Staff Advisory Council Election Results

Congratulations to the following staff members who were elected to the Staff Advisory Council for the 2007-2009 term: Academic Affairs, Chris McCarthy, School of Computing, and Leona Avery, Department of Languages, Literature & Philosophy; Business & Finance, Carlita Carter, Bookstore, and Fern Illidge, Human Resources Department; External Affairs, Linda Hansen, Center for Justice Administration.

Staff Advisory Council Helps Union Mission

The Staff Advisory Council thanks everyone who helped make this year’s service project for the Union Mission a successful event. This includes all those who donated items. More than 50 bags of clothes, toiletries, blankets, bedding, shoes and various items were collected. Plant Operations was especially helpful by providing a room for storage until the items were picked up and in assisting Union Mission in loading them into their van.

Connector Road Opens

A connector road opened in April joining Armstrong Center with University Drive. The $67,000 project includes new sidewalks, handicap ramps, and crosswalks.
AASU Adds Cardiovascular Interventional Program in College of Health Professions

Beginning June 1, 2007, the College of Health Professions will begin offering a cardiovascular interventional track as an option in the radiologic sciences baccalaureate program. This new track will be an addition to the four existing tracks: radiography, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, and sonography.

The Cardiovascular Interventional track will provide state of the art education specific to the areas of cardiovascular diagnosis and intervention. Students will conduct their clinical rotations at all of the three healthcare systems that have supported the development of the program: St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System, Memorial Health, and the Southeast Georgia Health System in Brunswick. The new academic track will be available to junior-year students who have completed 50 credit hours in the areas of general core and science.

AASU Offers Master of Arts in Teaching Degrees

The College of Education will offer three new Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) degrees starting in the summer of 2007. The new degrees will allow students with a bachelor’s degree in a certifiable area of study to pursue a graduate degree and obtain initial teacher certification. The 33 credit-hour programs are designed to be completed in as few as 15 months if enrolled on a full-time basis and will be offered by three departments: Early Childhood Education, Middle Grades Education, and Special Education.

Need Scholarship Money for your AASU Student?

If you are an AASU staff member and have children attending Armstrong Atlantic for the 2007-2008 academic year, have them complete the Armstrong Atlantic State University Staff Scholarship form.

The scholarship provides support for the children of full-time AASU staff. Eligible students must be attending on a full-time basis and under the age of 25 at the time of application, must have a high school or college grade point average of 2.5 or higher. The application deadline is June 1, 2007. The application can be found on the Office of Financial Aid’s web site at www.es.armstrong.edu/finaid. Once on the web site go to “How to Apply” then to “Scholarships” and click on “Scholarship Bulletin Board.” The scholarships are listed in alphabetical order.

Relay for Life was a Success

AASU, led by the Health Sciences Student Association (HSSA), participated in the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life at West Chatham Middle School in March. The event raised $800 for cancer research. The AASU booth—which sold smoothies and baked goods and distributed oral hygiene supplies and information about the risks of drinking and driving—earned an award for the “Best Cancer-related Theme.” The AASU Relay for Life team included Shannon Lilkendey (team captain), L.E. Rich, Jack Simmons, Chris Williams, Karen Terry, Melissa Ivy, Shelly Oslovsky, and Melissa Becker. Special thanks to Michael Mink, Greg Anderson, the Department of Health Sciences, the Department of Dental Hygiene, and the Office of External Affairs.

The AASU Health Sciences booth sold nutritious smoothies to the Relay for Life walkers as part of our fund-raising.
Next year, AASU will host the event on campus. If you would like to participate, contact Shannon Lilkenhead at lilshan921@gmail.com or L.E. Rich at richleig@mail.armstrong.edu.

AASU Honors Minority Students
The Office of Minority Affairs held the 8th annual Minority Academic Achievement Scholars (MACAS) program on April 1. More than 500 minority students were honored based on their academic performance during the spring and fall semesters of 2006. The MACAS program recognizes minority students in three categories. Students with a grade point average (GPA) of 3.00-3.49 are awarded the academic honor award. Students with a GPA of 3.50-3.99 are awarded the academic achievement award. Students who achieve a 4.00 GPA are awarded a plaque.

A Call for Presenters
The 10th Annual Middle Grades Collaborative Regional Conference sponsored by AASU and Savannah-Chatham Public Schools, to be held in Armstrong Center and University Hall November 2-3, 2007, is calling for presenters. Presentations will be 50 minutes in length and all presenters must register for the conference. Send proposals by May 31, 2007 to Regina Rahimi at rahimire@armstrong.edu. For conference information, call Rahimi at 961.3231 or e-mail her.

A Call for Writers
The Arts in the Heart of Augusta festival invites Southern authors to join its Literary Village in 2007. During the annual three-day event, tens of thousands of people celebrate the cultural arts and the literary tradition of the Southeast. The Literary Village is inviting writers from all publishing areas to network with other authors in a fun, casual, and creative environment. The festival will run Sept 14-16, 2007. Visit www.artsintheheart.com.

Welcome Aboard
Charles Bradford, University Police
Derrick Campbell, University Police
David Kennard, Computer Information Systems
Tameka Rucks, University Police

Kudos
The Armstrong Atlantic men’s basketball squad earned an at-large bid to the 2007 NCAA DII Men’s Basketball Championship for the second straight year and the third time in the last four seasons. The NCAA Selection Committee announced the 64 selections for the tournament field in March. The Pirates (21-9) were the No. 4 seed in the eight-team South Atlantic Regional during March. The top seed Augusta State University hosted the event.

Men’s basketball head coach Jeff Burkhamer is the first AASU head coach to lead the Pirates to three NCAA Championship berths.
The AASU arboretum staff took first place in the 2007 Savannah Garden and Antiques Exposition exhibition garden competition. Their exhibit also received "Most Creative" and "Best Water Feature" awards. The Savannah Garden & Antiques Exposition raises funds for the Isaiah Davenport House Museum and Historic Savannah Foundation. The exhibition garden competition features landscape, nursery, and gardening professionals competing for certificates of distinction in several categories as they interpret Marc Chagall's quote; "Art is the unceasing effort to compete with the beauty of flower—and never succeeding."

The 2006-2007 Research and Scholarship Committee coordinated the call-for-papers, submission, abstract assembly, judging activities, public relations news releases, presentation and lunch set-up, and awards ceremony for the 13th Annual Student Scholarship Symposium. Forty-five student teams and their advisors from across the four colleges/schools of arts and sciences, education, health professions, and computing presented their work in the atrium of University Hall in April.

Committee members include: Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas, art, music & theatre, chair; Adam Bossler, criminal justice, social & political science; Caroline Hopkinson, Lane Library; Catherine MacGowan, chemistry & physics; Karen Hollinger, languages, literature & philosophy; Kimberly Coulton, dental hygiene; Lorrie Hoffman, mathematics; Michael Mink, health sciences; and Michael Price, School of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Programs.

Lynn Stover, nursing, presented the March Nursing Grand Rounds lecture, “Revamp, Renew, and Revitalize Your Nursing Career with Covey’s 7 Habits of Highly Effective People” at Memorial Health University Medical Center in March.

Delana Nivens, chemistry & physics, organized and presided over a session, “New Ideas and Approaches to Analytical Chemistry Education,” at the 2007 Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry (PITTCON). In addition, she was the presenting author on two invited papers at the conference. The first, “Cross-Disciplinary Reading and Writing Projects in Analytical and General Chemistry,” was co-authored by Suzanne Carpenter, chemistry & physics, and was based on the inclusion of last year's Campus Read into chemistry courses. The second paper, “Spectroscopy and Analytical Chemistry Using Nanoparticles,” was co-authored by Will Lynch, chemistry & physics, and part of the American Chemical Society’s Division of Analytical Chemistry meeting at PITTCON.

Rachel Bongini, student, presented “Analysis of Computational Site-directed Mutagenesis of Ligands in the metal Ion-binding Site in an Isolated EF-hand from ‘Troponin C’ along with student co-authors Soluman Culver and Kelly Elkins, chemistry & physics, at the 7th Keele Meeting on Aluminum in Yucatan, Mexico in February.
During the 233rd American Chemical Society national meeting in Chicago, the American Chemical Society Committee on Education recognized the Armstrong Atlantic Student Affiliates chapter as an honorable mention chapter based on their activities during the 2005-06 academic year. At the same meeting in March, Lynch and Nivens presented "Exploiting photochemistry of nanoparticles to enhance curriculum and research opportunities for undergraduates." The invited talk was in the symposium “Nanotechnology in Undergraduate Education” and was sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Leigh Rich, health sciences, was a featured speaker for the Center for the Study of Cultural Diversity in Health Care's Intercultural Communication Seminar at the University of Wisconsin's School of Medicine and Public Health. Rich consulted with several programs about increasing cultural competency within the medical encounter and spoke on “The Cultural Construction of Body Boundaries.”

Hassan Aziz, medical technology, Lisa Anderson and Lara Hewitt, South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA), presented the educational model “Hospitals and Education: A Different Approach to Train Medial Technologists” that was created collaboratively by AASU's Medical Technology Department and SCHA, at the Clinical Laboratory Management Association's ThinkLab Conference & Exhibition held in Houston in March.

Kathryn Craven, Judy Awong-Taylor, Laura Griffiths, biology, along with student authors Crystal Bass and Mario Muscarella, published the article “Identification of Bacterial Isolates from Unhatched Loggerhead (Caretta caretta) Sea Turtle Eggs in Georgia, USA” in the Marine Turtle Newsletter in January.

Michael Toma, economics, presented “Savannah Tourism Marketing Analysis” at the Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce's 6th Annual Tourism Summit held in New Hampshire. He also participated in a panel discussion on the same topic with convention and visitors bureau presidents from Providence and Salem.

Hongjun Su and Hong Zhang, computer science, presented and published a paper “Peer-to-Peer Networks: Problems, Solutions, and Challenges,” at the 2007 Computer Security Conference in Myrtle Beach in April.

School of Computing students Charles Jones, Eugenia Narh, and Jatin Patel are recipients of Coastal Business, Education, and Technology Alliance scholarships. As an award recipient, Jones was interviewed and featured on WTOC in March. To see the report, go to mms://computing.armstrong.edu/images/news/WTOC07.wmv.

Michele Adams, graduate student, co-authored a paper, “Haptic Perception in Multimodal Virtual Environments—The Haptic Paradigm for Teaching and Learning,” with Felix Hamza-Lup, computer science, and presented it at the 14th Georgia Conference on Colleges & University Teaching in Kennesaw in February.

Sanpawat Kantabutra, visiting faculty from Chiang Mai University, Thailand, is teaching two computer science courses during spring semester 2007. Kantabutra is the first faculty member to participate in the faculty and student exchange agreement between Chiang Mai University and AASU.

Raymond Greenlaw, School of Computing, Lynn Stover and Helen Taggart, nursing, will lead 10 students on a two-week study abroad to Chiang Mai University, Thailand in May.
Raymond Greenlaw was awarded a Sasakawa Fellowship for Japanese Studies. The Fellowship, to be held in San Diego in June, supports participation in the National Faculty Development Institute to incorporate Japanese Studies into undergraduate curriculum.

Greenlaw and former computer science faculty member Geir Agnarsson had their textbook *Graph Theory: Modeling, Application, and Algorithms* published by Prentice Hall.

Daniel Liang and Hong Zhang, computer science, co-authored a textbook, *Computer Graphics Using Java 2D and 3D*, published by Prentice Hall. The textbook offers a complete introduction to computer graphics.

Prentice Hall also published Daniel Liang’s textbook *The Introduction to Programming with C++*. The textbook uses Liang’s “fundamental first” approach to explain basic features by example.

Chris McCarthy, School of Computing, was recognized as Armstrong Atlantic’s club advisor of the year. McCarthy has served for three years as advisor to the School of Computing's student chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery.

Ashraf Saad, computer science, presented and published a paper “Senior Capstone Design Experiences for ABET Accredited Undergraduate Electrical and Computer Engineering Education” at the 2007 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers southeast conference in Richmond, VA in March. He also served as a panelist and proposal reviewer for the Division of Undergraduate Education of the National Science Foundation during March in Arlington, VA.


Hashemi also assisted as a panelist and proposal reviewer for the National Institute of Health Special Study Session in Bethesda, MA during March.

Azita Bahrami, information technology, published and presented “An L-Tree Based Analysis of E-lessons” in the 2007 International Conference on Information Technology: New Generation (ITNG’07) in Las Vegas in April. She was the E-Learning Track chair, associate editor of the proceedings of the conference, and a session chair. She received special recognition for her outstanding contributions and services to the ITNG’07.

Darryl Daniell, computer science student, won First place in the Georgia Tech Savannah Engineering Research Symposium 2007 held in April. His project was “Optimum Sensor Position for Inverse Load Recovery on a Composite Plate,” and his project advisors were Cameron Coates, engineering, and Ray Hashemi, computer science.

In March the U.S. Office of Naval Research sponsored Joy Reed, information technology, to travel to England to work on research projects on computer interoperability with colleagues at Oxford University and the University of Warwick. She also served on a CyberTrust Panel organized by the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. in April.
Lei Zhu, information technology, is coordinator of a study abroad program to China. Zhu and Rick McGrath, economics, are leading a University System of Georgia study group to China in May. Participating students have the opportunity to earn a maximum of six academic credits.


Christopher Baker, languages, literature & philosophy, was named vice president of the South Central Renaissance Conference at its annual meeting in San Antonio in March. He also served as program chair for the meeting and presented a paper on “Cordelia and the Old Testament Figure of Wisdom.”

José de Arimatéia da Cruz and Becky da Cruz, criminal justice, social & political science, had their article “An Unusual Choice: Michelle Bachelet, President, in Conservative Chile,” published in the *National Social Science Journal* 29 (2007).

An international Armstrong Atlantic crew won the first prize in the cruising class (C) of the sailing regatta after St. Patrick's Day. Joachim Michels', (German) external affairs, boat was crewed by his wife Ursula; Shelly Merrick, (U.S.) external affairs; Justin Styslinger, (U.S.) student; and Anita Brunner, (Austrian) student. On the second day, with little wind, they came in second in the whole fleet (classes A, B, and C) consisting of more than 20 boats.


Budden also presented “Generalizing Scholz’s Reciprocity Law” at the Mathematics Association of America’s Southeast meetings hosted by Georgia Southern University in March.

Sungkon Chang, mathematics, was invited to speak at the Palmetto Number Theory Seminar hosted by Clemson University in February. His presentation was “Quadratic twists of elliptic curves with small Selmer group.”

Jane Barnard, mathematics, presented “Conjunction Junction – What’s Your Function?” at the Teachers Teaching with Technology (T^3) international conference in Chicago in March. She was also involved in hosting a silent auction for the T^3 National and Regional Instructors and Texas Instruments Educational Leadership Team that netted $10,400 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research. Barnard was also a major session speaker at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference and Exposition in Atlanta in April. She presented “Georgia on My Mathematical Mind,” a photographic presentation of mathematics across the state of Georgia (with special emphasis on Savannah). Additionally, she presented a session “Using CAS/SMG among the Multiple Representations and Technologies in Algebra.”
The Department of Mathematics held its 34th annual spring banquet at the Armstrong Center in April. Nearly 60 mathematics majors, excellence-in-mathematics Savannah area high school juniors, their parents, and faculty from the department celebrated the induction of two new student members into the Pi Mu Epsilon Mathematics Honor Society, and the awarding of the Leslie Strozier Scholarship to Jaree Hudson, the Lancy C. Jen Scholarship to Russell Manning, and the Davelyn Vinson Excellence in Mathematics Scholarship to Sharon Corder. Graduating student Duc Hyuhn received the Outstanding Senior award in part due to his perfect score on the national Educational Testing Service mathematics test.

At the Honors Convocation in April, senior mathematics major Jaree Hudson received a Georgia Senate and House resolution commending her for “academic achievement and personal development.” Vice President Ellen Whitford presented the award. More information can be found at www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2007_08/fulltext/sr201.htm.

Jane McHaney, College of Education, presented “Assessing Candidate Dispositions in Teacher Preparation Programs” at the Making an Impact: Best Practices to Enhance Achievement, Assessment, and Accountability for P-12 Learning Conference in Atlanta in March.

The College of Education celebrated the graduation of all undergraduate and graduate majors from early childhood education, health and physical education, middle & secondary education, and special and adult education during April in the University Hall Atrium. In addition to the honored graduates, a special recognition for the 2007-2008 Teachers of the Year was scheduled. The 41 teachers associated with AASU were presented with a certificate of recognition and an Armstrong Atlantic, College of Education alumni pin. Dean McHaney addressed the honored guests, and College of Education faculty members from all departments were present to share in the recognition of their students.

Brenda Logan, middle & secondary education, will present “Savannah Area Teachers Share Suggestions for Improving Preparation of Novice Teachers,” (based on a survey of 353 middle school teachers in the spring of 2006) at the Phi Delta Kappa monthly meeting in Savannah on May 7.

**Events**

**May 1**
Art, music & theatre, sponsored in part by the Savannah Friends of Music, presents orchestras of the Armstrong Atlantic Youth Orchestra Program in concert, 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

**May 4**
Georgia Music Education Association Middle School Band Clinic and High School Jazz Clinic, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

Graduation rehearsal, 1 p.m., Savannah Civic Center

Art, music & theatre presents an art gallery reception for the senior art education exhibition, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Gallery

**May 4-17**
Art, music & theatre presents an exhibition of artwork by the graduating senior art education majors, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays, Fine Arts Gallery
May 5
Graduation Commencement, 10 a.m., Savannah Civic Center, Martin Luther King Arena

May 7
Executive Committee meeting, noon, University Hall 282

May 7-9
Men’s Golf at NCAA DII Atlantic/Southeast Regional hosted by AASU, 8 a.m., Savannah Quarters Golf Club

May 8
Graduate Council meeting, 2:30 p.m., Burnett Hall Board Room. For more information, contact Anne Montgomery at 920.5711 or Anne.Montgomery@armstrong.edu.

May 10
Selected Topics: Children and Youth with Disabilities sponsored by The Alliance, a non-profit collaborative of parents and professionals. This series of seminars is designed for parents of children with special needs, as well as educators, medical providers, caregivers, and college students, 10 a.m., University Hall 157. For more information, contact Pamela Harwood at 961.3066 or harwoopa@mail.armstrong.edu.

May 11
Art, music & theatre presents Georgia Music Elementary Honor Chorus, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

May 15
Academic assistance registration, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Council of Deans meeting, 10:30 a.m., location TBA. For more information, contact Phyllis Panhorst at 927.5262 or Phyllis.Panhorst@armstrong.edu.

May 16
National Alliance for the Mentally Ill support group meetings with workshops/presentations from local professionals in the field, 2-6 p.m., Sports Center 223, 225 & 226. For more information, contact Charlie Parrish at parricha@mail.armstrong.edu or 921.5685.

May 28 – Memorial Day
REMINDER: The Memorial Day holiday was moved to the Christmas holidays. Anyone wanting to take off for Memorial Day must use a vacation day.

May 31
Registration day for summer semester (all sessions), 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

AASU In the News
Following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in April. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in university relations at 961.3173, or Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu.

4/1 HOLA hosts forum to discuss Georgia immigration law. 
- La Voz Latina

4/1 Melody Ortiz is selected as one of The Business Report & Journal’s “40 Under 40” young local leaders.
- Business Report & Journal
4/2 “3 Days for AASU” community campaign exceeds goal, raises $251,216.
-Savannah Morning News
Also, Savannah Morning News-4/12; Business Report & Journal-3/30

4/8 AASU will offer three new master of arts in teaching degrees starting in the summer.
-Coastal Courier
Also, Savannah Morning News-4/11, 4/14; Business Report & Journal

4/11 Feature on The Big Read
-Connect Savannah

4/11 AASU art students’ poster competition entries exhibited at Leopold’s Ice Cream.
-Savannah Morning News
Also, Connect-4/11

4/11 Leigh Rich hosts last of the 2006-07 Faculty Lecture Series
-Coastal Family
Also, Savannah Morning News-4/12, 4/13; Connect Savannah-4/11

4/11 AASU students debate the Patriot Act on April 13.
-Savannah Tribune
Also, Connect-4/11; Savannah Morning News-4/12; WTOC-4/13

4/11 President Thomas Z. Jones selected to serve as board chair of United Way of the Coastal Empire.
-Savannah Morning News

4/12 AASU hosted its annual Outdoor Arts Festival on March 30.
-Savannah Morning News

4/14 AASU hosts annual Student Research Symposium and Writing Showcase.
-Savannah Morning News
Also, Savannah Morning News, 4/16, 4/17; Savannah Tribune

4/14 Emil Richards featured regarding a guest recital at AASU on April 19.
-Savannah Morning News
Also, Savannah Morning News-4/15, 4/17, 4/18, 4/19

4/16 Rev. Kevin Spicer featured regarding lecture at AASU.
-Savannah Morning News
Also, Connect Savannah-4/11; Savannah Morning News-4/15, 4/17

4/16 AASU offers several online courses, enabling several non-traditional students to enroll in classes.
-Business Report & Journal

4/17 Sophomores Chris Wolfe and Andrew Workman have been named to the All-Peach Belt Conference men’s golf team.
-Savannah Morning News

4/17 William Megathlin comments on the Virginia Tech tragedy.
-Savannah Morning News
Also, WTOC, WSAV, WJCL on 4/16
4/20 AASU earns Peach Belt Conference’s coach of the year and player of the year awards.
-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).

- For news of both the university system office and individual campuses, read the monthly System Supplement: www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/.
- USG Serves Georgia focuses on how the university system and its campuses are serving Georgia and local communities. To read this monthly publication, go to: www.usg.edu/pubs/value/.
- Linkages reports news of the university system and provides hot links to related source materials: www.usg.edu/linkages/.

The submission deadline for the June issue of eArmstrong is May 15.

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

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