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# The Inkwell

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## Welcome Back Armstrong Students!

TAYLOR SURINE  
NEWS EDITOR

Up until August 19th, Armstrong’s office of Student Affairs is offering food, games, and block parties during the “Weekend of Welcome” to help incoming freshmen become acclimated to campus life at Armstrong. Armstrong plans to keep its students entertained with various events that will be organized throughout the school year.

Inkwell’s Editor-in-Chief, Kayla Rand, admires Armstrong’s busy campus. “Many people will advocate for the numerous activities to participate on campus, which are very beneficial to freshmen, but there will always be a need of a getaway - from school, work, and life.” She encourages new students to “Utilize Armstrong’s 268 acres to escape the stress of freshmen transition.”

Besides the abundant amount of greenspace, Armstrong offers delicious food choices that are available for students.

It’s definitely a good idea to show up to the Galley, Wild Cafe and Wingery, and Quizno’s before everyone else if you want to get to class on time, especially for the first week of the semester.

If you haven’t purchased your books yet, check out the library to see if your teacher

has their required course materials on reserve. Students are allowed to make copies of the materials, which can be used at home. This option can save you money by avoiding to buy any books at all.

There are numerous study spots around campus. Most buildings have a computer lab of some sort that are free to use.

The Learning Commons has computers, couches, and study rooms with whiteboards that are perfect for group-study, but because of its popularity, it can be a bit noisy.

Lane Library is the perfect destination for a relaxed environment as the second floor is known for its quietness.

Sophomore Paige Clendenens enjoys the convenient WEPA printers that can be found around campus. “They are everywhere, usually in every hall...and are pretty nifty.”

Most students are not aware that print money is automatically added to your Pirate Card at the beginning of each semester. You can print from any of the WEPA locations in black and white or color.

If you find yourself standing in line waiting for coffee at The Perk in the Student Union, head over to The Patio Cafe in University Hall. They sell Starbucks’ coffee and it is likely the line is much shorter. You can also use your dining



Armstrong gear at Week of Welcome tent by Science Center (PR photo)

dollars to save you some cash.

However, if you are a coffee lover and enjoy the free things in life, go to the Writing Center for a free cup

of joe. The Writing Center is in 123 Gamble Hall and offers free coffee and tutoring for Armstrong Students.

With the variety of ame-

nities on campus, there are limitless opportunities to take the stress out of school. The Inkwell staff would like to wish everyone a great first

week of school and a smooth transition into fall classes this semester! We hope these tips provide guidance for our fellow Pirates.

## From the Desk of the President



Armstrong’s Intriem President, Dr. Jennifer L. Frum.

JENNIFER FRUM  
PRESIDENT

**On challenges faced with merger**

Rather than challenges, I see the consolidation as a process that is opening up great opportunities to create a

regional comprehensive powerhouse institution. I admire and appreciate the passion for Armstrong. I truly believe we can channel that passion to develop in Savannah, Statesboro, and Hinesville an institution that is providing even greater educational opportu-

nities for students.

Of course, one of the greatest challenges in merging two institutions is typically weaving cultures together. Yet, if I took a snapshot of how I hope the future consolidated University would appear, it would look like this:

A scene of individuals across departments, positions and campuses working together in small, focused groups. These groups work daily on the seemingly mundane items in front of them and tackle the more complex issues ahead for others in the future. Voices are heard, opinions weighed with respect for others, and when debate arises, the individuals push through the conflict to find resolution. Success found through problem solving, collaboration, team work, work ethic, difficult decision making and other leadership skills is felt by all those involved. And the reverberations of their success spread to the outside world.

This is not an image I dreamed up. It is an actual account of what I witnessed when I arrived this summer as the consolidation work groups comprised of faculty, staff and students from both Universities continued their work. Where I expected conflict, I experienced collaboration.

**On goals for my term**

During my time at Armstrong, I will advocate for what’s best for students. My goal is to ensure the future success of Armstrong students by creating vibrant learning environments that foster a student-centered culture of engagement. This we currently do on the Armstrong campus, but with Georgia Southern University we can do even more. Through consolidation, we must provide more resources, opportunities, and options for students.

Going beyond our campus, we can be a part of an effort to build regional and statewide partnerships in technological innovation, scientific advancement, education, health services, artistic creativity, and cultural enrichment. The future of the consolidated institution is inextricably linked to the region’s future. I will engage with business and community leaders to determine how we can best meet workforce needs locally and nationally.

Georgia needs educational institutions that are equipping students to succeed in the rapidly changing 21st century global economy. I will work to ensure that the consolidated institution is transformational in this regard.

**On ideal transition for Armstrong through consolidation**

As your President during

this transition, my goal is to instill a framework that will provide transformational learning opportunities to meet the needs of a diverse student population while retaining our commitment to academic excellence and personal attention.

Where students may have concerns about joining a larger institution, I am here to tell you we are doing everything in our power to create an environment that fosters the success of the individual and maintains the culture of learning that attracted you to Armstrong.

**On my experience thus far at the University**

Prior to arriving on this campus, I was the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach at the University of Georgia. I represented that institution around the state in outreach, engagement and economic development. I have spoken with many employers, non-profits, community leaders and decision-makers across the state. Over these past months, in my new position I have concentrated my efforts in the Savannah region.

Through this engagement, I know more about the world beyond our campus, the economy, workforce, community and quality of life for which we need to prepare you. But, more importantly, I

know more about Armstrong, and the culture that nurtures the individual through commitment and dedication to a shared success.

If Armstrong students are successful, the community is successful. The University aims to enhance the quality of life and drive economic development in the Coastal Georgia region, the State of Georgia and beyond.

**On a message for new students (and all students for that matter)**

As your President, it is incumbent on me to think through not only the years you are with us, but those years beyond graduation and the decades to come. Our aim is to equip you to have a positive impact on the world around you.

You are not only students, you are future leaders in the field of your choice. Through the new Georgia Southern University, we aim to give you the skills needed by providing access to more academic programs, resources and degree offerings.

Your future is bright!



Album Review: Washed Out’s Mister Mellow

LILA MILLER  
A&E EDITOR

“Music plays a big part in keeping me happy or/ Keeping me just/ From not flipping out/And keeping me sane,” lead singer Ernest Greene from the band Washed Out sings in “Down and out”, the seventh track off his latest album “Mister Mellow”.

Washed Out released its third album June 29, and the saying “third time’s a charm” certainly rings true in this case. Washed Out continues to pioneer the Chillwave movement with this album featuring psychedelic, earthy sounds layered with synthesizers, drum machines and distortion. Beyond the instrumentation, Washed Out is peppered with seemingly simple, yet sharp emotive lyrics and voice-overs.

For instance, in the fifth track, Greene reminisces on his disconnect between illusion, reality and failed relationships, “I daydream when I walk/ I daydream when I’m in class/ I daydream when I



Washed Out’s album cover art for latest album Mister Mellow.

dance/ Next time around/ I’ll watch the words I say/ Next time around/ I’ll bury my love/ And hide it away.”

Despite Greene’s some-

times startling lyricism and elongated voiceovers, the album cleverly parallels Washed Out’s previous two albums “Paracosm” and

“Within and Without”. The danceable tracks that popularized Greene continue to shine within “Mister Mellow”.

Although this album is in

many ways a success, the album itself is relatively short. With several songs more akin to intros or musical segues, the album clocks in at just

29 minutes in playing time. Meanwhile, the duration of Washed Out’s previous albums are closer to 40 minutes in playing time.

Overall, the album is cohesive, but lacks in terms of artistic progression. Perhaps the danceable tunes and “chill vibes” Greene evokes are just renditions of Washed Out’s previous albums, regardless of being a key player within this sub-genre.

In Mister Mellow, an overall feeling of pure relaxation is felt in the tempo of the tracks and slowed down vocals, but Greene might want to take his next venture more seriously if he wants to continue making progress as a musician.

Washed Out is a band based in Athens, Ga. The lead and only singer is Ernest Greene. Washed Out has released a total of three albums; his latest “Mister Mellow” can be found via Stonethrow Records, streaming on Spotify and in local record stores.

Events, August 17-22

17	18	19	20	21	22
Board Game Bonanza Learning Commons 8-10 PM	Beach Bash Tybee Island Pier 2-6 PM	Meet the Greeks Compass Point 1-3 PM	Lift Every Voice: African American Museums Free Day Telfair Museums 12-4 PM	Eclipse Everywhere Roughly 2:30 PM	Tongue: Open Mouth and Music Open Mic Night The Sentient Bean 8 PM
Capture the Flag Intramural Fields 10-11:30 PM	Meet the Eagles Fan Fest Armstrong Soccer Fields 6-9 PM	Housing Block Party Windward Commons 2-4 PM			

Weekly playlist: So Long to Summer

Listen here:



TITLE	ARTIST	ALBUM		
+ Just Like Heaven	The Watson Twins	Fire Songs	a day ago	4:17
+ C'mere	Interpol	Antics	a day ago	3:11
✓ Rockaway Beach	Ramones	Mania	a day ago	2:06
+ Eventually	Tame Impala	Currents	a day ago	5:19
+ Darling	Real Estate	In Mind	an hour ago	4:20
+ The Trip	Still Corners	Strange Pleasures	6 minutes ago	6:14
+ Red Eyes	The War On Drugs	Lost In The Dream	5 minutes ago	4:59
+ 13 Beaches	Lana Del Rey	Lust For Life	3 minutes ago	4:56
+ I Can Change	LCD Soundsystem	This Is Happening ...	a minute ago	5:56
+ The KKK Took My Baby Away - Remastered	Ramones	Pleasant Dreams (E...	a few seconds..	2:31

HAVE AN IDEA FOR A&E?  
WE WANT TO HEAR IT!

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CAMPUS VOICES:

What do you like best about Armstrong’s campus?



The resources available, like the Learning Commons and Lane Library. I like how you can book rooms [in the Learning Commons]. It was really helpful during finals week.

Caitlyn Williams  
Sophomore, Nuclear Medicine



I like the Learning Commons because it is too easy to take a nap in my dorm.

Jake Walbert  
Freshman, Business Economics



I like the Arboretum feature.

Karrington McAfee  
Junior, Radiologic Science



The easy commute, it is easy to meet people and easy to get to classes.

Kadeshia Cooley  
Senior, Art Education



The close-knit community, small classes and the opportunities available for people who know how to grab them.

Nipuna Ambanola  
Junior, Economics

About your Editor-in-Chief:



KAYLA RAND

Hi Pirates! I am proud to announce that I am the new Inkwell Editor-in-Chief. After working in the newspaper industry for two years, I decided to obtain my master’s degree at Armstrong. Unfortunately this is my final semester, but I know I will bring a diverse voice to the paper as I am the only graduate student on staff! I look forward to closing my chapter here with bang and starting my career in communications once I walk across that stage on December 9th. You can find me covering different events on campus or in the Inkwell office in MCC. Don’t be afraid to say hi!

About your News Editor:



TAYLOR SURINE

Though I’m a new face at the Inkwell this year, I’m a senior English - Professional Communications major. I’ll be graduating in May of 2018 and packing my bags for graduate school at PSU in Portland, Oregon the day after. I keep myself busy as news editor at the Inkwell and senior editor of the Calliope, with an internship at Southern Poetry Review and a part-time serving job, and mothering a sweet pup. If I don’t say hi, it’s probably because I haven’t slept, but I enjoy every minute of chaos that comes with the million things I do on the daily. I hope to see everyone’s smiling faces around campus.

About your A&E Editor:



LILA MILLER

This is my second year as the A&E editor and I couldn’t be more pleased to be back in the Inkwell office. I get a kick out of personally curating the weekly playlist. I’m also a serious bibliophile with a penchant for poetry. When I’m not studying, I enjoy practicing French, listening to records and making art in various mediums. Although I seem brooding, a warm hello can thaw out my cool demeanor. See you around campus!

About your Layout Editor:



ZACH ARMSTRONG

I am a senior Computer Science major with emphasis in Cyber Security. This is my second year working in the layout position at the Inkwell. I got into the layout position from working on multiple products in the Adobe Suite and being curious about the other products. When I am not making the paper beautiful for the eyes, I can be found in my room playing video games or around campus hanging with friends.

Letter From the Editor



The Inkwell’s newest Editor-in-Chief, Kayla Rand.

KAYLA RAND  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

As campus is starting to fill back up with new faces and old classmates, I can’t help but think how this will be Armstrong’s last official school

year. For me specifically, this is my last semester as I will be walking across stage on December 9th, to receive my masters of arts in Professional Communication and Leadership. Although I have only attended for two semesters, it

is a weary feeling knowing my alma mater will no longer exist. Think about it – when I present my degree, I will have to explain how I received my education from a school that was merged into a bigger institution. Hopefully, it will not negatively impact my career. However, I will always be proud to be a pirate.

The history and culture of Armstrong will always remain, regardless of the consolidation. Therefore, we need to bring in this semester with a bang and finish spring off strong – pirate strong. As students we can show our support by getting involved in various activities.

Whether you join a club or attend an event, you should take the initiative in being active on campus. Many doors have opened since I first stepped foot on this campus including becoming the Editor-in-Chief of the Inkwell. What better way is there than having an opportunity to be the voice of my fellow classmates?

We all have different niches and I am sure there is

About your Copy Editor:



STANTON DOBSON

What’s good! My name’s Stanton. I’m a Computer Science major here at Armstrong that is looking to minor in physics, and my hobbies include learning languages and practicing piano. This is my first time working as a copy editor at a newspaper and at the inkwell but I hope I can do my part here to promote this school’s reputation. Previously I served as a tutor at Armstrong’s Writing Center. You may have seen me around there too.

a student-run group or activity that fits your personal interests. In a world ran off of technology, it is hard to be motivated to get off of your phone and get active. However, getting involved on campus can help you find your place in Armstrong.

The consolidation hearing was the first event I attended at Armstrong, which was both disappointing and uplifting at the same time. It was then that I realized the school I was just beginning my master’s academic career in was going to end. I was disappointed in whoever allowed this decision to be made.

I wanted to be angry at someone and in the midst of emotions, I looked around in the auditorium. Everyone was expressing the same feelings I had felt. They wanted answers and reasoning to everything being discussed. Overall, it gave me a sense of unity with peers and sparked friendships with those sitting next to me.

As I left the hearing, I saw an Inkwell rack with one newspaper left. Oddly, I opened it up backwards and I immediately saw an ad for writers. After contributing a few stories to the paper, I was asked if I was interested in becoming apart of the

staff. Many of the editors weregraduating and the Inkwell needed new members. Having a bachelor's degree in Journalism and experience within the newspaper industry, my background was ideal for the position. Thankfully, I was hired and now serve as the Editor-in-Chief of the Inkwell, which is only one of many opportunities that Armstrong has to offer. So, my fellow students – go get involved on campus! Find something you are already interested in or try something new, but don't sit still. What will you accomplish in your last year as an Armstrong Pirate?



# CONSOLIDATION CORNER

[4] THE INKWELL  
August 17, 2017

## Letter from The George-Anne editor

To begin with, I wanted to introduce myself. My name is Jozsef Papp and I'm the Editor-in-Chief of The George-Anne.

As you know, there has been a proposal to change the name of the Armstrong State University newspaper, The Inkwell, to The George-Anne name, because of the consolidation between the two institutions set to take effect in the Fall of 2018.

### My position

I just wanted to be able to express my opinion and my position as Editor-in-Chief in the hope that makes it clear the intentions of my staff and myself in this case. Although the recommendations have been approved by all of us involved for the name change, we will support any decision made by The Inkwell editors in the name of their newspaper.

We want to make sure that everyone understands that our goal has never been to take over or force the Inkwell to do anything for our benefit,



George-Anne's Editor-in-Chief, Jozef Papp. (Photo provided)

rather we will like to build a relationship that will benefit both newspapers, regardless of the names, for the good of both communities.

The Inkwell is a historic name and a name that has a lot of impact on Armstrong's campus and we want to be

able to respect and keep that history going. The George-Anne is happy to be able to open doors, so both of our Savannah and Statesboro community can benefit from this part of the consolidation.

We want to be able to have the best content possi-

ble that will satisfy our readers in Statesboro, and if one story would be beneficial in Savannah, we will make sure that we share the information with our counterparts at The Inkwell. I want to make sure that under no circumstances will the Editor-in-Chief of

The George-Anne in Statesboro force The Inkwell staff to write a story or create an assignment for them.

I know this consolidation has had a bigger impact at Armstrong than at Georgia Southern and although I have only been involved in the capacity of reporting about the consolidation and the recommendation of the name change for The Inkwell, I want to share my support through this difficult and delicate situation.

### The George-Anne

For those who don't know who we are, we are the official newspaper of Georgia Southern University. We just celebrated our 90th anniversary in April and are proud to be the longest continuous newspaper in Bulloch County.

We have gone through some changes the past few years with the goal of gearing towards a more digital product rather than a print product. We still expect to continue to print our newspa-

per every Tuesday and Thursday throughout the Fall and Spring semesters for the foreseeable future.

### Looking ahead

Since this will not take effect until the Fall of 2018, I will no longer be in-charge of The George-Anne, since I will be graduating in May. However, I currently have staff members who will still be part of The George-Anne during that time and it is my duty to represent their views on the proposal.

Our main goal is to be able to collaborate and work together for both of our newspapers to be successful and we continue to grow.

I want to make sure that the editors at The Inkwell, any administrator at Armstrong and Georgia Southern or any community member at both campuses understand that I'm available for any questions, comments or concerns that they may have about the way The George-Anne operates.

## Consolidation committee approves summer recommendations

STANTON DOBSON JR.  
COPY EDITOR

With the advent of the consolidation many students have been left feeling uneasy about their circumstances as students at Armstrong State in the upcoming years.

It is reassuring, however, that Georgia Southern will keep the same programs that are currently offered at each campus until Spring 2022. New and returning students should not expect changes in their academic programs within the next five years.

Nonetheless it is important to us that the student body stay informed of the most important reformation changes

that Armstrong is currently undergoing during the consolidation.

The Consolidation Implementation Committee, CIC, approved several recommendations over the summer that the Inkwell has compiled into a summarized list.

Changes related to academic policy include:

**- Adopting the Georgia Southern modeled policy on early academic alerts.** First-year retention and academic success at Georgia Southern has improved since the implementation of this policy. Freshmen were alerted if they were making unsatisfactory progress in a course, as early as the third week of

classes.

**- Creating a new Academic Standing Policy.** According to the CIC, this new policy would encourage better academic performance, while also providing a better infrastructure for "support, resources, and opportunities." The approval is intended to facilitate full implementation of the policy by Fall 2018.

There have also been changes to the institutions policy that affecting campus life which include:

**- Combining Fraternity and Sorority Life operating policies and procedures, while maintaining the integrity of chapters on each campus.**

**- Consolidating the Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern Police department, which has already begun.**

**- Unifying Armstrong's and Georgia Southern's email systems by February 2018.** Stated directly from the CIC minutes taken on June 28th, "All Armstrong students will receive their new georgiasouthern.edu email address in late February 2018. Armstrong students will use their armstrong.edu account and email address through Spring and Summer 2018 for Armstrong resources, but they will use their new georgiasouthern.edu account and email address for Fall

2018 registration, financial aid, and other Georgia Southern resources"

Additionally there are changes that will shortly be in effect concerning identity and organization. Such changes include:

**- Changes to Armstrong's logo, colors, and mascot.** An official logomark will be available starting January 2018. As stated by the CIC, "The new Georgia Southern will preserve and capitalize on strong brand equity...by retaining Georgia Southern's visual identity... The Marketing and Communications Office will revise current style and identity guides to reflect naming con-

ventions: Armstrong Campus in Savannah..."

More details on changes concerning attendance policy, exchange students, limited grade replacement, and other student-related regulations can be accessed on the consolidation website.

As we know, it is important to stay informed on the major changes and updates from the CIC. Thus, the Inkwell has created a consolidation section that will be printed in each issue leading up until the merge.

For more daily updated information on the consolidation check out consolidation.georgiasouthern.edu

# CALLING ALL WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

THE INKWELL WANTS YOU.  
EVERY WED. 12:30 P.M.  
MCC 202

