Armstrong Holds Last Open House

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

### Armstrong Adventures Host Skydiving Trip

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On Saturday, Oct. 28th, several Armstrong students and their guests traveled to Cape Canaveral, Florida to experience a 15,000 ft. sky jump at the Skydive Space Center. These students were apart of Armstrong Advenures, a program within the Recreation and Wellness Center that connects students with the great outdoors. For the last eight years, Armstrong Adventures has provided its students and guests the opportunity to experience nature, relieve stress, and learn a variety of new things through the outdoors. Many of the adventure trips include activities such as camping, hiking, skydiving, and even firearms training. Students will not be given a jump until they have completed all of the necessary training and have received the approval of an instructor.

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### Citizens on Patrol: GSU Police Want to Educate the Community

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Starting Wednesday, Nov. 1, and running for the next six weeks, Georgia Southern Police department will be offering a Citizens Police Academy at the Armstrong campus. Every Wednesday night from 7 to 8 p.m., students can participate in lecture type courses covering the finer points of policing.

The goal of the academy is to create a nucleus of well-informed citizens who possess a greater insight into police practices and services, and which will be training to become possible crime victims and criminal and constitutional laws, use of force, traffic and DWI enforcement, forensics and even firearms training. Students will not be given a jump until they have completed all of the necessary training and have received the approval of an instructor.

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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. 26. As people were coming in from different parts of the world, 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 is that the public is 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 Shadle, 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.

In this year’s haunted house theme, a clown was the focal point of the haunted house tour. Ethan Smith.

Office of International Education Hosts Open House

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On Thursday, Oct. 26, the Office of International Education held a Fall Open House in their office in Gumbert 110. Snacks from around the world greeted students as they entered the event. Hummus with pita chips, Mexican Guava paste, a tray of French and Italian baguettes, cookies, and Japanese Pocky chips, with pretzels and pita chips around the world served as a snack.

Dr. Mertz, the Director of International Education, taught students that although they may major in mechanical engineering, loves how different the landscape is within a major in criminal justice and is interested in the country’s culture. Through the Resident Student Association, Dr. Mertz explained, is the Residential Student Association. Office of International Education welcomes any student of any nationality to our campus. Photo credits: armstrong.edu

The Office of International Education is the center for study abroad information. As Director Dr. Mertz said, “We are the key to the world.” Students look through flyers and charts about upcoming trips or study abroad opportunities. Some of the trips that are available in the office include a trip to Spain, an international student at Armstrong.

Dr. Mertz also gave an overview of the process for applying to study abroad. The first step 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 those goals,” said Dr. Mertz.

International Fashion Show

International Fashion Show Student models will showcase traditional fashion from around the world throughout the Taste of the World event. Tuesday, Nov. 14, there will be a film showing in the Ogeehchee 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 in the 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 the Armstrong website 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.
The Greatest Show on Earth

America’s obsession and quickly tried to capitalize on the debates which were getting as many viewers as primetime television shows. According to AdAge, CNN was charging 40 times their normal rate for commercial time during the debates they hosted. The first Republic- can debate became the most watched cable telecast of all time (excluding sports pro-
gramming).

Why is America so obs-
essed with Donald Trump’s political venture? It is the same reason we bringed the whole second season of “Stranger Things” the night it is released; we love the enter-
tainment. Watching the presi-
dential debates had nothing to do with the actual politics and everything to do with the amusement of seeing Donald Trump yell “Wrong, Wrong, Wrong!” into Hillary Clin-
ton’s ear.

Let’s face it, politics are boring. Many of us get uninter-
tested when real topics are discussed. However, we can spend a full afternoon watch-
ing candidates insult each other and see how far some candidates have small gen-
tail. When Rep. Marco Ra-
bio was still in the running for president, the amount of air time that he was getting compared to Trump was very small. Then Rubio decided to call out Trump for his “min-
tute hands” and that was all CNN talked about the next day.

The way television makes money is by compa-
ties paying for ad time. The more popular the show, the more the advertisers will pay. With the rise of populari-

ty in streaming services, the amount of commercials being seen by people (especially millennials) has decreased significantly which has meant less revenue for networks.

In order to fix this prob-
lem, the television companies decided to run a nightly un-
scripted show that you cannot see on Hulu or Netflix. The main character is wacky and easy to make fun of, which is just what this meme obsessed generation wants. Then plan obviously worked because the first 2016 Republican De-
bate drew 6.7 million viewers which is more than double the total amount of people watching the first 2016 Republican De-
bate which was held in 2012.

News programs are not
the only shows that are on the air that has Trump bandwagon. There are now multiple spin-off’s. This season of “American Horror Story” is based on how peo-
ple began to go crazy follow-
ning the results of the election. Alec Baldwin won an Emmy this year for his reenactment portrayal of Trump on “Sat-

day Night Live”. Then of course there are the multi-
ple late night talk shows that seem to include him in every monologue.

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The Eagles lost their first game without former head coach Tyson Summers on Saturday in a game riddled with rain at Troy University. The win moved the Eagles to 1-0, and their fourth at 20th Century Conference loss, while the Troy Trojans became ‘bowl’ 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 offense, both only scoring a combined 82 yards through the air. Running back Wodey Fields once again started in an otherwise quiet offense, running for 83 yards and one touchdown. GSU ran workshops being offered at Open House. Dr. Virginia Eisebruck an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Social and Political Sciences had a workshop called All That Remains. It demonstrated to virus the forensic aspect of how to identify victims and the archaeological aspect of prosecuting a criminal. Associate Professor of History Dr. Jason Tarlock hosted a workshop entitled Ancient Aliens. Popular Ideas of Archaeology and Sound and social media. Without collaboration from different resources, Armstrong Adven would not be as successful as it is today. The room is for improvement and growth, and we have come a very long way from where we have started,” Spears said. “I am trying to gain more staff and reshape the program with more activities such as cook- in nature.”

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Some of the members were disheartened by the Open House’s turnout.

“We had about 50% showed interest,” Wong also added, “I think about 50% showed interest.”

Still, there were six faculty and one other detail is set, heavy promotion takes place. Most of Armstrong Adventures’ recruitment is done through marketing. Flyers are created and posted, and the campus TV monitors display information, and Facebook events are formed to invite students and their guests.

Armstrong’s marketing team also promotes adventure trips through email blasts

“Students are increasing- ingly interested in the program as the years pass, but it still requires dedication to spread the word on future events.

Armstrong Adventures’ next trip will be to Tallulah Gorge, a 2,009-acre state park in Northern Georgia. It will be led from Friday, Nov. 10th through Sunday Nov.12th and will cost $20 for students or $30 for their guests. This fee covers transport, entrance into the state park, equipment, and food. Home amenities such as water, bathrooms, and show- ers are included on the trip, however, participants are en- couraged to disconnect with their phones to enjoy the ex- perience. To sign up for the Tallulah Gorge event or any Armstrong Adventures’ trips go to the recreation center to complete a form and sub- mit your payment at the main desk. Afterwards, you will be contacted to attend a pre-trip meeting, so everyone can be prepared and know the expecta- tions of the event.

For more information about Armstrong Adventures, be sure to check them out on Facebook. Search ArmstrongAdventures@armstrong.edu or contact Cat Spears at ad- ventures@armstrong.edu.

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