Welcome Back Armstrong Students!

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 re- framing our commitment to academic excellence and personal attention. Where students may have concerns about joining a large university, 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 and nation.

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.
“Music plays a big part in keeping me happy or 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 synths, 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 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 sometimes 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 vibe” 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 Stones Throw Records, streaming on Spotify and in local record stores.

LILA MILLER
A&E EDITOR

Album Review: Washed Out’s Mister Mellow

Events, August 17-22

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

Weekly playlist: So Long to Summer

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WE WANT TO HEAR IT!

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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

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Zach Armstrong
Junior, Economics

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.

Zach Armstrong
Editor in Chief

What’s good! My name’s Stanton. I am a Computer Science major with a minor in mathematics. I love to code, solve puzzles in physics, and my hobbies include learning languages and playing sports. 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 junior at Armstrong’s Writing Center. You may have seen me around there too.

Stanton Dobson
Senior, Computer Science

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Letter from The George-Anne editor

To begin with, I wanted to introduce myself. My name is Neysa 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 us, for benefit of Armstrong.

We are currently offered at each campus until Spring 2022. Students at Armstrong have been left feeling uneasy about their circumstances as early as the third week of Fall of 2018. Armstrong students will receive their new georgiasouthern.edu account and email address by February 2018. Armstrong students will receive their new georgiasouthern.edu email address in late February 2018. Armstrong students can call a marketing and communications office to receive assistance with 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:

- 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.
- 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.
- Consolidating the Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern Police departments, which has already begun.
- Unifying Armstrong’s and Georgia Southern’s email systems by February 2018. Started directly from the CIC’s minutes taken on June 28th, “All Armstrong students will receive their new georgiasouthern.edu email address in late February 2018. Armstrong students can call a marketing and communications office to receive assistance with their new georgiasouthern.edu account and email address for 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 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.

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 Souther will keep the same programs that are currently offered at both campuses 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 as 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:

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Consolidation

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

Calling all writers and photographers

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