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Reference Code (2.1): 975 (accession #s, 2018-2, 2018-5, 2018-7 to 2018-24)

Name and Location of Repository (2.2): Special Collections, Lane Library, Georgia Southern University-Armstrong Campus, Savannah, GA, 31419

Title (2.3): Armstrong Memorabilia/Realia Collection

Date(s) (2.4): 1980-2018, bulk 2010-2017

Extent (2.5): (including digitized versions) About 30 objects, 7 items of clothing, mostly t-shirts, 10 posters and two small boxes of logo items and buttons.

Name of Creator(s) (2.6): Armstrong State University

Scope and Content (3.1): Memorabilia/realia documenting Armstrong collected while University prepared for consolidation: President's chain of office, proclamations from State and local governments, logo clothing, teams balls, mugs, buttons, banners and posters mostly from 2014-2017, but also including homecoming buttons from the 1980s and a t-shirt from the 1990s. "Start Strong" and "Always Strong" logo items. One slogan item from the consolidation-transition, a magnetized bumper plate: "Eagle Strong & Pirate Proud"

Conditions Governing Access (4.1): Open

Language and Scripts of Material (4.5): English

Administrative/Biographical History (2.7): President's office, Athletics, Marketing/Communications, also individual students and staff transferred items to the library/special collections as campus prepared for consolidation in 2017. Early in 2017 Lane Library sent an email to faculty and staff, a call for publications and other material for the historical record.

Related Archival Materials (6.3): 825 Cross Country photographs. 2 albums.

Access Points:

Armstrong State University—Realia

Georgia Southern University—Realia

Armstrong State University—Presidents-Realia

Armstrong State University—Athletics-Realia

Inventory:

Realia:

From President's Office (Linda Bleicken):

Chain of office, Armstrong State University, worn by President during commencement ceremonies.

Armstrong Presidential Award of Merit (disk engraved with Armstrong mansion.)
example, not awarded.

Seal with Armstrong Atlantic State University, disk on ribbon, perhaps the President's chain of office from earlier period.

Tiara given to Dr. Linda Bleicken in 2017. Collegiate 100 presented it to her at their Spring 2017 pageant.

Team balls given to Dr. Bleicken:

- Soccer ball (in display case) signed by 2011 Armstrong women's soccer team: NCAA final four, NCAA Southeast region champions, Peach Belt Conf.
- Volleyball from 2011 Armstrong women's volleyball Peach Belt champions, signed with thanks for Dr. Bleicken's support.
- Baseball, signed, 2013

Key to Richmond Hill, Ga.

Proclamation from Governor of Georgia for Armstrong's 75th anniversary 2010, unframed

Resolution from Georgia House of Representatives about Armstrong's 75th anniversary, framed.

Proclamation of the City of Savannah "Armstrong Atlantic State University Day" 2010, framed.

Plaque of "President's Cabinet at Armstrong A Guide", 2012, signed by cabinet members.

Folder: Resolutions/Proclamation about Armstrong from Georgia State House and Senate, City of Savannah and Chatham County, 2014-2017.

Folder: "Legislative Certificates" and photos

From Register's Office:

Graduation Flags, 5 banners from May 2018: 3 with name the colleges: Liberal Arts, Health Professions, Science, Technology and Education; 1 with "Armstrong" and one class banner made for 2018 graduation but not used.

Embossing Stamps with college's name, 3 stamps with different names:

- Armstrong College of Savannah
- Armstrong State College
- Armstrong [stamp unclear--State or Atlantic?] University

From other Offices and individuals:

Vinyl banners, 2, about 20X40 inches, 2015-2017 (bookstore)

- Captain George Mascot
- Women's Volleyball

Blanket with AASU and compass

Umbrella in maroon/gold and logo

Chair for courtside at basketball, with Pirates logo (Athletics)

Yard sign advertising Armstrong scholarships. Ivory/maroon/black. Pirate ship and treasure chest illustrations. 2017

Plaque, 2014 CIV Invitational Men's 5K Individual Champion donated by Henning Schein, the only ASU male runner to qualify for the NCAA Cross Country Nationals, in 2016. And 2 cross country posters from 2016 one signed by Henning Schein.

Plaque, 2011 Women's Tennis Peach Belt Conf. Tournament Champion

6 rolled posters from Athletics, including 2016 women's tennis and 2016 Pirates sports calendar.

Clothing box:

Cap and gown with master's hood in Armstrong's maroon and gold.

Athletic jersey-maroon cross-country singlet (MD)

Armstrong State ladies t-shirt (LG) grey

Treasure Savannah and St Pat's Day Armstrong t-shirts (2017)

"Life is too short to go to Graduate School in an Ugly Town" white t-shirt from Graduate School Coordinating Council. Donated by Dennis Murphy, who wrote, "the wording on this t-shirt referred to the dissolution of the combined graduate programs with Georgia Southern" The dissolution happened in 1995. Armstrong's graduate programs were affiliated with Georgia Southern's from 1990-1995.

Georgia Science Bowl t-shirt, Armstrong State University

"Start Strong" (Armstrong marketing campaign) t-shirt about 2016.

Logo items, 2016-2018 (box): "Start Strong" era giveaways: Frisbee, pens, pencils, bag, cups, note paper, mug, koosie, sunglasses, usb drives, pill case. Glass mug and coasters with "Always Strong" motto from Alumni association, 2017. From the consolidation: a magnetized bumper plate: "Eagle Strong & Pirate Proud" 2017.

Buttons (box): homecoming pins back the 1980s and other events: Red Skeleton, Robin Robinson, Miss Armstrong, Hot Shandy, Purple Elvis (bands) donated by Al Harris/Student Activities. Campus read "Got Gaines?" button and more recent logo lapel pins.