ABAC Takes Two Third Place Spots in Mobile, Alabama

ABAC took third place in men’s singles and men’s doubles competition at the USTA/ITA National Small College Championships held in Mobile, Ala.

Oliver Snaider, seeded third, won his first round match in straight sets against Darryl Hale, Jr. of Holmes, 6-1, 6-2. He next faced top-seeded Adrien Berkowicz (Tyler Junior College) and fell in two sets, 6-3, 6-3.

Snaider would rebound Friday when he defeated Seminole State’s Tendai Tapfuma, 6-2, 6-2, to secure third place.

Snaider teamed with Ricky Symanski in doubles competition and would take home another third place trophy.

In their opening match, they defeated Joshua Coleman and Ryan Hoverson of Cowley, 6-0, 6-2. They would be defeated in the semifinals by Donovan McSeveney and Brady Bohrenstedy of Collin College, 6-1, 6-2, but Snaider would get revenge for his singles defeat when the duo defeated Berkowicz and Jacob Rother, 6-2, 7-5.

ABAC Fillies Play Final Regular Season Game @ Home Wednesday

The ABAC Fillies Soccer team played twice last week. They beat South Georgia College 1-0. Then the team lost 7-2 against Georgia Perimeter.

The Fillies play their last regular season game at home on Wed at 4 p.m. against Georgia Military College. They will play in the 1st round of the play-offs Oct. 23 against Middle Georgia College, the location and time are TBA.

Come out and support the Fillies on Wednesday!

Pegasus Accepting Submissions

ABAC’s award-winning literary magazine, Pegasus, is now reading for our 2013 issue. Pegasus seeks submissions of art, creative nonfiction, photography, poetry and prose. Please visit pegasusliterarymagazine.weebly.com for full submission guidelines.

Pegasus does not accept hard copy submissions. All submissions must come through our submission manager pegasus.submitable.com/submit

Share this information with your students. Pegasus publishes ABAC students, faculty, staff, and alumni as well as student writers in both Ga. colleges/universities and high schools.

ABAC Alum Recruiting for CAMP Program

The Office of Multicultural Affairs has a new face. Gustavo Tovar, a native of Douglas Ga., and an ABAC Alumni began recruiting for the CAMP program recently. He graduated in ‘09 with an Associates in Computer Science from ABAC then transferred to Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah and graduated cum laude in fall ‘11 with a bachelor’s degree in Information Technology. He’s very happy to be back at ABAC and knows it will be a great experience!
Melissa Willis was chosen to serve in the community leader role as Tift County High School interviewer for the Governor’s Honors Program and helped prepare students for the next round of interviews on Oct. 10.

Hay Bale Decorating @ Museum
Groups or clubs are invited to decorate round hay bales provided by the Museum. The group or club that wins will receive a $50 prize for the best decorated bale. Please contact Ms. Jordan Cone rjcone@msn.com or call 229-391-5221 and ask for Jordan. She’ll give you the details and get you signed up. Hurry, there are a limited number of bales.

The Sunbelt Agricultural Exposition at Spence Field near Moultrie will celebrate its 35th anniversary this year and ABAC has been a part of the Expo from its beginning. This year, the lively sounds of the Thundering Herd, an exciting Expo Scavenger Hunt, and information sessions from the college’s Georgia Museum of Agriculture (GMA) are just some of the events that ABAC will offer at lot B7 Tuesday-Thursday.

“We always look forward to the Expo because we get to connect with a lot of prospective students as well as alumni,” Director of Public Relations Ashley Mock said. “We are excited to feature our student performers and the GMA.”

Each day the ABAC exhibit will feature performers including the duo of Scott Fields and Tyler Lewis and Andy Hicks from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on Tues., the ABAC Jazz Choir from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Wed., and four performances of the always-popular Thundering Herd Pep Band from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Thur.

ABAC took over the operation of the GMA and Historic Village in Tifton on July 1, 2010, and now the Museum provides educational opportunities as a part of the ABAC campus. Information sessions about the Museum will take place at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Tues. and Wed., and two more information sessions will be held on Thur. at 9:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.

The ABAC Ambassadors will host the daily shows on the ABAC stage and will also sell ABAC souvenir t-shirts, sweat shirts, caps and other merchandise. They will also spend each day recruiting future ABAC students from the thousands of high schoolers who visit the Expo.

“No one sells ABAC like our very own students,” Mock said. “The Ambassadors are excited about this opportunity to share their experiences with ABAC students of the future.”

Admissions representatives and faculty members will also be on hand each day to answer questions about the new bachelor’s degree programs at the college. Currently, the college has a number of bachelor degree programs including the unique Rural Studies program, forestry, and the college’s newest four-year degree in biology.

ABAC will also host the Expo Scavenger Hunt for middle school and high school students. The students follow clues to find answers to questions posted on the Expo web site at http://sunbeltexpo.com/special-events/expo-scavenger-hunt/. Prizes will be awarded after the Expo.

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The Expo is open 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Oct. 16-17 and 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Oct. 18. The agricultural-based trade show features 1,200 exhibitors showcasing the latest in farming technology. Admission is $10 per person per day or $20 for a multi-day ticket. Children 12-and-under are admitted free with their parents.

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Save the Date!!!

Fitness 5K

5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Run
January 26, 2013

Time: Registration starts at 7:45am
Race starts promptly at 9:00am

On the ABAC campus at Red Hill Tennis Center

Look for more information in the coming months at www.abac.edu/hs/5K

ABAC Family

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ABAC Birthdays

17 Polly Huff
18 Nancy Barton
20 Susan Driscoll
21 John Clemens
21 Nancy Anthony

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Benefits Open Enrollment Begins This Week!
Voluntary benefit communication meetings will be held in the Branch Student Center Courtroom on:

- Tues. at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- Wed. at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.
- Oct. 22 at 1 p.m.
- Oct. 25 at 10 a.m.

Open Enrollment will run through Nov. 9. For more information, contact Human Resources at 391-4890.

Go back to the days of cowboys and Indians on Saturday when the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at ABAC presents life in the 19th century with a “A Walk Through History” as part of Fall Frolics events held each Saturday in October.

“A Walk Through History” features demonstrations on spinning, weaving, preserving, and primitive skills, performances by Native American re-enactors and dancers by Go Native Now led by Little Big Mountain, and Indian face painting. Visitors can also ride the train pulled by the 1917 steam locomotive.

The Wiregrass Farmers Market will be open from 9 a.m.-noon featuring Ken Harper and his Crew from 10-11 a.m. in the Wiregrass Tunes Concert Series. As always there will be a variety of fresh and local fall produce for purchase at the Market, located near the main entrance to the Museum at the Country Store.

The culmination of Fall Frolics is the Halloween event, Trick or Treat in the Village, on Oct. 27 that includes a Monster Spider Web, Historic Costume Contest, story time with the Museum Crone, and broom-making. Other events during the month include the Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze, open to the public every Saturday in October from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Admission to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village on Tuesday-Friday is $7 for adults, $6 for seniors (age 55 and over), $4 for children 5-16 years of age, and free for children four and under. Saturday admission is $10 for adults, $8 for seniors (age 55 and over), $5 for children 5-16 years of age, and free for children four and under.

For more information on these and other upcoming events, interested persons can contact the Museum at (229) 391-8200 or visit the Museum’s website at www.abac.edu/museum.