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Two Events Celebrate 40 Years of Pegasus at ABAC

TIFTON—Two upcoming events will commemorate the 40th edition of the award-winning literary magazine, Pegasus, at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. Both events are open to the public at no charge.

The first event will be a literary reading and reception during George Scott Day on April 18 in the Music Building on the ABAC campus. The reception will take place at 10:30 a.m., with the reading to follow at 11 a.m.

Pegasus advisors and staff members will also host a special Ruby Celebration on April 19 at 7 p.m. in the Peanut Museum at the Georgia Museum of Agriculture, which will feature readings, book signings, and the official launch of the 40th edition.

This landmark edition of Pegasus will feature a tribute to former faculty advisors Andrea Savage and Herbert Shippey in an article by student editor-in-chief Angelo Smith which explores the history and evolution of the college literary magazine.
A special invitation to both events is extended to Pegasus contributors, editors, and faculty advisors who have been associated with the magazine through its long history. All members of the Tifton area arts community, which has long supported the magazine, are also invited to both events.

As a student organization, Pegasus solicits submissions of poetry, art, and prose during the school year and provides its members training in evaluating and choosing submissions to be published in the book. Student editors and staff gain experience in the process of laying the book out and prepping it for publication, valuable experience they can list on resumes and scholarship applications. For the past three years, student editors have participated in the conference of the Gulf Coast Association of Creative Writing Teachers at the University of South Alabama.

Pegasus began in 1973 under the faculty leadership of Helen Strickland and Tom Liner, and the student leadership of Ronnie Wheeler, who went on to a distinguished law career. Over the past 40 years, Pegasus has maintained a high degree of excellence as a student publication, winning awards and regional recognition.

Currently advised by ABAC Literature & Language faculty members Sandra Giles and Jeff Newberry, and Stafford School of Business faculty member Diantha Ellis, the magazine has expanded to include high school and undergraduate writers from all over the state of Georgia.

For more information on Pegasus and the 40th anniversary events, visit the ABAC website at http://www.abac.edu/academics/schools/liberal-arts/outreach/the-pegasus.

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