Peter Catapano, an editor for the opinion section of The New York Times, gave a talk in the O’Quinn Center on Nov. 15 as part of the New York Times' School of the Times program. Catapano’s presentation to the nearly full-theater centered on how to be a thoughtful and critical consumer of news, how to use the paper’s website as an educational resource and answered questions from the audience.

Catapano admitted that even when he started out as the paper as a copy editor, he didn’t intend on staying. He decided to stay on in 2005 when he was made an editor for the opinion section and began working on projects specifically for the web. Over the course of his time at the paper, he has edited and published over 1,000 pieces.

He was given a Publishers’ Award in 2008 for his work in developing multiple online series for the opinion section.

During the first part of this talk he educated the audience about how to be a critical consumer of news. People are looking at a news article, a Twitter feed, or some other social media, you need to pay attention to it and see if you have heard of the website before. To see if they are a credible news site, go to their “about” section to learn more about the news source’s code of ethics and their credentials.

It is also important to learn whether the articles they post are opinion-based because if they are then they can’t be taken as fact.

As an example for this Catapano clicked on an article from the website New Republic to look at their site and about section to see the ethics they were founded upon.

Then he went on to explain the layout of the website and what would be useful for students to look at. The most pressing story is the piece in the top left of the home page. On the opinion page of the opinion section of the paper there is a page under the “Op-Ed” section called On Campus with stories written by college students, professors and administrators. If someone wants to submit a piece to them, there is an email for the editors at the top of the page.

When asked how the Times Foxes which article Catapano answered, “We publish 30 pieces a day. We follow the news and for some of the stories that break there’s no question but we also have to include them. We also try to find stories that surprise people. We have to deal with all the sections. We have to follow the news as it happens.”

A lot of the audience questions that came up were centered on how it worked to be an editor for such a big news source. Catapano explained that he and his fellow 10-12 editors must take their own ideologies out of it when editing and publishing a piece.

“We want to take from as many sources as possible because we publish a piece and someone has a response, they’ll send that to the editor. Some of the features are entirely designed on reader feedback.”

Catapano also pointed out that even though it is the opinion section, they still have fact checkers on their staff.

If you’re curious to see more of Catapano’s work or the opinion section in general, click on “opinion” at the top of the New York Times homepage. If you would like a free subscription to the New York Times, information can also be found in the Learning Commons and the library.

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Daylon Bonner
Staff Writer

Thursday, Nov. 16, a panel in the Student Union Ballroom garnered a sizable audience. It was the first such talk of the semester and was centered on academic specialties in the fields of history, criminal justice and political science, with speakers from both Savannah State University and Armstrong. The panelists from Armstrong consisted of Dr. Lara Wessel, Dr. Bruce Mallard and Dr. Inna Adams. The panelists from Savannah State consisted of Mr. Meldon Hollis Jr., Dr. Bruce Mallard and Dr. Inna Adams.

Dr. Mallard discussed the qualification requirements associated with Donald Trump’s presidency. Specifically, he questions whether the President has handled the duties associated with the office not specifically outlined by the Constitution. To summarize Dr. Mallard, “We expect our President to come out at times of personal tragedy to make it better not worse.”

Dr. Wessel evaluated the president from a prespective. Based on media coverage, both before and during his time in office. The president has been shown to be less than agreeable when his patience has been tested. He has also not shied away from making his discontent known on social media. As expected, his 140 characters are not always glowing reviews of the political process. The president has an unprecedented number of ways to relay information to United States citizens, to other branches of government and to various world leaders.

Dr. Wessel would go on to add that presidents with less than ideal temperament PANEL PG 6

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Waiting for Winter Break? Events to Check Out

As the fall semester ends and the hurried rush to turn in assignments and post final grades ends, students, faculty and staff alike can find themselves looking for entertainment. After the excitement of having over a month off for winter break, consider the myriad of events and happenings around Savannah this holiday season. Throughout the month of December, the Savannah Civic Center will be holding SkateFest. After a rainbow of colors run and the city adds some holiday magic, SkateFest enables the civic center to operate as Savannah’s only ice-skating rink. SkateFest will begin on Dec. 16, and end on Jan. 21, from 7:30-9 pm. For more information check their website at http://savannahcivic.com/events/skatefest-2016/.

If ice-skating doesn’t warm the heart, the Jewish Education Alliance (JEA) offers “Food for Thought,” a network opportunity on Thursdays at 12-30:30pm. The event hosts networking events with various professionals, guest speakers and a meal offered for $5. “Food for Thought” meets every Thursday starting in December and throughout January of next year. The meeting is located at the Jewish Educational Alliance, at 5111 Abercorn St. For more details, contact Jacqui Drazin at (912) 355-1011.

For those over the legal drinking age, a bar crawl “The Yacht’s Christmas Vice: Reindeer: the Musical” will be presented at the Savannah Harbor Food Bank of the Coastal Empire. Drinkers and revelers are encouraged to “eat, drink, and be merry” wearing their best holiday apparel to “the merry.” The crawl will consist of twelve separate bar and restaurant bars and attendees are asked to “run, walk, or crawl their way to the finish line.” For more information check their Facebook page by searching “The Twelve Bars of Christmas ~ 5K Holiday Themed Bar Crawl.”

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Final Farewell

My New Year’s resolution is to drink more water because I don’t do that and have to remind myself throughout the day. 

Tessa Wilkins
Senior, Health and Physical Education

As graduation approaches, the bittersweet realization that I will be a part of Armstrong State University’s last class comes to me. Although I have been Pirate for a year, I have gained a family that will last a lifetime, regardless of Armstrong’s consolidation.

Deciding to go to graduate school was a difficult decision that I have made to further my career. The benefits may seem obvious to you, the reader, but to me, someone who has completed her bachelor’s and spent two years in the workforce, it was not. But, I have come to the conclusion to pursue my graduate degree, and to do so at Armstrong.

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Kayla Rand
Editor in Chief

I have a resolution with my girlfriend, we are going to start working out more, and I want to acquire an internship by next summer.

Gabriel Tomberlin
Senior, Computer Science

I want to change, just to do it. I feel like if there’s something I can feel. Year’s resolutions because I don’t typically do New Year’s resolutions. I don’t want to do more than a 5k and run to a half marathon in November.

Katrina Yaneza
Sophomore, Radiology

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Pleasingly Lost Out West

Photos taking while venturing through the scenic landscapes of Arizona

By: Mitchell McDuffie
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particularly uneasy tone con
ning the president. What
appeared to unsettle him the
most was the fact that the

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critical of the President, some
had reserved even more dis
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To quote the professor
directly, “Most people [who]
are elected by a minority have
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with the intent to govern the
majority, or work exacerbat
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homed in on the rhetoric sur
rounding the presidency and how it has used as an intima
tidance. Of note, she
took issue with the rhetoric
surrounding crime in America. Crime is still an issue in
the United States. No one is disputing that claim. Howev
er, the words spoken and tone in
which there are spoken have led to unnecessary polici
surrounding crime, espe
cially offenses involving ille
gal drugs. Dr. Bryant asserts
that the continued emphasis
on removing illegal substances
has continued since they
were first ostracized by the
Nixon and Reagan adminis
trations. The president has
run on a platform that sought
to decrease crime. Regardless
of opinions for or against his
stance, the president has made
an effort to alleviate the prob
lem of drug related crime.

That being said, the effort
made has been more detri
ment than helpful. The ex
ecutive orders he has created
will not fix the root of the
problem. He has also hired
people to key positions of the
executive branch who sup
port a for-profit prison sys
tem, both in the form of man
datory minimums and private
prisons. Dr. Bryant sees this
as a potentially terrible route
to fixing the problems of ille
gal substances.

The final panelists, Dr.
Jennings, would present some
of the legal issues stemming
from the current administra
tion. For one, the president
has a long history of legal
battles. The bigger issue
concerning whether he may
have violated the emolument
clauseline in the Constitution
which prohibits the president
extravagant gifts and the like
from foreign states without
Congressional consent. His
most impassioned point came
when he discussed the valid
ity of political assertions. He
proposed to link every social
media account to verified
sources on political discourse.

After each panelist pre
sented their evaluation of
the president, the forum was
opened to questions from the
audience. Topics includ
ed Confederate monuments,
Russia, Net Neutrality and
private prisons. Aside from
the points they emphasized
individually, the panelists all
sought to communicate the
importance of finding valid
political information for one
self.