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Spring Sports Began Last Week @ Home

Fillies Softball and Stallion Baseball got off to a running start this past weekend. After the weekend games, the Fillies have a 1-3 record and the Stallions have a 1-2 record.

Softball ---- Thurs. vs Thomas University (JV) Fillie Field @ 2 & 4 p.m.

Baseball ---- Sat. vs Wallace Dothan Stallion Field @ Noon and 2 p.m.

Golf ----Tournament - Mon.-Tues. Feb. 10-11 Coastal Georgia Winter Invitational @ St. Simons Island

Keep a look out for more information about Tennis!



Bridges Receives Stafford Award at Chamber Banquet

ABAC President David Bridges (class of '78) received the Stafford Award at the Tifton-Tift County Chamber of Commerce Banquet Thursday night. The award was created in 1974 to honor the community leader whose contributions to the economy surpassed all other for a minimum of 3 years. Dallas Hunt (class of '83) presented the award.

Black History Month Events Begin Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Black History Month events begin Monday at ABAC with an Introduction to Black History Month from 6:30-6:45 p.m. in the Donaldson Dining Hall. All events are free to ABAC students with an ABAC ID.

On Thurs., a screening of the film "Fruitvale Station" will be held at 6 p.m. in Bowen Hall, Room 100. Refreshments and a discussion will follow the movie. Random Acts of Kindness Week kicks off on Feb. 10 and runs through Valentine's Day. An Old School Talent Show will take place on Feb. 11 in Howard Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. All acts must use material performed prior to the 1990s.

Christian Student Fellowship's gospel choir will perform selections celebrating Black History Month at Stallion Day on Feb. 15 in the Donaldson Dining Hall at 12:45 p.m. On Feb. 17, the Black

History Celebration and Awards ceremony begins at 6 p.m. in Howard Auditorium. ABAC Enrollment Counselor Bernard Green will be featured in a forum titled "I Won't Let Black Be My History" on Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. in Bowen Hall, Room 100.

On Feb. 22, the ALL4CHRIST Generation Youth Outreach will host Spoken Word at 5 p.m. in the Nickelodeon of the J. Lamar Branch Student Center. The ABAC Diversity Committee and Student Life and Housing will host the second annual Celebration Cookout at 5 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the John Hunt Town Center. Black History Month activities wind up with the SANKOFA African American Museum on Wheels from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Nickelodeon on Feb. 27.



All activities are collaborative efforts of the Office of Dean of Students, Christian Student Fellowship, the ABAC Diversity Committee, and Student Life and Housing.

For more information on any of these events, interested persons can contact Dean of Students Bernice Hughes at bhughes@abac.edu.

Internship Allows ABAC Student a Chance to Follow General Assembly

Andrew Smith, a rural studies major from Folkston at ABAC, is spending a portion of his spring semester in Atlanta as one of the participants in the 2014 Georgia Legislature Internship Program.

Smith is working in the office of Senator Steve Henson (D-Tucker), who serves as minority leader of the Georgia State Senate. Smith found out about the program from former ABAC student Brittany Trotter. She talked of the day-to-day aspects of the internship, and that is what drew him to the program.

Smith has always been interested in politics and started his career in the field at quite a young age.

"I started serving as a page when I was 12 years old and continued to do so until college," Smith said. "I realized that is where I wanted to work – my dream job. This internship completes my dream."

For 40 days, he will get the full general assembly experience and learn how the lawmakers operate in a full session.

"The people there inspire me," Smith said. "I want to go up there and be a part of the process, not just be an observer."

The Folkston native is now in his senior year as a student of ABAC, and he knows he made the right choice of colleges. His sister had attended ABAC,

and he had also heard the college being praised from people he knew within the Charlton County Board of Commissioners, where he worked in high school.

Smith began his ABAC career in 2008 and will graduate in December with his bachelor's degree in rural studies with a concentration in politics and modern cultures. While at ABAC, he has served in the

political science club, served as president of the College Democrats, and is presently serving as a research assistant to two ABAC professors, Dr. Joseph Njoroge and Dr. Hans Schmeisser. The professors are writing a supplemental textbook titled "Dynamics of Georgia Politics: Institutions and Foundations," and Smith has played a vital role by providing a student point of view on the mechanics of the textbook.

"Student life at ABAC is part of what drew me to the college," Smith said. "But the faculty interaction is what I enjoy most about ABAC. At a larger college, I don't think I would have had the opportunities that I've been given.



Smith and Senator Steve Henson

That interaction with the faculty is essential to a student's development. That is why ABAC has been a perfect match for me." Smith said if it wasn't for the relationships he has built with his professors, he would not have the chance to intern at the state capitol.

"I would like to thank all of the faculty members who have helped me throughout

my ABAC career with special thanks to Dr. Njoroge, Dr. Schmeisser, Dr. Bobbie Robinson, Dr. Kay Weeks, and Dr. Joseph Brown," Smith said.

When he has spare time, Smith volunteers on political campaigns and is a Civil War re-enactor with the 26th Georgia Company K and the 61st Georgia/Georgia Volunteer Battalion.

Smith hopes that his aspirations for a life in politics will garner him one of several different career paths. These possibilities include a career as a county administrator in his home county of Charlton, working for another state agency, teaching political science at the post-secondary level, or serving a key role in the world of political campaigns.

Staff Forum Rescheduled for Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in Health Sciences 237

Vice-Presidents John Clemens, Dr. Niles Reddick, and Paul Willis will present at the meeting and be available for questions and Vice-Chair of Staff Forum will be voted on. Sign-up to bring food by emailing Shirley Wilson at swilson@abac.edu. Contact Dr. Chris Kinsey at ckinsey@abac.edu with questions.

First Tuesday Features ABAC Music Faculty in Howard at 7 p.m.

The ABAC music faculty will be featured in the First Tuesday Concert Series on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. The First Tuesday series spotlights regional professional artists on the first Tuesdays of five months during the year. Dr. Susan Roe, Director of Music for the School of Liberal Arts, is the First Tuesday Program Director. All First Tuesday performances are open to the public at no charge.

ABAC music faculty members scheduled to perform include Claire Majette Jurs, soprano; Dr. Doug Jurs, piano; Michael McCallie, guitar; Chris Walker, soprano and alto saxophone; and Gina Lawhon, piano.

The program will include Denis

Bedard's "Fantaisie;" selections from "Ariettes oubliées" by Claude Debussy; "Julia Florida" by Agustin Barrios-Mangore; Johan Sebastian Bach's "Gavottes I & II" from "Lute Suite in A minor;" "Fantaisie, Op. 50" dedicated to General Fleury and composed by Jean-Baptiste Singelee; and Manuel de Falla's "Nana" from "Siete Canciones Populares Espanolas."

Other pieces include "Deh vieni" from "Le Nozze di Figaro" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart; Johannes Brahms' "Wiegenlied;" "The Little Horses" by Aaron Copeland; Stephen Sondheim's "Not While I'm Around" from "Sweeney Todd;" "Theme and Variations, Op. 77" by Sir Lennox Berkeley; Francisco Tarrega's "Capricho Arabe;" and "Blue

Caprice," dedicated to Phil Woods and composed by Victor Morosco.

Claire Majette Jurs joined the ABAC faculty as a part-time instructor of voice and music appreciation in 2012.

Doug Jurs, a native of Chicago, was appointed Assistant Professor of Piano and Music Theory at ABAC in 2012.

McCallie is an Adjunct Professor of Guitar at both ABAC and Darton State College. Walker currently serves on the faculty at Georgia Southwestern State University. Lawhon is a local piano/organ instructor who teaches general music with the Tift County Public School System.

For more information on the concert, interested persons can contact Roe at sroe@abac.edu.

Sign-up Now for Bottles & Brushes Feb. 21 at Museum

The Bottles and Brushes art class on Feb. 21 will feature "Pears" by instructor Brenda Rose. The class will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture at ABAC. Rose will guide participants through the process of recreating her original work, while students create their own interpretation before their eyes. Participants can bring their favorite beverage while enjoying an evening of creativity and fun. The class fee is \$25 per person or \$40 for couples. The Gallery at the Museum will provide the paint, canvas and brushes. **Space is limited so early registration is important.** Participants must register ahead of time by contacting Huff at (229) 391-5222 or by e-mailing her at phuff@abac.edu.



Pegasus Now Accepting Submissions

ABAC's award-winning literary magazine, Pegasus, is seeking submissions for the spring 2014 issue. Contributors each receive two copies of the magazine, and are invited to come read at our annual launch party in April. **Submission deadline is Feb. 28.** Pegasus is seeking creative nonfiction (braided essays, lyric essays, narrative nonfiction, experimental forms), short fiction, and poetry. Pegasus is also seeking art and photography. We ask that artists submit high-quality JPEG, GIFs or PNG files. To submit to Pegasus, please visit www.pegasus.submittable.com/submit.

Find out more about Pegasus at www.abac.edu/pegasus

Ag-Business Sweetie Pie Bake Sale

The Agricultural Business Club at ABAC will hold its first "Sweetie Pie" Baking Contest on Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. in the foyer of the Ag Sciences Building. Contestants can enter one submission for \$5 or four or more entries for \$20. There is no limit on entries per participant. Applications are available in the Ag Sciences building, Office 111. All entries must be turned in by 3 p.m. on Friday.

Cash prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place entries. Those who do not wish to enter a dish can purchase a plate for \$5 and taste all the delicious entries.

For more information on this event, interested persons can contact Audrey Luke-Morgan at amorgan@abac.edu.

GO RED for Heart Disease Awareness

The School of Nursing & Health Sciences, the Health Center, and the Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS) are sponsoring events this week to raise awareness in women about heart disease and stroke. The American Heart Association will be celebrating 10 years of raising awareness as it pertains to women. The GO RED campaign is a way to target women.



Calendar of Events:

Mon. 1:00 -2 p.m., Wed. 12:30—2 p.m. Thurs. 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Front Lobby of Health Sciences Building
Blood pressure screenings, glucose screenings, BMI, and waist circumference.

Thurs. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Room 108 Health Sciences Building
Guest Speakers and Reception hosted by GANS
Dr. David Waller, MD, & Ms. Beckie Nowland, ANP, RN, CEN, CPEN

Friday 10 a.m.

Tift Hall Front Steps
Wear red and join us for a group picture

More information can be found at www.goredforwomen.org or by contacting Karen Dell at kdell@abac.edu.

McDonald Awarded Tall on Tenneson Nissan's "Tall on Community Award" Two Months Running

Tenneson Nissan awarded Lynn McDonald, Volunteer Coordinator at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture (GMA), with the Tall on Community Award for Dec. 2013 and Jan. 2014. McDonald's work with the Youth Apprentice Program and Volunteer Program at the GMA is exemplary of the kind of community support and dedication they aspire to at Tenneson. Her unselfish contributions to the local Boy Scouts of America programs, continued efforts to be involved in her sons' athletic and extracurricular activities, and her lifelong commitment to First Baptist Church of Tifton is further proof of your being Tall on Community. Tenneson made a donation to the non-profit organization of her choice.

Peace Corps. Speaker Feb. 28

Chad Chernet with the Peace Corps will be visiting campus on Friday, Feb. 28. The Peace Corps is an excellent option for students unsure what to do after graduation or those that would like a little experience before entering the work world. If you would like him to come speak to one or more of your classes or a club you work with, email Rebecca Cofer at rcofer@abac.edu.

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

ABAC Birthdays

- 3 Kimberly Keen
- 5 Randy Carter
- 7 Ernest Kelly
- 8 Rebecca Cofer
- 9 Johnny Folsom





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Stallion Day February 15, 2014

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
8:00 – 9:00	Check-in & Tours	Donaldson Dining Hall
9:00 - 9:20	Welcome & Overview of the Day	Donaldson Dining Hall
9:30 – 10:40 Pick 2 sessions to attend ✦ 9:30-10:00 ✦ 10:10-10:40	Student Conversation Corner Join the experts and have your questions answered on these areas from faculty, staff, and students.	Health Sciences Building: Agriculture & Natural Resources, 237 Biology, 114 Honors, 259 Nursing, TBA Student Life, 254 OR 249 Rural Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business & Econ. Development, 108 • Community & Social Affairs, 240 • Politics & Modern Cultures AND Writing and Communications, 242
9:30-10:40	Parent Conversation Corner	Howard Auditorium
10:45-11:50	Stallion Marketplace & Tours	Gressette Gymnasium
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch	Donaldson Dining Hall
1:15	Financial Aid Sessions 1:15, 1:45, or 2:15 1:30, 2:00, or 2:30 VA Information Session 1:15 or 1:45 Admissions & Scholarship Q&A Housing Q & A/Lakeside Tours	Ag Sciences Building: Room 131 Room 137 Room 133 Room 139 Lakeside Multipurpose Room