FLY INTO FALL

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESSES CRITICAL ISSUES

Volunteers helping freshmen move into Windward Commons. Photo by Nick Shrader.
MEET THE EDITORS

From left to right: Madison Watkins, Lila Miller and Stanton Dobson.

MADISON WATKINS, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
Hello there, fellow students! My name is Madison Watkins and I’m your Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of the George-Anne: Inkwell Edition. This is my second semester as EIC and while the job does bring it’s challenges, I thoroughly enjoy engaging with all of you and keeping you updated on what’s happening on campus. This campus has been through a lot since my freshman year but it makes the job exciting.

I am majoring in Theatre with minors in film and journalism.

I will be graduating in December so I will do my best to make this paper the best it can be.

If you have any ideas you think need our attention or questions, please feel free to come by the office or send me an email. I’ll be happy to help!

STANTON DOBSON, COPY EDITOR
Hello, my name is Stanton Dobson. I am the copy editor of the George-Anne: Inkwell Edition. This 2019-2020 school year, I am not just a senior but graduating one at that.

It’s been a long time coming but I am proud to say that this is my last semester at Georgia Southern formerly known as Armstrong State University. The experiences that I have undergone at the university have shaped me into not only a stronger scholar but also a more mature--prepared individual, and I think now I am finally ready to engage with this nation’s economy on my own and to prosper within it. By this December I will have earned what I originally set out to achieve: my bachelor’s degree in computer science with a minor in physics. I am grateful for not only my time spent here at this university but for my time spent in service at Inkwell and all of the opportunities that this position has afforded me--for all the poten experiences that I have lived through here. I’m hoping to make this semester, my last semester at this university, a powerful and successful one to further the prominent lineage of this proud publication.

LILA MILLER, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR
Hello Armstrong Campus and beyond, I’m Lila Miller and I’ve been attending this university in some form or fashion since January 2014. Since then, I have worked with the Inkwell during the Armstrong years, as well as through last year’s transition into becoming the George-Anne: Inkwell edition. As a longtime Savannah resident and Armstrong student, I think it is integral to our identity as an institution to continue to amplify our campus’ unique voices and surrounding culture. I have been a writer, section editor and editor-in-chief in my time at the Inkwell. I will finish the school year out as the arts and entertainment editor while I complete my undergraduate degree in Writing. I am more passionate about the written word, psychology, art, music, and popular culture as a whole. This year (after many trials and tribulations), I am pleased to write that I will be graduating in the Spring of 2020. If you happen to run into a girl around campus bobbing around with a shag of pink hair, say hi and recommend some songs for our weekly playlist or an event you think we should cover. See you around!

SGA EVP WELCOME LETTER

Dear Students of the Armstrong and Liberty Campuses,

Your Student Government Association welcomes you home and wishes you a prosperous 2019-2020 academic and extracurricular school year! Personally I am beyond excited to get this year started as your SGA President. For the first time in a long time, I am pleased to say that this is my last semester here at Georgia Southern.

This year there will be no limit to what we are capable of accomplishing as we plan on and have already made strides in tackling subjects like graduation, class availability and racial representation, gender-inclusive housing and much more.

Your Student Government is also planning to work on new ideas, like lowering Transcript Request Fees, as Georgia Southern actually has the most expensive fee in all of Georgia at $10 per request. We have already made strides to add the Military Resource Center back on the campus map, and we will once again be hosting our annual Toys For Tots Drive starting in November.

We also plan to recreate class-specific Facebook pages, in-turn bringing back communal hubs for students to talk to each other, discuss classes or even advertise upcoming events. We are also rolling out a textbook exchange Facebook page for both the Armstrong and Liberty Campuses. This will act as a group setting for students to be able to give and receive textbooks needed for class in one convenient location without having to deal with vendor prices.

In addition to all of this, we will also be hosting a Clothing Closet sale for students and local community members to participate in! On Wednesday, August 21st, SGA will be selling clean and washed clothing in front of the Learning Commons of financial assistance and has been historically very beneficial to students in the past. There is name brand clothing from Banana Republic to J. Crew to Ann Taylor and much more and

the best part is that the prices of each piece of clothing range from only $1-$2.

Student Government is here to support you. If you like our experience here at Georgia Southern, but probably more importantly if you don’t, come talk to us! We hold Senate Meetings every Monday at 12:15 in the Student Union Ballrooms. You can see our Senators in action, request funding for your club or conference travel, learn how we function and how you can help, or just voice your opinions and concerns. If that time doesn’t work, that’s okay as someone is always in our office in room D234 on the second floor of the Student Union. We listen to everyone and encourage you to join us!

The Senators and Executives that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up that represent you and your interests are absolutely fired up.

Thank you,

Spencer DeMink
Executive Vice President of the Armstrong and Liberty Campuses
Student Government Association

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The George-Anne Inkwell Edition will follow each of the topics introduced in the convocation all throughout the semester.

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Welcome back Armstrong Campus students, faculty and staff! Whether you’re just starting out as a freshman, returning to college after a hiatus or anywhere in between, hopefully these tips can help make the semester a bit easier.

First things first, no one really knows what they’re doing. If they say they do, they need more help than we can provide and it’s best to leave them to their own futile devices.

The first week of classes can seem like a blur of revised schedules, mind-numbing syllabi and anxiety-inducing icebreaker “getting to know you” games. Life takes time. It takes a little “getting to know you” time.

WHAT THE HEALTH?

Not down with the sickness? If you’re feeling ill, there is a clinic available on campus to fulfill a variety of health needs. In conjunction with Memorial Health University Physicians, the clinic offers student health services that range from sexual health screenings to flu shots to health examinations for prescriptions. Most appointments run at merely $10 per session with student ID. Appointments can be made via phone at (912) 961-5726 or walk-in during their regular hours Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The clinic is located near student dorms in Compass Point at the health center.

Feeling overwhelmed or stressed out? Armstrong Campus also offers mental health services including counseling and psychiatry free of charge. To book an appointment, call (912) 344-2529. The counseling center is located in front of Windward Commons in the student annex at 7000 Compass Point.

MAKING CONNECTIONS ON CAMPUS

With over 5,000 students on Armstrong’s campus alone, it can be easy to feel isolated or difficult to make friends at first. Take advantage of the many teams, organizations, groups, clubs and classes offered to students to make connections and meet like-minded people. The Student Recreation Center (SRC) offers a plethora of intramural sports, field trips, club teams and casual group classes for those more athletically-inclined.

Pay attention to flyers located all over campus advertising rush week for sororities and fraternities, as well as scholarly and special-interest clubs. Stay tuned for a forthcoming article highlighting various clubs on campus next week. The Student Organization Fair will be held on Aug. 27, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the residential plaza.

TAKE A FAST PASS TO CLASS

As a commuter campus, Armstrong has a multitude of students that live off-campus and have to travel to and from classes, as well as dorm dwellers that don’t have cars. GSU and the Chatham Area Transit (CAT) have partnered together to offer the college pass program. Unlimited bus passes for students can be purchased from the bookstore for a one-time fee of $150 with student ID. The pass is active during their regular hours Monday through Thursday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Supermarket Stops

It isn’t difficult to get burnt out on cafeteria and fast food. Thankfully, there are several different grocery stores open to purchase whatever your particular palette prefers. The Target Supercenter is located within the Savannah Mall, Walmart’s Neighborhood Market is several miles North on Abercorn St. Also slated to open this Fall is the new Aldi’s grocery store located next to the Savannah Mall.

Missing Information?

Is there something we might have missed? If you have any hot tips, local haunts or fun events you’d like to share around campus and the immediate area, please shoot us an email at arts.inkwell@gmail.com
BY MCCAIN BAXLEY AND SARAH SMITH
The George-Anne Statesboro staff

To accommodate the merge of the campuses, Georgia Southern University will provide shuttle services for commuting students, faculty, and staff to and from Statesboro and Savannah.

The 24 passenger shuttle will make four round trips on days university offices are open.

Here is the full departure schedule:
Statesboro -- 6:45 a.m.
Armstrong -- 8:15 a.m.
Statesboro -- 9:45 a.m.
Armstrong -- 11:15 a.m.
Statesboro -- 1:30 p.m.
Armstrong -- 3 p.m.
Statesboro -- 4:30 p.m.
Armstrong -- 6 p.m.

“There’s been a lot of people asking if there’s going to be a shuttle to go from campus to campus,” said Derrick Davis, Director of Parking and Transportation. “We looked at all sorts of options but settled with First Transit.”

With the shuttle’s route being primarily on I-16 and I-95, two dangerous roads, Davis and other officials hope that having a professional driver would be a better alternative than students and faculty making the trek themselves.

“I’ve talked to several people in SGA. I’ve talked to 20-30 people on both campuses,” Davis said. “Some people thought that no one is going to ride it, others thought it was a great idea.”

This shuttle is different than the Kelly Tours shuttle that GS Athletics uses for home football and basketball games. Davis said that the athletics department was still responsive to the idea.

“I talked to several people in athletics and they were really excited because they had several people that the night before a big game, they were staying (in Statesboro),” Davis said. “Now, with the shuttle, they’ll be able to come up the next morning.”

The shuttle will depart from Russell Union in Statesboro and from the Sports Center parking lot on Savannah’s Armstrong Campus and the service is free to all students, faculty and staff.

The shuttle service is now available.

New campus shuttle. Photo by Rachel Hammond.
**FIND YOUR PLACE ON CAMPUS**

Organizations recognized by the Office of Student Activities (may be contacted via myInvolvement):

**ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATION**
To account an interest and understanding of the accounting field and profession; to unite students who have similar interests and ideals. Our goal is to prepare our members for the transition from the academic world to the business world.

**ACTIVE MINDS**
Active Minds at Armstrong is a recognized chapter within the national Active Minds organization that is comprised of more than 400 college chapters; all working towards one goal - to change the conversation about mental health. Founded to combat the stigma and lack of understanding surrounding mental health, the mission of Active Minds is to promote mental health awareness, education, and advocacy.

**ARMSTRONG CAMPUS CATHOLIC MINISTRY**
Faith-based, Catholic group open to all students seeking a relationship with Christ. Students are invited to learn more about their faith through: Bible study, theology talks, Mass & Adoration and social gatherings.

**ARMSTRONG GAMERS GUILD**
We seek to learn through our favorite games either through practice or by watching videos on specific topics.

**ART CLUB**
The mission of the Art Club is to promote art at the Armstrong Campus at Georgia Southern University and in the surrounding community. The purpose of the Art Club is for members to work together, to support fellow art students, to foster art appreciation, to build skills, to facilitate student and faculty relationships, and to create a stronger art community in the Savannah area.

**ASSOCIATION OF NURSING STUDENTS**
AANS is a chapter of the National Student Nurses Association that is dedicated to promoting the professional development of nursing students. Professional development is fostered through monthly Lunch and Learn events, featuring presentations of health related subjects. Opportunities also include community service activities that are fostered through volunteerism.

**BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY**
BCM is not a church, but is a cooperative ministry of local churches and the State Baptist convention of churches. Through the funds and volunteer efforts provided by these ministry sponsors, the BCM is able to reach a wide audience of students with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Visit our website for more information: www.bcmofarmstrong.org

**CHI ALPHA**
Our mission is to reconcile students to Christ, equipping them through spirit-filled communities of prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, and mission. We desire to create a community of students who follow Jesus and walk as His disciples. We want to love God and love people. That is our goal.

**COLLEGIATE 100**
The mission of the Collegiate 100 shall be to support the sponsoring chapter’s initiative of nurturing and enhancing the growth, development and opportunities for African-American youth. All activities of the Collegiate 100 are coordinated in compliance with the planned objectives of the sponsoring chapter as they relate to existing relationships with local schools and other entities that provide services to youth. The Collegiate 100 has an important role to play on the college campus, and the effective playing of that role requires that the chapter be responsible, productive, and cooperative segment of 100 Black Men of America and the total college community.

**GET PSYCH’D**
Get Psych’d enhances campus life by providing safe, inclusive, and diverse psychology-related service, social, and professional development events for the student body, creating a TRUE BLUE experience. Get Psych’d impacts the personal development of our members by providing community service opportunities for continued growth. Using this knowledge, we empower our members to become better leaders with valuable, hands-on experience.

**GOLDEN DREAM DANCERS**
We are a student recreation club that hosts events on promoting confidence and physical activity. We also perform at recreation sporting events and other events upon request.

**HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLUB**
The mission of HPEC Armstrong is to generate excitement in the field of study, provide service to the community and promote the benefits of physical activity in general.

**HEALTH SCIENCE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**
The Armstrong Campus Health Sciences Student Association promotes interest in the Health Sciences, fosters awareness of the Health Sciences in the greater general community and provides a collegiate forum for the exchange of information, ideas, opportunities, and concerns among Health Sciences students, faculty, and practitioners.

**HONORS PROGRAM**
This is the student organization for the University Honors Program at the Armstrong Campus. We organize social and community service events for Honors Program members and serve as an information intermediary between the Honors Program and its members.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION**
We embrace unity in diversity among our international and local students. We provide an environment that promotes global awareness through a variety of cultural experiences. Our main focus is to bring about cultural exchange so that we can learn to appreciate aspects of one another’s background. ISO serves as an educational source of the world beyond the United States. ALL students are welcome to join.

**JAPANESE POP-CULTURE APPRECIATION CLUB**
The purpose of JPAC shall be to promote knowledge and appreciation of all forms of Japanese culture, including (but not limited to) anime, manga, music, food, film, fashion, religion, politics and video games.

**MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION**
The Moot Court Association offers its members intense simulation of appellate court proceedings. It involves teams of student-contestants, clients burdened by a legal problem, briefs and oratory detailing the dimensions of the legal problem before an appellate court and the
judging of performances by panels of students, attorneys, law faculty or, on occasion, members of the judicial branch of government.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

An organization on Armstrong Campus geared toward bridging the campus and the community through social and political events. The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

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ARMSTRONG CAMPUS CIRCLE

National leadership honor organization.

PHI ETA SIGMA

Student organization for the members of the Armstrong Campus chapter of the honor society Phi Eta Sigma.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

This is a club for those who want to discuss and learn more about politics and current events in a friendly environment. We will be hosting events such as movie screenings, guest speakers, workshops, debates and all sorts of fun and engaging things to get people involved. All majors are welcome.

PRE-MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The overall goals of the Pre-Medical Association are to provide pre-medical students guidance, exposure and opportunities to gain success in admissions to doctoral programs related to allopathic and osteopathic medicine on the Armstrong Campus. The meetings in the fall semesters are typically steered toward promoting competitive applications, such as hosting medical school admissions representatives and volunteering opportunities. Whereas in the spring semesters, the Pre-Medical Association brings in guest speakers, ranging from medical students to attending physicians, to expose students to the field and provide shadowing opportunities.

PUBLIC HEALTH STUDENT ASSOCIATION

PHSA is open to all students interested in promoting public health.

RHO TAU

The purpose of Rho Tau is to lead and advise prospective physical therapy students in the Armstrong community by rendering opportunities to gain experience and learn from professionals in the field of physical therapy.

STUDENT MEDIA

The George-Anne Inkwell Edition is the official student newspaper of the Armstrong Campus. For more information and to get involved, visit the Georgia Southern website and search for “student media.”

ARMSTRONG TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

A program for current or incoming Armstrong students who need academic assistance and other services to be successful at the university. Funded by a Department of Education federal grant to the university, the project provides advising, instruction, tutoring, mentoring and informational workshops for eligible participants.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMMING BOARD

A university-sponsored student organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life at Georgia Southern University-Armstrong campus by providing quality, affordable entertainment and special events for the entire GSU community. University Programming Board provides a wide variety of diverse, inclusive, and community-building programs. The University Programming Board produces programs including free movies, Homecoming events and Beach Bash.

WESLEY FOUNDATION

This organization is an extension of the United Methodist Church. It serves to teach students how to become devoted followers of Jesus Christ through worship, discipleship and fun.

SAAS is a sisterhood of women who aim to cultivate classroom and personal success. These women host skill-building seminars, host events to promote social awareness and promote education with ties to faculty and staff members and mentors.

MOVE is an African American male initiative that promotes academic success and social responsibility. We seek to prepare our gentlemen not just for their collegiate experience but for what they will encounter beyond. We host programming to build academic, social, and professional skills.

HOLA provides our Hispanic/Latinx students support services, leadership opportunities, and cultural awareness programming. HOLA students raise money throughout the year in order to provide scholarship opportunities.

MANA is the first college chapter of the national organization for Latinas of the same name. The national organization was established in 1974. The Armstrong chapter was founded in 2017. The organization focuses on leadership, community, and advocacy. MANA hosts monthly meetings and hosts events throughout the year.

Opportunities from the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life

For more information, contact Laura Donato, ldonato@georgiasouthern.edu, 912-344-2537, Memorial College Center room 207B.

Opportunities from the Office of Multicultural Affairs

For more information about these organizations, contact McKenzie Peterman, Memorial College Center, Room 211, mpeterman@georgiasouthern.edu

Opportunities from Campus Recreation and Intramurals

Start or join a team. Register at imleagues.com/armstrong

CLUB SPORTS

Do you like hanging out with people with similar interests? Do you like playing competitive sports? Check out all the teams at bit.ly/armstrongclubsports. Sports include:

- Men’s Rugby
- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
- Running
- Women’s Soccer
- Men’s Soccer
- Baseball
- Dance Team
- Men’s Basketball
- Women’s Basketball (currently inactive)
- Tennis
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Archery
- Historical Fencing
- Boxing

GROUP FIT

Get in a great workout and learn some new exercises with our Group Fit instructors. Check out one of our Group Fit classes at the SRC. Visit bit.ly/armstronggroupfit.

If you love nature and the great outdoors, register for one of our Adventure Trips. For a full listing of trips, visit cri.gs/trips.

Opportunities from the Office of Career and Professional Development:

Resume Boot Camp (12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Aug. 28, Solms Hall Room 104)

Need a resume for an on-campus or part-time job? Seeking an internship soon? Bring your resume for advice on how to put your best foot forward!

Suited for Success Career Closet (Solms Hall Room 104)

The Office of Career and Professional Development now offers year round access to the Career Closet! If you need something to wear for an upcoming interview check out the Suited for Success Career Closet. Whether you’re applying for part-time, full-time, shadowing, internships, or another opportunity, we have something for you!