

Office of the Dean  
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# DEANotes



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## WheelerNotes

### **Service Across the Boundaries of the Campus:**

For regional state universities in general and for Armstrong in specific, any definition of success must include service directed to the community and region where the institution is located. Below are found three snapshots of such service that were heavily supported by faculty and staff in the College of Arts and Sciences. Thank you to the faculty members who made these three service efforts possible ... and to those who made numerous other contributions that are not noted in this column:

### **For the Twenty-Sixth Time ... Yes**

Valentine's Day in 2004 was cold and rainy but that did not deter 400 high school students from 31 schools from showing up to compete in the Twenty-Sixth High School Mathematics Contest. Most impressive in the eyes of a dean were the many faculty members involved in delivering what is reputed to be the quality mathematics competition in the region. Not only was the event supported by heavy participation from faculties of the Department of Mathematics and the School of Computing, but biologists and chemists and physical therapists as well as a contingent of emeriti faculty were on board to make this educational event happen for young scholars. Special thanks to Dr. Dale Kilhefner who led this effort.

### **Savannah-Ogeechee Science Fair Comes to Armstrong**

Under the direction of Ms. Krista Osterthaler in External Affairs, the Savannah-Ogeechee Science and Engineering Fair was held at AASU February 11-13. AASU is now the official organizing sponsor of the fair. Academic support from faculty in the departments of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, Mathematics, and Psychology ensured a very successful fair. Thanks to all who helped begin another tradition of excellence at AASU.

### **AMT Serves Students Across the Region**

Not to be outdone by the scientists, the Fine Arts faculty are capping a year of service to high school students across the state. Efforts began in the fall with the music faculty hosting several Georgia Music Teachers Association and Georgia Music Educators Association events, recognizing talented music students throughout the region. ... Most recently, the art faculty hosted *An Artistic Discovery*; Georgia's 1st and 12th United States Congressional Districts combined High School Juried Art Exhibition. Congressman Max Burns was present to congratulate the winners of this prestigious exhibition... Finally, at the end of March, the theatre faculty will host eight schools from nearby school counties in the 6th annual AASU High School One-Act Play Festival.

**Introducing Dr. Zaphon Wilson:** We are pleased to announce that Dr. Zaphon Wilson will join us as Head of the Department of Criminal Justice, Social, and Political Science in 2004-2005. Dr. Wilson earned bachelors and masters degrees in political science at Appalachian State University and a Ph.D. from the Atlanta University. He served in faculty and leadership positions at Appalachian State University, Hampton University, and North Carolina Central University prior to his current position at Savannah State University. He is currently the chair of the Department of Political Science, Public Administration, and Urban Studies at Savannah State University where he led the successful effort to achieve accreditation for the Public Administration Program. In each of his academic postings, Dr. Wilson established a rich set of connections to the communities where his work was located. We look forward to Dr. Wilson's service on our campus.

## FinlayNotes

### **Retention of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Year+ Faculty**

Recall the retention deadlines and procedures; Non-tenured faculty members, including tenure-track faculty, serve on the basis of yearly contracts and

with the understanding that, at the expiration of any such contract, the appointment will not be renewed unless there is a new and separate offer by the Board of Regents on behalf of Armstrong Atlantic State University and acceptance thereof by the faculty member.

A retention recommendation is to be done annually on tenure-track faculty until tenure is granted or denied. A retention recommendation is also completed each year for faculty on non-tenure track "permanent" positions. Recommendations on retention of 2nd Year, 3rd Year Plus, and those in "permanent" non-tenure track positions are due to the dean on April 1, or very close to it.

According to my records, the following A & S faculty members fall into these categories:  
**Second Year:** Barron (LLP); Brown (AMT); Hadavas (MATH); Leaver (HIST); Sanders\* (MATH); Zettler (BIOL)

**Third Year Plus:** Howells\* (LLP); Kraft (PSYC); Nivens\* (CHEM); Primatic (AMT); Rinalducci (SOC); Roberts\* (PSYC); Torres\* (LLP)

**Non-Tenure Track:** Mullenax (PHYS); Ouzts (MATH); Remler (LLP); Richardson (LLP); C. Smith (MATH); Wynn (BIOL)

\* Scheduled for Pre-Tenure Review as part of this process.

### G8 Activities

G8 Fever has come to AASU. A number of events will take place before the main event in early June. For now, please mark your calendars to attend these:

**March 29, noon, UH 156** - Faculty Panel – “What is Globalization?” Panelists: Ned Rinalducci (Sociology), José da Cruz (Political Science), and Pat Mizak (Institutional Research). Moderator: Bill Daugherty (Political Science).

**March 30, 7 PM, Fine Arts Auditorium.** - “Globalization: The Activists’ Point of View.” Panelists: Aaron Jacobsen (Farm Labor Organizing Committee), Judy Jennings (Sierra Club), Chito Lapena (G-8 Carnival Coalition), and Kelli Pearson (Sentient Bean Coffeehouse). Moderators: Dr. Tom Howard (Geography), and Greg Geller (Computing).

### Campus Read

Flannery O’Connor Fever also has come to AASU. During the week of April 5-9, AASU will host several events linked to Flannery O’Connor’s ***Good Man is Hard to Find and Other Stories***. These include:

**All Week (April 5-9, 2004)** - Special Collections Exhibit, Lane Library: A showcase of our very own

collection of rare books, artifacts, and student photographs.

**Monday, April 5** - Across the Curriculum Discussion, Noon, University Hall 156.

Faculty from various disciplines will lead a discussion about approaching O’Connor’s stories from alternative viewpoints. Panelists include: Rick McGrath, Jill Miller, Janet Stone, Freya Zipperer, Becky daCruz, and Erik Nordenhaug.

**Tuesday, April 6** - "Displaced Person": Film Showing and Discussion, 7pm, University Hall 156. Enjoy light refreshments and engaging conversation as we view a short film of a provocative O’Connor story. Rare film surprises also planned.

**Wednesday, April 7** - Student-led Community Book Club Discussion, Noon, University Hall 156.

**Thursday, April 8** - *Flannery O’Connor*, One Woman Show and Reception, 7 p.m., University Hall 156. Beverly Fatheree will entertain us with her acclaimed one-woman show as O’Connor herself.

**Friday, April 9** - Field Trips to Flannery O’Connor’s Childhood Home, 11:00, 12:30, and 2:00. Tour the house in historic downtown Savannah where Mary Flannery O’Connor lived from 1925 until 1938.

For more information about these events, please contact Dr. Beth Howells, LLP, x5218.

### Phi Kappa Phi

The call for members for Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Kappa, and Sigma Xi has been successful. We have identified enough members to apply for a PKP chapter on the AASU campus.

### Info on Grad School

On Thursday, March 25th at 1 PM in Solms 108, the Honors Program, the Department of LLP, and Sigma Tau Delta are sponsoring a special event that is aimed at anyone majoring in the humanities and social sciences, and especially those who are majoring in English. We will have on campus three recent graduates of AASU, all of whom have gone to the big time at other universities: Diane Coppage (George Mason University), Denise Shaw (University of South Carolina), and Lauren Mason (Michigan State University).

These students will answer questions like: *How can one best prepare for graduate school? What do you wish someone had told you before you decided to pursue graduate studies? What is grad school really like? How can one juggle the financial and time obligations? What's it like to write a dissertation?*

This will be a great opportunity to hear from students in an informal way, and to ask them questions that professors do not or cannot answer. Light snacks will be served.

## Faculty Notes

John Barbrey, CJSPS, has published "Measuring the Effectiveness of Crime Control Policies in Knoxville's Public Housing" in *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 20 (February 2004): 6-32.

Richard Cebula, economics, has published a few things recently. These include: "Migration, Economic Opportunity and the Quality of Life in the U.S., 1999-2000," *International Review of Economics and Business*, co-author J. Payne; Real Interest Rate Yield on Long Term Munis: The Implications for State and Local Governments," *International Economics and Business Research Conference Proceedings*; "The Impact of Budget Deficits on the Nominal Interest Rate Yield on Treasury Notes in the Pre-Terrorist Attack Period," *Journal of Applied Economics*; "New Evidence on the Impact of Federal Government Budget deficits on the Nominal Long Term Interest Rate on Moody's Baa-rated Corporate Bonds," *Journal of the American Academy Of Business*, co-authors Carl Massey and Richard Connelly [both AASU students]; and "Unemployment and Tax Evasion," *Journal of Applied Economics*.

Don Emmeluth, Biology, has published a new book, *Typhoid Fever*. This is another part of the Deadly Diseases and Epidemics Series of Chelsea House, aimed at young readers.

## Student Notes

Sophomore history major Jeremy Windus presented a paper at the Third Annual Undergraduate Art History Symposium at LaGrange College in February. His paper, "The Artist and the Autocrat: How Spiritual Art Can Stabilize Tyrants and Establish Cults of Personality," originated in Dr. Jill Miller's "Art and World Religions" course in Spring 2003.

Eight AASU students presented papers at the 2004 meeting of the Georgia Collegiate Honors Conference in Savannah. These include: Jeremy Windus, "Mandalas: A 'Gonzo' Perspective"; Linda Reno, "Body Modification and Spirituality"; Daniela Salas, "Faith Heals: Diseases Seen through World Religions"; Amanda Greyan, Sara Holcombe, and Kelly Smith, "Darwinian Impacts in the Nonwestern

World"; Stephanie Roberts and Kim Young, "Perspectives on Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*." In all, some 140 talented and motivated students from around the state were able to see AASU and its Honors Program in a very positive light. On Friday, the students received an introduction to the research and academic opportunities available at the Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. On Saturday, the conference featured 47 paper presentations by honors students and faculty advisors from 14 Georgia colleges and universities.

Economics majors Emily Adams and Fitz Haile presented a paper entitled "To Slab or Not to Slab: Risk Preferences, Marketing Strategies, and the Value of Third Party Information within the EBay Online Marketplace" at the Academy of Economics and Finance (AEF) annual conference in Biloxi, Mississippi. The paper will be published in the AEF Proceedings.

Shylah Smithey, a senior art major and a student of Linda Jensen, created works accepted for "Photography Now!," a juried exhibition that will be held at Maryland's South Shore Art Center. Smithey photographed two of only sixty works accepted for the exhibition of nearly 1,000 photographs submitted by artists around the United States.

## Deadlines and Dates

- 1 April** Retention Recommendations due to Dean: 2 year, Third Year plus, and Permanent Non-Tenure Track Employees
- 2 April** Teaching and Learning Symposium
- 2 April** Items for A & S Curriculum Committee due to Dr. Finlay
- 3 April** Open House
- 5 April** Campus Read: Across the Curriculum Discussion, noon
- 6 April** Campus Read: Film Screening, 7 PM
- 7 April** Campus Read: Student-led Book Club discussion, noon
- 8 April** Campus Read: Flannery O'Connor one-woman show, 7 PM
- 9 April** Campus Read: Tours of Flannery O'Connor Birthplace, 11 AM > >
- 9 April** Meeting of College Curriculum Committee
- 12 April** *Armstrongfest: Quiz Bowl, Lastertag, and Art Exhibitions*
- 13 April** *Armstrongfest: Faculty and Staff BBQ; Jazz Combo; Slam Poet; Nursing Alumni Reception*
- 14 April** *Armstrongfest: International Night*
- 15 April** *Armstrongfest: Week of the Young Child; Mad Woman of Chaillot*
- 15 April** AASU Awards Convocation
- 16 April** *Armstrongfest: Week of the Young Child; Mad Woman of Chaillot*
- 16 April** *Faculty Lecture: John Jensen, on Raku pottery*
- 17 April** *Armstrongfest: 5K Run/Walk; Steve Primatic Faculty Recital; Mad Woman of Chaillot*
- 18 April** Minority Academic Achievement Awards
- 19 April** Administrative Council, 2:30, UH 156
- 27 April** Graduate Faculty Meeting; 12:15, UH 156
- 27 April** Academic Council, 2:30, UH 157

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