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An evening view of the library as campus prepares for finals. Photo by Madison Watkins.
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By: Madison Watkins

On Monday afternoon, Gamble Hall was mournfully quiet as students and faculty members walked to the center of the main hallway to observe the memorial put up in honor of Dr. William ‘Bill’ Deaver, who passed away suddenly on April 28.

He was 58 years-old.

He had a Ph.D. from Florida State University, a M.A. from University of Virginia and a B.A. from University of Virginia.

His teaching interests included Spanish, Spanish American Literature and Culture, U. S. Hispanic Film and Literature.

The Foreign Language department put up the memorial on Monday morning so students could pay their respects to his family.

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The memorial for Dr. Deaver in Gamble Hall. Photo by Madison Watkins.

Students writing their thoughts on the memorial for Deaver’s family. Photos by Madison Watkins.

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Meme
Of The Week

brains on finals week

Come by, pitch ideas, and give us your opinions on what you want to put in the paper.

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Lantern Walk: A Ceremony for Graduating Seniors
May 10, 2019
7:00pm-9:00pm
Student Union Ballroom

Join the Inkwell staff for a ceremony honoring graduating seniors. Lanterns will be lit and floated on the water for a special celebratory event. It is a special time to remember the graduating class of 2019.

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Enrollment declined at Armstrong Campus

By: Hannah Hanlon

Enrollment at the Armstrong campus has declined 12.3 percent from 2017 to 2018, according to the Statesboro Herald, and students on campus attribute it to limited academic offerings as well as the lack of campus life.

Visitors and students alike find the Armstrong campus to be attractive in the way it envelops the allure of its host city, Savannah. Despite being in the surrounding Savannah, the small campus seems to be losing its appeal.

“We need something to bring people in to the campus, because it’s not only killing admissions in getting people here, it’s killing Greek life,” said Tyler Craft, a military veteran and aspiring mechanical engineer. Craft enrolled in fall 2017 right before the merger.

“What does this campus have other than that it’s in Savannah?”

The discontinuing of athletics has played a major part in the enrollment decline. Prior to the consolidation, Armstrong offered scholarships as an extra incentive for international athletic students to attend. The lack of an official athletics program has played a part in the decline of student residence on campus.

It is worth noting that a student sports fee goes to busing Armstrong campus students out to the Statesboro campus for sporting events. However, it has been reported within a previous Inkwell Edition story that this facility has been underutilized.

Along with this complaint, were several others. Half of Windward Commons is now empty.

Some students also feel that their chosen majors are being choked out.

“My degree (Mechanical Engineering) isn’t here anymore,” said Craft. “They’ve already choked out a lot of IT degrees. They got rid of all of them and sent them to Georgia Southern,” he elaborated.

Another concern emphasized the declining male Greek life.

“Most of the degrees here are geared more towards the healthcare industry, and it’s predominantly more female than male, so it’s actually sucking the male Greek life out of here,” Craft continued.

“I have fraternity brothers who are no longer going to be on this campus, because they can’t actively participate in the fraternity they joined.”

According to an email from marketing representative, John Lester, Georgia Southern Interim Vice President for Strategic Communications, research is underway to help give insight into why students do or do not come to Georgia Southern along with plans to develop a strategic enrollment plan.

Pros and Cons of Campus Study Spaces

By: Rebecca Munday

“Depending on how much work I have depends on where I go,” says Brendon Hines, a commuter student on campus.

After interviewing him and three other students majoring in different fields, it was clear to see that while everyone has their own favorite places to study, there are similarities in the advantages and disadvantages among choice study spaces.

This article will examine the benefits and disadvantages of the most common study spaces on campus: both floors of the library, the Learning Commons and the student’s home or dorm.

The pros of studying on the first floor of the library include: the quiet atmosphere, which makes it feel easier to accomplish work; the proximity to the research librarians; the availability of physical books and the bathrooms.

The cons of the first floor of the library were usually attributed to the lack of access to food and comfortable seating.

One student was displeased that the coffee tables were often much lower than the chairs themselves, which made it hard to get comfortable for reading.

Another student said that because the first floor of the library was not as quiet as the second floor, it was seen as more distracting.

The benefits of the second floor of the library include: being the quietest study space on campus with the least amount of distractions and being the least crowded study space.

On the other hand, “Sometimes, it puts me to sleep because it’s too quiet,” said Hines.

Another student, Truc Nguyen, prefers the quiet.

“Quiet is better,” said Nguyen.

The pros of the Learning Commons are its computers and study rooms, which are useful for group work.

On the other hand, everyone who was interviewed deemed the Learning Commons as too loud, too distracting, too busy and too crowded.

It also isn’t as well advertised as the other places on campus. One of the students interviewed, Zahra Pleasant, said, “it doesn’t come to mind to go study there.”

Studying in a student’s home or dorm is beneficial because it’s convenient, they can control their stimuli, to an extent, and it’s more comfortable and relaxed.

In the words of residential student Nora Cook, “I can study in my own space.”

However, the students did mention several distractions to studying in their home or dorm. The cons of studying in one’s home or dorm are it being easy to fall asleep since a bed is nearby and it being the most distracting of the study spaces.

Cook said, “I distract myself too easily in my dorm.”

“You basically just have to see what environment you prefer,” Pleasant said of how she learned which study space she liked the best.

Now that you have this list of pros and cons, it should help you make that decision about which study spaces on campus you prefer in preparation for finals week.

By: Ethan Smith

As most of you know by now, the consolidation process has not exactly been smooth by any means.

Since Armstrong State University became Georgia Southern University on January 1, 2018 there have been issues regarding classes being offered on one campus and not another, issues with commencement and where families will see their children graduate and an issue of inclusion between the three unique campuses of Georgia Southern.

With that said, here is what I believe needs to happen for the upcoming fall semester.

Inclusion Across the Three Campuses

As I stated before, there is no sense of unity across the three campuses (Statesboro, Armstrong and Liberty). Statesboro by far has more events, more school spirit, more academic outreach, more everything it seems like.

Yes, I understand the Statesboro campus is the main campus while Armstrong and Liberty are satellite campuses, but when you state “Three Campuses. One University” you need to make it feel that way.

Statesboro also has athletics unlike the other two campuses (Armstrong includes intramurals), but integrating Armstrong and Liberty into those athletics would go a very long way in getting students involved in athletics which is a major part of the college experience.

Also, having more student events on the satellite campuses would get students more amped about being a Georgia Southern Eagle rather than complaining about it like the student body has for the last two semesters.

Inclusion is what the students here in Savannah and Hinesville want. They want to feel like they belong to something and aren’t just an added statistic to a consolidation process. They want to feel wanted and Georgia Southern needs to make it feel that way.

More Class Offerings in Savannah

Many majors here in Savannah were effectively moved to Statesboro following the consolidation despite many believing that they could stay in Savannah through the old core, but with the loss of staff, that belief quickly faded away.

Many students such as myself will eventually have no choice but to make the move to Statesboro before they graduate.

The Armstrong campus has quickly shifted towards a nursing and education school with the new Waters College building entering the fold in the spring semester. Classes such as engineering, journalism and others for example will be moved to Statesboro, forcing those who are in those majors to change along with the moves being made.

More classes need to be offered in Savannah, period.

Yes, faculty left the university and some more may be following them in the near future, which obviously hinders class offerings.

However the university plans to tackle this issue has nothing to do with me but I hope they fix this issue in the near future to benefit Armstrong campus students.

Dr. Marrero Must Have A Strong Presence

Georgia Southern announced that Dr. Kyle Marrero would become the 14th President of the university about a month ago, making him the first president of the consolidated university.

In an interview with The George-Anne Inkwell Edition a few weeks ago, Marrero had this to say about making his presence felt in Savannah:

“I want to back-and-forth as much as possible. I am going to be in Savannah as much as I am in Statesboro and Hinesville.”

I hope he truly means that because the students at the Savannah and Hinesville campuses need to see their president and have a belief that he will be readily available when he needs to be.

A big way that Marrero can do this is having an open forum every month on this campus for students to voice their concerns and allow their opinions to be heard from the biggest figure within the university.

Marrero also has the advantage of having a home here in Savannah, so the likelihood that he makes good on his promise is very likely.

These issues among others have solutions that can make the fall semester of 2019 the best since the beginning of the consolidated university. Will the university fix some of them? Only time will tell.

There won’t be blood: free tampons coming to a bathroom near you

By: Nora Cook

“One thing that I’ve learned in my 28 years is that no situation is unique... so I come from a low-income, background where I’ve had to choose between food and (menstruation) products,” explained Nora Cook.

Cook saw a need for menstrual products on campus, and with the help of the Homeless Period Project, she is able to fill that need.

After leaving class and repeatedly finding tampons and pads unavailable, Cook broached the subject with campus club Feminists United (FU). A new member had experience working with the homeless to provide products and jumpstarted Cook’s own research.

The Homeless Period Project is based out of Greenville, SC. that provides products to homeless people, schools, clubs and organizations.

“It’s not just a homeless problem, financial security is multi-faceted,” she elaborated.

From there she reached out to them and asked how she could start something like it at Armstrong.

The head of the project replied immediately, “we will send you whatever you need, just give us an address.”

After, Cook made an appointment with Dean of Students Andrew Dies. Dies was very enthusiastic about expanding the food pantry to include menstrual products.

In the long term, Cook hopes to put receptacles in every bathroom.

In Fall, existing Captain’s Cupboard recipients can fill out a form requesting the products and new recipients can follow the existing procedures for applying to the Cupboard.

Thanks to the health center, Cook has already received a large donation of tampons and pads and is currently looking for donations of make-up bags to put the products in as well.

For donations and more information contact Nora Cook via email at ne03197@georgiasouthern.edu.

You should never have to roll your own.

Because the DIY lifestyle shouldn’t involve your uterus. Photo courtesy of the Homeless Period Project.
French Film Competition

By: Rebecca Munday

Dr. Michel Man and his colleague, Dr. Hapsatou Wane, invited the Department of Foreign Languages director and another professor to help them judge Armstrong campus’s first French Film Competition. The competition was held between 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on April 29 in the Language Lab, which is located in Gamble Hall. There were eight videos submitted to the competition. The videos varied in length and topic. One girl named Mallory introduced her parents, sisters and the family dog at the beginning of the family vacation they took to the beach. That video won third place in the competition.

A few students did a tour of their room. They went around the room and named the things in the room. One girl even read off note cards as she went around the room and said things like “C’est mon bureau.” Or “This is my desk.”

A couple other students toured the campus. One group gave directions to different places around campus using the campus map. Another group talked about the different buildings on campus and what each of them did.

One of the members of that group, Natalia Santiago Melendez lamented about how difficult it was to film the video for the competition. She and her partner went around campus for about two hours to film all the footage they needed for the video. Then, they had to cut and splice all the footage together and the video ended up being only about eleven minutes.

Santiago Melendez said, “When we were filming it was so hot outside.”

Then, the rest of the videos were unconventional displays of the students’ knowledge of the French language. The winners of the competition, Brook, Kelly, Abriel and Taylor Wright, filmed a video about American culture. They talked about food, fashion and other parts of American culture.

Man will leave the Armstrong Campus at the end of the semester. He will be replaced with a faculty member from Statesboro.

However, Man hoped by hosting the first French Film Competition this semester that the department would take initiative and continue this tradition in the semesters to come.

Man talked about offering prizes to the winners even though they did not have enough time to come up with any this year. He hopes that after he leaves the university, the department will continue the competition and expand it to the other campuses of Georgia Southern University and other universities across Georgia.

Find the playlist on Spotify!
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Lauren Crisp  
Major: English Communications  
I loved my time on the Armstrong campus, particularly due to the faculty I have had the pleasure to study under while here. I'm pretty sure I owe the LLP faculty in Gamble my soul along with my diploma. I really had no idea what I wanted to do when I entered college, and I was lucky enough to have professors who were willing to take the time to mentor me.

Alazay Streeter  
Theatre-Management Track  
I had a great time during my time at Armstrong. I was introduced to some of the most amazing people and I've had so many great experiences.

Bianca Lindsay  
Major: Theatre-Performance Track  
I am most excited about leaving Savannah and applying what I learned in class to receive a job in post-grad life.

Megan Daughtrey  
Major: Computer Science  
I'm very glad that I stayed here. The people I've met—the things I've learned—my teachers that I had pushed me to be where I am now, and without them I wouldn't be here.

Ayman Barybas  
Major: Computer Science  
Well... first, I'm very excited about graduation. You know, it's been a four-year journey, and it's come to an end. I've been waiting for this moment for—for four years. That's a lot man. It's four years of my life, at Armstrong.