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Armstrong Holds First Open House

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With Armstrong’s complete consolidation into Georgia Southern fast approaching, the community of Armstrong is rushing to get the transition underway and celebrate the university throughout its final moments. The last Armstrong Open House for new students was held on Oct. 28. The day was filled with activities, tours, and workshops for young people, or anyone who was attending Armstrong, and their accompanying families. In University Hall, visitors could attend faculty workshops and see representatives from each academic program at various tables throughout the building. In Solms, visitors could receive in-depth knowledge about attending the school from staff members in various classrooms and talk about topics including dual-enrollment, admissions and financial aid.

After checking in at the Percussion Union, the day began. For these prospective students, they started off welcoming presentations to all the visitors gathered at the Fine Arts Auditorium. As the doors opened, everyone was free to their own devices—whether it be to sit-in on workshops, go on campus tours or look at the academic program information tables. Later in the day, campus carrying provided lunch and visitors could go to the Student Resource Fair where they could learn about the different groups and organizations that are on campus. Representatives from fraternities, sororities, housing, and other organizations were on hand to talk with visitors to show them what there is to do on campus and the options they have. The student organization for Catholic Ministry SEEK was one of the faith-based groups at Open House.

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Armstrong hosted its first open house as Armstrong State University. Photo by: Madison Watkins

Housing Hosts Haunted Tour

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Starting Wednesday, Nov. 1, and running for the next six weeks, Georgia Southern Police department will be offering a Citizen Police Academy at the Armstrong campus. Every Wednesday night from 7 to 9 p.m., students can participate in lecture type course, discussing the finer points of policing.

The goal of the academy is to create a “network of well-informed citizens who possess a greater insight into police practices and services,” as stated in the email sent around to students. The program will cover operations, criminal and constitutional law, use of force, traffic and even firearms training. Students will not be given a gun but will be taught how to use a gun. According to Theresa Davis of the Georgia Southern Police Department, Armstrong’s purpose of the academy is to foster relationships between officers and citizens. “We want to show that not all interactions with police have to be negative, the officers are here to help,” Davis says.

This will be the first such academy offered on Armstrong’s campus. In the past, the Armstrong Police department has offered other training programs on campus, including the Rape Aggression Defense System (RAD), class and the Defense and Tactical Education (DATE) class. However, the Citizens Police Academy will be the first of its kind offered on campus. It is the first of what the Department hopes to have many opportunities for community outreach between the students and the officers.

Although this may be the first such program at Armstrong, the Statesboro Police Department has offered a similar program for many years. The engagement in the program is so strong in Statesboro that there is even an alumni program for past Citizens Police Academy graduates. These students, according to Madison Warren, communication information specialist and coordinator of the Citizen Police Academy, can be an opportunity for someone interested in becoming a police officer to familiarize themselves with the profession. The primary goal of Citizen Police Academy is community engagement. POLICE | PG 6

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The Georgia Southern Police on campus want you, the community, to engage with them and learn about the typical duties of being a police officer. Photo Credit: Armstrong
Housing and Residence Life Hosts “It’s Back: Face Your Fears”

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Housing and Residence Life put together their annual haunted tour on Friday Oct. 27, putting the clowns from the new film remake of “It,” Pennywise, into action. The title of the haunted tour was “It’s Back: Face Your Fears”, and the title lived up to its name.

Along with the haunted house, students were asked to donate a dollar for leukemia research. Some students donated more than one dollar to the cause. A pastry table was also available in front of the volleyball arena to promote the Residential Student Association.

The haunted house itself led students through two long rooms where monsters, clowns and other spooky beings scared house-goers along the way. With the addition of total darkness and strobe lights, it amplified the scare factor. Even when students were waiting outside to get in, they could hear people screaming inside.

“I thought that they [Armstrong students] liked the haunted house, the reason being that the publicity around the “It” movie that just came out now and that was the theme that we went with this year. We alternate it every year between the forest behind Windward Commons and here at the gym, so shaking it up a little bit gives the students a variety,” said Nick Shrader, the Director of Housing and Residence Life.

Happy, frightened and excited faces were present all around the Armstrong event. The haunted tour is a staple event every year around Halloween. Donating to such a great organization for leukemia research adds such a great impact on our students and their families as well. Wishing all Armstrong students a fun and safe Halloween.

The Office of International Education welcomes any student of any nationality to our campus. Photo credits: armstrong.edu

Civil Engineering, loves how starting at 1:30 p.m., is the Office of International Education held a Fall Open House in their office in Gamble 110. Snacks from around the world greeted students as they entered the event. Dishes with perogies and pierogis, Mexican Guava pastries, a tray of French and Italian cookies, and Japanese Pocky breakdowns. Dr. Mertz, the Director of International Education, taught students that filtered in how to make an origami frog toy and quizzed students on Japanese language trivia.

The Office for International Education is the center for study abroad information. As Director Dr. Mertz said, “We are the key to the world.” Students took flyers and chatted about upcoming trips around the world presented by the Office of International Education.

“Students present from our campus that is in Spain, Charlotte Biscotti, a senior Criminal Justice major from France, loves the night-life and all there is to do in Savannah.

David Probst, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering, loves how different the landscape is here compared to Germany: “I love Spanish moss, I’ve never seen anything like that before.” The goal of their office, Dr. Mertz explained, is to encourage Armstrong students to experience more cultures. Whether that’s through attending International Education events, mentoring an international student, or studying abroad, they want to help students achieve their goals. International Education Week coming up in November is a perfect chance to get a taste of some different cultures. Monday, Nov. 13 is the annual “Taste of the World” event where international students and faculty prepare foods from different countries. Starting at noon out in the Residential Plaza, this event is the perfect excuse to come up your lunch routine with some international cuisine and learn something about those cultures while you’re at it. Also on Nov. 13, in the Residential Plaza, starting at 1:30 p.m., is the International Fashion Show. Student models will show case traditional fashion from around the world throughout the Taste of the World event. Tuesday, Nov. 14, there will be a film showing in the Oglethorpe Theater at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 15 will feature “International Cafe: Thailand,” which is an exhibition on the country’s food and culture presented by an international student at Armstrong held in University Hall at 1 p.m. That night, at 6 p.m. in the Compass Point Clubhouse is an International Game Night - go and learn what games they play around the world! To learn more about these events go to armstrong.edu/events, or pop into the Office of International Education. They’ll be happy to give you info about upcoming cultural events, mentoring an international student, or how a study abroad trip could fit into your major.
CAMPUS VOICES:

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The Eagles lost their first game without former head coach Tyson Summers on Saturday in a game ruled with rain at Troy University. The win moved the Eagles to 6-0, and their fourth out of 5 Conference loss, while the Troy Trojans became "bow" eligible and moved to 6-2. This game had a lot of meaning for the Eagles, mainly because their last victory was against Troy 28-24 last season. With the Trojans on a hot streak though, it didn’t change much about the outcome that GSU has become so common with this year.

Quarterbacks Shai Werts and Kade Brown both played, but neither managed to play a productive offensive, both only scoring a combined 82 yards through the air. Running back Worey Fields once again started in an otherwise quiet offensive, rushing for 85 expectations, and one touchdown. GSU ran

OPEN HOUSE | PG 1 Some of the members were disappointed by the Open House’s turnout. "The turnout wasn’t so great," commented Sam Wong, a majoring in computer science. Armstrong’s marketing campaign Kristiana Swierczewski added, "between 50 people walk by and only about 50% showed interest." Wong also added, "I think all of the groups wanted a bit more activities such as cook out and trying to gain more staff and guests. This fee covers trans

ADVENTURE | PG 1 Director of the Student Recreation Center and Assis-ADVENTURE | PG 1 Director of the Student Recreation Center and Associate Director of Facilities for Armstrong Adventures, Conn did a workshop called After There Was Insta-

Students are increasing-ly interested in the program as the years pass, but it still needs dedication to spread the word on future events. Armstrong Adventures’ next trip will be to Tallulah Gorge, a 2,089-acre state park in Northern Georgia. It will be held from Friday, Nov. 10th through Sunday Nov. 12th and will cost $70 for students or $90 for their guests. This fee covers trans-