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Armstrong Center opens

With the opening of the Armstrong Center in September, nearly 30,000 square feet of critically needed meeting space was brought to Savannah’s south side. The new conference center serves as a meeting space for private, academic, and corporate groups, while filling the needs of the university by providing additional classrooms and computer labs.

The center features a ballroom, auditorium, the latest audio-visual equipment, wireless Internet connectivity, and an in-house catering service that supports both corporate and private events.

Two health clinics debut at Savannah Mall

In October, the College of Health Professions hosted an opening ceremony for its new clinical facility in the Savannah Mall.

The new 14,500-square-foot facility houses the Department of Dental Hygiene and its clinic and the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and its clinic, the RiteCare Center for Communication Disorders.

Both clinics provide services to the general public.

Keeping fit on campus

With the fall semester came the opening of the new 38,000 sq. ft. Student Recreation Center. The facility includes a 5,200 sq. ft. fitness center outfitted with top of the line cardio machines, weight machines, and free weights. Two additional rooms house fitness classes such as indoor cycling, aerobics, yoga, and kickboxing. The building’s two basketball courts are used for open recreation and intramural competition in basketball, volleyball, and soccer.
Vicki L. McNeil stepped into her new role as vice president of student affairs on January 16. Since May of last year, following the retirement of venerable and long-time vice president Joe Buck, the job has fallen on William Kelso, who like Buck, measures his time at Armstrong not in years, but in decades.

Before stepping up to fill the top spot on an interim basis, Kelso had served as assistant vice president of student affairs since 1990. As he rose to the occasion, allowing time for the university to conduct a national search, he knew very well that his best role continued to be that of a supporting figure; a number-two man meting out timely and valuable advice to those in charge.

“On this college campus I’m more effective as a supporting actor,” he said. “I’m not necessarily a leader, but an influence who can work with a broad spectrum of people.”

Sitting in a guest chair in his office with his legs stretched in front and a contemplative gleam in his eye, Kelso traces back his years at Armstrong and a career that has afforded him deep satisfaction and continues to challenge him.

One of the things he enjoys most is helping struggling students get back on track.

Take for example the case of Ken, a resident student in the mid-1990s who had an overdeveloped affinity for parties and seemed incapable of steering clear of trouble.

“A nice, affable young man who didn’t have a clue,” Kelso recalls.

Ken eventually fell into academic suspension and sat out one or two semesters. But when he applied for readmission Kelso lent his full support.

“Something about him made me go to bat for him,” said Kelso.

With Kelso behind him, Ken was readmitted and went on to graduate. He is now working as a security supervisor at Atlanta’s Hartsfield International Airport.

Kelso readily admits, “I’ve got a heart for the underdog, for those kids not doing so well. Every now and then you get that opportunity to help them out, to help them find the courage to get it done.”

Al Harris, director of student activities since 1977, watched Kelso enter Armstrong State College as a student in 1984. Over the following three decades he has witnessed Kelso’s evolution, from being a student working as a campus police officer to make ends meet, to serving as president of the student body, to his graduation in 1988, and to his return to Armstrong after earning a master’s in education at the University of South Carolina in 1990.

“Bill has been a major part of this division over the years,” Harris said. “He’s had to learn as he goes, like all of us, and he’s always been supportive of others.” More importantly, he adds, “He knows where students are coming from because either he has confronted many of the same issues or because as a student he took part in some of the same shenanigans.”

As the Division of Student Affairs begins a new era in January, Kelso’s focus over the last few months has been to make provision and ready his staff for what is to come.

“I’ve tried to help us prepare for change and to extend a shoulder and keep an open door,” he said.

As McNeil takes office in mid-January, Kelso will be relieved to return to his role of advisor and right-hand man to the vice president. And what are the first words of advice he’s likely to offer?

“Find the small victories first,” he said. “Do a lot of listening, but start advancing the cause, creating a vision before too long.”

Buck, who hired Kelso in 1985 and had his support for 22 years, points to Kelso’s loyalty and leadership abilities behind the scenes.

“Bill Kelso has worked with students through the Nick Mamalakis Emerging Leader Program and with faculty and staff through the university’s Leaders Among Us program,” said Buck. “He is a consummate servant leader who prefers to help empower others.”

—Francisco Duque

Profile in Leadership: BILL KELSO
Jeannette Newsome, lead science teacher at White Bluff Elementary School, poses a math challenge to her students.

“Our second grade math scores went up 11% this year and we know it’s because of PRISM.”

— Raegan Dillon, lead teacher, Georgetown Elementary School

Savannah

The prism Sabrina Hessinger peers through reflects a clear view of the $5.8 million program she oversees. Her PRISM (Partnership for Reform in Science and Mathematics), is the Southeast Region of a statewide program. Its goal is to improve student expectations and achievement through the teaching of math and science in Georgia’s public schools.

PRISM is now in the fourth year of a five-year run. Since its initial planning year in 2003, the program in this region has doubled from 36 participating schools to 72. Four main avenues have been identified to advance the program: learning communities, professional development for public school teachers, the Higher Education Institute for Teaching and Learning Science and Mathematics, and grants for educational research.

Learning communities

School-based learning communities have been organized from pre-school through the university level. The learning communities meet several times a month in each school with a focus on sharing and analyzing data, and implementing the best practices in science and mathematics teaching. These practices often involve hands-on, student-centered techniques to engage every student. Deepening the content knowledge of teachers and engaging them in follow up discussions of classroom effectiveness are the most common activities of PRISM learning communities.

“One of the biggest impacts of PRISM has been the renewed increase in the awareness of science and math,” said Jane Brocato, principal of White Bluff Elementary School in Savannah. She explained that prior to PRISM, the emphasis had been on the language arts.

Once a month, about 160 university participants, lead teachers, and school district representatives gather to discuss PRISM implementation. “This is a very collaborative effort,” Hessinger says. “The regional learning community is the engine that drives the momentum of the project.”

These sessions have been very good according to Karen Owens, lead math teacher at White Bluff Elementary School. She says they help build camaraderie between teachers in different schools that leads to networking and excellent idea exchanges.

One idea that is bringing observers from around the region to White Bluff is the outdoor math lab that Owens has developed from a model at Islands Elementary School in Savannah. The lab entices students to work out various math problems while enjoying themselves. Owens and others painted all of the stations of the lab. “I kept old clothes here and would run out for 30 minutes or so and paint,” Owens said. She ventured that with the outdoor math lab, “There is another way to teach the children other than with just paper, pencil, and lectures.”

As she spoke, a gray autumn sky threatened rain, but didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of a class of first graders as they hopped through a strip of black and white numbers. What looked like play was actually the children solving a math question posed by Jeannette Newsome ’03, the lead science teacher.

Unique to the Southeast Region, is the inclusion of “higher education associates” in the learning communities. Hessinger, an associate professor of mathematics, takes pride in the fact that the concept of “higher education associates” is unique to the Southeast Region. Associates bring content expertise from the university’s science, math, and engineering departments. They collaborate with faculties.

National grant fuels PRISM in Georgia

PRISM is a statewide $34.6 million math/science partnership grant funded by the National Science Foundation. In 2003, the five-year grant was awarded to Jan Kettlewell, associate vice chancellor for P-16 Initiatives, at the Georgia Board of Regents. The ultimate goal of the grant is to raise expectations and student achievement in science and mathematics.

The Southeast Region, centered at Armstrong Atlantic, is one of four regions in the state. The region is made up of Bryan, Camden, Chatham, and Glynn counties.

Kettlewell told the Board of Regents last fall that the lessons learned in implementing the PRISM strategies are then used to influence statewide change in policy and practice.
from the College of Education who bring strategies for teaching different kinds of learners. These faculty members work closely with the learning communities. Another important factor in the communities’ dynamics is the practical experience of the K-12 teachers.

**Professional development**

Key to PRISM’s success is professional development for K-12 teachers. Mini-grant proposals from the learning communities are customized to the needs of the individual teachers, their students, and grade level. The mini-grants have empowered teachers to create their own professional development in collaboration with their university colleagues. Through this mini-grant program, teachers are held accountable for documenting the impact on their students. Since 2004, 70 mini-grant funded programs have been offered involving more than 40 higher education faculty.

Hessinger said, “Southeast Region PRISM professional development has certainly deepened the connection between P (preschool)-12 teachers and university faculty, but it has also created opportunities for collaboration across colleges. Faculty from arts and sciences team with faculty from education to develop new university courses for future teachers involving both content and pedagogy.”

**Higher Education Institute for Teaching and Learning Science and Mathematics**

One of the many interconnected strategies is the formation of the Higher Education Institute for Teaching and Learning Science and Mathematics. Working in conjunction with the university’s Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Roundtable, discussions have included student misconceptions and preconceptions, assessment of student learning, classroom research and investigation, and interdisciplinary teaching and learning.

Hessinger said, “The student learning focus that pervades the institute’s discussions is the perfect springboard for classroom research and ultimately translates into better student learning in college.”

**Educational research**

To date, PRISM has supported 27 teacher and faculty investigators through educational research grants. Four of these grants supported the implementation of new student-focused strategies in introductory science and mathematics courses at AASU.

In each case, initial reports indicate a small increase in grades resulted, but possibly more importantly, increased student engagement as well as an increased retention of students at all levels from kindergarten through the senior year of college.

A firm foundation for PRISM has been laid. As the program moves into its fifth year, educators expect to begin seeing all of their hard work and preparation translated into improving test scores in mathematics and science. 🎓

—Barry J. Ostrow

**PRISM by the numbers**

- 25,000 students impacted this year
- 1,200 public school teachers participate annually
- 1,000 teachers in learning communities
- 117 learning communities
- 78 professional development mini-grants
- 72 participating schools
- 59 higher education learning community faculty
- 27 public school teachers and university faculty investigators with grants

**Cover:** Students at White Bluff Elementary School in Savannah act as clock hands in a mathematics exercise.

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**Pirates’ treasure**

by Eddie Aenchbacher
Athletics Director

Our Armstrong Atlantic athletics programs continue to excel both on and off the playing field as we head into 2007. The teams are consistently competing for Peach Belt Conference (PBC), region, and national titles while still maintaining an excellent reputation in the classroom.

During the 2005-06 athletic season, we had six of our 10 athletic teams advance to the NCAA Championships as well as six of our 10 teams finish their seasons nationally-ranked. Add to this our women’s tennis team’s eighth appearance in the NCAA Division II title match, 11 student-athletes earning All-American honors, and three teams capturing Peach Belt Conference titles. Pirate athletics is as strong as ever.

This past year, the Peach Belt instituted the PBC Presidential Academic Award, which measures the student-athlete average GPA across the league’s 12 schools. Armstrong Atlantic captured this award, reflecting well on not only our student-athletes but on our campus community as well. It’s always great to see our teams do well on the field, but for our student-athletes to succeed so dramatically in the classroom is especially satisfying.

The 2006-07 season looks to be another successful one with the strong performances of the volleyball and women’s soccer teams this fall and high expectations for our winter/spring sports. And remember, there’s still time to jump on the Pirates bandwagon! If you can’t make it to one of the games, be sure and catch us on the web at www.athletics.armstrong.edu for an update or a live webcast.
The European Union (EU), with more than 450 million citizens in its 25 member states, is very proactive in forging a partnership with the United States. In September, Ambassador John Bruton, head of the European Commission Delegation to the United States, spoke to a packed crowd of Savannah government, business, and university leaders in the Armstrong Center ballroom as part of a three-day Georgia visit.

The EU is Georgia’s primary source of foreign investment dollars and the state’s largest export market. Therefore, it was fitting that Ambassador Bruton—the former prime minister of Ireland—spent much of his time in Savannah touring area locations such as J.C. Bamford, Georgia Ports Authority, Gulfstream Aerospace, and Georgia Tech.

Denmark. Italy. Estonia. Greece. Each year, from the North Sea to the Mediterranean and Aegean, Armstrong Atlantic students fan out across many of the 25 European Union (EU) member states. Many of these students are enrolled in the European Union minor and certificate programs at the university.

Kelley Riffe ’06, who graduated with a major in liberal studies and a minor in EU studies, is now enrolled in the Master of Arts in Liberal and Professional Studies in the international studies track. She said, “The European Union minor inspired an interest in different aspects of global development from cultural, to economic, to political issues.”

The two EU tracks were introduced in 2000. They are the result of an initiative by the University System of Georgia’s European Council and offered in most of the system’s colleges and universities.

Professor Olavi Arens, a council member who leads the programs at AASU, explained, “Most students find their way into EU studies after taking individual related courses or experiencing their first study abroad trip.” He adds, “EU studies are multidisciplinary, so students come to us from many majors including political science, economics, history, biology, and foreign languages.”

One may take the coursework leading to the certificate, or complete the minor by taking a study abroad trip. In addition, students have the option of adding an “area of distinction” by demonstrating mastery of a foreign language or writing a paper.

Riffe took the minor primarily as a result of her study abroad trips to Italy and Estonia. “After those trips, I was hooked. I wanted to learn what the European Union was all about.”

Arens reasons the minor, when coupled with the appropriate major, can help lead to a variety of interesting employment opportunities. “International education is a growing trend on college campuses,” Arens said. “Leadership in this area should be filled by people who have had the right mixture of academic training and study abroad experience.”
Walking the walk

Thanks in part to a boat in his backyard, John R. Duttenhaver, M.D. has become a much appreciated benefactor of AASU’s Department of Radiologic Sciences.

Last fall, Duttenhaver, with Radiology Oncology of Savannah at the Curtis and Elizabeth Anderson Cancer Institute, showed a visitor around the institute on the campus of Memorial Health University Medical Center. A particular point of pride on the tour was the brand new $3.1 million linear accelerator.

“One of the nice things about working at Memorial Health,” Duttenhaver said enthusiastically, “is that the hospital has always allowed us to improve on technology. They are very aggressive in funding new technologies.” This is important to a physician who practices on the cutting edge of his profession.

A native of Atlanta, Duttenhaver earned his undergraduate degrees at the University of Georgia and his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia. After a residency in radiation oncology at Massachusetts General Hospital, part of Harvard Medical School, he did his military service at Walter Reed Army Hospital and on the staff of the National Cancer Institute in Washington, D.C.

In the mid-’80s, he was interviewed for the chairmanship of Emory University’s Department of Radiation Oncology. However, the opportunity was postponed in the wake of a lawsuit pending against the university.

In 1985, Duttenhaver took a position with Memorial Medical Center (MMC) in Savannah, thinking it was only temporary until the Emory lawsuit was resolved. A few years later, as the suit ended, he received the long-awaited phone call from Emory.

“By then,” he recalled, “I was living on Isle of Hope with a boat in my backyard. The hospital here was moving in the right direction. It was pretty easy to decide I was going to stay.”

At about the same time, Duttenhaver linked up with James Repella, the former dean of the School of Health Professions. “I talked to Jim about starting a radiation therapy program, but we just couldn’t make it happen for monetary reasons,” Duttenhaver said.

By the late ’80s, administrators at MMC discovered they were spending a great deal of money importing radiation therapy technologists to fill positions. It was becoming clear that it would be more cost-effective if radiation therapists were taught at Armstrong State. In 1991, Duttenhaver volunteered to serve as the medical director of the new program, a position he still holds today.

From the beginning, Duttenhaver has walked the walk by donating generously each year to the department. Actually, his check goes to the American Society of Therapeutic and Radiation Oncologists (ASTRO) which adds matching funds. The donations are used for computers, videotaping equipment, and other hardware needs. In 2005, for instance, the department received a donation of $450,000 worth of software. It was the Duttenhaver-ASTRO funds that allowed the purchase of two specialized computers needed to run the software.

In the mid-’90s, the controversy over the proposed Clinton health plan had a chilling effect on the health field. Doctors were afraid to build clinics for fear of not being able to earn back their investments. Hiring slowed at some hospitals and practices, but graduates continued to find jobs.

Duttenhaver questioned the wisdom of continuing the program, but Repella said, “Let’s hang in there one more year.” That was all it took. The baby boomers were aging, physicians were seeing a lot more cancer than in the past, and the need for radiation therapy was growing. “A pent up demand just exploded,” Duttenhaver observed.

Sharyn Gibson, head of radiologic sciences at AASU, said, “The radiation therapy program has continued to expand through the utilization of distance learning and electronic media development. This has led to a substantial increase in enrollment over the last three years and that trend is expected to continue with the support of individuals like Dr. Duttenhaver.”

Next summer, Duttenhaver plans to leave general oncology and concentrate on prostate cancer. “Knowledge is growing so fast that you can’t keep up with it all,” he says. “You could spend 40 hours a week just keeping up with lymphoma and still fall behind.”

In the meantime, the radiation therapy program continues to benefit from what John R. Duttenhaver shares in time and treasure.

The university’s annual community campaign, 3 Days for AASU ’07, will run March 27, 28, and 29. Padgett Mixon, vice president of Wachovia Wealth Management and last year’s co-chair, will serve as chairman. If your business would like to help AASU meet this year’s goal of $250,000, or if you would like more information, contact Gail Rountree at 912.927.5208 or e-mail rountrga@mail.armstrong.edu.

John R. Duttenhaver, M.D., demonstrates a linear accelerator.
Yuxin Ma speaks animatedly about the life and times of K.C. Wu.
The assistant professor of history researched the life of Wu, a former Armstrong State professor who was once at the moral center of the great political upheaval in China. For more than a year, she pored over his books, writings, class notes, scholarly and family archives.

Much of her research is derived from the K.C. Wu collection in the Lane Library. She also spent time at New York’s Columbia University studying the transcript of Wu’s oral interviews under a grant from AASU. Her sources included both English and Chinese manuscripts.

Many Armstrong State College students taking Chinese history from K.C. Wu in the 1960s and ’70s probably hadn’t known that it had been an eyewitness to the Chinese revolution in the first half of the twentieth century. He played a key role in setting up the Kuomintang (Nationalist) government on Formosa and then challenged the regime of his benefactor, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, one of the most powerful rulers of the mid-twentieth century. It wouldn’t be the last time he stood up for what he believed was right.

After studying at Nankai High School and Tsinghua University, Wu transferred to Grinnell College in Iowa where he received his bachelor’s degree in economics. In 1926 he earned a doctoral degree in political science from Princeton University. Upon returning to China, he served in various government roles including mayor of Hankow (1932), mayor of Chungking (1939-1942), vice minister of Foreign Affairs (1943-1945), mayor of Shanghai (1946-1949), and governor of Taiwan Province (1949-1953).

History will recall Wu for his anti-communist beliefs, his efforts in stabilizing Taiwan economy, and his legacy in democratizing the provincial government of Taiwan. He is also remembered for his brave criticism of the authoritarian rule of the Kuomintang in Taiwan and his volatile disagreements with Chiang’s son, Chiang Ching-kuo.

In 1954 he complained publicly to the Generalissimo about the nefarious actions of Ching-kuo. In a chilling parallel to recent events, Wu said:

“As the secret police are rampant, so Formosa has become virtually a police state… While I was Governor of Formosa I did my utmost to inculcate the principles that arrests cannot be made without sufficient evidences of crimes and searches cannot be conducted without due process of law. But as my powers were limited, even now I can hardly tell how many innocent people were [arrested], and have been illegally held and molested. Every time when I think of this, I cannot but feel an ache in my heart.”

For his outspokenness, Wu was expelled from both the Kuomintang party and Taiwan. He fled into political exile in Evanston, IL. From there he observed the politics in his homeland and gave lectures around the United States. In 1964, Wu delivered a guest lecture at Armstrong College of Savannah. Two years later, as the school expanded to become Armstrong State College, President Henry L. Ashmore invited Wu to become a professor of Chinese history.

With his expertise on the affairs of East Asia, Ma reports, Wu quickly became a lightening rod for the local and national media on news from that part of the world.

He also challenged the accuracy of Chinese history as it was being taught in America. According to Ma, most Chinese historians then were trained by John Fairbank at Harvard and shared the wisdom of that institution. They dominated the field and were not willing to accept criticism. Wu fought to set the record straight. In 1965, the Atlanta Journal Constitution quoted Wu as saying, “I have a feeling that the Red Chinese…have more understanding of Western thinking than the West has of the Oriental thinking.” In 1982, he would publish his own extensive work, The Heritage of Chinese History.

Wu wrote several other books including a slim volume, Why is America Not Better Informed on Asian Affairs? in 1968.

Earlier, while mayor of Hankow in the 1930s, Wu—in a departure for this serious scholar—wrote a romantic novel, described by Ma as “both readable and in the style of Dumas [père et fils],” Flags and Cross was set against the eventful backdrop of French history from 1872 to 1914.

Wu had a positive effect on his students. Ma found a passage by Wu’s wife, Edith, in which she described her husband as applying his Chinese morals to affect American students. During the Vietnam War era, he sought to persuade his hippie students that drug abuse was decadent behavior.

Charles Opper, Jr. ’65 recalls, “He was so popular that there was standing room only for many of his classes.”

Dennis Pruitt ’72 remembers taking classes from Wu. “Every once in a while,” as he delivered a lecture,” Pruitt recalled fondly, “he would switch from English to
Chinese and we’d have to remind him.”

Wu was well respected by his students. When he turned 67, he faced the mandatory retirement age then enforced by the University System of Georgia. His students and college alumni rallied with petitions to Atlanta and finally raised enough funds to cover Wu’s salary for his last three years at Armstrong State. Union Camp was a leader in the community fund raising. When he finally did retire at the age of 70, he became the first septuagenarian professor in the state system.

Ma’s project, K. C. Wu, the Democrat of the Nationalist Government, is about Wu’s struggle to defend democracy and the rule of law in the early 1950s when Taiwan was under martial rule. Although Wu died in 1984, and his wife in 1996, Ma hopes to complete her research by interviewing some of Wu’s children—two sons and two daughters—who live in the United States.

Ma observes, “Armstrong was almost radical in hiring Wu. The South (at that time) was not known for the study of Asian history.”

—Barry J. Ostrow

Janet D. Stone (history) and Caroline Hopkinson (Lane Library) contributed to this article.

About the collection

The K.C. Wu collection is part of the Lane Library Special Collections. It includes hundreds of books from his personal collection, cartons of his class notes and original handwritten manuscripts, and a large selection of fine art by his wife Edith.

Caroline Hopkinson, the Special Collections librarian, explained, “Although people were aware of the Wu collection, it lay in storage until it was moved to the interim library in 2005. At that point, the collection was carefully removed from the storage boxes and reshelved precisely in the order it had always been.” A 1970s photo by the Savannah News-Press photo shows Wu standing in front of his collection organized as it is today.
MARCH 26

The Man with the Golden Brush

Invitational Alumni Art Show
The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents the AASU Invitational Alumni Art Exhibition, March 6 through April 6. This event will be held in the Fine Arts Gallery from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Call 912.927.5381 for information.

Health Professions speaker
Nagendra Ningaraj, Ph.D., CCRP, a scientist at the Hoskins Center for Biomedical Research, will speak at noon in University Hall 156. The talk will focus on the center’s research on the molecular genetics of cancer and its search for newer, better ways to treat and prevent the disease. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call the College of Health Professions at 912.91.369.

MARCH 27

Pirates are Forever

Pirates Day for Students
Students participate in a variety of Pirate-themed events.

Faculty and Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Ciao, Mr. Bond! Enjoy an hour of good food and good company during the fifth annual faculty and staff appreciation luncheon. This year, follow James Bond to Italy for fine Italian cuisine and music. Your mission begins on the Quad behind Burnett Hall. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (last names beginning with A-M) 12:30-1:30 p.m. (last names beginning with N-Z) For more information, call 912.927.5381 or e-mail merricsh@mail.armstrong.edu.

Baseball vs. Erskine
Armstrong Atlantic hosts Erskine at 2 p.m. at Pirate Field.

MARCH 28

Casino Royale

Casino Night
Students return to Monte Carlo for an evening of chance and intrigue as CUB and Monte Carlo Productions present Casino Royale. Students will dress as their favorite character from the James Bond franchise and compete against other Armstrong Atlantic undercover agents at the blackjack, roulette, dice, wheel of fortune, and poker tables. Admission is free as are starting chips, prizes, and refreshments. The fun begins at 8 p.m. in the Armstrong Center Ballroom.

MARCH 29

Dr. (Ready, Set) Go

Anything goes as University Housing presents a variety of student games and competitions at Compass Point. Time to be announced.

MARCH 30

Maroon & Goldfinger

Ninth Annual AASU High School One Act Play Festival
This event is sponsored in part by the AASU Student Government Association and the AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre, and will be held from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Call 912.927.5381 for information.

Annual Alumni Golf Tournament
One of Homecoming’s most popular events, the golf tournament, benefits the AASU Scholarship Fund. Competition will be at the Southbridge Golf Club, 415 Southbridge Boulevard. Registration: 11 a.m.

Annual Alumni Golf Tournament
Golf Clinic: 11:30 a.m. Shotgun start: noon Registration: $60 For more information, call 912.921.2369 or e-mail merricsh@mail.armstrong.edu. To download a registration form after February 1, go to www.armstrongfest.armstrong.edu/golfform.pdf.

Alumni Reception
The AASU Alumni Association hosts a reunion for graduates from the ’60s, ’70s, and ’80s in the atrium of the Armstrong Center. Reminisce with old friends and professors from your Armstrong State College days. Enjoy the music of your college years. For more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 912.921.2343 or e-mail parkerpa@mail.armstrong.edu.

International Night in the Garden
Enjoy an evening of cultural performances and international cuisine during International Night in the Garden. The program will start at 7 p.m. in the International Garden, located between Hawes and Solms halls. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Office of International Education at 912.921.5671 or e-mail loguelau@mail.armstrong.edu.

MARCH 31

For Your Eyes Only

Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk
Arrive early to warm up and to pick up your free t-shirt. Water and juice will be provided. This annual event is open to alumni, students, faculty, staff, families, and friends of the university. The Fun Run/Walk will begin at the Aquatic and Recreation Center. There is no entry fee. Registration: 8:15 a.m. Run/Walk: 9 a.m. For more information, call 912.921.7487 or e-mail masseyge@mail.armstrong.edu.
Beginning February 1, you will find a link to ArmstrongFest 007 on the AASU home page at www.armstrong.edu.

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Second Annual AASU Open Air Art Exhibition and Art Festival
The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents its second annual Outdoor Open Air Art Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Fine Arts Hall courtyard. Music, drama, art demonstrations, and art events for children will highlight the festivities. Call 912.927.5381 for information.

Baseball vs. Columbus
Peach Belt Conference rivals Armstrong Atlantic and Columbus State clash at Pirate Field for doubleheader action beginning at noon.

Artists’ Reception for the Invitational Alumni Art Exhibit
The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents a gallery reception for the artists in the AASU Invitational Alumni Art Exhibition at 5 p.m. in the AASU Fine Arts Gallery. Admission is free. Call 912.927.5381 for information.

Annual Alumni Meeting and Graduating Seniors Banquet
The Grad Who Loved Me. The Alumni Annual Meeting and Graduating Seniors Banquet will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Armstrong Center ballroom. The AASU Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting to present alumni awards and to honor seniors who will graduate in May 2007. The location will be announced at a later date. For more information call the Office of Alumni Relations at 912.921.2343 or e-mail parkerpa@mail.armstrong.edu. RSVP is required.

Baseball vs. Columbus
The Pirates and the Cougars wrap up their three-game Peach Belt Conference series with a single game at 1 p.m.

ProLogic, Inc., an innovative informational technology company based in West Virginia, has entered into a partnership with Armstrong Atlantic. The company has opened a Savannah branch housed in AASU’s Cyber and Homeland Security Institute on the university campus.

ProLogic will work with students and faculty in the School of Computing to develop advanced communications software. Graduate and undergraduate students will be able to pursue internships, while future graduates will have the opportunity to explore full-time employment with ProLogic.

ProLogic’s Savannah office will support a number of homeland defense goals that will provide a direct benefit not only to the readiness of the state of Georgia, but to the country as a whole.

Two Armstrong State College alumni were involved in the partnership announcement. Glenn Haddox ’83, a ProLogic vice president and graduate of the chemistry program, played a major role in bringing the company to the AASU campus. Colonel Floyd H. Harbin ’76, commander of the Georgia Air National Guard, represented the guard, a major client of ProLogic.
Fitz Haile is part of a cutting edge team that is changing the image of Savannah. Pixel by pixel, byte by byte.

A 2004 economics graduate, Haile was considering graduate school in that discipline when he got a call from Chris Miller, the innovative founder of The Creative Coast Initiative (TCCI). Miller brought him on board to crunch numbers for his growing organization.

Looking out his office window on the top floor of the Savannah Economic Development Authority’s (SEDA) new Hutchinson Island building, Haile has a view of the Eugene Talmadge Memorial Bridge and of the earthmovers breaking ground for a new road to the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center about a mile away. SEDA’s elegant new building, first to rise in a relatively unimproved setting, is symbolic of the pioneering work Haile and TCCI are doing.

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Yvonne Tenney '69 has been living in New York for about 30 years. She is assistant to the dean of the Columbia University School of Law.

Terry Dockery '72, founder of The Business Psychology Company in Marietta, GA, was recently quoted on Forbes.com. In a story, “The Narcissistic CEO,” Dockery offered his opinion about how to make the best of working for a narcissistic boss. He also issues a brief, monthly online e-newsletter for leaders to help them create a happier, more productive workplace. His newsletters are available at www.businesspsychology.com.

Roy Emory ’74 was recently awarded the Order of the Palmetto by Governor Mark Sanford of South Carolina. The award was for a lifetime of exceptional and dedicated service to mentally ill citizens of the Palmetto State. The Order of the Palmetto is South Carolina’s highest civilian honor. Emory has been with Gateway House for more than 20 years and currently serves as its executive director.

Patrick Talley ’76 is a partner with Frilot, Partridge, Kohnke & Clements in New Orleans. He is also a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation.

Daniel B. Berman ’79 is living in Florida and teaching advanced nursing and healthcare administration at the graduate level. He earned a master’s in nursing administration and a Ph.D. in both health and organizational behavior. Additionally, he is nationally certified in healthcare law and healthcare quality.

Brinson Clements ’79 has been hired by MIT Holdings Inc. as senior vice president of administrative services. He oversees website and marketing projects.

Barbara Tanenbaum ’82 has been promoted to assistant to the vice president for student success at Armstrong Atlantic.

Victoria Callaway ’87 has been promoted to assistant vice president at BB&T Insurance Services-Lofoton Group.

Michael Deich ’88 joined TRI-Country GMAX Realty and NewHomeShopping Mall.com as an agent.

Demitri P. Tambourlas ’91 returned to South Africa where he studied for another two years before launching a career in the recruitment industry. He currently has his own business which trains and mentors recruiters in the personnel staffing industry.

Deidre B. Michelson ’94, director of the Liberty County Health Center, serves as the Armstrong Club Representative for Liberty County on the Alumni Association Board.

Geraldine Lois Caster ’92, ’98 graduated from Erskine Theological Seminary in Due West, SC, in May 2004, and was commissioned as a probationary elder in the South Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. She is currently serving the White Bluff U.M.C., as associate pastor.

Roland D. Whitener ’96 completed his medical degree at Belize Medical College. He is now at Florida Community College in Jacksonville teaching anatomy and physiology. Whitener is looking forward to practicing medicine and to a continued career in medical academics.

Susan R. Gattman ’97 is working for Morningstar Family Resources providing community social services. The agency works with the Department of Family and Children Services. Gattman plans to begin a master’s degree in either psychology or counseling.

John Henry ’97 has been appointed CEO of the Effingham County Industrial Development Authority.

William C. Brown ’98 has returned from his 2005 tour of duty in Iraq and is currently the troop commander for Apache Troop 3-7, U.S. Cavalry.

David D’Arcy ’99 has written a book, Civil War Walking Tours of Savannah, that was released in August 2006. The book features two walking tours and two driving tours to help readers experience the war in Savannah. He plans to donate a copy to the Lane Library. D’Arcy is now involved in a new project, following the Battle of Gettysburg through monuments.

A reunion of Armstrong State College (ASC) soccer players was held in April. The team gathers almost every year to play, eat, and share memories. The reunions usually attract 12-25 players from the former ASC men’s varsity teams, which played from 1980 to 1986. Reunions were held in 2003, 2004, and 2006. One is being planned for 2007.

Attending the April reunion were Alan Sheppard, Tom Harrison, Bill Cobb, Cary Cornette, Robert Edenfield, John Golden, and Mark Dempsey. The former teammates played indoor soccer at the Super Goose in downtown Savannah, which is owned by Sheppard, a former ASC forward.
‘00s

Kelly Hixson Alewine ’01 has been teaching kindergarten for nearly six years in Gwinnett County.

J. Craig Gordon ’01 is the chief executive officer of Statewide Healthcare, Inc. He has held numerous leadership positions from assistant to the director of marketing for the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center to the ownership of Statewide Healthcare, Inc. Gordon received the Secretary of State’s Outstanding Georgia Citizen’s Award.

Pamela Jones ’01 is an elementary teacher at Clyattville Elementary School in Lowndes County. Her husband Dewey retired from the Army in 2003 and they moved back home to Madison, FL. Jones plans to continue in her current position.

Victorian Sottile ’01 is working in the accounting department for Lazard Dana, LLP in Savannah. He oversees the Education Services Group specializing in audit and compliance services for postsecondary institutions.

Richard R. DiPirro ’02 is the food and beverage manager for the Wilmington Island Club.

Belinda Drauker ’02 joined Cora Bett Thomas as a sales associate. She was a teacher and musician before joining the real estate team.

Shannah Lane ’02 has become a member of the Caldwell Banker Platinum Partners sales team.

Carrie A. Sneed ’02 is living in Myrtle Beach interning with a cardiologist and, hopefully, on her way to medical school.

Shirley A. Smith ’02 is a physical education teacher at Bartow Elementary School.

Peter R. Doliber ’03, ’06 was tapped to be the interim director for the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless. He had previously been the director of Memorial Health’s community affairs office for seven years.

Catherine Hemmi-Joyce ’03 received a promotion to bookkeeper at Cora Bett Thomas Realty.

1st Lt. Scott C. Scheidt ’03 completed a master’s in global logistics management, magna cum laude, in March 2006. After completing his tour of duty in Iraq, he was reassigned to military intelligence career training in Arizona. In July, he was promoted to captain and began a master’s in strategic intelligence. Upon completion, he will return to Iraq to help train the Iraq Special Police Commandos.

Kyle Murdock ’04 is teaching high school earth science and biology at Pioneer High School in San Jose, CA. Additionally he is coaching baseball at the school.

Kelly Ryan ’04 is principal of St. Peter the Apostle School on Wilmington Island. She began teaching in 2003 and is the youngest principal the school has ever appointed.

Karen Daiss ’05 was honored by the Savannah Morning News as the Employee of the Month for June 2006. As an advertising writer in the marketing department, the paper said Daiss always goes above and beyond her job by helping out when other employees are away—and does it all with a pleasant demeanor.

Eighteen graduates chosen as 2007 teachers of the year

Seventeen Armstrong Atlantic graduates of the College of Education have been named teachers of the year in Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools. One additional graduate earned the title in a private setting.

Lolisa Cole Bolemen ’04 was named 2007 Teacher of the Year by the Savannah-Chatham County Board of Education. Bolemen teaches at Southwest Middle School.

Marilee B. Laufenberg ’89, Windsor Forest Elementary School, was one of three finalists for the board’s Teacher of the Year.

School-level teachers of the year include: Lisa Audet Aliotta ’78, ’92, Hesse Elementary School; Natalie A. Allred ’04, Marshpoint Elementary School; Leigh G. Ashman ’91, Shuman Middle School; Julie Cheeseman ’04, Thunderbolt Elementary School; Donnelle A. Davis ’99, Spencer Elementary School; Raegan Poppell Dillon ’98, Georgetown Elementary School; Alisa A. Hyde ’94, Southwest Elementary School; Greg L. Tinsley ’97, Beach High School; William Walker III ’95, West Chatham Middle School, and Billy Willis ’00, Hodge Elementary School.

In addition, Natasha Holmes ’98, was named 2007 Teacher of the Year by the Coastal Georgia Comprehensive Academy, an independent special education school in Savannah.

This article was compiled at press time from individual submissions to Compass. Any other alumni who were selected as 2007 teachers of the year in their respective schools or school districts should contact the Office of Alumni Affairs. The 2008 teachers of the year alumni will appear in the next issue of Compass.
James Fuller '05 is teaching special education at Snelson-Golden Middle School in Hinesville. The retired Army NCO is launching a new career after working as a paraprofessional with the Liberty County school system.

G. Luke Hensel '05 is working for Depuy, a division of Johnson & Johnson, and is responsible for providing orthopaedic medical supplies and implants to local orthopaedic surgeons. In his spare time, he volunteers his athletic training services to AASU’s athletic teams.

Elizabeth Hilderbrand '05 is working at Gulfstream Aerospace in product support as a core recovery representative.

Molly Kathryn Yarrington '05 relocated to New York City in October.

Avistine Cook '06 received the 2006 New Teacher Assistance Grant from Georgia Power at an awards luncheon in September. The grant is to encourage some of the best and brightest new teachers by helping them purchase materials and supplies for their classroom. Cook teaches sixth grade language arts at Snelson-Golden Middle School in Hinesville.

**additions**

Robert C. Edenfield ’88,’96 and wife Cherie: Mary Elizabeth, July 26, 2006

**anniversaries**


**passings**

Grace Bounds Dubus ’37*, November 30, 2006
Ruth Sibley Durant ’37*, October 8, 2006
Mary S. Oetgen ’37*, July 18, 2006
Cleve Turner Cone ’41, July 7, 2006
James Lee Wallace ’41, June 18, 2006
Rosalyn Gordon ’43, July 23, 2006
Catherine Bliss Kilgore ’46, October 8, 2006
Carter B. Harrison ’49, June 28, 2006
Harmon Zeigler, Jr. ’55, July 31, 2006
Gertrude Demopoulos ’70, June 18, 2006
Harold Daughtry ’71, July 13, 2006
Van E. Estes ’72, September 14, 2006
Robert E. McBride ’73, October 17, 2006
Rosalie B Twyne ’73, fall, 2003
Brenda Stevens ’75, April 2, 2006
Judith Young Philip ’81, July 30, 2006
Newell Parr ’82, August 5, 2006
Jacqueline Cadman ’86 June 10, 2005
Susan L. Jordan ’93, October 9, 2006

*Members of the first graduating class

Laurent (Larry) Guillou, Jr., recently retired AASU biology professor after 35 years, December 2, 2006

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**engagements**

Wilson Scott Berry ’86 to wed Renee L. Gross in June 2007
Robert D. Holland ’96 to wed Jill Porter in April 2007
Tasha Williams ’04 to wed Mikhail Chernyak

**weddings**

Teshewanda Stokes ’03 married Kyunnie Shuman on June 3, 2006.
Amy Baker ’04 married Brian Hubbard in October 2006.
Kelly Andrews ’05 married David Bivins on July 22, 2006.
David Denhard ’05 married Julie Brooke Grayson on July 8, 2006.
Elizabeth Hamilton ’05 married Troy Funk on September 9, 2006.
Kristen Pualk ’06 married Ronald Copes on July 15, 2006.

Lane Library rededicated

Following more than a year of extensive remodeling, Lane Library was rededicated in October.

A highlight was the dedication of an instructional classroom in honor of the late Ben Lee, dean of library services. Lee passed away in May 2006 after 25 years of service with the Lane Library. Former AASU Interim President Frank A. Butler, now vice chancellor for academic, faculty, and student affairs with the University System of Georgia, spoke warmly of his long relationship with Lee. A portrait of Lee by local artist and AASU alumna Sandra Colquitt was unveiled.

The building, among the first constructed on the campus in 1966, includes 50,000 square feet of space redesigned for a more attractive and efficient twenty-first century library.
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Fact

The College of Health Professions is one of the largest and most comprehensive health professions education centers of its kind in Georgia.

Lifelong learning launched

The Lifelong Learning Institute has been launched at the Armstrong Center for Continuing Education and Community Engagement. A dozen classes, ranging from an in-depth discussion of Thomas Friedman’s book, *The World is Flat*, to billiards spiced up the fall season. Student members selected the courses to be taught in conjunction with the Professional and Continuing Education staff. On class days, students may be found examining the U.S. healthcare system, snapping digital photos, or delving into the history of Savannah.

For more information, contact Professional and Continuing Education at 912.927.5322, conted@mail.armstrong.edu, or at www.ce.armstrong.edu.