Happy Birthday AASU
Armstrong Atlantic held its 12th annual Celebrate AASU Day in October with live music, hot dogs, cokes and ice cream, and plenty of fun and games under clear blue skies. The U.S. Coast Guard highlighted the opening festivities at noon with a helicopter flyover while faculty and staff members, students, alumni, and guests, many wearing iCelebrate T-shirts, gathered for the free event. More than 65 booths offered home cooked foods, baked goods, plants from AASU’s greenhouse, ceramic classes, roulette, and slot machines. According to several eye witness reports, even Elvis made an appearance. Proceeds from pictures taken with the King went to the United Way; a book sale benefited the Staff Book Scholarship. The more adventurous revelers tried the mechanical bull, the five-sided climbing wall, four-in-one basketball, a dunking booth, and a bocce ball tournament.

Go to www.s237.photobucket.com/albums/ff187/celebrateaasu to see photos of the event.

Two National Science Foundation Grants Total More than $1.68 Million
Two recent grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF) have brought in more than $1.68 million to AASU.

The larger grant, for $1.2 million, will fund a project allowing teachers and students in Chatham County schools to learn more science and information technology by monitoring a weather observatory on Ossabaw Island using wireless technology.

The NSF’s Information Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers program awarded the grant to a team of AASU educators, who will coordinate the three-year project beginning in January 2008. Principal investigator is Ashraf Saad, computer science. Co-principal investigators are Joy Reed, computer science; Lei He, Information Technology; Patrick Hannigan and Edward Strauser, middle and secondary education.

The project, OssaBest: Ossabaw e-Exploration for Students and Teachers, aims to increase the preparation and participation of students entering information technology (IT) careers. It will prepare 90 teachers and 120 students in 7th through 10th grades over the three-year project.
Participants will learn how to use advanced information technologies for the exploration of Ossabaw Island, by observing natural phenomena via real-time transmission of video and data from sensors placed on the island. Students and teachers will collect data and create a web-based multimedia guide of the island.

The project is the result of a collaboration between AASU, Savannah-Chatham County Public School System, the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography, the Ossabaw Island Foundation, and the Coastal Business Education and Technology Alliance.

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A second grant from the NSF for $483,760 will support scholarships for qualified students pursuing careers in computer science, information technology, mathematics, biology, chemistry, and physics.

Ray Greenlaw, computer science, is principal investigator.

This is the third such NSF grant awarded to AASU in the last seven years, totaling more than $1.1 million, destined for scholarships. The university has awarded more than 75 scholarships from earlier grants.

The new grant will allow AASU to provide scholarship support of up to $10,000 per year for the four years for students who meet a 2.7 GPA and need financial assistance.

**Savannah hosts the 64th International Atlantic Economic Society Annual Conference**

The 64th annual conference of the International Atlantic Economic Society (IAES) was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Savannah in October. Richard J. Cebula, economics, officially opened the conference by delivering the welcome address and introducing the society’s executive director and guest speaker, Benjamin Friedman of Princeton University. Three economics students from Armstrong Atlantic and one recent graduate presented sessions at the conference.

Cebula, the Shirley & Philip Solomons Eminent Scholar at AASU and a member of the editorial board of the IAES refereed journal, *International Advances in Economic Research*, presented two papers at the conference: one addressed Medicaid issues and the other addressed employment implications of asymmetric pollution abatement controls. A paper by Richard McGrath, economics, on survey methodology was also presented.

The student presenters included: Holly Meads, a 2006 economics graduate and current Auburn University graduate student, analyzed voter participation; Jay Carmichael analyzed determinants of minor league baseball attendance; Heather Smith analyzed tax evasion; and Reese Goldman analyzed housing price determination in the Savannah Historic Landmark District.

This year’s presentation by Goldman is part of a larger study being conducted by Goldman, Cebula, and Michael Toma, economics.
Oktoberfest Regatta

At this year’s Oktoberfest regatta, an all-Armstrong Atlantic crew took part in a series of sailboat races on the Wilmington River and Warsaw Sound. The yacht “Da sind wir” (“We are here”), with her AASU crew, won the cruising division twice. Consequently, they joined the B-fleet, a racing division. This presented a great challenge for the team of Alex Collier, student; Shelley Merrick, external affairs; Justin Styslinger, student; Mike Toma, economics; and skipper Joachim Michels, external affairs, and his wife Ulla. The two races, in stormy conditions, were followed the next day by a longer one with moderate winds. The efforts of the crew won them the third prize.

AASU, public school musicians ply for Argentina

Mark Johnson, Randall Reese, art, music & theatre, and Jim Anderson, international education, participated last July in a new collaboration between AASU and the Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools to send a team of music educators to complete an exchange with The National University of Villa Maria (NUVM), one of AASU’s partner universities in Argentina. The eight-member team from AASU and the public schools’ music educators provided a week-long series of workshops, clinics, and two honor band performances on the NUVM campus for more than 100 high school and university students, musicians and directors coming from nine area cities. Mark Johnson was the conductor-in-residence for the honor band and Jim Anderson served as overall program coordinator.

In addition to NUVM, another of AASU’s partners, The Chase Foundation of Argentina, was a co-sponsor and partially funded the events.

Front row from the left:
Bruce Spradley, band director at Coastal Middle School; and Benny Ferguson, coordinator for the public schools’ fine/performing arts.

Back row from the left:
Carlos Domínguez president of the National University of Villa Maria, Argentina; Mark Johnson, band director at AASU; Randall Reese, director of jazz at AASU; Jim Anderson, special assistant to the vice president for international education; Sarah Spradley, band director at Bartow Elementary School; Ken Hudlow, band director at Schuman Middle School; and Tom Osborne, band director, at Ellis Elementary School.
In Memoriam

Trish Reese, executive director of university relations and marketing, died October 25 at Hospice Savannah after a brief illness.

Her ties with Armstrong Atlantic began early when she received her bachelor's degree in history from Armstrong State College in 1978.

Trish spent more than 20 years at the Georgia Ports Authority in Savannah where she moved from a secretarial position to manager of communications and external affairs. In 2000 she assumed her position at AASU.

She was past president and a board member of the Propeller Club, past board member of Savannah Red Cross, and most recently worked on the marketing committee of the United Way. During the 1980s she was a loaned executive for the United Way and a member of the West Side Exchange Club.

Trish’s husband, Randy Reese, is an associate professor of music at AASU. They have two sons, William and Alan.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 3 at 2 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church, 6500 Habersham Street.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Patricia S. Reese Scholarship at AASU. Checks should be made to the Armstrong Atlantic State University Foundation with a notation to the Patricia S. Reese Scholarship. For more information, contact Gail Rountree at 927.5208.
**Welcome Aboard**

Geri Kilmer, Office of the Vice President, Business & Finance  
Claudia Gaiger, Engineering  
Carmen Bessant, External Affairs  
Teri Lowery, Nursing  
Jennifer Williams, Lane Library

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**Kudos**

**AASU wins four state awards**

Armstrong Atlantic has received four Gold Awards for publications and advertising from the Georgia School Public Relations Association. All of the award-winning materials were produced in the Office of University Relations.

A Gold Award for newsletters went to *Compass*. The alumni and community publication is written and edited by Barry J. Ostrow, designed by Joan Lehon, and photographed by Katherine Arntzen. Francisco Duque is a contributing writer.

The 2007 recruiting view book received a Gold Award in its category. Melanie Mirande and Joseph Crain, formerly in the Office of Recruiting, wrote the view book. It was designed by Anna de la Paz and photographed by Arntzen.

A spring 2007 print and billboard advertising campaign, “Just Think What We Can Do Together,” garnered a Gold Award for Ostrow, Lehon, and Arntzen.

Ostrow received the fourth Gold Award for excellence in writing for his article in the Winter 2007 issue of *Compass*, “A Giant in our Midst.” The article traced the story of K.C. Wu from governor of Taiwan to a beloved professor of Chinese history at Armstrong Atlantic.

Judy Awong-Taylor and Kathryn Craven, biology, with staff member Laura Griffiths and undergraduates Crystal Bass and Mario Muscarella, have published “Comparison of Biochemical and Molecular Methods for the Identification of Bacteria Associated with Failed Loggerhead Sea Turtle Eggs” in the *Journal of Applied Microbiology*.

Bill Baird, Cathy MacGowan, Cliff Padgett, and Eric Werner, chemistry & physics, along with nine students of the department's Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society (SA-ACS), entertained and introduced 360 students and their teachers at Richmond Hill Elementary School to the wonders of science in October.

MacGowan presented a talk on “Teaching Science Ethics as an Undergraduate Course” at the American Chemical Society Southeastern Regional Meeting in Greenville, South Carolina in October.

Chris Baker, languages, literature, philosophy, has published a new book, “Religion in the Age of Shakespeare” (Greenwood Press).
Jane Barnard, mathematics, hosted one of 40 national Texas Instruments sites providing professional development training for 50 middle, secondary, and university mathematics teachers. They trained with a new handheld platform, the TI-Nspire, in October. This technology is a model that interconnects algebra, geometry, statistics, and spreadsheet environments to more effectively use technology in teaching mathematics.

Richard Cebula, economics, and Garey Durden, Appalachian State University, published the lead article “Expected Benefits of Voting” in the International Journal of Applied Economics.

Cebula and Mary Ann Unemori, AASU economics major, published “Identity Theft: Recent Evidence” in Business Research.


Cebula and Toma also published “Determinants of Interstate Differentials in the Real Median Price of Single-Family Homes” in the Review of Business.

Jose A. da Cruz, political science, and Becky K. da Cruz, criminal justice, have published “Brazil: Restorative Justice in a Democracy without Citizenship” in the International Journal of Restorative Justice. Jose da Cruz has also published a review essay of “Soldiers of the Patria: A History of the Brazilian Army 1889-1937” by Frank D. McCann in the Revue Canadienne des Etudes Latino‑Americaines et Caribes, and a review essay of “Foreign Policy Toward Cuba: Isolation or Engagement?” by Michelle Zebich-Knos and Heather N. Nicol in the The Latin Americanist.

Brent Feske, chemistry & physics, and Scott Mateer, biology, made the following three presentations at the American Chemical Society’s National Meeting in Boston. Feske and Mateer were the presenting authors; the co-authors are undergraduate researchers from AASU:
• Improving asymmetric reductions by building reductase chimeras and the investigation of reductase mutagenesis” with Crystal Archer, Erik Davis, Ruchita Patel, and Mande Beers;
• “Utilizing Engineered E. coli as an Asymmetric Reducing Biocatalyst towards Serotonin Reuptake Inhibitors” with Richard Hammond and Benjamin Poston;
• “Targeted Mutation of the Yeast Reductase, YDL 124w, Affects Enzyme stereoselectivity” with Archer, Davis, Patel, and Beers.

Mark Finlay, history, delivered an invited talk, “American Rubber for War and Peace,” at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, California, in October.

Leah Fiorentino, College of Education, presented a paper, “Assessing Faculty Dispositions,” at the National Physical Education Teacher Education conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

Selwyn Hollis, mathematics, and Daniel Skidmore-Hess, criminal justice, social & political science, have received approval for granted advanced research leaves in spring 2008. Hollis will continue to improve his internationally recognized website that supports calculus students; Skidmore-Hess will complete his book, The Prophet, the Saint, and the Revolutionary: Women, Resistance, and the Politics of Knowledge.

Felix Hamza-Lup, computer science, will serve as a reviewer for the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers (IEEE ) Symposium on Haptic Interfaces and the IEEE Virtual Reality Conference. Both will be held in Reno, Nevada, in March 2008.
Hamza-Lup and Ivan Sopin, undergraduate student research assistant, have submitted a paper, “Haptics and Extensible 3D in Web-based Environments for e-Learning and Simulation,” to the International Conference on Web Information Systems and Technologies (WEBIST 2007) that will be held in Funchal, Madeira, Portugal in May 2008.


Will Lynch, chemistry & physics, has been elected to the American Chemical Society’s (ACS) Committee on Committees. The committee overseas the activities of 29 ACS committees and is composed of 15 councilors from across the United States. Lynch has also been appointed to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Student Athlete Reinstatement Committee.

Nancy Remler and Pat West, languages, literature, philosophy, are editors of “Collages: A Reader for Composition” (Pearson Custom Publishing).

Jonathan Roberts, psychology, was part of a panel discussion “One Size Does Not Fit All: Comparing Capstone Experiences Across Universities,” at the Beginnings & Endings: Best Practices for Introducing and Bringing Closure to the Undergraduate Psychology Major conference held in Atlanta.

Gwendolyn Stevens, part-time instructor in psychology, has published a book, Personality and Bereavement: Weaving a Life, with Infinity Publishing.

Lynn Stover, nursing, presented “Renew, Revamp and Revitalize Your Nursing Career with Covey’s Seven Habits of Highly Effective People” at the Georgia Perianesthesia Nurse Association’s annual conference in Savannah in September.

Richard Wallace, chemistry & physics, published “Ornamental Bananas: New Hybrids from a Group of Underutilized Landscape Plants” in Southeastern Palms. Co-authors included Greg Fonsah and Gerard Krewer, University of Georgia-Tifton, who are working with Wallace on several areas of banana research.

Learotha Williams and Barbara Fertig, history, met with other members of the National Endowment for the Humanities panel on interpretation of African American life on Ossabaw Island in October. This is an ongoing project in cooperation with the Ossabaw Island Education Alliance.

Hong Zhang and Hongjun Su, computer science, and Xian Yu Su, Sichuan University, China, have published a paper, “Automatic Phase Unwrapping Algorithm for Reconstruction of 3D Objects,” in Optics Letters.
Zhang, Su and **Stephen Jodis**, School of Computing, will present a paper, “Providing an Integrated Team Software Development Environment for Undergraduate Software Engineering Courses,” during the 21st Annual Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges: Southeastern Conference, November 9-10, Myrtle Beach, SC. The paper will be published in the *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges* in December.

Zhang and Su will also present “Reforming Computing Education with New Web Technologies” at the same conference. The paper will be published in the *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges* in December.


**Paul Goransson**, School of Computing, and Greenlaw, wrote “Secure Roaming in Wireless 802.11 Networks,” which was published by Elsevier Press.

**Calendar**

**November 1**
Mostly Mozart operatic arias and duets performed by AASU students guided by baritone Hank Hammett, 2:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. For information call 927.5381 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.

**November 1-4**
The Masquers present *True West*, Sam Shepard’s comic drama, 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on November 4), Jenkins Theater. For information call 927.5381.

**November 2-3**
The 10th annual Middle Grade Collaborative Regional Conference, Armstrong Center. Advance registration $30; AASU’s College of Education majors $10; on-site registration $40. For information contact Regina Rahimi, 921.3231, e-mail Regina.Rahimi@armstrong.edu.

**November 4**
International cultural exhibition and performance by Jim Donovan, 2-5 p.m., Cafeteria. For information call Jim Anderson, 921.5410.

**November 5**
Snehal Bhoola, gynecologic oncologist with the Curtis & Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute at Memorial University Medical Center, will give a presentation, “What should you know about cervical HPV vaccine,” noon, University Hall 156. For information call Marilyn Buck, 927.5254.
November 6
Lorna Tychostup will speak on “Making Peace with Many Truths: The War You Won’t See on TV,” 11:30 a.m., University Hall 156. For information call Jim Anderson, 921.5410

AASU Percussion Ensemble Concert and Jazz Combo, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. General admission is $5. For information call 927.5381 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.

Edwin San Juan Comedy Show, 7:30 p.m., University Dining Room. For more information call Jim Anderson, 921.5410.

November 8
Olayiwola Olurode, Nigerian Fulbright Scholar, will give a lecture on “The Problems of Succession in African Governments,” 10 a.m., and “The Status of Women in Islamic Society,” 1 p.m., Solms Hall 108. For information call Jim Anderson, 921.5410.

The Cercle Francais will present “La Grande Vadrouille” (The Great Walk) with English subtitles, following a sampling of French cuisine prepared by The Cercle Francais members starting at 6:30 p.m., University Hall 157. For information call Dorothee Mertz-Weigel, 927.5386.

November 10
AASU Gospel Back to School Concert with Karios Ministries, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. For information call Lottie Scott, 921.2394.

Chatham County Heart Walk with Team Armstrong. Registration begins at Lake Mayer at 8:30 a.m., the walk at 10 a.m. For registration or information visit the event Web site at www.chathamheartwalk.kintera.org or call David Lake, 921.2328.

November 13
The AASU Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. General admission is $5. For more information call 927.5381 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays

November 15
Savannah Sinfonietta featuring AASU's Kevin Hampton, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. For more information call Mario Incorvaia, 927.5325.

November 20
AASU Youth Orchestra Program Fall Concert, 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. General admission is $5. For information call 927.5381 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.

November 21-24
The university will be closed for students for Thanksgiving.

November 22-24
The university will be closed for faculty and staff for Thanksgiving.

November 27
Savannah Winds Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. General admission is $12. For more information call 927.5381 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.

November 29-December 2
The AASU Masquers present Belles, by Mark Dunn at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on December 2) in the Armstrong Center. General admission is $8. For more information call 927-5381 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays.
AASU In the News
The following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in October. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in university relations at 961.3173, or Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu.

10/1 Melody Rodriguez listed as one of the “40 under 40” leaders in the state. -Georgia Trend

10/1 Nursing new Project Success is featured. -La Voz Latina

10/3 Annette Lee, a science teacher, is named Beaufort County Teacher of the Year. She received her master’s degree in learning disabilities from AASU. -Beaufort Gazette

10/8 Tony R. Morris is interviewed about his faculty lecture presentation. -WBMQ-AM 630

10/8 The NSF awards a $483,760 grant to AASU toward scholarships in computer science, information technology, mathematics, biology, chemistry, and physics. -Savannah Daily News

10/9 Ned Rinalducci addresses lawmakers in Argentina. -Savannah Daily News

10/10 AASU and SSU will host Coastal Georgia universities Career Fair. -Savannah Morning News
Also, Savannah Morning News-10/14

10/11 HOLA hosts Latino Heritage Week. -Savannah Morning News

10/13 Two couples that met at Armstrong continue to double date 60 years later. -Savannah Morning News

10/15 Senior Johanna Dahlback won the 2007 ITA Super Bowl title, becoming only the second AASU player in school history to accomplish the feat. -Savannah Morning News


10/18 AASU held 12th annual Celebrate AASU Day. -Savannah Morning News
Also, WTOC-10/18; Fox-10/18, 10/19

10/22 Congressman John Barrow meets with administrators, students at AASU. -WSAV, WJCL
Also, WTOC-10/23; Savannah Morning News, 10/20

10/22 Mike Toma interviewed regarding Savannah’s housing market. -Business Report & Journal
The submission deadline for the December issue of eARMSTRONG is November 15.

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

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