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Teresa Durham

March 23, 2017

John Keen -

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with the largest score for the
day. Ranked eighth in singles,

senior Nicole Hoyunakan by

the NFL's harsh domestic

violence policies, policies in

the door open for a potential

rant a combine invite. But the

NFL has taken a clear stance:

if a player is involved in any

violence-off field acts, then

they will not be invited to the

scouting combine.

bleacherreport.com

Like Kelly and Mixon,

Zamora's off field issues re-

volved around violent acts,

this time directed towards

animals.

While Zamora is the

least heralded of the three

prospects, his 6'4 215 pound

frame and on field product-

Al Sweet

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Women's Tennis gives HPU Sharks their first loss of the season

The Armstrong women’s tennis team competed against HPU Sharks. March 7. Photo by Jesse Dehart.

OFF THE BENCH WITH:

Scouting Combine Controversy

JOHN KEEN

The NFL's scouting com-

bine offers a much want-

ed dose of football action
during the league's 6-month

off season, and provides

a glimpse of prospects' ath-

etic abilities before April's

draft.

However, last week's

combined in Indianapolis fo-

cused more on who was not

invited than who actually par-

ticipated in the drills, despite

some record breaking perfor-

mance.

Specifically three players

were mentioned during NFL

network's coverage as notable

absences due to off-field issues:

Joe Kelly (nephew of Hall of

Fame QB Jim Kelly), Oklaho-

ma running back Joe Mox-

on and Baylor wide receiver

Johann Zamora.

Kelly, who was enrolled at

Tennessee before being dis-

missed in 2014 after being

arrested on battery charges

stemming from an off campus

fight, may have the stron-
gest arm of any quarterback

entering the draft.

Mixon is a senior. He might have the biggest arm in the

draft," said Mike Mayock, former player scout who

works for the NFL Network.

via usatoday.com

On to Mixon, whose off-

field issues are more disturb-
ing than Kelly's. In 2014, Mixon

was arrested for ass-

aulting a woman, the graph-
nic footage of the assault

were released late last year.

Despite Mixon showing

remorse and stating in multi-

ple interviews that this event

still haunts him daily, he fac-
es an uphill climb against

the NFL's harsh domestic

violence policies, policies in-

stalled after Ray Rice, former

Baltimore Ravens' running

back, was seen punching out

his fiancée in a hotel elevator.

Although, some GMs,

like Bob Quinn of the Detroit

Lions, expressed disappoint-

ment in the NFL for snubbing

Mixon of an invite, and left

the door open for a potential

draft selection.

We come here to see the

best college football players

in college football. So there's

the 500, 340-some odd players

here. Him not being here,

because of those issues, per-
nodly I don't think that's really

fair because we have a lot of

investigation that we want to

do on him and to get him

in one spot for all the teams

would have been great." --via

Events, March 24-26

Men's Tennis at Georgia College

Men's Tennis at Ga. Southwestern

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5:00 PM

11:00 AM

10:00 AM

11:00 AM
OPINIONS & EDITORIALS

THE INKWELL
March 23, 2017

Did you make your life harder by procrastinating over spring break?

I just laid in bed and caught up on sleep. I didn’t start an essay until the day it was due. I also had Spanish work and didn’t do any of it and now I’m a lesson and half behind. And that’s my major.

Payton Dye
freshman spanish

I fell asleep playing myself. I’m turning in a bunch of stuff late. My post lab-haven’t done that.

Jordan Riggs
freshman psychology

I had a study plan and left it at home. I’m only ahead in two classes but I basically played myself because I had a project due today so I had to do it. I also failed an in class quiz. I just want to relax. I’m just stressed. I’ve been napping to get ahead.

Kenia Thurmond
junior biology

I think I messed up because I went home and it’s not a break because you have to visit everyone and when you get back you want to relax. I got thrown back in. Your wheels aren’t going after a break.

Courtney Sims
senior criminal justice and international relations

Consolidation concerns arise at St. Patrick's Day Parade

This initial interaction makes me wonder how our two schools will get along in the future and if Armstrong students will remain the butt of jokes for the duration. I’m concerned that the underdog will continue to be targeted at sporting events and other functions. In my opinion, we’re just seeing the beginning of behavior like this that will last at least a few years, if we let it.

However, Eagles can’t take all the blame. In fact, the first stone may have been cast with an article published by an Armstrong student on The Odyssey Online, a website I wrote for long ago before realizing its social content wasn’t for me. Articles titled “1,000 Things I’d Rather Do Than Go to Georgia Southern” and “The Point is, We Never Wanted to be Eagles in the First Place” were each shared over 1,000 times from the largely opinion-based site. A GSU student quickly wrote a rebuttal to the first called “You Don’t Deserve to Be an Eagle” which was shared over 7,000 times. Based on the displayed behavior, you would think state administrators were hashing out the logistics, but the Board of Regents can weigh juvenile social media shares.

One thing that both student bodies have in common is that we both appear immune to thanks small groups of people from each.

However, this is not to discredit the bigger groups of GSUSAU students and faculty members working hard to accommodate organizations—their efforts far outweigh juvenile social media shaming.

Even though The Odyssey is known for being largely opinion-based, I’m still concerned about the previously mentioned articles circulating social media. Two emotional spokespersons were the first to speak on behalf of thousands they hadn’t consulted, and put a bad taste in everyone’s mouth. But I’m confident that they haven’t officially determined our attitudes toward one another.

The way we interact with one another is one of the only things we as students have control over during this consolidation process and I don’t think all of us are doing our best. The consolidation implementation committee and the Board of Regents can hash out the logistics, but they’re not the ones who can combine the cultures.

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ALL VIEWS WELCOME!
Author Zach Powers returns for “Writing Out of Savannah” Lecture

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During his lecture, Zach Powers spent time discussing his hometown of Savannah. He began with a story about his childhood, explaining how the setting of the novel was being depicted in the film. He read an excerpt from his short story “Gold Fame Citrus” in which the post-apocalyptic setting of the novel was being described. Powers discussed how the setting of the novel greatly reflected Watkins’ hometown of Flannery O’Connor Childhood Home in downtown Savannah as part of the Armstrong English Department’s Spring Lecture Series.

On Sunday, March 12, author Zach Powers returned to his hometown of Savannah to attend the lecture “Writing Out of Savannah: How Home Town Shape Fiction Set in Other Places” at the Flannery O’Connor Childhood Home and the Savannah History Museum. Powers is a native of Savannah and has written multiple books set in his hometown of Pahrump, Nevada. His novel “Gold Fame Citrus” contains memories from his childhood living in Savannah, Georgia.

Powers proceeded by discussing examples of writing by both Flannery O’Connor and Claire Vaye Watkins, giving examples of the influence from their hometowns that managed to creep into their fiction. He read a small passage from Watkins’ novel “Gold Fame Citrus” in which the post-apocalyptic setting of the novel was being described. Powers described how the setting of the novel greatly reflected Watkins’ hometown of Flannery O’Connor Childhood Home in downtown Savannah, Georgia.

The scenery of her childhood is becoming the scenery of her fiction,” he explained. Powers took a slightly different approach with his writing. “While authors like O’Connor and Watkins wrote about the absurd parts of their childhood, I took what was familiar about my childhood and added absurdity to make my experience unique,” he stated.

Throughout the lecture, Powers read excerpts from many of his own short stories and connected them to specific memories from his childhood in Savannah. He explained that his short story “Gravity Changes” was influenced by memories of playing with friends in his childhood neighborhood Quail Run. His memories of Lake Mayer made their way into his story “Children in Alaska,” and his story “When as Children We Acted Memorably” contains memories from a childhood friend’s swimming pool. With these examples, Powers explained how having lived in Savannah continues to shape his fiction.

“I write weird stuff...Perhaps that’s why I don’t write explicitly about my home town. I’m interested in what I don’t know and writing is a way of expressing that,” he said.

The lecture concluded with Powers reading an excerpt from his short story “Cockpuncher” and then allowed time for questions from the audience. After the lecture, he had copies of his new upcoming book that hadn’t been publicly released yet, for sale. He also held a book signing which audience members quickly jumped in line for.

Savannah Stopover Music Festival: the highlights

LILA MILLER
A&E EDITOR

Savannah’s eighth annual Stopover music festival hit the town the weekend before Armstrong’s spring break March 9-11. Stopover featured over 80 acts from as far as New Zealand and Wales.

Show venues ranged from the Trinity United Methodist Church to the Maritime Ships of the Sea Museum’s airy outdoor stage. Other venues included the Congress Street Social Club, El Rocko Lounge, The Jinx, Wild Wing Cafe, and many more.

Notable acts included Lee Fields and the Expressions, Kishi Bashi, Julien Baker, Chain of Flowers, High-Waisted, JEFF the Brotherhood, and Rude Dude and the Creek Freaks.

Wales-based band Chain of Flowers added much anticipated variety to the festival and provided humorous commentary on American culture. Bassist Ross vividly described some of their observations about touring in the U.S., including the southeast region’s penchant for affixing mock-testicles to the trailer hitches.

Later, acoustic music aficionados flocked to the Trinity United Methodist Church for Julien Baker’s haunting solo performance with her upright bass. Her voice carried through the large church while her raw lyrics held the room silent, bringing some to tears.

Meanwhile at The Jinx, Daddy Issues performed a raucous punk set. The band features an all-girl lineup that serves up classic punk guitar riffs, simple bass lines and thrashing drums. Although the band has only been together for a year and a half, they already have over 7,000 Facebook fans and have embarked on their first Spring tour.

Over at El-Rocko Lounge, self-proclaimed “bubblegrunge” act, Charly Bliss, hit the stage with electric energy and verve. Charly Bliss includes four members fronted by Eva Hendricks. Hendricks emulates an ethereal pixie stomping around in Doc Marten boots and engaging the crowd asking, “what does everyone think about who won the Bachelor?...Don’t leave me high and dry!”

Overall, the Savannah Stopover Music Festival had something to offer for everyone, including its all-ages events, a variety of bands from Savannah and beyond, and included more venues than ever before.

For more information on next year’s festival, check out savannahstopover.com. See you next year.
Congratulations!

The Armstrong State University Chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi extends its congratulations to the following new 2017 initiates who were selected for membership. Membership includes the top 7.5% of last-term juniors and the top 10% of seniors, along with outstanding graduate students, faculty and alumni.

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