Week of the Young Child Conference
Registration for the Week of the Young Child Conference, sponsored by the Department of Early Childhood Education, will take place beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday, April 21, in University Hall, room 156. Seating is limited, so attendees must pre-register. The keynote speaker, Phyllis Limbacher Tildes, local award-winning author/illustrator, has written several books ranging from pets and wildlife to ethnic tales.

Preceding the conference, the Week of the Young Child Scholastic Book Fair will be held April 17-21, sponsored by early childhood education. The book fair is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in University Hall, Atrium 2. Call 927.5281 for specific times. Proceeds are used to support the Student Georgia Association for Educators at Armstrong Atlantic and other worthy causes.

Give for the Gulf Campaign
Armstrong Atlantic’s Give for the Gulf Campaign teamed with Pickin’ Up the Pieces to send 133 Valentine’s Day Boxes to children who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina. More than twenty campus and community volunteers filled the boxes with homemade cards, clothing, books, and personal hygiene items, and sent them to Gulfport, MS, on February 4. Donations also came from Liberty County High School and the Pirates’ basketball team. Pickin’ Up the Pieces delivered the items to the children in the Gulf region, where they have adopted several schools and communities.

Give for the Gulf t-shirts are now on sale in Solms Hall, room 201. The shirts are available in maroon and navy in short-sleeves ($10), long-sleeves ($12), and ringer ($12) styles, sizes small to 2XL ($2 extra for 2XL).

A Give for the Gulf spring break trip will offer students, staff, and faculty the opportunity to travel to Pearlington, MS to help rebuild a house. The group will leave Savannah on Saturday, March 11, and return on Thursday, March 16.

Through fundraising, donations, and community service, the campaign has raised $15,109.

For more information, please contact Leigh Rich at 222.9582. To learn more about Pickin’ up the Pieces, please visit www.pickinupthepieces.org.
First Spring for Your Neighbor Project
The Staff Advisory Council will begin collecting travel size hygiene products for the First Spring for Your Neighbor Project. These items will be used to make hygiene kits to donate to the Savannah Area Family Emergency (S.A.F.E.) Shelter. Suggested items include travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, and deodorant. Collection boxes will be set up around campus March 1-April 7.

For more information, e-mail sac@mail.armstrong.edu or contact Amy Carter at 927.5300 or Peggy Williams at 921.5991.

AASU Now Offers Law and Society Degree
Starting this fall, Armstrong Atlantic will offer a new bachelor's degree for students interested in careers in public service, or graduate education in the humanities or social sciences. Designed to foster skills in community leadership, the new degree will emphasize the way legal institutions broadly interact with other social organizations to form a society. While it is not intended to be a pre-law major, the program will offer three tracks in government and judicial studies, human behavior and law, and social theory and philosophy. For more information, contact the Department of Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science at 927.5296.

Interviews Sought with African-American Military Women for New Book on Gulf War
Liz Desnoyers-Colas, assistant professor of communications at Armstrong Atlantic, has received a grant to conduct research for her book, Marching to War: Personal Narratives of African American Women’s Gulf War Experiences.

Desnoyers-Colas is conducting a nationwide search to find African-American women who have served in the United States military in the Middle East region during the two gulf wars. She wants to interview women from all of the Department of Defense components (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines), and from all military ranks and job specialties.

Those interested in being interviewed will receive an initial survey. The author will select between 30-50 women from the responses that are submitted. To receive an initial survey, contact Liz Desnoyers-Colas at colaseli@mail.armstrong.edu or 921.5597.

AASU Holds 28th Annual Math Tournament
Armstrong Atlantic State University recently welcomed 338 students from 31 high schools in Georgia and South Carolina for the 28th annual AASU Mathematics Tournament. The team competition is split into five Georgia High School Association divisions. To find out about the winners, click on www.urelations.armstrong.edu/news/AASUAnno1141145300.html.

Bocce Battle
A departmental bocce tournament will be held in late March and is open to all Armstrong Atlantic departments. For full information, or to sign up for the Bocce Battle, contact Patrick Brennan at brennapa@mail.armstrong.edu.
AASU Hosts ESOL Symposium
The College of Arts and Sciences recently held its first English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) Symposium. Presenters and attendees exchanged information on educational programs and services currently available to the ESOL community. With more than 20 speakers on the agenda, the ESOL symposium was a comprehensive gathering of individuals involved in teaching or providing services to the ESOL community.

American Society for Aesthetics
The National Office of the American Society for Aesthetics has moved from Marquette University to the Armstrong Atlantic campus. Dabney Townsend, external affairs, is the new secretary-treasurer/executive director of the society. For more information, contact Dabney Townsend at townseda@mail.armstrong.edu or visit the ASA web site at www.aesthetics-online.org.

AASU Hosts Open House
On February 11, the Office of Recruiting hosted another Open House event on the Armstrong Atlantic State University campus. Faculty, staff, and students welcomed a total of 353 visitors, 164 of whom were prospective students. The visitors were able to learn about academic programs, admission requirements, financial aid, scholarships, housing, student life, and other services and programs offered at the university. Tours of the campus and housing facilities were also offered.

One feature of Open House is instant admissions, where traditional students can bring their completed applications and other documents for evaluation by the admissions staff during their visit. Students who meet admission criteria can take an acceptance letter with them that day. Others who submit some of the required documents can learn that day what additional information is needed before an admission decision can be made. During this Open House event, 23 students were accepted while another 16 submitted paperwork.

The next Open House is scheduled for April 1 at 10:30 a.m. in University Hall.

AASU and Georgia Heritage Days Celebration
Georgia Heritage Celebration for 2006 held much involvement for members of the AASU community. Gail Rountree and Elizabeth Sams, external affairs, were part of the Georgia Days 2006 committee. The committee is responsible for organizing the many activities for the annual celebration. Lucinda Schultz, art, music & theatre, presented a concert, “Music of the Georgia Colony.”

Wil Griffin, student worker, Donna Rigdon and David Roberts, plant operations, were active in the historic interpretation of Georgia heritage.

Donna Rigdon, plant operations, has been placed in the stocks, having been convicted of herbicide. Her guards are Wil Griffin (left) and David Roberts. All three participated in the colonial faire & muster at Wormsloe Historic Site.
Welcome Aboard
Pamela Magliulo, Registrar/Admissions
Crystal Rivera, College of Health Professions
Sean Scott, Computer and Information Services

Events
March 4-18 (2006 Savannah Invitational – Baseball)

March 4
Baseball vs. Valdosta State University, 2 p.m., Pirate Field
Men’s Tennis vs. University of South Carolina-Upstate, 2 p.m., Pirate Tennis Complex
Women’s Tennis vs. University of South Carolina-Upstate, 2 p.m., Pirate Tennis Complex
Men’s Tennis vs. Averett University, 6 p.m., Pirate Tennis Complex

March 5
Women’s Tennis vs. University North Carolina at Pembroke, 10 a.m., Pirate Tennis Complex
Baseball vs. Concord (WV), 2 p.m., Pirate Field

March 6
Baseball vs. Wayne State University (NE), 2 p.m., Pirate Field

March 7
First Day of Classes (Session 3)
Softball vs. North Georgia College & State University, 1 p.m., Pirate Softball Field
Baseball vs. Concord University (WV), 2 p.m., Pirate Field
Savannah Winds Concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium

March 8
19th Annual Sebastian Dangerfield Talk on Irish Literature: Discussion by Frank Clancy and featuring music by the Dangerfield Nightingale, Melanie Mirande, noon in Jenkins Hall.
Softball vs. University of Tampa, 1 p.m., Pirate Softball Field

March 9
Sankofa Museum on Wheels, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., University Dining Room
Baseball vs. Wayne State College (NE), 2 p.m., Pirate Field
The Masquers will present Starting Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Theater.

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March 11
Baseball vs. Kutztown University, 2 p.m., Pirate Field

March 12
Baseball vs. Missouri Western State University, 2 p.m., Pirate Field

March 13-17
Spring Break
March 13
Baseball vs. Fairmont State University, 6 p.m., Grayson Stadium

March 14
Softball vs. Mars Hill College, 1 p.m., Pirate Softball Field
Baseball vs. University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 2 p.m., Pirate Field
Baseball vs. California University at Pennsylvania, 6 p.m., Grayson Stadium

March 15
Softball vs. Kutztown University, 1 p.m., Pirate Softball Field

March 16
Baseball vs. Kutztown University, 2 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

March 20
Spring Break ends and classes resume.

March 24
Men’s Tennis vs. Freed-Hardman University, 1 p.m., Pirate Tennis Complex
Women’s Tennis vs. Freed-Hardman University, 1 p.m., Pirate Tennis Complex

March 25
The Department of Art, Music & Theatre and the Savannah Music Festival present
National Endowment for the Arts jazz master Slide Hampton in a jazz band
workshop at 10 a.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free.
Men’s Tennis vs. Florida Gulf Coast University, 1 p.m., Pirate Tennis Complex
Women’s Tennis vs. Gulf Coast University, 1 p.m., Pirate Tennis Complex

March 26
Men’s Tennis vs. North Georgia College & State University, 11 a.m., Pirate Tennis Complex
Women’s Tennis vs. North Georgia College & State University, 11 a.m., Pirate Tennis Complex
Men’s Tennis vs. Savannah College of Art & Design, 3 p.m., Pirate Tennis Complex
Women’s Tennis vs. Savannah College of Art & Design, 3 p.m., Pirate Tennis Complex

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912.927.5300
For a complete calendar of events, go to www.armstrongfest.armstrong.edu
**Kudos**

The Office of University Relations won two Silver Addy Awards from the Savannah Advertising Federation. Anna de la Paz designed both entries. The winning projects were the announcement package from the 2005-2006 Robert Ingram Strozier Faculty Lecture Series and the CD cover design for a recording marketing the music program of the Department of Art, Music & Theatre. Of almost 200 total entries submitted in the competition, only 41 Silver Addys were awarded.

Holly Smith, languages, literature and philosophy, and her daughter, Greywynn, Savannah Arts Academy communications arts major, presented a learn-by-doing workshop at the annual Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference at Georgia Southern University in February. Their workshop, “Using Technology and Creativity Deal with Diversity: ESL and SLD Foci,” demonstrated that the incorporation of technology and the application of creativity can enhance writing outcome for both English as a Second Language (ESL) and Students With Learning Disabilities (SLD) students.


McHaney made a presentation in San Diego at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in January. “Mentoring and Assessing: An Expanded Alliance.”


Lee Williams, Jr., history, presented, “In the General Interest of the Work: Jonathan Clarkson Gibbs and the Board of Mission for Freedmen in North and South Carolina,” at the Association of African American History, Research, and Preservation conference in Seattle.

Tony Morris, language, literature and philosophy, has been invited to present several readings of his new book of poetry Back To Cain, including the Winter 2006 Pennsylvania Writer’s Conference and to Florida State University (FSU) to participate in the FSU Creative Writing Program’s “Warehouse Reading Series.” He has also been slated to read at the Central Piedmont Community College Literary Festival in Charlotte, NC in March.

Hassan Aziz, medical technology, has been accepted into the Leadership Development Program of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions. The first portion of the program will take place in Washington, D.C. in March.

David Taylor, language, literature and philosophy, presented “Scenario-Based Learning in the Writing Classroom” at the Eighth Annual Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference at Georgia Southern University in February. He was also appointed as a faculty mentor and evaluator for the online program of the University of Maryland.

Donna Mullenax, chemistry and physics, coordinated the sub-regional Science Bowl that was hosted at Armstrong Atlantic in January. The Science Bowl is a national competition for high school students. Eleven teams competed from Chatham, Bryan, Glynn, Bulloch, Twiggs, and Appling counties. Many faculty members from the Department of Chemistry and Physics and members of the AASU Physics Club and American Chemical Society Student Affiliates assisted at the Science Bowl.

University system electronic news sources

Take advantage of the range of informational publications published online by the University System of Georgia (USG). The newest is an interactive monthly piece called Linkages that reports news of the university system and provides hot links to related source materials: www.usg.edu/linkages/

During the legislative session, the USG keeps state university employees abreast of issues that affect them through the weekly Legislative Update: www.usg.edu/pubs/lu/

For news of both the university system office and individual campuses, read the monthly System Supplement: www.edu/pubs/sys_supp/

The submission deadline for the April issue of eArmstrong is March 15.

Please send submissions to news@mail.armstrong.edu

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