AASU names new director of University Housing

Michael Clements has been named the new director of university housing. His responsibilities include building a housing and residence life program that will positively impact student living and learning opportunities.

With over 15 years of related experience, Clements has served the University of Redlands in California and the American International School in Salzburg, Austria. His two most recent positions have included managing traditional residence halls and apartments for 2,700 students at Longwood University in Virginia and for four Central Campus Housing Management student communities in Missouri, Nebraska, and Illinois. Clements holds a MBA and a bachelor's degree in political science.

An official Armstrong Atlantic State University license tag

AASU is trying to get an official vehicle license tag created for the university.

Patty Parker, alumni relations, has volunteered to chair a committee that will choose a design, determine priority number assignment, and decide how much money needs to be collected.

The Department of Motor Vehicles requires that this task be completed by July 31 for plates to be released in January 2006. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to serve on the committee, please email Parker at parkerpa@mail.armstrong.edu or call her at 921.2343.

Media Deadlines

It’s never too early to contact the Office of University Relations about a potential news story. Time is needed to contact campus sources and prepare the information for distribution to the news media. In order to adequately publicize an event, notification to the media is needed at least three weeks prior to the event to meet calendar-listing deadlines.

If you have an idea for an AASU-related story that might be of interest to the news media, contact Michelle Gordon at 961.3173 or gordonmi@mail.armstrong.edu. The story idea will be evaluated and pitched to appropriate news outlets. However, whether a story appears in the news ultimately depends on the decision of the editor or producer of that media outlet.

Welcome Aboard

Jerry Atkinson, Jr, University Police
Michael Clements, Student Affairs
Eric Faulconer, Athletics
Tracy Guilford, External Affairs
Louranda McCravy, Financial Aid
John McGuthry, Computer and Information Services
Joachim Michels, External Affairs
Marsha Miller, Financial Aid
Gina Newton, University Police
Christopher Serino, University Bookstore
Britta Swanson, Biology

Events

February

The Counseling Office of Student Affairs will provide a smoking cessation program during the month of February. This program is free and open to all students, faculty, and staff who wish to quit smoking, with the exception of the medication option which will cost $5 per month. For more information, call 927.5374.

February 1

The African American History Month Kick-Off Soul Food Luncheon will be held in University Hall, room 156, at noon. Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson will be the guest speaker.

February 3

Health Careers Information Day will be held at the Sports Center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Interested high school students will be able to gather information about numerous healthcare career opportunities from area universities, colleges, and healthcare organizations. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the College of Health Professions at 927.5254.

February 5

Playwright Margaret Edson will discuss her play, Wit, at 9 a.m. in Memorial Health University Medical Center’s Medical Education Auditorium. The play, which portrays the experiences of an English professor suffering from end-stage ovarian cancer, won a Pulitzer Prize in 1999 and was later adapted into a HBO film. The literary discussion is hosted by Nancy Remler’s Honors English 1102 class and funded by AASU’s Teaching and Learning grant and Memorial Health. For more information, call 921.5692.
<no-value>February 11</no-value>
Faculty Lecture: Delana Nivens and Will Lynch, chemistry, will present “It’s a Small World After All: Nanotechnology, the Next Big Thing.” The lecture will be held at 12:15 p.m. in University Hall, room 156. It is free and open to the public.

<no-value>February 23-25</no-value>
Savannah-Ogeechee Regional Science and Engineering Fair will be held in the Sports Center. For more information, call external affairs at 921.7452.

<no-value>March 25</no-value>
Faculty Lecture: Teresa Winterhalter, languages, literature & philosophy, will present “Risking Who One Is: Feminism and Public Spaces.” The event will be held at 12:15 p.m. in University Hall, room 156. It is free and open to the public.

March 28-April 2
ArmstrongFest. Watch for details.

April 1
Faculty Lecture: Randall Reese, art, music & theatre, will present “The Legacy of Duke Ellington.” The event will be held at 11:15 p.m. in the Fine Arts Hall, room 132. It is free and open to the public.

April 2
AASU Open House will be held for prospective students in University Hall, beginning at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 927.5232.

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Spring Semester’s Leaders Among Us participants selected
The Leaders Among Us Program provides an opportunity for AASU to help prepare our highly skilled and motivated leaders to meet the challenges of the university’s changing environment. Faculty and staff gain practical insight, knowledge, skills, and confidence desirable for leadership effectiveness. The spring semester’s 20 participants are:

David Adams
Associate Professor
Health Sciences

Ross Bowers
Chairman, Assistant Professor
Respiratory Therapy

Beth Childress
Assistant Professor
Department of Special Education

Jose daCruz
Assistant Professor
Criminal Justice, Social & Political Science

Jessica Diaz
Secretary
Academic Affairs

Sharon Gilliard-Smith
Clinical Instructor
Radiologic Sciences

Christine Hansen
Coordinator of Graduate Faculty Activities
School of Graduate Studies

Sandy Hart
Instructional Technology Support Specialist
Computer and Information Services

John Jensen
Professor
Art, Music & Theatre

Andreas Koth
Assistant Professor
Health & Physical Education

Rochelle Lee
Program Coordinator
Radiologic Sciences

Joan Lehon
Publications Specialist
University Relations

Ola Lewis
Director of School Partnerships
College of Education

Kerri Lloyd-Reid
Grants Administrator
Sponsored Programs

Brenda Logan
Assistant Professor
Middle, Secondary & Adult Education

Chris McCarthy
Instructional Technology Support Specialist
School of Computing

Mirna Morrison
Secretary
School of Computing

Marilyn O’Malley
Assistant Professor
Nursing

Rose Powell
Assistant Professor
Nursing

Jack Simmons
Visiting Assistant Professor
Languages, Literature & Philosophy
Kudos

Nancy White, history, received the “Elizabeth J. Somers Award for Leadership in Women’s Education” for her 20 years of service and leadership in working with the women of Mount Vernon College. The award was presented by the Alumnae Association of Mount Vernon College (a division of the larger Alumni Association of the George Washington University) and George Washington University’s Elizabeth J. Somers Leadership Center.

June Hopkins, history, has been awarded the Sasakawa Fellowship by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. The fellowship allows Hopkins to participate in a National Faculty Development Institute at San Diego State University on “Incorporating Japanese Studies into the Undergraduate Curriculum.”

The math department recently held the 21st Annual AASU Middle School Math Bowl. Nearly all the faculty in the department, along with a number of undergraduate math majors, acted as question readers and graders. The top teams and individuals were given medallions and statuettes. Twelve Chatham County schools participated, with Savannah Country Day winning first place, followed by St. James, Savannah Christian, and Coastal Middle School.

Richard Cebula, economics, has been selected for the eighth edition of Who’s Who in Science and Engineering. Inclusion is based on the number of citations in the scientific literature.

The 2004 issue of Calliope, advised by Chris Baker, languages, literature, and philosophy, and edited by undergraduate student Brandi Kincaid, won first place from the American Scholastic Press Association.

Lorrie Hoffman, mathematics, presented “Being One’s Experimental Unit in the Classroom” at the Joint Mathematics Meetings of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America in Atlanta. The meetings were attended by members of various organizations such as the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, the Association for Women in Mathematics, the National Association of Mathematicians, and the Association of Symbolic Logic.

Maryellen Cosgrove and Joan Schwartz, early childhood education, and Wendy Marshall, educational technical training center, presented a workshop, “Positive Environments,” to daycare providers. The workshop was sponsored by the Smart Start Initiative.


Mike Toma, economics, presented a paper, “The Role of Political Information in Union Certification Elections: Preliminary Evidence from Selected States,” at the International Conference on Politics and Information Systems Technologies and Applications in Orlando. His paper was named the best of those presented at the session.

Bill Daugherty, criminal justice, social and political science, addressed the faculty and staff of the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky. He was also the invited speaker for the graduation ceremony of the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center in Damneck, Virginia.

Will Lynch, chemistry, and his students Brian Helmly, Georgia Gergely, Jeremy Olson, Patrick Sisco, Joyce Chow, Bryan Jacobs, and Pat Liloia, presented “Cobalt-59 NMR correlated to electronic transitions — an inorganic experiment” at the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemistry Society.

Susan Hines, languages, literature & philosophy, spoke at the National Alliance of Community and Technical Colleges Conference on “The Next Generation for Distance Education.”

Lee Williams, history, presented a paper “We Shall Walk and Not Faint: George W. Gore, Jr., and the Civil Rights Movement in Tallahassee, Florida, 1956-68” at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association in Memphis.

Ned Rinalducci, criminal justice, social and political science, led a forum entitled “Internationalizing Sociology” at the Georgia Sociological Association (GSA). The forum addressed teaching sociology in international settings. At this meeting Rinalducci took office as president of the GSA.

David Pulvis, history graduate student, has been awarded the $2,000 Roger K. Warlick Fellowship in recognition of his strong academic record and student research.
Gregory Wilhelm, a senior information technology major earning his active duty commission in the Army Reserve Office Training Corps, has been named the first recipient of the Chatham Artillery Memorial Scholarship.

Nin Dingra and Joyce Chow, chemistry majors, won second place for their undergraduate research in the inorganic division of the Southeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society (SERMACS). The award was for their research, “Nanoparticle Mediated Photodeflourination Monitored by F-19 NMR.”

Students Juan Aragón (biology and chemistry), Sarah Bohn (biology), Stacey Carter (early childhood education), Rena Dixon (health science), Megan Iorio (political science), Chris Lancia (English communication), Megan Moore (health science/public health), Timothy Nicholson (music), Daniela Salas (psychology), and Gretchen Stewart (English and Spanish) have been named in the 2005 edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

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

Please send submissions to news@mail.armstrong.edu

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