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A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

**MAY 2008**

## 3 Days for AASU Raises \$341,378

Janice Woods, senior vice president of First Chatham Bank and 3 Days for AASU campaign chair, presented a check for \$341,378 to President Thomas Z. Jones at a victory celebration on April 4. The campaign, now in its fifth year, set a new record, raising 36 percent more than last year. The money will provide support for student scholarships and university programs.



Armstrong Atlantic has an economic impact on Savannah's metropolitan statistical area of more than \$182 million, and the business community recognizes the excellent higher education opportunities and intellectual resources that AASU offers. Its graduates fill a large percentage of the region's workforce demands in areas such as health professions and teacher education.

*AASU President Thomas Z. Jones and Janice Woods, chair of 3 Days for AASU '08, hold a check for \$341,378. The funds were raised during the annual community campaign.*

## Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation Awards Grant

Mark Anthony Douglas, a student in the Master's in Adult Education and Community Leadership (AECL) program in AASU's College of Education, was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation. The grant helped Douglas and his student peers present on-campus seminars to benefit My Brothaz Home, a community-based organization that provides HIV and STD prevention programs to residents of Savannah.

The AECL program was selected for its history of successful student-led civic engagement and for the ongoing opportunities available for students to become involved in the design of community partnerships with non-profit community organizations.

The foundation provides two \$1,000 scholarships each year to students in the program who engage in innovative and promising partnerships with non-profit community organizations. Grants are awarded every spring and fall semester.

## **AASU Team Earns Distinguished Delegation Award at Model U.N. Conference**

Armstrong Atlantic's Model United Nations team, comprising eight students from various academic disciplines, earned a Distinguished Delegation Award for outstanding cooperation with other delegates at the annual National Model United Nations Conference in New York City. The team represented the southern African Kingdom of Lesotho during the weeklong conference.



AASU was represented at the Model United Nations conference in 2007 and this year. On both occasions, AASU brought home awards after working with some 300 other delegations, many of which have been involved with Model United Nations programs for decades.

The conference is a university-level simulation of the United Nations and provides a forum for students to confront global concerns in a real world context and explore important issues including, regional conflicts, peacekeeping, human rights, women and children issues, economic and social development, and the environment.

*Pictured above from left: Josh Coleman, Brandon Griffin, Erica Daly, Luke Farmer, John Coburn, Don Moone, Rachel Porter, and Sherry Cortes*

## **AASU and SSU Host Human Rights Conference**

Armstrong Atlantic State University and Savannah State University hosted the inaugural Student Conference on Global and Domestic Human Rights Awareness on April 25-26 on the AASU campus. Some 40 students from Armstrong Atlantic and 30 from Savannah State presented papers and poster exhibitions.

Karin Ryan, director of the human rights program at the Carter Center in Atlanta, delivered the inaugural address focusing on human rights and U.S. foreign policy.

Students presented posters on topics ranging from violence against women in Latin America to child soldiers, and the homeless in Savannah. Paper sessions included discussions ranging from health care to hate crimes, involving regions from the Middle East to the United States and China.

The Armstrong Atlantic and Savannah State University Collaborative Teaching and Research Grant provided the financial support for the conference.

## **Student Awarded Health Services Administration Scholarship**



Gregory Turner, a first-year student in the Master of Health Services Administration program at AASU's College of Health Professions, has been awarded the Foster G. McGaw Scholarship for 2008.

The McGaw scholarship is sponsored by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) and is awarded annually to students who show great potential as emerging leaders in the field of health administration.

Turner, who is currently completing an administrative internship in medical practice management at St. Joseph's/Candler, will be honored by AUPHA at its national meeting in Washington, D.C. in June.



### Crovatt Named Alumni Coordinator

**Beth Crovatt** has been named alumni relations coordinator. She will provide strategic direction for the alumni base that exceeds 35,000 individuals and will help create lifelong relationships between AASU and its alumni through collaborative leadership with the Board of the Alumni Association.

### Kudos

**Robin Jones**, assistant director of student affairs, received the Sigma Sigma Sigma Greek Advisor of the Year Award. The award is given annually to honor a Greek advisor for contributions to the Greek system on a campus where a Sigma Sigma Sigma chapter is located.

Sigma Sigma Sigma presented a \$500 grant in honor of Jones to the AASU Foundation, which designated it to the Nick Mamalakis Emerging Leader Scholarship.

"AASU is extremely pleased that Sigma Sigma Sigma honored Robin Jones for the contributions to Greek life," said Vicki McNeil, vice president of student affairs who presented the award to Jones. "Robin has been instrumental in building the Greek community on campus and highly respected by our fraternity and sorority leaders. This award was well deserved."



*Robin Jones (left) received the Sigma Sigma Sigma Greek Advisor of the Year Award. Vicki McNeil, vice president of student affairs, presented the award.*

**Susan White** and **Joyce Bergin**, Department of Special and Adult Education, represented AASU at the 20th Anniversary Conference of the Consortium for Belize Educational Cooperation (COBEC) held in February in Cayo District, Belize. Hosted by Galen



*COBEC Group. Susan White and Joyce Bergin are in third row on the right.*

University, the conference programs covered such topics as maximizing connections between faculty at COBEC member institutions and students in Belize, research and teaching opportunities in Belize, international service learning, and sustainable development as a challenge for educators.

Prior to the conference, White and Bergin presented information about AASU and the university's programs at an undergraduate and graduate recruitment fair held at St. John's Junior College in Belize City. Many students expressed interest in AASU's undergraduate and graduate programs in education, technology, and health sciences.



**Christopher Baker**, languages, literature & philosophy, presented “Donne’s Holy Sonnet XIV and Jeremiah” at the annual meeting of the South Central Renaissance Conference in Kansas City, MO. He was also named president of the organization for 2008-2009.

**Mark Budden**, mathematics, delivered a talk on “Rational Residuacity of Prime Numbers” and **Sean Eastman**, mathematics, presented “Examining the Error of Linearization for a Duality-Based A-Posteriori Error Estimate” at the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Southeastern Mathematical Association of America conference held in March in Charleston. **Elijah Allen**, 2006 mathematics graduate, spoke on “Landau’s Problems” in number theory. **Sungkon Chang** and **Lorrie Hoffman**, mathematics, and **Kevin Hoffman**, part-time instructor in art, music & theatre, attended the conference. A team of mathematics majors comprised of **Jaree Hudson**, **Russ Manning**, **Stephen Savioli** and **Scott King** competed in the Math Jeopardy tournament, but lost to Auburn University-Montgomery.

Budden is a recipient of a National Science Foundation-funded grant from the Center for Undergraduate Research in Mathematics at Brigham Young University for the 2008-2009 academic year. The grant will support the establishment of an undergraduate research group on rational reciprocity laws consisting of students Savioli and **Kristin Ellis**.

**José de Arimatéia da Cruz**, political science, has been appointed to the governing board of the National Social Science Association, the largest interdisciplinary association in the United States. In addition, da Cruz has been elected to a three-year term as chairman of the Americas Council for the University System of Georgia. Both **Becky da Cruz**, political science, and José da Cruz have been appointed to the board of editors of the *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*.

**Kalenda Eaton** and **Josephine Foster**, languages, literature & philosophy, **Learotha Williams, Jr.**, history, and **Pam Sears**, art, music & theatre, were part of a discussion panel that examined the social and historical importance and relevance of the award-winning play, “For Colored Girls who have Considered Suicide when the Rainbow is Enuf,” performed by AASU Masquers. In addition, Eaton was interviewed on Savannah State University’s WHCJ 90.3 for an installment of “Visions in the Arts.” Eaton discussed important trends in contemporary Black women’s literature and her work mentoring students interested in the field.

**Leah Holland Fiorentino**, College of Education, gave two presentations, “How to get an EnergyNow! Grant for Your School” and “Collegiality and Dispositions in the Promotion and Tenure Process - A Performance Rubric,” at the annual convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, in April in Ft. Worth, TX.

**Mark Finlay**, history, was featured on a WGCU-TV production, “Untold Stories: The Wizard’s Laboratory,” that aired in Fort Myers, FL. Prior to that, he was interviewed on WCGU Radio’s installment of “Gulf Coast Live.” In both cases, the topic was Thomas Edison’s interest in finding a domestic rubber crop. Edison maintained a home and laboratory in Ft. Myers.

**Priya Goeser** and co-author **Cameron Coates**, engineering studies program, presented a paper, “Integrating Real World Situations into an Introductory Course in Engineering Materials,” at the American Society for Engineering Education Southeastern Section Annual Conference, held in April in Memphis, TN. The paper will be published in the conference proceedings.

**Deborah Jamieson**, art history, will participate in a faculty development seminar through the University System of Georgia in May. The seminar is "Morocco and Spain: 1,000 Years of Migration, Conflict & Integration of Cultures."

**Marti Lee**, languages literature & philosophy, presented "Yes, No, Maybe: The Cuchulain Saga in Irish Literature Today" at the 2008 meeting of the southern regional American Conference for Irish Studies held in Savannah in March. Lee also presented "'A Hag and a Voice': Lady Augusta Gregory and the Irish Renaissance" to the AASU Irish Studies Club in April.

The nuclear medicine program has received an extended accreditation. The program was initially accredited in 2006, receiving maximum three years of accreditation given to a new program. During the original accreditation evaluation, the site visitors found no deficiencies and had no recommendations. This current extension adds two additional years to the original accreditation period for a total of five years of accreditation.

During spring break, **Bob Lessnau** and **Rose Laughter**, biology, traveled to Gamboa, Panama to collaborate on a study with the University of California-Berkeley. The study focused on the capture and collection of biological information on the Geoffroy's tamarin, a small primate found in Central America. Also participating in the study were biology students **Tiffany Burgess** and **Jennifer Edington**.

The College of Health Professions sponsored a full-day workshop, "Tough Academic Decisions and Legal Issues Involving Students," presented by **Steve Milam**, attorney at law, consultant, and assistant professor at the University of Washington School of Medicine. More than 100 faculty, administrators, and directors from 12 states attended the workshop that was held in the Armstrong Center in April.

**Tony Morris**, languages, literature & philosophy, was a featured reader at Savannah State University's Annual Poetry Festival. He will also have three poems published in the Spring/Summer 2008 issue of *The Connecticut Review*.

**Christy Mroczek**, languages, literature & philosophy, presented "The Ethos of Activism in Online Communities" at the Conference on College Composition and Communication Convention in New Orleans in April.

The AASU nursing department was well represented at the Georgia Association for Nursing Education 2008 annual conference in Callaway Gardens in February. **Camille Stern** served on the executive board for the organization and was recognized for outstanding service to the organization with the Mabel Korsell Award. Podium presenters included **Helen Taggart**: "Exploring the Roads to Global Health: Guyana, Denmark & Thailand," **Pamela Mahan**: "Violence 101: Are You Prepared?," **Marilyn O'Mallon**: "Turn Right Here: A Sure Path to Restoring Work-Life Balance," and a poster presentation by **Peggy Mossholder**: "Amish Perceptions of Dying, Death, and Loss."

**Richard Wallace**, chemistry & physics, presented "Recent Developments in Banana Research in Georgia," at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens Spring Festival in Savannah in March. He also presented "Exotic Fruits for the Landscape in Coastal Georgia" to the Gardening for Food, Fun and Beauty course offered through the AASU Life Long Learning Institute at the Armstrong Center.

**Carl Weeks**, languages, literature & philosophy, has published "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" in *New Georgia Encyclopedia* and *The New Georgia Encyclopedia Companion to Georgia Literature*. In addition, he published "Peter Tondee" in the online version of the *New Georgia Encyclopedia*.

**Eric Werner**, chemistry & physics, presented a poster, “Effects of a triazacyclononane ligand cap on hydroxypyridonate Gd(III) complexes as high-relaxivity MRI contrast agents” at the 235th National Meeting of the American Chemical Society in New Orleans. Co-authors were **Ankona Datta**, **Jason D. Pierce**, and **Kenneth N. Raymond** of the University of California, Berkeley, and **Mauro Botta** and **Silvio Aime** of the University of Turin, Italy.

**David Wheeler**, languages, literature & philosophy, has published “Placing Anna Seward: ‘The genius of Place,’ Coalbrookdale and ‘Colebrook Dale’” in *New Perspectives on the Eighteenth Century*.

**Wendy Wolfe**, psychology, has published “Student client satisfaction with tele-psychiatry support at a rural university counseling center” in the *Telemedicine and E-Health* journal, Vol. 14, No. 1.

**Lei Zhu**, information technology, **Jane Wong** and **Brad Sturz**, psychology, with colleagues **Yong Shi**, Kennesaw State University, and **Chun Tang**, Oracle Retail Global Business Unit, have published “An Integrated Evaluation Method for Module-Based Undergraduate Information Retrieval” in the *Journal of Computing Sciences in Small Colleges*.

Vocal music performance major **Ashley Adams** has been chosen to participate in the American Singers’ Opera Project Workshop (ASOP). The ASOP is a non-profit intensive summer program to educate American opera singers about what it takes to have a career in opera. Graduates of the ASOP program are now singing at the New York City Opera and throughout Europe. The ASOP is held on the campus of Salem College in Winston Salem, NC. Ashley has been cast in the role of Barbarina in the complete production of *Le Nozze di Figaro* and the role of Papagena in scenes from *The Magic Flute*. She will also perform Laurie’s aria from Aaron Copland’s *The Tender Land* during the gala aria evening performance. Competition for acceptance into this prestigious summer training program is highly competitive with only 25 singers from across the United States being selected through the audition process. Adams is the voice student of music professor **Lucinda Schultz**.

## Calendar

### May 1-4

The AASU Masquers theatre troupe presents “Mr. Marmalade” by Noah Haidle, a hilarious yet heartbreaking fantasy depicting a dramatically distorted view of the world as imagined by a four-year-old girl raised by daytime television, 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on May 4), Masquers Chinese Theater located in the Armstrong Center, 13040 Abercorn Street. General admission: \$10. Audience discretion is advised. Not recommended for children. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

### May 2

The Military Science-Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony will be held from 2-3:30 p.m., Armstrong Center Auditorium. For more information, call Zelene Tremble, 927.5206.

AASU Baseball vs. Lander University, Peach Belt Conference game, 3 p.m., Pirate Field

Master’s of Public Health Practicum Poster Presentation and Delta Omega Contest, 3:30 p.m., Solms Hall 103. The event is open to all AASU students, staff and faculty. For information, call 921.7341.

Art, music & theatre presents an art gallery reception for the senior art education exhibition, at 6 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery. Admission is free. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

The Savannah Winds, community wind symphony in residence at AASU, performs its annual "Ed & Friends" POPS Concert at 6 p.m. on an outdoor stage at Savannah's River Street. Free admission. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

### **May 2-15**

Art, music & theatre presents an exhibition of artwork by the graduating senior art education majors in the AASU Fine Arts Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays. Admission is free. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

### **May 3**

Commencement Ceremony Spring 2008 begins at 10:00 a.m. at Savannah Civic Center located on the corner of Liberty and Montgomery.

AASU Baseball vs. Lander (DH), Peach Belt Conference doubleheader, 1 p.m., Pirate Field

### **May 7-12**

Art, music & theatre-organized "Take a Bite Out of the Big Apple" Cultural Arts trip to New York City. Call 921.5641 for information and reservations.

### **May 10**

One-Day-University. For additional information, contact Laurel See at 921.7462.

## **Unrestricted AASU Foundation Funds Monthly Report**

The Office of External Affairs reports the expenditure of unrestricted AASU Foundation funds requested by administration, faculty, staff, and community partners for various programs and projects which qualify for such support. Unrestricted funds are those given to the foundation to enable the university to support worthy academic, student and community programs and projects for which state funds cannot be used. They are also used to supplement existing state funding to the university and to assist the university in raising additional money. Unrestricted funds are raised chiefly from the annual campaign, in particular the 3 Days for AASU campaign in April, faculty/staff campaign in August, and the alumni phonathon in October and November.

*100 Black Men of Savannah \$500*  
Annual Gala

*Augusta State University Foundation \$50*  
In memory of Lucretia Parham

## **AASU In the News**

Following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in April. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in University Relations at 961.3173, or [Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu](mailto:Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu).

4/1      AASU's Rafael Array and Alida Muller-Wehlau were named Peach Belt Conference men's and women's players of the week.  
- *Savannah Morning News*



- 4/1 AMT's John Jensen and his sculptures are featured.  
- *Coastal Antiques & Art*
- 4/1 The Lifelong Learning Institute provides educational opportunities to seniors.  
- *Coastal Senior*
- 4/1 AASU Junior Chris Nowicki was invited to be a Guest at the White House.  
- *Coastal Family*
- 4/7 Beth Crovatt is named alumni relations coordinator.  
- *The Business Report & Journal*  
Also, *Savannah Morning News*-4/7
- 4/9 Gregory Turner, student in the master's of health services administration program, is awarded scholarship.  
- *The Savannah Tribune*
- 4/9 3 Days for AASU raises \$341,378.  
- *Savannah Morning News*  
Also, *Business Report & Journal* 4/14; *WTOC* 4/4; *Savannah Tribune* 4/16
- 4/10 Making Maroon Green Challenge saves energy on campus.  
- *Savannah Morning News*
- 4/10 Students in the cardiovascular/interventional sequence in radiologic sciences received training in the use of the latest medical tools.  
- *Savannah Morning News*
- 4/22 Jay Lander, professor of physical therapy, participates in 2008 Bike Multiple Sclerosis Georgia Power Savannah.  
- *WTOC*
- 4/23 Jimmy & Rosalynn Carter Partnership Foundation award grant to AASU student.  
- *Savannah Tribune*  
Also, *Savannah Herald* 4/23
- 4/23 AASU to hold commencement May 3.  
- *Savannah Morning News*  
Also, *Savannah Tribune* 4/23; *Coastal Courier* 4/23
- 4/23 Jason Tatlock interviewed about human rights conference hosted by AASU & SSU.  
- *Connect Savannah*
- 4/23 Senior Brandon Morris interviewed about Masquers performance of "Art."  
- *Connect Savannah*
- 4/23 AASU Youth Orchestra's spring concert is highlighted.  
- *Connect Savannah*

## University System Electronic News Sources

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

- 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/).
- *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/](http://www.usg.edu/pubs/value/).
- *Linkages* reports news of the university system and provides hot links to related source materials: [www.usg.edu/linkages/](http://www.usg.edu/linkages/).

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

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**is May 15.**

**Please send submissions to [AASU.news@armstrong.edu](mailto:AASU.news@armstrong.edu).**

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