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A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

Homecoming 2010 — Kickin' It Up a Notch

Hundreds of alumni, students, faculty and staff enjoyed concerts, socials, parties and ballgames throughout the 2010 Homecoming Week, February 22-27.

Clockwise from top:

The Homecoming kickoff in the Alumni Arena set the tone for the week as hundreds of alumni, students and supporter cheered the start of the festivities.

A Tuesday Golden Graduates Reunion included Alva Lines, member of the inaugural Armstrong Class of 1937, who was joined by his wife Mildred and granddaughter Elizabeth Bedell, a current AASU student.

Also on Tuesday, the AASU Music Ensembles Showcase entertained a large crowd packing the Fine Arts Auditorium.

An antique car show, organized by the Antique Automobile Club of America – Savannah Chapter, helped mark AASU's 75th anniversary during the Saturday Homecoming Tailgate and attracted a community crowd. Cars represented every year of the university's history.

The Greeks got in the act with a block party on Wednesday.



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THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENTURY **THREE DAYS FOR AASU**

“FOR 75 YEARS,
ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC
STATE UNIVERSITY HAS
BEEN ADVANCING
ACADEMICS AND
CULTIVATING
COMMUNITY GROWTH.
FOR 3 DAYS, YOUR SUPPORT
WILL HELP ENSURE THAT
GROWTH CONTINUES.”

— **JOHN C. HELMKEN, II**
*President & Chief Executive Officer
The Savannah Bancorp
Chair, AASU Foundation Board of Trustees*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

SAVE THE DATES **3 DAYS FOR AASU**

MARCH 30 > APRIL 1 > 2010

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Georgia House Recognizes AASU's 75th Anniversary

The Georgia House of Representatives issued a resolution on February 4 recognizing Armstrong Atlantic State University's 75th anniversary. House Resolution #1258 was championed by Representative Ann Purcell of House District 159, Burke Day (H.D. 163), Ron Stephens (H.D. 164), Mickey Stephens (H.D. 161), Bob Bryant (H.D. 160) and others. President Bleicken spoke before the House of Representatives and thanked its members for recognizing AASU's 75th anniversary.

Kiss-A-Pig Campaign

President Linda Bleicken will serve as one of several community leaders participating in this year's Kiss-A-Pig campaign in support of the American Diabetes Association. A contest between community leaders to raise money, Kiss-A-Pig is a regional campaign with competitors from throughout the region and South Carolina. The campaign kicks off at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 6 on River Street.

President Bleicken has assembled an on-campus team to help with the effort. Members include: Zaphon Wilson (left), Jose da Cruz, Alice Adams, Frank Twum-Barimah, Chad Guilliams and Carl Bleicken (not pictured).



A Call for Alumni Memories

The AASU Alumni Association is seeking submissions from alumni for the university's 75th anniversary Web page. Alumni are asked to submit memories from their time at Armstrong. The entries can be submitted by visiting 75.armstrong.edu/. For further information, contact Beth Crovatt, AASU coordinator of alumni relations, at 912.344.2586 or Beth.Crovatt@armstrong.edu.

Economics Endowed Scholarship Established

A friendship that began more than 25 years ago between two colleagues working in Savannah has led to the establishment of the endowed Lillian A. Hood Economics Scholarship that will benefit future students at AASU. Captain Dale Lewis, a 1992 AASU graduate, established the scholarship in honor of Lillian Hood, a long-time Savannah resident and mother of two Armstrong Atlantic alumni.



AASU Student Association Wins Award

The AASU Residential Students Association, under the Department of Housing and Residence Life, won a first place award during the Banner Presentation at this year's Georgia Residence Halls Organizations Conference held in Americus, GA in January. Kudos to all the members and the delegates who represented AASU at this conference.

Calendar

**For all art, music & theatre events call 344.2801 from noon to 3 p.m., weekdays, for information.*

Through March 10

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents the AASU Invitational Alumni Art Exhibition in the Fine Arts Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays. Free.

March 1

Baseball vs. Queens (NY), 2 p.m.

March 2

Softball vs. Findlay, 1 p.m.

Baseball vs. Queens (NY), 6 p.m. @ Grayson Stadium

March 3

Baseball vs. St. Andrews, 2 p.m.

March 4

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents Michael Fahey, saxophone, in graduation recital at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Program includes music by Darius Milhaud, Walter Hartley and Lawson Lunde. Free.

March 5

Softball vs. Wingate, 1 p.m.

Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Lynn, 4 p.m. @ Bacon Park

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents Anne Busby, flute, in graduation recital at 2:30 p.m. in Fine Arts Auditorium. Program includes music by Sergei Prokofiev. Free.

March 6

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre welcomes the United States Navy Concert Band, performing at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Free. *Savannah Morning News* and the U.S. Navy League are co-sponsors of this concert.

March 7

Baseball vs. Concord, 2 p.m.

March 8

Baseball vs. West Liberty State, 2 p.m.

March 9

Men's & Women's Tennis vs. Washington (Mo.), 11 a.m. @ Bacon Park
Baseball vs. California (Pa.), 2 p.m.

"Spring Fling" – The Savannah Winds, community wind symphony in residence at AASU, performs in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Program includes Gustav Holst's breathtakingly ascendant "Jupiter" from *The Planets*, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's aristocratic fanfare *Procession of the Nobles* and Percy Grainger's sentimental folk melody *Colonial Song*. General admission is \$14.

March 10

Softball vs. Tusculum, 2 p.m.

March 11

Baseball vs. West Liberty State, 6 p.m. @ Grayson Stadium

March 11-14

The Masquers theatre troupe presents *Bright Ideas* by Eric Coble. Everyone wants to fast-track their baby Einstein to success, but one set of overly-indulgent parents feverishly takes extreme parenting beyond its legal limits. Genevra and Joshua riotously launch felonious ideas into frenetic motion just to enroll their toddler into Bright Ideas Early Childhood Development Academy and ensure pre-K valedictorian status. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. in AASU Jenkins Hall Black Box Theater. Limited seating; obtain tickets in advance. Audience discretion is advised. Mature language. General admission is \$10. Discounts available to military, seniors, alumni association members and students. AASU staff, faculty and students presenting valid AASU PirateCard will be admitted free of charge. *Connect Savannah* is the print sponsor of the Masquers.

March 13

Baseball vs. Francis Marion, 2 p.m.
Women's Tennis vs. Barry, 3 p.m. @ Bacon Park

March 14

Baseball vs. Francis Marion, 11 a.m. (doubleheader)

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents three world-class Laureates of the 2010 Hilton Head International Piano Competition in short solo recital programs at 3 p.m. in the AASU Fine Arts Auditorium. General admission is \$6. Co-sponsor: Hilton Head International Piano Competition.

March 16

Softball vs. North Georgia, 2 p.m.

March 22 to April 9

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents the annual AASU Student Juried Art Exhibition in the Fine Arts Gallery. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays. Free.

March 23

Men's Tennis vs. Drury, noon @ Bacon Park

March 24

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents an art gallery reception for the AASU Student Juried Art Exhibition at noon in the AASU Fine Arts Gallery. Free.

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents a special theatre performance at 1:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery as part of the 2010 Women In The Arts Symposium. Free.

March 25

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents a special art lecture/demonstration at 11:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery as part of its third annual Women In The Arts Symposium. Free.

March 26-27

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre sponsors its 12th annual High School One-Act Play Festival in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Free. Regional high school theatre troupes compete against each other for top honors. Performances are scheduled throughout the day.

March 27

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre's Outdoor Art Show and Children's Festival returns from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Hall Courtyard. A fun-filled event filled with arts activities for the entire family including kids' art, music, theatre and dance activities. The artwork of faculty, students and alumni will be available for purchase. Free.

Baseball vs. Montevallo, 12:30 p.m. (doubleheader)

Softball vs. Francis Marion, 2 p.m.

March 28

Baseball vs. Montevallo, 1 p.m.

Softball vs. UNC Pembroke, 2 p.m.

March 31

The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre ceramics program hosts "Raku Pizza Night" at 5:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Hall Courtyard and Fine Arts Hall room 102. View kiln-fired pottery of AASU art majors and witness the kiln-firing process firsthand. Free.

Kudos

The AASU Dental Hygiene Clinic was the site of Give Kids a Smile Day on February 5. The annual event, sponsored by the Georgia Dental Association, provided free dental services to children ages 3-18. Demand peaked around 2:30 p.m. when more than 200 children were signed into the clinic.

Lynn Roberts (health & physical education); **Winter Frost, Emily Latner, Matt Moore** and **Scott Thompson** (health and physical education majors); and **Darcy Blakewood** (Richmond Hill Elementary teacher) presented “1 University Majors Club + 1 Elementary School = 2 Days of Fun and Fitness” in January at the Sharing the Wealth in Elementary, Middle, and High School Physical Education Conference, Jekyll Island, GA.

Eric Faulconer (women’s soccer) and senior soccer player **Kristin Burton** were recently recognized at the National Soccer Coaches Association of America’s (NSCAA) annual convention in Philadelphia, PA. Faulconer was selected as the Southeast College Coach of the Year. Burton was recognized as a First Team All-America selection, as well as a First Team Academic All-America selection. The AASU women’s soccer team was also recognized for a National Top 25 Ranking and for receiving the NSCAA Team Academic Award.

Greg Wimer (health and physical education) published an article, “Wearing a Cap, Thermoregulation, and Thermal Sensation During Running in a Hot Environment,” in the *Journal of Sports Medicine and Physical Fitness*.

Regina Rahimi (middle & secondary education) attended the Summit on Youth Culture, Popular Culture, and Democratic Sexuality Education in Wrightsville Beach, NC. Rahimi will be a contributing author for an edited volume on Youth Culture and Democratic Sexuality Education being published this summer.

Rahimi also presented a paper, “Hostile High School: Sexual Harassment on School Campus,” at the Eastern Educational Research Association Annual Conference.

Cameron Coates (engineering studies) presented his paper, “A Hybrid Neural Network Finite Element Scheme for Prediction of Crack Orientation on Curved Plates,” at the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Aerospace Systems Conference in Los Angeles, CA. The paper was published in the conference proceedings.

Carol Andrews (languages, literature & philosophy) and **Lynn Roberts** (health & physical education) presented “Collaboration Between Disciplines: Designing a Writing Assignment for First-Year Students” at the 12th Annual Student Success in First-Year Composition Conference. The conference was sponsored by the Department of Writing and Linguistics, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Georgia Southern University.

Elizabeth F. Desnoyers-Colas (art, music & theater and MALPS) is an academic advisor board member for McGraw Hill’s Higher Education’s publication *Annual Editions: Gender*. Members of the Academic Advisory Board are instrumental in the final selection of articles for each edition of *Annual Editions*.

Paul Hadavas (mathematics) published “Concise RLT Forms of Binary Programs: A Computational Study of the Quadratic Knapsack Problem,” in the journal *Naval Research Logistics* with authors R. Forrester and W. Adams.

Azita Bahrami (information technology) published a research paper, “A Self Diagnosing and Prescribing E-Learning System,” at the 2009 International Conference on WWW/Internet (ICWI’09) in Rome, Italy. The International Association for Development of Information Society sponsored the conference.

Lynn Hunt Long (health & physical education) presented a poster, “Influence Of Body Fatness On Heat Loss During Exercise,” at the Southeast American College of Sports Medicine meeting in Greenville, SC. **Greg Wimer** (health & physical education), **Jayne Eitner** (health sciences), **William Baird** (chemistry & physics) and Sharon Wimer contributed to the research.

Bruce Mallard (political science), **Becky da Cruz** (criminal justice), **Carol Anderson** (languages, literature, and philosophy), **Ella Howard** (history) and **Jason Tatlock** (history) are working with the International Services Committee of the Savannah Chapter of the Red Cross to offer classes to help area residents prepare to take the naturalization test offered by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. The classes meet at 10 a.m. on Saturdays through April 3 at the Southwest Chatham Branch of the Live Oak Public Library. AASU student volunteers are helping participants study for the exam. For additional information or to volunteer, contact Ella Howard at Ella.Howard@armstrong.edu.

Marsha Moore (early childhood education) attended the New Teacher Center Symposium: Innovation in Teacher Induction in San Jose, CA. Keynote speakers included Ellen Moir, founder and executive director of NTC; Linda Darling-Hammond, Stanford University professor of education and former executive director NCTAF and recent leader of President Obama's education policy transition team; Brad Jupp, senior program advisor U.S. Department of Education; Tom Kane, director, Project for Policy Innovation in Education at Harvard University and deputy director of education for U.S. Program for Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and other nationally recognized speakers. The purpose of the symposium was to provide an opportunity to learn about effective practices and discuss issues related to teacher induction.

Richard McGrath and **Yassaman Saadatmand** (economics) presented "The effect of globalization and economic freedom on poverty in Latin America" at the Academy of Economics and Finance annual meeting in Houston, TX in February. McGrath also completed his term as president of the Academy of Economics and Finance (AEF) and was named service fellow of the AEF for his contributions as president.

Jason Beck (economics) presented "Market concentration in regional real estate brokerage markets" at the Academy of Economics and Finance annual meeting in Houston.

Kathryn Smith (economics student) presented "Determinants of cigarette consumption" in the undergraduate research competition at the Academy of Economics and Finance annual meeting in Houston.

Jessica Frieder (psychology) and colleagues presented the poster, "Undifferentiated choice responding during choice analysis," at the Association for Behavior Analysis Autism Conference, Chicago, IL in January.

Frieder and colleagues also presented the poster, "Evaluating the effects of a weighted vest for three individuals with autism," at the conference.

Frieder and colleagues published "Teleconsultation in school settings to conduct functional analyses: Linking classroom teachers and university personnel through web-based technology," in *Behavior Analysis in Practice*.

Frieder and colleagues also published "The effects of varying qualities of reinforcement on mand to work, mands for break, and problem behavior," in *Education and Treatment of Children*.

Jonathan Roberts (psychology) presented "The Bumps, Bruises, and Benefits Associated with the Creation of an Honors Ambassadors Program" at the National Collegiate Honors Conference, Washington, D.C. in October.

Vann Scott, Jr. (psychology), **Sabrina Hessinger** (Mathematics) and colleagues presented the paper, “Engaging MSP Participants through K-16 Learning Communities: Implementation and Research,” at the Math Science Partnership Learning Network Conference, Washington, D.C. in January.

Brad Sturz (psychology) and colleagues published “Domain is a moving target for relational learning” in *Behavioural Processes*.

Sturz and colleagues also published “Testing the translational-symmetry hypothesis of abstract-concept learning in pigeons” in *Learning & Behavior*.

Sturz and colleagues also published “Facilitation of learning spatial relations among locations by visual cues: Generality across spatial configurations” in *Animal Cognition*.

George Shields (science & technology) presented his research seminar on breast cancer research at Truman State University in February. He and his group attended the 50th Sanibel Symposium on Quantum Theory on St. Simons Island in February where **Kaye Archer** '10 and postdoctoral associate **Berhane Temelso** presented posters based on their environmental chemistry research. Archer presented “Accurate Predictions of the Structure and Energies of Water Decamers,” and Temelso presented “Benchmark Quality Structures and Energies for Small Water Clusters.”

John Hobe (early childhood education), **Marilyn Hutchinson** (middle grades & secondary education) and **Marsha Moore** (early childhood education) have accepted appointment to the Savannah-Chatham County Public School's Guiding Coalition. The Guiding Coalition was established four years ago under the leadership of Superintendent Thomas Lockamy. Its purpose is to “guide the school system through the process of establishing and maintaining a system-wide focus on the implementation of the district's philosophy of teaching and learning” through collaborations with all stakeholders, including the College of Education at AASU.

AASU in the News

Following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in February 2010. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in Marketing & Communications at 344.2971, or Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu.

The case of student Bryce Tarter who went missing on January 31, has been the focus of many of TV and newspaper reports throughout the South. AASU Police Chief Wayne Willcox has been interviewed several times by local media. News reports also have appeared in the Northeast, where Tarter graduated from the Robert W. Traip Academy in Kittery, Maine.

- 1/29 Becky da Cruz (political science) was interviewed regarding proposed changes to Georgia DNA database.
WSAV-TV
- 2/1 AASU is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2010.
Savannah Magazine
Also, WTOG-TV 2/22
- 2/2 Michael Toma (economics) extensively quoted in article about 2010 economic outlook.
Effingham Herald
- 2/3 Alumnus established endowed economic scholarship
AASCU newsletter
- 2/3 Representative Jack Kingston spoke about the AASU Cyber Security Research Center.
C-SPAN

- 2/5 President Linda Bleicken was interviewed during the Savannah-Chatham Day at the Georgia Capitol.
WTOC-TV
- 2/5 AASU Dental Clinic hosted Give Kids a Smile Day.
WSAV-TV and WTOC-TV
Also, *Savannah Morning News* 2/6 and 2/24
- 2/11 Richard Cebula (economics) published biweekly column.
Savannah Morning News
- 2/16 AASU and Savannah State University will host a student symposium and guest lecturer.
Savannah Morning News
- 2/18 Tamer Amer (SGA president) was interviewed regarding proposed legislation that would permit guns on college campuses.
WJCL/Fox
- 2/21 AASU graduate Ellis Garvin published "A Guide to Our Two Savannahs."
Savannah Morning News
- 2/22 Richard McGrath (economics) was interviewed regarding new credit card regulations.
WJCL/Fox
- 2/23 John Mamalakis (AASU Foundation) announced that he is running for state insurance commissioner.
WTOC-TV
Also, *Savannah Morning News* 2/24

University System of Georgia Electronic News

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

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

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