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PIKE suspended, Officials withhold information

EMILY SMITH
EDITOR IN CHIEF

During the week of Sept. 12, Pike Alpha Fraternity at Armstrong was placed under a temporary suspension while the university investigates allegations involving the chapter.

After repeated requests, Armstrong officials and PIKE representatives at the organization’s national headquarters refused to answer The Inkwell’s questions regarding the suspensions.

When asked, Interim Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Andrew Dies could not cite policies preventing him from speaking on these infractions, but claims it is in practice within his office to not discuss ongoing investigations.

Assistant Dean of Student Life Kate Steiner denied exam questions.

“The Eta Mu Chapter of the Pike Alpha International Fraternity is under investigation from the Armstrong State University Division of Student Affairs while the university investigates allegations involving the chapter or its members,” Dies said.

The Pike Kappa Alpha Fraternity’s Chief Marketing Officer Brent Phillips said, “The Eta Mu Chapter has cooperated with the investigation.”

The president of Armstrong’s Eta Mu Chapter Mitchell Strand could not be reached for commentary.

“I can confirm that chapter operations are currently suspended outside of regular chapter meetings as this is a measure required by the University while they conduct their investigation,” Eta Mu Chapter Treasurer and Interfraternity Council Representative Sean Trotton said.

He went on to explain that the suspension will last until the Office of Student In- terfraternity Council has finished conducting the investigation.

“We don’t feel the suspensions are a reflection of the character of our members or our long history of contrib- ution to Armstrong and the greater Savannah community,” Trotton said.

He continued to investigate allegations made against the members of PIKE Alpha as well as Armstrong’s protocol discipli- nary measures.

Chief Wayne Willcox implements modern policing strategies

JAMES WATSON
STAFF WRITER

Wayne R. Willcox came to Armstrong in 2009. Formerly the Paga, Ohio Chief of Police, Willcox said he knew that there was a percep- tion of university police as inferior to traditional police agencies.

But after a complete overhaul of the way his ASU officers approach their job, Willcox has left no path for that perception to continue.

Willcox began his tenure as Armstrong State Chief of Police with a department in turmoil. When he started, he was told he needed to keep his officers “on campus and out of Savannah.” Willcox also recalled being told that his department had a “nonprofessional” reputation, and that ASU police were involved in themselves in “scumbag crimes,” said Willcox.

“We got rid of a whole lot of people,” said Wayne, shortly after relinquishing that he is now the longest working officer on the force.

Willcox said that at the time of his hire, the ASU police were not con- nected to the criminal justice system or to the community and students.

Addressing the lack of connection with the crimi- nal justice system head-on, Wayne was determined to take reins of the cyber foren- sic department at ASU, which was having problems. Af- ter being denied three times, Willcox was allowed to take over the program.

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END THE STIGMA – LET’S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

LUCY STONE
NEWS EDITOR

As Suicide Prevention Awareness Month comes to a close, a new group on campus is beginning to flourish. The National 501(c)3 non-profit organization Active Minds will be bringing its chapter to Armstrong’s campus in Octo- ber.

Active Minds is a student-run organization that promotes mental health awareness. It will be here to reduce the stigma of mental health disorders or illnesses and create a safe space for students to be more open and talk about any mental health problem they might have.

Sarah Hilson has been the brains behind Active Minds since first working with the organization during her Master’s in Health Promotion class. Hillson has big ideas for Armstrong’s Mind.

“I want to work to edu- cate people on the differ- ences between mental health disorders, show people how to recognize the different symptoms of each mental health disorder, and work on how to get someone help if they need it,” she said.

She is no stranger to deal- ing with mental health prob- lems. Growing up, she was unaware that she was...

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Network of Black Alumni invites students to first social event

JENNIFER SULLENS
STAFF WRITER

The Armstrong Network of Black Alumni (NoBA) is hosting its first social event Saturday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

The NoBA was established this past July with the goal of promoting and furthering the educational and professional development of existing and future black alumni.

The event’s main purpose is to get people acquainted with the NoBA and each other. Snacks, prizes and infor- mation on upcoming events and how to get involved will be provided. Although the fo- cal point is on providing services and help for black alumni— past and future—all Pirates are welcome to join and sup- port the group.

“The NoBA has a bright future ahead of them and is looking forward to RSO collaborations, serving Arm- strong and other communities and, most importantly, pro- viding all black students— American or not—with the skills and resources that they would need to become the best that they can be,” La- toriya Young, co-founder and president of the NoBA, said.

Young stressed the idea that past black alumni have made it possible for the NoBA to form. It has been the black alumni that have pushed and boldness that opened doors for many,” she explained. Past students will be celebrat- ed within the NoBA.

If you are interested in volunteering at the social event or becoming a member, contact armstrongno- ba@gmail.com. Join the Facebook page: Armstrong Network of Black Alumni.

LUCY STONE
NEWS EDITOR

Therapy Dogs International brought their furry friends to Armstrong’s campus on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Students and employees were happy greeting students and offering a distraction from their busy schedules.

“Petting an animal is sci- entifically proven to reduce stress. If we can bring therapy dogs to the library, the coffee shop or anywhere else people gather,” said Young.

During the event, several dogs were on hand for people to cuddle and pet. Two of the dogs were especially popular. One, a black Pomeranian, was having problems. Af- ter being denied three times, Willcox was allowed to take over the program.

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Dog Day brings ‘good vibes’ to students

LUCY STONE
NEWS EDITOR

First time participating in the Learning Commons and Lane Library’s Dog Day, she has been involved in various dog days on other campuses. “It just fun to bring dogs to the library,” Smith added.

Students were thrilled as they pet and cuddled each dog, especially one student.

“Do you see this ugly little dog?” she asked through tears as she held the small pugpup- ice, “Coco the dog,” she said.

“Coco my best friend,” she said.

While volunteers from Therapy Dogs Inter- national were available to answer pressing questions involving animals and dog owners, each leashed dog, volunteer San- dy Taylor also explained the significance of certified therapy dogs: “Each dog has gone through extensive training to make sure they have the right temperament to do this work.”

Senior biology major Em- my Fligon spent most of her time petting Lucy, the 9 year old golden lab. “Her presence is very relaxing and thera- peutic,” Fligon said. “She is sending me good vibes.”

Dog Day will be happen- ing again next semester in case any students were unable to attend.
Every fall, the month of September marks Hispanic Heritage Month, a celebration of Hispanic and Latin American contributions to society.

From Luis Castro, the first Hispanic Major League Baseball player, to modern-day sluggers such as Albert Pujols and David Ortiz, no American sport has benefitted more from the second half of the year. Pujols, a Houston native, was the first to score during the second half of 2016 Quick and easy, he connected on a high, deep fly ball that gave the Astros the lead. Pujols later added three more home runs to break the Astros' record for most home runs in a single season. The Astros went on to win the World Series, and Pujols was named the MVP. 

The following year, Pujols signed with the Los Angeles Angels, who offered him a lucrative contract extension. Despite the financial incentive, the Angels were unable to reach a deal with Pujols, who opted for a one-year contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. Pujols had a productive season with the Cardinals, leading the team in home runs and slugging percentage.

In 2018, Pujols signed with the Los Angeles Dodgers, where he hit 30 home runs and 114 RBIs. Pujols was named to the All-Star team and was a finalist for the National League MVP award. Pujols concluded his career with the Los Angeles Angels, hitting 460 home runs and driving in 1,943 runs. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2021.

During his career, Pujols was known for his dedication to the game and his commitment to giving back to his community. He founded the Albert Pujols Family Foundation, which focuses on education, health care, and the environment. The foundation has provided scholarships, medical assistance, and support for disaster relief efforts in Pujols' native country of the Dominican Republic.

Pujols' legacy extends beyond his accomplishments on the field. He is a role model for young people, both on and off the field, and has become an advocate for social justice and equality. His dedication to giving back to his community has earned him widespread respect and admiration, both in his home country and around the world.
The Dangers of Censorship on College Campuses

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Five people. Five innocents. Four

Gun Control: A Compromise

Tyke Turner
Columnist

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**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

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The Lucas Theatre Celebrates 95 years in Savannah

BRENT GILL  STAFF WRITER

The Lucas Theatre celebrated its 95th birthday Friday, afternoon with a block party and a free screening of "Gone With The Wind." When the theatre reopened in 2000, "Gone With The Wind" was the first showing, and every seat was filled. The Lucas has been reopened for 16 years since it was renovated. Numerous volunteers and lovers of the theatre were available to provide a bit of history and fun facts about The Lucas.

Leslie Seidman and her husband have been volunteering at The Lucas and various other historical sites for several years. "They almost double it down several times in the 70s and 80s," Leslie said. "It was the first building in Savannah to have air conditioning, and all of Savannah's lawyers would sit on the back row during their lunch to get cooled off."

The first movie shown at the Lucas was the silent film "Camille," which required that someone play the organ throughout the film. Leslie says the organ doesn't work, but that it's in storage backstage somewhere. The theatre itself wasn't used all for many years. It briefly became the Lucas Cafe and Comedy Club. The theater opened in 2000 as a non-profit event, but it's in storage somewhere. Donations included Eastwood and Kevin Spacey helped make the renovations possible. The Lucas can hold 1,200 people, and it has 44,000 sheets of gold leaf to go all of the molding in the theatre.

Three Savannah's newly regulated food trucks were part of the celebration: Mostly McPherson's, Dark Shark Taco, and Psycho Circus. Providing music for the event was "Waits and Co.," lead by headliner, John Wats. "I'm thrilled to be a part of anything the theatre does. The Lucas is a unique and special place." Wats brought in his childhood friend, Drew de Man, of "Pretend Sweethearts" for the Lucas event.

The Lucas theatre's social media and event coordinator, Lauren Schwan, helped organize the party. Schwan is a native to Savannah, and has been going to the theatre with her mother as long as she can remember. "I really love the sense of community and the history. You get to meet new people and you always see old friends. This has been a long-time dream of our managing director, getting the theatre to one documentary screening and adding a discussion panel.

Non-Fiction Gallery is located at 1522 Bull St., and Art Rises is located in the Starland District within Desoto Row.
SCAD Audience members are encouraged to stay after the film for the Q&A and ask any questions they have about the film at this time.

“Seven Samurai” will be the first in SCAD Cinema Circle’s new year long film series. The theme that SCAD Cinema Circle has chosen for this year’s showings is “The Originals.” Over the course of the next year, SCAD Cinema Circle will be showing the original versions of films that have been or are being remade. This includes films such as “Sioupira,” Jean Cocteau’s “Beauty and the Beast,” “The Magnificent Seven,” and many more.

“Seven Samurai” is an appropriate way to begin this new run of films, as it is not only considered one of the greatest films of all time but it also influenced countless works of cinema. Such works include “The Magnificent Seven,” an American western re-telling of the original film, and the much less successful “Battle Beyond the Stars,” a science-fiction adaptation of the film. Other films like “The Ditty Doozer,” “13 Assassins,” and more were heavily influenced by “Seven Samurai” as they follow a similar story structure.

In fact, Akira Kurosawa’s entire collection of works has been a critical inspiration for modern cinema. Films like “The Hidden Fortress” would later inspire director, George Lucas in the creation of the “Star Wars” and Sergio Leone’s “A Fistful of Dollars” found itself in legal trouble after the studio failed to acquire the rights to remake Kurosawa’s “Yojimbo,” but made the films anyway. This makes “Seven Samurai,” or any of Akira Kurosawa’s works, a must see film for movie buffs.

“The Magnificent Seven,” the western remake of “Seven Samurai,” will also be shown at the Trustees on Oct. 7. “The Magnificent Seven” itself was remade and released earlier this month, making it an interesting film to show for this year’s theme.

SCAD Cinema Circle is showing “The Magnificent Seven” a week after Seven Samurai to help audience members understand the process with which Hollywood remakes foreign films.

Tickets to “Seven Samurai” and “The Magnificent Seven” will cost $8 or $5 if you are a student, senior, or member of the military. Tickets can be purchased at the box office outside of the Trustees, or can be found at www.savannahboxoffice.com. The film is not rated, but includes profane language and violence.

Guild Con offers gamers fun trifecta

The Jolly Goblin also saw several demonstrations, with a pre-release of Magic: The Gathering’s new Kaldesh set. Teams of two had one hour to develop a deck and another hour to play an opposing team in what rounds referred to as “two-headed giants.” Teams consulted their partners and strategized over how they would emerge victorious.

The last day of the con wrapped up with more tournaments and several gaming demonstrations open to people from seasoned-gamers to even the most novice. The third annual Guild Con at the Guild Hall, Jolly Goblin Games, and the Chromatic Dragon was largely a success and as they packed away the World of Warcraft cardboard cutouts, they are already waiting for next year’s event. Game over.
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in cyber forensics, said Autumn Taylor, Armstrong digital forensics investigator and Willcox’s administrative assistant. Taylor explained that at the time of its formation, the CFD lab was un-funded. “Wayne built this with zero university fund- ing,” Taylor said while standing among an array of cyber forensic devices, computer monitors, and other tech- nology. The lab has a wide variety of program and equipment at its fingertips to help with a number of tasks including retrieving deleted data, file auth- entification and data wiping.

Just as the CFD deals with a lot of technology, they are also involved in crime, from payroll fraud to murder, or even child pornography. “99 percent of crime has a digital element,” said Taylor, ducking. “People love to take pictures of themselves doing crimes...it’s awe- some.”

After being approached by the FBI for help, Willcox’s team was able to retrieve encrypted information that was pertinent to a case, an achievement they were given a commendation for by the FBI after several other local and national groups had failed to do the same. The ASU cy- berforensics team has now helped to reduce the cyber forensics backlog in Georgia from 12 months to only 30 days, and has completed 560 different cases, these cases often involving multiple de- vices.

“The next step is connecting this to our students,” Jillson hopes that Active Minds will be well estab- lished enough to continue after she graduates in May 2015. In the future, she hopes to study disease prevalence among animals in western state parks but is a strong advocate for mental health awareness in college students.

For more information, email Sarah Jillson at sj2242@stu.armstrong.edu.

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suffering from any mental health illness. “I kind of grew up and thought that it was normal to feel that way,” she says. “I went through a lot of depression and anxiety.” “When I reevaluated my life, I started to become hap- pier. But I still see a lot of my friends struggle with PTSD everyday or addiction because it’s the only thing that services. Specialized equip- ment such as The Forensic Recovery of Evidence De- vice, also known as FRED, or Cellfresh, which is designed to retrieve data from mobile phones, all have special uses that come in handy to the in- vestigators. “There is no tool that’s perfect, so we use mul- time tools,” said Taylor. Just as the CFD deals with a lot of technology, they are also involved in crime, from payroll fraud to murder, or even child pornography. “99 percent of crime has a digital element,” said Taylor, ducking. “People love to take pictures of themselves doing crimes...it’s awe-

gets them out of bed in the morning,” she says. Jillson believes many college students, especially incoming freshmen, can ben- efit from having a group on campus that advocates vis- iting the Counseling Center and not being afraid to ask for help. Since Active Minds is a non-profit, fundraising and advocacy for mental health awareness are its top goals. Willcox said that the CFD. After starting an internship program in 2013, Wayne’s de- partment is now able to train 24 to 30 students a semester in cyber forensics. This train- ing certifies each student with Access Data, a top US cyber forensics company. Willcox lists awards for his depart- ment from federal, local, state, and even one interna- tional group. Willcox has addressed on-campus community con- nection with a number of pro- grams, ranging from “Cook- ing with Cops” to “Cops and Critters.” Each one is de- signed as an educational ex- perience for students but “at the core of it’s about starting relations,” said Willcox. He ranks ASU as the safest campus in Su- vannah, and attributes it to of- ficer-student communication.

The department also par- ticipates in off-campus com- munity outreach programs. By using their mobile lap- tops, a number of laptops loaded with cyber forensic technol- ogy, the department connects with high-school and mid- dle-school students by teach- ing them cyber forensic tech- niques.

“Law enforcement has a problem right now,” Willcox said, addressing the recent disconnect between police of- ficers and the national com- munity. “Police are sup- posed to be problem solvers...not just people,” he said. “We need to find ways to get these people [police officers] out of their cars.”

Chief Wayne Willcox will be on the panel for the Sept. 27 Campus Conversa- tion: 21st Century Policing. He will be joined by Chatham County District Attorney Meg Holm, Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Chief Joseph Lumpkin and Chatham County Sheriff John Wilcher.

Pursuing a Master’s of Public Health after receiving a B.S. in Health Science from Arms- strong in 2015. In the future, she hopes to study disease prevalence among animals in western state parks but is a strong advocate for mental health awareness in college students.

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