Gender and Women’s Degree Offered
The Gender and Women’s Studies Department has announced the addition of a bachelor of arts in gender and women’s studies (GWST) beginning in the fall semester of 2007. The program currently offers an undergraduate minor and a certificate in the field. AASU is one of only three public universities in the state to offer a bachelor’s in the field.

The addition of the degree will enable AASU to offer a sustained course of study that draws upon various perspectives of human experience in areas as diverse as literature, history, art, political science, sociology, and psychology.

Student demand for gender and women’s studies classes has been strong. Since the approval of the minor and certificate in 2000, 15 students have graduated with the GWST minor. Every single introductory level class offered has been filled to capacity. Instructors who offer courses in other disciplines that are approved for the GWST program report the same trend. The societal need for the major is reflected in the student body of AASU, which is 68.8 percent female. A major in Gender and Women’s Studies brings a breadth of focus not available in many traditional undergraduate degrees.

3 Days for AASU ’07
3 Days for AASU ’07 is scheduled for March 27-29. This campaign provides an opportunity for the business community to contribute to the annual fund of Armstrong Atlantic. Community business leaders, Padgett Mixon and Janice Woods, will chair this year’s campaign. The goal is $250,000. For more information or to volunteer, contact Gail Rountree in the Office of External Affairs at rountrga@mail.armstrong.edu or 927.5208.

On-line Scholarly Journal to be Edited at AASU
The Executive Committee of the Academy of Economics and Finance has announced that the on-line refereed scholarly journal, The Journal of Economics and Finance Education, will be edited by Richard Cebula and Richard McGrath, economics, and housed at Armstrong Atlantic. Cebula is co-founder of the journal.

The journal is one of the most respected refereed scholarly journals dealing with issues of pedagogy in the fields of economics and finance.

Give for the Gulf
Give for the Gulf will make another spring break trip from March 11-16 to Pearlington, MS to aid those in need. The project is looking for volunteers who would like to make a difference in someone else’s life, as well as their own. For more information, contact Alice Adams at adamsali@mail.armstrong.edu or 713.5420.
**AASU to Host Annual High School Math Tournament**

More than 400 students from some 30 high schools in Georgia and South Carolina are expected to participate in Armstrong Atlantic’s 29th annual High School Math Tournament on Saturday, March 3. The competition will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

“The finest math students from each state will participate in the two-part competition,” said Dale Kilhefner, professor of mathematics. “The tournament encourages a more challenging and competitive interest in math among high-achieving students from the region’s high schools.”

AASU’s Department of Mathematics and the School of Computing co-sponsor the event. For more information, contact Dale Kilhefner at kilhefda@mail.armstrong.edu or 921.2056.

**AASU Career Fair**

The Office of Career Services will host a career fair on Thursday, March 8, in the Armstrong Center from noon to 4 p.m. The faculty is encouraged to participate by bringing their classes to learn about the many internship, coop and employment opportunities available to students. If you know of interested students, encourage them to attend this event to meet with numerous employers from the public and private sectors. Professional dress is required.

A list of participating employers is listed at [www.sa.armstrong.edu/careerservices](http://www.sa.armstrong.edu/careerservices).

**AASU Offers Semester Abroad in Siena, Italy**

AASU will offer a study abroad program in Siena, Italy during the 2007 fall semester that runs from September 23 to November 16, and includes academic excursions to Florence, Milan, Rome, and Venice. The program is open to all AASU undergraduate students in any discipline.

Students will be able to take a full-semester workload during the program by enrolling in up to five three-credit-hour courses over a seven-week period; the first week of the program will immerse students in historical and cultural tours of Rome and Florence.

The cost of $7,872 includes roundtrip airfare, housing, and excursions to Rome, Florence, and Venice. Application deadline is Friday, March 23, at 5 p.m. For more information, visit [www.healthscience.armstrong.edu/StudyAbroad/ss/index.html](http://www.healthscience.armstrong.edu/StudyAbroad/ss/index.html).

**Have a Heart – An Act of Kindness for Savannah’s Homeless**

In cooperation with Savannah’s Union Mission, the AASU Staff Advisory Council is sponsoring the second annual spring service project by requesting donations of clothing, bedding, and toiletries for homeless people in our community. Special emphasis is being placed on items for men who are often overlooked. Donations will be accepted for women and children as well. Donation boxes have been placed in every building and will be available until March 15. For more information, contact Peggy Williams at williape@mail.armstrong.edu or 921.5991.
Week of the Young Child Conference
The Week of the Young Child Conference, sponsored by the Department of Early Childhood Education, will be held on Friday, March 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Armstrong Center. The keynote speaker, Annette Lamb, is a national educational technology leader, web site author (eduscapes.com), professor of education, former school library media specialist, and author. Seating is limited, and registration is required. For additional information or to register, call 927.5281.

Welcome Aboard
Lyndsey Bullock, Registrar/Admissions
Rolinda Cary, Registrar/Admissions
Shari Feehan, Registrar/Admissions
Lavelle Walthour, Registrar/Admissions

Kudos
Armstrong Atlantic Earns Four Awards in Two Recent Peer Competitions
The university won three awards from the Savannah Advertising Federation and one from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

• The undergraduate viewbook won a Silver Addy and an Outstanding Achievement Award, one of the federation’s four special Addy Awards. The publication provides information to prospective students on all aspects of the university. Melanie Mirande and Joe Crain, formerly in the Office of Recruiting, wrote the viewbook. It was designed by Anna de la Paz and photographed by Katherine Arntzen in the Office of University Relations.

• Compass Interactive (www.ci.armstrong.edu), the university's broadband channel of streaming video, also won a Silver Addy. Bruce Habersham, in the Office of Computer and Information Services, produces Compass Interactive.

• The Council for Advancement and Support of Education presented an Award of Excellence for the university’s external newsletter, Compass. Competition was open to all colleges and universities in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Compass reaches more than 24,000 AASU alumni and friends of the university. The newsletter is produced in the Office of University Relations. Barry Ostrow is the editor and principal writer. The publication is designed by Joan Lehon and photographed by Katherine Arntzen.

This past December, AASU-Liberty Center entered its first float in the annual Christmas Parade sponsored by the City of Hinesville. The theme of the parade was “Fairy Tales.” In keeping with this theme, the float, proudly decked out in Armstrong Atlantic colors, displayed the slogan: “Getting Your Degree at AASU-Liberty Center is No Fairy Tale,” and included students in caps and gowns passing out candy to the crowd. Ron Collins, AASU-Liberty Center, coordinated the effort with help from students.

The Parkersburg Garden Club has established a scholarship for a science student. This award was established in honor of Philip Schretter in plant operations. The garden club has enjoyed lectures in the arboretum and visits to the AASU campus on several occasions. For more information on this scholarship, contact the Office of External Affairs at 927.5263.
The Exchangettes Club of Savannah recently visited with President Thomas Z. Jones to present scholarship awards to two students, Juanita Sapwell, pre-pharmacy major, and Lindsey Toole, a music education major. The Exchangettes stated that it was their intention to make these scholarships a part of their annual program.

Leah Fiorentino, college of education, B. Ann Boyce, University of Virginia, and Jackie Lund, Georgia State University, presented “Ethical dilemmas in higher education,” at the National Association for Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education in Clearwater Beach, FL, during January.

Michael Mahan, Ed Strauser, and Regina Rahimi, middle grades & secondary education, presented “Out of the Ivory Tower and Into the Trenches: Case Study of Taking a Year’s Leave to Again Teach in the Middle Grades Classroom,” at the Symposium on Middle Level Teacher Preparation in Destin, FL in February. The topic addressed the possibilities of reciprocal teaching of university and P-12 faculty.

Annette Wilson, middle grades & secondary education, participated at a conference sponsored by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia on development and training held in Macon in January. The training focused on the course “EDUC 2120-Socio-Cultural Perspectives on Diversity.” Wilson also attended the workshop “Using Understanding by Design as a Framework for Curriculum Development,” held at Columbus State University’s Center for Quality Teaching and Learning in Columbus in February to fulfill requirements for the AASU Academic Service and Leadership grant.

In February, Wilson was a representative at the sixth Southeastern Conference on Cross-Cultural Issues in Counseling and Education held at the Coastal Georgia Center in Savannah.

Brenda Logan presented “Strategies for Content Literary,” at the Georgia Council Teachers of English (GCTE) conference at Jekyll Island in February. Logan was also asked to serve on the GCTE executive board, and will represent the board in Chicago at the National Council Teachers of English Affiliate Leadership meeting in June. Logan presented “Writing Speeches in the Middle School Classroom” at the Georgia Middle School Association conference in February in Savannah.

Helen Taggart, nursing, and Susan Howell, St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System, presented “Succession Planning for Nursing Leadership in a Magnet Environment,” and moderated a panel discussion on “Chief Nursing Officers Fostering Evidence Based Practice at the Bedside” at the Sigma Theta Tau International, Region Seven conference in January in Savannah. Taggart was also interviewed for an article “Tai Chi Ch’uan: Gentle Relaxing Exercise” that was published in the February 2007 issue of the Coastal Senior.

José de Arimatéia da Cruz and Becky K. da Cruz, criminal justice, social & political science, presented “One Last Chance to Undue the Unrule of Law in Brazil: The Forca Nacional Brasileira” at the tenth annual Conference of the Americas held at Armstrong Atlantic in February. Both also chaired and moderated several panels during the conference. More than 50 speakers from Georgia, South Carolina, New York, Argentina, Mexico, and Trinidad provided lectures and panel presentations. The Americas Council and the Office of International Education for the University System of Georgia sponsored the conference.


Bill Deaver, languages, literature & philosophy, presented “Teaching the Latin American Novel: Problems and Solutions” and Ana Torres, languages, literature & philosophy, presented “Bridging the Gap in Gender and Women’s Studies: Latina vs. Latin American Women Writers” at the tenth annual Conference on the Americas held at AASU in February.

Sandy Streater, Bob LeFavi, Greg Wimer, along with students Steven Galles, and Brian Tuten, health sciences, had an article, “Use of Sports Supplements in Georgia Ninth Graders: An Optimal Time for Education,” published in the *Journal of the Georgia Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance*.

**Events**

**March 1**
Softball vs. Columbus State University, 1 p.m., Pirate Softball Field

The Masquers’ present *Greater Tuna*, 7:30 p.m., Jenkins Black Box Theater

**March 2**
Faculty Forum, noon, Solms Hall 110

National Writing Project campus visit and luncheon meeting, noon, University Dining Room. For more information, contact Pat West at westpatr@mail.armstrong.edu or 927.5280.

The Masquers’ present *Greater Tuna*, 7:30 p.m., Jenkins Black Box Theater

**March 3**
Women’s Tennis vs. University of North Carolina-Charlotte, 11 a.m., AASU Tennis Complex

Softball vs. Tusculum College, 1 p.m., Pirate Softball Field

Baseball vs. Francis Marion University, 2 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

The Masquers’ present *Greater Tuna*, 7:30 p.m., Jenkins Black Box Theater

**March 4**
Men’s Tennis vs. Averett University, 9 a.m., AASU Tennis Complex

Men’s Tennis vs. Columbus State University, 2 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

Women’s Tennis vs. Columbus State University, 2 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

Baseball vs. Francis Marion University, noon, Pirate Baseball Field

Softball vs. Lenoir-Rhyne College, 1 p.m., Pirate Softball Field
March 5
Women's Golf at Savannah College of Art and Design Invitational, 8 a.m. tee off, Wilmington Island Golf Club

Executive Committee meeting, noon, University Hall 282

March 6
First day of classes (Session 3)

Women's Golf at Savannah College of Art and Design Invitational, 8 a.m., Wilmington Island Golf Club

Joint Enrollment meeting for interested high school seniors, 6 p.m., University Hall 156

Savannah Winds concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

March 7
Faculty Forum, with Clair Strom, professor of history at North Dakota State University presenting tips on “How to Get Published in a Scholarly Journal,” noon, Solms Hall 110

Softball vs. Wingate University in a doubleheader, 1 p.m., Pirate Softball Field

Women’s Tennis vs. University of North Carolina-Pembroke, 1 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

Baseball vs. St. Joseph’s University, 2 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

March 8
Selected Topics: Children and Youth with Disabilities, sponsored by The Alliance, a non-profit collaborative of parents and professionals, 10 a.m., University Hall 157. For more information, contact Pam Harwood at harwoopa@mail.armstrong.edu or 961-3066.

March 9
Georgia Music Education Association High School Band Adjudication Festival, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

March 10-17
Spring Break

March 10
Georgia Music Education Association High School Band Adjudication Festival, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

Men's Tennis vs. Rollins College, 10 a.m., AASU Tennis Complex
Women's Tennis vs. Lees-McRae College, 9 a.m., AASU Tennis Complex
Women's Tennis vs. Clayton State University, 1 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex
Men's Tennis vs. Lees-McRae College, 3 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

March 12
Men’s Golf at Spring Invite, hosted by Liberty University, 8 a.m., Crosswinds Golf Club

Women’s Tennis vs. Lees-McRae College, 9 a.m., AASU Tennis Complex
Men's Tennis vs. Rollins College, 10 a.m., AASU Tennis Complex
Women's Tennis vs. Clayton State University, 1 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex
Men's Tennis vs. Lees-McRae College, 3 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

Baseball vs. Fairmont State University, 6 p.m., Grayson Stadium

March 13
Men's Golf at Spring Invite, hosted by Liberty University, 8 a.m., Crosswinds Golf Club
Softball vs. Presbyterian College, 1 p.m. (doubleheader), Pirate Softball Field
Graduate Council meeting, 2:30 p.m., Board Room in Burnett Hall. For more information, contact Anne Montgomery at 921.5711 or montgoan@mail.armstrong.edu.

March 14
Men's Tennis vs. Anderson University, 10 a.m., AASU Tennis Complex
Softball vs. Kutztown University, 1 p.m., Pirate Softball Field
Baseball vs. Kutztown University, 2 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field
Men's Tennis vs. Kutztown University, 3 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

March 15
Baseball vs. Kutztown University, 2 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

March 16
Baseball vs. California University of Pennsylvania, 2 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

March 17
Baseball vs. Kutztown University, 2 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

March 18
National Alliance on Mental Illness meetings with workshops and presentations, 2-6 p.m., Sports Center 223, 225, and 226

March 19
Faculty meeting, 12:10 p.m., University Hall 156
Baseball vs. Oakland City University, 2 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field
Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Freed-Hardeman University, 2 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

March 20
Council of Deans meeting, 1 p.m., location TBA. For more information, contact Phyllis Panhorst at 927.5262 or panphorph@mail.armstrong.edu.
Baseball vs. Oakland City University, 2 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field
Men's Tennis vs. Drury University, 2 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

AASU Gospel Choir annual spring concert rehearsals, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. For more information, contact Lottie Scott at 921.2394 or scottlot@mail.armstrong.edu.
March 21
Advising Workshop co-sponsored by Faculty Development and the Student Recruitment, Advisement, and Retention Committee, noon, Solms Hall 110. All faculty are invited. For more information, contact Cheryl Drew at drewcher@mail.armstrong.edu or 921.5465.

University Curriculum Committee, 3 p.m., University Hall 282

March 22
Baseball vs. Clark Atlanta University, 2 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

AASU Gospel Choir annual spring concert rehearsals, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. For more information, contact Lottie Scott at 921.2394 or scottlot@mail.armstrong.edu.

March 23
Scholarship of Teaching Round Table, noon, Solms Hall 110

AASU Gospel Choir annual spring concert rehearsals, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. For more information, contact Lottie Scott at 921.2394 or scottlot@mail.armstrong.edu.

“Challenges Facing Women Leaders in Our Society,” an address by former Georgia Secretary of State Cathy Cox, 7 p.m., Armstrong Center Auditorium. Free and open to the public.

March 25
AASU Gospel Choir Spring Calendar concert, 5 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

March 26-April 1
ArmstrongFest

March 26
Art, Music & Theatre presents the AASU Invitational Alumni Art Exhibition, March 26 through April 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Fine Arts Gallery. The exhibition is free and open to the public. For more information, call 927.5381.

The College of Health Professions presents Nagendra Ningaraj, Ph.D., CCRP, scientist at the Hoskins Center for Biomedical Research, who will speak on the center's research on the molecular genetics of cancer and its search for newer, better ways to treat and prevent the disease. The event is free and open to the public. Noon, University Hall 156. For more information, call the College of Health Professions at 927.5254.

The Faculty & Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on the Quad behind Burnett Hall. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (last names beginning with A-M) 12:30-1:30 p.m. (last names beginning with N-Z) For more information, call 921.2369 or merricsh@mail.amstrong.edu.

March 27
Baseball vs. Erskine College, 2 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

Academic Council meeting, 2:30 p.m., University Hall 157

March 28
AASU Academic Assistance-Learning Support luncheon, Dennis Murphy, AASU associate vice president is the guest speaker. 11 a.m., University Dining Room. For more information, call Lottie Scott at 921.2394 or scottlot@mail.armstrong.edu.
March 29
Department of Radiologic Sciences’ open house, noon-1 p.m., and 5-6 p.m., University Hall 156. For more information, contact Bonnie Tobias at tobiasbo@mail.armstrong.edu or 921.5945.

March 30
Ninth Annual AASU High School One Act Play Festival sponsored in part by the AASU Student Government Association and the Department of Art, Music & Theatre, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

The annual Alumni Golf Tournament to benefit the AASU Scholarship Fund will be held at the Southbridge Golf Club. Registration at 11 a.m., golf clinic at 11:30 a.m., and shotgun start at noon. The registration fee is $60. For more information call 921.2369 or merricsh@mail.armstrong.edu. To download a registration form, go to www.armstrongfest.armstrong.edu/golfform.pdf.

Faculty Forum relating to undergraduate research, noon, Solms Hall 110

Alumni Reception hosted by the AASU Alumni Association for graduates from the ’60s, ’70s and ’80s, 6-9 p.m., Armstrong Center Atrium. For more information, contact 921.2343 or parkerpa@mail.armstrong.edu.

International Night in the Garden, featuring The Music of Elvis White from the British Virgin Islands, and international cuisine, 7 p.m., International Garden.

The Masquers’ present the Spring Video Showcase, a onetime only screening of select student produced short videos, 7:30 p.m., University Hall 156. Free admission.

March 31
Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk, open to alumni, students, faculty, staff, families, and friends of the university, registration 8:15 a.m., run/walk 9 a.m., beginning at the Aquatic Recreation Center. There is no entry fee.

Ninth Annual AASU High School One Act Play Festival sponsored in part by the AASU Student Government Association and the Department of Art, Music & Theatre, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

Art, Music & Theatre presents its second annual Outdoor Art Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fine Arts Hall courtyard. Music, drama, art demonstrations, and art events for children will highlight the festivities.

Baseball vs. Columbus State University in a doubleheader, noon, Pirate Baseball Field

Art, Music & Theatre presents a gallery reception for the artists in the Invitational Exhibition Alumni Art Exhibition, 5 p.m., Fine Arts Gallery. Free admission.

Annual Alumni Meeting and Graduating Seniors Banquet given by the AASU Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., Armstrong Center Ballroom. For more information, contact 921.2343 or parkerpa@mail.armstrong.edu. RSVP is required.

April 1
Buccaneer Region Sports Car Club of America Autocross event, registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the course open for walking at 10 a.m. and a guided walk at 11:30 a.m. A safety meeting begins at 11:45 a.m., and timed runs begin at noon in the Science Center parking lot. Registration fee is $25. The event is open to the public. For more
information, contact Don Johnson at savannahsolochair@buccaneerregion.org. Drivers may register at the site or in advance at www.myautoevents.com.

Baseball vs. Columbus State University, 1 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

**AASU In the News**

Following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media over the past month. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in the Office of University Relations at 961.3173 or duquefra@mail.armstrong.edu.

1/30 An AASU team wins the American Collegiate Moot Court National Championship at Regent University Law School in Virginia Beach, Va. -Savannah Morning News
Also, Savannah Morning News-2/8; West Chatham News-2/11; Coastal Family-February issue; Savannah Tribune-1/31; Savannah Herald-1/31; Connect Savannah-1/31

2/1 Goizueta Scholarship benefits student leader, Sonia Tapia. -La Voz Latina

2/4 AASU Alumnus Craig Gordon discusses his first year as a state House member. -Savannah Morning News

2/7 The College of Health Professions is sponsoring a Health Careers Information Day on February 7. -Savannah Morning News
Also, Savannah Morning News-2/15

2/7 AASU hosts the tenth annual Americas Conference on February 9. -Savannah Morning News
Also, The Savannah Tribune-2/7

2/9 AASU hosts The Big Read – Savannah in partnership with other local organizations. The Big Read is an NEA initiative to restore literary reading to American culture. -Savannah Morning News
Also, Savannah Morning News (Tom Barton editorial supporting The Big Read)-2/4

2/9 Junior forward Patrick Sanou was named to the ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-District III men’s basketball first team. -Savannah Morning News

2/13 Liz Desnoyers-Colas interviewed regarding African-American military servicewomen lecture. -Savannah Morning News
Also, Savannah Morning News-2/16; Connect Savannah-2/14; The Savannah Tribune-2/14

2/14 The Armstrong Masquers’ production of “You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown” is featured. -Connect Magazine
Also, Savannah Morning News-2/15, 2/16

2/14 Barry Eckert talks about the need for graduates in the health professions. -Savannah Morning News
2/17  Hailed as one of the Pirates’ all-time greats, senior basketball player Bryan Taylor played his final home game today.  
-Savannah Morning News

2/18  AASU hosts the Savannah-Ogeechee Science and Engineering  
-Savannah Morning News
Also, Savannah Morning News-2/19, 2/22; WJCL-2/20, 2/21; WTOC-2/21, 2/22

2/19  AASU won three awards at the Savannah Advertising Federation’s annual Addy Awards night on February 9.  
-Business Report & Journal

2/21  AASU will hold a student financial aid workshop on February 23.  
-Savannah Morning News
Also, Savannah Morning News-2/22

2/21  More than 400 high school students will compete in a Math Tournament hosted by AASU.  
-Savannah Morning News

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.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/.

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

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

For more information contact Barry Ostrow in the Office of University Relations at 927.5223 or ostrowba@mail.armstrong.edu.