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Full-Fledged Investigation Underway Due to Racist Graffiti Found in Science Center Restroom

ISABELLE KOVACS
NEWS EDITOR

On Tuesday, Oct. 10, Armstrong administrators were called to investigate violent, racist graffiti written in the women’s bathroom on the first floor of the Science Center on campus. The threat insinuated an immediate danger, particularly to the African-American community on campus.

“Today is the day that all the n— will pay. He’s coming. Bang, bang,” the restroom stall read, sending waves of terror and shock through every student at Armstrong.

This threat not only made an impact on campus, but throughout the community. Local Savannah news sources such as WTOG, WSAV and WJCL all reported on the event and urged their audiences to report any information they had.

WJCL stated, “A concerned parent reached out to WJCL and said that her daughter was among those

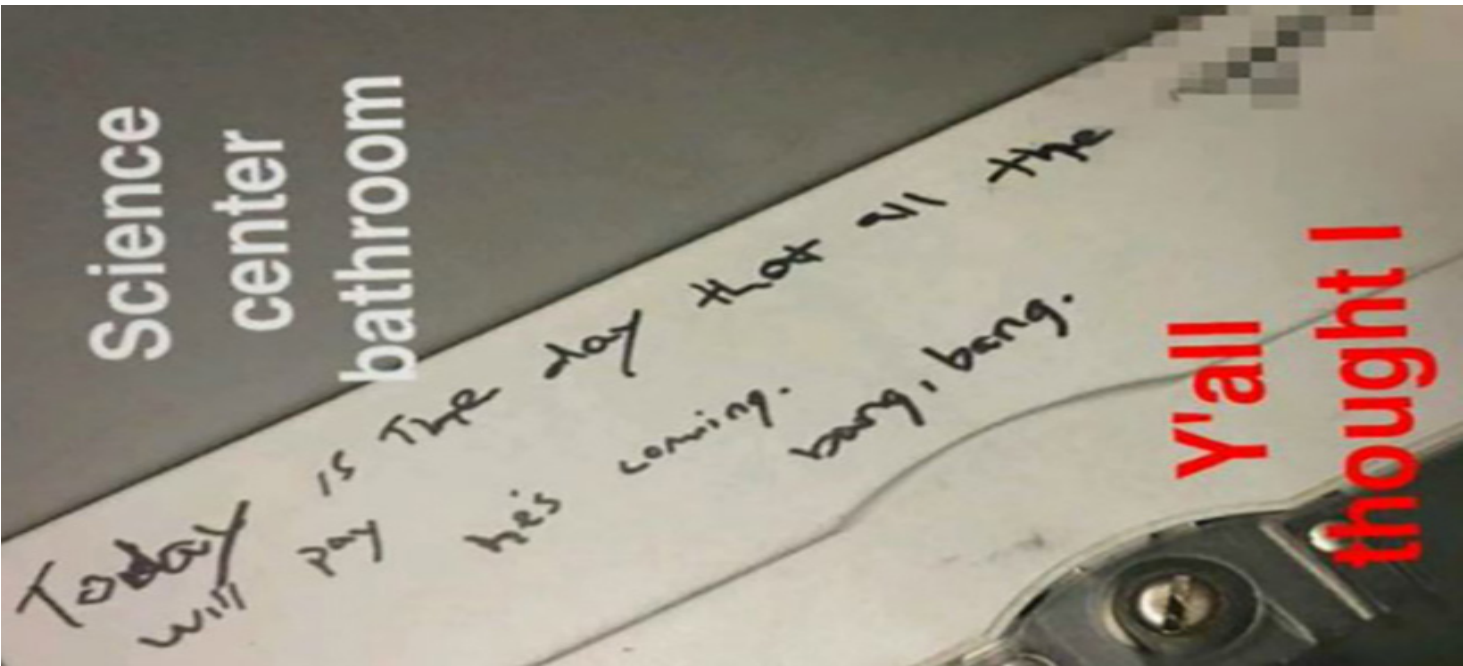
who saw the message. The daughter told WJCL that she would not call it graffiti but more of a ‘direct threat.’”

President Frum sent an email to every student and posted on social media a statement about the incident.

“While this appears to be an isolated incident, we are taking it very seriously. We will not tolerate language that threatens any members of the Armstrong community,” President Frum stated, “This incident does not reflect our values as an institution. I assure you that we are making decisions that put the safety of our students, faculty and staff first.”

The University Police also sent an update regarding the graffiti shortly after it was reported.

The email read, “University Police have actively been investigating the incident since it was reported yesterday. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation was also contacted about the incident and is assisting.”



In a time filled with so much hate, Armstrong’s community must join together to protect our fellow students and rid the campus of such violent threats. Photo Credit: WSAV

As of right now, the police believe there is no immediate threat, but will continue to investigate the case, as the safety of our campus is their number one priority.

Student Affairs also urges students to use the available resources on campus during this disturbing time for sup-

port, information and assistance. These include:

Counseling Center:
Location: Compass Point - 7000 Building
Contact: 912.344.2529 or counseling.center@armstrong.edu

Dean of Students Office
Location: Student Union D206
Contact: 912.344.2514 or deanofstudents@armstrong.edu

Office of Multicultural Affairs
Location: Memorial College

Center, Room 213
Contact: 912.344.2618 or lucero.aradillas@armstrong.edu

If you have any information regarding this threat, please contact the University Police at 912.344.3333.

Armstrong Designated as National Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence

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STAFF WRITER

On Oct. 9, Armstrong was designated as one of the 14 institutions in the country as a National Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence. The recognition came from the U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center. The schools that received this designation all have a comprehensive curriculum.

This comes after the designation the school received in 2015 as a Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. With this and the previous designation comes with an academic training partnership with the



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With the title of National Center of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence only being held by 14 universities in the nation, Armstrong Pirates should be proud of this accomplishment.

U.S. Army and Air Force Cyber workforces and a place as an academic advisory member of the National Defense Transportation Association.

Interim President Jennifer L. Frum was proud of this designation, calling it a significant Accomplishment

“The National Center of

Digital Forensics Academic Excellence designation represents Armstrong’s commitment to continuing the advancement of cyber security and digital forensics education. As cyber operations accelerate globally, we are proud to be one of the country’s leading educators of dig-

ital forensics professionals,” President Frum stated, expressing her satisfaction for this prestigious title.

Serving as a partnership between academia, standards bodies and the U.S. government, the National Centers of Digital Forensics Academic Excellence program estab-

lishes the best practices for digital forensics education. The education providers at these institutions are held to digital forensics education standards based on the knowledge, skills and abilities that are used in the field. With these standards, the discipline of digital forensics and the

number of qualified professionals are increased to meet the needs of law enforcement, counterintelligence, national defense and legal communities.

Our Center for Applied Cyber Education offers undergraduate and graduate-level degrees, along with multiple professional certifications, such as cyber law, cyber warfare, cyber policy, digital forensics, cryptography, healthcare informatics and social media analytics.

The director of Armstrong’s Center for Applied Cyber Education Scott Scheidt commented, “The students receive first-class instruction that prepares them to prevent and investigate cyber-attacks, monitor

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Armstrong Receives 5.2 Million Federal Grant to Provide Scholarships to Disadvantaged and Underrepresented Students



Burnett Hall is the building where students can submit their application for the SDS Program Grant.

CYNTHIA ROWE
STAFF WRITER

Armstrong students who struggle financially and who are underserved have the benefit of applying for the

Scholarships of Disadvantaged Students (SDS) Program Grant available online on the Armstrong website. Armstrong’s Director for Academic Affairs and Graduate Studies Donna Brooks, PhD.,

is the beneficiary of a four-year U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration’s SDS Program Grant at a value of 5.2 million.

The program provides scholarships to full-time, fi-

nancially disadvantaged students from low-income backgrounds, enrolled in one of the following health professions: Bachelors of Science in Medical Laboratory Science and Master of Public Health for the year of 2017 through 2018. The recipients of the SDS scholarships are awarded \$650,000 per year for four years. Melanie Simón, Public Relations Manager, quoted Brooks, “The funding is used to attract students from underrepresented minority groups who want to major in health professions. This helps a student complete a degree from start to finish.”

For a student to be eligible, they must come from an economically and educa-

tionally disadvantaged background. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services defines an individual from a disadvantaged background as one who comes from an environment that has prevented the individual from obtaining the abilities and knowledge required to enroll in and graduate from a health professions school, or comes from a family with an annual income below a level based on low income thresholds. The following are some examples of environmentally disadvantage: a person who graduated from a high school with a low per capita funding, comes from a family that receives public assistance, and first generation in family to

attend college.

Students who are interested in applying for the Grant can do so by sending the application to Burnett Hall room 113 to the SDS Principal Investigator. According to the application documents, “Applications will continue to be reviewed until funds are no longer available.”

Application forms can be found at: https://www.armstrong.edu/images/uploads/financial-aid/2017-2018/1718_SDS_Application.pdf

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the Principal Investigator at (912)344-2896.

New Book Based on Upcoming Star Wars: Battlefront Game

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STAFF WRITER

After the release of Electronic Arts (EA Games) “Star Wars: Battlefront” most Star Wars fans were disappointed due to the limited content and expensive downloadable content (DLC) for their online multiplayer mode.

With the November 17 release date for its sequel approaching, fans are urgently waiting as EA promises free DLC and more single player content for those with spotty internet providers. The most promising of these new features is a single player campaign about a special forces unit of Imperials called the Inferno Squad that spans the gap between the films “Return of the Jedi” and “The Force Awakens.” In preparation for the game’s release, EA released a prequel book by Christie Golden that gives a backstory to the Inferno Squad and their first missions together called “Battlefront II: Inferno Squad.” It was released on July 25 this past summer. Golden has written four Star Wars books in the past, including a short story for the recently released anthology short story book “From A Certain Point of View.”

The squad members are Iden Versio, Gideon Hask, Seyn Marana and Del Meeko. The supervisor for the squad is Admiral Garrick Versio, who also happens to be Iden’s

father. It is made clear from the beginning of the novel that the Admiral was always cold and distant towards his daughter and Iden had made her way through the Empire without his help.

After Iden narrowly survives the Battle of Yavin when the first Death Star explodes, her father notifies her that she is to be part of a special forces unit to take on covert operations for the Empire. A test was undertaken to see how each squad member would carry out missions if they were the leader, and Iden is chosen as captain. The rest of the novel follows the team on their first missions and learning how to work together, including a deep undercover mission to infiltrate the remaining members of Saw Gerra’s rebel group The Partisans.

The characters were easily likable once they were introduced. The book was an enjoyable origin story that leaves fans wanting more. It has some great unexpected coverage, (or Easter-eggs) for the fans of the Star Wars Expanded Universe such as characters from “The Clone Wars” television show and Jyn Erso novel “Rebel Rising.”

The pacing of the book was one of the downsides. The plot felt rushed in some places, then slowed down for the second half of the book. The characters were also not

developed too well. They did not have enough time together before they had to split up again for their undercover mission, which gives the reader a reason to doubt how capable they are to complete their mission.

The pacing is somewhat understandable because Golden can only go so far (in writing the story) to introduce a lot of new characters and give them good development while giving them room to grow during the game that follows. Because the book is a prequel to the game, there is a guarantee that their missions will be mostly successful so the reader should not be questioning what the team is capable of.

Despite its faults, “Inferno Squad” leaves you wondering what happens next to the squad members. The book had a strong beginning to get readers invested into the story, a shaky middle that separates the team members as soon as readers get used to their dynamic and a strong ending that can leave the audience teary-eyed.

Overall, the book accomplished its goal of getting fans excited for the upcoming “Battlefront” game and welcoming new characters the Empire will be proud of. You can find “Battlefront II: Inferno Squad” at your local bookstore or online for \$28.99.



Ea Games presents Star Wars Battlefront II: Inferno Squad.

Foodie Finds: The Diplomat Luncheonette

LILA MILLER
A&E EDITOR

The Diplomat Luncheonette is turning heads as a newcomer in the realm of sandwich restaurants. The Diplomat is situated within downtown Savannah, off Drayton street between Liberty and Oglethorpe streets.

For Armstrong students that have lived in Savannah for a lengthy duration of time, the location of the Diplomat is directly next to the infamous Pinkie Master’s Bar, now known as The Original.

The Diplomat’s website gives the rundown of their restaurant as a self-described “modern luncheonette serving delicious sandwiches and mixed vegetables for carnivores, herbivores and moderates alike.”

Hype engulfed The Diplomat once it was established that they had barely opened before Hurricane Irma hit, and stayed open during the storm itself.

After life fell back into its normal routine, I was finally able to experience The Diplomat for myself. As my roommate and I walked into



A sample of what The Diplomat Luncheonette has to offer. Lila Miller.

the restaurant, the warm atmosphere and punk music was immediately welcoming. The restaurant featured a walk-up counter, a menu board on the left, as well as paper menus for take-out and delivery.

The menu listed an array of sandwiches on house-baked bread, fresh salads and mixed veggie dishes. We ordered the signature sandwich “The Diplomat” which consisted of a french dip with melted cheddar stuffed between two slices of dutch-crunch bread. We also opted to get a side of air-fried sweet potato wedges, topped with sliced almonds and drizzled with pomegranate balsamic vinaigrette.

The meal lived up to the hype. The bread was a good mix of crunchy on the outside and soft in the inside, while the french dip was tender and juicy. The one suggestion I would make regarding “The Diplomat” would be to add more cheddar. I enjoyed the sweet potatoes, though the other member of my party would not order them again, as merely a matter of prefer-

ence.

Other menu favorites include the “California King,” “The Beet Banh Mi” and “The Champ” sandwiches. The drinks offered are Mexican Coke, Topo Chico mineral water, bottles of Jarritos soda, and the customary coffee and tea.

Overall, The Diplomat doesn’t disappoint. While the space itself is cozy and only features wooden bar areas for seating, it makes the most of it using the loft space above for additional storage. It would be nice to have more seating, but the clientele seems to be more of a wandering type opting for take-out or delivery, leaving the point almost moot.

The Diplomat Luncheonette is located at 314 Drayton St. and is open during the day Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and for late night customers - Thursday through Sunday from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. For more information, visit their website at www.diplomatluncheonette.com.

Weekly Playlist:
Changing of
the Seasons

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+	Into Black	Blouse	Blouse	13 minutes ago	3:28
+	The White Season	Still Corners	Creatures of an Ho...	11 minutes ago	2:53
+	California Nights	Best Coast	California Nights	7 minutes ago	5:11
+	Alison	Slowdive	Souvlaki	4 minutes ago	3:52
+	I Do Not Care for the Winter Sun	Beach House	B-Sides and Rarities	2 minutes ago	3:11

CAMPUS VOICES:

Because of the cold front coming in this week, what are you doing to prepare for the cold weather?



Literally nothing. I have this jacket, I'm good to go. I think I have a blanket in my room, it's perfectly fine.

Alden Bernitt
Junior, Math/Computer Science



I'm busting out all my jackets!

Caroline Pace
Senior, Health and Physical Education



I'm opening all my windows because it's stuffy in here and now we have cold air breezing through.

Sara Kuehn
Junior, Radiation Therapy



I am spending as much time as possible outside while it's still cold, and while I'm not sweating every second that I'm outside.

Unna Yared
Senior, Law and Society



I'm making a big pot of hot chocolate. I've been craving it!

Madison Sloan
Senior, Theatre



With the disappointment of not being in the 2018 World Cup still fresh, all American soccer fans can do is hope for more success to come. Photo by: Fox17

What is Next for Men's American Soccer?

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STAFF WRITER

Unfortunately, as most of America is aware, the US Men's National Team (or USMNT) failed to qualify for next year's 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia. This marks the first time since 1986 that the USMNT will not take part in the world's premier sporting event. When the United

States hosted the World Cup in 1994, they had big things in mind for the legacy of the "beautiful game [of soccer]" in America.

Following the success of the 1994 World Cup on American soil, the United States Soccer Federation (USSF), launched a new professional league, Major League Soccer (MLS), with 10 teams scattered across the

country playing in cavernous American football stadiums. With rough patches, the MLS lost teams and then added a new one in Florida, expanded into Canada, and took on new markets that have been instant successes. In the coming years, the MLS will field 26 teams and will still be looking to grow.

The MLS lured in big stars from abroad at the twi-

lights of their storied careers to attract fans. Names like David Beckham, Thierry Henry, Kaka, David Villa and Andrea Pirlo have all worn the colors of MLS. As the popularity of the league grew, teams went from ginormous American football stadia to intimate soccer-specific stadia to create atmospheres that would rival European grounds.

With two World Cup Qualifying matches to go, the USMNT controlled its own fate. It was simple: beat Panama and then either beat or draw (a tie, for non-soccer fans) Trinidad and Tobago. With the benefit of having a high goal-differential, a third-place finish of six teams would be good enough to punch a ticket to Russia next summer. All the USMNT had to do was play their game.

On Oct. 6, the USMNT defeated Panama soundly by a score of four-to-zero, in the friendly confines of America's southern soccer capital, Orlando, Fla. The stars were aligning nicely for the red, white and blue. All we needed was to either beat or tie with Trinidad and Tobago.

On Oct.10, sloppy errors and plays doomed the USMNT from the start which led to a two-to-one upset in

favor of Trinidad and Tobago. A what-would- have-been equalizing goal to save our hopes of going to the World Cup went too high in the waning minutes of the match.

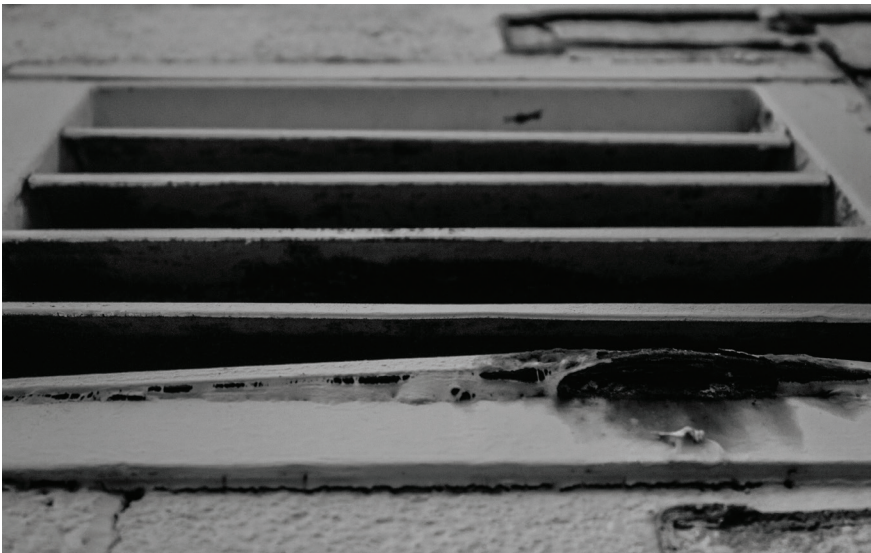
To go from having great World Cup runs in 1994, 2002, 2010, and 2014 to not qualifying for 2018 really is not favorable at all for a country in which soccer still has a niche fanbase.

What is next for men's soccer in America? Will the USMNT rebound in time for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar? Will this affect the incredible growth of the MLS to new cities like Atlanta, Minneapolis-St. Paul, and Orlando? Will this slump affect the USSF's joint bid for the 2026 World Cup with Canada and Mexico?

Next year will be a summer without soccer for most Americans. Supporters in Orlando will still pack Orlando City Stadium in purple and cheer on the Lions, Sounders fans clad in rave green will still chant proudly and DC United will pack brand new Audi Field, but Americans will not have the chance to be United in cheering for the one team we all wanted to, the USMNT.

Photo Collage: Sights of Savannah

The week's photo collage showcases a set of six individual digital black and white photographs. With these photographs I intend to display sights throughout the city of Savannah through the perspective of my own eye.



Iron Chef: Battle of the Sexes

CYNTHIA ROWE
STAFF WRITER

The Latino Heritage Committee hosted its second annual Iron Chef Event on Thursday, Oct. 12 in the Student Union Galley. It was the last event held for this year's Latino Heritage Month. The participants in the competition were Armstrong Professors Dr. Encarnacion Cruz-Jimenez, Dr. Ana Torres, Dr. Grant Gearhart and Dr. Bill Deaver, which were accompanied by two guest chefs, Chef Ed and Chef Greg.

The competitors were separated into two groups, women versus men - excluding the chefs. Dr. Cruz-Jimenez, Dr. Torres and Chef Ed against Dr. Gearhart, Dr. Deaver and Chef Greg. The host of the event, Emmanuel Diaz, formally introduced the competitors and introduced the three judges. The competition consisted of two 30-minute rounds - the first round required each team to prepare a salty dish and the second round, a sweet dish.

The competitors had a wide selection of ingredients to choose from, but they had to incorporate tomatillos—also known as husk tomatoes—in all their creations. Once the time was up, they



A panel of student judges were picked from the crowd and were lucky enough to be able to sample all the delicious food created.

presented their dishes to the judges and they ranked the plates on taste, presentation and creativity.

During the first round, both groups decided on cre-

ating a dinner dish that incorporated a salty flavor with tomatillos and shrimp. The last round had to be a sweet dish, with both teams deciding on creating a dessert dish. The

CORRECTION

At the end of the Memorial Plaque ceremony on Oct. 4th, Armstrong Student Government Association Vice President Neil Madrid read a

Women team created a fantastic sundae dessert that had a variety of colors with grilled pineapple, strawberries, bananas and tomatillos with pumpkin spice ice cream. The message for the past previous SGA president.

Dustin Stewart was the president of SGA for 2016-2017. He was not able to attend the ceremony, but provided the message that

Men team created an impressive dish: French toast with a tomatillo strawberry topping with whip cream.

While the judges were tasting and ranking the dish, Madrid read on his behalf.

The Inkwell is sincerely sorry, the recently published article titled "On Campus Fountain Dedicated to Those We Have Lost" contained an

es, the audience were patiently waiting to see which team won the competition.

Analisa Laster, who was picked from the crowd to be a judge, explained the overall experience she had at the event.

"It was a great experience," said Laster, "I enjoyed all the dishes and I am glad that I was a part of this event, especially since I got to try amazing food."

Diaz collected to score cards and hesitantly announced the winners. It was a close call but, by just one point, the Men team won the Iron Chef competition.

After the event, Dr. Deaver of the Men team explained the experience of being a chef, and how confident he was that his team would win.

He said, "We knew we had this competition, no doubt in my mind we were going to lose. It was exhilarating and I had a great time".

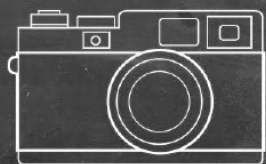
If you are interested in being part of the HOLA Club and help organize festival events, contact the Assistant Director of multicultural Affairs and Hola, Lucero Aradillas, at lucero.aradillas@armstrong.edu.

error regarding this information. We apologize to Neil Madrid, Dustin Stewart, and the SGA for this misunderstanding.

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