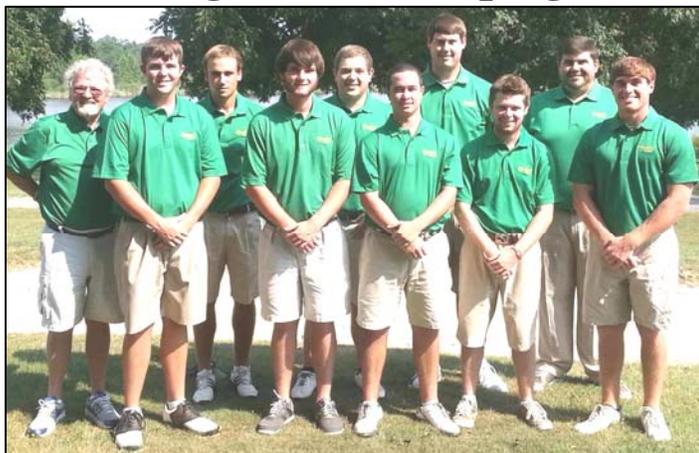
Freshman Robbie Johnson from Canada was a bright spot for last season's squad when he qualified to play in the national tournament in Lubbock, Tex., as an individual.

Johnson returns to this year's version of the Stallions along with Lee Wright from Moultrie, Clay Degler from LaGrange, Guillermo Retana from Spain, and Chris Rogers from Dawson. Rogers will serve as captain of the team.

Newcomers include Robert Doolan from Tift County High School, John Raymond Moore from Lakeland, Ga., and Andrew Penn from Lakeland, Fla.

"Andrew is from the same high school as Case Gard, who was a great player for us and is now playing professionally," Hendrix said. "He comes to us with wonderful credentials."

ABAC won the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XVII golf title in 2012 when the



Members of the ABAC 2013-14 golf team include (first row, l-r): John Raymond Moore, Robert Doolan, Andrew Penn, Robbie Johnson, and Chris Rogers; (second row, l-r): Coach Herb Hendrix, Guillermo Retana, Clay Degler, Lee Wright, and Assistant Coach Chesley Gunn

Stallions were competing in Division II and finished second to Darton in 2013 when ABAC moved up to NJCAA Division I.

The Stallions finished ninth in the district qualifying tournament in the spring. Only the top eight teams advance to the national event. Central Alabama won the district and captured the national championship as well.

Besides practicing at ABAC's very own nine-hole Forest Lakes Golf Club, the Stallions will also be able to sharpen their skills this season at the 18-hole Golf Club of South Georgia in Chula

"Chip Rainey owns that course, and he offered us the opportunity to come and play there," Hendrix said. "We are delighted with the arrangement, and we'll host our invitational tournament there."

Hendrix expects Darton, Andrew, Georgia Military College, Meridian (Miss.), and Central Alabama to compete in the ABAC Invitational on Oct. 12-13.

ABAC has also recruited former Tift County High School star and Valdosta State University All-America selection Chesley Gunn as the assistant coach for the Stallions. Gunn is the head golf professional at the Golf Club of South

Georgia.

"I am really excited for the opportunity to share my knowledge of the game and my experience I have gained from tournament play on the college and professional level," Gunn, a 2006 TCHS graduate, said. "I enjoy teaching the game of golf, and I'm looking for these guys to really improve as the year goes on."

After a standout career with the Blue Devils, Gunn was a two-time All-Region XVII selection for Darton. He was a freshman when the Cavaliers won the national championship in 2007.

Joint Faculty Recital Tuesday in Chapel of All Faiths

The School of Liberal Arts at ABAC will present a joint faculty recital at 7 p.m. on Sept. 10 in Howard Auditorium. The event is open to the community at no charge. The performance features Dr. Susan Roe, Director of Music at ABAC, and Wayne P. Jones, Director of the ABAC Arts Connection. They will be accompanied by music instructor Gina Lawhon.

Vocal selections will include "Quando m'en vo" from La Boheme by Giacomo Puccini, George Gershwin's "Summertime" and "Bess, You Is My Woman" from Porgy and Bess, Franz Schubert's "Grechen am Spinnrade"; and "Heimliche Aufforderung" and "Morgen" from Vier Lieder, Opus 27 by Richard Georg Strauss.

Other pieces will include Franz Liszt's "Oh! Quand je dors, S. 282"; "Chere Nuit" by Alfred Bachelet; Ned Rorem's "Early in the Morning"; selections from Ralph Vaughn Williams' Songs of Travel; "It Is Well With My Soul" by Phillip Bliss and arranged by Faye Burgess; "Deep River" arranged by Moses Hogan; and "Not Like This" by Jeremy Lubbock.



ABAC Human Sciences Majors Get International Experience

Opportunity knocks for students in the School of Human Sciences at ABAC. In fact, some of those students will open the door to an international experience this year.

Dr. Darby Sewell, Dean of the School of Human Sciences, is intent on sharing opportunities with students both inside and outside the classroom at ABAC.

"One of the priorities for us this year will be engaging our students more," Sewell said. "Amy Warren is coordinating a study abroad trip for our education majors in the spring to Belize.

"That's just an example of how we are trying to expose students to global issues both on the campus and away from the campus. We want to take our students' education outside the classroom when possible."

Warren, the department coordinator for education and family and consumer science, has already been to Belize to set up the trip and hosted representatives from Belize on the ABAC campus this summer.

Bachelor's degrees are now an integral part of the curriculum at ABAC, and the School of Human Sciences offers a new Social and Community Development major under the broad umbrella of the Rural Studies bachelor's degree.

"Graduates from this program are prepared to go in a lot of different directions," Sewell said. "One recent graduate accepted a job with the Chamber of Commerce in Tifton.

"Another student recently completed an internship with a lawyer in Tallahassee. She's thinking about law school. Interns have had opportunities to work with adult education programs such as the Literacy Volunteers of America and the Cooperative Extension Service."



Dr. Darby Sewell (left) and Amy Warren discuss the upcoming ABAC trip to Belize. An information session on the trip will be held at 4 p.m. on Wed. in Bowen 206.

Sewell said one student completed her recent summer internship with the Southwest Regional Commission in Camilla where she worked on writing grants and developing community programs. Students in Social and Community Development are also considering graduate school opportunities.

"This degree will help you gain practical skills, knowledge, theory, and transferable skills," Sewell said.

"The program is really what a student chooses to make of it. Graduates are not pigeon-holed. They are prepared to take a variety of career paths."

Criminal Justice and education are the most popular associate degrees in the School of Human Sciences. Within the area of Behavioral Sciences, students can choose from psychology, sociology, social work, or human services.

Early Childhood education majors can finish their associate degree at ABAC and then enroll directly in junior and senior level classes on the ABAC campus offered by Georgia Southwestern State University.

"These students can continue to live on campus in the ABAC Place apartments and get their bachelor's degree

through our partnership with Georgia Southwestern," Sewell said. "We're very fortunate to have this opportunity for our students."

Other education majors pursue middle grades, art education, foreign language, special education or physical education. As the Dean of the School of Human Sciences, Sewell has reached a top rung position in the education field. She actually started her academic career at ABAC in the family and consumer science area, which still attracts many ABAC students.

"Currently, most of the interest in family and consumer science is in the health area," Sewell said. "Nutrition attracts a lot of attention today. It's a rigorous curriculum but students who go in that direction can find jobs as dietitians."

Sewell said ABAC students who want a career in criminal justice find mentors in the Georgia Public Safety Training Center Regional Police Academy. The 11-week course of intensive study has operated on the ABAC campus since 1970.

"Our ABAC criminal justice majors have the opportunity to enroll in the Police Academy for internship credit," Sewell said. "Upon successful completion of the Academy, students will obtain their Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Council certification."

When Sewell bid ABAC farewell after earning her associate degree in 1998, she had one thought in mind.

"I wanted to come back to ABAC," Sewell said. "That was a goal. I love ABAC. It's a great place with wonderful opportunities."

For more information about the ABAC School of Human Sciences, interested persons can contact Sewell at dsewell@abac.edu.

ABAC Performing Arts Series Kicks Off Third Season Sept. 29

The third season of the ABAC Presents! Performing Arts Series at ABAC features five performances ranging from the classic sounds of a symphony orchestra to a phenomenal jazz saxophonist.

The series kicks off at 3 p.m. on Sept. 29 at the Tift County High School Performing Arts Center with the performance of "East Meets West" by the Albany Symphony Orchestra featuring internationally-renowned guzheng artist Su Chang. The guzheng is a Chinese-plucked zither with 18 or more strings and movable bridges.

Chang will be featured in "The Identity Concerto," a striking piece that combines the orchestra with a 3,800 year-old Chinese folk instrument. Music Director Claire Fox Hillard is the conductor for the orchestra.

Other performances in the series include "It's A Wonderful Life Live from WVU Radio Theatre" on Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. in ABAC's Howard Auditorium, the Azalea Quartet on Feb. 18, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium, the Fisk Jubilee Singers on March 29, 2014 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Tifton, and jazz saxophonist Roger Pemberton on April 17, 2014 at 7 p.m. in Howard Auditorium.

The Albany Symphony Orchestra will also perform Paul Hindemith's 20th century masterpiece, "Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Carl Maria von Weber." The second movement of this piece features themes from Weber's music for Schiller's Chinese-based tale, Turandot. Rounding out the concert will be Weber's Overture from Oberon and "Symphonic Poem on 3 notes: La-Si-Do," by Oscar Award-winning composer Tan Dun (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon).

On Dec. 5, theatergoers can see a fresh new adaptation of Frank Capra's classic Christmas staple, "It's A Wonderful Life" performed by the fictional studio employees of WVU Radio Theatre. The story line for the play involves a blizzard which prevents the professional voice actors from reaching the theatre to perform the Christmas classic. But the show must go on so a small but intrepid band of employees manage to create the dozens of movie characters and scenes using just their voices and a sound effects table.

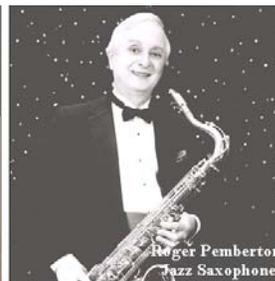
The company's meticulous attention to detail gives way to nostalgic charm for the audience sharing in this holiday masterpiece. The sincerity, warmth, and untainted professional thoroughness from the cast shines through the mo-



Albany Symphony



It's a Wonderful Life: Live from WVU Radio Theatre



Roger Pemberton Jazz Saxophone



Azalea Quartet



Fisk Jubilee Singers

ment the cast comes in the stage door. The added bonus of a localized and customized radio commercial of a local business or sponsor being advertised circa 1946 gives the program that extra-added authenticity.

The Azalea String Quartet is comprised of Steven Taylor on cello, Lauren Burns on viola, and Nina Lutz and Brent Williams on violin. All principal players with the Valdosta Symphony Orchestra, the ensemble performs regularly in Georgia, Florida and South Carolina and is also available for concerts and educational demonstrations. The musicians who will perform on the ABAC stage on Feb. 18 appeared as a featured string quartet for the International Bartok 2000 Congress in Austin, Tex.

Since their formation in 1871, the Fisk Jubilee Singers are known internationally for their authentic singing of spirituals. The group has performed for hometown crowds as well as heads of state and is recognized for its preservation of spiritual singing. Directed by Dr. Paul Kwami, the Singers, along with the Colquitt County High School A Cappella Choir and the ABAC Chamber Singers, will give a joint concert on March 29 of some of the world's most moving and unique American music.

Pemberton will close out the series on George Scott Day on April 17 on the campus and as part of the ABAC Jazz Festival. He will be accompanied by the ABAC Jazz Ensemble, whose award-winning performances have taken the group to some of the world's greatest stages, including the Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland and the North Sea Jazz Festival in Amsterdam.

One of the most respected jazz performers and educators in the Southeast,

Pemberton has been a featured performer with some of the most renowned names in the world, including Woody Herman, Maynard Ferguson and Les Hooper. He is Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of South Carolina, where he spent a career turning out some of the nation's finest performers and music educators.

While available tickets will be sold at the door for each show, Series Director Wayne Jones encourages advance purchase of tickets to ensure seating for patrons. Tickets for the entire series are \$50 for adults, \$20 for students under 18 years of age, and \$125 for a Family Pass that includes two adults and two or more student passes. Tickets can be purchased online at www.purplepass.com/abac or by phone at (229) 391-4895. Individual tickets for each event are \$15 each for adults and \$10 each for students under 18 years of age.

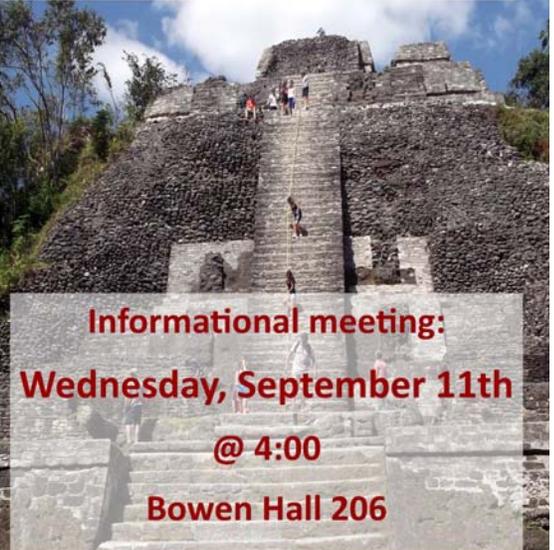
The series is supported in part by the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA) through the appropriations of the Georgia General Assembly. The series is also supported, in part, by a generous grant from South Arts. GCA and South Arts also receive support from their partner agency, the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tournament Oct. 7





STUDY ABROAD BELIZE



Informational meeting:
Wednesday, September 11th
@ 4:00
Bowen Hall 206

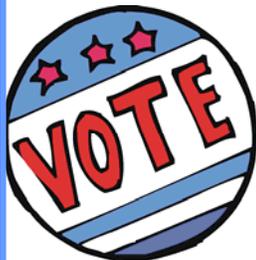
You could be a part of this
incredible opportunity
SPRING SEMESTER 2014.
Come learn more!
Parents WELCOME.

For more information
contact Amy Warren
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Hispanic Heritage Day September 19

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SGA SENATOR ELECTIONS BEGIN TUES



Students can begin voting for their schools' Senators in the Student Government Association Tues. at midnight. Encourage them to vote! The link can be accessed on the home page of the ABAC website.



Intramural Sports Kicked Off Strong Last Week

Members from Kappa Sigma and Down n Dirty teams enjoying a game of softball. Swing by the intramural fields to catch a game during any of the times below.

Flag Football – Tuesdays & Thursdays 2:00 -8:00 p.m.

Soccer – Wednesdays 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. & Fridays 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Softball – Mondays & Wednesdays 2:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tennis begins Sept. 20 and indoor volleyball, badminton and basketball begin in Oct.

ABAC Birthdays

- 11 Allen Saylor
- 12 Clayton Riehle
- 12 Robbie Hawsey
- 12 Becca Turner
- 13 Jennifer Gunn
- 14 Erin Campbell

