Armstrong Atlantic establishes the Cyber Security Research Institute

On September 10, AASU inaugurated the Cyber Security Research Institute (CSRI), one of the first research institutes of its kind in the nation. The CSRI was established as the next innovative step in AASU’s Cyber Security Initiative with the goal to provide expertise in cyber and homeland security issues as it relates to specific academic courses, training, and research and development projects. The institute is unique in that it combines societal and behavioral sciences of criminal justice with computer science, information technology, and computer engineering. This enables efficient development of tools and curriculum. The institute will utilize the university’s intellectual resources in the areas of computer science and criminal justice, while advancing cyber security-related education at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

CSRI established strategic partnerships with two companies, The Washington Group International and Bridgeborn.

According to Randy Grubb, CSRI director, “The Cyber Security Research Institute will allow AASU to engage strategic partners to perform cyber security work to increase the security of our country while at the same time educating and training students who will become our next generation leaders in the industry.”

CSRI is housed in a newly reconstructed 8,000 square-foot facility on the northeast corner of Library and Arts drives.

The latest technology in medicine: imaging and radiation oncology

On September 19, Omar Zeidan gave a talk on “Beating Cancer – Imaging and Radiation Oncology” as part of The Anne and Sigmund Hudson Mathematics and Computing Colloquium series co-chaired by Tim Ellis and Felix Hamza-Lup and co-hosted by the health sciences, nursing, and radiologic sciences departments. The event, sponsored by MD Anderson Cancer Foundation, brought to campus researchers and professionals from Memorial Health University Medical Center’s Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute and the Nancy N. and J.C. Lewis Cancer & Research Pavilion at St. Joseph’s/Candler.
The AASU Savannah Elderhostel named one of the top ten favorite

The Elderhostel program at AASU has been named one of the top ten favorite Elderhostel destinations in the country. The Daily Top Ten list, maintained by Elderhostel, indicates programs with the highest enrollment in the preceding 24 hours. AASU’s program has made the list on several occasions. In recognizing the popularity of the program, the national organization will feature the AASU program on the cover of an upcoming fall publication.

Elderhostel is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing learning adventures for people 55 and older. Programs are offered in all 50 states and in 90 countries.

The AASU Savannah Elderhostel offers four sites: historic district, midtown, Tybee Island, and Beaufort, SC. In all 1,478 people attended the program last year.

For further information contact Diana Anderson at 921.5439 or Diana.Anderson@armstrong.edu.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Savannah Society of Radiologic Technologists will host its bi-monthly meeting on October 18, 6-8 p.m. in room 158 of University Hall. Lesia T. Jackson, director of breast imaging at Memorial Health University Medical Center, will present “An Update on Breast Imaging.” The event is free and open to the public. All radiologic technologists are encouraged to join the local society for an annual fee of $15.00. For further information, contact Sharon Gilliard-Smith, president, Savannah Society of Radiologic Technologist at 912.2125, or Sharon.Gilliard-Smith@armstrong.edu.
Welcome Aboard
Serena Whittikki, University Bookstore
Rita Ann Brownlee, Nursing
Virginia Predmore, Economics
Susan Orsini, Enrollment Services

On the Move
Crystal Rivera, from the College of Health Professions to the Nursing Department
Jamie Mullins, from Student Success to the Registrar’s Office in Enrollment Services

Kudos
Lynn M. Stover, nursing, has been awarded tenure.

Georgia Massey and Jill Willoughby have been promoted within external affairs. Massey was promoted to coordinator of database systems (output) and Willoughby to special projects coordinator.


Cathy MacGowan, chemistry & physics, recently presented a talk, “A neophyte’s venture in computer land teaching: An online General, Organic & Biochemistry course,” as part of Computers in Chemical Education: Past, Present & Future at the American Chemical Society fall meeting in Boston.

Soluman Culver and Rachel Bongini, two undergraduate students in chemistry, have published the results of their research, “Engineering Aluminum Binding Affinity in an Isolated EF-hand from Troponin C: A Computational Site-directed Mutagenesis Study,” in the September 2007 issue of the Journal of Inorganic Biochemistry.

Greg Knofczynski, Paul Hadavas and Lorrie Hoffman, mathematics, have published “Effects of Implementing Projects in an Elementary Statistics Class” in the September issue of the Journal of Mathematical Sciences and Mathematics Education.

Vann Scott, psychology, presented “Implementing Evidence-based Practices in the Assessment of ADD” at the 5th Annual Conference of the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology in Denver, CO.

Works of Pang-Chieh Hsu, art, music & theatre, are currently part of an exhibition, “Manipulating then Commonplace: Nine Southern Artists Reinterpret Realism,” at the Swan Coach House Gallery in Atlanta.

Leigh E. Rich, health sciences, presented “Rolling the Bones: Law, Risk, and Body Boundaries” at the Georgia Public Health Association’s 78th annual meeting and conference in Savannah.

Rich and graduate students Amanda Robinson, health sciences, and Carla Rodriguez, MALPS, presented “Demonized Women and Emasculated Men: Gender Role Construction in the Era of Television” at the same conference.

“The Afterbirth of the Clinic: A Foucauldian Perspective on House M.D. and American Medicine in the 21st Century,” a paper by Rich, Jack Simmons, philosophy, David Adams, health sciences, Scott Thorp, SCAD, and Michael Mink, health sciences, has been accepted for publication in Perspectives in Biology and Medicine.


Mark Finlay, history, delivered a seminar talk on “Resistance to Domestic Rubber Crops, 1942-1945” for the Workshop in the History of Agriculture and the Environment at the University of Georgia.

Richard Wallace, chemistry and physics, was featured on both the August 30 and September 13 editions of Georgia Public Broadcasting’s television program, “Gardening in Georgia.” The programs featured his research on ornamental and cold-hardy bananas.

Wallace and Suzy Carpenter, chemistry, as consultants/lead teachers for Thomson Learning, recently hosted two Webex sessions titled, “Getting Started with OWL for Organic Chemistry.” A recording of their presentation can be found at www.thomsonedu.com/tlconnect/client/product/archiveSeminar.do?id=4.

Veronica Black, who has served as the Lady Pirates’ graduate assistant for the last two seasons, will move into the assistant coach spot, while former standout Brittany Harmon will join the program as the new graduate assistant coach.

Calendar

October 6
AASU Soccer vs. Newberry College, AASU soccer field, 3-5 p.m.

October 8-November 8
Art, music & theatre presents No Strings Attached, the paintings of June Stratton, AASU Fine Arts Gallery. For more information, contact Mario Incorvaia, 921.5496.

October 9
AASU Wind Ensemble performs its first concert of the fall season, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. For more information call 927.5325.

October 17
Celebrate AASU Day 2007, 11:50 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call Al Harris, student activities, 927.5300.

October 25-28
The AASU Masquers present The Big Kahuna, by Roger Reuff, 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on October 28), Jenkins Theater. General admission is $8. For more information call 927.5381.

October 26
Art, music & theatre hosts guest pianist Denine LeBlanc, 7:30-9 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. For more information call 927.5325.

November 1-4
The AASU Masquers present True West, by Sam Shepard, 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on November 4), Masquers Chinese Theater, Armstrong Center. General admission is $8. For more information call 927.5381.

AASU In the News

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

9/1 Liz Desnoyers-Colas is featured.
  -Skirt Magazine

9/7 AASU’s men’s golf team ranked 12th in the Golf World/NIKE Division II Golf Coaches’ Top 25 Preseason Poll.
  -Savannah Morning News

  -Savannah Morning News
9/10 AASU announces the Cyber Security Research Institute.
-WTOC, WSAV, WJCL, WTKS-AM
Also, WQMB-AM-9/11; Savannah Morning News-9/11; Business Report and Journal-9/4, 9/7, and 9/17; Connect Savannah-9/12

9/10 Thomas Z. Jones discusses globalization and education.
-Business Report and Journal

9/10 AASU coach Eric Faulconer registered his 100th collegiate coaching victory of his career.
-Savannah Morning News

9/12 AASU new academic programs, journalism boot camp featured.
-Connect Savannah

9/20 The National Science Foundation awarded AASU a $1.2 million grant to help develop a multimedia guide at Ossabaw, involving 90 teachers and 120 middle school students.
-WJCL

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- For news of both the university system office and individual campuses, read the monthly *System Supplement*: [www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/](http://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/](http://www.usg.edu/pubs/value/).
- *Linkages* reports news of the university system and provides hot links to related source materials: [www.usg.edu/linkages/](http://www.usg.edu/linkages/).

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The submission deadline for the November issue of *eArmstrong* is October 15.

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

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