April at Armstrong Atlantic

At a luncheon for this year’s retirees, President Jones thanked Jane Barnard (mathematics) for her 29 years at the university.

President Jones and Olavi Arens (history) talk about his 35 years of service during the Service Awards brunch. Arens celebrated the longest service to the university in this year’s group.

Students, faculty and staff autographed a steel construction beam destined for the new student union building.

Six hundred twenty-four students assembled in the Alumni Arena for the annual MACAS Awards produced by the Office of Multicultural Affairs.
AASU's Economic Impact on Region Tops $205.5 Million

Armstrong Atlantic generates more than $205.5 million for the local economy according to a new study conducted for the University System of Georgia (USG) by the Selig Center for Economic Growth in the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business.

The survey quantifies the economic benefits that the USG's 35 institutions convey to their respective communities. The survey determined that the USG institutions had a $12.1 billion economic impact on the state's economy during fiscal year 2008 due to initial spending for salaries and fringe benefits, operating supplies, expenses and other budgeted expenditures, as well as student spending. Re-spending—the multiplier effect of those dollars as they are spent again in the region—accounted for another $4.1 billion. Researchers found that, on average, for every dollar of initial spending by an institution, an additional 51 cents was generated for the local economy.

AASU's initial spending of $67,017,386 million for payroll, goods and services, coupled with student spending of $77,827,320 during fiscal year 2008, generated an additional $60,694,613 of re-spending in the community for a total economic impact of $205.5 million.

The study also shows that while AASU created 586 full- and part-time jobs on campus, the institution generates an additional 1,426 jobs in the community due to university-related spending on goods, services, and payroll. The presence of 7,000 students on campus generated 925 jobs off-campus.

The study, however, has its limitations. “One aspect of the university's long-term community impact the report was unable to quantify is the substantial contribution to regional economic development through educating the workforce of today and leaders of tomorrow,” said Michael Toma (economics) and director of the Center for Regional Analysis. “In addition, the wonderful array of cultural opportunities provided through art, music and theatre offerings and various lectures, conferences and presentations complement the region’s rich cultural heritage.”

The Selig Center report can be found at www.icapp.org.
Mike Kemp (right) and Ann Purcell present a check to President Thomas Z. Jones for $429,638. All dollars raised during this annual fund campaign will provide support for student scholarships.

3 Days for AASU Raises $429,638

Armstrong Atlantic raised $428,638 during the 3 Days for AASU community campaign. Mike Kemp, senior vice president of Synovus Trust Co. and Ann Purcell, of Radiation Therapy Associates, served as campaign co-chairs. Suzanne Ansley (external affairs) was the campaign coordinator for the university.

“In these tough economic times, the business community in our region once again stepped up to support Armstrong Atlantic State University,” said Purcell. “They understand that their financial support to AASU represents an investment that in the long term will benefit not only their businesses but the community as a whole.”

Danny Pinyan, president of The Pinyan Company, received an award for his ongoing allegiance to this annual campaign. A newcomer award was presented to Lauren Sather of First Chatham Bank for volunteering time to the campaign.

Andrew Carter Named AASU Athletic Director

Andrew Carter has accepted the position of athletic director, succeeding Eddie Aenchbacher who retired on April 1. Currently the vice president of intercollegiate athletics at Newberry College in Newberry, S.C., Carter will begin to lead the Pirates by July 1.

Carter has served as the athletic director at Newberry since 2002. In that time, he increased the visibility and success of the Newberry athletic department both on and off the competitive playing field. Newberry has won four of the past five South Atlantic Conference academic titles, while also leading 14 teams to NCAA Championships appearances. He developed the Newberry College Athletic Initiative, a long-term plan to improve Newberry’s athletic program while maintaining the school’s excellent academic record. Other career highlights include helping to establish an intercollegiate wrestling program that finished second in NCAA Division II in 2009;
SAC championships for football in 2006 and 2008, as well as SAC titles in women’s basketball and men’s golf.

Prior to Newberry, Carter served as the director of athletics at Missouri Baptist University in St. Louis, MO, from 1997 through 2002. He was the baseball coach from 1991 through 1999, leading the team to seven straight conference titles.

Carter received his bachelor’s in business administration from Missouri Baptist in 1987, then earned his MBA from Lindenwood University in 1990. He and his wife, Rena, have six children – Aaron 21; Becca ,19; Beth,16; Jake,14; Rachel,13 and Micah, 8.

Philip Solomons Receives Honorary Degree

The university will award an Honorary Doctor of Letters to Philip Solomons, a native Savannahian and university benefactor whose ties to AASU go back to the 1930s. At that time, he attended what was then Armstrong Junior College, serving as vice president of the 1938 freshman class and competing on the golf team.

Solomons will receive the Honorary Doctor of Letters from AASU President Thomas Z. Jones during the commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 9 in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Arena in the Savannah Civic Center.

In 1997, Solomons established the Shirley and Philip Solomons Eminent Scholar Chair in the Department of Economics at AASU with an endowment of $500,000. Richard J. Cebula, AASU professor of economics, currently holds this prestigious appointment.

Employees Recognized for Years of Service

10 Years
Rebecca Carroll (human resources)
Amelia Castiliano-Moore (disability services)
Richard Cebula (economics)
Michael Cross (CIS)
Vickie Dyer (biology)
Donald Emmeluth (chemistry & physics)
Angela Everett (human resources)
Sharon Gilliard-Smith (radiologic sciences)
James Harn (Registrar & admissions)
Angel Howard (CIS)
Mario Incorvaia (art, music & theatre)
Chad Jackson (athletics)
Dorothy Kempson (Liberty Center)
Lee Ann Kirkland (student finances)
John Kraft (psychology)
Donna Mullenax (chemistry & physics)
Barbara Myers (career services)
Barry Ostrow (media & communications)
Barbara Randall (external affairs)
Deborah Reese (writing center)
Edward Rinalducci (sociology)
Diane Sellers (College of Liberal Arts)
Michael Snowden (multicultural affairs)
Richard St. Pierre (health sciences)
Janice Stanford (CIS)
Greg Surrette (CIS)
Joe Weaver (Liberty Center)

15 Years
Christopher Baker (literature)
Calvain Culberson, Jr. (athletics)
Bill Deaver, Jr. (Spanish)
David Faircloth (plant operations)
Shirley Green (external affairs)
Linda Hansen (School of Graduate Studies)
David Lake (physical therapy)
Jennifer Lander (physical therapy)
Marsha Moore (early childhood education)
Anne Thompson (physical therapy)
Nancy White (history)
Gregory Wimer (health & physical education)
Harriet Winiger (Lane Library)
Teresa Winterhalter (literature)
Linda Wright (physical therapy)
20 Years
Vicki Akins (biology)
Mary Crocker (registrar/admissions)
Todd Hizer (chemistry & physics)
Caroline Hopkinson (Lane Library)
Walter Pollard, Jr. (plant operations)
Yassi Saadatmand (economics)
Lottie Scott (academic assistance)
Kyle Smith (Armstrong Center)
Helen Taggart (nursing)

25 Years
Janice Mengle (dental hygiene)
Stephen Morris (plant operations)
Ellis Sandt (central supply)

30 Years
Joe Roberts, Jr. (athletics)
Carolyn Smith (mathematics)

35 Years
Olavi Arens (history)

Retirees Honored
Vickie Dyer (biology)  10 years of service
Ronald Collins (Liberty Center)  11 years of service
Roger Miller (art, music & theatre)  13 years of service
Gail Edwards (athletics)  14 years of service
Jennifer Lander (physical therapy)  15 years of service
Jonnie Chandler (College of Science & Technology)  16 years of service
William Zipperer (chemistry & physics)  19 years of service
Judy Grizzard (student accounting)  22 years of service
Dianne Lane (athletics)  22 years of service
Eva Caldwell (nursing)  24 years of service
Eddie Aenchbacher (athletics)  28 years of service
Jane Barnard (mathematics)  29 years of service
Richard Nordquist (liberal studies)  29 years of service
Michael Lariscy (health & physical education)  33 years of service
Barbara Tanenbaum (dental hygiene)  36 years of service

Famous Performer Conducts Master Class
Art, music & theatre hosted tenor George Shirley in an early spring vocal master class. Shirley has won international acclaim for his performances in oratorio and concert literature on the stages of the world’s greatest opera houses. He has recorded for all the major record labels, receiving a Grammy Award for his role of Ferrando in the RCA recording of Mozart’s Cosi fan tutte. The Armstrong Atlantic and Savannah communities, as well as area high school music students, turned out for his three-hour class. Lucinda Schultz coordinated the event.
**Calendar**

**May 1**
The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents its spring 2009 Senior Graduation Art Exhibition in the Fine Arts Gallery. Graduating bachelor of fine arts and bachelor of arts degree candidates display their artwork produced for this capstone project. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays. Admission is free.

**May 1-3**
The Masquers presents a special golden anniversary production of *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry. The Masquers commemorate the 50th anniversary of the original Broadway production. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on May 3 only) in Jenkins Hall Theater. Call 344.3169 for group ticketing information. General admission is $10. Discounts available to military, seniors, alumni members, students and children. AASU faculty, staff, and students presenting valid AASU I.D. will be admitted free of charge. *Connect Savannah* is the print sponsor of the Masquers.

**May 4-5**
The Department of Art, Music & Theatre will hold auditions for three summer productions: *Rumors* by Neil Simon, *Murderer* by Anthony Shaffer and *The Little Girl Who Lives Down the Lane* by Laird Koenig. Auditions are open to the public beginning at 6 p.m. in Jenkins Hall Theater. Production dates are in June and July. Call 344.2801 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for more audition information.

**May 4**
Last day of classes (Sessions 1&3)

**May 5**
The Department of Art, Music & Theatre, sponsored in part by the Savannah Friends of Music, presents orchestras of the Armstrong Atlantic Youth Orchestra Program in concert at 6:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The Armstrong Atlantic Youth Orchestra, Atlantic Chamber Orchestra, Lyric Strings Ensembles I & II and Debut Strings will all perform. General admission is $6. Call 344.2801 for ticketing information.

**May 7**
Final exams (Sessions 1&3)

**May 8-21**
The Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents an exhibition of artwork by the graduating art education majors in the AASU Fine Arts Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays. Admission is free.

**May 8-9**
The Masquers presents *A Raisin in the Sun*. See May 1.

**May 8**
Final exams (Sessions 1&3)

The Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents an art gallery reception for the senior art education exhibition at 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery. Admission is free.

**May 9**
Graduation at 10 a.m. in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Arena of the Savannah Civic Center
May 11
Final exams (Sessions 1&3)

May 12
Final exams (Sessions 1&3)

May 13
The Staff Springin’ Into Summer Potluck Party will be held at 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

May 14
Final grades due 9 a.m. (Sessions 1 & 3)

May 18
First Day of Class (Session P)
Late Drop/Add (Session P)

May 19
Academic assistance registration from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Late Drop/Add (Session P)

Kudos
15 Receive Promotions
James N. Brawner (mathematics) promoted to professor
Mark R. Budden (mathematics) promoted to associate professor
Alexander Collier (biology) promoted to associate professor
William J. Daugherty (political science) promoted to professor
Priya T. Goeser (engineering studies) promoted to associate professor
Michael R. Hall (history) promoted to professor
Lei He (information technology) promoted to associate professor
Pang-Chieh Hsu (art) promoted to associate professor
Gregory Knofczynski (mathematics) promoted to associate professor
Robert J. Loyd III (special & adult education) promoted to professor
Edward J. Rinalducci (sociology) promoted to associate professor
Vann B. Scott, Jr. (psychology) promoted to professor
Jack Simmons (philosophy) promoted to associate professor
Edward B. Strauser (middle & secondary education) promoted to professor

Christy Mroczek (languages, literature & philosophy) presented a paper, “Facing Reality in Online Research: Getting students to recognize public domain and copyright infringement in multimedia writing,” at the Conference on College Composition and Communication Convention in San Francisco.

George Shields (College of Science & Technology) published “Computational approaches for the design of peptides with anti-breast cancer properties” in the inaugural issue of Future Medicinal Chemistry.

Frank Katz (information technology) presented a paper, “Acceptable Use Policies as a Defense Against Threats Posed by the Use of Social Networking Sites in Organizations,” at the 3rd Annual Computer Security Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Eric Werner (chemistry & physics) presented a talk, “Lanthanide coordination chemistry in the undergraduate research laboratory: From medicine to materials,” at the American Chemical Society National Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT. The presentation was coauthored with AASU undergraduate students Thy Nguyen and Tatjana Payne.
Edward Strauser (middle grades & secondary education) co-hosted a roundtable seminar, “Inclusive Education is the Way to the Future” at Ukraine House, one of the main government buildings in Kiev. Participants came from the various ministries of Ukraine and university representatives from all parts of the country and several neighboring nations. EDITOR’S NOTE: Strauser is in Ukraine on a Fulbright Scholarship.

Kalenda Eaton (languages, literature & philosophy) has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to Saint-Louis, Senegal for the 2009-2010 academic year. While in Senegal, Eaton will research West African women’s literature on resistance and be a faculty member in residence at the Universite Gaston-Berger.

Eaton has been awarded a position in the ROOTS 2009 Summer Seminar, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The seminar will be held at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities in June and July 2009 in Charlottesville, VA. The foundation is affiliated with the University of Virginia.

Deborah Jamieson (art, music & theatre) presented a paper, “Crossing Academic Boundaries Through Science,” at the sixth annual conference on Teaching Matters: Engaging Approaches in Barnesville, GA.

Sean Eastman (mathematics) gave a talk on “An Algorithmic Approach to the Mean Value Theorem,” at the 14th annual mathematics technology conference at Valdosta State University.


Michael Toma (economics) was the keynote speaker last month for the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce. He will also speak on the local economy during a private forum at the Armstrong Center this month. Toma coauthored “The Minor League Experience: What Drives Attendance at South Atlantic League Baseball Games?” for a forthcoming issue of the Coastal Business Journal.

Regina Rahimi (middle & secondary education) will present a paper, “Race, Class, and Emerging Sexuality: Teacher Perceptions and Sexual Harassment in Schools,” at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting in San Diego. Rahimi has been selected to serve on the American Educational Studies Association Critics Choice Book Award Selection Committee for 2009-2010.

Mark Budden (mathematics) has grant funding through the Center for Undergraduate Research in Mathematics (CURM) to support student academics. He traveled to the CURM Spring Conference in Provo, UT, sponsored by Brigham Young University, as a judge for one of the undergraduate sessions. Mathematics students Kristin Ellis and Stephen Savioli gave a joint presentation, “Rational Residuacity of Primes,” describing their research with Budden, at the conference.

Brad Sturz (psychology) and coauthors presented “Facilitation of learning spatial relations among goal locations does not require visual exposure to the configuration of goal locations” at the meeting of the Comparative Cognition Conference at Melbourne Beach, FL.
Cathy MacGowan (chemistry & physics) attended the 237th American Chemical Society National meeting in Salt Lake City last month. She presented a poster in the Chemical Education Division on “Classroom Learning vs. Laboratory Application: Is there a disconnect?” and spoke on “Teaching Science Ethics: A course for undergraduates” at the division’s symposium, “Plagarism: What is it? What can we do about it?”

Richard Cebula (economics) received the 2009 NROTC AASU Professor of the Year Award at the spring review in April.

Felix Hamza-Lup (computer science) coauthored an article, “3D virtual spaces supporting engineering learning activities,” to be published in the International Journal of Computers, Communications & Control. Hamza-Lup also coauthored “The Effects of Network Delay on Task Performance in a Visual-Haptic Collaborative Environment” with students James LaPlant (computer science) and Benjamin M. Lambeth (information technology) that was presented at the 47th ACM South East Conference.

Hamza-Lup’s contributions to haptics applications were highlighted by SenseGraphics, the H3D API worldwide developer, in its Hall of Fame. The top two links were reserved for AASU. See the site at (http://www.sensegraphics.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=24&Itemid=36)

Ray Greenlaw (computer science) is serving as the distinguished professor of computer science at Chiang Mai University. He also serves on the international advisory panel for the Journal of Technology and Management Malaysia.

Additionally, Greenlaw is on the program committee for the Tenth ACIS International Conference on Software Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Networking, and Parallel/Distributed Computing in Seoul, Korea. He helped edit the Seoul Accord for ABET, an international accreditation agreement among computing programs from six different countries.

He is the co-chair of the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET Training Committee where he trains all new program evaluators for accrediting computing programs. Greenlaw has been serving on this committee since 2007 and was appointed to this new post earlier this year.

Douglas Masini (respiratory therapy) spoke on “Pediatric sleep abnormalities and asthma” at the Hudson Valley winter meeting in West Point, NY. He also spoke on “Asphyxial Games in Youth” at the Georgia Society for Respiratory Care Winter Meeting in Macon. Masini will serve as the 2009 webmaster for the journal Tradition and Discovery website and listserv.

Rhonda Bevis (respiratory therapy) coordinated the Georgia Society for Respiratory Care Student Meeting in Macon. The student meeting is uniquely designed to recruit and retain respiratory therapy majors to serve the healthcare needs of people in Georgia. Christine Moore and the AASU respiratory therapy students also attended.

Moore was the College of Health Professions team leader at the ‘Relay for Life’ at Savannah State University last month. The respiratory therapy junior class assisted her in raising funds for cancer research.

Michelle Butina (medical technology) was the program chair for the Clinical Laboratory Educator’s Conference in Denver.
All members of the medical technology faculty attended the 61st Annual ASCLS-GA meeting in Clarkston, GA. Butina, Lisa Anderson and Hassan Aziz presented a registry exam review sessions for students. Prior to her arrival at the meeting, Anderson concluded an American Association for Blood Banks assessment of a healthcare facility in Clarkston, GA.

The new ASCLS-GA Board of Directors will include Charlotte Bates as secretary and Chad Guilliams as the treasurer elect. Bates and Guilliams received the Keys to the Future Award for distinguished service to the profession. Sasha Isaacs-Gaye was elected to be the president of the student forum.

Butina and Aziz attended an annual legislative symposium in Washington, DC. Clinical laboratory professionals met their legislators on Capitol Hill as a unified front on behalf of the clinical laboratory science profession. This year more than 150 clinical laboratory professionals, representing 38 states, were present to advocate for the profession.

Aziz presented two papers, “Compliance in Microbiology Lab” and “Effective Leadership” at the Carolina Clinical Connection Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Chad Guilliams (medical technology) represented the program in a partnership presentation with Memorial Health University Medical Center offering high school students an opportunity to explore medical technology and other health related professions.

**CORRECTION**

Sean Eastman (mathematics) was not identified correctly in the April eArmstrong as coach of the AASU Jeopardy team.

**Unrestricted AASU Foundation Funds Monthly Report**

The Office of External Affairs reports the expenditure of unrestricted AASU Foundation funds requested by administration, faculty, staff and community partners for various programs and projects that qualify for such support. Due to the extraordinary economic times, many unrestricted expenditures have been eliminated. These are expected to be permanent reductions. Expenditures listed below involved encumbered funds for obligations prior to the need to redirect unrestricted funds to scholarship commitments.

**March 2009**

Foundation support of travel by representatives of student organizations
At the request of Student Activities Office
Rebekah Daiss $500.00
Sigma Tau Delta National Conference

Phi Alpha Theta $408.00
Student participation in 2009 Graduate History Forum

Aaron Eubank $500.00
Pi Kappa Alpha National Chapter Executive Conference

Michael Donahue $213.57
Reimbursement for presidential candidate search
At the request of Vice President Donahue

First City Club University Dues $119.00
At the request of the president
AASU Foundation, Inc.  $50.00
Donation to memorial bench for David G. Shriver
Vice President Donahue

Melwood Springs Water Co.  $8.56
Refreshments for Burnett Hall Board Room
At the request of the president’s office

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 Marketing & Communications at 344.2971, or Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu.

3/30 Richard McGrath (economics) interviewed regarding auto bailout plans  
WTOC-TV

4/1 “3 Days for AASU” campaign kickoff breakfast held 3/31  
WTOC-TV

4/1 Michael Toma (economics) interviewed regarding the Coastal Georgia Greenway  
The South magazine

4/2 AASU economic impact on the region is $205  
Savannah Morning News  
Also Savannah Daily News 4/16

4/5 “3 Days for AASU” raises $429,638  
WTOC-TV  
Also Savannah Daily News

4/5 Michael Toma (economics) interviewed on a future business park in South Carolina  
Savannah Morning News

4/6 Michael Toma (economics) quoted about impact of economic slowdown on the port of Savannah.  
USA Today

4/8 Andrew Carter is named AASU athletic director  
WTOC-TV  
Also Savannah Morning News 4/11

4/9 Richard Cebula’s (economics) column looks at the dangers of economic deficits  
Savannah Morning News

4/12 June Hopkins (history) interview regarding one of FDR’s advisers  
Portland Press Herald

4/13 Megan Feasel (recreation & wellness) quoted about proper stretching and exercise  
Savannah Morning News

4/15 Richard McGrath (economics) quoted about income tax deadline  
Coastal Courier
4/16 AASU presidential pool narrowed to two
Savannah Morning News
Also WSAV-TV 4/16, WTOC-TV 4/17, Savannah Daily News 4/17

4/17 Michael Toma (economics) interviewed regarding Georgia's jobless rate
Savannah Morning News

4/20 AASU Economic forum puts economic downturn into perspective
WJCL/Fox-TV
Also Savannah Morning News 4/21

4/23 Richard Cebula’s (economics) column looks at unemployment data
Savannah Morning News

4/24 Army ROTC cadets honored at AASU
WTOC-TV

4/25 Michael Toma (economics) speaks to Effingham County Chamber of Commerce
Savannah Morning News

4/24 AASU to honor Philip Solomons with honorary degree
Savannah Daily News

University System Electronic News Sources
Take advantage of the range of informational publications published online by the University System of Georgia (USG).

- 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/
- Value Added–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/

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

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

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