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A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

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3 Days for AASU Campaign Kicks Off April 4

Community volunteers will visit businesses throughout Savannah from April 4-6 to obtain financial support for Armstrong Atlantic's annual campaign, *3 Days for AASU*. Savannahians can actively improve the university and their community by saying "yes" to these volunteers.

This is only the third year of this specialized fund-raising campaign focused on business support. Last year's campaign met its goal by raising just over \$150,000. This year's fund-raising target will be presented to the campaign's volunteers at a kickoff luncheon April 3.

Leading this year's campaign are Vernice Rackett, membership director of Savannah Quarters Country Club and co-chair of last year's successful campaign, and Padgett Mixon, vice president of Wachovia Wealth Management as co-chair.

For more information about *3 Days for AASU*, contact Gail Rountree at 912.927.5208.

Savannah Reads Selzer Events



Armstrong Atlantic will host several events during its third annual citywide read, "Savannah Reads Selzer," April 3-6. This year, the community will read and discuss the book, *Mortal Lessons: Notes on the Art of Surgery*, a collection of essays by author and former surgeon Richard Selzer. A schedule for Savannah Reads can be found under Events in this issue of *eArmstrong*. All events are held on the AASU campus and are free and open to the public. No reservations are required. Sponsors for the community read are the Gilmer Lecture Series, Memorial Health University Medical Center, the *Savannah Morning News*, the Campus Union Board, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Health Professions, the Office of Academic Affairs, the Department of Languages, Literature, and Philosophy, the AASU Foundation, and the AASU Masquers. For more information, contact Beth Howells at 912.927.5218 or at howellbe@mail.armstrong.edu. The Community Read website is www.faculty.armstrong.edu/read.htm.

Camp Read A Book

The Department of Early Childhood Education (ECE) will sponsor the Week of the Young Child Scholastic Book Fair from April 17-21 in the University Hall Atrium 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and some evenings. You can call the ECE office at 921.5281 for specific evening times. Cash, check, or credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover) will be accepted. The purchase of books helps the department support various educational charities throughout the year.

The Week of the Young Child Conference — “Science and Math” — will be held on Friday, April 21, in University Hall, room 156, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. You must have pre-registered through the Department of Early Childhood Education to attend. The keynote speaker will be Phyllis Limbacher Tildes, local award-winning author/illustrator, who has written several books ranging from pets and wildlife riddles to ethnic tales.

AASU Student Captures International Attention

By now, anyone within reach of a newspaper or television set has heard the remarkable story of Trista Wright. The Armstrong Atlantic State University freshman, while removing sheetrock in a closet of a hurricane-ravaged home in New Orleans, came across a cache of \$100 bills believed to total more than \$33,000.

The money is thought to have been stashed away by the owner’s father during a period stretching from the Depression through the 1970s.



Trista Wright (left) and Haley Barton smile on CBS.

Trista and her classmates were on a volunteer spring break field trip organized by the Baptist Student Union.



Trista Wright working in New Orleans.

The Associated Press, National Public Radio, CNN, CBS, CNBC, the BBC, and locally, the *Savannah Morning News*, WTOG-TV, WSAV-TV, and WJCL-TV have interviewed Trista, and fellow rehabber and AASU student Haley Barton. Hundreds of other television and radio stations and newspapers from Macon to Las Vegas also carried the heartwarming story that Trista calls “a miracle.”

Meanwhile, other media inquires also came in from such media outlets as Inside Edition, *Women’s Day*, the Oprah Winfrey Show, and the Ellen DeGeneres Show. According to the Rev. Marty Youngblood, who accompanied the students to New Orleans, the found money story received the most hits on Yahoo on March 21.

Welcome Aboard

Jewell Anderson, Lane Library

Nancy Heidt, Lane Library

Charlene Waldron, External Affairs

Events

April 1

5K Fun Run/Walk, registration at 8:15 a.m., run/walk at 9 a.m., Aquatic & Recreation Center

Inaugural Outdoor Open-Air Art Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fine Arts Courtyard

AASU Open Air Art Exhibition & Arts Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fine Arts Hall Courtyard

Open House for Prospective Students and Guests, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., University Hall

Baseball vs. University of South Carolina-Upstate, noon, Pirate Field

Softball vs. Augusta State University, 2 p.m., Pirate Softball Field

Annual Alumni Meeting, 5 p.m., Memorial College Center, University Dining Room

April 2

Buccaneer Region Sports Car Club of America Autocross, registration from 8:30-11 a.m., course walk-through at 11:30 a.m., timed runs begin at noon in the Science Center parking lot. The registration fee is \$25.
Baseball vs. University of South Carolina-Upstate, 1 p.m., Pirate Field
Guest Artist Series Recital, Donna Lee, piano, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

April 3

Advisement for summer and fall 2006 begins at 9 a.m.
Across-the-curriculum discussion, noon, University Hall, room 158. Faculty from various disciplines will discuss selected essays from Selzer's *Mortal Lessons*.

April 3-6

Savannah Reads — Richard Selzer's *Mortal Lessons: Notes on the Art of Surgery*

April 4

Staged reading of Richard Selzer's *The Doctor Stories*, 7 p.m., Ashmore Auditorium, performed by Armstrong Atlantic's Masquers
AASU Percussion Ensemble and Jazz Combo, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

April 5

Web registration begins for summer and fall 2006.
Student-led discussion of the essays in *Mortal Lessons*, noon, University Hall, room 156
Softball vs. Savannah College of Art and Design, 2 p.m., Pirate Softball Field

April 6

Women's Tennis vs. Lynn University, 1 p.m., Pirate Tennis Complex
Men's Tennis vs. Lynn University, 1 p.m., Pirate Tennis Complex
Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) Induction Ceremony, 5 p.m., University Dining Room
Richard Selzer Himself, Doctor as Writer, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

April 6-8

The Masquers will present *The Piano Lesson* at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Theater.

April 8

Spring for Your Neighbor Project Work Day, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., University Dining Room
Softball vs. University of South Carolina-Upstate, 2 p.m., Pirate Softball Field

April 9

Phi Kappa Phi installation and induction, 1:30-5 p.m., University Hall, room 156

April 10

Advisement by appointment only for summer and fall 2006 begins.
Faculty meeting, 12:10-1:30 p.m., University Hall, room 156

April 11

Softball vs. Valdosta State University, 2 p.m., Pirate Softball Field
Baseball vs. Valdosta State University, 3:30 p.m., Pirate Field
Music department concert — University Singers and University Chorale, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

April 15

Softball vs. Francis Marion University, 2 p.m., Pirate Softball Field

April 17-28

Spring 2006 Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Exhibition, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays,
Fine Arts Gallery

April 18

Baseball vs. Pfeiffer University, 2 p.m., Pirate Field
AASU Wind Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

April 19

Baseball vs. Pfeiffer University, 2 p.m., Pirate Field
Staff Assembly meeting, 3-4 p.m., University Hall, room 156

April 20-23 and 27-29

The Masquers will present *The Importance of Being Earnest* at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Theater (Sunday matinee performance at 3 p.m.).

April 21

Art gallery reception, spring 2006 BFA Exhibition, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Gallery

April 23

The Savannah Jazz Orchestra will present the Annual Duke Ellington Birthday Concert at 5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

April 25

Armstrong Atlantic Youth Orchestra Program Concert, 6:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

April 27

Music Department Concert, Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

April 28

Web registration ends — summer and fall 2006

April 29

Baseball vs. Georgia College and State University, 3 p.m., Pirate Field

April 30

Baseball vs. Georgia College and State University, 1 p.m., Pirate Field
Savannah Winds “Ed and Friends” POPS Concert, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

Kudos

Delana Nivens and **Will Lynch** took their undergraduate research students to the American Chemical Society spring national meeting in Atlanta in March. Students presenting papers with Nivens and Lynch included: **Amanda Svendsen**, **Beverly Harris**, **Nin Dingra**, **Joyce Chow**, **April Meeks**, **Brandon Lawson**, **Cassandra Dyal**, **Nguyen Nguyen**, **Jodi Hadden**, **Linfeng Gou**, **Tan Li**, **Catherine J. Murphy**, and **Denis Tibah**.

In addition, the students of faculty advisors **Suzanne Carpenter** and Nivens presented: “Armstrong Atlantic State University Student Affiliates: Having fun with chemistry and the local community.” Participating students included: **Kris Gutt**, **Jessica Miller**, **Nguyen**, **Dyal**, **Harris**, **Richard Hammond**, and **Tibah**.

Nivens, and co-authors Lynch, Nguyen, and Meeks presented “Nanoparticle Mediated Photodehalogenation” at the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy 2006 in Orlando in March.

Becky da Cruz and **John Kearnes**, criminal justice, social & political science, presented a paper, "Mooting as Pedagogy," at the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning meeting in Washington, D.C.

Scott Mateer, biology, presented a poster and talk, "AIQGAP1-Stimulated Actin Assembly Linked to Growth Factor Receptor Activation," at the 2005 annual meeting of the American Society of Cell Biology in San Francisco in December.

Yuxin Ma, history, recently presented a paper, "Imagining the Peripheries of the China Proper: Non-Han People in Jin Yong's Martial Arts Novels," at the Southeast Conference Association of Asian Studies in Atlanta.

Mark Budden, and **Sungkon Chang**, mathematics, presented talks at the American Mathematical Society annual meeting in San Antonio. Budden spoke on "Local Coefficient Matrices and Shimura's Correspondence," while Chang presented "Quadratic Twists of an Elliptic Curve with Small Selmer Rank."

Frank Katz, information technology, presented "The Correlation Between Success in Pre-Calculus and Java Programming Among CS and IT Majors in the School of Computing at AASU" at the eleventh annual math-technology conference at Valdosta State University in February.

June Hopkins, history, gave a talk to the English Speaking Union in March on "The Anglo-American Alliance: Churchill, Roosevelt, and Hopkins."

Also in March, she presented a paper at the Gender and Women's Studies Conference in Savannah on "Christina MacColl and Christodora House: From Gershwin to Iggy Pop;" gave a talk to the local Daughters of the American Revolution on "Hopkins and the Roosevelts;" and participated in a conference at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, sponsored by the Howard Baker Center for Public Policy and the Churchill Archives Centre, on "The United States and Great Britain: The Legacy of Churchill's Atlantic Conference." Hopkins was on the keynote panel, "Reflecting on Greatness," with Senator Baker, Winston S. Churchill (the grandson), and David Eisenhower.

Lucinda Schultz, art, music & theatre, and six of her applied voice students, recently participated in the annual National Association of Teachers of Singing Spring Conference and Students Auditions at Mercer University in Macon. Two Armstrong Atlantic singers garnered top honors at these statewide auditions. Matthew Jones, tenor, placed second in the category Fourth Year College Men; and Jonas Boyd, tenor, placed first in the category Beginning Adult Men. Boyd earned a performance spot in the prestigious honors recital that concluded the conference and auditions.

Schultz will receive a grant of \$6,000 over a three-year span from The Endowment Trust to Sustain the Savannah Symphony Orchestra. These funds, along with matching money from the choral program, will be used to bring in a choral group in fall 2007 to correspond with the Southeastern Choral Arts Festival. In addition, it will support the work of musical theatre guest artists to work with music/theatre voice students in spring 2007.

Hassan Aziz, medical technology, received the regional level of Omicron Sigma, the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science President's Honor Roll, for outstanding services. This award recognizes members who have volunteered their personal time, resources, and energy to furthering the profession of clinical laboratory science.

Barbara Fertig, history, gave a lecture on “Edinburgh, David Hume, and Where I Live,” as part of the Robert Ingram Stroizier Faculty Lecture Series, in March.

Horace Wiley, Service Solutions (SSC), the provider of contract custodial services to the campus, was recently recognized by SSC for his ten years of service to the AASU campus. During his time on the campus Wiley has served as the general evening cleaner in Solms and Victor halls. For the last seven years, he has been in the MCC building.

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 provides hot links to related source materials: 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/.

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

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