ATHLETIC PROGRAM GONE, FEES REMAIN

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On Thursday, Nov. 2, the Armstrong Space and Rockety Club hosted NASA engineer Manan Vyas. While Vyas was unable to give an in-person interview, attendees could probe his brain via an online chat-room for a solid hour. Inquiries ranged from admissions to the institute of algebra. To the best of his ability, he answered the questions presented.

Vyas has been with NASA for eight years and resides in Cleveland, Ohio where he works at the NASA Glenn Research facility. Specifically, his study is based more in aeronautics, which he and his colleagues design various technologies and apparatus to achieve atmospheric and space travel by the most efficient means.

Throughout the morning, Vyas also spoke about his stepfather, a Vietnam veteran, along with his riding partner, Huynh Nguyen, as they go along the Ho Chi Minh Trail to investigate the mysterious circumstances surrounding her father’s death who was shot down over Laos during the Vietnam War. The event will be free for all veterans and $15 for general admission. There will be food provided by Kayak Kafe, Vinnie Van Go-Go’s Savannah Bier Company, ASI Vaupon Wellness Company, Panera, and Coca-Cola. The food and drinks will be served from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. with the film screening starting right after. Once the film ends there will be a panel discussion at 8 p.m. with the director of the film Nicholas Schrock, Colonel Patricia Bliss and Thomas Valley from Harvard, who is an expert on Vietnam.

On Nov. 10 the Military Resource Center (MRC) and Veterans Services will be hosting a 242 Birthday Celebration for the U.S. Marine Corps at noon in the Pirate Athletic Center Room 115. There will be a cake cutting ceremony with punch provided and the event is free and open to all students and faculty.

The annual Veterans Day Parade will be on Nov. 11 and will go from 10:30 a.m. to noon. According to Military Resource Center Team Leader Dustin Scott, “All veterans are welcome to participate with us and we have 50 free t-shirts for the participants. We will be using the usual pick up ship float in the parade. We will be meeting up at the Krog on Oglethorpe Street at 8:30 a.m. and we usually head out by 9 a.m. American Legion will be offering free lunch for veterans after the parade is over.”

The parade will also be broadcast live on WPTC and is free and open to the public. Scott went on to say that he has pleased with the support for veterans in the community.

“The level of support we have here is free. The parade VETERANS [PG 6]
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**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**“Stranger Things”, a favorable Whisc fiction series set on Netflix, debuted its second season Oct. 27. The supernatural forces that haunted Mike, Will, Dustin, Lucas and their family and friends in season one come back with a vengeance. Will’s disappearance in the first season was merely the beginning of something bigger. When viewers watch these nine engaging and action-packed episodes, they will soon find out what is behind the mystery of Eleven,” Ethan Smith, Staff Writer.

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**International Education Week kicks off on Monday**

By Nancy Smith, Staff Writer

From Nov. 13 to Nov. 16, Armstrong will be holding its annual International Education Week, the Department of International Education and the International Student Organization (ISO) will be hosting various events associated with the celebrations. Kourtney Sims, co-promotions officer of the International Student Organization, says that International Education Week has been a tradition at Armstrong for the past nine years, perhaps even longer.

“The goal of International Education Week is to create a fun way to bring students from different backgrounds and cultures together by connecting them in a way that makes international education more open through interactive and interesting events.”

International Education Week will begin on Monday Nov. 13 from noon to 5:30 p.m., with a Taste of the World, where international students will provide their favorite foods from their home countries while providing informative displays and conversations to learn about their cultures. On the same day, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., there will be a keynote address to commemorate the week. Armstrong’s resident invites students to come to the Ogeechee Theatre on 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. “from one of Belize’s foremost cultural ambassadors: artist and musician Pen Cayetano. He will deliver an address in his second season to keep order and prevent panic. These two characters are so similar in their development because they are usually on screen together.”

As for Will, he remains the focus of the show throughout the second season because of his vast “relationship” with the Upside Down. Mike, Dustin and Lucas stay the course by trying to help him, and when things go wrong, they never give up on their friend.

New characters also get very close to Will, but watch the show for yourself to see. As a group, these four are a typical sci-fi group. However, when viewers examine each character and what they have to offer individually, it makes each of them seem special and deserving.

This season had nowhere near the same impact as the first season, but the quality of the episodes, the consistent character development, the great special effects and the storyline itself still make season two of Stranger Things a must-watch. It is highly recommended to watch the first season beforehand. This season really took a well-used turn into the vast mystery of Hawkins, IL. Many fans are jumping that a third season becomes a reality in the near future.
CAMPUS VOICES:

How has the time change affected your everyday life?

I’m waking up way earlier than I used to.

Michelle Templeton
Sophomore, Rehabilitation Therapy

I feel like I’m getting a lot more sleep than I was, but I also feel like I’m not getting enough done in the day.

Kayla Willharm
Junior, Child and Family Studies

It doesn’t really, I just wake up randomly in the middle of the night.

Ali Wells
Sophomore, Professional Communications

I’m a lot more tired, and I freak out in the morning because I think I’m late and it’s really bright.

Brandi Hall
Sophomore, Secondary Education

It made it better. I sleep a little more. It’s a little more refreshing and I can be more focused on my school work.

Jordan Fleming
Freshman, Rehabilitation Science

Marvel vs. DC

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With the recent release of Marvel’s latest film “Thor: Ragnarok” and “Justice League” coming out before Thanksgiving, now seems as good a time as any to finally discuss a topic that fans have been arguing over for decades. Which comic book company is better: Marvel or DC?

I’m going to go ahead and say that I have only read a handful of comics by each company so my argument will be settled around the media they have been putting out the past few decades, specifically movies and TV. Let’s start with movies.

For films, obviously it’s no contest: Marvel is the clear winner. This is considering all of the movies that both companies have put out. I’m not here to say that all DC movies are trash; this is coming from a person that has overall enjoyed the movies DC has put out since “Man of Steel”, and of course “The Dark Knight” trilogy was great, but would we really talk about them as much if “The Dark Knight” didn’t turn out so well?

The first two Superman movies from the ’70s were revolutionary for the genre. Their cartoon movies can either be really good or really bad (looking at you the “Killing Joke”).

Marvel’s film history pre-cinematic universe is spotty depending on the person you’re talking to. I grew up watching the Sam Raimi Spider-Man movies, the X-Men films and Fantastic Four, and I still enjoy them to this day. Although, as I’ve grown up, I realized certain sequels of these movies were not up to par - you know the ones. Since then, they have certainly improved themselves. Sony made the right choice giving Spider-Man to Marvel, the Fantastic Four should just be left alone and the X-Man films have really been holding up with the recent trilogy led by a young Magneto and Professor X. What Fox did with “Deadpool”, “Logan”, and “Days of Future Past” will be pleasing fans for years to come.

I remember watching the first Iron Man movie when it came out and I had no idea what was in store. What Marvel has accomplished since then with their cinematic universe has been nothing short of remarkable. Sure, they have a few bad eggs here and there, but what franchise doesn’t? With the MCU they have changed the genre of comic book movies and movies in general by giving audiences a new way to enjoy film.

I will say that in terms of movie DC has one leg up over Marvel by not having their properties split up. It gets confusing trying to figure out which characters are owned by which company and it sucks that they can’t all interact together like they do in the comic books. If DC can win audiences with their future movies they may be able to accomplish something Marvel fans have been missing for years.

Now, onto the television aspect. This is again not a contest for me: DC is easily the winner. Marvel’s material is just not as good as DC’s, considering they have historical cartoon shows and the “Avengers”. Marvel gives them a bit of a run for their money in the cartoon field thanks to the X-Men show from the 90s, the “Avengers” shows and the multiple Spider-Man cartoons. However, I think the DC cartoons are a bit more favored. Shows such as “Batman: The Animated Series”, “Teen Titans”, and “Young Justice” have better material.

Planned vs. unplanned

A small portrait collection exploring studio and on-site photography

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credible Hulk”, Marvel didn’t spend any money on this. Apart from “The Incredibles”, Disney didn’t have much to offer in the live action category, as Marvel has much to offer in each of its properties that we can pick apart and have much to offer in the live action category. One might argue that Marvel is better at songwriting than its Netflix Defenders shows. But despite their narrative content, we are not as accessible to fans as the Marvel shows. Arrowverse shows are a good option too. Marvel’s science-fiction and/or history, they would enjoy Marvel and other Marvel shows in the future. And, if they want something that blends all this together with a female lead, they can check out “Sagebrush”, and while being able to enjoy the shows with their older kids. Or, if they don’t care about any of that stuff and want to watch something with Batman, “Gotham” is a pretty good option too.

Since Marvel cancelled “Agent Carter” and “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” following after its first season, Marvel has no competition to offer. With two more X-Men shows about to be on the air, it is unclear whether Marvel will be able to catch up to DC. So, what is my final verdict? I have to say that it is a tie. We can go on and on about which company is “superior” and more information. Because, at the end of the day, we all want the same things: to sit down, watch these great stories with our friends and family and find a nice place to discuss them.