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# eARMSTRONG

A newsletter for Armstrong Atlantic State University faculty & staff

**APRIL 2007**

## **The Big Read - Savannah**

Armstrong Atlantic State University, in partnership with Live Oak Public Libraries, the City of Savannah's Department of Cultural Affairs, the 18th annual Black Heritage Festival, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., is hosting The Big Read – Savannah.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts to restore literary reading to the center of American culture. Savannah is one of 72 communities chosen from throughout the United States to participate in 2007.

All Savannahians are invited to take part in The Big Read by coming together and reading one book: Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.

Under an NEA grant of \$20,000 The Big Read is allowing AASU to extend the reach of the annual Savannah Read, a program that began three years ago under the leadership of Beth Howells, the university's director of composition. The Big Read – Savannah has hosted numerous events since February 10. The programs will continue through April 14, when The Big Read concludes with a closing celebration at Daffin Park from 2-4 p.m. A free concert by the Howard Paul Quintet follows from 4-5 p.m.

During the week of April 9-14, AASU will host a number of Big Read events, including a lecture by Valerie Boyd, author of *Wrapped in Rainbows: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston*, a Hurston exhibit in Lane Library, faculty presentations, and a student symposium production.

For the most up-to-date listing, go to [www.faculty.armstrong.edu/read.htm](http://www.faculty.armstrong.edu/read.htm).

## **AASU Hosted Georgia Science Bowl**

In February, eleven high school teams from throughout Georgia competed in the Armstrong Center in the Science Bowl for the right to represent the state in Washington, DC at the National Science Bowl. This jeopardy style tournament tested the students' knowledge in astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, mathematics, and physics. Parkview High School from Lilburn won the tournament. Several AASU faculty and staff from chemistry & physics, biology, physical therapy, mathematics, and the library, along with current and former Armstrong Atlantic students, participated in making this a successful event. The National Science Bowl is hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy and will be held in late April.

## **Seventh Annual AASU Visual & Performing Arts Camp for Children**

The Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents its seventh annual Visual and Performing Arts Camp for children ages seven to thirteen, weekdays June 11 through June 22, 2007. The intent of this camp is to involve young people in an exploration of the arts in a vibrant, creative atmosphere.

Held on the AASU campus, the camp presents an exciting chance for talented students to participate in a rich and rewarding two-week workshop with an energized faculty of studio artists/teachers and guest professional art educators. Camp students will interact and fine-tune their artistic skills on a personal level unavailable in larger camp experiences.

Enrollment is limited; it is recommended that interested students submit applications early. Applications can be picked up in Fine Arts Hall. For more information regarding fees and registration, contact the Department of Art, Music & Theatre's main office at 927.5325.

## Check Out Compass Interactive

Did you know that Compass Interactive (CI) can be accessed directly from a link on the AASU home page?

For the latest in video spotlights, Pirates sports, player profiles, and more, visit CI, the broadband channel of Armstrong Atlantic State University.

## Staff Advisory Council

The members of the Staff Advisory Council would like to remind all staff of their web page at [www.hr.armstrong.edu/sac/](http://www.hr.armstrong.edu/sac/) and encourage them to give feedback, ideas, concerns, and suggestions.

## Welcome Aboard

Esma Campbell, Medical Technology  
Dennis Moore, Plant Operations

## Kudos



*(From left) John McGuthry, Bill Kelso, and Jeff Kirk*

Armstrong Atlantic fielded two teams this year at the annual Chancellor's Cup Golf Tournament held at Georgia Southwestern Golf and Conference Center in Americus, GA. Members of the faculty and administration that represented AASU included **John McGuthry**, computer & information services, **Bill Kelso**, student affairs, **Barry Eckert**, College of Health Professions, **Mike Mahan**, **Patrick Thomas**, **Ed Davis**, middle & secondary education, and **Jeff Kirk** (our outside ringer). Jeff's wife, Susan, works at AASU in computer & information services. This year's winner of the traveling Chancellor's Cup was a team from Georgia Tech. The team of McGuthry, Kelso, and Kirk finished a very strong fourth. Davis won a closest to the pin contest.

**Jane McHaney**, College of Education, presented "Innovative and Painless Ways to Introduce Faculty to Web-based Tools to Enhance Teaching and Learning," at the annual Georgia Conference on College and University Teaching held at Kennesaw State University in February. Also, **Annette Wilson**, middle and secondary education,

presented “Experiences, Characteristics, Work Life and Activities of African-American Female Faculty Members Working within Predominantly White, Public, Institutions of Higher Education: A literature review,” at the same conference.

**Leah Fiorentino**, College of Education, presented “Teaming Up on Technology: Innovative Ideas that Work,” at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance convention in Baltimore in March.

**Brenda Logan**, middle & secondary education, as chair of assessment, presented her final school-wide evaluation report in March to the Oglethorpe Charter School Board. During March, she also presented “Why Become a Middle School Teacher,” at DeRenne Middle School’s Career Day. Logan will survey Chatham County middle school administrators on what we need to teach our novice teachers about classroom management, and will also survey the charter school teachers and staff to find out what we can learn from the charter school model.

**Joan Schwartz**, early childhood education, attended the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) international conference in San Diego in February. She was invited to participate in the 2007 ATE Leadership Academy and represented Georgia as the college representative to the Delegate Assembly.

In an effort to communicate more effectively with the College of Education students, the Office of Field Experiences, Clinical Practice and Partnerships, has created the COEBlog. They highly recommend that all teacher candidates subscribe to the blog. Once they have e-mail or a RSS feed subscription, they will receive timely reminders about deadlines, workshops, and any other announcements from the College of Education.

You can visit the blog at [www.coeblog.com](http://www.coeblog.com).

**David Wheeler**, languages, literature & philosophy, published “*Restoration and Eighteenth-Century Poetry In Its Cultural Context: An Anthology.*” (Boston: Pearson, 2007).

**Christopher Baker**, languages, literature & philosophy, was named vice president of the South Central Renaissance Conference in March at its meeting in San Antonio. He also served as program chair and delivered a paper, “Cordelia and the Old Testament Figure of Wisdom.”

**Cliff Padgett**, chemistry & physics, is the lead author of “Crystal Structures Elucidated from X-ray Power Diffraction Data without Prior Indexing” published in the current issue of *Crystal Growth & Design*.

**Brent Feske**, chemistry & physics, and two student co-authors, **Richard Hammond** and **Benjamin Poston**, have published “Biocatalytic synthesis towards both antipodes of 3-hydroxy-3-phenylpropanitrile a precursor to fluoxetine, atomoxetine and nisoxetine” in *Tetrahedron Letters* 48 (12 February 2007).

**Cathy MacGowan**, chemistry & physics, presented “Chemistry Online: The Instructor’s Point of View,” at the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in November 2006, in Augusta.

**Donna Mullenax**, chemistry & physics, and **Cathy Robinson**, Windsor Forest Elementary School, presented “Georgia Landforms in Elementary School,” at the Georgia Science Teachers Association conference in Athens.

**Kelly Elkins**, chemistry & physics, and **Rachel Bongini**, undergraduate chemistry major, traveled to the 7<sup>th</sup> Keele Meeting on Aluminum held in Yucatan, Mexico. Rachel won a student travel bursary to attend and present a poster and a short oral presentation, “Analysis of Computational Site-directed Mutagenesis of Ligands in the Metal Ion-binding Site in an Isolated EF-hand from Troponin C,” based on research conducted by her, Elkins, and **Soluman Culver**, undergraduate chemistry major. In addition, Elkins presented “Designing and Testing Peptides with Aluminum Specificity,” based on the same research.

**Sungkon Chang**, mathematics, recently had a paper on number theory published in *Acta Arithmetica*, Volume 124.

**Michelle Butina**, medical technology, was a contributing author for a new textbook, “*Hematology Clinical Principles and Applications*” published by Elsevier in March.

**Lisa Anderson** and **Hassan Aziz**, medical technology, presented “an Interdisciplinary Web-Based Case” at the Clinical Laboratory Educators conference in Louisville, KY, in February. Aziz also presented “Student Criminal Background Checks in Allied Health Institutions” at the same conference.

Anderson delivered “Understanding Transfusion Reactions and How to Resolve” at the annual meeting of the Society of Armed Forces Medical Laboratory Scientists in Boston in February.

Aziz worked with recent graduates, **Cathy Fitch**, **JoAnna Aviles**, **Angel Minnifield**, and **Charles Pauldo**, in publishing “Criminal Background Checks,” in the January issue of *Advance for Medical Laboratory Professionals*. Also, Aziz, in collaboration with **Mary Nelson '05**, published “Direct Inoculation Osteomyelitis Due to *Eikenella Corrodens* Following Oral Radiation Therapy” in the 2007 winter issue of *Clinical Laboratory Science*.

**Cameron Coates** and **Priya Thamburaj Goeser**, engineering studies, will have their paper, “An Inverse Method Using Finite Strain Measurements to Determine Flight Load Distributions,” published in the next issue of the *American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Journal of Aircraft*.

Cameron Coates, **Ray Hashemi**, computer science, and **Darryl Danniell**, computer science undergraduate student, submitted a paper, “Optimum Sensor Position for Inverse Load Recovery on a Composite Plate,” for presentation and publication in the proceedings of the 2007 International Conference on Advance Trends in Engineering Materials and their Applications (ATEMA 2007).

**Felix Hamza-Lup**, computer science, presented “X3D Radiation Therapy Procedure Planning,” at the International Conference on Web Information Systems and Technologies (WEBIST 2007) in Barcelona, Spain in March. Co-authors of the presentation were **Ivan Sopin**, computer science student, **Dan Lipsa**, information technology, and **Omar Zeidan**, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center-Orlando.

**Michel Toma**, economics, delivered “Savannah Tourism Marketing Analysis” as an invited speaker at the Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce sixth annual Tourism Summit held in Portsmouth, NH in March. He also participated in a panel discussion on the same topic with convention and visitors bureau presidents from Providence, RI and Salem, MA.

**Richard Cebula, Richard McGrath**, economics, and **Katya Gubenko**, student, had the lead article, "Impact of Small Businesses on the Percentage of the Population without Health Insurance," published in the *Journal of Global Business Issues*, spring 2007 issue.

**Lynn Stover**, nursing, recently completed didactic and clinical training requirements for certification as a sexual assault nurse examiner with the Rape Crisis Center of Chatham County. She will work with law enforcement to assist rape victims in local emergency rooms.

**Eric Faulconer**, athletics, reported that six members of the women's soccer team volunteered at Georgetown Elementary's Math Night in February. **Jennifer Brian, Kristin Burton, Jessica Chipple, Jamie Craine, Emily Latner, and Kayley Ralton** participated in the event sponsored by the Georgia Partnership for Reform in Science and Mathematics (PRISM).

**José de Armatéia da Cruz** and **Becky da Cruz**, criminal justice, social & political science, had their article, "An Unusual Choice: Michelle Bachelet, President, in Conservative Chile," published in the *National Social Science Journal*, 2007 Volume 29 #1.

## Events

### April 2

Advisement only (Summer and Fall 2007) begins, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Executive Committee meeting, noon, University Hall 282

### April 2-6

The Health Sciences Student Association celebrates National Public Health week with campus events, noon-1 p.m., cafeteria. For more information, contact Leigh Rich at 921.7341 or [richleig@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:richleig@mail.armstrong.edu).

### April 3

AASU Singers and University Chorale perform in concert, 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Savannah. General admission is \$5. Call 927.5381 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays for ticketing information.

AASU Music Department Ensemble performance, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

### April 4

Web registration begins (Summer & Fall 2007)

Advisement and registration begins (Summer & Fall 2007)

### April 5

The Campus Union Board presents Georgia native Corey Smith performing soulful Southern singing, 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. For more information, contact Student Activities at 927.5300.

### April 6

Faculty Forum, noon, Solms Hall 110

### April 7

Softball vs. University of South Carolina-Aiken, 1 p.m., Pirate Softball Field

Men & Women's Tennis vs. Auburn University-Montgomery, 1 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

Ebony Coalition presents local youth groups engaging in the art of stepping, 6 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. For more information, contact Brian Dawsey at 921.2087 or [dawsebri@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:dawsebri@mail.armstrong.edu).

### **April 8**

Men's Tennis vs. Barton University, 10 a.m., AASU Tennis Complex

Men's Tennis vs. Abraham Baldwin Junior College, 2 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

### **April 9-13**

The Big Read, Zora Hurston Exhibit in Lane Library

### **April 9**

Faculty meeting, 12:10 p.m., University Hall 156

Men's Tennis vs. University of South Carolina-Upstate, 2 p.m., AASU Tennis Complex

The Big Read, keynote address by Valerie Boyd, author of *Wrapped in Rainbows: The Life of Zora Neale Hurston*. 6 p.m., Armstrong Center

### **April 10**

Graduate Council meeting, 2:30 p.m., Burnett Hall Board Room

Baseball vs. Pfeiffer University, 2:30 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

AASU Wind Ensemble performs, 7:30 p.m., AASU Fine Arts Auditorium

### **April 11**

Baseball vs. Pfeiffer University, 2 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

The Big Read, student discussion of *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, 12:10 p.m., location TBA

The Big Read, "Zora: Ethnologically Speaking," presentations from faculty in the Department of History. Barbara Fertig will present "Will the Real Zora Neale Hurston Please Stand Up?", a discussion of Zora Neale Hurston's life and times as an anthropologist. Cathy Adams will speak on "'Folk's Food and Furnishings: The Material Culture of Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*.'" Lerotha Williams, Jr. will speak on "'A World of no Boundaries': Eatonville as a Refuge from Segregation," 7 p.m., Solms Hall 110

### **April 12-13**

Georgia Music Education Association High School Choral Adjudication Festival, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Fine Arts Hall

### **April 12-14**

The AASU Masquers present the winner of its Directing Class Challenge. The winning student director from the fall 2006 directing class chooses and produces the final black box production of the Masquers' 70th Anniversary Celebratory Season. Winning student director Jaime Busbin has selected *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare* (Abridged) by Adam Long, Daniel Singer, and Jess Winfield, to be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Black Box Theater.

### **April 12**

Selected Topics: Children and Youth with Disabilities seminar sponsored by The Alliance, a non-profit collaborative of parents and professionals, 10 a.m., University Hall 157. For more information, contact Pamela Harwood at 961.3066 or [harwoopa@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:harwoopa@mail.armstrong.edu).

The Big Read, Elizabeth Desnoyers-Colas, the Armstrong Masquers, and the Armstrong Gospel Choir present “Their Eyes Were Watching Syntax: Examining the Double Jeopardy Implications of African American Code Switching,” 7 p.m., Ashmore Auditorium

#### **April 13**

HOLA Cultural Event concert, 8-10 a.m., Shearouse Plaza. For more information, contact Melody Ortiz at 921.7337 or [ortizmel@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:ortizmel@mail.armstrong.edu).

The Big Read, “Hurston’s Garden: Looking for Literary Foremothers,” a student symposium. AASU students and alumnae read papers on Zora Neale Hurston and *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, 1 p.m., University Dining Room

#### **April 14**

Softball vs. Georgia College & State University, 1 p.m., Pirate Softball Field

The Big Read closing celebration, 2-4 p.m., Daffin Park. A free concert by the Howard Paul Quintet follows from 4-5 p.m.

Baseball vs. Augusta State University, 3 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

#### **April 15**

Baseball vs. Augusta State University, 1 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

National Alliance on Mental Illness support group meetings with workshops/presentations from local professionals in the field, 2 p.m., Sports Center 223, 225, and 226. For more information, contact Charlie Parrish at 921.5685 or [parricha@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:parricha@mail.armstrong.edu).

#### **April 16-27**

Art, Music & Theatre presents its Second Senior Graduation Art Exhibition of the Spring, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays, Fine Arts Gallery.

#### **April 17**

Council of Deans meeting, 10:30 a.m., location TBA. For more information, contact Phyllis Panhorst at 927.5262 or [Phyllis.Panhorst@armstrong.edu](mailto:Phyllis.Panhorst@armstrong.edu).

Baseball vs. Valdosta State University, 3:30 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science, Georgia Southern University Hillel, and the Men’s Club of Congregation Agudath Achim present Dr. Kevin Spicer, CSC, a research fellow of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and associate professor of history at Stonehill College, to deliver a lecture “Father, What Did You Do During the Third Reich? Catholic Clergy & National Socialism,” 7 p.m., Armstrong Center Auditorium.

AASU Percussion Ensemble performs in concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

#### **April 18**

University Curriculum Committee meeting, 3 p.m., University Hall 282

Awards Convocation, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

#### **April 19-22**

The AASU Masquers present *Three Cornered Moon*, 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. only on April 22), AASU Jenkins Theater. This was the first play performed at Armstrong Junior College



in 1937, and is presented in conclusion of the theatre troupe's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebratory Season. Early arrivals on opening night will hear one of the Masquers' alumni reminisce of theatre experiences at Armstrong.

#### **April 19**

Art, Music & Theatre presents renowned percussionist Emil Richards in a guest artist recital, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

#### **April 20**

2007 Writing Showcase, highlighting student excellence in writing, noon, University Hall 156. For more information, contact Leigh Rich at 228.9582 or [richleig@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:richleig@mail.armstrong.edu).

#### **April 21**

Last day of Saturday classes

Pre-State Soccer Tournament meeting, 10 a.m., Science Center 1402. For more information, contact Al Harris at 927.5300.

#### **April 22**

Art, Music & Theatre, along with the Coastal Jazz Association and the City of Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs, sponsor the Savannah Jazz Orchestra in the annual Duke Ellington Birthday Concert, 5 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

#### **April 24**

AASU Jazz Ensemble performs in concert, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

#### **April 26-28**

The AASU Masquers present *Three Cornered Moon*, 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. only on April 22), AASU Jenkins Theater

#### **April 26**

Administrative Council meeting, 2:30 p.m., University Hall 156

#### **April 27**

Web registration ends (Summer & Fall 2007)

#### **April 28**

SAT-on campus, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Baseball vs. University of South Carolina-Aiken, 1 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

Inkwell Awards luncheon, 1 p.m., University Dining Room

#### **April 29**

Baseball vs. University of South Carolina-Aiken, 1 p.m., Pirate Baseball Field

The Savannah Winds, community wind symphony in residence at AASU, presents "Ed and Friends" POPS concert, 3 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium

#### **April 30**

Last day of classes (Sessions 1& 3)

## AASU In the News

Following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media over the past month. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in university relations at 961.3173, or [duquefra@mail.armstrong.edu](mailto:duquefra@mail.armstrong.edu).

- 3/1 The Goizueta Foundation has awarded AASU \$604,205 to support Hispanic/Latino recruitment and retention on campus.  
-*Savannah Magazine*
- 3/1 HOLA to screen “Fighting Senate Bill 529” and host an immigration forum on March 21.  
-*La Voz Latina*  
Also -*Savannah Morning News*-3/10; *Connect Savannah*-3/14; *Savannah Morning News*-3/15
- 3/2 Keith Burk, 85, learns how to create a blog through classes offered by the AASU Lifelong Learning Institute.  
-*Savannah Morning News*
- 3/2 William Kane, junior point guard for the men’s basketball team, is featured.  
-*Savannah Morning News*
- 3/4 Students in the master in health services administration program earned award at national healthcare administration case competition.  
-*Savannah Morning News*
- 3/4 Gender and Women’s Studies program  
-*Savannah Morning News*  
Also, *Connect*-3/7; *Coastal Family*-March Issue; *WTOC-TV*-3/21 (interview)
- 3/4 The Irish Studies Club will host the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Sebastian Dangerfield St. Patrick’s Week Talk on Irish Literature on March 9.  
-*Savannah Morning News*  
Also, *Savannah Morning News*-2/27, 2/28, 3/4, 3/6, 3/9; *Connect Savannah*-3/9; *Coastal Courier*-3/9
- 3/5 Melody Rodriguez-Ortiz was named one of *The Business Report & Journal’s* 40 under 40 young community leaders list.  
-*The Business Report & Journal*
- 3/6 AASU women’s golfers placed second in SCAD Spring Invitational.  
-*Savannah Morning News*
- 3/7 Three community leaders chosen to serve on the AASU Foundation Board of Trustees.  
-*Savannah Morning News*  
Also, *Savannah Tribune*-3/7; *The Business Report & Journal*-3/12
- 3/9 Jeff Burkhamer, basketball coach, is featured.  
-*Savannah Morning News*
- 3/10 Judy Awong-Taylor, associate professor of biology, was honored at the Regents Awards for Excellence in Education Celebration.  
-*Savannah Morning News*
- 3/10 Former Secretary of State Cathy Cox will speak at AASU on March 23.  
-*Savannah Morning News*  
Also, *Savannah Tribune*-3/14; *Savannah Herald*-3/14; *Savannah Morning News*-3/22, *WTOC’s Mid Morning Live* 3/21

- 3/10 ArmstrongFest kicks off March 26.  
-*Savannah Morning News*  
Also, *Savannah Herald*-3/14
- 3/15 3 Days for AASU  
-*Savannah Morning News*  
Also, *Business Report & Journal*, 3/19; WTOC's Eye on Business 3/23;  
WSAV-TV, 3/27; WTOC-TV, 3/28
- 3/19 AASU Sports information director, Chad Jackson is featured.  
-*Savannah Morning News*
- 3/20 AASU to host a Georgia Historical Society Lecture on March 22.  
-*Savannah Morning News*
- 3/22 AASU's Compass wins an Award of Excellence from The Council for  
Advancement and Support of Education.  
-*Savannah Morning News*  
Also, *The Business Report and Journal*-3/8; *Savannah Herald*-3/14

### **University system electronic news sources**

Take advantage of the range of informational publications published online by the University System of Georgia (USG). The newest is an interactive monthly piece called *Linkages* that reports news of the university system and provides hot links to related source materials: [www.usg.edu/linkages/](http://www.usg.edu/linkages/).

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/](http://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\\_supp/](http://www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/).

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/).

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

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**is April 13.**

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

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