Portions of Three University Streets to Close

In order to make way for construction of the planned student center, portions of Science, Library, and University drives will be closed beginning August 4 to accommodate work crews. On or before the date of closure, the traffic light at Arts Drive and Abercorn Street will be activated making Arts Drive the main entrance to the university.

The most convenient access to east side academic buildings, Lane Library, and the Sports Center complex will be via Arts Drive. The areas closed to vehicle traffic will encompass the three-way stop at Science, Library, and University drives from the south side of Memorial College Center to the intersection and from the west side of the Sports Center parking lot entrance almost to the beginning of the Compass Point complex (see red area on map above).

Cul de sacs will be created at the boundaries of Science and University drives. Library Drive will be restricted to delivery vehicles beyond the entrance to the Sports Center parking lot.

Although most sidewalks will remain open, parking will be limited along Science and Library drives. Faculty and staff should begin to look at alternative sites along University Drive behind Fine Arts Hall or parking across campus in the parking lot on Arts Drive.

When the student center construction is completed in fall 2009, the closures will remain permanent. The space where the intersection is now will become a pedestrian plaza surrounding a new fountain.
AASU Contributes $195 million+ to the Local Economy

AASU contributes more than $195 million to the local economy, including, directly or indirectly, more than $48.2 million in payroll dollars according to a new study published by the Selig Center for Economic Growth in the University of Georgia’s Terry College of Business.

The study shows that while AASU creates 711 full- and part-time jobs on campus, the institution generates an additional 1,274 jobs in the community due to university-related spending on goods, services, and payroll.

The study, commissioned by the Intellectual Capital Partnership Program to study the economic impact of the University System of Georgia’s 35 institutions across the state, revealed that the institutions had a combined impact of $11 billion during fiscal year 2007. The study concluded that for every dollar of initial spending in a community by a university system institution, an additional 52 cents was generated for the local economy.

AASU’s initial spending of $136.6 million during fiscal year 2007, generated an additional $58.6 million of re-spending in the community for a total economic impact of $195.2 million.

Armstrong Atlantic’s impact on the community also includes, for example, the long-term benefits brought on by AASU educating a large percentage of the teachers and health professions graduates working in the region.

Art, Music & Theatre Introduces Online Ticket Sales

Ticket sales for plays and musical events at AASU are now available online. Patrons of the arts can visit www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets to find a listing of events with brief descriptions and links to an easy-to-use ticketing system that accepts Visa and MasterCard. A listing of this month’s offerings is in the Calendar section of eArmstrong.

Kudos

Five students in the communication sciences and disorders program were each awarded $1,000 dollar scholarships by the Scottish Rites Masons. The students are (from the left) Amanda Redding, Lydia Flemming, Lindsay Oldham, Brandi Harper, and Megan Hendley.

Ed Strauser and Patrick Hannigan (middle grades & secondary education) teamed up with Ashraf Saad, Joy Reed, and Lei He (computer science) to make a presentation at the 19th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning. They spoke on the OssaBest project where the presenting team will be working this summer with middle and high school teachers and their students. The participants will use AASU computer labs and onsite exploration of Ossabaw Island to encourage more pre-collegiate students to enter information technology-related careers. The teachers and students will take digital photographs and observe the field placements of environmental sensors on the relatively pristine barrier island off the Georgia Coast. They will consolidate data in the computer lab and prepare a multimedia field guide to the island that will be available for students and teachers in Chatham County classrooms.
The **nuclear medicine program** in the Department of Radiologic Sciences has received an extended national accreditation through April 2011. The extended accreditation was based on a favorable assessment of the program by graduates and their employers and in light of the 100 percent pass rate for graduates on two required national certification exams.

**Brenda Logan** (middle & secondary education) presented “What We Can Learn from the Charter School Model: Teachers Talk” to the Oglethorpe Charter School Board. Her article, “Middle School Teachers Share Suggestions for Improving Preparation of Novice Teachers,” appeared in the *Journal of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators*. Logan also presented a research project, “What Novice Teachers Need to Know About Classroom Management,” at the 15th Annual Georgia Conference on Colleges & University Teaching in Atlanta. Logan will also serve as a reviewer this summer for submissions on teacher education. The selected submissions will be presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Education in January 2009.

**Richard Wallace** (chemistry & physics) presented “Banana and Citrus Research In Georgia” to the Bryan County Master Gardeners at The Richmond Hill Museum.

**Doug Frazier** (library) presented a session, “Conducting Inventory with the Voyager Reporting System, “ at the 2008 GIL Users Group Meeting in Ft. Valley, GA.

**Michelle Butina** (medical technology) was accepted as a participant in the 2008-2009 American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS) Leadership Academy. She will join a select group of ASCLS members who will develop leadership skills.

**Kalenda Eaton** (languages, literature & philosophy) presented “Moving Pictures With Sound: Diaspora, Spirituality, and Language in Helen Oyeyemi’s ‘The Opposite House’ and Erna Brodber’s ‘Louisiana’” at the Association of Caribbean Women Writers and Scholars conference in St. George's, Grenada.

**Sabrina Hessinger** and **Vannie Walker** (mathematics), **Vann B. Scott, Jr.** (psychology), and **Michael Lariscy** (health & physical education), presented “Classroom impact of Southeast PRISM p-16 learning communities” and “Generating teacher-driven science and math professional development: Outcomes of a professional development mini-grant program” at the 8th Science in Savannah Symposium.


Scott also presented a poster session, “Frugality and religion as predictors of subjective well-being,” at the annual meeting of the Association for Psychological Science in Chicago. He made a second poster presentation at the meeting with psychology student, Kelly N. Hinton, “Beyond the laboratory: Reflections on expanding undergraduate research and learning opportunities.”

**Felix Hamza-Lup** (computer science) will serve on the scientific committee of the International Conference on Virtual Learning to be held in October at Ovidius University of Constanta, Romania.
Ashraf Saad (computer science) served as panelist and reviewer of proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation’s Innovative Technology Experiences for Students and Teachers program. He also reviewed a manuscript submitted for publication to the Optical Society of America’s *Journal of Applied Optics* and served as reviewer for papers submitted for publication at the 10th International Conference on Control, Automation, Robotics and Vision to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam in December 2008.

Mark Budden, Sean Eastman and Paul Hadavas (mathematics) participated in the 10th Annual Tybee Island Sea Kayak Races. They placed within their age group one after the other in the order listed here. The races benefit the Tybee Island Marine Science Center.

Welcome Aboard
Kimberly Blue, University Police Department
Zellah Russeff, Registrar & Admissions
Danny Ravelo, CIS
Elenita Underwood, Financial Aid
Stephen Woods, Central Supply

On the Move
Kathryn O’Neal, from Registrar & Admissions to Lane Library

Calendar
July 1-3
Advance Advisement & Registration (Fall 2008)

July 4
Independence Day holiday (university closed)

July 7-11
Advance Advisement & Registration (Fall 2008)

July 10-13
The Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents *Anton in Show Business* by Jane Martin at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on July 13) in the Masquers Chinese Theater, located in Armstrong Center, 13040 Abercorn Street. Limited seating; advance ticketing is highly recommended. General admission is $10. Audience discretion is advised. Not recommended for children. Go to www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets for online tickets. Call 344.2801 for more information.

July 14-18
Advance Registration (Fall 2008)

July 17-20
*Anton in Show Business* at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on July 20)

July 24-27
The Department of Art, Music & Theatre presents *Proof* by David Auburn at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m. on July 27) in the Masquers Chinese Theater. Go to www.finearts.armstrong.edu/tickets for online tickets. Call 344.2801 for more information.

July 31, August 1-3
*Proof* at 7:30 p.m. (3 p.m on August 3)
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 which 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.

Advertising Specialty Services $86.43
Logo Items for Development

ARAMARK Campus Services $130.00
Luncheon hosted by President Jones

Rotary Club of Skidaway Island $183.00
Annual dues – at the request of Zaphon Wilson

Ellen Whitford $230.49
Reimbursement for vice president for business & finance search

Savannah Economic Development Authority $280.00
SEDA Annual Meeting – at the request of President Jones

ARAMARK Campus Services $325.79
2008 Club luncheon hosted by Office of Alumni Affairs

ARAMARK Campus Services $360.00
Retirees brunch – at the request of Rebecca Carroll

ARAMARK Campus Services $480.00
Chamber of Commerce membership campaign luncheon – at the request of Joan Lehon

North Georgia College and State University – Chandler Scholarship $500.00
At the request of Jonnie Chandler, recipient of the Staff Volunteer Service to the Community Award

Dorothee Mertz Weigel $500.00
Travel support for French Club – at the request of Student Affairs

ARAMARK Campus Services $638.00
Master plan meetings and host French Consul – at the request of Bill Megathlin

Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce $2,126.00
Annual membership renewal – at the request of President Jones

AASU In the News

Following are some of the top stories appearing in print and broadcast media in June. For more details on these and other stories, contact Francisco Duque in University Relations at 961.3173, or Francisco.Duque@armstrong.edu.

6/1 Arts, Music & Theater student is an inspiring dad
Coastal Family
6/1 Latino fraternity Phi Iota Alpha establishes first state chapter at AASU
La Voz Latina

6/9 AASU adds almost $200 million to local economy
Savannah Daily News
Also Savannah Morning News 6/11

6/9 Nuclear medicine program accreditation is extended until April 2011
Savannah Daily News
Also Savannah Morning News 6/17

6/11 AASU Student Research Symposium Award Winners
The Savannah Tribune

6/12 Lady Pirate tennis player Iuliia Stupak named Academic All America First team.
WJCL-TV
Also WSAV-TV 6/15

6/12 AASU Center for Regional Analysis’ Economic Monitor shows slowdown for first quarter of 2008.
WSAV-TV
Also Savannah Morning News 6/13

6/12 AASU Tennis championships celebrated
Savannah Morning News

6/17 AASU’s Center for Regional Analysis data quoted
WSAV-TV

6/17 AASU to host Talented Research in Engineering Program
Savannah Morning News
Also WTOC-TV 6/23, WSAV-TV 6/23, and WJCL-TV 6/23

6/17 Mike Toma (economics) interviewed live regarding local economy and AASU’s economic impact on the region
WBMQ-AM

6/18 Rick McGrath (economics) quoted regarding proposed global warming solution
Savannah Morning News

6/18 Twenty high school students attend AASU nursing camp
WTOC-TV
Also WSAV-TV 6/19

6/26 Philip Schretter (plant ops) hosts the Pooler Garden Club on campus.
Savannah Morning News

6/27 AASU employees take advantage of Flex Time program.
WTOC-TV

6/27 Paul Mullen (political science) interviewed about U.S Supreme Court rulings
WJCL-TV and WTGS-TV (Fox)
Also Savannah Morning News 6/27
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/](http://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/](http://www.usg.edu/pubs/value/).
- Linkages reports news of the university system and provides hot links to related source materials: [www.usg.edu/linkages/](http://www.usg.edu/linkages/).

The submission deadline for the August issue of e**ARMSTRONG** is July 15.

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

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