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Gen. Casimir Pulaski Monument in Monterey Square. Photo by Hannah Hanlon
Spencer Demink Reflects on First Tenure as SGA Executive Vice President

By: Ethan Smith

Spencer Demink, who was re-elected as the Executive Vice President of the Student Government Association (SGA), remains confident despite dealing with issues concerning consolidation and commencement ahead of his second tenure as EVP.

Demink has served as EVP since the beginning of the Fall 2018 semester, serving before and during the consolidation process at the Armstrong campus.

Demink is also a member of various campus organizations such as the Gay-Straight Alliance and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and works as a Campus Ambassador and Field Representative for a gubernatorial campaign in the state of Georgia.

“Morale is slowly coming back, so I feel good about the upcoming semester,” Demink said.

“We have created a pretty good relationship with the university and I am fairly confident with the new leadership within SGA [New SGA President Juwan Smith and his team],” Demink said. “Going into my second term, things will come a bit easier, so I am fairly confident about the fall 2019 semester.”

“I have not had the pleasure of working with [Smith] closely but when he campaigned, his resume was pretty impressive when it came to leadership across numerous organizations,” said Demink.

“His ‘Family Matters’ campaign idea was solid, however I hope there is a bit more substance in what he’s asking for. I’m excited to see what he’s got though.”

Demink later commended the student body for sticking out in what was a rollercoaster of a semester.

“I just want to say thank you for sticking with it and being very strong in regards to university issues,” he said. “I know campus morale was not the best but I personally have seen an uptick in that over the last couple weeks.”

“Time heals all wounds and the further we get into the university, the better the university will get. Our team is super excited to be the voice of the student body.”

Demink will begin his second tenure as SGA EVP at the beginning of the fall semester of 2019 along with his fellow Senators and Cabinet.

Avengers Playlist

1. The Avengers
2. Captain America - Captain America: The First Avenger
3. Black Tears - Guardians of the Galaxy
4. Sakaar Chase - Thor: Ragnarok
5. Wakanda - Black Panther
6. Let's Bring Him Home - Captain Marvel
7. Theme From Ant-Man
8. The Winter Soldier - Captain America: The Winter Soldier
9. Theme from Spider Man TV Series - Spider-Man: Homecoming
10. Infinity War - Avengers: Infinity War

Find the playlist on Spotify!
Pick of the Week
Thursday, April 25
STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY
3p.m -5p.m.

The University Programming Board (UPB) will be hosting a Student Appreciation Day on Thursday, April 25 to honor the student body as a whole for their efforts this semester.

The event will be jam-packed with things for student to engage with including a balloon artist, a caricature artist and inflatables.

Cotton candy, concessions and giveaways will be provided as well for students who attend and take time from studying ahead of finals week.

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Meme Of The Week

Come by, pitch ideas, and give us your opinions on what you want to put in the paper.
Dr. Virginia Estabrook on her experience in investigation of Gen. Pulaski’s bones

By: Hannah Hanlon

Ever since the Smithsonian Channel documentary about Brigadier General Casimir Pulaski was released on April 8, Dr. Virginia Estabrook, a Georgia Southern anthropology professor, has been fielding phone calls and interview requests from around the world.

“This is not usually my life,” said Estabrook. “It has been crazy!”

The interest and curiosity are understandable.

Pulaski is considered an American Revolutionary War hero and is called the Father of the American Cavalry.

As portrayed in the documentary, there was an investigation into the bones that were discovered at the original Pulaski monument in Monterey Square in Savannah.

The suspicion was that the bones were not actually from Casimir Pulaski.

The investigation began in 1996 when the monument was in need of repair, and was initially trying to deduce whether there were human remains inside the monument?

Karen Burns, a well-reputed forensic anthropologist, and Chuck Powell, the coordinator for the Pulaski Identification Committee, had the monument opened in 1996. A metal box was found, and inside there were the remains of what appeared to be a complete skeleton.

An examination by Burns ensued.

If the skeleton had looked like the expected skeleton of a man, the investigation would have ended there; yet, the pelvis of the skeletal remains was presumed to be feminine, and this discovery raised a plethora of questions.

At the focus of these, was the question that prompted the documentary: “were the skeletal remains found inside the monument actually Pulaski’s?”

Burns conducted a forensic examination of the skeleton for more than ten years but died in 2012 without finding a definite answer.

In 2015, Chuck Powell’s daughter, Lisa Powell, approached Estabrook to interest her in joining a new investigation if the skeleton that had been found was Pulaski’s.

“I got involved in all of this because of my student [Powell],” said Estabrook.

“We basically reopened the case files and thought is there anything else we can get from this?”

One of the early goals was to incite scientific research into the case and to raise awareness about the capabilities of the available technologies that would be used to derive conclusive findings.

Eventually, these endeavors proved to be successful. Through a series of genetic research tests done at Lakehead University Paleo-DNA lab in Ontario, Canada, a match was found between DNA extracted from Pulaski’s bones and a tooth from Pulaski’s grandniece.

“We know now that this was Pulaski,” said Estabrook.

Now that the first big question was solved, another one was raised from the consideration of the appearance of the exumed skeleton’s and pelvis: “Was Pulaski intersex?”

“What I saw were bones that looked biologically female,” said Estabrook in the documentary.

The question of whether Pulaski was intersex appears to be unresolved due to the limited understanding of how an intersex condition might be revealed in the analysis of a skeleton.

“We really don’t know how an intersex condition affects skeletal development,” said Estabrook.

“For some of these things, like the skeletal development, we don’t really know what intersex looks like, and there are also a bunch of different ways of being intersex, too, and even in individuals with the same condition, there is some variation.”

Pulaski is unique from an anthropological perspective.

“He never perceived himself as anything other than a man,” said Estabrook.

The explanations for why his skeleton developed the way it did remain to be speculated.

As for the public’s response of the investigation findings, there seems to be more curiosity than negativity.

“This went viral really fast,” said Estabrook. “Within a matter of a couple of days, it was everywhere.”


Interestingly, there has been little community interest in Savannah, perhaps because people locally have already known about the Pulaski monument report.

One of the most interesting questions Estabrook has received is “does this rewrite history?”

“One on level, no, Pulaski is Pulaski. What he did does not change,” said Estabrook.

“What does maybe change is that his story becomes relevant to a different group of people than his story was relevant to before.”


Estabrook points out the differences between a male and female pelvic bone. Photo by Hannah Hanlon.
Op-Ed: Game of Thrones Season 8 Episode 2 Recap

***SPOILERS AHEAD***

By: Ethan Smith

The Battle of Winterfell is upon us and it is going to be interesting. Here is your season 8, episode 2 recap of Game of Thrones with some opinions sprinkled in as usual.

Jaime arrived in Winterfell to conclude episode one and was immediately questioned by many people who have been impacted by his decisions through the shows duration, including Dany, Sansa, Jon, Brienne and others. Brienne of Tarth basically saves Jaime by pleading with Sansa and Dany, saying that he is noble and wants to fight for the living and not against the North, leading the North to invite Jaime to join their fight.

Bran also hits Jaime with “The things we do for love,” the same line that Jaime spoke before he pushed Bran out of the tower in season 1. Jaime later comes to find that Bran never told anyone about the incident as well.

The Gendry and Arya tension continued as she wanted to know what sex felt like before imminent death comes in the form of the Night King. They have sex, which led me to remember when Sansa and Joffrey were put together by Ned Stark and Robert Baratheon.

By technicality, Gendry is a Baratheon and Arya is obviously a Stark, so that could be interesting to follow throughout the rest of the season.

Much of the episode targeting Tyrion, Jaime, Brienne, Ser Davos, Podrick and Tormund and their conversation ahead of the Battle of Winterfell.

Tormund has arguably one of the funniest stories to tell in television history, explaining that he gained his nickname from killing a giant when he was 10 years-old and sucking the teat of his wife who thought Tormund was her son.

Just an amazing moment in the show that will be remembered for years to come.

Earlier in the episode, we come to find that Brienne will be manning the left portion of the battlefield and during the conversation with the six characters, Jaime knights Brienne, making her the Ser Brienne of Tarth and a Knight of the Seven Kingdoms, becoming the first woman to do so.

Sansa and Dany also had their first conversation one-on-one and to say things were intense would be an understatement.

Sansa questions Dany’s plans for the North following the war with the White Walkers, exclaiming that “The North will not bow to anyone else again.” This led to Dany and Sansa being interrupted and meeting with Theon, who saved Sansa at one point and pledged his allegiance to Dany.

The confrontations between Sansa and Dany will be interesting to follow as the tension between the two build. The two never got on good footing from the get-go and family allegiance could play a major role in how the two interact and make decisions to decide each other’s fate.

The Night’s Watch had a bit of a reunion as the group had a conversation ahead of the battle, making jokes and bringing back some old memories.

The episode’s conclusion was nearly identical to episode one. Dany finds Jon in the crypts of Winterfell ahead of the fight and Jon cuts to chase, exclaiming to Dany that he is indeed Aegon Targaryen and the rightful heir to the throne.

Why does this matter? Because Dany is actively attempting to seize control of the Seven Kingdoms, yet her lover is the rightful heir to do so.

The two were interrupted by a war horn, signifying that the Night King and his undead army are close and approaching quickly.

Tyrion overlooks the battlefield, much like he did when King’s Landing was under attack and the camera shifts to the

Race For the Cure Hits Savannah on Saturday

By: Ethan Smith

The 2019 Susan G. Komen Savannah Race for the Cure will hit the streets of Savannah this Saturday, April 27 in efforts to fight breast cancer.

The race is an annual event held in Savannah that helps raise funds for the breast cancer movement with the help of breast cancer survivors, fighters and other contributors.

The majority of funds made from the event will go to local programs that offer breast cancer awareness courses, screenings as well as screenings and treatment for those who are fighting against it.

One in eight women in the United States are diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime and at the current rate that breast cancer diagnoses are going, there will be 13 million breast cancer victims in the next 25 years.

These facts and many others motivate the Susan G. Komen fundraisers not only for this event, but year-round.

Race for the Cure alone has raised $2 billion dollars to help fund research projects, educational courses, screenings and treatment for breast cancer.

Currently, the Savannah race has raised around $130 thousand and has a goal to raise $210 thousand by the events end.

Donations to the race as well as participation within the race can be made individually or collectively.

Packet pick-up and registration is set to begin on Saturday, April 27 at 6:45 a.m. while the 5K is set to start the same day around 8:30 a.m. at Ellis Square in downtown Savannah.

After the race, a Survivor Volunteer Award, Racer Awards and Top Fundraising Awards will be awarded during the closing ceremony of the event.

Paint Savannah Pink and support breast cancer awareness this Saturday in Savannah.

Registration and donations can be found at komencoastalgeorgia.org.
The Georgia Southern University: Armstrong Campus Chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi extends its congratulations to the following 2019 initiates who were selected for membership. Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline honor society. 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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HASSLE-FREE LIVING
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BETTER GRADES
Students who live on campus show higher rates of retention and academic achievement than their commuter counterparts!

THEME HOUSING
With choices like Greek Life, Global Crossroads, and Transfer Strong, theme housing provides you the opportunity to live with students who share your common interests!

SECURITY
The Armstrong campus has its own campus police force! On campus crime rates are MUCH lower than any neighborhood within a few miles.

MORE SLEEP
Feel like a nap between classes? Go for it! Home is just a few steps away!

FRIENDS
It’s way easier to make friends on campus! Whether you share the same major or other common interests, you’ll find a someone to connect with!

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Resident Advisors provide you with tons of activities such as game nights, pot luck dinners, socials, and other programs designed to help you be a better student! Most have free food!

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Everything is at your finger tips! From common rooms with flat screen TVs to the Rec Center, to the Learning Commons, it’s all so conveniently located!

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