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Celebrating our 75th
The Armstrong family and the Savannah community came out strong to Celebrate Armstrong Day as we mark the 75th anniversary of Armstrong this year. For the first time, the festival was held in the new Student Union’s academic plaza and surrounding area. With clear skies and temperatures reaching the low 80s, students, faculty, staff and guests enjoyed games, toured booths, and were treated to special offers—this year the Alumni Association served free barbecue, while Leopold’s Ice Cream set up shop on campus to dispense treats, including its new sorbet, “Pirates’ Treasure,” in honor of Armstrong’s 75th.

The winner of the best booth was the campus chapter of the American Chemical Society. Other winners included engineering for most creative, biology for most entertaining, art, music & theater for most enthusiastic, French Club for best food and Delta Sigma Theta for most informative.

The hot dog eating contest champion was Elijah Walden, who downed four dogs in three minutes.
Fidel Castro’s Daughter to Speak During International Week

The Office of International Education (OIE) will host the 2010 International Week from November 7-12. Alina Fernandez, daughter of Fidel Castro, will provide the keynote address. Fernandez, the author of *Castro’s Daughter: An Exile’s Memoir of Cuba* (1998) will speak at 3 p.m., Sunday, November 7 in the Residential Plaza of the Student Union (attendees are welcome to bring blankets and lawn chairs). From 2-5 p.m., also on Sunday and at the same location, OIE will host Taste of the World, an outdoor festival that will offer international food samples and displays prepared by Armstrong’s international students. Please see full schedule for International Week on page 4.

Study Abroad Offerings for 2011

Faculty and staff are asked to encourage students interested in taking part in study abroad excursions to register early. Sponsored by the Office of International Education, study abroad helps students to learn about world affairs and be prepared to understand differing international perspectives and “function successfully in a global society”—one of the strategic goals of the University System of Georgia. A list of the trips being planned in 2011 and registration information can be found on the Study Abroad website (www.armstrong.edu/Departments/International/intl_study_abroad_programs).

Faculty Development Adds International Perspective to Curriculum

This summer, the Office of International Education helped with several faculty development trips to different corners of the world. It is an effort that allows faculty to advance subject knowledge, build partnerships between Armstrong and overseas institutions, present research and bring back fresh perspectives to share with students. Those who traveled include:

**Olavi Arens (history) to China and South Korea**

Participated in a Fulbright-Hayes professional/curriculum faculty development program that included stops at Pai Chai University in Daejeon and East China Normal University in Shanghai. Other cultural and historic sites visited were in Seoul, Gyenu, Xi’an and Beijing.

**Hans-Georg Earney (English) to India**

Spent three weeks in India in a self-designed faculty development program to enhance his teaching of post-colonial literature courses. In addition to visiting the cities of Kolkata, Delhi and Bombay, he also visited six states (West Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, and Maharashtra), three language areas (Bengali, Hindi, Marathi), Shimla in the Himalayas, and nine UNESCO World Heritage sites.

**Tom Howard (history) to Germany**

Participated in a Fulbright faculty development seminar on “The German Sozialstaat Re-Visited: A System in Turmoil.” The focus was on the implications for pensions and other social programs and the fact that the German population is aging and beginning to decline in numbers.

**Eric Kildow (theatre) to Czech Republic**

*Southern Theatre Magazine* is completing a focus article on his travels with a group of Armstrong theatre students to the Czech Republic and his earlier experiences there as a student while participating in a study abroad program.

**Felix Hamza-Lup (computer science) to Thailand and Romania**

Had research presentations at conferences in both countries and visited Ovidius University in Constanta, Romania.
Michael Mahan (education) to Peru
The trip included a selected group of university professors and researchers across the country in an environmental education program to northern Peru, sponsored by The National Association of Biology Teachers, the North American Association for Environmental Education, and the National Council for Geographic Education.

Pamela Mahan (nursing) to Cuba
Served as a delegate for the American Public Health Association on a trip to study Cuba's health care system and policies.

Junseob Moon (criminal justice) to South Korea
Presented two lectures to faculty and students at Ulsan University.

Jim Todesca (history) to Spain
Spent a week in the Museo Provincial de Palencia studying an early twelfth-century coin hoard known as the Tesorillo de Santibañez de la Peña. The hoard consists of coins from the reign of Alfonso VI (1065-1109) of Leon-Castile. The data gathered forms the numismatic basis of an article in progress, “Cortes and Currency: the Beginnings of Royal Monetary Policy in Leon-Castile.”

International Speakers and Conferences
Over the course of this fall, the Office of International Education has hosted several international speakers on the campus. They include:

Aerico Cunho, Fulbright Scholar in Residence at Abraham Baldwin College, provided lectures to economics and political science students in October. Professor Cunho is a former senior specialist in the office of legislative counsel in the Brazilian Chamber of Deputies. He has served as an associate professor of economics at the University of Brasilia.

Joseph Sebarenzi, former head of the Rwandan Parliament, made a presentation to students and faculty as part of the celebration of International Day of Peace, September 21. Co-sponsors were the International Student Organization, Armstrong's chapter of Amnesty International and the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

Radhee Chandee, coordinator of the Kuwait Office of Overseas Advisors, visited the Office of International Education and the Admissions Office in August to learn about Armstrong's procedures in admitting and assisting international students.

Armstrong also played a lead role during the October National Conference on Geographic Education (NCGE) hosted in Savannah. Patrick Thomas (education) served as chair of the local events committee and logistics organizer. Lew Kwang-Chul, ambassador for Geographic Place Names for the Republic of Korea, served as keynote speaker. During the conference, Ambassador Lew met with a small group of local leaders to advance relationships between Korea and our region. The group representing Armstrong included James Anderson (international education), Michael Mahan (middle grades), Pam Mahan (nursing), Jackie Kim (elementary education), Junseob Moon (criminal justice), and Patrick Thomas (middle grades), his wife and their daughter Amanda Thomas, a 2009 Armstrong
political science alumna. The Ambassador expressed an interest to begin developing a relationship between Armstrong and some universities in Korea.

Additionally, from October 7-9, Armstrong served as the host of the 28th annual conference of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS), the largest professional organization in the world devoted to the study of the Third World. Michael Hall (history) served as the site coordinator for the conference, which was co-sponsored by Seton Hall University and Georgia Southwestern State University. Participants from Armstrong included Jose de Arimateia da Cruz, Daniel Skidmore-Hess (political science) and Jason Tatlock (history). Students Corrie Hand, Duncan Pindar and Matt Moyer (history) served as panelists during one of panel discussions, “U.S. Intervention in Grenada Revisited.” The panel grew out of work the students did in History 5540 in spring 2010.

Leigh Rich Receives Research Grant
Leigh Rich (health sciences) and co-director of the Center for Public Health Media and Research (www.publichealthmedia.org), has been selected as a Brocher Foundation visiting researcher for the summer of 2011. She will spend three months—July through September—at the Brocher Centre in Switzerland with researchers from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and other corners of the world. They will study and research topics related to the ethical, legal and social implications of recent medical research and new medical technologies.

Alumni Relations Calling
The Department of Alumni Relations in the Office of Advancement is holding its annual phonathon from October 16 through November 11. Armstrong students are calling alumni to provide information about campus news and events and build relationships. Student callers represent each of the different colleges in the university. Anyone with questions about the phonathon should contact the Office of Advancement at 344.2541.

Ossabest Project
The Ossabest Project was first funded in September of 2008 by the National Science Foundation. An objective of the program is for local teachers and students to learn computing through environmental fieldwork on Ossabaw Island.

On September 28, the International Paper Foundation presented a check for funding to assist the continuation of the Ossabest project. Joy Reed (mathematics) and Gail Rountree (advancement) joined other educational representatives for a luncheon at International Paper. A presentation by IP Communication Manager Karen Bogans included a review of the mission and outreach initiatives for the IP Foundation. Bogans announced the grant recipients.

The grant proposal was a collaboration between the Ossabest faculty and the Office of Sponsored Programs. The Office of Advancement will provide stewardship of the grant.

International Week Events
Sunday, November 7
2-5 p.m.
Taste of the World
Food samples and displays from Armstrong’s international students.
Student Union Residential Plaza

3 p.m.
Alina Fernandez delivers keynote address
Student Union Residential Plaza
Monday, November 8
Noon
Ayoluwa (African dance and drum group)
Student Union Residential Plaza

7 p.m.
Lecture by Joan Hecht, award-winning author of *The Journey of the Lost Boys.*
Ogeechee Theatre in the Student Union

Tuesday, November 9
Noon
Polynesian Dancers
Student Union Residential Plaza

Wednesday, November 10
7 p.m.
Film, *Grapes and Figs are in Season,* a Palestinian woman’s story.
Ogeechee Theatre in the Student Union

Thursday, November 11
4:30 p.m.
Mexican film, *Under the Same Moon,* a 9-year-old Mexican boy crosses the U.S border in search of his mother.
Ogeechee Theater in the Student Union

7:30 p.m.
Spoken word artist Gabriela Garcia Medina performs.
Student Union Ballroom

Friday, November 12
Noon
Canadian opera singer Kathleen Myrick performs.
Student Union Residential Plaza

7 p.m.
University Hall 156

The Office of International Education, Campus Union Board and the Armstrong French Club sponsor International Week.

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

November 2
Armstrong Jazz Combo Concert, 7:30 p.m., Student Union Ogeechee Theater. General admission: $6.

November 11-14 and 18-21
Masquers student theatre troupe presents *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee.* Performances are at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. only on November 14, 21) in Armstrong Jenkins Theater. General admission is $15. Discounts available to military, seniors, alumni association members, students/children, and Armstrong faculty/staff. Armstrong students presenting valid Armstrong PirateCard will be admitted free of charge.
November 12
Faculty Lecture Series. Ray R. Hashemi presents “Deriving Policies From Data,” 12:10 p.m., University Hall 156.

November 15
Men’s & Women’s Basketball Season Openers. Women’s at 5:30 p.m. and men’s at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumni Arena.

November 16
The sixth annual Medical Technology Senior Symposium will be held from 1-4 p.m. in the Med Ed Auditorium at Memorial University Medical Center. The symposium is an event to recognize the work of the graduating medical technology class. Students will share patient cases they have collected information about during their clinical practicum rotations. The event is free. To register to attend, send an email to medtech@armstrong.edu and include name, email address, institution name and street address.

November 17
Lane Library’s reference librarians will present an update on library resources from noon-12:30 p.m. in Room 130 of the library. They will demonstrate features of the new catalog interface (GIL FIND) and the two collections of electronic books acquired in the summer. Updates on JSTOR and information on the newest online medical database—the Cochrane Library—will also be available. Refreshments will be served.

November 24
Thanksgiving break (students only)

November 25-26
Thanksgiving (university closed)

Kudos
Maya Clark (communication sciences and disorders) coordinated the annual meeting of the Georgia State Consortium of Programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders held October 1 in the Armstrong Center. Four of the five programs in the state were represented. The consortium meeting was hosted by the communication sciences and disorders program at Armstrong.


While Mark Budden was a faculty member in the Armstrong mathematics department, he collaborated with Alex Collins, Kristin Ellis and Stephen Savioli (mathematics undergraduate students) to produce the article “Rational residuacity of primes” that was published with Budden as lead author and the students as co-authors in *Involve*.

Lorrie Hoffman and Greg Knofczynski (mathematics) collaborated with Steve Clark from SeaWorld of Orlando on research that culminated in a journal article, “Estimation of Parameters in the Joinpoint Two-Regime Regression Model,” that appears in *Communications in Statistics -- Simulation and Computation* (Vol. 39, No. 8, 2010).

Brad Sturz (psychology) and Kent Bodily (Georgia Southern University) recently co-published “Encoding of variability of landmark-based spatial information” in *Psychological Research*, 74, 560-567.


Linda Ann McCall and Joan Schwartz (early childhood education) and Susan Cooke (field experiences, clinical practices and partnerships) presented “Innovation to Classroom Management and Approaches to Learning: The Key to Education Reform” at the Georgia Association of Teacher Educators’ Annual Conference, October 7, 2010, in Atlanta, GA. Innovative brain-based pedagogical approaches and classroom management techniques were shared.


Mike Mahan was an invited panelist at the 2010 National Conference on Geographic Education held in Savannah, GA on October 2. The topic of the panel presentation was “Perspectives in Global Literacy: Cross Cultural Delegation of NAAEE, NABT, and NCGE in Northern Peru.” This was in response to an invitation to travel to Peru in August with the professional societies for academic and cultural study.

The following faculty and staff members are volunteering as community advisors for the Gulfstream Student Leadership Program to benefit the Savannah-Chatham County School System: Corine Ackerson-Jones (health professions), Hassan Aziz (medical technology), José de Arimatéia da Cruz (political science), Theresa Gerson (College of Education Student Services Center), Laura Harris (advancement), Peter Mastopoulos (Liberty Center), Jill Phongsa (marketing and communications), and Jeff Secrest (chemistry and physics). The program is designed to increase the high school graduation rate, provide leadership opportunities and create a collaboration between community partners and the school system to help students be more successful.

Psychology students Amanda Herring, Jennifer Bader, Todd Allmond, Tyson Lemka and William Worrell, along with faculty members Vann B. Scott, Jr. and Wendy L. Wolfe, presented a poster, “Exposure to sexually objectifying stimuli reduces self-regulation resources in women,” at the annual meeting of the Society of Southeastern Social Psychologists, October 2010.


Hassan Aziz (medical technology) was invited by Advance for Medical Laboratory Personnel to be the writer of an electronic educational blog. The blog, “From Classroom to Bench: A Lab Educator’s Perspective,” will offer educational insights to professionals in the field and can be viewed at www.advanceformlp.com.
Felix Hamza-Lup (computer science and information technology) serves on the program committee of the 2010 International Computer Science and Engineering Conference held in November in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Hamza-Lup co-authored a paper with William Baird (chemistry and physics) and students Elizabeth Murrell and James LaPlant. The paper, “Visuo-Haptic Simulator for the Dynamic and Static Friction Concepts,” was presented at the Computer-Human Interaction Conference held in Bucharest, Romania in September.

Regina Rahimi (adolescent and adult learning) presented a paper, You Mean that Still Goes On? Young Women’s Perceptions of Harassment in Schools,” at the American Educational Studies Association Annual Meeting in Denver. She also presented ‘The ‘New Hello’ and Other Forms of Harassment,” at the Georgia Educational Research Association Annual Conference.

Diane Booker and Leslie Wilkes, members of the “62 plus” program in photography, had a photography exhibit, “The Gift of Family Photography,” at Hospice Savannah Art Gallery, October 10-31. They volunteer to photograph patients and family members and serve as photographers for Hospice Savannah’s Grief Camp for children, Camp Aloha. Wilkes had a half-page photograph of an 11-year-old patient with his parents published in the Savannah Morning News, Sunday, October 10, 2010. Wilkes also won first place, adult category, in the Annual Photography Contest sponsored by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization in Alexandria, Va. Wilkes had his image, “Forsyth Fountain,” chosen for the cover of the Saint Patrick’s 2010 official Parade Magazine. Booker was juried into the Telfair Juried Art Show November 2009 and was recently invited to show as a visiting artist in the Isle of Hope Artist Guild Exhibition and Sale at the Isle of Hope Marina, November 2010. Booker and Wilkes have both donated to numerous silent auctions, including the Second Harvest Food Bank.


Toma also had an article published in the September/October issue of Savannah Magazine about the regional economy.

Toma presented “Savannah: Chatham Community Indicators” to the United Way of the Coastal Empire staff (September 29), the Mayor and City Manager (City of Savannah) (October 4), and the Chatham County Commission Chairman, County Manager and MPC representative (October 18). He presented “Economic Bratwurst & Update, 2010 2nd Qtr.” (September 15) to Georgia Society of CPAs and Financial Planning Council of Savannah. He presented “Manufacturing Update” at the Annual Chamber of Commerce/SEDA Manufacturers Appreciation breakfast (September 23).

Mark Finlay (history) presented the keynote lecture, “The Many Futures of Alternative Rubber Plants,” at The Future of Natural Rubber meeting held in Montpellier, France. The meeting was sponsored by the European Union’s project for the Production and Exploitation of Rubber and Latex Sources, (EU-PEARLS).
David Adams (health sciences) received the M.Sc. degree in infectious diseases from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine last year. He was also granted diplomate status from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, in conjunction with the M.Sc. degree.

Frank Katz (information, computing & engineering) presented a paper, “Curriculum and Pedagogical Effects of the Creation of a Minor in Cyber Security,” at the annual Information Security Curriculum Development (InfoSec CD) Conference at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, GA.

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

10/4 Armstrong alumna Genevieve Moyer (political science) is safety officer by day and belly dancer by night.  
*Savannah Morning News*

10/5 Members of the Armstrong Police Department provide fire safety tips and demonstrate a digital system used to train students and community members in the use of fire extinguishers.  
*WTOC-TV*

10/12 Pirates’ soccer player Tracey Mitchell is named Peach Belt Conference goalkeeper of the week.  
*Savannah Morning News*

10/13 President Bleicken: Liberty Center here to stay  
*Coastal Courier*

10/15 Pirates’ soccer star Kristin Burton has her jersey retired.  
*WJCL/Fox*  
Also, WSAV 10/16, WTOC 10/17

10/16 Pirates Tennis men’s and women’s capture ITA doubles titles.  
*Savannah Morning News*

10/17 Leigh Rich (health sciences) earns research award from the Brocher Foundation.  
*Savannah Morning News*  
Also, SMN 10/20 and American Association of State Colleges and Universities newsletter 10/27

10/20 Armstrong Celebrates  
*WTOC-TV, WJCL-TV*  
Also, *Savannah Morning News* 10/21

10/20 Bob LeFavi (health sciences) writes column on religious views and Florida Pastor Terry Jones.  
*Effingham Now*

10/25 Armstrong graduate Beth Larrimore is executive director of Speech and Hearing Center in Savannah.  
*Savannah Morning News*
The submission deadline for the December issue of *eArmstrong* is November 15.

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

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