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Sheikh Lecture Today at 4 p.m.

Abul Sheikh, associate professor of business information technology in the School of Business at ABAC, will be the featured speaker for the faculty colloquium on "Using Clickers to Access Learning in the Classroom" today from 4 – 5 p.m. in the Carlton Center, Room 202.

Clicker technology allows students to participate in lectures by submitting responses to interactive questions using the Clicker keypad. It can be used as a powerful data collection and assessment tool that collects real-time student input and dramatically improves student participation and content comprehension. If understanding of current topics is essential before moving on to another topic, Clicker technology can provide real-time feedback.

Sheikh received his M.S. in Computer Science from North Dakota State University and his B.A. in Agricultural Engineering from Bangladesh Agricultural University. He has been a part of the ABAC faculty since 1990.

ASSETS Seminar Tuesday at ABAC

The second ASSETS Seminar will be held Tuesday from 7 – 8:15 p.m. in Bowen Hall, Room 100 with featured speaker Dr. Ed Lubbers, associate cotton breeder with the UGA National Environmentally Sound Production Agriculture Laboratory (NESPAL).

Lubbers earned his bachelor's degree in Biology in 1977 from Saint Mary of the Plains College; a master's degree in Agronomy and Plant Breeding in 1979 from Kansas State University; and a Ph. D. in Agronomy and Plant Genetics from University of Arizona in 1987.

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

Writers' Harvest Tuesday Features Daugharty

The annual Writers' Harvest will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

The price of admission is one nonperishable food item or canned good. All donations go to support Brother Charlie's Rescue Mission. This event is sponsored by ABAC's literary magazine, "Pegasus".

This year's featured reader is ABAC's writer-in-residence, Janice Daugharty. The Pulitzer Prize-nominated author has written a story collection and seven novels including "Necessary Lies", "Pawpaw Patch", and "Earl in the Yellow Shirt." She will read passages from her latest novel, "The Little Known" and



her short story collection, "Going to Jackson." Both books will also be available for purchase at the event. "Pegasus" staff members will collect canned goods and non-perishable items through the date of the event. Donations can also be dropped off at Conger Hall, Room 305, or at the "Pegasus" office on the

third floor of the student center.

For more information on the Writers' Harvest, interested persons can contact Jeff Newberry via e-mail at jnewberry@abac.edu.

Fillies To Host First Round Tuesday at 4

For the first time in the history of the program, the women's soccer team at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will host a first round state playoff game on the ABAC campus on Tuesday when the Fillies take on South Georgia College at 4 p.m.

"The first year we hosted the playoffs, the soccer field was not finished so we played at the E.B. Hamilton Sports Complex," Fillies' Coach Jimmy Ballenger said. "This will be the first time it will be hosted on the campus."

ABAC knocked off Gordon College on Friday by a 5-1 score to run its season record to 14-6, the most wins in Fillies' history.

Ballenger said the first playoff match will be a tough game. The Fillies defeated South Georgia twice in regular season play by identical 2-0 scores. Going for a third straight win will be a challenge.

"Hopefully we will do well because we have the home turf advantage," said Ballenger. "We always seem to excel when we play at home."

If the Fillies win the first round, they will play the second and third rounds of the playoffs at Darton College.

Carnival Thursday at State Museum of Ag

Children from the community are invited to attend the Fall Carnival at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on Thursday from 6:30 – 10 p.m. The carnival is hosted by ABAC's Student Government Association (SGA). Children are encouraged to wear their favorite costumes.

Each event at the carnival requires a designated number of tickets. Tickets are available for 25 cents each. Activities include balloon darts, a cake walk, a pumpkin toss, face painting, "haunted" train rides, and a kid-friendly corn maze. The maze will become "haunted" from 8:30 p.m. until closing.

For more information on the Fall Carnival, contact the ABAC SGA office at (229) 391-5095.



Heritage Festival November 6 at Georgia Museum of Agriculture

The Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will host the first ever Georgia Heritage Festival on Nov. 6. The festival will be held from 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m., followed by a concert on the Wiregrass Opry stage at 7 p.m.

General admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and no charge for ABAC students to attend the festival. The concert is \$15 for adults, \$10 for students, and no charge for ABAC students. Tickets can be purchased through the ABAC Arts Connection at (229) 391-4820 or via e-mail at artsconnection@abac.edu.

This is a brand new endeavor, dedicated to traditional arts and living," said Wayne Jones, Director of the ABAC Arts Connection. "This festival will feature performers, visual artists, and practitioners of other traditional art, as well as the historic village. This is going to be reminiscent of a 19th century fair."



Diane Durrett will perform on Nov. 6 at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village at 7 p.m. as part of the Heritage Festival.

Other points of interest will include traditional food and drinks from the era, children's games, an arts market, and the kickoff to a special month long exhibit of artwork from "The Carving Collection of C.L. Morehead, Jr., and Friends". There will also be a panel discussion on the arts with experts

brought in by the Traditional Arts Network of Georgia (TANGA).

When the sun goes down, the first concert of the Georgia Singer/Songwriter Performance Series will begin with featured musician Diane Durrett.

With a blend of raw soulful vocals, sultry tones and strong original songs, Durrett has sung with Sting, The Indigo Girls, Gregg Allman, Chuck Leavell, and Peter Stroud. She has opened shows for Tina Turner, Faith Hill, Little Feat, and Delbert McClinton. She has also recorded five of her own albums, written a book, and just recently launched an artist development company, Blooming Tunes.

The Georgia Heritage Festival is being organized by the staffs of the Georgia Museum of Agriculture, Arts Connection, Educational Outreach, and members of the Tifton-Tift County Arts Council and the Tifton-Tift County Tourism Association.

The Arts Connection is supported by the Tifton-Tift County Tourism Association, ABAC, ABAC student activities, the Agrirama Foundation, the Georgia Council for the Arts, the Georgia General Assembly, and its partner, the National Endowment for the Arts.

"We really hope this will become a signature event for arts in Georgia," said Jones.

First Tuesday Concert Features Vann Thornton On November 2

A "Seeing Music Through the Prism of Jazz" concert with "Vann Thornton and Friends" on Nov. 2 is the second installment of the First Tuesday Concert Series at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

The performance will take place in the ABAC Chapel of All Faiths at 7 p.m. There is no fee for this event. This program was designed specifically for ABAC's rural studies majors.

The First Tuesday Concert Series takes place on five selected first Tuesdays during the year. Dr. Susan Roe, associate professor of voice at ABAC, directs the series. She said there will be no fee for any of the First Tuesday Concerts this year as the ABAC



School of Liberal Arts presents "a gift to the community." Roe said that persons who want to support the First Tuesday concerts can make contributions to the ABAC Foundation and designate them for the First Tuesday Concert Series.

Vann Thornton, vocals and trumpet; Billy Thornton, bass; Kenyon Carter, tenor saxophone; Pauly Lentz, drums; and Scott Giddens

on piano will perform an eclectic array of pieces for the second concert of the year.

Selections include the jazz staple "When I Fall In Love" by Victor Trellis;

"Fields of Gold" by Sting; "The Look of Love" composed and sung by Burt Bacharach; and both Leonard Cohen and Jeff Buckley's versions of "Hallelujah". The performers will also play some more modern selections including "God Bless the Broken Road", recently recorded by country artists Rascal Flatts and Carrie Underwood; "Smells Like Teen Spirit" written by Nirvana's Kurt Cobain; and "I'm Not Afraid" by Marshall Mathers (a.k.a. Eminem).

Other First Tuesday events will be held on Feb. 1 with "A Night of Chamber Music" featuring the Marharlika Trio; March 1 with "A Night of Jazz" featuring the Valdosta State University Jazz Combo; and April 5 with "A Night of Broadway Music" featuring ABAC graduates and voice majors.

For more information on the First Tuesday series, contact Roe at (229) 391-4943.

ABAC Opens Campus for Prospective Students on November 13

High school students will have an opportunity to experience all the sights and sounds of the campus of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College on Nov. 13 at Stallion Day. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall.

"It's never too early to explore college opportunities, and everyone is welcome to attend," said Donna Webb, director of enrollment services.

ABAC Ambassadors will give the visitors a tour of the campus before they begin perusing the exhibits at the Stallion Marketplace located in Gressette Gym from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The Stallion Marketplace offers a glimpse at over 50 programs of study including the on-campus bachelor's degrees in Rural Studies, Diversified Agriculture, Turfgrass and Golf Course Management, Early Childhood Education, Management, and Accounting.

Conversation Corners will take place from 10:45 – 11:50 a.m. at various locations across the ABAC campus. This

activity allows students to choose two detailed information sessions focusing on areas such as learning communities, music, housing, student activities, and the Honors Program. Parents are also welcome to attend. A free lunch for the visiting students in the Donaldson Dining Hall will be provided from noon – 1 p.m. Meals are available for parents at a cost of \$6 per person. Waivers for housing and a one-semester meal plan worth over \$1,000



will be given away during the meal time, as well as a \$500 tuition grant. Only students eligible to enroll for the fall 2011 term will be in the running. Students who have completed all their admissions requirements will also receive on-the-spot admission to the college at the event.

From 1 – 1:45 p.m., parents will remain in the dining hall for an information session while students take part in interactive classes from the six schools of

study at ABAC.

"This gives the students a chance to see what the classes and facilities are like on the campus," said Webb. "Parents will have the opportunity to get their questions answered, not just from the faculty and staff, but through testimonials from students and parents of ABAC students."

Students and parents will reunite from 2 – 3:30 p.m. to take advantage of sessions on financial aid and housing and to tour the ABAC Lakeside freshman housing complex.

"With Stallion Day, we want to help students make an informed decision to attend ABAC," said Webb. "We are excited about Stallion Day, and it should be a great time for students to experience what ABAC has to offer them."

Prospective students should sign up ahead of time for the Stallion Day event at www.abac.edu/stalliondays or call (229) 391-5004. If there are any questions regarding Stallion Day, contact the Office of Enrollment Services via e-mail at abacinfo@abac.edu.



YMCA In The ABAC Style

The Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Ambassadors lead the audience in the hand and arm motions to "YMCA" during a spirited performance by the ABAC Thundering Herd Pep Band at Thursday's Sunbelt Expo at Spence Field near Moultrie. The Expo began as a series of small equipment shows on the ABAC campus in 1964. It moved to Spence Field in 1978.

Help Fight Breast Cancer With Yoplait Pink Lids

Are you saving Yoplait pink lids to help fight breast cancer? Zeta Tau Alpha has paired up with Yoplait in the Save Lids Save Lives Campaign. For every lid Yoplait receives, they will send \$.10 to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. There is a collection box in the ABAC Post Office area. If you don't get over there, send the lids to Bam Pirkle through campus mail and she will put them in the box for you. One lid at a time can make a difference.

Folk Carvings Exhibit Opens November 6

ABAC will host a unique collection of folk carvings during November at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture and Historic Village, which is now operated by the college.

"The Carving Collection of C.L. Morehead, Jr. & Friends", the first in a series of quarterly exhibits, will be open to the public five days a week. The exhibit hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning Nov. 6 and continuing through Dec. 1.

The month-long art show will spotlight the carving collection of C. L. Morehead, Jr., a 1948 graduate of ABAC. Morehead was born and raised in Irwinville. After attending ABAC, he moved to Athens, his current home, to study horticulture at the University of Georgia. In 1959, Morehead opened a retail florist shop, later adding a wholesale florist operation.

His friendship with Georgia artist Lamar Dodd grew into Morehead's passion for collecting art. The Morehead home is a stunning showcase of sculptures, oriental rugs, carvings, china, pre-Columbian art, and paintings, including the largest known collection of Dodd's work: nearly 700 oil paintings and watercolors.

Each piece in Morehead's personal carving collection is the work of Fitzgerald's Randy Anthony. Having sold his first pen and ink drawing at the age of 15, Anthony progressed to oil paintings and participated in art shows for several years.

Following his work in oils, Anthony fell in love with "scrimshaw", one of the most important, truly American folk arts, and started carving in ivory, wood, stone, and metal. Five years of working on scrimshaw have been followed by 20 years of carving large, one-of-a-kind pieces. Today Anthony remains a self-taught artist, most often using found or discarded pieces of wood, metal, and stone for his carvings.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony's personal inventory of carvings and a special piece on loan from the private collection of Judge and Mrs. Robert W. Chasteen, Jr., complete the Morehead Exhibit.

The November exhibit will feature varying sizes of artwork, each with its



own unique story. Carvings made of wax, aerated concrete, granite, ivory, steel, and many distinctive varieties of wood will be on display. Visitors will encounter rare American elm, red mulberry, black walnut, cedar, poplar, cypress, and silver maple. A small number of the carvings on display will be available for sale.

Garden clubs, school and church groups, home school associations, and organizations are encouraged to call Polly Huff, exhibit coordinator and docent, at (229) 391-4818 or email phuff@abac.edu to schedule a private guided visit. Anthony may be available, upon request, for a lecture on specific dates.

Flu Shots Now Available In The Health Center

Flu shots are available in limited quantities in the Health Center. The cost is \$15. Vaccines are available 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Friday.

ABAC Offers Colonial Christmas Trip

The Office of Educational Outreach at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College will feature a "Colonial Christmas" trip from Nov. 17 - 21. Travelers will embark on a journey via motor coach through North and South Carolina into colonial Williamsburg, Va., for a two-night stay.

This trip also includes a night's stay at the historic Martha Washington Inn, a night in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and a performance of the Carolina Opry's annual Christmas Show. The cost of this trip is \$799 per person (double occupancy).

For more information on the trip, 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.

RSVP Today For Free Travel Seminar Thursday

Make your travel plans for the next year on Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Museum Conference Room when Diane Kilgore and Collette Vacations will outline some upcoming destinations.

Trips to be highlighted include Tuscan, South Dakota, London/Paris, Australia/New Zealand, and a Danube River Cruise.

This is a free event from 6-8 p.m. with light refreshments available. An RSVP is required by TODAY! E-mail Diane Kilgore at dkilgore@abac.edu or call Educational Outreach at 391-5065.

For info on all the upcoming trips sponsored by ABAC, visit www.abac.edu/psbo/Travel/index.cfm.

The trips are open to anyone who loves to travel. They are not limited to ABAC faculty and staff members. Call Diane today to make your reservation.

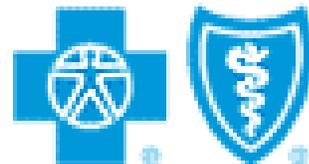
ABAC Birthdays

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Benefits Fair Kicks Off Open Enrollment Today

The 2011 Annual Open Enrollment will take place Oct. 25 - Nov. 5. A benefits fair will kick off the period today at 11 a.m. in

the student courtroom on the third floor of the J. Lamar



Branch Student Center. Representatives from BlueCross/Blue Shield (health), MetLife (dental), Medco (Rx), CIGNA (life insurance), Hartford (LTD & STD), CNA (long term care), Teachers Retirement System, VALIC, TIAA-CREF, and Mass Mutual will be on hand to answer questions until 3 p.m.

Wild Adventures Discount Tickets will also be on sale during the event.

HR will also be there to help assist in any way they can. University System of Georgia ADP Benefits Worksheets & the ABAC HR Open Enrollment Packets have been sent out.