Another Opening, Another Show

Except that it wasn’t just another opening. It was the grand opening of the newly renovated Jenkins Theater. On November 15, a gala crowd celebrated the event and enjoyed the Masquers production of Crazy for You with music by George and Ira Gershwin. The production was directed by Pam Sears.

Circle inset: James Grieco minds the new box office.

Above right: Joe Adams (former dean of the College of Arts & Sciences) shares a moment with Jim Anderson (international education).

Right center: Romantic leads Benjamin Wolfe and Whitney Chappell share the spotlight.

Below left: Benjamin Wolfe steps out with the girls’ chorus line.

Below right: A trio from the male chorus “bidin’ their time.”
Largest Winter Commencement on December 13

Armstrong Atlantic will hold two commencement ceremonies on Saturday, December 13, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the Alumni Arena.

This year marks the largest winter graduating class ever. More than 650 candidates receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees are expected to march. Ceremonies for the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science and Technology will be held at 10 a.m. Ceremonies for the College of Health Professions and the College of Education will be held at 1 p.m.

Kevin Fitzmaurice '99, '02, president of the AASU Alumni Association, will present the alumni welcome to the new graduates. The AASU Brass Ensemble, conducted by Mark B. Johnson, will provide the musical accompaniment during the ceremony and perform the national anthem and the university alma mater.

2008 Phonathon Raises Over $24k

Last month, 481 alumni pledged $24,150 during the 2008 Phonathon. The number of alumni participating included 113 new donors. The results were slightly higher than last year when the Phonathon raised $23,194 with 108 new donors.

Photography Class Publishes Book

Gregory Fleischer’s digital photography class has published its first collection of portfolio work this month. Some 110 images, selected from each of the 22 students in the class, are available in a limited edition full color volume for $20.

Five of their most striking images have been selected for full color representation. The 8” x 10” book is a lasting memento of Armstrong Atlantic as it showcases the diversity of the campus and Savannah.

“My students have worked tirelessly with their cameras, week after week, all semester long to compile photos that best represent the experiences of their daily lives,” Fleischer said.

Photos may be viewed online at http://flickr.com/groups/834648@N20/pool/.

Winter Holiday

The university will be closed December 24-January 2 for the winter holiday. On January 2, 2009, everyone must take a vacation day. Anyone who does not have a vacation day available will have a non-paid workday.
Calendar

For information about all art, music & theatre events, call 344.2801 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

December 2-7
The Masquers theatre troupe presents Dramarama, an evening of comic and dramatic songs, scenes, and one-act plays produced by the fall semester directing class. Showtime is at 7:30 p.m. in the Jenkins Black Box Theater. The Masquers will perform three distinct sets of productions in repertory. Admission is free, but seating is limited. Audience discretion is advised. Not recommended for children.

December 2
The last French movie night sponsored by the French Club will be held at 7 p.m. in University Hall 157. A comedy, La Buche (The Christmas Log), will be subtitled in English.

The Savannah Winds, community wind symphony in residence at AASU, performs in concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Armstrong Center Ballroom. General admission is $12.

December 4-5
The AASU Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents the 20th annual faculty and student Christmas Pottery Sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in AASU Fine Arts Hall, Room 102.

December 5
The Robert I. Strozier Faculty Lecture Series presents Entertaining the Mind: A Medieval Cure for Melancholy delivered by Dorothee Mertz-Weigel (languages, literature & philosophy) in University Hall 156 at 12:15 p.m.

December 6
Last day of classes (Saturday classes)

December 8
Last day of classes (Session 1 & 3)
Called meeting of the Faculty Senate, noon

December 9-12
Final exams (Sessions 1 & 3)

December 13
Final exams (Saturday classes)

GRADUATION

December 15
Final exams (Sessions 1 & 3)

December 18
Final grades due at 4 p.m. (Sessions 1 & 3)

December 22
Academic assistance registration, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

December 24-January 2
Winter holidays for faculty and staff
January 8-9
Regular registration (Spring 2009-Sessions 1 & 2)

January 12-14
Late registration & drop/add (Sessions 1 & 2)

January 12
First day of class (Sessions 1 & 2)

January 17
Registration for Saturday classes ONLY
First day of Saturday classes

January 19
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (University closed)

January 21
University curriculum committee, 3 p.m.

January 23
The Robert I. Strozier Faculty Lecture Series presents *The TV Diet: Toxic Food Choices Endorsed on TV* delivered by Michael Mink (health sciences) in University Hall 156 at 12:15 p.m.

**Kudos**

Ned Rinalducci (criminal justice, social & political science) received the Meritorious Service Award from the Georgia Association of Sociology.

Jane Barnard (mathematics) was the conference co-chair for the Teachers Teaching with Technology Regional and Mathematics Educators of Greater St. Louis annual conference. She presented “Developing Number Sense at the Elementary or Middle Grades—With and Without Technology” and “Making the Transfer from the TI-84 to TI-Nspire in Algebra.”

Hassan Aziz (medical technology) presented “A Hybrid Approach to Address Medical Laboratory Manpower” at the 14th Annual Sloan-C International Conference on Online Learning in Orlando.

Trish Coberly (special & adult education) and graduate student Venetia Franklin presented “Building Community and Lasting Bonds in the Adult Classroom” at the American Association of Adult and Continuing Education Conference in Denver.

Bill Daugherty (criminal justice, social & political science) recently gave three presentations on Iran, Iraq, and Middle East issues for the faculty and students at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In addition, Daugherty has been named to the editorial board of the *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence*.

Richard Cebula (economics) is now an associate of the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University in Virginia. As such, he will teach an intensive one-week course there each summer. Cebula has nominated several students to take courses at George Mason across a variety of disciplines, including economics. Tuition, room, and board are paid by the institute. Additionally, each student is eligible for up to a $12,000 a year scholarship toward graduate school.
The International Atlantic Economic Society recognized Cebula with the Distinguished Service to the Discipline Award. The award recognizes him for his many scholarly contributions, his journal editorship, his elected status as member of and chairmanship within the executive committee of the society, and his work on behalf of students through the “Student-only-Sessions” held annually at the society’s conferences.


Learotha Williams (history) gave a lecture, “A View From the Pew: Rural Perspectives of Savannah’s Civil Rights Movement,” in conjunction with a Jepson Center for the Arts exhibition, “Freedom’s March: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement in Savannah, by Frederick C. Baldwin.”

Greg S. Wimer (health & physical education) coauthored “Forearm Vasoactive Function in Arm- and Leg-trained Athletes” which was presented at the Southwest Chapter meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine. He also co-authored a presentation, “Limb Specific Training Effects on Vascular Response to Exercise,” presented to the Arizona Physiological Society.

Regina Rahimi (middle & secondary education) presented a paper, “Teacher Presumptions of Adolescent Sexuality,” at the American Educational Studies Association Annual Conference. The paper was part of a panel presentation on Issues in Gender Construction and Sexuality.

Rahimi also delivered a paper at the 2008 Women and Girls in Georgia Annual Conference at the University of Georgia. Additionally, she hosted a brown bag discussion, “Preparing Teacher Candidates to Work with English Language Learners,” for the College of Education.

Dorothee Mertz-Weigel (languages, literature & philosophy) received the AASU Outstanding Advisor Award in recognition of her service to the French Club. She wrote a book chapter, “A Cultural ‘Novelty’: Christine de Pizan, a Self-Educated Single Mom in Medieval France,” in Dominant Culture and the Education of Women published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing. Mertz-Weigel also presented “Rouge comme neige or ‘Alsace Bled Too’” at the PAMLA conference at Pomona College in Claremont, CA.

Miraari Elcoro (psychology) coauthored “Effects of the response-reinforcer dependency on variable- and fixed-interval responding,” a poster presentation at the Southeastern Association for Behavior Analysis in Atlanta.

Jim Brawner (mathematics) coordinated the 25th annual AASU Middle School Math Bowl.

Annette Wilson (middle & secondary education) was a presenter at the Fifteenth National HBCU Faculty Development Symposium at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.

Edward Davis (middle & secondary education) presented “Smooth Transition To and From the Middle School” at the National Middle School Association annual conference in Denver, Colorado. He was also selected as a peer reviewer of presentation proposals for the 2009 National Youth At Risk Conference.

Bradley Sturz (psychology) coauthored “Facilitation of spatial pattern learning with visual cues in real and virtual environments: Implications for associative accounts of spatial learning,” a poster presentation at a meeting of the Psychonomic Society in Chicago.

Also, he coauthored “Facilitation of spatial pattern learning with visual cues in real and virtual environments,” a paper presented at the first fall meeting of the Comparative Cognition Society in Chicago. At the same meeting, he coauthored “Evidence against integration of spatial maps in humans: Similarity across real and virtual environments.”


Wallace also presented “Plant Tissue Culture, Bananas and Plumeria” to the Plumeria Society of America in Houston.

Wallace, Suzy Carpenter (chemistry & physics), and former student Crystina Bronk ’08 presented “Edible And Ornamental Banana Development For Non-Tropical Climates at the A. I. Meyers Memorial Symposium, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. At the same conference, Wallace also presented “Evaluation Of Dragon Fruit Varieties In Frost-Protected Cultivation in Coastal Georgia.

George Shields’ (College of Science and Technology) article, “Experimental and Theoretical Study of the OH Vibrational Spectra and Overtone Chemistry of Gas-phase Vinylacetic Acid,” was published in the Journal of Physical Chemistry. Co-authors were his former student Meghan Dunn, now at the University of Colorado, Meghan's Ph.D. advisor, Veronica Vaida, and two other researchers at Colorado.

Shields also had his article, “Faculty Recruitment: Finding the Best Candidates for On-Campus Interviews Using Videoconferencing,” published in the fall 2008 issue of The Department Chair.

Chris Baker (languages, literature & philosophy) presented a paper, “‘I think my wife be honest and I think she is not’: Othello’s Tragic (K)nots” at a meeting of the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference held in St. Louis.


Mark Finlay (history) presented a paper, “‘Consumerist Terrorists’: Battles over the Technological Risks and Benefits of Agricultural Antibiotics in Postwar Europe and America,” at the Society for the History of Technology meeting in Lisbon, Portugal.
Carol Jamison (languages, literature & philosophy) presented “The 'New' Seven Deadly Sins” at the 23rd Annual Conference on Medievalisms at Wesleyan College in Macon.

Kalenda Eaton (languages, literature & philosophy) presented “This Side of the Mountain: Fictionalizing Girls within the American Civil Rights Movement,” in conjunction with a Jepson Center for the Arts exhibition, “Freedom's March: Photographs of the Civil Rights Movement in Savannah, by Frederick C. Baldwin.”


April Garrity, Maya Clark, and Donna Brooks (communication sciences & disorders) presented a poster, “Relationships Among GPA, GRE, and PRAXIS-II Scores in CSD Students,” at the annual convention of the American Speech Language Hearing Association in Chicago.

Barry Ostrow (marketing & communications) won second place for his essay, “The World as a Classroom,” published in ICViews, the annual art and literary magazine of Ithaca College.

Melanie Mirande (enrollment services) made two presentations, “The One Stop Shop—the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly” and “Get Professional, Get Hired, Get Networked” at the Georgia Association of Registrar and Admissions Officers state conference in Augusta.

Unrestricted AASU Foundation Funds Monthly Report
The Office of External Affairs reports the expenditure of unrestricted AASU Foundation funds requested by administration, faculty, staff, and community partners for various programs and projects that qualify for such support. Unrestricted funds are those given to the foundation to enable the university to support worthy academic, student and community programs and projects for which state funds cannot be used. They are also used to supplement existing state funding to the university and to assist the university in raising additional money. Unrestricted funds are raised chiefly from the annual campaign, in particular the 3 Days for AASU fund drive in April, faculty/staff campaign in August, and the alumni phonathon in October and November.

Deemer Dana & Froehle LLP — Annual audit $ 13,200.00
At the request of Michael Donahue

Advantage Marketing — Phonathon forms $ 1,379.05
At the request of the Office of Development

Dynamic Systems — Phonathon forms $ 1,119.99
At the request of the Office of Development

Aramark Campus Services — Candidate searches $ 783.59
At the request of Ellen Whitford
Aramark Campus Services — Master planning and risk management meetings $ 700.25
At the request of John McGuthry

Wabash Valley Manufacturing — Memorial bench for Dr. Sharyn Gibson $ 549.26
At the request of President Thomas Z. Jones

Phi Kappa Alpha — Support for international convention
(event of recognized student organization) $ 500.00
At the request of Al Harris

AASU Physical Therapy Club — Support for combined session meetings
(event of recognized student organization) $ 500.00
At the request of Al Harris

Geoff Stevens — Layout for Delta Magazine ad $ 350.00
At the request of Brenda Forbis

Georgia Ports Authority — Table for annual State of the Ports Luncheon $ 240.00
Attended by Mark Finlay, Michael Toma, Richard McGrath, two economics students and Letty Shearer

The Chatham Club — Foundation board retreat planning meeting $ 187.78
At the request of President Jones

Rotary Club of Skidaway — Dues $ 185.00
At the request of member Zaphon Wilson

First City Club — Monthly Dues $ 159.05
At the request of Michael Donahue

Coca-Cola — Drinks for phonathon $ 138.00
At the request of the Office of Development

Riverview Affiliates — Memorial for Bernard B. Dismukes ’50, father-in-law of Don L. and Cindy Waters $ 100.00
At the request of Michael Donahue

Mt. Mora Baptist Church — Memorial for Dr. George Chenault $ 50.00
At the request of President Jones

AASU Bookstore — Honorary nursing pin for Winifred Case Karnosky $ 48.55
At the request of the Office of Development

Aramark Campus Services — Risk management meeting $ 31.92
At the request of John McGuthry

City of Savannah — AASU Foundation Board of Trustees retreat permit $ 25.00
At the request of Letty Shearer

**AASU in the News**

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

10/30 AASU International Week is featured
*Savannah Morning News*

11/1 Michael Toma (economics) interviewed regarding the housing market
*Savannah Morning News*
11/2 Richard McGrath interviewed regarding the use of credit cards among college students
WSAV-TV

11/6 Graduate student Kaitlen Fulp earns recognition from the Alpha Eta Society
Savannah Morning News

11/13 AMT’s production of Crazy for You is featured
Savannah Morning News

11/14 Michael Toma quoted on JCB workforce cuts
Savannah Morning News

11/16 Michael Toma interviewed regarding Savannah Tourism
Savannah Morning News

11/16 Michael Toma interviewed on local manufacturing industry
Savannah Morning News

11/17 George Shield and Felix Hamza-Lup co-author column on research at AASU
Savannah Business Report & Journal

11/17 Douglas Masini and Elwin Tilson are named department head in COHP
Savannah Morning News

11/19 Junior Kristin Burton is named to the ESPN: The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic
All-American women’s soccer squad for a second consecutive season.
Savannah Morning News

11/20 Hispanic Outreach and Leadership at Armstrong (HOLA) program was featured.
Board of Regents’ A Worthy Investment e-newsletter

University System Electronic News Sources
Take advantage of the range of informational publications published online by the
University System of Georgia (USG).

- For news of both the university system office and individual campuses, read the
  monthly System Supplement: www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/.
- Value Added–USG Serves Georgia focuses on how the university system and its
  campuses are serving Georgia and local communities. To read this monthly
  publication, go to: www.usg.edu/pubs/value/.
- Linkages reports news of the university system and provides hot links to related source
  materials: www.usg.edu/linkages/.
There will be no issue of eArmstrong in January 2009.

The submission deadline for the February issue of eArmstrong is January 15.

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

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Best wishes for Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year