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Town Hall at ABAC Place Named for Hunt

Paying homage to the tremendous influence a former member of the Board of Regents had on the decision to build the \$32 million ABAC Place apartments on the campus of Abraham Baldwin, University System of Georgia Chancellor Thomas Meredith announced Thursday the naming of the activities center at the ABAC Place apartments, the John Hunt Town Hall Center.

"The term legacy is used to describe the impact an individual has during a lifetime," Meredith said at the ceremony to officially open the entire 14-acre complex which includes private rooms for 835 ABAC students. "In this case, the strong advocate for the construction of this new privatized ABAC housing development was John Hunt."

Hunt is a 1960 ABAC alumnus who began his career in the automobile business. He later became a successful entrepreneur in real estate, advertising, and the restaurant business. He served on the Stone Mountain Authority for 17 years and was appointed to the Board of Regents in 1997.

Before he passed away last year, Hunt, in his position as chair of the Regents' Committee on Real Estate and Facilities, oversaw the construction of more than one billion dollars worth of new and renovated facilities at the USC's 34 public colleges and universities.

Hunt's wife, Julie Ewing Hunt, completed his term on the Regents and then was appointed to a term of her own by Governor Sonny Perdue. She expressed appreciation for the naming of the 10,000 square foot Town Hall in memory of her late husband.

ABAC opened the first phase of the apartments on Jan. 8 when 200 students moved in from Chandler Hall, which had to be demolished to make way for



Regent Julie Ewing Hunt and Chancellor Thomas Meredith present the new name of the Town Hall at ABAC Place.

the remainder of the project. When classes began for the fall term on Aug. 23, all 835 rooms were filled.

Markers representing Chandler, Fulwood, Mitchell, Branch, and Creswell halls are now located in front of the John Hunt Town Hall Center. The namesakes of those halls are identified.

Interim President Tom Call said over 100 other students had to find housing elsewhere when the apartments filled up. Some of those are on campus in Comer Hall. Call said those

students will move into ABAC Place when space becomes available.

The ABAC Foundation supported the mammoth project, which was built without the use of state funds. Foundation President Melvin Merrill said it is the largest housing project of its kind at a two-year college in the United States.

The John Hunt Town Hall Center includes an exercise room, a computer room, a meeting room, a big screen television, a game room, a kitchen, offices, and a convenience store.



Cordell Lecture Tuesday

Southern author and professor Cynthia Shearer will be the featured speaker at the

Tom M. Cordell Distinguished Lecture Series on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Cordell Conference Room. Sponsored by the ABAC Foundation, the event is free of charge. Seating will be on a first come, first served basis.

Shearer's earlier works included a variety of published essays and short stories. She has won honors such as the National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship – Fiction for 2000 and the Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Fiction Prize in 1996.

She published her first novel, *The Wonder Book of the Air*, in 1996. Her new release, *The Celestial Jukebox*, is due out on shelves in 2005.

Shearer holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in English from the University of Mississippi, and a B.A. in English from Valdosta State University, with a secondary school certification in English.

Originally from Massachusetts, Shearer grew up in Alapaha, and then spent a number of years in Oxford, Miss., where she was curator of author William Faulkner's home, Rowan Oak. She now lives in Texas with her husband and daughter as an adjunct instructor at Texas Wesleyan College in Fort Worth.

The series is named in honor of Cordell, who was the director of ABAC's continuing education program for 39 years. He retired in 1979 and passed away in 1991.

Roads Get New Faces



You might have noticed the roads around the campus ride a little smoother. That's because most of them have been resurfaced in the last 10 days. The resurfacing was planned after the heavy equipment moved out after the completion of ABAC Place.

Dormitory Drive is probably closed forever. The demolition of Fulwood, Branch, and Mitchell is now underway, and the dump trucks will be using Dormitory Drive as an access point. After the demolition is over the Pedestrian Mall will be extended to Moore Highway on the former site of Dorm Drive.



Gabinsky, Whitmire Delight Howard Audience

Pianists Slavik Gabinsky and Stan Whitmire astounded the audience at Howard Auditorium on Tuesday with their unbelievable dexterity on the new Steinway Grand piano.

Both performers received standing ovations after tickling the ivories in much different types of music. Gabinsky focused on the classical side of things, while Whitmire played favorite

love songs.

The Stafford Foundation gifted the 150th anniversary edition Model D 9-foot Concert Grand to the college last spring. Steinway Piano Galleries' representative Scott Madden said like all Steinways, the piano was hand made.

"This Steinway will be here 100 years from now," Madden said. "They are built to last."

ABAC Selects 18 New Honors Students

Eighteen students have been selected for membership in the Honors Program at Abraham Baldwin for the fall 2004 semester. Membership in the program is gained through high school academic standing and an invitation from Honors Program Director and Assistant Professor of Humanities, Dr. Luke Vassiliou.

"Students with SAT scores of 1100 or better are invited to join. They take a special year-long freshman honors seminar and choose four to six honors core curriculum classes."

New Honors Program students are Daniel Alamo, a computer science major from Fitzgerald; Maleria Brown, a journalism major from Ashburn; Benjamin Brubaker, a pre-vet major from Comer; Katelyn Crow, an agriculture major from Lake City, Fla; and Mallory Gibbs, a pre-dentistry major from Ashburn;

Other new members are Jessica Henson, a pre-vet major from Rabun Gap; William Lobb, an agriculture major from Atlanta; Stephanie Nichols, a biology major from Nashville; Jade Olds, a pre-vet major from Cordele; Ernesto Ortiz Ariza, a political science major from Tifton; Pedro Perez, an engineering major from Moultrie; Jared Ross, a business administration major from Tifton; Joshua Salter, an undeclared major from Tifton; Joshua Seehorn, a wildlife biology major from Rabun Gap; David Sivas, a forestry major from Thomson; Amanda Smith, a nursing major from Panama City, Fla.; Jessica Teel, a pre-dentistry major from Tifton; and Rachael Yaw, a fashion merchandising major from Lacerter, Wash.

For more information on the Honors Program, contact Vassiliou at 386-3248 or e-mail at lvassiliou@abac.edu.



Chancellor's Key to ABAC Place

Interim President Tom Call presented Chancellor Thomas Meredith with an historic key to ABAC Place framed in a shadow box at the grand opening .

Johnson High Five Winner



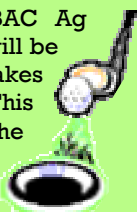
The winner of the High Five Award drawing for the week ending Sept. 24 was Emory Johnson. Johnson is manager of the ABAC Bookstore, a position he has held for over 30 years. His nomination said, "Mr. Johnson does an outstanding job of managing our bookstore. He deserves a special 'high five' for looking out for ABAC's faculty/staff. Because he lets us 'use' the books whenever possible, instead of purchasing them, he saves us a bundle. I am a student and this is huge savings! Thanks, Emory! We appreciate you!"

Johnson received a certificate of appreciation and will get one of the High Five T-shirt's, which the Bookstore has been providing.

Submit your nominations for the faculty and staff members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for this week's High Five winner. Nomination forms are available on the Human Resources page of the ABAC website or from the HR Office.

Fourth Annual Ag Classic On Friday

The Fourth Annual ABAC Ag Classic Golf Tournament will be held Friday at Forest Lakes Golf Course near Tifton. This event is sponsored by the ABAC Ag Alumni Council to benefit the students of Abraham Baldwin and the Division of Agriculture and Forest Resources.



There is an entry fee of \$125 per person or \$500 for a four-player team. The tournament includes lunch, cart and green fees, a premium golf shirt embroidered with the tournament logo, and a sleeve of golf balls.

The morning flight begins at 8 a.m., and the afternoon flight is scheduled for 1 p.m. Flights will be assigned on a first registered, first assigned basis. The format for this tournament is a four-man scramble with a shotgun start. The tournament is being held at ABAC's golf course at Forest Lakes for the first time.

Cash prizes includes first place, \$1,000 per team; second place, \$600 per team; third place, \$500 per team; fourth place, \$400 per team; and fifth

place, \$300 per team.

A Buick automobile will be awarded for a hole-in-one on a designated hole. Other prizes will be given to the participant who gets closest to the pin and has the longest drive. Door prizes will be awarded as well.

For more information on the ABAC Ag Classic Golf Tournament, please contact Director of Alumni Relations Nancy Coleman at 386-3321 or e-mail at ncoleman@abac.edu.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration Wednesday



A Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration will be held on Wednesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on the Baldwin Library Porch and the Pedestrian Mall. Sponsored by HEP/CAMP Program and the Baldwin Library, the event will feature dancers, singers, drawing, and a poetry presentation. Everyone is invited to attend. Call Dina Willis at 3223 for information.

Powell, Resta Staff the Evening Office

Vice President of Academic Affairs Caroline Helms has announced that the business of the Office of Evening and Off-Campus Programs will be in the capable hands of Kay Powell and Ellen Resta while



Dr. Gail Dillard is serving as Interim Vice President of Student and Enrollment Services. Dillard replaces Tom Call, who is now Interim President at ABAC.



Ellen Resta

Resta will handle services throughout the week. Powell will be in the EOC Programs Office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons until mid-term and then on Mondays and Wednesdays thereafter.

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GAE House Party

On Sept. 22, more than 100 ABAC students enrolled in education, sociology, and political science classes attended the Georgia Association of Educators House Party on Educational Issues. The gathering took place in the Cordell Conference Room, and was sponsored by ABAC's Student Program for GAE.

The program was introduced by Sue Wilson, Associate Professor of Education, who outlined key educational issues. Her comments were followed by Dr. Paul Foote's information on the Republican view of these issues. Dr. Joseph Njoroge then commented on the Democratic Party's approach to strengthening our educational system.

Students commented on the pros and cons of the information presented. This gathering was one of over 400 House Parties which were held on Sept. 22 throughout the United States.

Note of Sympathy

The ABAC Family expresses sympathy to Ramonda Holton whose mother passed away on Sept. 18. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

CAMP Video Today

A videographer from WCTV will be on campus today to complete shooting for the CAMP video. Please assist him in taking quality shots of the campus and our students.

Celebrating Birthdays

September

- 27 Caroline Helms
- 27 Jane Thompson
- 28 Mike Williams
- 29 Steve Janousek
- 29 Brenda Whitley
- 30 Mike Curry

October

- 1 Neva Herschell
- 2 Sue Hammons
- 4 Mary Ellen Hicks



Cynthia Lawson from ARAMARK restocks a beverage container at the convenience store at the John Hunt Town Hall Center

Convenience Store Open at Hunt Town Hall

The convenience store is open at the newly named John Hunt Town Hall Center. Sandwiches, colas, juices, milk, eggs, cereal, candy, cookies and even ice cream is available for purchase.

The store is open 8 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Fridays. It is also open 6-9 p.m. on Saturdays and Sun-

days.

The Donaldson Dining Hall is now open from 7:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. It is also open 7:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Fridays. It is closed on the weekends except for pre-arranged events. ARAMARK continues to operate the dining hall and the new convenience store. The snack bar in the student center is closed.

Care & Concern

Dr. Barry Miburo's wife, Ida, is recuperating at home after undergoing surgery last week. Donna King's son, Conner, had his tonsils removed last week. Please keep both these members of the ABAC Family in your thoughts and prayers.

Public Meeting

A public meeting will be held as part of the ABAC Division of Nursing and Health Services continuing accreditation of the registered nursing program on Wednesday from 2:20-3 p.m. The meeting will be held at the ABAC Library, Room 221, with representatives from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc.

For additional information about this meeting or the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission call the Division of Nursing and Health Services at 386-3262.

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 27

6 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Tuesday, September 28

7:30 p.m.—Cordell Lecture Series (Cordell Conf. Room)

Wednesday, September 29

8 a.m.—Police Academy Lecture (Cordell Conf. Room A)

Noon-Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Thursday, September 30

9 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)

Friday, October 1

8 a.m.—Ag Classic Golf Tournament (Forest Lakes)

Saturday, October 2

11 a.m.—Gaskins Luncheon (Magnolia Room)

7 p.m.—Stawder Dinner (Dining Hall)

Monday, October 4

8 a.m.—Police Academy Lecture (Cordell conf. Room C)

6 p.m.—Christian Student Fellowship (Chapel)