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Savannah Gathers on the Steps of the Student Union in Support of Dreamers

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On the night of Friday, Sept. 22, nearly one-hundred fifty people gathered in front of the Student Union in support of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

The Executive Order, created and implemented in 2012 by former President Barack Obama, was designed to give undocumented immigrants the opportunity to attain an identification card, go to school and join the workforce. Specifically, the program was designed to benefit immigrants who came to the United States as children and were not able to control the legality of their entrance into the country.

President Donald Trump has said that he plans to definitively put an end to the program. As a result, nearly all beneficiaries or potential beneficiaries have been left with little to no viable options that would allow them to stay in the country.

As a result, people across the country have stood in support of the Dreamers. With the rally on Friday, Savannah has joined the ranks as well.

The attendees of the rally ranged from Armstrong students and faculty to members of Savannah community. A Greek life presence was on hand as well, specifically Lambda Theta Phi and Sigma Iota Alpha. Furthermore, the event was plastered with a multitude of signs. Some expressed their dissatisfaction with blunt words while



Students gather in front of the Student Union to voice their opinions on Trump’s attempt to revoke DACA.

others took a more nuanced approach.

Sign slogans of note included “Education Not Deportation,” “Build Bridges Not Walls,” and “No Punishment for Decisions out of Their Hands.”

The rally was headlined by a selection of fascinating speeches; one detailing an emotional journey to get to the final stages of college and others delivered as a call to action.

According to Chris Lopez, a DACA recipient, “an official end to program will occur at some point in March 2018.”

With the end of this program, beneficiaries would no longer have a viable means to work given that the validity of their work permit would end.

As of now, the DACA program appears to be on the verge of cancellation. However, there are also rumblings that there is potential for a change to the program instead.

As of now, the degree of the change is uncertain. Given that there does not seem to be a consensus as to how to proceed about the policy, a political unrest concerning the policy has continued to grow over the past few weeks. This feeling of discontent with the government loomed heavily over the rally.

This discontent was expressed by Daniella Rodriguez, one of the key organizers of the event. With the perceived political instability

of the executive branch on full display and the ever-looming threat of DACA cancellation, her future at Armstrong is at best uncertain. There is a definite possibility that her efforts as a psychology major will have been in vain.

While the beneficiaries of the program obviously would not support the program being eradicated, some revisions to the Executive Order would not be opposed. Lopez would support the DACA becoming official legislation as

opposed to simply being an executive order. Should this occur, the program would be legitimized and would require more just the signature of the President to terminate it.

As stated before, the main beneficiaries of DACA are undocumented immigrants who represent the upper echelon of said group. While having DACA recipients having phenomenal grades is commendable, a policy such as this does not account for immigrants who may not have the grades, but have a clear and apparent work ethic that more than make for a slightly lower academic standing. In other words, the program excludes those who are more than willing to earn the privileges that come with DACA, but may have the top tier grades of other DACA recipients. To paraphrase Rodriguez, immigrants who do receive the benefits inherently give the country a somewhat noble appearance. She would support a change to DACA that would allow for standards to be set in a manner permitting all who wish to receive the benefits to have access to them.

Unfortunately for the dreamers, a feasible alternative has not been presented. However, Lopez, Rodriguez, and others in their situation and in support of them intend to continue their struggle for access to the benefits of DACA. They have a Facebook page under the moniker La S.U.Y.A. and are making plans for events in the future.

Final Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

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After Armstrong’s final season of Division II sports ended this past spring, it has announced this year’s inductees for the final Sports Hall of Fame.

The inductees were not made up of athletes that participated in the 2016-2017 season, but rather consisted of administrators, head coaches, and student-athletes from as far back as the 1985-1986 season. This year’s class contains over 100 new inductees. They were selected into four separate categories (service citation, administration, head coaches and student-athletes) by a committee.

The service citation recipients are Dr. Linda Bleicken and her husband, Carl Bleicken, Chad Jackson, Will Lynch and Lynn Roberts. Dr. Bleicken and her husband are being recognized for attending countless home and away athletic events during her tenure as president. Jackson worked as the Director of Sports Communications from 1999-2017 and began the process of live-streaming home games on the Internet. He now works as the Director

of Athletics Communications for Georgia Southern.

Will Lynch was the Faculty Athletic Representative since 2000 and is currently head of the chemistry and physics departments. Lynn Roberts was a student-athlete, women’s tennis head coach, and Senior Woman Administrator. She also helped create the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and was a part of the Armstrong family for over 30 years.

The sole inductee of the administrative category is former Athletic Director Lisa Sweany who worked as the Athletic Director for six years and helped establish the BJ Ford Scholarship Fund. During her tenure as AD Armstrong won five NCAA national championships and had 46 NCAA Championship appearances.

Sweany was humbled to find out that she had been inducted this year.

“I was so surprised and excited when Chad Jackson showed me the final list of inductees! I am also very excited to see and honor all of the other inductees. When you develop a personal connection with the student-athletes it makes it more special.”



Many students and faculty have the privilege of being in Armstrong State University’s final Athletic Hall of Fame before the consolidation.

She is now the Deputy Athletic Director at Georgia Southern. While she misses Armstrong, Sweany is glad that the transition from Savannah to Statesboro has been going smoothly.

“The staff on campus and the athletic department have been very welcoming along with the other employees that came from Armstrong.”

There are seven head coaches among this year’s hall of fame class. Some of them include softball coach Marty McDaniel, men’s and women’s tennis coach Simon Earnshaw, and volleyball coach Will Condon. McDaniel

was head coach from 1998 to 2004 who started the fast pitch program here from the ground-up and had a .771 winning percentage. Earnshaw led the women’s team to six Division II national titles and the men to three and was named the Peach Belt Conference Coach of the Year 19 times. He coached from 2000-2014. Condon coached from 2008-2016, led his team to four PBC regular season titles, and had the most wins out of any volleyball coach at Armstrong with 252.

There are 32 student-athletes in this year’s hall of fame. There are 10 from

men’s and women’s tennis, including Remko Jansen, Georgi Rumenov, Clara Perez and Lena Lutzeier. There are five from baseball including Eric Chavez, David Harriman and Ethan Bader. There are three from volleyball and they are Rindy Vidovich, Brittany Wolf and Jessica Santaniello. There are three from women’s soccer and they are Morgan Mitchell, Courtney Cawley, and Nadima Skeff. There are six from softball and among them are Shelby “Snooks” Duff, Peyton Roth, and Hannah Reppert. There are three from men’s and women’s golf and they are Jenna “Wylie”

Birch, Kristen Sammarco and Shad Tuten. Henning Schein is being inducted for men’s cross-country. Brigitta Barta is being inducted for women’s basketball.

The Induction Ceremony will be on Thursday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 pm in the Armstrong Center. Tickets will be available to the public for \$40 each and you can purchase them by contacting Becky Smith.

To access the full list of inductees and their accomplishments go to armstrong-pirates.com.

IT Movie Review: A Chilling New Adaptation

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“IT” is directed by Andy Muschietti and stars Bill Skarsgård as Pennywise. While not directly a remake of the 1990 television movie, the two films share similarities in that they focus on a clown terrorizing a group of kids in a small Maine town. However, “IT” chooses to focus only on what happens to the group as children. “IT” is one of many Stephen King adaptations. King’s books have been a popular subject matter for popular films. Over the years, the films’ critic reception has been varied. Book adaptations have produced classics such as “The Shawshank Redemption” and “Carrie” as well as disappointments such as “Dreamcatcher” and “Cell.” Fortunately for fans and cinema critics alike, the movie “IT” is one of the better adaptations of King’s books.

In favor of the movie, the creative use of various scare-tactics sets it apart from other films. Each scare is tailored to each individual child within the film. Scares were also built around tension and discomfort, as opposed to a simple jump scare. While the jump-scares did still occur, shots were framed in such a way that they happened during a sudden moment, slightly off timing from when the scare

was expected. The scares [within the film] were also not restricted to the cover of darkness. Arguably, the most creative scare scenarios take place in broad daylight. Bill Skarsgård plays one of the creepiest clowns ever committed to film. The best way to describe him is to imagine if the Shark from “Jaws” took over the body of the Joker from “Batman.” Skarsgard portrays the clown as a perfect fear predator. Within “IT”, it becomes known that the clown can selectively reveal himself to people at will. The acting device the clown uses is very creative and plays off a common fear within children that they believe something is after them that no one else can see. The filmmakers really took advantage of the fact that “IT” is an R-rated film. The first scene lets you know that the filmmakers are not shying away from the violence because the movie stars children. Furthermore, the kid actors act like normal kids would when their parents are not around. They swear, take ridiculous risks and are downright cruel to one another. The acting from the kids is ‘on-point’ from top to bottom. While they each have a slight quirk that makes them the modern equivalent of the kids from “The Goonies,” said quirks are not used as a crutch, but as a tool to expand on the personalities of each



Film still from the latest adaptation of Stephen King’s novel, “It.” Directed by Andy Muschietti and starring Bill Skarsgård.

character. The last third of the movie did not quite have the same level of creativity as the beginning and middle of the film. There was a point right after a pivotal scene where the film grinded to a halt for a solid ten minutes before segueing to the conclusion. Some of the characters [in “IT”] were not as fully developed as they could have been. While the ending is not bad, it drags on for about ten minutes too long. Also, a couple of the main characters get lost in the shuffle regarding their character portrayal. However, given that there are seven main actors plus the clown, the fact that some of the characters are more developed than others is understandable. As stated before, the jump-scares in the movie are

extremely creative. However, the film relies on them so much so that they start to lose impact after seeing so many of them. This is even more disappointing given that the filmmakers have crafted an adversary for the kids that is scary enough that he would scare just as effectively without a sudden jolt every five minutes. Overall, the movie gets a

seven out of ten. The performances across the board are good, and the scares are very creative. However, the jump scares occur a bit frequently and lead to a slightly underwhelming conclusion. “It” is a Stephen King book adaptation directed by Andy Muschietti and is showing in theatres nationwide.

2K Releases Newest Game in NBA Video Game Franchise

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Basketball fans and video gamers celebrated last week as game company 2K Sports released the newest game to its franchise, NBA2K 18, on Sept. 19. Stores flooded with fans who had pre-ordered the game early as well as fans willing to wait in long lines to get themselves a copy before they ran out. For a lot of gamers, NBA2K is becoming one of the most popular games in recent times. NBA2K 18 offers its players many new features. In MyCareer, arguably the most popular mode in the game, you still create your own players (as in previous games), determine their position, and choose their physical features. Many new archetypes have also been added to the game and allow players to choose skills and attributes that each basketball player specializes in. There are a vast number of combinations for your MyPlayer, so you’ll have to buy or play the game to get a more diverse idea of how the archetype combinations work.

The Neighborhood is the biggest addition to NBA2K 18. Instead of just playing games in the NBA season and playing Park and Pro-Am, players can travel around The Neighborhood, play in a dunk contest, test their knowledge by playing trivia and play mini-basketball. Players can also visit the Barbershop, Swag’s Clothing, Foot Locker and the



Screenshot of gameplay during 2K Sports’ new game NBA 2K 18.

NBA Store. The addition of The Neighborhood gave the NBA2K 18 MyCareer a fresh and more unique concept. For MyTeam players, Pack and Playoffs was probably the biggest addition to the game mode that allows you to open packs and play games to get the best players from the past and the present. Pack and Playoffs makes gamers draft five players. Each game is played with those five players as they try to move on through a tournament and gain higher rewards after each round. In the game mode MyTeam, gamers can create their own jerseys, court and logo. Though to some, it may

be too time-intensive, and exists mostly as a ‘pay-to-play’ game mode. Most players have been extremely pleased with NBA2K 18. The only complaints about the game were minor issues that could be fixed by calling technical support line, 2K Support. Many users were very

pleased with the new game modes and how they created a unique experience for players, as well as the new game-play features as well. Overall, NBA2K 18 was a major success for the franchise. Many predicted that NBA Live 18, produced by EA Games, might finally pass 2K as the major basketball video game brand. 2K, however, proved many nay-sayers wrong. The new additions to the major game modes gave the game a unique vibe that had a positive impact on all players, and the new game-play features allowed for a swifter and solid gameplay experience. On my video game rating scale, which ranges from 1-5, I’d give NBA2K 18 a 4.25, as it still has the regular minor flaws and could use some tweaking. However, the new additions to the game overshadow past problems with the franchise and recreate a more enjoyable gaming experience. NBA2K 18 can be found at local gaming stores such as GameStop.

Events, September 28-October 3					
28 Armstrong Masquers presents “The Revolutionists” 7:30PM Jenkins Hall Black Box Theatre	29 Cusses/ Big Jesus/ Vincas 10PM The Jinx Studio One Comedy Tour 8PM Stafford’s Public House	30 Fiesta Latina on the River 12PM-10PM River Street	1 STUDY FOR MIDTERMS	2 STUDY FOR MIDTERMS	3 Passport to Latin America 12PM-1PM Student Commons Liberty Center

CAMPUS VOICES:

What are your thoughts about various NFL team members kneeling during the national anthem?



My opinion is that they are expressing their right to freedom of speech and our president has no right to take those rights away from them.

Kevin Mcelrath
Junior, Mechanical Engineering



I think that what each NFL player is doing is very inspiring to fans and the people should support them. They’re promoting Kaepernick’s protest on an even wider scale.

Gerald Lee Jr.
Freshman, Chemistry



I understand both sides. I think our country is founded on rights and how we practice our beliefs, and I think it should be accepted in our society.

Catherine Sullivan
Sophomore, Business Economics



Our country is founded on freedom of speech and expression. Do I think it’s disrespectful to our troops and our flag? Yes. But it is their right, even though I don’t necessarily condone it.

Zachary Holick
Freshman, Undecided



I feel as though they are still respecting the reverence of the flag, they just don’t have their hand over their chest. So, in a way, they are still honoring the anthem.

LaToya Palmer
Freshman, Medical Laboratory Science

Money Saving Tips for Students on a Budget



Saving pocket change in containers, such as piggy banks, is a great way to save money.

CHARITY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

College isn’t cheap. With the cost of tuition and textbooks, it makes it hard to be able to do everything that you want. So, how can you save money when it doesn’t seem like saving money is possible?

Ky’Aria Moses, a junior majoring in psychology, knows how important it is to save your money. “We won’t be in college forever. We will eventually

graduate and be exposed to the real world and if we save now, it’s less we will have to worry about in the future,” says Moses. Below are some tips that you might find helpful:

TIP: Don’t buy new textbooks

At the beginning of each semester, it may seem like a good idea to buy new textbooks. However, buying new textbooks for classes can be very expensive and the cost

could go way over your budget for spending that semester. It’s much cheaper to buy used textbooks, to rent textbooks or, if you and your friend are taking the same class, to share textbooks and split the cost.

TIP: Limit eating out

It’s incredibly tempting to want to spend money on fast food because it’s cheap and ‘fast’. Unfortunately, however, the cost of eating out can quickly accrue and, before you know it, you could be left

broke and hungry. To limit the amount of money spent eating out, consider cooking more at home. It’s cheaper to make home cooked meals and they often last longer. If you’re not someone who has time to cook every day, then consider only eating out during the weekends.

TIP: Cut your cable bill

Cable bills aren’t an issue for students living on campus, but if you’re a student

who lives off campus, then cable costs could be hurting your pocket.

If you can’t imagine living without cable, a cheaper alternative would be, instead, using streaming sites like Netflix or Hulu, which are more affordable than cable and still offer a variety of shows and movies to enjoy.

TIP: Consider having roommates

Here is another tip for students living off campus. It is often much cheaper to live with one or two other people. It is, however, difficult to find roommates to live with but one also has the options of staying with friends, classmates, and even posting flyers around for potential roommates, available to them. Just be careful in who you choose to stay with and be sure to set clear rules around the house.

TIP: Keep your loose change

All you need is a container. It’s super easy to store your loose change. Although it’s easy to overlook the amount of change that you collect at first, overtime it’ll add up, and eventually you’ll have more money in loose change than you could have ever imagined. Keeping loose change is one of the easiest

ways to save your money. TIP: Be a smarter shopper

Shopping is a great way to relieve stress. The only downside is that it can sometimes be very expensive. You can combat this problem by being a smarter shopper. That means when you shop, try to avoid buying anything at full retail value and to try to buy groceries and clothes on sale. Jazmin Ward, a senior majoring in psychology, says that it is a good idea to shop smart. “You can find deals and save money on necessities and then be able to spend money on other leisure activities,” Ward suggests.

Also, when you’re shopping, take advantage of coupons and consider buying the generic brands of products which are a lot cheaper than their name brand counterparts. As a college student, you know firsthand the expenses of college whether you want to admit it or not. Learning how to have good money management skills is an essential part of being an adult, but it doesn’t have to be hard; it just takes commitment. Remember: it never hurts to save money. You never know what you might need the extra cash for.

Weekly Playlist: Midterm Madness

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