Welcome Back Armstrong Students!

TAYLOR SURINE
NEWS EDITOR

Up until August 1966, 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 students 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 – “so 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 the pressure of college life.”

This encourages new students to “Utilize Armstrong’s 266 acres to escape the stress of freshman transition.”

Before you’ve purchased your books yet, check out the library to see if your teacher recommended they have. It’s definitely a good idea to show up to the Gallery, Wild Cafe and Wingerery, and Quinno’s before everyone else if you want to be class on time, especially for the first week of the semester.

If you haven’t owned a library card, you might want to consider getting one. It is a very affordable service that is providing even more opportunities for students.

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

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, visit the Perk in the Student Union, head over to The Patisserie Cafe in University Hall. The Patisserie offers coffee and it is likely the line is much shorter.

You can also use your dining dollars to save you some cash.

However, if you are a coffee lover and enjoy the five 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 opportunities 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 full classes this semester! We hope these tips provide guidance for our fellow Pirates.

Dear Students (and all students for that matter)

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 recommitting our institution 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 around the state of Georgia.

Over those past months, in my new position I have concentrated my efforts in the Savannah region.

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JENNIFER FRUM
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On challenges faced with merger

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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. Vision is heard, opinions are 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 occurrence. 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, innovative, scientific advancement, education, health services, artistic, cultural enrichment, and cultural enrichment. The future of the consolidated institution is intricately 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 equip- ping students to succeed in the rapidly changing 21st century global economy. I will work to ensure that the consolidated institution is transformative in this regard.

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“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 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

Washed Out’s album cover and the latest album Mister Mellow.

Events, August 17-22

17 Board Game Bonanza
Learning Commons
6-10 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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Listen here:
What do you like best about Armstrong’s campus? 

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 finishing my time at the Inkwell once I walk across stage on December 9th. You can find me covering different events on campus or at the Inkwell office in MCC. Don’t be afraid to say hi!

About your Editor-in-Chief:

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 primarily 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. I always boast, a warm hello can thaw out my cool demeanor. See you around campus!

About your Editor-in-Chief:

TAYLOR SURINE

Though I’m a new face at the Inkwell this year, I’m a senior English - Professional Communications major. I’ll be working in the newspaper industry after school to complete my bachelor’s degree at PSU in Portland, Oregon. As the editor-in-chief, this has been a dream job for me. After my last two semesters at the Inkwell and my time as Editor-in-Chief of the Calliope, with an internship at Southern Poetry Review, I’ve learned a lot about the craft of writing and editing. I am excited to bring my knowledge of the field to the Inkwell and I hope to inspire students to pursue their passions.

About your News 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.

About your Layout Editor:

STANTON DOBSON

What’s good! My name’s Stanton. I am a Computer Science major with a minor in Physics and minor in Accounting. I am a firm believer in the power of community and the importance of giving back to your Alma Mater. This is my second year working at the Inkwell as the Layout Editor. It is a privilege to be a part of the Inkwell and I hope 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.

About your Copy Editor:

STANLEY DOBSON

What’s good! My name’s Stanley. I am a Computer Science major with a minor in Physics. I am on the softball team and I love to read. My favorite book is “The Great Gatsby” by F. Scott Fitzgerald. I am a firm believer in the power of community and the importance of giving back to your Alma Mater. This is my second year working at the Inkwell as the Copy Editor. It is a privilege to be a part of the Inkwell and I hope 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.

Letter From the Editor:

KAYLA RAND

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 degree. I will have opened it up backwards and visualize my fellow classmates.

Although we all have different niches and I am sure there is a student-run group or activity that fits your personal interest. In a world ransomed 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 out of business. In the end, I was proud of everyone involved in whatever 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 that 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 immediately saw an ‘f’ 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 were graduating 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 student?
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 Georgia-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 in the name of the change for the name, 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, 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 communities can benefit from this part of the consolidation.

We want to have the best content possible 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 Savannah, we will make sure that Armstrong has a bigger impact on Armstrong and Statesboro force The Inkwell to do what story or create an assignment for them.

Consolidation committee approves summer recommendations

STANTON DORSON JR.

Sammy E. Golightly Staff Writer

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

It is reassuring, however, that Georgia Southern will keep the same programs that are currently offered at Armstrong up until the changeover. 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 reforms and changes.

The Consolidation Implementation Committee, CIC, approved several recommendations over the summer that the Inkwell has compiled in 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 the semester.

- 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.

- Unifying Armstrong’s and Georgia Southern’s email systems by February 2018. Stated directly from the CIC’s minutes taken on June 28th, “All Armstrong students will receive their new georgiasouthern.edu email address by 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 Armstrong resources.”

- Graduation grade replacement, and other changes that will shortly be in effect concerning identification and organization. Such changes include:
  - Changes to Armstrong’s logos, 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 Sothein’s visual identity...”
  - The Marketing and Communications Office will revives current style and identity guides to reflect naming conventions: Armstrong Campus in Savannah...

- More details on changes concerning admissions 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 is committed to a consistent section that will be printed in each issue leading up to the merger.

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