In late September 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 Twine explained, "We began the process of clearing all roofs of debris, stacking 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 generating, and preparing our equipment.

Hurricane Matthew began ravaging Savannah Friday, Day 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 evacuation had been lifted. Thankfully, Twining had already made previous arrangements with Belfor Restoration—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' staffs were able to return to campus.

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

If 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 area, 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 internation al airport in Savannah was 71 knots. That is 81 miles per hour. That kind of gives you a feel from one part of the category that you were dealing with.

Fort Pulaski] had a storm surge that registered between seven to eight feet. That storm surge is the size 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 them to deal with.

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 tornado damage within the hurricane streaks of damage. There are some areas that just lost one tree 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 shattered 20 students on campus the weekend of Oct. 1-2, to Tybee Island, Florida, to visit the Kennedy Space Center. Director of Honors Dr. Jonathan Roberts and As sistant Director Dr. Sara Gremillion decided on the Kennedy Space Center as the destination for the program’s fall field 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 bring her students into an environment where they can immerse themselves in the many nuances and re sults of space has accom plished just that.

The honors group began their 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 containment that protects ‘vital organs’ inside the rover. A tool on the rover’s ‘hand’ […] chooses the rock samples […] then pours the samples […] into its ‘body.’ Once ‘digested’ inside, the rover can tell what are ‘just’ with tools that identify what the samples are made of.”

This exhibit was interesting to students because it provided 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, in cluding 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 one point, the smoke from the engines billows out of the HONORS | PG 6.
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impressive Chewbacca cos-

...spondents, wearing a variety of
costumes for the Wag-O-
Ween event. Savannahians get their Greek (back) on at 66th annual Greek Festival

”Visit Savannah has real-
...elected officials to co-design
cards, and many dog superhe-

Events were Great! Many of the
scheduled events included Miss Sa-
vannah Pride and Miss South
Carolina Pride. The night-
club DJ Scott Robert’s Dance
The crowd erupted in
cheers, and Danos, a real
Peter, chairman of the
Savannah Pride board,
aid, said, “We’re different
up the park, and volunteers
clean up the park.”

The amazing thing
that we do here is bring all
dogs together, because we
like to have that unique
experience, it’s honestly just a lot
of fun! I mean, we get to see
the amazing dog owners and
costumes and get some treats!

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

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
out for a treat in Savannah.
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
today, Wag-O-Ween is as pop-
ular as ever, with the amount
of participants and dogs growing each year.

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

In Wag-O-Ween’s first
year, 40 businesses gave out
treats. In 2016, there are now
over 100 businesses participating.

Jemma, the owner of the
Savannah Gawoon Room and
her sister/assistant, Anna, had a
table filled with dog treats, a
bubble machine, 5 dollars-off
cupon and business cards.
This is her third year attend-
ing Wag-O-Ween. She says that Wag-
O-Ween has always helped out
her business, but, “While
yeah, it promotes my busi-
ness, 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 lo-
cal animal rescue groups. The
philanthropists receiving
donations this year were The Dach-
sund Rescue of North Ameri-
can and Coastal Pet Rescue.

The Dachshund Rescue
of North America’s primary
goal is the rescue and rehabili-
tation of the pure bred dach-
shunds and dachshund mis-
mixes. They have successfully
provided at least 8,000 dogs
since 1998. They survive on
donations and money from volunteer.

The Coastal Pet Rescue
is a nonprofit organization
that rescues and cares for
homeless and abused animals.
They provide veterinary care
and pay all animals in prepara-
tion of foster care and even-
tual adoption.

Becky Crawford, a mem-
ber of Alpha Sigma Tau and
regular volunteer for the
Coastal Pet Rescue, remarked
that her favorite part about be-
ing part of Wag-O-Ween was,
“Being able to bring all the
dogs out, because it’s a
really special day for them. A
lot of them come from home-
less backgrounds, and it’s
a nice change to come here
and have it be about them and
try to get them adopted.”

Each organization brought
some of their sweetest dogs
to Wag-O-Ween in hopes that
someone would fall in love.
Mark your calendars. Next
year, bring a dog and go out
and get some treats!
What are you dressing up as for Halloween?

Megan Guinn
Freshman, Biology

Minnie Mouse. I’m still working on it.

Adriana Hoelt
Sophomore, Rehab science

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

Rebecca Jones
Sophomore, Undeclared

A rodeo. I already have a red robe and I was just going to wear my boots and spandex shorts with it.

Caty Zander
Freshman, Political science

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

Abbie Paul
Sophomore, Radiological science

Jennifer Tamblyn
Senior, Biology

A mermaid. I have red hair extensions. I’ve ordered the leggins and am going to make a skirt with the clams.

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 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 those student leadership positions, we 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 obstacles to our ends goals of coming 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 to quit and let some other 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 Senate, CUB Member, SGA Attorney General, 2 or 3 others, and now, the role I cherish and respect most: the year as Student Government President. We campaigned under the name D.M.A.C, in which we challenged ourselves and you to work with us to take bold steps and initiate bold projects, which would have a far-reaching and lasting impact on campus. I am pleased to say so far, 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 bash 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 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 you can 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 wasteful. 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 your nutes: The Defiance of Abraham Ford

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 finale in April.

It was a long-awaited return 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-sniff, militant character played by Michael Cudlitz, and brutally beating his head into a bloody mess onto the cold gravel ground of the run-down woods in northern Georgia.

However, before Ford’s brains were spread out all over the ground, he gave one final shot of defiance to Negan to give his crew and the fans 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 nutes.”

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-word in the critically-acclaimed and award-winning show “Breaking Bad” and felt absolutely no shame for doing so. Have you have believed 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 could have killed the main group from rising up and rebelling against the new leader. Abraham was one of the strongest characters, both physically and emotionally, on the show, with him being the backbone of the group 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 dead 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 F**ker,” “Who’s Deanna?”, “You were wearing 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.

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

**STAFF WRITER**

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 won on Friday to play the Lander University Bears on Fred, October 21. Hitting was very strong for the Pirates during the first set, where they hit astellar .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 Kristel Pridgen's 10-point service run propelled the Pirates ahead. Vaughn had three aces in her own, and sophomore Raquel Kulak registered a seven-point service run, allowing to the Pirates to cruise to a 25-15 second set victory. Armstrong then hit .296 and put up 15 kills to take the third set and the win 25-18.

Three Pirates had double-digit kills during the match. Sophomore Plivas 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 year," 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 7-0 almost a month prior, but the Pacers got their revenge by defeating the Pirates 3-1.

Scores were 25-22, 25-22, 23-25, 27-25.

Aiken went on the offensive early in the first set, taking advantage of an early 4-0 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 in the match. Armstrong came roaring back during the third set, using a 7-0 run to finally get a victory.

USC Aiken led 24-21 during the fourth set, but a kill from Raegan Grooms and two Pirate 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 straight points from the Pacers ended the Pirates' hopes for a fifth set and allowed to Pirates to claim the match.

Four players for the Pirates 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 set 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 their first home match since September 24. They will next face the Cougars of Columbus State University on October, 24 and 28, in the annual "Dig Pink" breast cancer awareness match.
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LUCY STONE

Due to Hurricane Matthew and Tropical Storm Herminia, seven days have been lost in Armstrong’s academic calendar. To make up for the days lost, changes in the fall semester were made to ensure that Armstrong meets the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. The Faculty Senate President and President-Elect, the deans, and Roger Wielick Drive remains in a state of disarray. On the aerobics front, our new tennis complex sustained significant damage from the storm — including damage to the northwest courts, fencing, bleachers, and light poles — and the softball outfield fence needs to be replaced.

That same day, most of Faculty Services had returned and began assessing each building and room on campus for damages. There were only minor damage to Armstrong’s interior that included some water intrusions that caused damage to a few ceiling tiles.

Thanks to the combined efforts of Belfor Restoration, Armstrong’s Faculty Services and Custodial Staff, Armstrong was able to reopen Friday, Oct. 21.

After experiencing Hurricane Matthew and seeing the effects it has caused, Faculty Services is working towards developing a more solid Hurricane preparedness plan that will ensure more safety measures and procedures in the future.

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The National Hurricane Center webpage (www.nhc.noaa.gov) provides hurricane information on current storms and then you can also find things to prepare yourself — plans and kits and ideas for those kinds of things. Do you have anything you would like to say to the readers of The Inkwell?

Count your blessings if you didn’t get hit too hard. Be prepared for the next storm. Whenever it might happen. Preparation is the key.

HIROK K | PG 1

and spread across the sky, the screen slowly fades out, recreating the original Atlantis shuttle.

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 scuff marks and dents that littered the surface of the shuttle.

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.

Student Leila Caugham got to experience her favorite part of the trip, the Vehicle Assembly Building, a giant building “that was, at the time,...the largest building by volume in the world.”

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 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.

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 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.

Dr. Roberts commented, “I’m not sure that I have any specific goals in mind, other than to give all students an opportunity. It’s likely that each student learned enjoyed different aspects of the trip, which is great!”

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