Welcome to the new school year!

President Linda Bleicken welcomed faculty and staff for the first time during a first-day convocation (above left). This was followed by a welcome back luncheon at the Armstrong Center (above right).

Students moved into their residence halls with help from family, friends and a brigade of faculty, staff and other students (left).

The annual Beach Bash (left) started off as a celebration of sun, surf and camaraderie, but was rudely interrupted by heavy rain.
Campus Campaign 2009

The 2009 AASU Campus Campaign is our annual fundraiser that allows those of us who are part of the AASU family to give back and support the excellence in education that defines what we do and the university we represent. Your donations make a significant difference in the lives of our students and to our campus community as a whole. To find out more visit www.armstrong.edu/Give/index/campus_campaign.

Below is a list of the volunteer team leaders who will be coming to tell you all about the 2009 AASU Campus Campaign.

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**Annual Staff Advisory Council Book Collection**

This month, the Staff Advisory Council will collect books, VHS tapes and DVDs for the annual book sale held at Celebrate AASU Day. The money raised will go toward the Staff Advisory Council Textbook Scholarships. Be on the lookout for collection boxes in your department. All types of media are welcome with the exception of textbooks or anything adult in nature. If you have any questions or would like to participate in any way, feel free to contact Laura Harris at 42600.

**ROTC Information Session**

The AASU Military Science/ROTC program will host an information session from 2-4 p.m., Friday, September 11 in the Armstrong Center Auditorium. Students considering the ROTC program are strongly encouraged to attend. The session will provide information on program requirements and will describe the skills that are important in the military today. The event is open to all students, faculty and staff.

The following officers will present sessions on a variety of topics.

**Major Greg Arndt**, foreign area officer, has background in armor and military intelligence and is trained in Arabic. He was embedded with the Iraqi government to coordinate efforts during the surge in 2007.

**Major Sonise Lumbaca**, a public affairs officer, served in Iraq for two tours under the 18th Airborne Corps and has dealt extensively with national media on the battlefield.

**Major Jeff Biggans**, acquisition officer, worked in Iraq for one year managing the IED (improvised explosive device) threat.

**Major John Bishop**, Special Forces, has extensive experience in counter-insurgency operations in Afghanistan. He is trained in Arabic.

**Captain Debra Marie**, Military Police, was a commander of Military Police in Iraq’s Anbar Province. She experienced firsthand the complications of training a foreign police force in an Arab country and conducting joint operations with the U.S. Marines.

**Major Christian Ayers**, acquisition officer, commanded an infantry company in Iraq. He earned a master’s degree from the Naval Postgraduate School.

**Major Matthew Hasting**, ORSA (Operations Research and Systems Analysis), has served for more than a decade, including as a infantry company commander. He earned a master’s degree in operational research from the Naval Postgraduate School.

**Major James Scott**, ORSA, has been in the reserves and in Recruiting Command. He understands the issues between active duty and the reserves and the challenges of recruiting during wartime.

For further information about the ROTC information session, contact Major Marion Johnson, Jr., ROTC department head, at 344.3161 or Marion.Johnson@armstrong.edu.
Calendar

*For all art, music & theatre events call 344.2801 from noon to 3 p.m., weekdays, for information.

September 4
Brittny Hargrove, soprano, in graduation recital at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free.*

September 9
Continuing Education Open House, 4-6:30 p.m., Armstrong Center
William Daugherty (political science) will speak on “The Iranian Elections, Related Issues and the Future” at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

September 11
Faculty Lecture Series, 12:10 p.m., University Hall 156
Douglas E. Masini, department head of respiratory therapy, will present “The Promise of an Accidental Pedagogy,” a challenge for educators to consider an accidental learning model in academic fields.
Women's Volleyball vs. Wingate, 7 p.m.

September 12
Women's Volleyball vs. Barry, 1:30 p.m.
Women's Soccer vs. Lander, 3:30 p.m.
Women's Volleyball vs. Lynn, 6 p.m.

September 14-October 2
2009 Faculty Art Exhibition in the Fine Arts Gallery, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays.
Admission is free.*

September 24-27
The Masquers presents Hedda Gabler by Henrik Ibsen at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. only on September 27) in Jenkins Hall Theater. General admission is $10. Discounts are available to military, seniors, alumni members, and students/children. AASU staff, faculty, and students presenting a valid AASU PirateCard will be admitted free of charge.*

September 16
Art gallery reception for artists in the 2009 Faculty Art Exhibition at noon in the Fine Arts Gallery. Admission is free.*

September 20-21
Tenth Southeastern Choral Arts Festival. AASU Singers and AASU Chorale perform under the direction of Robert Harris, director of choral activities, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.*

September 25
Faculty Lecture Series, 12:10 p.m., University Hall 156
June Hopkins, history department head, will compare the economics between the 1930s and the present-day in her lecture, “Echoes from the Thirties.”

September 25
Women's Soccer vs. Tampa, 5 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball vs. Montevallo, 7:30 p.m.
September 26
Women’s Volleyball vs. Augusta State, 1 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball vs. West Georgia, 3 p.m.
Women’s Soccer vs. Ga. Southwestern, 3:30 p.m.
Women’s Volleyball vs. Fayetteville State, 6 p.m.

September 30
Women’s Volleyball vs. Flagler, 7 p.m.

Kudos
Felix Hamza-Lup (computer science) wrote a book chapter, “Web-Based 3D and Haptic Interactive Environments for e-Learning, Simulation, and Training,” in Web Information Systems and Technologies Published by Springer Berlin Heidelberg. Ivan Sopin, a master’s candidate, is co-author. Hamza-Lup serves as the general networking chair for the International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality.

Christine Moore and Rhonda Bevis (both respiratory therapy) served as committee members and hostesses to the Georgia Society for Respiratory Care’s annual summer meeting in Savannah last month. Douglas E. Masini (respiratory therapy) spoke at the meeting on “The Owners Manual for Asthma,” based on an article he wrote in Respir Care 2008.

Masini was an invited speaker on “asphyxial games” at the Colorado Society for Respiratory Care annual meeting in Keystone, CO. He also published “Don’t forget to breathe” in the May-June edition of Focus Journal and “Acute chest syndrome in sickle cell anemia” in the July-August edition of the same publication. Additionally, Masini serves as a respiratory therapist at the Backus Children’s Hospital multidisciplinary cystic fibrosis clinic.

The respiratory therapy program received a donated High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillator (Vest) from Hill-Rom. Respiratory therapy students will be trained on its use in mucociliary diseases, especially pediatric ciliary dyskinesia, Kartagener’s Syndrome and cystic fibrosis.

Linda Jensen (art, music & theatre) received five Special Recognition Merit Awards for her artwork in the 8th Annual Summer All Media Juried Online International Art Exhibition hosted by Upstream People Gallery.

Richard Wallace (chemistry & physics) has co-authored “Musa x georgiana, a New Intersectional Hybrid Banana with Edible Banana Breeding Relevance and Ornamental Potential” in the Nordic Journal of Botany.

Lorrie Hoffman (mathematics) presented “Modeling Animal Mother-Infant Distance Proximity Over Time to Determine a Change Point in Behavior” at the Joint Statistical Meetings held in Washington, D.C. last month. Her presentation was based on research results discovered jointly with Greg Knofczynski (mathematics) and Steve Clark from SeaWorld in Orlando, while working with former AASU students Jaree Hudson (now at the University of Oregon), Heather King and Alfreda Rogers (who are now both at Georgia Southern University). Hoffman was also the chair of a conference session, “Stirring the Pot: Radical Ideas in Statistics Education.”

Bill Deaver’s (languages, literature & philosophy) article, “El Laberinto del Fauno: Una Alegoría para la España Democrática,” has been accepted for publication in Romance Notes.
Hassan Aziz (medical technology) was nominated to serve on the board of directors of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science.


Angela R. Horne (art, music & theatre) participated in the 2009 Worldwide Photo Walk in Lisboa, Portugal. The event is co-sponsored by Adobe and the National Association of Photoshop Professionals. Photographers had a few hours to capture imagery and one week to edit and upload their best images. Two of her images are featured on the Lisboa group’s website. You can see them at http://worldwidephotowalk.com/ and http://worldwidephotowalk.com/lisbon-li-pt/.

Horne also won a silver ADDY award from the Savannah Advertising Federation for the website she designed for The Friends of Johnny Mercer. Her award-winning website can be seen at http://friendsofjohnnymercer.com/.

Mark Finlay (history) delivered a talk, “Growing American Guayule: A Century of the Search for a Domestic Rubber Crop,” to the Yulex Corporation of Maricopa (AZ) and invited scientists from the nearby United States Arid Land Agricultural Research Center.

George Shields (College of Science & Technology) hosted the Eighth MERCURY (Molecular Education and Research Consortium in Undergraduate computational chemistRy) conference on Computational Chemistry in Clinton, NY last month. Two undergraduate students made poster presentations of their summer projects. Kaye Archer presented “Accurate Predictions of the Structure and Energetics of Water Decamers.” Amber-Kay Barnes presented “Computational Study of an Anticancer Pharmacophore using Alpha-Fetoprotein Derived Peptides.”

Maya Reynolds Clark (communication sciences & disorders) was elected to serve as the southeastern region representative for the Georgia Speech Language Hearing Association for the coming year.

William Nathan Hack, a mathematics student, won an Outstanding Presentation award for “Dancing with Deforming Points” at the Mathematics Association of America’s MathFest 2009 last month in Portland, OR. His presentation was based on research he did this summer with Sungkon Chang, (mathematics).

AASU in the News

Following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in August. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in Marketing & Communications at 344.2971, or Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu.

8/1 Mike Toma (economics) quoted in a story about the growth of the healthcare industry in Savannah
Savannah Morning News

8/8 The College of Science and Technology is awarded a $308,000 NSF instrumentation grant for the purchase of a liquid chromatography mass spectrometer.
Savannah Daily News
AASU student Adrian Anderson (public health) was selected for a two-year post-graduate fellowship with Catholic Healthcare Partners.

WTOC-TV

Richard Cebula’s (economics) bimonthly column is published.

Savannah Morning News

Move-in day at AASU
WTOC-TV, WJCL/Fox and WSAV-TV

Fall semester begins at AASU.
WTOC-TV
Also, WJCL/Fox 8/16

AASU opens First-year Experience Resource Center
WJCL/Fox-TV

Pirates put three players on PBC Volleyball squad
Savannah Morning News

Richard Wallace (chemistry) collaborates with colleagues across the state in banana research
WGTV-TV (GPB-Atlanta)

Michael Toma (economics) writes a business column on “comparative advantage.”

Business in Savannah

Randy Grubb (cyber security) interviewed on the Bill Edwards Show
WTKS-AM

Richard Cebula’s (economics) bimonthly column is published
Savannah Morning News

University System of Georgia Electronic News

For news of both the university system office and individual campuses, read the monthly System Supplement: www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/

The submission deadline for the October issue of eARMSTRONG is September 15.

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

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