Senior biology major, Morgan Odom, was ready for the eclipse. “Yes, I care about the eclipse—never having seen one before in my lifetime, and I may not get the opportunity again,” Odom said.

Undeclared sophomore, Jacob Ivenzer, was less excited about the eclipse. “I don’t have eclipse glasses; I still am excited to see the event,” he said.

Deemed acceptable, Armstrong’s Student Organization “Icebreakers” will be able to enjoy camp fires, field games and social events happening on campus.

The most overlooked back-to-school essential is a planner.

Many students fail to utilize the benefits a planner can provide. When used correctly, an agenda can help you stay organized and keep track of due dates, meetings, and events happening on campus. However, the difficult part of having an organizer is remembering to use and look at it. Once you are in the habit of jotting things down and checking it regularly, your planner will be a significant part of school. Nevertheless, when you purchase a planner, it is necessary to get a writing utensil.

Victoria Peebles, junior psychology major, says, “I don’t use it every day, but if I lost my planner, I would feel like something was missing.”

During a full day of classes, your phone is bound to die. “If only a few outlets are available, you will not be able to charge your phone!” says Madeline Watkins, Armstrong’s assistant coordinator. “Always keep a charger on hand!”

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Different colored pens can help color code notes, outlines, and things in a planner.
Local Author Zach Powers Hosts Book Release Party at Pinkie Masters


Powers’ book hit shelves in May, and was published in May of 2017. Powers’ award for short fiction and writer of the year in 1997, is one of the biggest things about living here, while he re-visited his hometown native, said he misses this one of the biggest things he elaborated about his Savannah bar, Pinkie Masters, in the area. The company Fan Timers that offers attractions at many events on campus throughout the year provided this year’s place where they are most at risk is on Highway 80 that leads to Tybee Island. “If we find an abandoned egg next week we will bring the eggs back to campus and put them in an incubator until they are ready to hatch. Once they hatch we take care of the turtles until they are ready to be released back into the wild.

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How to Survive Freshman Year: 6 Do’s and Don’ts

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*By now you’re probably overwhelmed by all the advice everyone you know has tried to give you about starting your first year of college: go to class, study, and don’t party every night. Well lucky for you, I’ve been through it all. With my college career coming to an end, I can help but think back on what I wish I would’ve known when I came to Armstrong.*

Don’t: Be load on the second floor of Lane Library

A big thing I wish I knew would’ve known during the first few weeks of my freshman year at Armstrong is that the second floor of the library is the Quiet Floor. It is designated for students to be able to study and do homework without any distractions.

This is a great place to hang down and get work done. The first floor is a little less serious, with several computer stations and tables for group study sessions, but both floors also have study rooms available for reservation. *Tip: Bring a sweater or jacket because it’s always freezing in there!*

Don’t: Be afraid of your professors

One of the best things about Armstrong is our amazing professors. Every one of your professors is there to help you, and would be happy to do so. They all are experts in their field, so ask questions in class, e-mail them, or take advantage of their office hours. Don’t be afraid to speak up. Building relationships with your professors can be beneficial later in your academic career in case you need a recommendation for a job or graduate school.

Don’t: Expect everything to work perfectly

No one is perfect. You’re going to miss a quiz, forget an assignment, and fail a paper. You’ll lock yourself out of your room and fight with your roommate. There will be times when it seems like everything is falling apart, but know that it will be okay.

Every student has been in this position and you will see the light at the end of the tunnel. Within the first year you tend to learn a number of things and make the most friends.

Once you get through this semester, the next few will go by in the blink of an eye. So, enjoy the good times and the bad.

**DO: Use your designated printing money!!**

At the beginning of every semester, Armstrong gives every student $8.00 worth of printing money to be used at WEPA Print Station. I had no idea this existed until my second year at Armstrong.

Now, I always try to use every bit of the $8.00. WEPA print stations are conveniently located around campus in the library, Student Union, and Learning Commons. *Tip: If you can’t make it to a WEPA Print Station, there’s free printing in the Writing Center located in Gamble Hall.*

**DO: Take advantage of the Fitness & Wellness Programs**

One of the biggest changes when you head off college is being able to eat whatever you want whenever you want. With that freedom comes one of the scariest things: the Freshman 15. Some people think that the Freshman 15 is a myth, but I’m here to tell you it’s 100% real. To avoid the Freshman 15, take advantage of the Fitness & Wellness Programs that Armstrong offers to all students. The Student Recreation Center on campus has a variety of fun activities you can take part in. From group fitness classes to basketball and ping pong, the SRC has something for everyone. They even offer Personal Trainers at an affordable cost for students, faculty, and staff.

**DO: Join clubs and organizations**

Armstrong has more than 100 student organizations for students to join. From fraternities and sororities to student government and service opportunities, there’s something for everyone. Joining a student organization is a great way to make friends with similar interests and get involved in things on campus. Not only is it fun to be involved in things on campus, but being a member of a student organization looks great on a resume or graduate school application. So, don’t be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and find a club that you’re interested in.

I know it’s cliché, but college is the best years of your life. You should aim to have fun, but be responsible. Take advantage of the opportunities you have while on campus and you can set the foundation for your future. I hope these tips help you have a great first year!**

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**The Eagles Land In Savannah for Fan Fest 2017**

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Over the summer, Georgia Southern's student media director, David Simpson, Armstrong's academic advisor for the Inkwell, Troy Morris, and the Inkwell staff met to discuss the needs of Armstrong's student newspaper in light of the consolidation.

Simpson would act as a voice for the Inkwell at consolidation meetings to make sure everyone's needs were being heard by the editors and the students.

Simpson then added that the Inkwell met with Simpson and the conversation centered on one concern: how to contrast Armstrong's student life with Georgia Southern's. Simpson was very understanding that the two schools are in different locations that house different campus personalities.

We explained to Simpson that our campus is close-knit and we thrive on our friendships. In fear of losing our paper, the Inkwell committee explained how Armstrong's student editors sitting next to their in-class media student always benefits students by making them feel comfortable enough to have a voice in important campus issues. A paper only housed in Statesboro wouldn’t have his effect.

Simpson attended the presidential-level consolidation meeting and forwarded us the recommendations:

**LOWG Recommendation**

Recommend all Student Media products be branded under the George-Anne name and look the George-Anne name and have one print publication with two editions.

Explanation of Recommendation: The look and feel of the paper should be the same. Each community will receive information specific to their physical location.

Due to the distance between the three campuses and the uniqueness of each campus, we will customize publications to reflect the student experience.

Simpson explained, "The Armstrong staff would have complete control of the Armstrong edition of the George-Anne," which gave them comfort; however, these recommendations caused Armstrong to become concerned with losing the Inkwell name. Armstrong students have come to know and love since 1935. Simpson quickly informed us that we would "acknowledge the Inkwell name at the consolidation meeting. Salaries, outlines for athletic coverages were put on the agenda for the consolidation meeting following the meeting with Simpson, but were delayed for further discussion. Simpson then added Interim Associate Vice President for Student Affairs & Dean of Students, Andrew Dies, to the email thread between Simpson and the Inkwell staff.

To compromise on the name change, Dies said, "I am proposing we change the recommendation to read: 'All student media products be branded under the George-Anne name and look the George-Anne name and will display it as they see fit.'"

**George-Anne: Inkwell Edition**


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