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## Administration building renamed for President Burnett

On September 23, Armstrong Atlantic State University will honor its fifth president, Robert Adair Burnett, by dedicating the Administration Building as Burnett Hall. The ceremony will begin at 11 a.m.

A highlight of the dedication ceremony will be the unveiling of a portrait of Burnett commissioned for this occasion. The portrait will be hung in the reception hall next to the corridor leading to the newly remodeled east wing where Burnett led the university for so many years.

## New Department Head for Languages, Literature, and Philosophy

David M. Wheeler has been named head of the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Philosophy. An academic of more than twenty years, Wheeler has taught English and has served as chair of the Department of English at the University of Southern Mississippi. His area of specialization is 18th century British literature.

Wheeler earned his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia and his master's from the University of Chicago. He also studied at the graduate level at the University of London.

## Bennett Interim Director

Katherine Bennett, criminal justice, social & political science, has accepted the position of interim director of institutional research. Bennett will move into the position on a full-time basis on August 8.

## President's Conference Room and AASU Board Room

The President's Conference Room and AASU Board Room are again available for meetings. If you need to reserve these spaces or the President's Dining Room, please contact Peggy Witherow at [witherpe@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:witherpe@mail.armstrong.edu) or call 927.5258.

## Community Leaders Join AASU Board of Trustees

The Armstrong Atlantic State University Foundation Board of Trustees announced that nine leaders from the Savannah community have joined its twenty-four member board.

The new members of the Foundation Board of Trustees are: **Bill Cathcart**, vice president and general manager of WTOC-TV; **Matt Gignilliat**, director of economic development and regulatory affairs for Savannah Electric; **John Howard, Jr., D.D.S.**; **Karen Panzitta, M.D.**, a practicing physician at Radiology Associates of Savannah; **Paul Pressley**, education coordinator for the Ossabaw Island Foundation in Savannah and past-president of Savannah Country Day School; **Vernice Rackett**, membership director for the Savannah Quarters Country Club; **William Ray, Jr., D.D.S.**; **Bert Tenenbaum**, president of Chatham Steel Corporation; and **Linda Zoller**, an active volunteer in the Savannah community.

## First Day '05 Faculty/Staff Campaign

Helen Taggart is the chair for this year's faculty/staff campaign, First Day '05. This campaign gives all university faculty and staff the opportunity to show AASU support by contributing to the annual fund. All contributions, regardless of the amount, are meaningful to the institution and can be designated to any department or scholarship.

The college or school reaching 100% participation will receive the coveted Campaign Cup. All departments reaching 100% participation, as well as those departments that show significant improvement over last year's percentage, will be recognized.

Campaign pledge forms will be mailed to all AASU faculty and staff during the first week of August. The kick-off for the First Day campaign is August 9. Everyone making a pledge or contribution on that day will receive an AASU First Day portfolio.

For more information, please contact Helen Taggart at 921.7312 or at [taggarhe@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:taggarhe@mail.armstrong.edu) or Gail Rountree at 927.5208 or at [rourtrga@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:rourtrga@mail.armstrong.edu).

## Lane Library to add to JStor

By fall 2005, Lane Library will add Arts and Sciences IV to its JStor subscriptions. Arts and Sciences IV will provide online access to the back issues of 100 journals by 2006.

JStor stands for Journal Storage and is a searchable database of digitized scholarly journals. Collections are searchable from the JStor search interface. JStor articles can be retrieved by journal title. Ask a librarian for more about finding JStor articles by subject.

JStor is useful to students and researchers interested in the scholarly journal literature of the arts and sciences, including the disciplines of history, social sciences, African-American studies, mathematics, business, law, public policy, religion, literature, and philosophy.

A 45-minute update on JStor's content and search ability will be offered to students, faculty, and staff August 31 and September 16 from 12:15 to 1 p.m. in Room 104 of Solms Hall.

## Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant

With the Project Safe Neighborhoods grant, through the U.S. Department of Justice, the AASU Center for Justice Administration was able to offer training to violent crimes investigators from area law enforcement agencies. The forty-hour training course was conducted on campus May 23-27. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a nation-wide commitment to reduce gun violence by networking existing local programs that target gun crime and providing those programs with additional tools necessary to be successful. The goal is to take a hard line against gun criminals through every available means in an effort to make our streets and communities safer.

## Welcome Aboard

Angela Ryczkowski, Art, Music & Theatre  
Ronald Binkney, Brunswick Center  
Brent Feske, Chemistry & Physics  
Corie Hammers, Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science  
Hongxia Yang, Lane Library  
Monty Laycox, Languages, Literature & Philosophy  
Julie Timms, Nursing  
Diane Blaylock, Registrar/Admissions

## Events

### August 4-6

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents Neil Simon's *A Star Spangled Girl* at 7:30 p.m. in Jenkins Theater (3 p.m. only on August 6). General admission is \$8. Call 927.5381 for ticketing information.

### August 9

A Hawaiian luau for faculty and staff will be held in the Memorial College Center from 5 to 8 p.m. The evening will include a buffet dinner, island calypso band, limbo contest, and door prizes. An adult guest is welcome. RSVP to 921.5955 or merricsh@mail.armstrong.edu.

### August 10

Lane Library will have an Open House in the new recreation building, left of the Aquatic Center, from 1 to 3 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, explore library collections, and view the plans for the library's yearlong renovation.

### August 19

The 15th Annual Beach Bash with live music by Eric Hutchinson will be held at Tybee Pavillion from 3 to 7 p.m.

### August 15-19

The Campus Union Board will sponsor Welcome Week with daily events for students.

### August 15-31 & September 1

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents the artwork of guest artist Grupo de Cinco y Más from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays in the Fine Arts Gallery (also at 6 p.m. on August 19). Admission is free and open to the public. Call 927.5381 for more information.

### August 25

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents guest artists Ronald Brendel, tenor, and Chery Brendel, soprano, at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is free and open to the public. Call 927.5381 for more information.

### September 1-3

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents *Steel Magnolias* at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Theater. General admission is \$8. Call 927.5381 for ticketing information.

## Kudos

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., recently installed the founding members of the Sigma Tau Chapter at Armstrong Atlantic State University. The charter members are: **Brianna Bellamy, Dekira Bowe, Andrea Carter, Rena Dixon, Carnika Donald, Misty Ellison, Iris Frye, Albertina Ivy, Krystle Johnson, Tonetta Ray, Amanda Robinson, Tameka Rucks, Salaia Sifford, Janice Smith, and Deidre Stephens.**

The sorority is an international organization of college and graduate women whose purpose is to encourage scholarship, friendship, and service.

**Delana Nivens**, chemistry, served as proposal reviewer and panel chair at the National Science Foundation Course Curriculum and Laboratory Improvements Phase I – Exploratory Panel Review meeting July 25 and 26.

**Lynn Stover**, nursing, published “Knowledge, resilience, and effectiveness of education in a young teen asthma camp” in the *Pediatric Nursing Journal* 1, May/June issue.

**Marilyn O’Mallon**, nursing, has contributed an appendix on palliative care assessment tools to *Palliative Practices: An Interdisciplinary Approach*.

**Helen Taggart**, nursing, was selected by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education to serve as prospective on-site advisor evaluator and attended the training workshop in Virginia July 21-22.

**The submission deadline  
for the September issue of**

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**is August 15.**

Please send submissions to  
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