College Of Health Professions Opens Clinics at Savannah Mall

The College of Health Professions will host a program and reception on Wednesday, October 4, at 6 p.m. to mark the grand opening of its clinics at the Savannah Mall. Refreshments and hors d’oeuvres will be served. The new 14,500-square-foot facility will house the Department of Dental Hygiene and the RiteCare Communicative Disorders Center.

Please join President Thomas Z. Jones; Barry Eckert, dean of the College of Health Professions; Donna Brooks, head of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders; Suzanne Edenfield, head of the Department of Dental Hygiene, and other distinguished guests during this special occasion. The new facility is located at Savannah Mall (Shawnee Street upper level entrance near Dillard’s). There is no entry from the mall into the clinics.

Buck Honored Upon Retirement

Joe Buck, former vice president for student affairs, was honored for his 38 years of service and legacy of leadership at a retirement celebration on September 24 at Wesley Gardens. Bill Kelso, interim vice president for student affairs, served as master of ceremonies.

Presentations were made by students Charita Hardy and Andres Escolar; E. Ann Bailey, Mississippi State University, president of the Southern Association for College Student Affairs; Dennis A. Pruitt, AASU alumnus and vice president for student affairs at the University of South Carolina; and three members of the student affairs staff, Al Harris, Robin Jones, and Kelly Tippy. Buck family members made comments followed by remarks from the honoree.

President Thomas Z. Jones presented Buck with the President’s Citation for 38 years of outstanding service and leadership to the university and the community. Jones also announced that the University System of Georgia Board of Regents had approved awarding him the official title of Emeritus Vice President for Student Affairs. Finally, Jones presented Buck with a commemorative AASU rocking chair engraved with his name, title, and years of service.
Celebrate AASU Day Coming October 18
Faculty, staff, students, and guests will mark the 11th annual Celebrate AASU Day with live music, home-cooked food, carnival rides, and games on Wednesday, October 18, from 11:50 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Kappa Sigma is planning to grill free hot dogs for the third year in a row. The International Student Organization will serve international cuisine. Alumni affairs will scoop up servings of free ice cream.

The Department of Mathematics once again sponsors its annual dunking booth, giving everyone a shot at dunking selected faculty and administrators. A bocce ball tournament and a book sale to benefit the Staff Book Scholarship will add to the festivities.

Awards will be handed out at the end of the festival for the best all-around booth, the most creative booth, most entertaining booth, most enthusiastic booth, and the best food booth.

Lane Library Rededication
The rededication of the Lane Library will be held at noon on Wednesday, October 25. At that time a portrait of Ben Lee will also be unveiled outside the Library Instruction Classroom, which will be named in his honor. A reception will follow.

AASU to Sponsor Top Teen Program
AASU will join with WTOC-TV as the sponsor of the station’s Top Teen program. This program recognizes teens who are providing leadership and serving as positive role models through academic, artistic, and athletic achievements and volunteerism.

AASU will be recognized during each weekly segment and through ongoing promotion of the program on the station and WTOC’s website.

Each Thursday during the 5:30 p.m. newscast, a story will air on a top teen from one of the 20 counties within WTOC’s market area. The story will be repeated during its Friday morning news show. Each honoree will receive a framed certificate and a letter from President Jones along with information about Armstrong Atlantic.

To be eligible, teens must be between the ages of 13 and 17 and be nominated through the submission of a completed application by a third party nominator. To nominate a teen for this honor, complete a nomination form online at WTOC.com or call the station at 234.1111 to request a form. The Office of University Relations will also keep a supply of nomination forms on hand should you wish to contact the office.

For more information, contact Patricia Reese at 927.5222 or reesepat@mail.armstrong.edu.
Faculty and Staff Campaign

During a celebration luncheon on September 13, the five campaign chairs received accolades from Leary Bell for outstanding participation in this year’s faculty and staff campaign. Overall participation was 72 percent. The leadership for this campaign was chair Chris McCarthy, along with co-chairs Susan White, Helen Taggart, Mario Incorvaia, and Fern Illidge. The College of Health Professions reached 100 percent first with the School of Computing reporting in at 100 percent minutes before the noon deadline. Taggart and the College of Health Professions will enjoy the trophy for this semester and will share it with the School of Computing for the spring semester of ’07. Twenty-nine departments reached 100 percent. Bell commended all participants for their enthusiasm to the campaign and their service to the university.

ESOL Fall Symposium for Educators

The College of Arts and Sciences will hold the second regional English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Symposium from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, October 21, at the Armstrong Center.

All professional educators in K-12 and universities, as well as ESOL and literacy volunteers, are invited to share strategies, successful lessons, and recommendations that could benefit students from other cultures who are learning English.

Registration fee is $20. SDU/CEU credit is available. Presentations will be limited to 20 minutes and presenters will need to bring enough handouts for 50 people.

AASU’s Mary Ann Sullivan, special and adult education, will give a presentation on the topic of accent reduction. ESOL materials from one or more publishers will be available.

Free parking is located directly in front of the Armstrong Center.

For more information, contact the Office of Professional and Continuing Education at 912.927.5322, or email Holly Smith at smithhol@mail.armstrong.edu.

21st Annual Coastal Georgia Universities Career Fair

Armstrong Atlantic State University and Savannah State University will host the 21st Annual Coastal Georgia Universities Career Fair on Thursday, October 26. This event will be held in the Armstrong Center from noon until 4 p.m. More than 800 employers have been invited. Students, alumni, and community members are encouraged to have their resumes critiqued. Everyone must wear business attire. Invitations to classes to present on resume writing and interviewing skills are welcome. See the Career Services website weekly to see updated listing of employer participants: www.sa.armstrong.edu/careerservices. For more information, contact Barbara Myers at 927.5372 or myersbar@mail.armstrong.edu.

AASU Day at St. Philip AME Church

Sunday, October 15, at 11 a.m., is AASU Day at St. Philip AME Church, 613 Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Lottie Scott in the Office of Student Success at 921.2394 or scottlot@mail.armstrong.edu.
The AASU bocce league has grown to 15 competing teams in just one year. This fall there are 77 faculty and staff participating.

The winner from the spring 2006 competition was the Sisyphians and Captain Beth Howell from languages, literature, and philosophy. They were undefeated after competing with 12 teams last year. The Faculty Activity Committee sponsors the bocce league.

This year the following teams are participating: four from the College of Education, one each from the Lane Library, information technology, general science, economics, psychology, continuing education/nursing, plant operations/health/French, and two from chemistry & physics.

Overseeing the organization of the league and the setting up of the matches is Commissioner of Bocce Patrick Brennan, special & adult education.

For more information, contact Brennan at 961.3084 or brennapa@mail.armstrong.edu.

Welcome Aboard

John Bennett, University Police
Jennifer Braddock, Student Housing
Brian Carter, Plant Operations
Ruth Davis, Nursing
Tiffany Dodgen, Student Activities
Theresa Gerson, Middle Grades & Secondary Education
Kimberly Monroe, Plant Operations
Joseph Peny, University Police
Gretchen Roberson, Nursing
Rosalind Taylor, Middle Grades & Secondary Education/GaTAPP
Shannon Vo, Recruiting
Eva Whitehead, Biology

Kudos

Judy Dubus and Jewell Anderson, Lane Library, have been awarded a grant by the Association of Research Libraries to fund the library’s participation in the 2007 LibQual survey. The survey is intended to help services and functions. This award is one of only five given to encourage participation in the nationwide survey.

The Master of Health Services Administration program has recently been accepted as a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives’ (ACHE) Higher Education Network. The network is a collaborative effort between ACHE and university programs in health services administration to foster the relationship between current students and the healthcare management profession.

Stephen Jodis, School of Computing, was one of 20 professors to successfully complete a national training course in the spring of 2006 to become a program evaluator for the Computing Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology. He will participate in his first site visit this fall.

Jodis chaired a National Science Foundation review panel in Washington, D.C. in July and served on two other panels during the 2005-06 academic year.
Patrick Thomas, middle grades & secondary education, presented an invited paper “American Higher Education: Thoughts and Concerns for the Future,” at the Institute for Management and Business in Astana, Kazakhstan. Thomas was the only American presenter; others were from Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and other Central Asian republics. The presentation was published in conference proceedings and distributed this past summer.

Patrick Hannigan, middle grades & secondary education, serves as a member of the Guiding Coalition, a superintendent’s decision-making committee, and is also a member of the Community Involvement Task Force, a superintendent’s task force designed to encourage community engagement in the problem-solving efforts within the Savannah-Chatham school district.

Brenda Logan, middle grades & secondary education, is a board member and co-chair of evaluation at the Oglethorpe Charter School. She is a board member for the Georgia State Charter School Board. She is serving on the Georgia Assessments for the Certifications of Educators development committee for the revision of the Praxis II content test in language arts for middle grade teacher candidates. Logan was invited to serve on the 2006-07 selection committee for the Teacher of the Year awards.

Donna Mullenax, chemistry & physics, has been named the Georgia coordinator for the Science Bowl. The Science Bowl is a national competition for high school students where teams compete in a “Jeopardy” format with questions from all disciplines of science and mathematics. Anyone with a child that is in high school who is interested in competing, should contact Mullenax at 921.3784 or mullendo@mail.armstrong.edu. The Science Bowl is open to all schools in Georgia, public and private. Teams must have at least four members.

Ana Torres, Ellen Blossman, and Bill Deaver, languages, literature & philosophy, had articles appear in the recently published book Juan Felipe Toruño: en dos mundos.

Erik Nordenaug, languages, literature & philosophy, presented “Who or What do the Social Sciences Serve in the Technological Society?” at the International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences this past July in Rhodes, Greece. His presentation explored the implications of the vast network of techniques devised by the social sciences for the adaptation of humanity to the globalizing technology order.


Jim Brawner, Tim McMillan, and Paul Hadavas, mathematics, were featured speakers at the third Annual Learning Community and second Annual Southeast PRISM P-16 Teaching and Learning Conference held at Jekyll Island in September.

Jose da Cruz, criminal justice, social, & political science, has been elected by the faculty body to the AASU Executive Committee.

Kessa Englert, graduate student, nursing, will complete her graduate Nursing Administration Practicum with Tine Hansen-Turton, CEO of the National Nursing Centers Consortium (NNCC) in Philadelphia, PA. She will be at the national headquarters for one week, and then attend the NNCC conference in Del Ray Beach, FL, in October. Englert’s unique learning opportunity has been funded by Hansen-Turton, NNCC, Dean Barry Eckert, College of Health Professions, Camille Stern, nursing, and the Graduate Student Council.
Felix Hamza-Lup, computer science, has been awarded a $10,000 grant from the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Orlando, FL, for his research related to radiation therapy simulation. The purpose of the research is to create a real-time, 3-D graphical simulator for an advanced radiation therapy/surgery medical system that significantly improves the radiation planning process. Hamza-Lup plans to actively involve undergraduate and graduate students in research. For more information, visit http://hyperion.armstrong.edu:8080/3DRTT/.

Hamza-Lup, Sanford Meeks, and Omar Zeidan, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, co-authored a paper “A 3D collision Avoidance Tool for External Beam Radiation Therapy Treatment Planning.” They presented at the 48th American Association of Physicists in Medicine meeting, in July in Orlando.

Kelsey Andersson, who received her MA in history from AASU in the spring of 2006, won the Bonner Award, for the best master’s thesis on a Georgia topic, “Savannah, Georgia: Local Compliance to Brown v. Board of Education.” Her thesis committee was chaired by June Hopkins, history, Mike Price, graduate studies & sponsored programs, and Lee Williams, external affairs.

Graduate student Matt Benton has been awarded an assistantship for the fall semester 2006. The assistantship was established by The Chatham Artillery Unit and the AASU History Department Alliance, to fund a history graduate student for at least three semesters. Benton will conduct research on the unit, including oral histories and a written history of the unit.

The Mighty Eighth Airforce Museum has provided assistantships for two graduate students, April Duffie and Diana Cummings, and one undergraduate student, Christopher Story.

Three history students held internships with the National Park Service at Fort Pulaski this past summer: graduate students Corey Carr, Jaime Trotter, and Matt Turner, and undergraduate student Tim Faught. The program, which provides full-time employment during the summer and part-time work during the academic year, is open to history majors and history graduate students with a GPA of 3.5 or better.

Barbara Fertig, history, has just completed the new City Tourist Guide Manual and Exam for Tour Guides, which she did at the request of the City of Savannah.

Events
October 3
Women’s Soccer vs. University of South Carolina-Upstate, 4 p.m., Cingular Field

October 4
Grand opening of health professions clinics, 6 p.m., Savannah Mall

Last day of classes (Session 2)

AASU Gospel Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., Fine Arts 202. For more information, contact Mario Incorvaia at 927.5325 or incorvma@mail.armstrong.edu.

October 5
Final exams begin (Session 2)

The Masquers present Picnic, 7:30 p.m., Jenkins Theater
October 6
Mid-term (Session 1)
Final exams end (Session 2)
Faculty Forum, noon, Solms Hall 110

The Coastal Georgia section of the American Chemical Society (ACS) will be hosting the ACS Environmental Science Symposium, noon-7 p.m., Science Center 1407. For more information, contact Cathy MacGowan at 921.5656 or macgowca@mail.armstrong.edu.

The Masquers present Picnic, 7:30 p.m., Jenkins Theater

October 7
Savannah Art Association workshop, sponsored by Art, Music & Theatre, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Fine Arts Annex 001

The Masquers present Picnic, 7:30 p.m., Jenkins Theater

October 9
Faculty meeting, 12:10 p.m., University Hall 156

October 10
Registration (Session 3)
Graduate Council meeting, 2:30 p.m., Burnett Hall Board Room

AASU Wind Ensemble concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

October 11
AASU Gospel Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., Fine Arts 202. For more information, contact Mario Incorvaia at 927.5325 or incorvma@mail.armstrong.edu.

October 12-15
Fall Break

October 13
Women’s Soccer vs. Anderson University, 4 p.m., Cingular Field

October 15
AASU Day at St. Philip AME Church, 11 a.m., 613 Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard

October 16
First day of classes (Session 3)

October 16-November 9
Faculty Art Exhibition
Perception and Reality: An Examination of American Print Media, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays, Fine Arts Gallery

October 17
Council of Deans, 10:30 a.m., location to be announced

“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium
October 18
Celebrate AASU Day, 11:50 a.m.-6 p.m., Quad

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

AASU Gospel Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., Fine Arts 202. For more information, contact Mario Incorvaia at 927.5325 or incorvma@mail.armstrong.edu.

October 20
Women's Soccer vs. Georgia College & State University, Peach Belt Conference match, 4 p.m., Cingular Field

Art Gallery reception, “Perception and Reality: An Examination of American Print Media,” Angela Ryczkowski Horne, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Gallery

Women’s Volleyball vs. University of South Carolina Aiken, 7 p.m., Aquatics & Recreation Center

October 21
Women's Volleyball vs. Augusta State University, 4 p.m., Aquatics & Recreation Center

October 22
Women’s Soccer vs. Belmont Abbey College, 2 p.m., Cingular Field

October 23-26
Guest Artist Series Event
Art, Music & Theatre sponsors NYC tenor Hank Hammett, in a week-long residency. Hammett will teach stage movement, character development, and text analysis for the singer. Voice instruction, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Attendance is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Mario Incorvaia at 927.5325 or incorvma@mail.armstrong.edu.

October 24
Academic Council, 2:30 p.m., University Hall 157

October 25
Emeriti Faculty brunch, 10 a.m., University Dining Room. For more information, contact Letty Shearer at 921.5967 or shearele@mail.armstrong.edu.

Rededication of Lane Library, noon, Lane Library

AASU Gospel Choir rehearsal, 6 p.m., Fine Arts 202. For more information, contact Mario Incorvaia at 927.5325 or incorvma@mail.armstrong.edu.

October 26
21st Annual Coastal Georgia Universities Career Fair, noon-4 p.m., Armstrong Center

The Masquers present Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead, 7:30 p.m., Jenkins Black Box Theater

October 27
Women’s Volleyball vs. Francis Marion University, 7 p.m., Aquatic Recreation Center

The Masquers present Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead, 7:30 p.m., Jenkins Black Box Theater
October 28
Open House, 10 a.m., Armstrong Center

Youth Halloween Carnival, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., AASU Free Speech Zone. The carnival is sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and is open to the children of all faculty, staff, and students, as well as their guests. There will be inflatable games and food. For more information, contact Brian Dawsey at 921.2087 or dawsebri@mail.armstrong.edu.

Regents’ Test, 2-5 p.m., location determined by registration in SHIP

Women’s Volleyball vs. University of North Carolina Pembroke, Peach Belt Conference match, 4 p.m., Aquatic Recreation Center

Georgia Music Education Association District Honor Choir performance, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. For more information, contact Mario Incorvaia at 927.5325 or incorvma@mail.armstrong.edu.

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

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