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## Clean-up efforts after Matthew prepare Armstrong for future hurricanes

KYLE SWINT  
STAFF WRITER

In late Sept.—after Hurricane Matthew was confirmed to be headed towards Savannah—Facility Services began taking precautions to prepare Armstrong’s campus for the storm.

Director of Facility Services Katie Twining explained, “We began the process of clearing all roofs of debris, unblocking all storm drains to prevent flooding and cutting up any potentially hazardous tree branches. As we worked into that first week of October, we spent our time checking all building systems and generators, and preparing our equipment.”

Hurricane Matthew be-



A fallen tree blocks the bike path as a result of Hurricane Matthew. Photo by Armstrong Communications

gan ravaging Savannah Friday, Oct. 7, beginning in the afternoon and continuing throughout the night. Instead of evacuating, the Armstrong

Police Department rode out the hurricane to keep Facility Services and students up to date on the damage that Matthew was inflicting.

Because of the mandatory evacuation for Chatham County, Facility Services was unable to return to campus until the mandatory evacua-

tion had been lifted. Thankfully, Twining had already made previous arrangements with Belfor Restoration—a disaster restoration team—who remained in the area after the storm. They were contacted after Armstrong Chief of Police Wayne Willcox reported that Armstrong received a massive amount of debris and was deprived of power by Saturday, Oct 8.

Belfor Restoration brought in a large team the next day with heavy duty equipment to tackle the damage on campus. The team was able to restore power back to campus within the next 24 hours.

Once the travel ban was lifted for Chatham County, the Facility Services’ staff

began flocking in to join the restoration efforts. The main issue the Belfor-Armstrong team faced was removing many fallen trees.

Twining stated, “Several trees had fallen between Gamble and Victor Halls, four trees had fallen on the new tennis complex resulting in extensive damage to the complex and 2/3 of the bike path was impassable due to large trees down. There were also a number of trees that were considered hazardous following the storm due to the winds partially lifting the root balls. Those trees were also removed.”

In the email sent by President Bleicken Wednesday, Oct. 12, students, faculty and

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## WSAV Meteorologist and Armstrong professor Lee Haywood talks Hurricane Matthew



Pictured: WSAV Meteorologist and Armstrong professor Lee Haywood

LAUREN ASHLEY  
STAFF WRITER

### How does a hurricane form?

Hurricanes are essentially heat engines. They form because of warm water combined with a disturbance, which, as it strengthens, goes into a depression stage and then becomes a tropical storm if the winds reach 39 miles per hour. If the winds reach 74 miles per hour, it becomes a hurricane. You have to have low pressure, you have to have warm water and you have to have the right environmental conditions to get a hurricane.

### Did Hurricane Matthew make landfall in Savannah, and what category was it when it reached the Lowcountry?

It did not make landfall in our local area. It made landfall in Charleston County, so it passed by just barely to our east. When I say just barely, it was literally 20 to 25 miles east of Tybee Island. It was at that point, I believe, a very strong category two hurricane. I believe the winds were about 110 sustained at that point, but gusts, right in the center, around what we call the eyewall, were 120-125.

The strongest peak wind at Tybee Island reached 96

miles per hour. The peak wind gust at the international airport in Savannah was 71 knots. That is 81 miles per hour. That kind of gives you a feel from one part of the county to the other what we were dealing with.

[Fort Pulaski] had a storm surge that registered between seven to eight feet. That storm surge is the rise of the ocean and then it comes on shore as the hurricane approaches.

[Hunter Army Airfield] had 17-and-a-half inches of rain from Matthew. That’s some pretty impressive stuff for Chatham County.

**Why did some areas of campus have multiple trees**

**fall, but in other areas, it was completely fine?**

There were isolated tornadoes associated with Matthew. A matter of fact, a couple of warnings came out for Chatham County, which means that there were rotations within the squalls, so there could have been some isolated tornadic damage within the hurricane streaks of damage. There are some areas that just have more trees that are in the latter stages of their lives. If you’ve taken care of the trees—the trees that are dead, you get ‘em down—it doesn’t look like the damage is quite as extensive.

LEE HAYWOOD | PG 6

## Armstrong Honors Program sees the future of NASA

GRACE POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

The Armstrong Honors Program shuttled 20 students during the weekend of Oct. 1-2, to Titusville, Florida, to visit the Kennedy Space Center.

Director of Honors Dr. Jonathan Roberts and Assistant Director Dr. Sara Gremillion decided on the Kennedy Space Center as the destination for the program’s fall trip as it was deemed a fun, educational opportunity for their students.

Dr. Gremillion explained that her “goal is also to foster well-rounded students who have a variety of interests,” and bringing her students into an environment where they can immerse themselves in the many nuances and realities of space has accomplished just that.

The honors group be-

gan its tour with the Journey to Mars exhibit and walked through a building that housed everything Mars-related, including a complete line of rovers. Students could see how the vehicles were designed and gain an insight into the thought process behind each function of the rover.

The Curiosity Rover provided a striking example of the innovative designs in that its parts mirrored that of a human body: “Curiosity’s ‘body’ is an insulated container that protects ‘vital organs’ inside the rover. A tool on the rover’s ‘hand’[...] ‘choose’ the rock samples [...] then pours the samples [...] into its ‘body.’ Once ‘digested’ inside, the rover can tell what it just ‘ate’ with tools that identify what the samples are made of.”

This exhibit was interesting to students because it pro-

vided a fascinating glimpse into the future. NASA’s current project is centered around Mars and the Journey to Mars exhibit details all the challenges and technologies that have been employed and will be created to successfully travel to Mars.

Next, the group visited the Atlantis exhibit, which showcases the culmination of NASA’s 30-year Space Shuttle Program. Right outside the exhibit, a massive launch assembly stood in front of the entrance. This exhibit was the favorite of many students, including Dr. Roberts.

The exhibit featured a 14-minute film that takes its viewers through the creation of Atlantis, and then funnels them into a second theatre. There, viewers get to experience the take-off of the shuttle. At the end, as the smoke from the engines billows out

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Pictured: Armstrong Honors Program on fall trip to the Kennedy Space Center in Titusville, FL.

## Student Government Assoc. updates

Name of Organization	Name of Event	Amount Requested	Amount Agreed Upon by RSO Board
Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity	HOLAween	\$1,056.46	\$980
Student Veterans of America	Veterans Day Parade	\$500.55	\$500.55
NAACP	Sip N’ Paint	\$317.03	\$317.00



Pride in the park

SASHA HARPER  
STAFF WRITER

Lady GaGa’s “Born This Way” filled the air in Forsyth Park this past Saturday at the 2016 Savannah Pride Fest. The diversity of people in line to buy entrance tickets provided only a taste of what was waiting beyond the orange fence that encircled the grounds.

The park was filled with a variety of people, unlike any other festival. From senior citizens, teens wearing rainbow wigs, families pushing baby strollers, people sparkling with glitter, and children with their face painted, this festival embodied the acceptance and love that our city has to share.

Mark Hill, a local LGBTQ activist and advocate, said, “We’re different from a lot of other Prides because we’re family-oriented.” He assured that all the



Armstrong's own GSA table at Savannah Pride. Tanner Levi, Oct. 23rd, 2017.

events were G-rated.

Some of the scheduled events included Miss Savannah Pride and Miss South Carolina Pride, Pulse nightclub DJ Scott Robert’s Dance

Party, Bay Street Theatre Rocky Horror Live Preview, puppet shows, Skylite Jazz Band from Savannah Arts, Club One Cabaret, and more.

Despite a fallen oak tree

along the border of the festival, there was no sign of Hurricane Matthew’s destruction. Volunteers said the city was quick to clean up the park, making the event’s 8am-11am

set-up much easier. Volunteers arranged the booths, tables and chairs for vendors and guests and they provided assistance in the ticket booth.

“The people have been so nice and everybody is so happy,” said Armstrong student and Pride Fest volunteer Sachika Chattam.

The vendors were as varied as the participants. From artists selling paintings and jewelry, to Coldwell Banker, Bruster’s Ice Cream, to Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton political booths with their supporters wearing “Gays for Trump” or “LGBT for Hillary” t-shirts, every interest had a spot in Forsyth Park.

This year marked 17 years of Savannah Pride, starting from a one-day gathering in 1999 at Johnson Square, to what is now a weeklong event of celebration. More than 6,000 people attended Savannah Pride in Forsyth Park last year.

“Visit Savannah has really stepped up, helping us market to folks in Charleston, Orlando, Atlanta, Jacksonville and beyond,” says festival director, Regan Drake.

“We want to become a destination Pride. We’re really looking at building this festival for LGBT folks from across the country.”

Although Savannah has a growing reputation as a gay-friendly vacation spot and is partnering for the first time with the city’s tourism networks, there still isn’t a dedicated safe meeting space for the local LGBT community and their organizations.

The week of Savannah Pride Fest isn’t just a party, it’s a party with a purpose. It provided events where funds were raised for the future Savannah LGBT Center so local LGBT supporters will be able to meet and grow their causes and establishments.

Savannahians get their Greek (back) on at 66th annual Greek Festival



Dancers perform traditional Greek dance for the crowd at Greek Fest. Rebekah McLeod, Oct 23rd, 2017.

REBEKAH MCLEOD  
STAFF WRITER

“We had a hurricane come through and try to shut us down this year,”

Pawsibly the best time of the year: Wag-O-Ween

ALI WELLS  
STAFF WRITER

Wag-O-Ween, the tradition of dressing up dogs in costumes and going trick-or-treating, was held this past Saturday, October 22. Wag-o-ween began as a group of friends who took their dogs trick-or-treating at each other’s houses. They realized how cool it would be if all the pet owners in Savannah were also able to trick-or-treat with their pets. 11 years later, Wag-O-Ween is as popular as ever, with the amount of participants and businesses growing each year.

There were hundreds of different costumes. Some fan favorites included those in which the dogs coordinated with their owners. One family attended dressed as the main characters from Star Wars complete with light sabers and an owner in a very impressive Chewbacca costume, and many dog superheroes.

In Wag-o-Ween’s first year, 40 businesses gave out

dog treats. Now in 2016, there are over 100 businesses participating.

Jenna, the owner of the Savannah Groom Room and her sister/assistant, Anna, had a table filled with dog treats, a bubble machine, 5 dollars-off coupons and business cards. This is her third year attending Wag-O-Ween.

She says that Wag-O-Ween has always helped out her business, but, “While yeah, it promotes my business, it’s honestly just a lot of fun! I mean, we get to see dogs in costumes all day.”

Tickets were five dollars and all businesses partaking in the event had a donation box or jar that went to the local animal rescue groups. The groups receiving donations this year were The Dachshund Rescue of North America and Coastal Pet Rescue.

The Dachshund Rescue of North America’s primary goal is the rescue and rehabilitation of the pure bred dachshunds and dachshund mixes. They have successfully provided at least 8,000 dogs

without the Greek Festival.”

The crowd erupted in cheers, and Danos, a realtor in Savannah and chairman of one of this year’s

festival committees at St. Paul’s Greek Orthodox Church, introduced the dance troupe “Goya.”

The 66th Annual Greek Festival was originally

scheduled for Oct. 6-8 but due to Hurricane Matthew, the event was rescheduled for Oct. 21-22.

“The amazing thing is that down here at the church we never lost power, we had no problems,” Danos said.

The rescheduled festival days brought a cool, cloudless sky and plenty of local Savannahians happy to wait their turn in line for delicious, a la carte Greek specialties.

“We’re here for the food,” said local Jessica Oxnard, who has lived in Savannah for five years, but was a first time visitor to the festival. She and husband Brendan frequent The Olympia Cafe, a Greek restaurant on River Street. Olympia Cafe owner Nick Pappas is a member of St. Paul’s and serves food with his wife during the Greek Fest.

“You know you’re Greek when you eat as much every night as a normal family eats at Thanksgiving,” the pamphlet read,

which was given to each patron entering the church courtyard on West Anderson Street.

Stepping inside the old building, the smells quickly morphed into mouth-watering scents of roasted lamb, pitas and Greek meatballs. Clearly, the biggest draw to the annual festival is the traditional Greek foods and desserts, which are handmade by members of the church parish.

In addition to the culinary pleasures, weekend activities also include tours of the recently renovated church, shopping in The Agora, a retail market area offering jewelry, music, and clothing and Greek dance performances.

The proceeds of the Savannah Greek Festival go to benefit the ministries of St. Paul’s and also support several non-profit organizations in the city of Savannah.



One of many costume-clad dogs at this year's Wagoween. Tanner Levi, Oct. 22nd, 2017.



CAMPUS VOICES:

What are you dressing up as for Halloween?



A mermaid. I have red hair extensions. I’ve ordered the leggings and I’m going to make a shirt with the clams.

Megan Guinn  
Freshman, Biology



Minnie Mouse. I’m still working on it.

Adriana Hoell  
Sophomore, Rehab science



Alice in Wonderland. It’s a cosplay from conventions I’ve gone to.

Rebecca Jones  
Sophomore, Undeclared



A boxer. I already have a red robe and I was just going to wear a sports bra and spandex shorts with it.

Caty Zander  
Freshman, Political science



Mary Poppins. I bought a black skirt and leggings. I have booties, a button down shirt and a big bag. The I bought a fedora and pinned flowers.

Abbie Paul  
Sophomore,  
Radiological science

The Challenge of Being a Student Leader

DUSTIN STEWART  
SGA PRESIDENT

John F. Kennedy once said, “Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.” Fewer situations have I found this phrase to be truer than in the context of being a student leader. Let’s be honest with ourselves for a second; it’s tough and some days it just sucks. Since my senior year of high school, when I held my first official leadership position in an honor society, I have found that the same challenges come up with any group you work with, and at various levels of coordination and leading.

For those of you in these student leadership positions, I think we can relate on a few points where we struggle in our organizations: communication lapses, ambiguities in expectations, disconnect with our fellow leaders and those whom we lead, among numerous other aspects that make us want to bang our head on the wall and scream to the high heavens with the hope of finding some relief in it. Often, challenges and obstructions to our end goals often come up without warning. When there is some warning, though, seldom is there constructive recourse. The struggle continues and we find

ourselves at the fork in the road with the options of “I’m just going quit and let someone else deal with it” and “I would hate myself if I took the easy way out.” I’ve had the privilege of serving in multiple leadership roles here at Armstrong, including: SAE Treasurer, SAE Philanthropy Chairman, Student Government Senator, CUB Member, SGA Attorney General, 2 or 3 others, and now, the role I cherish and respect the most, your Student Government President. We campaigned under the name DARE, in which we challenged ourselves and you to work with us to take

bold steps and initiate bold projects that would have a far-reaching and lasting impact on campus. I am pleased to say so far, so good, but it has not been without its challenges. If ever there were a learning curve, it is with these positions. Now, I’m not writing to blast anyone for poor or ineffective leadership, because that is not the case. We are fortunate to work with campus administrators who are respectful of and open to hearing the issues and ideas we take to them from SGA and the student body, and who work with us to address and resolve these issues and

ideas. The challenge comes, however, when we are met with the pieces of projects or sides of an argument that don’t fit our message. And I’ll be completely honest and say there have been times when I’ve outright disagreed with other leaders on campus, for one reason or another. The silver lining is this: “if your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader,” and in essence, you have succeeded as a leader (John Quincy Adams, 6th President of the United States). It is hard, but it is rewarding, especially when there seem to be no tangible

results to point to. So I say this to you, my fellow student leaders – take heart in knowing that even when things don’t go your way or when seemingly insurmountable challenges arise, your efforts don’t go unnoticed and your time and energy is not wasted. We have a responsibility to those we represent to continue fighting the good fight, but in a manner consistent with what is needed to ensure total efficacy of our ventures. I hope that you are continuing to grow and learn, as I am on an almost daily basis.

‘Suck my nuts’: The Defiance of Abraham Ford

\*Walking Dead spoilers ahead\*

CALEB BAILEY  
SPORTS EDITOR

On Sunday, Oct. 23, AMC’s hit show “The Walking Dead” returned for its seventh season and after six long and agonizing months, fans finally found out which character Negan, the show’s newest badass antagonist played by Jeffrey Dean Morgan, killed during the season six season finale in April. It was a long-awaited reveal during a premiere episode that rivaled the revelation of “Who shot J.R.” from the hit 70s show “Dallas.” The speculation and rumors finally came to fruition as fans saw Negan swing Lucille, a baseball bat wrapped in barbed wire, onto the head

of Abraham Ford, a take-no-shit, militant character played by Michael Cudlitz, and brutally beating his head into a bloody mess onto the cold gravel ground of the rural county woods in northern Georgia. However, before Ford’s brains were spread out all over the ground, he gave one final act of defiance to Negan to give his crew and the fans a final sendoff. Lucille connected with Ford’s skull and he gave quite possibly the three greatest words spoken on the show in six-plus seasons.

“Suck my nuts.”

Since 2009, AMC’s “The

Walking Dead” has continued to push the boundaries on what is acceptable with what people of all ages consume on television. But you have to remember, this is not network television. AMC is the same channel that dropped an uncensored F-bomb in the critically-acclaimed and award-winning show “Breaking Bad” and felt absolutely no shame for doing so. You have to believe that they will feel the same amount and probably even less for the direction they took Cudlitz’s character. This show about the post-apocalyptic world has also seen not one, but two homosexual couples and a woman have a baby with her

husband’s, who she believed to be dead, best friend. “The Walking Dead” is also based off the graphic novel of the same name, written by Robert Kirkman, who has a big hand in the production of the show. For the most part, producers Robert Gimple and Greg Nicotero try to stay true to the comic book series and did as well as they could in the Season 7 premiere last Sunday. Aside from the F-word being dropped about 10 or 12 times, Negan’s introduction to the main crew of characters was spot on. Before you think this final act of defiance was Ford just trying to get a laugh out of the fans, which he did, it

shows a bigger story as to why he simply was the only person that Negan could have killed to keep the main group from rising up and rebelling against the newest baddie. Abraham was one of the strongest characters, both physically and emotionally, on the show, despite his backstory showing where he nearly attempted to kill himself after his wife and kids were attacked by zombies. He was the one character that could have stood up for himself and rebelled against Negan and the Saviors. It also shows that even when staring death in the face, he isn’t going to back down from his values. His character was always a bit of

comic relief while also seeming to keep the group together in their time of need. Whether he is dropping classic lines like “Mother Dick,” “Who’s Deanna?” or “When you were pouring the Bisquick, did you mean to make the pancakes?” or he is just leading up the next plan for the betterment of the group, Abraham was the character that served as the physical glue in his two short seasons.

Rest in peace, Sgt. Abraham Ford.

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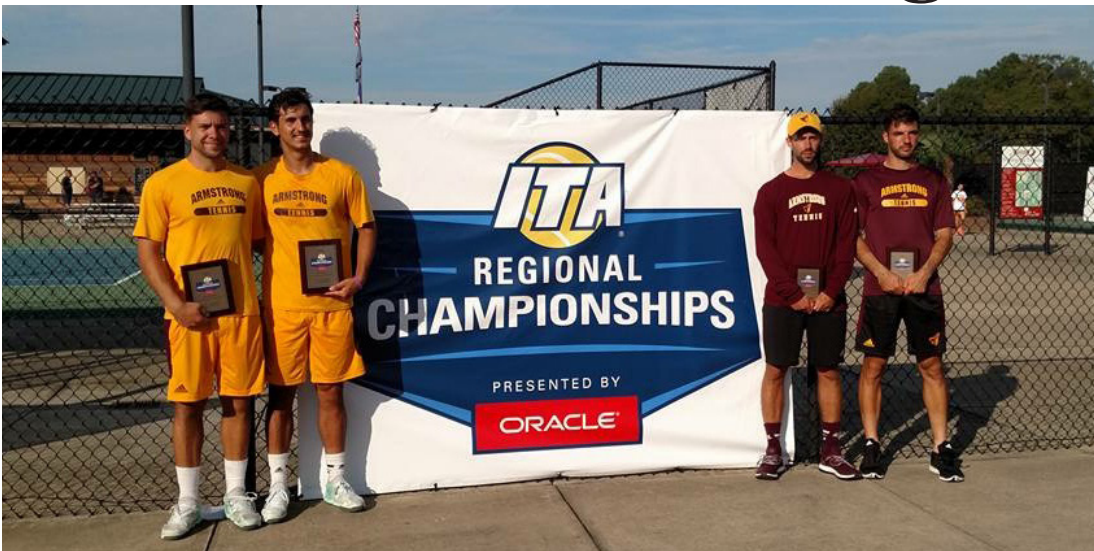
# International athletes find refuge in Mobile

SASHA HARPER  
STAFF WRITER

Imagine being on the other side of the world, away from your family, without a vehicle, and you hear a hurricane is coming your way. What do you do? Where do you go? That's what the international student-athletes of Armstrong State faced with Hurricane Matthew.

The evacuation plan consisted of taking a bus on Thursday morning to a hotel in Mobile, Alabama where athletes and students alike stayed for nearly a week.

"Our international student-athletes were evacuated as a part of the Housing department's evacuation plans. As an athletic department, we thought it best to have those students follow the general evacuation order from the school as a whole rather



The Armstrong tennis team celebrates their win at the ITA Regionals just days before Hurricane Matthew ravaged the southeast and forced their evacuation -- Monday, Oct. 3, 2016 (Armstrong Communications)

than to try and complicate things by doing something different," Director of Sports Information Chad Jackson explained about the school's decision to bus athletes and students alike out of the state.

Lena Lutzeier, an junior member of the tennis team

from Blaustein, Germany, remembers how she first heard of Hurricane Matthew.

"We just came back from regionals when one of my friends came into our apartment to welcome us back," she explained. "He told us that we may have to evacuate

because of an incoming hurricane. First, I thought he was joking, but my teammates and I realized fast that he wasn't joking, he was serious."

This was all a new experience to Lutzeier since hurricanes are not common in Europe. At first, she did

not know the meaning of the different categories, but she quickly did some research and along with the messages from her friends and coach, she understood that this was a potentially strong and dangerous hurricane.

"Anytime you deal with a potential natural disaster, it's inherent that everyone is just a little more on edge and stressed out," head tennis coach Sean McCaffrey said. "Take into consideration everyone on the tennis team is an international student makes trying to locate a 'safe place' that much more difficult. They do not have family nearby nor do they own cars that would allow them to evacuate in a quick manner."

Lorenzo Camilli, a freshman on the men's tennis team from Rome, Italy, expressed his relief to find the campus in good shape when they returned to Savannah. He said

some people acted like Hurricane Matthew was "the end of the world and we evacuated really far, I was happy to see that when we came back the campus was fine."

It certainly seems the entire student body that was forced to evacuate were more than grateful to have many members of the Armstrong staff helping them out in the tough times throughout the storm.

"I'm sure I speak for all the other international students who evacuated with me," Lutzeier said. "I want to thank President [Linda] Bleicken, the international office, housing, the athletic department, and our coach Sean McCaffrey [for staying] calm in this extreme situation and figuring out such a good evacuation plan for us. We truly appreciate it! Thank you!"

# Pirate basketball set exhibition games next week

CALEB BAILEY  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Armstrong Pirates men's and women's basketball teams look to turn their luck in recent years around with the start of the 2016-17 season just around the corner. Next week, the two teams take to the road for big exhibition match-ups with Division I opponents as a warm-up for the regular season.

The women's team travels just one state over to face off against the College of Charleston Cougars on Wednesday, Nov. 2. Despite finishing the 2015-16 season with a winning record of 16-12, the Pirates went 8-11 in the Peach Belt Conference and missed the postseason and the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season after reaching the Elite Eight in 2014.

The Pirates return forward Brigitta Barta for one more season after she averaged 13 points and 4.6 re-



Men's basketball coach Evans Davis speaks with the team during a summer workout. He is entering his fourth season with the Pirates -- Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016 (Armstrong Communications)

bounds per game last season. She is just 179 points away from becoming Armstrong's all-time leading scorer after she became just the second player to surpass 1,000 points

last year.

Barta is not alone, however, as she is joined by junior college transfer Aysia Grimsley. She comes in from Chattahoochee Tech, where

she was the NJCAA's leading scorer with 29.6 points per game during the 2015-16 season and also scored the most points in a single game in the entire country last year with

51 points against West Georgia Tech.

The Cougars finished the 2015-16 season with an 11-20 record and fell in the quarterfinals of the Colonial Athletic

Association conference tournament to eventual champion James Madison.

The men's team faces a much tougher test in their exhibition game as they travel up to Ann Arbor to face off against the Michigan Wolverines on Friday, Nov. 4. The Pirates made the PBC Tournament in 2016, but fell to Montevallo 76-71 and finished with a 12-15 record.

Jamison Jeffers returns for his senior year as he averaged 9.3 points, 2.3 rebounds and 5.4 assists last season. He is joined by Chattanooga State Community College transfer Larry Spicer, who scored 12.2 points per game last season as a sophomore.

The Wolverines went 23-13 during the 2015-16 season and advanced to the semifinals of the Big Ten conference tournament. They also advanced to the Second Round of the 2016 NCAA Tournament before falling to the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

## OFF THE BENCH WITH

## JOHN KEEN

# From cursed to first



The Chicago Cubs defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 6 of the NLCS on Saturday to advance to the World Series for the first time since 1945 -- Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 (Getty Images)

Perhaps no team in MLB history understands the relief a World Series title can bring a city like the 2004 Boston Red Sox, a team managed by Terry Francona and whose front office was led by Theo Epstein.

That Boston squad was a team mired in curses and bad fortune until they overcame a 3-0 American League Championship Series deficit to their hated AL East rivals: the New York Yankees.

Epstein and Francona have since moved to other teams and are both now seeing their careers come full circle. Francona now manages the Cleveland Indians, while Epstein is the general manager of the Chicago Cubs.

Coming into the season, the two teams faced historically long World Series droughts with neither having won a title in 65-plus years. However, as fate would have it, 2016 will bring the end to one of baseball's longest championship droughts, as Cleveland and Chicago face-off in this year's Fall Classic.

Much like Boston, the Cubs' history is mired with curses and misfortune.

Where Boston dealt with Bambino's curse, named after Yankee slugger and Red Sox

pitcher Babe Ruth, Chicago has their own curse of the goat.

In 1945, a Chicago tavern owner named Billy Sianis was kicked out of game four of the World Series at Wrigley field against Detroit, for bringing his goat named Murphey to the game. Upon being kicked out, Sianis said "Them Cubs, they ain't gonna win no more." Thus, starting the goat's curse.

2003 appeared to be Chicago's year to return to World Series action but the curse reared its ugly head in the form of Steve Bartman.

The Cubs, already holding a 3-2 National League Championship Series lead, led the Florida Marlins 3-0 in the eighth inning of Game 6 when Luis Castillo fouled a ball down the left field bleachers.

Cubs outfielder Moises Alou ranged over and stuck his glove up to the stands trying to make a play on the ball. When Alou reached into the stands for the ball, a Cubs fan, later identified as Bartman, reached out and caused the player not to make the catch.

Florida went on to when the game 8-3 and the series in seven games, keeping the

Cubs from making their first World Series appearance since 1945.

Chicago failed to return to NLCS play until last season, where they were swept by the New York Mets. However, fortune has finally shined on Chicago Cubs after they defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 6 on Saturday, Oct. 22 to get back to the World Series for the first time in 71 years.

While Cleveland's history is much less romanticized than Chicago's, their playoff struggles are still well documented.

Cleveland's last trip to World Series play ended in heartbreak. Ironically, the Marlins played spoiler again as they defeated the Indians in 1997, six years before their rally over the Cubs thanks to Bartman.

Now Cleveland looks for their chance at redemption in 2016.

As old associates Francona and Epstein pit their respective teams against each other, the collective baseball world awaits to know which historic drought will finally come to an end.

## Upcoming games

### October 27

Women's Soccer  
Columbus St. 6:00 p.m.

### October 28

Women's Volleyball  
Columbus St. 7:00 p.m.

### October 29

Women's Volleyball  
Montevallo 2:00 p.m.

### October 30

Women's Soccer  
North Georgia 1:00 p.m.

### November 2

Women's Basketball  
at Col. of Charleston 6:30 p.m.  
Women's Volleyball  
at Flagler 7:00 p.m.



## Pirate Soccer finishes match-filled week 3-0

TIRAE STEVENS  
STAFF WRITER

With three home matches in a span of six days on their plates, the Armstrong State University soccer team finished the week with a perfect 3-0 mark. These three victories allowed the Pirates to improve their record to 12-1-1 overall and 8-0-1 in conference play. They have also extended their undefeated streak to 13 matches.

On Monday, Oct. 17, the Pirates welcomed the Georgia College Bobcats to Pirate Soccer Field in a match that was rescheduled from Wednesday, October 5 due to Hurricane Matthew. The Pirates were the first to score, when senior Sarah Olin fired a shot during the 32nd minute that caught the crossbar but passed the goal line enough to register a goal.

Georgia College took advantage of defender positioning in the second half and shot a corner kick that rebounded off a Pirate defender and into the net for the own goal, tying the score at 1-all. It would be sophomore Martha Trimbach that would break the tie in the 77th minute, sending a shot that curled inside the near post and past Bobcat keeper Ashlee Graham. The Pirates would hold on to claim the



Asa Thorsen works her way through the West Georgia Wolves' defense. She scored a goal on five shots in the team's 2-0 win -- Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 (Armstrong Communications)

2-1 victory.

"The Bobcats were a good opponent and they tested us, but I'm proud of the team because we really picked it up in a close game," junior Randi Schroedel said after the game. "It shows how much we have grown from last year."

Armstrong State returned to action two days later, hosting the Saints of Flagler College. The Saints were the first to get on the scoreboard in the

22nd minute, thanks to a free kick that allowed Flagler's Fio Fustagno to propel a shot past Armstrong keeper Erica Laurens. However, the Pirates answered back in the 69th minute, when junior Ashley Green sent a hard-angle shot that appeared to be caught by Flagler keeper Racheal Cecil, but it had gone through her hands. Even though she caught it while in midair, the referee ruled it crossed the goal line and a game-tying

goal was awarded to the Pirates.

The Allen twins solidified the win for the Pirates during the 81st minute, as a free kick from junior Michelle Allen found the foot of sister Jenny Allen, who then walked it into the goal to put the Pirates over the Saints 2-1. "I thought during the second half of this game, we played really well and showed a lot of heart," sophomore Taylor Snell said regarding the win over the

Saints.

The last home match of the week for the Pirates came on Saturday, Oct. 22 with a non-conference match against the University of West Georgia Wolves. It was Military Appreciation Night for the Pirates, and the evening was highlighted by a fly-over from the United States Coast Guard and a US Army enlistment ceremony during halftime. Current and former members of the US Armed

Forces, along with their families, were also recognized throughout the night.

Donning special camouflage-themed uniforms, the Pirates scored very early on during the match- with both of their goals of the night coming before 13 minutes had elapsed. The first came during the fourth minute, when sophomore Asa Thorsen headed in a corner kick from senior Sarah Olin. Olin herself would then strike during the 13th minute, taking advantage from a cross from Jenny Allen and sending her shot just inside the far post. The Pirates would go on to defeat the Wolves 2-0.

"We picked up an important out-of-contest win tonight," Armstrong head coach Eric Faulconer said after the match. "The quick start allowed us to rest some players after playing a lot of matches in a short period of time."

Armstrong State traveled to UNC Pembroke on Oct. 24 to play the Braves, then returned home on Thursday, Oct. 27 to host Columbus State University. They will next return to action for the final home match of the regular season on Sunday, Oct. 30, for Senior Day against the North Georgia Nighthawks.

## Pirate volleyball splits weekend on the road

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The Armstrong State University volleyball squad split a pair of Peach Belt Conference matches during the weekend of Oct. 21-22. Their record is now 16-3 overall and 6-2 in the conference.

The Pirates first went on the road to play the Lander University Bearcats on Friday, October 21. Hitting was very strong for the Pirates during the first set, where they hit a stellar .419. Junior Brylie Barnette also capitalized on a seven-point service run, during which she scored three service aces, to take the first set 25-12.

Armstrong started the second set with a 5-3 deficit, but sophomore Kristi Vaughn's 10-point service run propelled the Pirates ahead. Vaughn had three services aces of her own, and sophomore Raquel Kulak registered three straight blocks, to allow the Pirates to cruise to a 25-15 second set victory. Armstrong then hit .286 and picked up 15 kills to take the third set and the match from the Bearcats.

Three Pirates had double-digit kills during the match: sophomore Raegan Grooms with 12; senior Kim Brody with 12; and Kulak

with 10. The Pirates finished with 8.0 blocks- six of those being from Kulak- and nine total service aces. "Our performance against Lander was perhaps our best game so far this season," senior Rachel Thompson said after the match. "Lander is known for their hustle and relentless pursuit. I'm proud of the way that our team was willing to play through those long points, extending rallies and fighting for another swing."

The next day, Armstrong State faced off against USC Aiken in a rematch from earlier in the season. The Pirates originally topped the Pacers 3-0 almost a month prior, but the Pacers got their revenge by defeating the Pirates 3-1. Set scores were 25-22, 25-22, 13-25, 27-25.

Aiken went on the offensive early in the first set, taking advantage of an early 6-0 lead to eventually take the first set. The Pirates led late during the second set, 21-20, but four straight points from the Pacers allowed Aiken to take the set and lead two sets to none. Armstrong State came roaring back during the third set, using a 7-0 run to finally get a set victory.

USC Aiken led 24-21 during the fourth set, but a kill from Raegan Grooms and



Rachel Thompson spikes a ball back over the net against the USC Aiken Pacers. She recorded 14 kills in the 3-1 loss -- Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 (Armstrong Communications)

two Pacer hitting errors gave the Pirates the chance to tie up the match. Even though Grooms scored another kill to try to give set point to the Pirates, three straights points from the Pacers erased the Pirates' hopes for a fifth set and allowed to Pacers to claim the match.

Four players for the Pi-

rates had double-digit kills during the match: Rachel Thompson with 14; Grooms with 14; Kim Brody with 11; and Raquel Kulak with 10. Sophomore Carley Eiken compiled a total of 80 assists between the two days. "Aiken was playing much harder and scrappier than when we played them the first time,"

sophomore Madison Sox explained. "Overall we continued to fight through every point until the end but the result didn't end in our favor unfortunately."

Armstrong State returned to action to face the Flagler College Saints in the first home match since September 24. They will next face the

Cougars of Columbus State University on Friday, Oct. 28, in the annual "Dig Pink" breast cancer awareness match.



# Changes made to Armstrong’s academic calendar

<p>LUCY STONE NEWS EDITOR</p> <p>Due to Hurricane Matthew and Tropical Storm Hermine, seven days have been lost in Armstrong’s academic calendar. To make up for the days lost, changes in the</p>	<p>fall semester were made to ensure that Armstrong meets the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.</p> <p>The Faculty Senate President and President-Elect, the</p>	<p>Student Government Association President, Academic Affairs leadership and the Crisis Team were all involved in the decision-making process for how to best alter the academic calendar.</p> <p>Vice President for Stu-</p>	<p>dent Affairs Dr. Georj L. Lewis explained in an email changes to the calendar. Armstrong will now be open Monday, Nov. 21, and Tuesday, Nov. 22, during the Thanksgiving week. That Monday will be treated as make-up</p>	<p>day for a Thursday lost and will follow a Thursday class schedule. That Tuesday will be used as a make-up day for a Friday lost and will subsequently follow a Friday class schedule.</p> <p>The Fall semester will</p>	<p>also be extended by one week, meaning that that final exams will be pushed back to the week beginning Dec. 12. The fall commencement date will remain the same on Saturday, Dec. 10.</p>
<p>CLEAN-UP   PG 1</p> <p>staff were able to see pictures of the damages Armstrong sustained.</p> <p>The email also explained: "Large trees are being removed from campus, bike paths are still obstructed by</p>	<p>debris, and Roger Warlick Drive remains in a state of disarray. On the athletics front, our new tennis complex sustained significant damage from the storm—including damage to the northwest courts, fencing, bleachers,</p>	<p>and light poles—and the softball outfield fence needs to be replaced."</p> <p>That same day, most of Facility Services had returned and began assessing each building and room on campus for damages. There were only</p>	<p>minor damage to Armstrong’s interior that included some water intrusions that caused damage to a few ceiling tiles.</p> <p>Thanks to the combined efforts of Belfor Restoration, Armstrong’s Facility Services and Custodial Staff , Arm-</p>	<p>strong was able to reopen Friday, Oct. 21.</p> <p>After experiencing Hurricane Matthew and seeing the effects it has caused, Facility Services is working towards developing a more solid Hurricane preparedness plan that</p>	<p>will ensure more safety measures and procedures in the future.</p>
<p>LEE HAYWOOD   PG 1</p> <p>[There were] 135,000 customers without power in Chatham County at one point Saturday morning after the storm. There were half-a-million total power outages in Georgia and South Carolina. Over 20 percent of the power outages in the two-state region were in Chatham County. This storm significantly affected a highly populated area.</p> <p><b>When was the last time Savannah experienced a hurricane like Matthew?</b></p> <p>It’s been 37 years. This</p>	<p>year our luck ran out. This is the worst impact of a hurricane since 1979 in Savannah, but to clarify, Matthew did not make landfall. David, which was the ’79 hurricane, did.</p> <p><b>How has our area avoided hurricanes for so long?</b></p> <p>The Savannah Bight. It’s the idea that Savannah is further in. It’s the furthest west of any coastline on the eastern seaboard. You’ve got this little tucked in area, so the hurricane has a longer chance to turn before it makes landfall. That’s really the main reason.</p>	<p>A second idea is, what we call, the point of recurvature. At 30 degree[s] latitude, storms tend to begin to feel the westerlies. The westerlies tend to pick the storms up and start to turn north and then eventually northeast. Our latitude’s about 32 [degrees]. We’re just above that point of recurvature.</p> <p>The third is just the position of the Bermuda high pressure. It sits out over the ocean in the western Atlantic so storms tend to bend around it and go north. That typical position is far enough east so</p>	<p>that the storms will pass north of a particular place between Bermuda and Cape Hatteras.</p> <p><b>What is the biggest misconception people have about hurricanes?</b></p> <p>For the Savannah area, I think the biggest misconception, which I think was corrected with Matthew, is that storms always turn and miss us. It is a misconception because we go for long periods of time without them in the Savannah area, and I think Matthew was a wake-up call for a lot of people.</p> <p><b>What do you hope peo-</b></p>	<p><b>ple take away from the whole experience of Hurricane Matthew?</b></p> <p>We do get them. They could happen any particular year. And to be prepared each hurricane season for the possibility that hurricane conditions can move in and can alter your life</p> <p><b>If people want to learn more about hurricanes, where can they get quality, yet understandable information?</b></p> <p>The National Hurricane Center webpage (www.nhc.noaa.gov). That provides hur-</p>	<p>ricane information on current storms and then you can also find things to prepare yourself—plans and kits and ideas for those kinds of things.</p> <p><b>Do you have anything that you would like to say to the readers of The Inkwell?</b></p> <p>Count your blessings if you didn’t get hit too hard. Be prepared for the next storm whenever it might happen. Preparation’s the key.</p>
<p>HONOR   PG 1</p> <p>and spread across the sky, the screen slowly fades out, revealing the original Atlantis shuttle.</p> <p>“It was fascinating to see the shuttle in exactly the same condition that it arrived back from its last mission,” explained Dr. Roberts, who noticed the distinct scratches and dents that littered the sur-</p>	<p>face of the shuttle.</p> <p>The Honors group also went on a bus tour of the launch platforms and all the buildings that work towards the assembly of the space vehicles.</p> <p>Student Leila Caughran got to experience her favorite part of the trip, the Vehicle Assembly Building, a giant building “that [was, at the</p>	<p>time,]... the largest building by volume in the world.”</p> <p>The building is so massive that, on certain days when the weather was just right, clouds would begin to condensate at the top of the building and release water droplets on the workers below. The building is also the canvas for one of the largest American flags in the United</p>	<p>States. To put that into context, each stripe on the flag is 9 feet wide, which was the size of the tour buses students traveled on to the Kennedy Space Center.</p> <p>The bus tour ended at the Apollo/Saturn V Center that displayed a section of the original control room that was used in the launching of the Apollo missions. Students</p>	<p>could stand under the largest rocket ever made, the Saturn V. One of the tour guides explained that this very rocket was used in the filming of Armageddon and was the structure that Ben Affleck and Bruce Willis sat in during filming.</p> <p>Dr. Roberts commented, “I’m not sure that I had any specific goals in</p>	<p>mind, other than to give students an opportunity. It’s likely that each student learned/enjoyed different aspects of the trip, which is great!”</p> <p>Students with a GPA of 3.2 or above are eligible to join the Honors Program at Armstrong. For more information, visit www.armstrong.edu/academic-resources/honors-program.</p>

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