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A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

**FEBRUARY 2006**



## **IT'S OFFICIAL: AASU RIDES WITH PRIDE**

Chatham County Tax Commissioner Danny Powers (holding sign) greeted President Thomas Z. Jones and other members of the Armstrong Atlantic community at the Department of Motor Vehicles on January 26. The group picked up license plates

newly manufactured for the university at the tag office on Eisenhower Drive. The AASU Alumni Association sponsored the manufacturing of the tags to give members of the university community the opportunity to "Ride With Pride."

The tags are now available at tag offices in the state of Georgia for those who have already applied through Armstrong Atlantic's Alumni Office.

To apply for an AASU tag, contact Patty Parker, director of alumni relations, at 912.921.2343, or [parkerpa@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:parkerpa@mail.armstrong.edu).

## **NSSE SURVEY**

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) has announced the results of its 2005 survey which included Armstrong Atlantic and 20 other Georgia colleges and universities.

In the categories of "Level of Academic Challenge" and "Supportive Campus Environment," sampled students reported scores that are significantly higher than the average benchmark scores for the other 20 Georgia institutions, and also for students at other master's level institutions similar to Armstrong Atlantic. For information about the NSEE survey, visit [www.ir.armstrong.edu](http://www.ir.armstrong.edu).

## **REALIZING WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP: THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE**

Armstrong Atlantic State University's Gender and Women's Studies Program will hold its fourth annual conference March 2-4 at the Hilton Savannah DeSoto. The conference will explore how leadership is an agent in shaping collective values, goals, agendas, and strategies. Many definitions of leadership will be discussed in such diverse areas as politics, the creative and performing arts, philanthropy, and reform.

The keynote speakers will be Grace Paley, the Poet Laureate of Vermont, and Leslie King-Hammond, dean of graduate studies at the Maryland Institute College of Art. For more information, contact Teresa Winterhalter at 912.921.5632.

## **COLLEGE AGE SMOKERS MOST INFLUENCED BY FRIENDS**

College age students in the Savannah metropolitan area are most influenced by their closest friends when it comes to determining their smoking patterns, according to a recent study conducted by the AASU Center for Regional Analysis. The Chatham Effingham Tobacco Use Prevention Coalition commissioned the study in an effort to improve smoking prevention and cessation programs in our area.

## **ESOL SYMPOSIUM**

The College of Arts and Sciences will host the area's first English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) symposium at the Armstrong Center on Saturday, February 18. Organizers are Carol Anderson, ESOL coordinator for continuing education, and Holly Smith, ESOL instructor. The conference will provide information about ESOL programs in this area and discuss needs and opportunities for future growth.

If you are interested in learning more about ESOL programming and curriculum in the area, have information to present, or are interested in this topic but cannot attend, please contact Anderson at 925.9605 or Smith at 303.9890. The event is free of charge.

## **BOOK SALE AIDS KATRINA FUND**

The "Books are Fun" book sale, sponsored by the College of Education to raise money for Katrina victims, made \$400 for the AASU Katrina Relief Fund.

## **GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN**

The Department of Special and Adult Education and the College of Education sponsored the Georgia Council for Exceptional Children's state conference in January. The 400 attendees included university special education students, higher education faculty, private service suppliers, public school special education teachers, and parents of children with disabilities. The participants attended over 60 presentations and poster sessions.

## **AMBUCS HOSTED AMTRYKE RODEO**

The Savannah Chapter of American Business Clubs (AMBUCS) hosted an "AmTryke Rodeo" at the Armstrong Conference Center to present four disabled children from the community with therapeutic tricycles for Christmas.



The AmTryke is a therapeutic tricycle designed for children with limited use of their legs. Most of the recipients of the tricycles are children with cerebral palsy or spina bifida.

Two student organizations at AASU, Rho Tau (pre-physical therapy club) and the Respiratory Therapy Club, took on a variety of fund raising projects to sponsor AmTrykes at the rodeo.

*Hunter Iddins tries out his new AmTryke with some of his benefactors. From left to right: Wanda Lowry, P.T., Kristin Whitfield, an officer of the Rho Tau pre-physical therapy club that sponsored his bike; and Erin Byrnes, a physical therapy student. Hunter is the son of Brandy and Chris Iddins.*

## **MOOT COURT**

Two teams from Armstrong Atlantic competed in the National Moot Court Tournament held at the University of Texas at Arlington in January. Armstrong Atlantic came in fourth out of the 23 teams that competed. Adam Morrison was the 12<sup>th</sup> best orator out of 144 student competitors. This was Adam's second year to compete at the national competition. Brian Dotson and Megan Herbert competed in the national tournament for the first time.

## **PHI KAPPA PHI COMING**

The executive board of Phi Kappa Phi has approved establishing a chapter at Armstrong Atlantic.

## **WELCOME ABOARD**

**Corine Ackerson-Jones**, Academic Orientation and Advisement

**Carlita Carter**, Bookstore

**Nancy Collins**, Special and Adult Education

**Fernando Foster**, Computer Information Systems

**Randall Grubb**, Cyber Security Education Training

**Felix Hamza-Lup**, School of Computing

**Cheryl Horton**, Medical Technology

**Tiffany Land**, University Police

**Diana Kennard**, Communicative Disorders

**Michael Mahan**, Middle Grades and Secondary Education

**Nancy McCray**, Financial Aid

**Melissa Pingley**, Computer Information Systems

**Cristina Rice**, Engineering Studies Program

**Christopher Simon**, Plant Operations

## **EVENTS**

### **February 1**

Midterm-Session 2

### **February 3**

PianoFest Guest Artist Recital-Jody Graves presented by art, music & theatre, 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium

### **February 4**

PianoFest 2006 Master classes and workshops, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in Fine Arts Hall, room 206

Women's Basketball vs. USC Aiken, 2 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

Men's Basketball vs. USC Aiken, 4 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

PianoFest 2006 Competition Winners Recital, 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium

### **February 5**

The History of African American Gospel Music: The Reason Why We Sing presented by Chosen Gospel Music Ministry, 6 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium

### **February 6-17**

Artistic Discovery, the annual U.S. Congressional High School Juried Art Exhibition for the Georgia first and 12<sup>th</sup> districts in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Gallery hours, 9-5 p.m., weekdays

### **February 11**

Open House hosted by the Office of Recruiting, 10:30 a.m. in University Hall  
Georgia Music Educators Association District Honor Band concert hosted by art, music & theatre, 11 a.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium

### **February 13**

SGA/ARC Blood Drive, 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on the MCC lawn

### **February 16-19 & 23-25**

The Masquers will present *Talley's Folly* at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. only on February 19) in the Jenkins Theater.

### **February 17**

Faculty Lecture Series: Olavi Arens; The Jews of Estonia: Reflections on 29<sup>th</sup> Century History, 12:15 p.m. in University Hall, room 156

### **February 18**

Tennis vs. Columbus State University, 2 p.m. at the AASU tennis complex

### **February 19**

Tennis vs. Francis Marion, noon at the AASU tennis complex

Judit Gabos and Lyle Indergaard in a piano four-hands guest artist recital, 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium

Young Artist Series Art Gallery Reception: An Artist Discovery, 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery

### **February 20**

Women's Basketball vs. Georgia College and State University, 5:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

Men's Basketball vs. Georgia College and State University, 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

Israel Magana and Phi Nguyen, percussionists, give their graduation recital at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

### **February 21**

AASU Music Ensembles Showcase Concert, 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium

### **February 23**

AASU Career Day, 4-8 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

### **February 25**

Baseball vs. North Georgia College and State University, 1 p.m. at Pirate Field

Women's Basketball vs. North Georgia College and State University, 2 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

Men's Basketball vs. North Georgia College and State University, 4 p.m. in the Alumni Arena

### **February 26**

Baseball vs. North Georgia College and State University, 2 p.m. at Pirate Field

### **February 27**

Last Day of Class, Session 2

### **February 27-March 16**

AASU Student Juried Art Exhibition, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery

## Kudos

**Wayne Johnson** and **Priya Thamburaj**, engineering studies program, organized a discussion in November between AASU Engineering Studies and 30 Windsor Forest High School students about what it takes to succeed in their program. Participating AASU students included **Ryan Faulkner**, **Andrew Borgan**, and **J.D. Greene**.

In news from the mathematics department, **Mark Budden** and **Sungkon Chang**, visiting assistant professor, presented talks at the University of American Mathematical Society annual meeting in San Antonio. Chang gave a talk at the University of South Carolina-Columbia. **Sean Eastman** and Chang were both awarded 2005-2006 Research and Scholarship Faculty grants. Budden and **Paul Hadavas** have been awarded Student-Faculty Summer 2006 Collaborative Research Program grants.

**Azita Bahrami**, information technology, published and presented a paper, "A Framework for Development and Management of E-Lessons in E-Learning," at a conference on web information systems in May 2005 where he also acted as a session chair.

**Bill Baird**, chemistry and physics, won a Teaching and Learning grant that will permit he and his colleagues to employ a high-speed camera to demonstrate everyday physics problems. The technique will allow students to move away from "cookbook" experiments, and to approach physics investigations with more creative and critical thinking.

**Richard Cebula**, economics, and **Tatyna Zelenskaya**, economics major and AASU Honors Program student, co-authored and published a paper, "Economic and Non-Economic Factors Influencing Youth Suicide," in the *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*.

**Jim Todesca**, history, presented "The Trouble with Harry: Coinage, Counterfeiting, and Consent in Henry I's England," at the Haskins Society annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

**Brent Feske**, chemistry and physics, **Iwona Kaluzna**, BioCatalytics, Inc., and **Jon Stewart**, University of Florida, have published "Enantiodivergent, Biocatalytic Routes to Both Taxol Side Chain Antipodes," in the *Journal of Organic Chemistry* (2005), 70(23), 9654-9657. Feske and Stewart co-authored a paper, "Chemoenzymatic formal total synthesis of (-)-bestatin" in *Tetrahedron: Asymmetry* (2005), 16(18), 3124-3127.

**Pete Mastopoulos**, professional and continuing education, graduated with an Ed.S. in educational leadership from Georgia Southern University on December 9, 2005.

**Don Emmluth**, biology, has published a new book, *Botulism*. This is his fourth book in the Deadly Diseases and Epidemic series of Chelsea House. The books that are aimed at young readers.

**Yuxim Ma**, history, presented "Dr. Ku-Cheng Wu, Mr. Democrat of the Nationalist Government" at the Western Conference of the Association of Asian Studies in Denver. Wu, the former mayor of Shanghai, Hankow, and Chongqing, and Governor of nationalist China, taught at Armstrong State College from 1965 to 1974.

**Holly Smith**, languages, literature, and philosophy, presented a workshop, "Painting the Fence: The Tom Sawyer Approach to Technology for the Uninitiated Adjunct," at the First Southeastern Scholarship Conference on E-Learning at Macon State College.

**José A. da Cruz**, criminal justice, social and political science, and **Margaret Keiley-Listermann**, Georgia Perimeter College's Dunwoody Campus, have published their article "Incorporating an African Perspective in a Traditional Political Science Introductory Course," in *National Social Science Journal* 26/1 (2006). Pearson Education published a book, *Latin America in the New International System: Challenges and Opportunities* co-authored by da Cruz and **Eduardo R. Gomez**, political science at the Universidade Federal Fluminense, in Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. da Cruz will be in Brazil in February to give a lecture at the Universidade Federal Fluminense School of Diplomacy. He has also recently published a review of Bert Hoffman's *The Politics of the Internet in The Third World* in *The Latin Americanist*, Vol. 49, No. 1 Fall 2005. da Cruz and **Corie J. Hammers** presented "Brazil's Politics of AIDS: Addressing the Pandemic in the Sleeping Giant of South America," at the Georgia Sociological Association annual conference at St. Simons Island.

**Darron Standiford**, class of 2004, and **Hassan Aziz**, medical technology, co-authored an article, "Emerging Pathogens and Revisited Prevention Strategies for the Clinical Environment" which was published in *Orthopedic Nursing*, November/December 2005.

**Patrick Brennan II**, special and adult education, is the new President of the Georgia Council for Exceptional Children.

### **University system electronic news sources**

Take advantage of the range of informational publications published online by the University System of Georgia (USG). The newest is an interactive monthly piece called *Linkages* that reports news of the university system and provide hot links to related source materials: [www.usg.edu/linkages/](http://www.usg.edu/linkages/)

During the legislative session, the USG keeps state university employees abreast of issues that affect them through the weekly *Legislative Update*: [www.usg.edu/pubs/lu/](http://www.usg.edu/pubs/lu/)

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/)

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

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**is February 15.**

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