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A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

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Two New Colleges Created

The new structure will provide additional opportunities for students to conduct research at the undergraduate level.

AASU's largest academic unit, the College of Arts and Sciences, has been reorganized into two distinct colleges. The structural changes will increase opportunities for interdisciplinary research and grant writing, and strengthen relationships among different academic departments within the university.

The new colleges are the College of Science and Technology and the College of Liberal Arts. Further, the academic departments that belonged in the former School of Computing are now part of the College of Science and Technology.

"The new structure creates more opportunities for students to conduct research at the undergraduate level," said Ellen Whitford, vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty. The changes also create new potential for collaborations among departments and across academic fields. Further, there are new opportunities for additional academic programs, as particular community needs or labor force demands are identified in the region.

The College of Science and Technology includes the departments of computer science, information technology, engineering, chemistry & physics, biology, mathematics, and psychology.

The College of Liberal Arts includes the departments of languages, literature & philosophy; art, music & theatre; criminal justice, social and political science; economics; history; liberal studies; and military science.

AASU at the Olympics

It's not only athletes who go to the Olympics. George Davies, physical therapy, has been selected to serve on the U.S. Olympic Committee at the Beijing Olympics this month. Davies is dually certified as a sports physical therapy clinician and athletic trainer (strength and conditioning specialist).

In China, he will serve on the U.S. Olympic Committee medical staff for the Olympics/Paralympic Games as a volunteer athletic trainer.

Davies' service on the U.S. Olympic Committee goes back nearly 30 years. He served as athletic trainer and sports physical therapist with the Nordic ski team during the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y. and the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.



Beijing 2008



In 2005, Davies again served on the U.S. Olympic Committee during the World University Games in Izmir, Turkey.

Serving on the U.S. Olympic Committee, Davies said, “has been a life-long dream. Frankly, something you’ve worked hard for all your life. It is one of the highest honors you can achieve and I’m fortunate to be there.”

Say “Hello” to:



David Carson, vice president of business and finance



George C. Shields, dean of the College of Science and Technology



Patricia B. Wachholz, dean of the College of Education



Brenda Forbis, director of marketing and communications



Susan Hacker, internal auditor



Richard J. Conroy, interim director of University Police

Abercorn Street/Arts Drive Traffic Light Now in Operation

The long-anticipated traffic lights at Arts Drive and Abercorn Street were switched from flashing yellow to full operational mode at 11 a.m. on July 15. Representatives from the Georgia Department of Transportation, the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, and AASU were on hand to guide the operation and assist with the direction of traffic during the switch over.

The traffic lights are part of a project to improve traffic flow in and out of the campus. The new traffic light will permit drivers leaving campus via Arts Drive to turn left or right on Abercorn. Also, drivers heading east or west on Abercorn can enter the campus via Arts Drive.



Telephone directory online

An alphabetical directory of all employee telephone numbers is available online. To access this directory, sign on to Pirates’ Cove, click on the online directory in the tool bar, and select “all departments.” The directory can be printed or downloaded to your desktop.



TRIE Program Encourages Science Students

The third annual Talented Researcher in Engineering (TRIE) program took place June 18-27 in the science center. Eleven local high school students spent eight days working on engineering projects and presented their projects to local engineers vying for awards on the final day. The students involved were from Jenkins, Richmond Hill, and Beach high schools, and the Savannah Arts Academy. The program was funded by a grant from the NASA Space Grant consortium awarded to AASU and **Cameron Coates**, engineering. Other faculty involved in the program were **Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas**, art, music & theatre; **Wayne Johnson** and **Priya Goeser**, engineering; **Chris McCarthy**, computer science; and **Bryan Riemann**, health sciences.

Kudos

Richard Wallace, chemistry & physics, presented “Phytochemical Analysis and Characterization,” “Edible & Ornamental Banana Research In Georgia,” and “Exotic Fruit for the Southeast” at the Educating The Educators Workshop, part of a United States Department of Agriculture Funded Project between Fort Valley State, Clemson University, Armstrong Atlantic State University, and Wayne State University Cancer Institute.

Wallace served as the peer mentor for students competing in the International Chemistry Olympiad in Budapest.

In May, four educators from AASU conducted a four-day workshop, “Literacy Skills Across the Curriculum,” for 27 elementary and middle school teachers from the Belize District of Belize, Central America. **Susan White** and **Joyce Bergin**, special & adult education, **Bettye Anne Battiste**, formerly early childhood education, **Regina Rahimi**, middle grades & secondary education, and **Nancy Hepting**, speech & language pathologist and former member of the AASU faculty, demonstrated the importance of reading, writing, and language skills in major subject areas. To support the teachers newly acquired skills, the AASU group donated a large variety of books and instructional materials secured through a grant from a private charitable trust.

Felix Hamza-Lup, computer science, published “Online external beam radiation treatment simulator” in the *International Journal of Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery* in June. Co-authors were **Ivan Sopin**, student research assistant, and Omar Zeidan, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.

Hamza-Lup co-authored, “Generating Classes of 3D Virtual Mandibles for AR-Based Medical Simulation.” published in the *Journal of the Society for Simulation in Healthcare*.

Hamza-Lup serves on the program committee of the International Symposium on Visual Computing to be held in Las Vegas in December.

Calendar

August 1

Last day of classes (Session D)

Final exams (Session B)

August 1-3

Proof by David Auburn

This 2001 Pulitzer Prize and Tony award winning play has been popularized by the 2005 film version starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Anthony Hopkins. Auburn explores trust and love in human relationships through the perplexingly inseparable connection between genius and madness. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on August 3) in the Masquers Chinese Theater located in Armstrong Center, 13040 Abercorn Street. Limited seating; advance ticketing is highly recommended. General admission: \$10. If tickets are available at the door, free to AASU students.

August 4

Final exams (Sessions B and D)

August 11

Academic assistance registration – Fall, 1-6 p.m.

August 14

Registration begins – Fall (Sessions 1 & 2), 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

College of Health Professions faculty meeting 10 a.m.-noon

August 15

Registration ends – Fall (Sessions 1 & 2), 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

August 18

First day of class (Sessions 1 & 2)

August 18-20

Late registration & drop/add (Sessions 1 & 2)

August 18 to September 5

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents an art exhibition by the Savannah Fibers Guild in the AASU Fine Arts Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays. Admission is free. Call 344.2801 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., weekdays, for information.

August 20-21

Auditions for two fall semester Masquers productions: Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and George and Ira Gershwin's hit musical *Crazy For You*. Both auditions are open to the public. Auditions will be held at 6 p.m. in the Masquers Chinese Theater, located in Armstrong Center, 13040 Abercorn Street. Call 344.2556, weekdays, for more audition information.

August 21

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents an art gallery reception for the Savannah Fibers Guild exhibition at 5:30 p.m. in the AASU Fine Arts Gallery. Admission is free. Call 344.2801 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays, for information.

August 23

Registration – Saturday classes only
First day of Saturday classes

August 24

Goizueta Scholarship Awards reception, 2-4 p.m.

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 that 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 fund drive in April, faculty/staff campaign in August, and the alumni phonathon in October and November.

3 Days Victory Celebration \$1,793.45

At the request of the Office of Development (partially underwritten)

President's Holiday/Foundation Reception \$1,600.49

At the request of President Jones

Student Success Center Meeting(s) \$595.92

At the request of Bill Megathlin

Host lunch for search \$232.00

Reimbursement to Joseph Weaver

Host Board of Regents Consultants \$197.85

At the request of President Jones

Host dinner for Search – VP Business & Finance \$168.06

Reimbursement to John McGuthry

Host science & technology consultant \$149.84

Reimbursement to Ellen Whitford

Host lunch for Search-Registrar \$141.77

Reimbursement to Gregory Anderson

Graduation Reception for College of Education \$125.51

At the request of Theresa Gerson

Luncheon for major donor \$95.00

At the request of the Office of Development

AASU in the News

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

- 7/1 AASU golfer Kristen Jelinek and alumnus Jason Hux (physical therapy) come together in a story about physical therapy treatment for golfers.
Savannah Morning News
- 7/2 John McGuthry is named assistant to the president
Savannah Tribune and *Savannah Herald*
Also *Savannah Morning News* 7/7
- 7/7 Russell Watjen is named associate vice president for enrollment management
Savannah Morning News
- 7/7 Student and roller derby enthusiast Kristen Alonso is featured.
Savannah Morning News

- 7/9 Alumna Carmen Jones selected for Princeton's Summer Institute
Savannah Tribune
- 7/10 AMT presents "Anton in Show Business"
Savannah Morning News
- 7/11 AASU revises academic structure, introducing two new colleges.
Savannah Daily News
Also *Savannah Herald* and *Coastal Courier* 7/16; *Savannah Tribune* 7/23
- 7/14 AASU financial aid counselor Susan Dillard is featured
Savannah Morning News
- 7/14 Armstrong Navigate sessions
Savannah Morning News
Also *Savannah Herald* 7/16; *Savannah Morning News* 7/18, 7/21
- 7/14 Radiologic Sciences honors the memory of Sharyn Gibson with a breast cancer awareness walk.
WSAV-TV
- 7/16 AASU hosts nursing camp
Savannah Herald
Also *Savannah Morning News* 7/16
- 7/16 Kappa Alpha Psi alumni establishes endowed scholarships at SSU and AASU
Savannah Tribune
- 7/18 AASU golfer Chris Wolfe competes in Japan
Savannah Morning News
- 7/17 George Shields is new dean of College of Science and Technology
Savannah Daily News
Also *Savannah Morning News* 7/20, 7/21; *Savannah Tribune* 7/23
- 7/23 Mike Toma quoted in story about impact of home building on local economy
Savannah Morning News
- 7/24 AASU's Talented Researcher in Engineering program is featured
Savannah Morning News
- 7/24 AASU Puts 23 Acres up for Sale
Savannah Daily News
Also, *Business Report & Journal* 7/28
- 7/24 "Proof" is final play of AASU summer season
Savannah Morning News
- 7/25 Jenkins Hall undergoes flashy face-lift
Savannah Morning News
- 7/28 Brenda Forbis is new director of marketing and communications at AASU
Business Report & Journal
- 7/28 AASU selects Susan M. Hacker as internal auditor
Business Report & Journal
Also, *Savannah Morning News* 7/29

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/.
- *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 September issue of

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is August 15.

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

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