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Armstrong Holds Last Open House

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With Armstrong’s complete consolidation into Georgia Southern fast approaching, the community of Armstrong is rushing to cherish and celebrate this university throughout its final moments. The last Armstrong Open House for new students was held on Oct. 28. The day was full of activities, tours, and workshops for young people, who are considering 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 Student Union, the day, for these prospective students, started off welcoming presentation to all the visitors gathered at the Fine Arts Auditorium. After the speech, visitors were 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 catering provided lunch and visitors could go to the Student Resource Fair where they could learn about the different groups and organizations on campus.

Two visiting students from the University of Georgia had a lot to say about the campus. Kendra Harris, who is considering enrolling in Armstrong’s physical therapy program, said she thought the campus was, “very beautiful and well kept. It seems small but really well put together.” Cameron Ashton agreed with Harris’ opinion: “It feels very tight knit. It’s certainly different from UGA.” Harris also commented, “I don’t want it [the consolidation of Armstrong State University into Georgia Southern] to happen because Armstrong has been its own thing for a long time. It feels separate from Georgia Southern and I feel like once it does change over it’ll still feel pretty separate.”

Visitors could also go to the Student Union to learn about the different groups and student-led 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.



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

Armstrong Adventures Host Skydiving Trip



The bravest Armstrong Students skydived over the Space Center. Photo Credit: Abby Meert

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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. aerial jump at the Skydive Space Center. These students were apart of Armstrong Adventures, a program within the Recreation and Wellness Center that connects students to the great outdoors.

For the last eight years, Armstrong Adventures has provided students and its 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, skiing, and whitewater rafting, and are held six times per semester.

Cat Spears, Outdoor Adventure and Facilities Graduate Assistant, is going on her second year leading the program. Previously, she was an Outdoor Adventure Lead, Challenge Course Facilitator, and Attendant at the University of Central Florida Outdoor Recreation program. “After receiving my bachelor’s degree, I applied for the G.A. position for Armstrong Adventures,” Spears said, “Now I am almost at two years in the program.”

Spears has numerous experience in the outdoor adventure field. She attended National Outdoor Leadership School, a two-week backpacking, hiking, and camping trip through the Wind River Wilderness Range in Wyoming, where she hiked over 45 miles, summated the 13,500-ft. Mt. Geikie, and climbed up to 100-ft. On Mt. Madina. While outdoor adventures aren’t new to Spears, they are for many students. Armstrong Adventures is a great opportunity to put down the books and take a step into nature, or in allusion to their most recent event - a giant leap. “I wanted to provide an awesome skydiving experience this year,” Spears said. “I used to live in Orlando, so I knew about the Space Center and decided to add it to our list of trips.” Prior to the semester, Spears researches possible outdoor trips, performs a cost analysis, and sends them to the

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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 course 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,” as stated in the email sent around to students. The course will cover such topics as criminal and constitutional law, use of force, traffic and DWI enforcement, forensics and even firearms training. Students will not be given a gun, but rather informed of when and how an officer is trained to use a gun.

According to Theresa Davis of the Georgia Southern Police Department, Armstrong precinct, the goal of the program is to foster a relationship 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 (RADS) 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 Police departments hopes will be 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 alumni, according to Madison Warren specialist and coordinator of the Citizens Police Academy for the Statesboro Police Department, have come back to assist in future academies and even help with community outreach such as 5k’s and parades.

A Citizens 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.

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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 keeping our campus safe. Photo Credit: Armstrong.edu

Housing and Residence Life Hosts “It’s Back: Face Your Fears”

ETHAN SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Housing and Residence Life put together their annual haunted tour on Friday Oct. 27, this year's theme resembling the clown from the new film remake of "It", Pennywise. 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

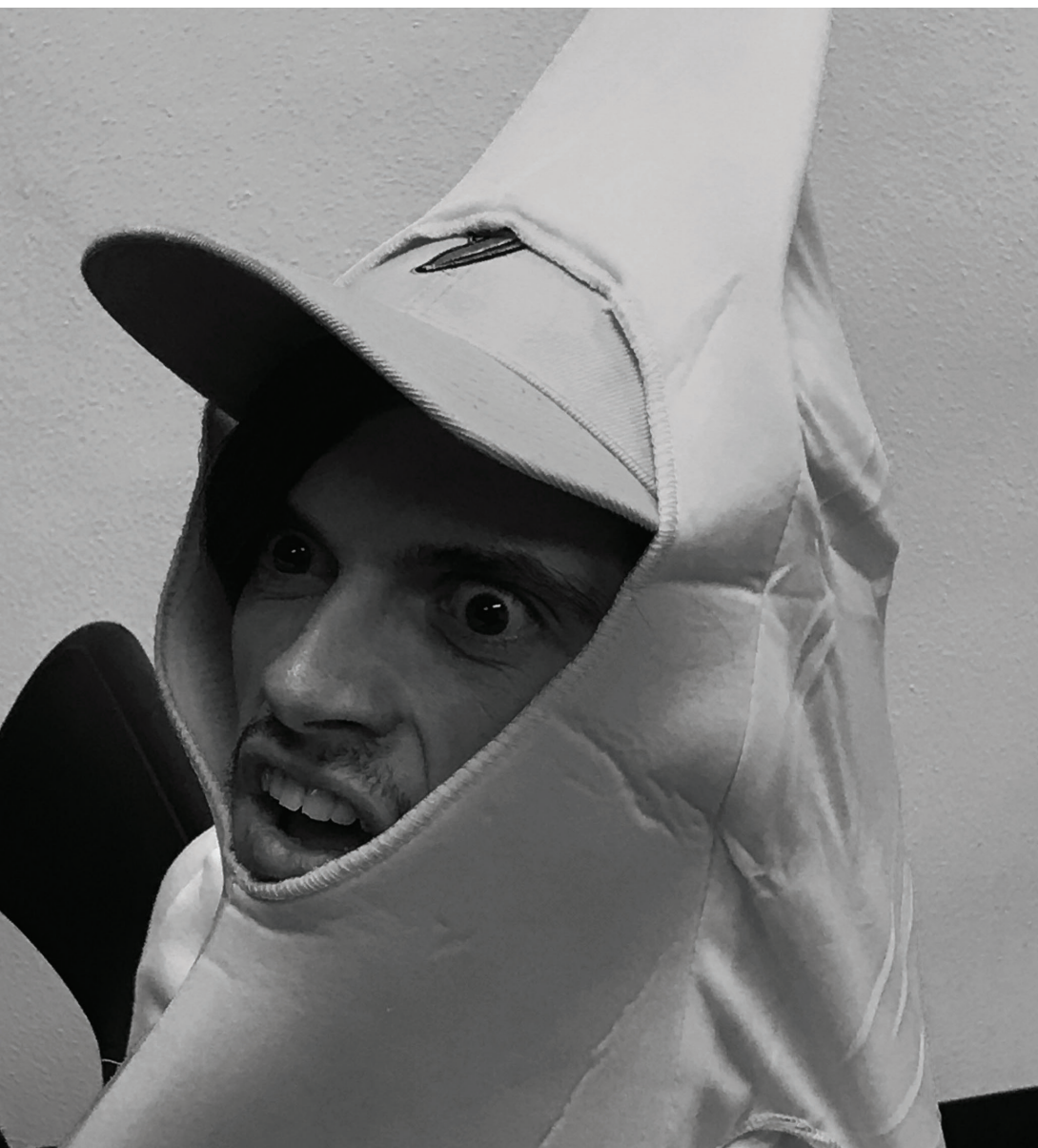
the Residential Student Association.

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 is 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.



Forrest Long in a banana suit. Ethan Smith.



Armstrong freshman showcase their reactions from this year's haunted house. Ethan Smith.



A lone balloon floats like in “It” this year’s haunted house theme. 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 Gamble 110. Snacks from around the world greeted students as they entered the event: hummus with pretzels and pita chips, Mexican Guava paste, a tray of French and Italian cookies, and Japanese Pocky breadsticks. Dr. Mertz, the Director of International Education, taught students that filtered in how to make an origami frog toy and quizzed us 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 over plates of food. There were even students present from our campus that is in Spain. Charlotte Biscotti, a



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

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 culture. Whether that’s through attending International Education events, mentoring an international student, or studying abroad, they want

to help students achieve those 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 students and faculty prepare foods from different coun-

tries. Starting at noon out in the Residential Plaza, this event is the perfect excuse to change 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 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 Ogeechee 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.

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CAMPUS VOICES:

Since registration just opened, what classes are you most excited to take next semester??



I am most excited to take the Mother Baby class.

Latonya Sallywhite
Junior, Nursing



I'm excited to take Composition II and my Chemistry Lab.

Gerald Lee
Freshman, Chemistry



I am excited for economics!

Karen Morales

Freshman, Business Economics.



The classes I'm excited to take next semester are Composition II and both of my labs.

Nadashia Bacon
Freshman, Nursing



I'm probably most excited for my advanced research class, it's all about psychology.

Liz Kersey
Senior, Psychology

The Greatest Show on Earth



George-Anne staff writer, Ryan Redding.

RYAN REDDING
THE GEORGE-ANNE STAFF

What do you get when you mix a reality TV star with the highest political office in the free world?
The Greatest Show on Earth!
Putting an orange billionaire who has a wife 25 years younger than him in the oval office sounds like

it could be a primetime sitcom. When Donald Trump first announced he was going to run for president in 2015 it seemed as if everyone just laughed it off. This was surely another publicity stunt from the host of “The Apprentice”. But as the months went on and it became clear that this was real, Americans could not turn away.

Advertisers noticed

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 Republican debate became the most watched cable telecast of all time (excluding sports programming).

Why is America so obsessed with Donald Trump’s political venture? It is the same reason we binge the whole second season of “Stranger Things” the night it is released; we love the entertainment. Watching the presidential 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 Clinton’s ear.

Let’s face it, politics are boring. Many of us get uninterested when real topics are discussed. However, we can spend a full afternoon watching candidates insinuate their competitors have small genitalia. When Rep. Marco Rubio 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 “miniature hands” and that was all CNN talked about the next day.

The way television makes money is by companies paying for ad time. The more popular the show, the more the advertisers will pay. With the rise of popularity 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 problem, the television companies decided to run a nightly unscripted 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 Debate drew 6.7 million viewers in the 18-49 demographic. That figure is more than double the total amount of people that watched the same debate in 2012.

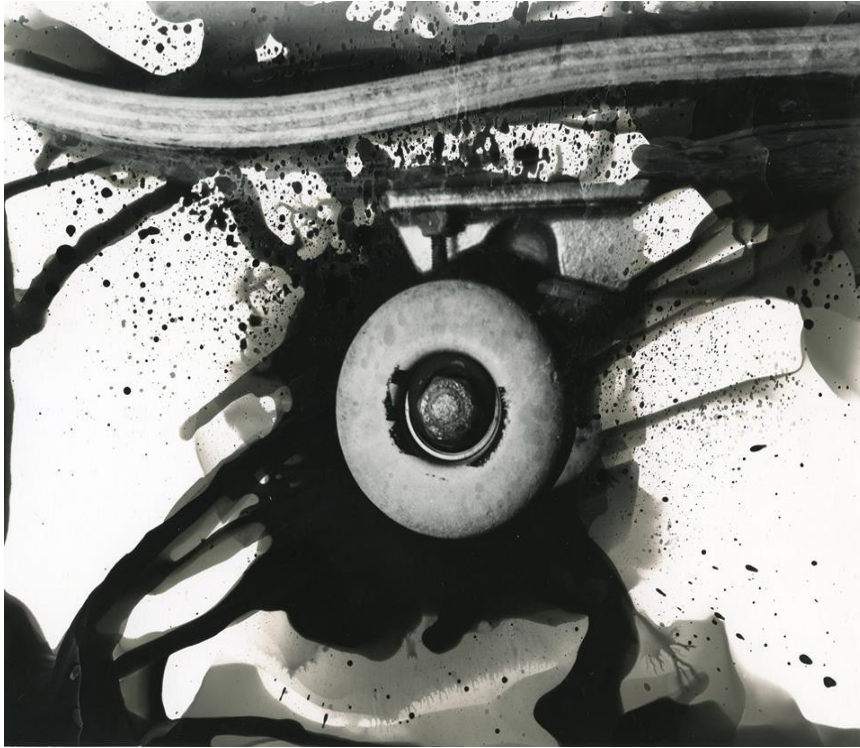
News programs are not

the only shows that are on the Trump bandwagon, there are now multiple spin-offs. This season of “American Horror Story” is based on how people began to go crazy following the results of the election. Alec Baldwin won an Emmy this year for his reoccurring portrayal of Trump on “Saturday Night Live”. Then of course there are the multiple late night talk shows that seem to include him in every monologue.

Is it scary to think that a man who looked directly at the sun during the eclipse is leading the country? Sure. Is it annoying that he can say racist things and gain popularity? Of course. Is it sickening that he can get away with outrageously sexist comments? Without a doubt, but man does it make for good TV!

In a time where a tragedy will turn into a meme the next day, maybe Donald Trump is the president this generation deserves. Our own obsession with drama induced entertainment is what keeps us glued to the screen, it is also the reason we are letting a man while absolutely no political experience run our country.

A Small Collection of Film Photo’s



Weekly Playlist: Warming up to Fall

TITLE	ARTIST	ALBUM		
+ You're the One That I Want	Lo-Fang	Blue Film	2 hours ago	3:25
+ This Is What It Feels Like	Banks	LONDON	2 hours ago	5:03
+ Crystallised	The xx	xx	2 hours ago	3:22
+ All I Need	Radiohead	In Rainbows	2 hours ago	3:49
+ Playground Love (with Gordon Tracks)	Air, Gordon Tracks	Twentyyears	2 hours ago	3:33
+ Die Young	Sylvan Esso	What Now	2 hours ago	3:31
+ The Suburbs	Mr Little Jeans	Pocketknife	2 hours ago	5:07
+ Daniel	Bat For Lashes	Two Suns	2 hours ago	4:11
+ Truss Me	Lower Dens	Twin-Hand Movem...	2 minutes ago	2:44
+ Wicked Game	Widowspeak	Gun Shy	2 minutes ago	4:12

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GSU Losses to Troy in Driving Rain

ETHAN SMITH
STAFF WRITER

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 0-7 and their fourth Sun Belt 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 Kado Brown both played, but neither managed play a productive offense, both only scoring a combined 82 yards through the air. Running back Wesley Fields once again starred in an otherwise quiet offense, rushing for 83 yards and one touchdown. GSU ran



Photo by: AJ Henderson Georgia Southern

for 227 yards as a team, but, as a triple option offense, performed below expectations.

Troy was lights out on

offense in both aspects, with Quarterback Brandon Silvers throwing for 102 yards and a touchdown. Running-back

Josh Anderson carried 15 times for 96 yards and a touchdown while his running-back partner Jamarius

Henderson added another 77 yards rushing and another touchdown.

For the weather being as

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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.

The campus minister Krystyna Swierczewski added, “we only had about 15 people walk by and only about 50% showed interest.” Wong also added, “I think all of the groups wanted a bit more of a turnout.”

There were six faculty

workshops being offered at Open House. Dr. Virginia Estabrook an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Social and Political Sciences had a workshop called All That Remains. It demonstrated to visitors the forensics aspect of how to identify victims and the archaeological aspect of prosecuting a criminal.

Associate Professor of History Dr. Jason Tatlock hosted a workshop entitled Ancient Aliens, Popular Ideas of Archaeology and Sound

Historical Inquiry. His workshop used historical inquiry to look at some of the mysteries of early humans and their accomplishments.

Professor of Biology Dr. Jennifer Zettler hosted a workshop entitled How to Train Your Termite. Her workshop taught visitors which household items that contain chemicals that mimic termite pheromones, which they use to leave a trail for other termites to follow.

Assistant Professor of

Art-Photography Bridget Conn did a workshop called Before There Was Instagram: How A Pinhole Camera Works. Her workshop demonstrated how pinhole cameras work, how to make a photo and developing the print in a photographic darkroom. She also had examples of how pinhole cameras are used all around the world today.

Karla Jennings an Art, Music, and Theatre instructor had a workshop called Keep

Calm and Speak On: Managing Fear of Public Speaking. Her workshop let visitors know what to expect from a public speaking course, where fear comes from and what you can do about it and how public speaking is a valuable skill that can be used throughout life.

Dr. Doug Masini, the Department Head of Diagnostic and Therapeutic Sciences, and Sherry Warnock, a Lecturer and Simulation Coordinator with the School

of Nursing, did a workshop together called The Virtual Emergency Room. This workshop provided visitors with an interactive simulation with involving a simulated patient from a motor vehicle accident.

Be on the lookout for other Armstrong events coming up by checking your student email or looking at the events calendar on the school website.

For more information about Armstrong Adventures go to their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/armstrongrecreationandwellness or contact Cat Spears at adventures@armstrong.edu.

Spots are filling up fast so don’t hesitate to email Theresa Davis at theresa.davis@armstrong.edu with the Armstrong Police Department.

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Director of the Student Recreation Center and Associate Director of Facilities for approval. Once passed, she then plans the number of people she can take, which varies each trip since she is the only person leading the event.

“I have to be realistic of how many people I can take,” Spears said. “Because of safety and liability reasons, I sometimes can’t take every-

one.”

After every detail is set, heavy promotion takes place. Most of Armstrong Adventures recruitment is done through marketing. Flyers are created and posted, 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

and social media. Without collaboration from different resources, Armstrong Adventures wouldn’t be as successful as it is today.

“There is room for improvement and growth, but 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 cooking in nature.”

Students are increasingly 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 2,689-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-

portation, entry into the state park, equipment, and food.

Home amenities such as water, bathrooms, and showers are included on the trip, however, participants are encouraged to disconnect with their phones to enjoy the experience. To sign up for the Tallulah Gorge event or any Armstrong Adventures’ trip, go to the recreation center to complete a form and submit 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 expectations of the event.

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not recruitment.

When a future officer is found, though, Warren explains it as “a cherry on top.” If you have ever wondered what an officer does when

he or she is not writing you a ticket, come on out the Citizens Police Academy and find out for yourself. There may even be a chance to help or join the Police force moving forward.

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