Armstrong 5K Run Coming to Downtown
A 5K run along Bull Street on September 25 will kickoff a new Armstrong tradition and help mark the university’s 75th anniversary. The “5K Armstrong Pirates on the Run” will start and finish at the north end of Forsyth Park, near the Armstrong House, where the university was founded in 1935. The route will take runners south in a loop around the park and then north on Bull Street, past five city squares, before turning south again along Bull Street. Open to all, the event will be an annual fundraiser to support scholarships to benefit Armstrong students of merit. The entry fee—$20 until September 22 and $22 thereafter—includes the race t-shirt. Start time is 8:15 a.m. To register, visit www.active.com or pick up a registration form at Fleet Feet, 3405 Waters Avenue (912.355.3527), and mail to Office of Advancement, 11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31419. For further information, contact Suzanne Ansley at 912.344.2870.

Finlay’s Book Chosen for National Award

The Agricultural History Society presents the award annually to the author of a book voted to be the year’s best on any aspect of agricultural history in the United States. Finlay’s work explores America’s search to identify a viable source of domestic rubber during the twentieth century and brings to light local efforts to grow rubber in Chatham, Bryan and Burke counties. It weaves the stories of national figures, including Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, while providing an analysis of the intersection of military and economic national security and access to rubber—a vital strategic national resource.

“Finlay casts the story by placing rubber at the intersection of agricultural science and plant breeding, national farm policy, American national security interests, and global politics,” said Jane Pederson of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and a member of the review committee that chose Finlay’s book from among two dozen works nominated for the award.
Faculty and Staff First Day Campaign
The 2010 Faculty and Staff First Day Campaign kicks off Thursday, August 12 in the Student Union in conjunction with opening convocation. Chairing this year’s campaign is Elwin Tilson, department head of radiologic sciences. Chris Nowicki, assistant director for Student Union & Activities, serves as chair elect.

Please support Armstrong by making your pledge that day. Current contributors may choose to simply continue their payroll deduction from last year. For more information, contact Suzanne Ansley at 912.344.2870. We are aiming for 100 percent participation in 2010.

Remember it is not the amount, but your participation that counts!

Armstrong Police Department Relocates
In late July, the University Police Department moved from its former location to the Annex 2 building, where the Cyber Security and Research Institute is located, at the corner of Arts Drive and Library Drive.

The phone number to reach the Police Department for any service will remain the same, 912.344.3333. That number is monitored around the clock. The Armstrong Police Department’s website is www.armstrong.edu/Departments/police/police_welcome/. 

President Linda Bleicken cordially invites you to attend the 2010 Opening Convocation August 12, 2010

Convocation 10:30 a.m. · Student Union Savannah Ballroom

Luncheon to follow
Luncheon will be served until 1:30 p.m. to allow all employees to participate.
Mastopoulos Heads Liberty Center

Peter N. Mastopoulos has been named interim director of the Liberty Center, the Armstrong regional center in Hinesville. He will oversee all aspects of the center, including student and faculty support, admissions, recruiting, administrative services and facility management. Since 2005, he has served as assistant director of the Armstrong Center and adjunct professor. A graduate of Leadership Savannah, Mastopoulos has experience in different facets of academic administration and instruction. He has taught courses in leadership, research methods and community development. He received his doctoral degree in education administration from Georgia Southern University. He holds a master’s degree in management from Central Michigan University and a bachelor’s degree in history from Armstrong.

Fall Move-in Starts August 10

New and returning students will move into campus housing for fall semester starting Tuesday, August 10. On Tuesday and Wednesday, returning and transfer students will check into Compass Point, University Terrace I & II, and University Crossings. The new freshman residence hall, Windward Commons, will open on the morning of Thursday, August 12, with freshmen students continuing to move in through Friday. A welcome barbecue at 5 p.m. will cap off the week. More than 1,300 students are expected to be living on campus at the start of the semester. Volunteers are needed to help meet and greet students and families during move-in days. Please contact Frank Twum-Barimah, residence education coordinator, at 912.344.3383.

Reminder to Students: Payment Deadline is August 3

Students must pay their tuition and fees no later than August 3. Students who fail to pay by the deadline may not be able to attend fall classes. For more information, direct all students to www.armstrong.edu or ask them to call 912.344.2503.

September 17, 2010

President Linda M. Bleicken

Inauguration

Visit www.armstrong.edu/Departments/inauguration

Calendar

July 30-August 2
Final exams (Sessions A & C)

August 6
Navigate Orientation for freshmen

August 10
Academic assistance advisement/registration
August 10-11
Move-In Day for Compass Point, University Crossings & University Terrace

August 11
Navigate Orientation for freshmen, adult & transfer students

August 12-13
Move-in days, Windward Commons opens for residents

August 16
First day of classes (Sessions 1 & 2)

August 16-20
Late registration; drop/add

Kudos
Annette Wilson (adolescent and adult education) presented a paper at the 32nd annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, “Interacting with first generation college students: habits for success, effective teaching, and reflection” at The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Educational Administration College of Education’s National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development. Wilson was presented with a master presenter certificate for her participation in the conference.

Douglas Masini (respiratory therapy) was the keynote speaker for the Florida Lung Association at their annual meeting in West Palm Beach, FL. Masini’s book, The Promise of an Accidental Pedagogy, was published by Lambert Academic Publishing.

Armstrong in the News
Following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in July 2010. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in Marketing & Communications at 344.2971, or Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu.

7/5 Jacob Grotheer, Armstrong history student, is profiled.
Savannah Morning News

7/6 John Jenson (AMT) and his students collaborated on a project with May Howard Elementary School to raise awareness about hunger and food security.
Savannah Morning News

7/9 Armstrong’s economic impact on the region is $215.5 million.
Savannah Morning News
Also, WJCL/Fox 7/9, Business in Savannah 7/14

7/11 Wynn Sullivan, Armstrong deputy chief of police, is profiled.
Savannah Morning News

7/13 Richard McGrath (economics) interviewed on strategies about personal savings.
WSAV-TV

7/13 Armstrong nursing faculty and students traveled to China to research Eastern medicine.
Savannah Morning News
Armstrong and Savannah State students travel to Ghana.
Savannah Morning News
Also, 7/30 Savannah Tribune

Chris Hendricks (history) provided commentary on the 10th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution as part of a month-long series.
WTOC-TV

Armstrong celebrates 75 years of service in 2010.
Savannah Morning News

Pete Mastopoulos is new director at Liberty Center.
Coastal Courier

Brittny Hargrove, voice/education student, is a cast member in the The Last Five Years performed at Muse Arts Warehouse.
Connect Savannah

Chris Hendricks (history) provided commentary on the 14th Amendment.
WTOC-TV
Note: Zaphon Wilson (CJSPS) also participated in the Constitutional series for WTOC providing commentary on the 24th Amendment. The segment had not aired by July 30.

Armstrong’s volleyball squad earned the American Volleyball Coaches’ Association’s team academic award for the 2009-10 school year.
Savannah Morning News

Mark Finlay (Liberal Arts) received a national book award.
Savannah Morning News
Also Bryan County News 7/23 and Coastal Courier 7/23

The submission deadline for the September issue of eARMSTRONG is August 15.

Please send submissions to AASU.news@armstrong.edu.

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