As students slowly transition from Piets to an English major, many of them are very enthusiastic about what’s in store for them. Armstrong State University officially became known as the Armstrong Campus of Georgia Southern University on January 1, 2018.

Since the Eagle’s landing in Armstrong, several scholarships and academic resources have been made accessible to students. This includes the Armstrong Foundation Scholarships and a number of academic scholarships in each department. Recently, the Student Government Association (SGA) conducted a survey to get a general idea of feedback about the effects of the common college experience. Students were surveyed from Armstrong University to Armstrong State and Liberty students. According to the survey, a whopping 230 students from both Liberty and Armstrong campuses have participated in the SGA scholarship and academic resources.

Jonathan Miller, a sophomore mathematics major, stated, “I am flabbergasted with the fact that more students are taking the initiative to apply for their program.” Williams has applied to several schools and has already received two of them. Another 17 students also felt that there was a strong campus collaboration between the Statesboro, Liberty, and Armstrong campuses.

Students should be nominated for Georgia Southern’s Awards such as the Outstanding Scholar Award, Who’s Who Among Americans of University Presidents, and the University System Academic Recognition Award. The recipients of these awards will be announced during the annual Honors Convocation held in April.

Furthermore, student also have access to other great amenities across all three campuses of Georgia Southern University. This includes but is not limited to health services, access to the Recreation Activity Center (RAC) in Statesboro and the Student Recreation Center (SRC) in Savannah. Admitance into special events and occasions are also granted to students. Not only are students happy about these new services, they are also happy with the fact that they are not mandated to travel to other campuses between classes. Registering for classes on other campuses is strongly encouraged but not required. Simpson also said, “I don’t have a car and if that was the case, there would be a serious issue.”

While some students are happy with post consolidation, a growing number of students still wish that the changes never occurred. Some fear that there will be a Tuition/fee increase. Recent changes to the overall orientation of the Armstrong Campus including Georgia Southern banners on campus and the new entrance sign shows that the student workers believe that the traditional legacy of Armstrong will not be as important and recognizable before the consolidation.

Through some students don’t seem to like the consolidated campus, others see it and like the fact that the campus is growing with students and offer opportunities. There are many more doors to be opened as the campu’s rest safely into our campus.

Armstrong and Liberty students can obtain their new Eagle cards from card services beginning March 19, 2018. Current Pace card will be deactivated June 30, 2018.

Stay tuned to the new Armstrong Campus website and check your student email for upcoming opportunities and changes for the event of the eagle nation.

**Police Chief Givens’ Advice on Active Shooters**

Chief McCullough: Law enforcement officers are trained to find the fastest way to address the threat and stop it. Therefore, the first officers on the scene of a possible active shooter event will need to respond and return to the threat as fast as possible.

Inkwell: What steps can the public take to ensure a safe, quick return to campus?

Chief McCullough: Being aware of your surrounding is the best way to help keep your campus safe. Students are the most familiar with what is normal or not normal on their campus and are usually some of the first to notice when something is out of place. We ask that if a student sees something out of the ordinary, say something to campus officials immediately.

Inkwell: Are students, faculty and staff encouraged to run, hide, or fight in an active shooter scenario?

Chief McCullough: Yes, we are always paying attention to the people and situations around the area of campus.

Inkwell: Do you think students would be safer with armed teachers, armed guards, or armed administrators?

Chief McCullough: I prefer not to offer an opinion on a social discussion for which I do not have full information and full context.

Inkwell: Is it prudent for students to exercise their right to bear arms on campus?

Chief McCullough: Georgia Southern University follows current state law regarding carrying a weapon on campus.

Inkwell: How is a call to police regarding a possible shoot out handled? If a student sees something on the campus, supposed to distinguish who is the “bad guy” from the “good guys” and the “good guys” with a gun? Everyone who is law enforcement officers is trained to assess the scene and respond to the situation as it may unfold.

Inkwell: Does that tactic serve to protect the student or individual with individuals with special or sensitive weapons?

Chief McCullough: This is not a tactic to combat an armed individual, but instruction on how to determine the best solution is for each individual to survive a possible active shooter event.

Inkwell: Do you think students would be safer with armed guards, armed teachers or armed administrators?

Chief McCullough: If you find yourself in a situation, students are advised to speak up if you have concerns or questions.

Inkwell: How do we prevent further instances of mass shootings on school campus?

Chief McCullough: As an active shooter scenario is considered, there are many aspects that have likely contributed to the increase in the types of incidents. We always pay attention to the environment and individuals around us and never be afraid to speak up if you have concerns. Identifying possible threats early will help those who can address them and hopefully prevent them from happening.
**Wild ‘N Out Brings Comedy to Armstrong**

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On Saturday Feb. 24, Wild ‘N Out, the hit comedyoner’s favorite TV show, brought its talent to Armstrong Student Union Ballroom. This show from Nick Cannon on MTV was put on with the purpose of discovering new and upcoming comedic talents. Sadly, Chi and Darren “Big Baby” Brand, and Tyler Chronicles performing stand-up comedy at Wild ‘N Out show. Photos by Ethan Smith.

**The Savannah Stopover Festival Preview**

LARKIN CRAWFORD

This one-man-band, a current Armstrong Arts student concentrating in philosophy, is new to the Savannah music scene and has already earned the chance to be part of the Savannah Stopover lineup. Crawford is excited to be in the South by Southwest (SXSW) festival in Austin, a station for bands traveling to the South by Southwest festival in Austin, Texas. Crawford is a one-man-band who plays with a group of local bands. Crawford's music style is bluesy with a touch of soul. Crawford is known for his storytelling and his ability to connect with his audience. Crawford's music is felt and is meant to be enjoyed. Crawford is excited to be part of the Savannah Stopover lineup and is looking forward to performing new songs and engaging with the audience. Crawford is also excited to be part of the SXSW festival in Austin, where he will be performing with his band. Crawford is looking forward to the experience and to being a part of the music scene in Savannah. Crawford is a talented musician and is looking forward to the future of his music career. Crawford is ready to perform at the Savannah Stopover lineup and is excited to be part of the SXSW festival in Austin. Crawford is ready to make a name for himself and to connect with his audience. Crawford is a talented musician and is looking forward to the future of his music career. Crawford is ready to perform at the Savannah Stopover lineup and is excited to be part of the SXSW festival in Austin. Crawford is ready to make a name for himself and to connect with his audience. Crawford is a talented musician and is looking forward to the future of his music career.
Athletics Gone, Never to Return

The assessment of Armstrong’s remaining athletic facilities has been published, and the report contains a mix of good and bad news for students. I’ll begin with the bad news. Sanctioned NCAA competition has left this campus and it is unlikely that it will ever return. As the report states “it is not feasible to respect regular, shared use of athletic facilities between the Savannah and Statesboro campuses due to distance and travel time.”

The request to have professors be mandated to carry guns would put more pressure on professors. It has positive and negative implications.

Matthew Scully
Senior Business Economics

I wouldn’t like that. I don’t trust some of my professors with that.

LaTonya Sallywhite
Senior Nursing

So long as you know they’re licensed and have practiced I think it’s ok. I think it would be ok if they were trained like police officers. Make sure they are required to be trained. I don’t know if every teacher should. We could just have more security officers.

Asuta Griffin
Senior

Tin in the military and I’ve had to fire those assault rifles before. It depends on the training they receive and whether or not they’re using their own gun and what kind.

Sidney Davis
Sophomore Art major

The primary goal of the project with regard to athletics was to pragmatically identify the highest and best use of the athletic facilities on the Savannah campus while considering the established facilities and programs on the Statesboro campus.

Armstrong’s campus did house a fully functioning NCAA Division II Athletic Program as early as last year. As the report states, the 2016-17 athletics season marked the conclusion of fifty (50) years of athletics at Armstrong State University.” The athletic programs offered included soccer, baseball, softball, tennis, volleyball and basketball. Over that period, the ASU Pirates earned thirteen national championships and ninety-six Peach Belt Conference Championships. Teams appeared in one hundred thirty-nine NCAA D2 Championships and produced two hundred ninety-six AS-Americans. Most notably, the tennis team amassed thirteen national championships in the last twenty years and had established itself as the gold standard of DIV II tennis. The tennis team played their last season in a brand new facility. The new tennis facility, which cost $1.5 million, was only completed in August 2016.

The report found that “in general, full compliance (to NCAA Division I level) can be achieved for modest costs.” However, “major shortcomings within the athletic facilities fall squarely in the categories of team support areas and user experience.” Basically, the report finds that most athletic facilities can quickly be retrofitted to meet Division I standards but the experience for athletes and fans will be lacking.

Now the good news, “decreased use of the facilities on the Savannah campus for competitive athletics will create a new opportunity for recreational use that is highly desirable by the student body.”

The report details two separate concepts to renovate and repurpose the existing athletic facilities. Concept one involves full renovation of the Armstrong Sports Center, the previous basketball and volleyball courts, for recreational use. Concept two connects the Student Recreation Center with an addition to Pirate Athletic Center, which would result in a 78,000 sq ft facility.

Both concepts include the addition of outdoor recreation facilities that include sand volleyball courts, basketball courts, picnic areas and a fire pit.

The authors of the report recommend one because it is cheaper than concept two. Recreation space needs are addressed, multiple options are available for future expansion, and existing recreation facilities can remain in the Student Recreation Center during construction, eliminating the need for interim facilities. Our idea that was gladly lacking from either concept was an indoor pool. The desire to bring the pool back was obvious from the results of a student survey cited in the report. Comments after comment emphasized bringing the pool back.

A desire for the pool ranked third in all remarks given in the survey, yet the idea was never addressed in the report. It is clear that students want the pool back. Why can’t they have it? As soon as the consolidation was announced it was obvious there would be no need for two sports programs. Armstrong’s athletic program is gone and there is little to no chance it will return. But there is an opportunity to comprehensively enhance Student Recreation facilities on this campus.

While we are renovating things, why not bring back the pool?

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Eagles Travel to Texas; Maintain Third Place In Sun Belt

The 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang, South Korea have officially come to a close. For the Eagles, these Olympics came joy, excitement, controversy, sadness and a joying of intense competition.

The Eagles traveled to Texas State, losing and winning for Kim, and most likely it was an overall memorable victory is that she was just as good to compete in the Sochi Olympics, but she was already one for the Eagles. The game tied 41-41 en late free throws to end the second half, the Eagles won the first gold medal of the tournament. The Eagles will host the regular season. Two more rounds by the SBC Tournament. The Eagles will host the 14-15T- 7) South Alabama Jaguars on Thu. Mar 1 and the 14-15B- 8) Troy Trojans on Sat. Mar 3 to end the regular season. Two more chances to see the Eagles in action at Hanner Fieldhouse in Statesboro, so take advantage and cheer the Eagles on to a hopeful first round by the SBC Tournament. GO EAGLES!

SPORTS EDITOR
ETHAN SMITH

It was once again another average week for the Eagles. The Eagles traveled to Texas to take on UT-Arlington and Texas State, losing and winning each game respectively. The Eagles took their talent on the road in the low country, we’re lucky to have them back again on the eve of their latest game!

MICHAEL NAU

This might be what an indie-american fever dream sounds like. Michael Nau’s music is refreshingly smooth and warm, something to sink into. That said, his sounds vary enough in style and tempo to keep you entertained and guessing what’s to come next.

CUSSES

The Eagles are Savannah Royals, having claimed laurels over the course of a decade of pumping energy into crowds all over America, but always returning home to Savannah. That is their home, the trio, made up of front-woman Angel Bond, guitarist Bryan Harder and Brian Lackey on drums are among our most talented neighbors. The Cusses brand of surfing, spirited rock and roll mixed with their enthusiastic fan base at home guar-