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A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

FEBRUARY 2008

Armstrong Atlantic Opens Biodynamics Center

A new research and teaching laboratory to advance the study of physical therapy and health sciences as they relate to the motion of the human body opened in January 2008. The Biodynamics Center, housed in the former site of the Dental Hygiene Clinic, will combine research and teaching opportunities for faculty and students in the areas of physical therapy and health sciences. Graduate students, particularly those in the doctoral program in physical therapy and in the master's program in sports medicine, will now be able to use the Biodynamics Center for research on human biomechanics and other learning opportunities.



Singapore and Qatar Welcome Hassan Aziz

Hassan Aziz, department head, medical technology, visited Singapore and the State of Qatar during the course of the fall semester 2007. Aziz was invited to Singapore to speak on the subject of global emerging infections. He discussed the factors that contribute to the spread of infectious agents such as the avian influenza A (H5N1) virus and MRSA, an antibiotic-resistant bacterial infection that can be fatal. Aziz addressed medical personnel at the National University Hospital and visited five universities.



Later, he traveled to the State of Qatar to serve as leader of a site visit team invited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Science. The Qatar University medical technology program is the first international program to seek accreditation by the U.S. agency.

From left, Duncan Samo, Del Mar College, John Landis, Ferris State University, and Hassan Aziz, AASU, during a site visit to Qatar University

Economic Monitor Forecasts Growth Ahead for the Coastal Empire

The Coastal Empire *Economic Monitor* for the third quarter of 2007 is now available free by electronic mail at www.econ.armstrong.edu/cra/monitor.htm. To subscribe, e-mail *Economic Monitor*. Write "subscribe" in the subject line or body of the e-mail.

Published by AASU's Center for Regional Analysis, the *Monitor* presents quarterly economic trends and short-term economic forecasts for Savannah's Metropolitan Statistical Area.

AASU to Offer Alumni and Friends Siena, Italy Tour

AASU will host its second annual alumni and friends culinary and cultural trip to Siena, Italy on November 8-16, 2008. "Touring and Tasting in Tuscany: A Culinary and Cultural Experience" is designed to provide an immersion into Siena's renowned food, wine, and art scenes.



Planned with the experienced traveler in mind, the trip will offer two hands-on, half-day cooking classes and a visit to a Tuscan winery and vineyard.

Travelers will enjoy cultural presentations by the Dante Alighieri Society, which has partnered with AASU to offer cultural and faculty exchanges over the past years.

Tour goers will also be able to marvel at the beauty of the Tuscan countryside and charming hill towns, absorb the medieval ambiance of Siena, and enjoy a two-day visit to Rome.

The price of \$3,600 includes roundtrip airfare from Savannah to Rome; Siena and Rome hotel accommodations with daily breakfast, and ground transportation to and around Siena. Welcome and farewell dinners and guided tours with wine and olive oil tastings are also included.

The registration deadline is May 1. A \$400 deposit is due with the registration. For more information or to obtain a registration form, call 912.921.5997.

AASU Packaging Design Course Tours Georgia-Pacific, Savannah River Mill in Rincon



Students in Angela Horne's packaging design class had the opportunity to observe and learn how package design is applied to manufacturing. Last November, Georgia-Pacific (GP) facilitated a discussion and tour of the largest tissue and towel-manufacturing mill in the world, located in Rincon. Students were treated to an overview of the Savannah River Mill, first via slides then on foot, led by engineering manager Jay Ryczkowski.

Students in the class experienced the process first hand, starting with the artwork tear sheets created by teams of designers, engineers and marketing personnel all the way to being handed a finished pack of tissue moving down the conveyor. "It's very difficult to imagine 10 tons of toilet paper," says Jesse Lovejoy, a student participant, "but when you see it first hand, it will blow your mind."

Welcome Aboard

Brandon Baxter, University Police Department
Erin Coreno, University Police Department
Anne-Marie Creech, Student Affairs
Suzanne Welch, University Housing
Darrell Burch, Mailroom

On the Move

Rolinda Cary, from Enrollment Services to the Liberty Center

Kudos

The 2007 issue of Armstrong Atlantic's annual student literature and art magazine, *Calliope*, received a First Place with Special Merit award from the American Scholastic Press Association. **Stephanie Roberts**, English major graduate, served as editor.

Institutional Vista Administrators across the state were recognized by the Chancellor's "Customer Service Excellence Award" program for 2007. The AASU team was awarded the bronze "Excellence Award of the Year" for their dedication to customer service excellence in supporting the constituents of the GeorgiaVIEW Vista Project. **Shannon Mastopoulos** represented AASU throughout the project. See www.customerfocus.usg.edu/recognition/team.phtml for more information.

Jim Anderson, international education, was honored at the University System of Georgia (USG) Council on International Education for his four years of service as chair of the System Study Abroad Committee. **Rick Sutton**, assistant vice chancellor for international programs and senior advisor for academic affairs, noted that during these four years, the number of USG students abroad increased from 3,700 to 5,700 participants.

Anderson, **Randall Reese**, art, music & theatre, **Rick McGrath**, economics, and **Tom Howard**, history, attended the USG International Education Workshop on "The Seven Revolutions and the Epsilon Environment," a learning and teaching platform, at Georgia College and State University in January. This workshop focused on curriculum enhancement and engaged faculty in global learning perspectives.



Suzanne Ansley has been promoted to annual fund coordinator in the Office of External Affairs. She joined AASU in September 2005 as coordinator of donor relations. She will recruit, train and coordinate community volunteers who support fund raising efforts for AASU.

Azita Bahrami, information technology, **Ray Hashemi**, computer science, and **Alexander Tyler**, Ozark Health Medical Center, published a book chapter, "Use of Rough Sets as a Data Mining Tool for Experimental Bio-Data," in *Applications of Computational Intelligence in Bioinformatics and Biomedicine: Current Trends and Open Problems*. Springer-Verlag, December 2007.

Bahrami has agreed to serve as associate editor, track chair, and program committee member at the Fifth International Conference on Information Technology: New Generations, (ITNG'08) in Las Vegas, April, 2008.

Chris Baker, languages, literature & philosophy, published the article, “The Persistence of the Sacred in Baz Luhrmann’s “Romeo and Juliet,” in the *Journal of Religion and Film* in October.

Jane Barnard, mathematics, conducted a PRISM workshop, “Conjunction Junction... What’s Your Function?” for regional middle and secondary mathematics teachers in December. This technology-focused workshop developed an alternative assessment project utilizing graphs of basic functions to draw familiar pictures using a graphing calculator. Barnard is also hosting a series of half-day or full-day workshops, “Time for Technology,” funded with a PRISM grant. In January, she conducted a workshop, “Getting Better Acquainted with the TI-4Plus Through Data Analysis,” for elementary and middle grades teachers.

Liang Cai, history, presented a paper, “Discourse and Reality: The Formation of the Confucian Group under Emperor Wu of the Han Dynasty,” at the Southeast Early China Roundtable held at Eckerd College.

Richard J. Cebula, economics, recently published “Impact of the Real Median Price of Single-Family Homes on Geographic Mobility, 2000-2005” in the *Journal of Housing Research*, No. 2, 2007.



Cebula also was presented with the prestigious Kenneth G. Elzinga Distinguished Teaching Award by the Southern Economic Association during their annual conference in New Orleans in November.

Professor James Gwartney (left), SEA President-elect at Florida State University, and Richard J. Cebula

Maya Clark, communication sciences & disorders, served as a member of the Program Committee for Language and Learning in School-age Children and Adolescents for the 2007 convention of the American Speech Language Hearing Association. This committee reviews and evaluates proposals for presentations at the convention.

Kathryn Craven, biology, **Stephen Taylor**, psychology, **Joe Parsons**, Cayman Turtle Farm, **Carolyn Belcher**, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, and **David Owens**, College of Charleston, Grice Marine Laboratory, are publishing the original research paper, “The influence of diet on fatty acids in the egg yolk of green sea turtles, *Chelonia mydas*,” in the *Journal of Comparative Physiology B, Biochemical, Systemic and Environmental Physiology*.

Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas, art, music & theatre, published a book review of “*Band of Sisters: American Women at War in Iraq*” by **Karen Holmstedt**, for H-Net written for H-Minerva, a site dedicated to the discussion of women’s issues.

Desnoyers-Colas also presented a paper, “My Child Left Behind: An Inside Look at African American Gulf Wars Servicewomen Military Family/Childcare Challenges,” at the National Communication Association (NCA) conference in Chicago last November. She was elected to serve as third vice president of the NCA’s Feminist Division/Women’s Caucus, responsible for planning that division’s conference program in San Francisco in 2010.

Kalenda Eaton, languages, literature & philosophy, has published a book, "Womanism, Literature, and the Transformation of the Black Community, 1965-1980," New York: Routledge, 2008.

Selwyn Hollis, mathematics, has published "Some First Impressions of Mathematica 6" in *Mathematica in Education and Research*, Vol. 12, No. 3, 2007.

Brenda Honeycutt, biology, and **Ben Pierce**, Southwestern University, Texas, have published "Illustrating Probability in Genetics with Hands-On Learning: Making the Math Real" in *The American Biology Teacher*, November 2007.

Dorothee Mertz-Weigel, languages, literature & philosophy, presented a talk, French, German, or Somewhere In-Between? Marylène Holl-Friz, an Alsatian Author, in Search of Her Identity, at the Sixth Annual Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, in January.

Ned Rinalducci, criminal justice, spoke to lawmakers, law enforcement officers, and university students during a recent trip to Argentina. His audience included the Argentinean National Senate, a senate subcommittee on national security, students at Catholic University in Salta, and a group of law enforcement officers and members of Argentina's security services.

Donna Rigdon, plant operations, published an article on "How to Make a Braided Rug" in *The Backwoodsman*, January/February 2008 edition.

Jason Tatlock, history, and **Davida Harris**, Savannah State University, have been awarded the 2008 AASU & SSU Collaborative Teaching & Research Grant for the first AASU and SSU Student Conference on Global and Domestic Human Rights Awareness project.

Mike Toma, economics, has published "Recent Evidence on the Determinants of Concert Attendance for Mid-Size Symphonies" in the *Journal of Economics and Finance*, Fall 2007. Co-author is **Holly Meads**, an AASU alumna currently pursuing an M.A. in economics at Auburn University. Toma also wrote the introductory essay, "Recent Perspectives in the Economics of the Arts," for the same issue of the journal. In addition, Toma and three co-authors from St. Bonaventure University have published "Attendance at NY-Penn Baseball League: Effects of Performance, Demographics, and Promotions" in the *Journal of the New York State Economics Association*.

AASU faculty members presented papers at the 25th Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies held in November in Lima, Peru: **Michael Hall**, history, "Things We Don't Talk About at the Dinner Table: Sex, Politics, and Missionaries on Three Continents and in Three Centuries," and "Opposition to the Trujillo Regime: Minerva, Maria Teresa, and Patria Mirabal;" **Jose de Arimateia da Cruz**, criminal justice, "The Japanese in Brazil: 1908-2008;" **Olavi Arens**, history, "From the Third World to the First World? The Baltic Strait from the Collapse of the Soviet Union to the European Union;" and **Yassaman Saadatmand**, economics, "The International Monetary Fund and Women in India." Hall served as site coordinator for the conference.

Da Cruz published a book review of R.S. Rose's "The Unpast: Elite Violence and Social Control in Brazil, 1954-2000" in the *Latin Americanist*, fall 2007. His "Africa in the Neo-Liberal World (Dis)Order," has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Third World Studies* in fall 2008.

Richard Wallace, chemistry, presented “Research on Short Cycle Bananas as a New Direct Market and Specialty Crop for the Southeast,” and “Banana and Plantain Research in Georgia” at the Southeast Fruit and Vegetable Growers Meeting in Savannah, in January. He also gave talks on “Uncommon Fruits for Southeast Georgia” at the Effingham County Young Farmers Association in Springfield; “Exotic Fruits for the Southeast Coastal Region,” and “Fruiting Bananas in the Southeast Coastal Region” at the Low Country Living Home and Garden Show, Savannah, in January.

Calendar

February 1

Art, music & theatre hosts the Georgia Music Educators Association District Honor Band in concert at 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Free admission. Call 927.5381 for information.

February 2

The 5th Annual AASU School of Computing Quiz Bowl, with competing high school students from Georgia and South Carolina, starting at 8:30 a.m., Armstrong Center. Charles Gray, executive producer for new media at WTOG, will serve as host.

AASU Women’s Basketball vs. USC Aiken, 2 p.m., Alumni Arena
AASU Men’s Basketball vs. USC Aiken, 4 p.m., Alumni Arena

February 4-15

Art, music & theatre presents *An Artistic Discovery*, the annual United States Congressional High School Juried Art Exhibition for the Georgia 1st and 12th Districts, Fine Arts Gallery, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. Free admission. Call 927.5381 for information.

February 5

Super Tuesday Presidential Primaries

The AASU Music Department Chamber Ensembles present a special chamber music concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Free admission. Call 927.5381 for information.

February 6

AASU Women’s Basketball vs. Georgia Southwestern State, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Arena
AASU Men’s Basketball vs. Georgia Southwestern State, 7:30 p.m., Alumni Arena

February 7

Art, music & theatre presents Forrest Starling, horn, in graduation recital at 2:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Free admission. Call 927.5381 for information.

February 7-9

The Writing Center is sponsoring the annual Southeastern Writing Center Association Conference in the Armstrong Center. Faculty are invited to attend the opening keynote plenary session on February 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium. A reception will follow in Ballroom A. For more information, contact Donnette Ansah at 927.5210.

February 8

Art, music & theatre presents *Piano Fest 2008* guest clinician, Lino Rivera, from St. Mary’s College of California, in a guest artist recital at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Program includes Beethoven’s *Hammerklavier Sonata* and music by Frederic Rzewski. General admission: \$6. Call 927.5381 for ticketing information.

February 9

Art, music & theatre presents *Piano Fest 2008 Competition Winners* in recital at 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Free admission. Call 927.5381 for information.

February 13

AASU Women's Basketball vs. Georgia College & State University, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Arena

AASU Men's Basketball vs. Georgia College & State University, 7:30 p.m., Alumni Arena

February 17

Art, music & theatre presents an art gallery reception for *An Artistic Discovery*, the annual United States Congressional High School Juried Art Exhibition for the Georgia 1st and 12th Districts, 2 p.m., Fine Arts Gallery. Free admission. Call 927.5381 for information.

February 18

AASU Women's Basketball vs. Clayton State, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Arena

AASU Men's Basketball vs. Clayton State, 7:30 p.m., Alumni Arena

February 19

AASU Music Ensembles shine in the Annual AASU Music Ensembles Showcase Concert at 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Performing groups include the AASU Wind Ensemble, University Chorale, University Singers, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, and Jazz Combo. Advance general admission: \$10. Call 927.5381 for ticketing information. *Savannah Morning News* is the print sponsor of this concert.

February 21

Art, music & theatre presents the music of Teresa Lynch and Tanya Nichols, composition, for their combined graduation recital at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Free admission. Call 927.5381 for information.

AASU Women's Basketball vs. Columbus State, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Arena

AASU Men's Basketball vs. Columbus State, 7:30 p.m., Alumni Arena

February 25 to March 13

Art, music & theatre presents the annual AASU Student Juried Art Exhibition in the AASU Fine Arts Gallery, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Admission is free. Call 927.5381 for information.

February 26

The AASU Collegiate Music Educators National Conference chapter presents the *Patricia S. Reese Scholarship Benefit Gala* at 7 p.m. in the Armstrong Center Ballroom, 13040 Abercorn Street. Don't miss this special dinner and concert event held to pay tribute to the memory of longtime AASU family member, Trish Reese. Proceeds benefit student recipients of the Patricia S. Reese Scholarship. \$30.00 per ticket for dinner and concert; additional donations accepted. Call 927.5381 for information.

February 27

Art, music & theatre presents an art gallery reception for the AASU Student Juried Art Exhibition at noon, Fine Arts Gallery. Free admission. Call 927.5381 for information.

AASU Women's Basketball vs. Francis Marion, 5:30 p.m., Alumni Arena

AASU Men's Basketball vs. Francis Marion, 7:30 p.m., Alumni Arena

February 28

AASU Career Fair, noon to 4 p.m., AASU Student Recreation Center. Contact Barbara Myers, 927.5372 for additional information.

February 28-29 & March 1-2

Masquers theatre troupe presents *The Imaginary Invalid* by Jean-Baptiste Molière, a satirical comedy on the medical profession of the late 1600s in France, at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. only on March 2) in the Masquers' new temporary home: Masquers Chinese Theater located in the Armstrong Center, 13040 Abercorn Street. General admission: \$10. Seating is limited. Advance ticketing is highly recommended. Call 927.5381 for information.

February 29

Art, music & theatre presents the music of Ji-Sun Kim and Phi Nguyen, composition, for their combined graduation recital at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Free admission. Call 927.5381 for information.

AASU In the News

The following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in January. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in University Relations at 961.3173, or Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu.

- 1/1 Savannah-Chatham County high schools came together at AASU to celebrate the start of the Savannah-Chatham Organization for Recruiting Educators, or SCORE.
-*Coastal Family*
Also, *Savannah Morning News*-12/13
- 1/1 The AASU Elderhostel program has been named to the top 10 daily list of the most popular destinations in the country.
-*Savannah Magazine*
- 1/2 Biodynamics Laboratory opens.
-*The Savannah Tribune*
Also, *Savannah Morning News*-1/11; WTOC-1/14
- 1/2 The Poetry Society of Georgia's 2007-2008 reading series continues with Greg Williamson at 7:30 p.m. on the campus of AASU.
-*The Savannah Tribune*
Also, *Savannah Morning News*-12/28, 1/10
- 1/2 Donna Mullenax presents faculty lecture (1/18).
-*The Savannah Tribune*
Also, *Savannah Morning News*-1/3; *Connect Savannah*-1/16
- 1/3 John McGuthry and AASU VoIP initiative featured.
-*TechLinks Magazine*
Also, www.Techlinks.net
- 1/4 Zaphon Wilson interviewed regarding Barack Obama's victory in Iowa.
-WTOC
- 1/8 Hassan Aziz travels to Singapore, Qatar.
-*Savannah's Daily News*
Also, *Savannah Morning News*-1/17

- 1/10 John Jensen's sculptures featured.
-*Savannah Morning News*
- 1/10 Basketball player Jaamal Galloway is a shooting star.
-*Savannah Morning News*
- 1/14 Joel Spivak tutors in the math lab.
-*Savannah Morning News*
- 1/16 Kathleen Burke and her students interviewed on electoral process.
-WTOC
- 1/16 AASU Hosts Andean Textile Exhibit.
-*Connect Savannah*
- 1/16 Weavings from Argentina on display at AASU.
-*Connect Savannah*
Also, *Savannah Morning News*-1/18
- 1/17 Calliope, the student literary magazine, wins award.
-*SavDailyNews.com*
Also, *Savannah Morning News*-1/18 and 1/24, *Savannah Tribune*-1/23
- 1/20 AASU to host College Goal.
-*Coastal Courier*
Also, *Savannah Herald*-1/23
- 1/21 Ashraf Saad technology column.
-*The Business Report & Journal*
- 1/21 Randy Grubb speaks on the Cyber Security Research Institute.
-*The Business Report & Journal*
Also, *Savannah Tribune*-1/23
- 1/22 Richard Cebula appears on WSAV regarding economics stimulus.
-WSAV
- 1/23 Richard Cebula talks about economic stimulus package on Mid Morning Live.
-WTOC
- 1/23 Mike Toma quoted about economic downturn.
-*Savannah Morning News*
- 1/23 AASU to host College Goal.
-*Savannah Morning News*-1/13
Also, *Savannah Morning News*-1/20, *Coastal Courier*-1/20

University System Electronic News Sources

Take advantage of the range of informational publications published online by the University System of Georgia (USG).

- 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.usg.edu/pubs/sys_suppl/.
- *Value Added—USG Serves Georgia* focuses on how the university system and its campuses are serving Georgia and local communities. To read this monthly publication, go to: www.usg.edu/pubs/value/.
- *Linkages* reports news of the university system and provides hot links to related source materials: www.usg.edu/linkages/.

The submission deadline for the March issue of
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is February 15.

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

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