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National Condom Month: No Glove? No Love

LLANA SAMUEL
NEWS EDITOR

As more and more people turn to dating apps and swap dinner and movies for Netflix and chill, the worn out message about safe sex remains: wrap it up.

With February being National Condom Month—yes it's a thing—share the love

safely this Valentine's Day. Romantic or not, few people want to spend their money stocking up on condoms when they could be wooing their partners with roses, serenades and extreme wedding proposals. According to Condomology, an initiative by the American Sexual Health Association, STDs cost the nation almost \$16 billion dollars in

healthcare every year. Perhaps prevention really is better than the cure when it comes to sexual health.

Female condoms also exist, though not as popular as the male condoms. They offer protection against sexually transmitted infections, though not as much as a male condom does. Although they are less stylish—less funky flavors and less different sizes—the woman is given control in terms of contraception by having the option of a female condom so the pressure isn't only on her partner to use protection.

Tips you should know:

- Only use latex or polyurethane condoms
- There's enough to go around, do not reuse a condom
- No one wants used condoms lying around; dispose of them efficiently and safely after use.
- Despite how sexy it looked when that one actress did it, do not use your teeth

to open a condom

- Make sure your condom is not expired and hasn't been damaged prior to opening in any way

Using condoms is a great start, but make sure to get tested regularly by your doctor. They're only 98% effective according to the American Sexual Health Association.

Even the popular dating app, Tinder, is adding a sexually transmitted disease testing site locator to its website. The service will be provided by Healthvana and was recommended by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF).

"Tinder is proud to empower millions of users to create relationships," said Dr. Jessica Carbino, Lead Sociologist at Tinder. "An important aspect of any healthy relationship—whether formed on Tinder or otherwise—is ensuring sexual health and safety. We'd be delighted to see other major social networks follow, in our footsteps in educating the public."

Since its launch and successful climb in the dating-app market, Tinder has become known as a hookup app rather than a dating one. Maybe it's because of the thousands of millennials who no longer care for traditional dating, but want everything as fast as their lifestyle. Maybe it's because most users on Tinder just want to hookup. Either way, a lot of offline hooking up takes places via apps like Tinder and the creators want their users to be smart about their health doing so.

"Staying healthy in today's dating world means getting tested regularly, practicing safe sex and having honest conversations about your HIV and STD status. Healthvana empowers people with actionable health information at their fingertips so they can make better decisions. We already have hundreds of thousands of people using our testing locator to find free, quick and confidential testing at sexual health clinics near them," said Ramin Bastani, CEO of Healthvana.

"The CDC recently reported that sexually transmitted diseases increased dramatically in 2014. [They] also noted, the majority of these infections are affecting young people—the demographic that is on their mobile phones all day long," said Whitney Engeran Cordova, Senior Director, Public Health Division for AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

Whether you're still swiping relentlessly to find your bae for the big day or you've got plans already lined up to take advantage of our romantic city, be prepared. Don't have time to grab a few condoms? Too embarrassed? The Inkwell has the health and safety of you and your partner in mind and has included a free condom with this issue.

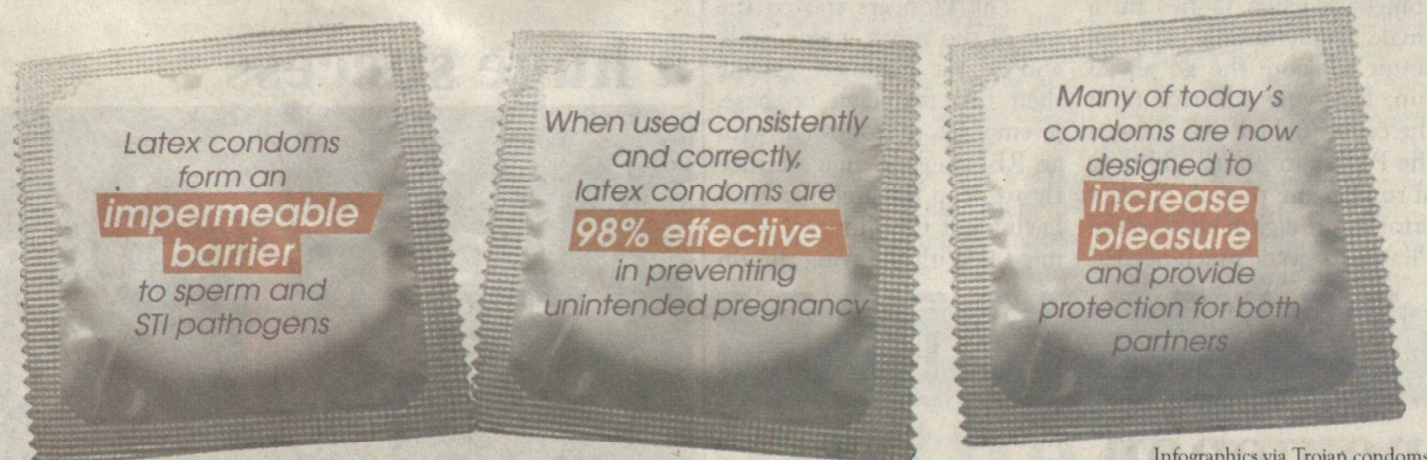
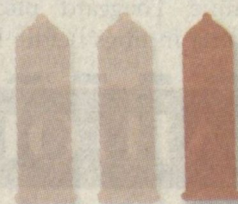
There are **65 million** people in the U.S. who are living with an incurable STI



There are **3.2 million** unintended pregnancies each year in the U.S.



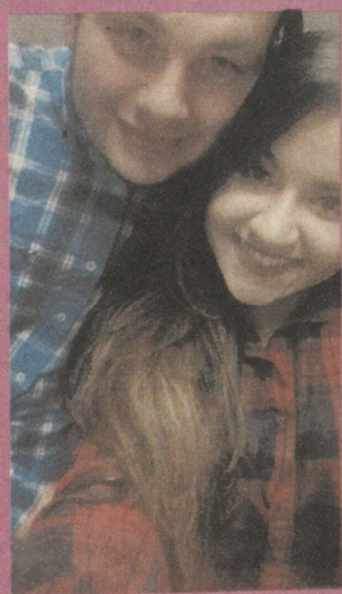
2 in 3 sex acts among single adults don't involve a condom



Infographics via Trojan condoms

Pirate couples hooked on Love

RAYMOND MESA & SAHIAN CRUZ



- How long have you been dating?
- Three months
- How did you two meet?
- Sahian: We met through a mutual friend. Raymond is roommates with Julian, who is a close friend of mine. I would go visit Julian and I got to

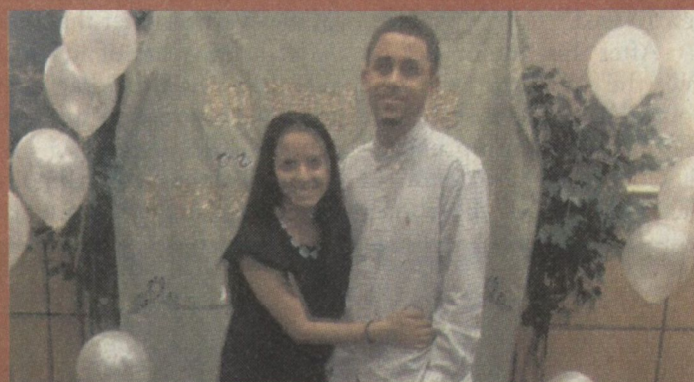
know Raymond.

- Raymond: We met through my roommate/ fraternity brother/ little, Julian.
- What is something you admire about your significant other?
- Sahian: I admire how caring Raymond is. He is always there for his fraternity brothers, friends, and for me. Whenever I am feeling stressed or upset he knows how to make me feel better.
- Raymond: I admire how strong willed and determined Sahian is when it comes to everything. She shoots to have the highest grades in her classes, she always makes sure she is on time and she always does everything 100% and never half way.
- How do you deal with an argument?
- We talk it out. We never go to sleep mad at each other.
- What are your majors/minors?

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- Sahian: I am a nursing major.
- Raymond: Biochemistry/ Pre-Pharmacy
- Who is your favorite celebrity couple?
- Sahian: Angelina Jolie & Brad Pitt
- Raymond: I don't really have one.
- What is the most important thing to do in order to have a successful relationship?
- Sahian: Honesty is one of the most important things to have in a relationship. A relationship will not work if one is not honest with their loved one.
- Raymond: Communication with your significant other.
- What does your typical date consist of?
- A great dinner and then a movie.

ANDRE' BORNE & CLARA GONZALEZ



- How long have you been dating?
- 3 years and 4 months
- How did you two meet?
- Dr. Rago's English 1101 class in 2012
- What is something you admire about your significant other?
- Andre: Her smile
- Clara: His optimism
- Do you guys share the same social circle or do you each have your own?
- Different
- How do you deal with

an argument?

- We try to give each other space if needed but we just talk it out then and there.
- What are some of the things you do to tell your partner that you care/ are thinking about them?
- Andre: I hug and kiss her until she gets annoyed
- Clara: I do the same, but I am not annoying.
- What is the most important thing to do in order to have a successful relationship?
- Andre: Faithfulness

- Clara: I think it's learning how to compromise and making your partner feel special no matter how long you've been together.
- Do you find it hard to make time with each other when you have a busy schedule?
- No, we do not find it hard at all
- Have you had classes together? If so, did you find it difficult to concentrate?
- Andre: We have had classes together but it is not hard to concentrate, we established that our personal life is separate from school.
- Clara: I never found it hard to concentrate. If anything, I would get really nervous before a presentation or burst out laughing.

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Armstrong hoops for a healthy heart

TAYLOR THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

Last Friday, Feb 5, Armstrong's Sigma Tau chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority celebrated their annual "Pink Goes Red Impact Day" with their very first basketball tournament at Armstrong's Rec Center.

The impact day is in conjunction with the American Heart Association's "Go Red For Women" day. "Go Red For Women" raises awareness about the impact of heart disease and stroke among women.

"Every year Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. hosts a "Pink Goes Red" event in order to promote the importance of heart health. This year we decided to host a basketball tournament in which we had six teams to participate and allowed spectators to come and watch," said Courtney Miller, president of Sigma Tau Chapter and a senior Early Child-

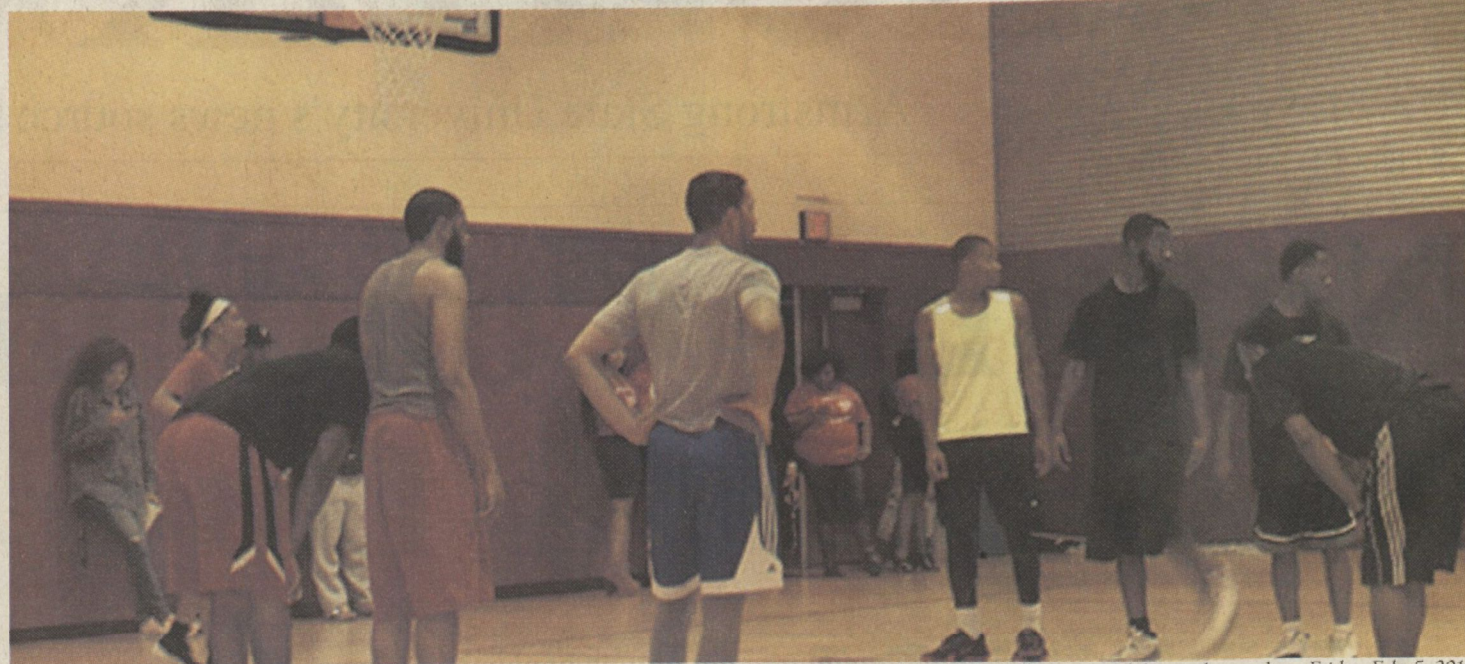
hood Education major.

The tournament included six teams of five, composed of both Armstrong and Savannah State students.

Each team played two 10-minute halves until two championship teams remained. The tournament also featured a lighthearted halftime show of musical chairs, where members of Sigma Tau chapter and the audience competed for the win.

The last game was the highlight of the tournament. With 10 seconds left on the clock and Team 3 up 32-30, Team 3 and Team 6 battled it out in a heated competition for the winning title.

In the end, Team 3 (Jamal Ingram, Mykese Thompson, Deon Holmes, Carlos Brown and Emmanuel Tuscular), won 34-30. The team was composed of Armstrong undergraduate, graduate students, and current and former members of Armstrong's men's basketball team. Each team member received a trophy from Sigma Tau chapter for their win.



The AKA Hoops for Heart Health was a huge success. A team made up of current and former Pirate basketball players took home the trophy. - Friday, Feb. 5, 2016 (Photo by Taylor Thomas)

According to Miller, the tournament was a success. "We had such a great turnout. The audience and teams included many students from other organizations throughout Armstrong, which was a

great way to increase campus unity and involvement," Miller said. "We plan to do this again."

Kiara Franklin, a member of Sigma Tau chapter and a senior Health Administration major, was a spectator.

"I really enjoyed the

game," Franklin said. "It was fun to see the excitement of all the players in the tournament. Events like this are important because it gets the students involved whether they're participating or watching, and it's for a good cause."

All the proceeds will be

donated to the AHA, and the school supplies will go toward Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.'s One Million Backpacks Campaign, which will provide school supplies for students in need.

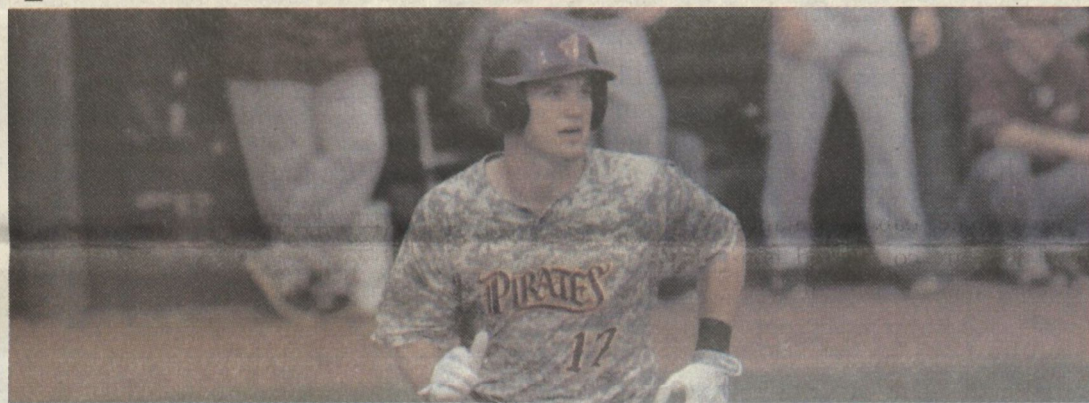
Pirates push past Pioneers in Pirate Field opener

AARON PRINGLE
STAFF WRITER

The Pirate baseball team finished off a three-game series with a win in Sunday's rubber match against the Tusculum Pioneers. Sophomore Chandler Corley drove in two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to push the Pirates to an 8-7 win and help them to a 2-1 series win after splitting games Saturday.

Armstrong came out swinging Sunday afternoon, scoring five runs in the first four innings. Corley hit a solo home run in the second inning and junior Ryan Lawless hit a deep two-run homerun that hugged the left field line, adding to the Pirates early lead.

Jamie Thaggard pitched six strong innings before leav-



Sophomore Chandler Corley rounds the bases after his big home run in the early goings of Sunday's 8-7 win over the Tusculum Pioneers - Sunday, Feb 7, 2016 (via Armstrong Communications)

ing the game early in the top of the seventh with the bases loaded. Tusculum would rally and make things interesting, tying the game up. Zach Finchum scored two on a shot to left field, Jeremy Glore added an RBI single and Kevin Victoriano finished the seventh inning comeback with a two-run single to left field.

The Pirates countered the Pioneers top of the seventh comeback when Corley hit a single up the middle on a full count to score the go ahead run, following an error from the center fielder that allowed the Pirates to get an additional run on the play. A Pioneer error in the eighth allowed the Pirates to get a much-needed

insurance run, making the game 8-5.

The Pioneers started the top of the ninth with a walk and a hit batsmen getting their first two men on base. Jeremy Glore followed with an RBI single, then a sacrifice fly to deep left field by Nick Lacina got the Pioneers within one. With the tying run on

third and two out, junior Caleb Woods got a grounder to second basemen Cody Sherlin to end the game.

Woods (1-0) went on to get the win, pitching 2 1/3 innings giving up two hits and two runs, closing out the game. Devan Watts (0-1) gave up four hits and three runs in five innings pitched, walking three and striking out seven.

Corley had an impressive performance in Sunday's win, going 2-4 with a homerun and the game-winning RBI in the seventh. Despite being con-

sidered the hero, he gave the credit to his teammates, who showed they know how to fight through adversity.

"I was really just impressed with the way we stuck in there and battled with them until the very end," the sophomore said. "It showed a lot about the kind of team we have this year."

The Pirates open up their road and Peach Belt Conference schedule when they take on rival USC-Aiken this Friday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 13.

BAIL OUT WITH:

CALEB BAILEY

The Steph Curry phenomenon

CALEB BAILEY
SPORTS EDITOR

When you think of great players in the NBA, different names probably come to mind. Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, LeBron James, and Wilt Chamberlain are just a few.

One player that has stepped into the limelight in the last two seasons and has turned a whole city on its head. That player is Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry.

The reigning NBA MVP has had another MVP-type season this year and has his Warriors on the verge of breaking the 1995-96 Chicago Bulls' record of 72-10. But fans should not be surprised about the success of the humble Curry.

Curry attended Davidson College just down the road from his hometown of Charlotte, NC and in 2008, he burst onto the college basketball scene.

He and the Wildcats were vast underdogs entering the NCAA Tournament against Gonzaga. With an 11-point deficit, Curry scored 30 of his 40 points in the second half and took his team onto an 82-76 victory.

Curry led the Wildcats to upset wins over the 2-seeded Georgetown Hoyas and 3-seeded Wisconsin Badgers and went onto the Elite Eight against the eventual national champions, Kansas Jayhawks, at a 10 seed.

After his junior season saw the Wildcats win the Southern Conference regular season championship but fall to College of Charleston in the semifinals of the conference tournament, Curry announced he would enter the NBA.

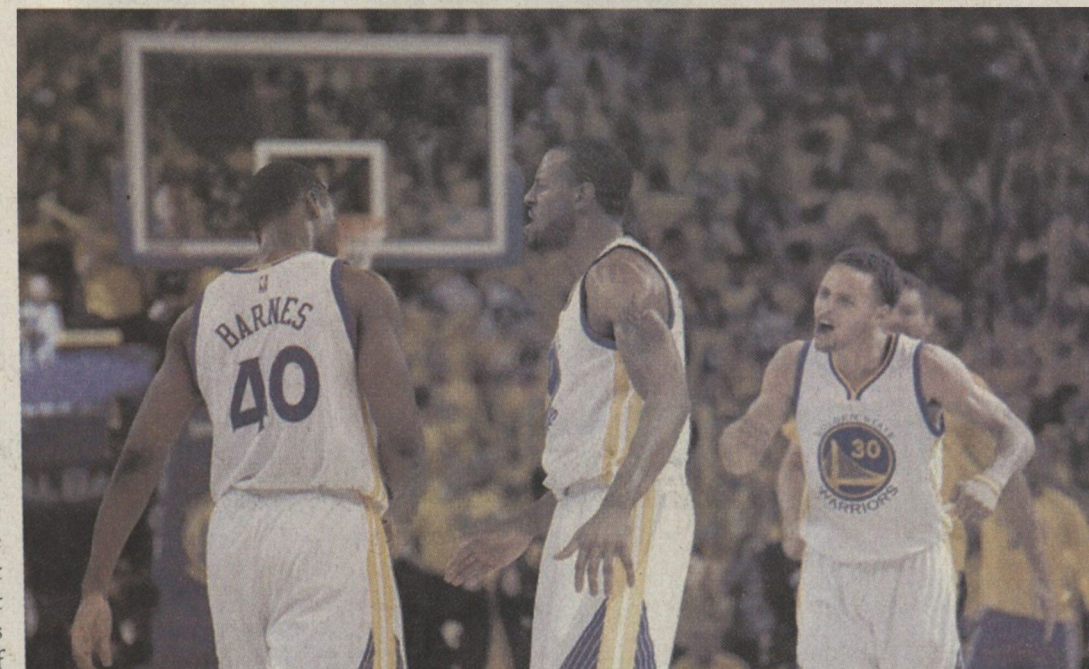
He led the conference in scoring for all three seasons from 2007-09, which led to him being a lottery draft pick of the Warriors later that year.

After a few years of living in obscurity with the Bay Area team, Curry rose to his now-fame in 2014.

He led the NBA in 3-point percentage and led his team to

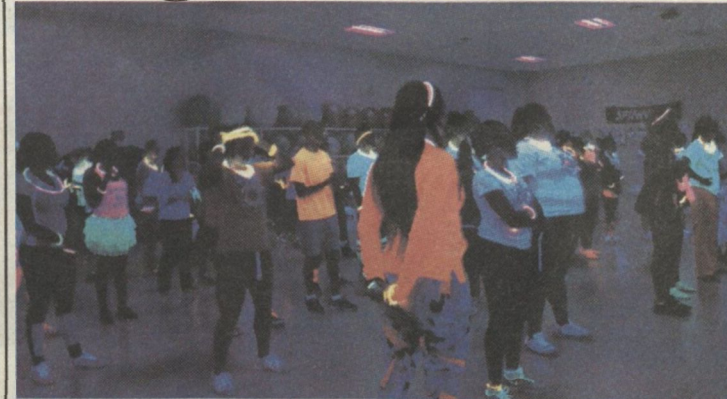
their first NBA Championship since 1975. While last year was a dream-turned-reality, 2015-16 has become an expectation of this team this is looking to become a dynasty.

He currently leads the NBA with 4.9 three-point shots and a league-leading .453 three-point percentage. The Warriors are currently 46-4 and when the team is talked about in June, the narrative could be Curry is the greatest player to ever step on the court.



Stephen Curry (30) celebrates with teammates Harrison Barnes and Andre Iguadola. The team won its first NBA Championship since 1975 last season (USA TODAY Sports)

Zumba Glow turnout a huge success



Students packed the Student Recreation Center for the bi-annual Zumba Glow event - Friday, Feb 2, 2016 (Photo by Elizabeth Rainey, Photo Editor)

KIARA MORRIS
STAFF WRITER

Students flooded the Recreation Center last week for the bi-annual Zumba Glow event. More than 100 students showed up for the event.

In the packed lobby, junior biology major Shawna Defreitas and others eagerly awaited entrance into the glowing dance party.

"I think more people are coming to Zumba Glow over the years," Defreitas said. "It's not even 8 o'clock yet and there's a huge line of people. The Zumba classes do have a lot of people in them, but it will pretty packed tonight. More people come because the glow is fun."

The attendance for this semester's event quadrupled from the Fall event, which was cause for concern for some students when it comes to space.

"It's a lot of fun to be around my friends here at Zumba, but I definitely wish the room was bigger," Joanie Branistareanu, sophomore Sonography major, worriedly explained.

Mara Demauro, Fitness and Wellness graduate assistant for the SRC, once again organized the program. She discussed the center's possible expansion.

"We are considering a building expansion," Demauro said. "With that, we could have space for a bigger Zumba area. We currently can't take it into the courts because we wouldn't have the glow lights available. There's a basketball game going in there right now, so we can't overtake this place."

Demauro explained that glow events do well every year. This has the center very excited for the future.

"All of our programs do really well for their respective target audiences," Demauro said. "Zumba is very popular on this campus. I would like to see the Bench Press Competition gain more popularity."

It looks like the future of this event is very bright. If its success was any indication of things to come, it could be a very big year for these recreational events.

CAMPUS VOICES: What is the craziest message you have ever received on Tinder?



I might not go down in history, but I'll go down on you.



If we were giraffes, I would neck slap every other male giraffe to make you my queen giraffe.



Is your mom a beaver? Because DAMN girl.



Lick my butt?

Valentine's Day: A Feminist Inquiry

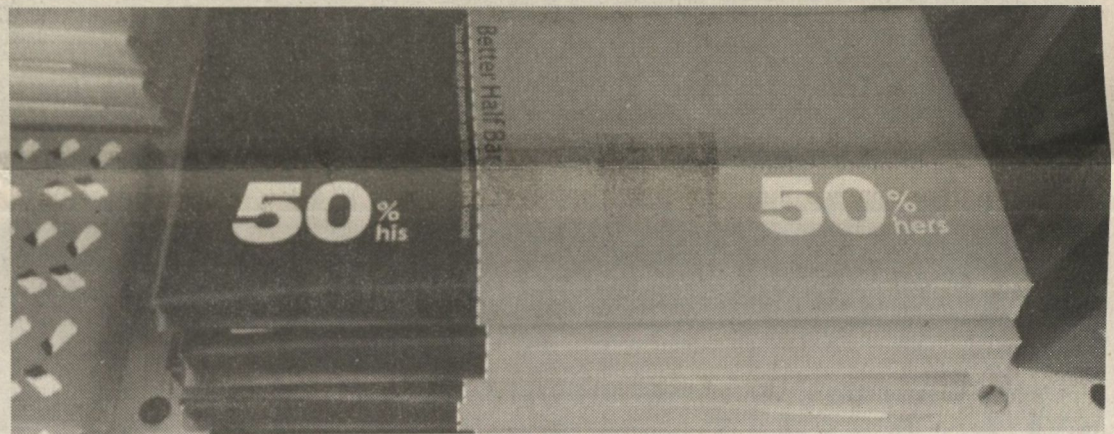
Valentine's Day is considered a romantic holiday, one celebrated with large heart-shaped boxes of chocolate, bouquets of roses, and candle-lit dinners. Or, if you're single, waiting patiently for February 15th, the day all of the candy goes on sale. For feminists, though, the holiday can be a conundrum. Though it's meant to be about love, the day has turned into a huge capitalist endeavor and reinforces gender stereotypes. The latter is perhaps the most relevant to the current social climate, which has begun questioning the need for gendered products such as sunscreen, pens, razors, and even yogurt. In the Valentine's section at Target, there are

about five shelves full of guy-themed treats, including: a "tackle box" full of candy, cigar-shaped chocolate bars, a giant gummy shaped like a PlayStation controller, six packs of beer with scantily clad women on the sides, and (a personal favorite) a heart-shaped, fur covered box of beef jerky. Why do these products even exist? Is it because the shelves upon shelves of red boxes of chocolate have such a negative impact on masculinity? Is a box of cheap chocolate cigars meant to be soothing? What does this say about our society and its dependence on traditional gender roles?

A major implication of these gendered spaces is the male disgust of what is traditionally feminine. Valentine's Day could be considered a

feminine holiday. After all, the traditional colors are red and pink, and the main two symbols are hearts and a feminized male baby. Romance and love are considered feminine. This entire holiday might as well be a giant uterus. The guy-themed gag gifts all have to do with traditionally male pastimes: smoking cigars, fishing, and eating beef jerky. Gender roles are so deeply entrenched in us that it's apparently unimaginable that any self-respecting man can enjoy what is supposed to be a romantic holiday and must instead eat chalky candy from a fake tackle box.

Though Valentine's Day can be troubling, there is increasing awareness about gender politics in the United States. Just last year, Target



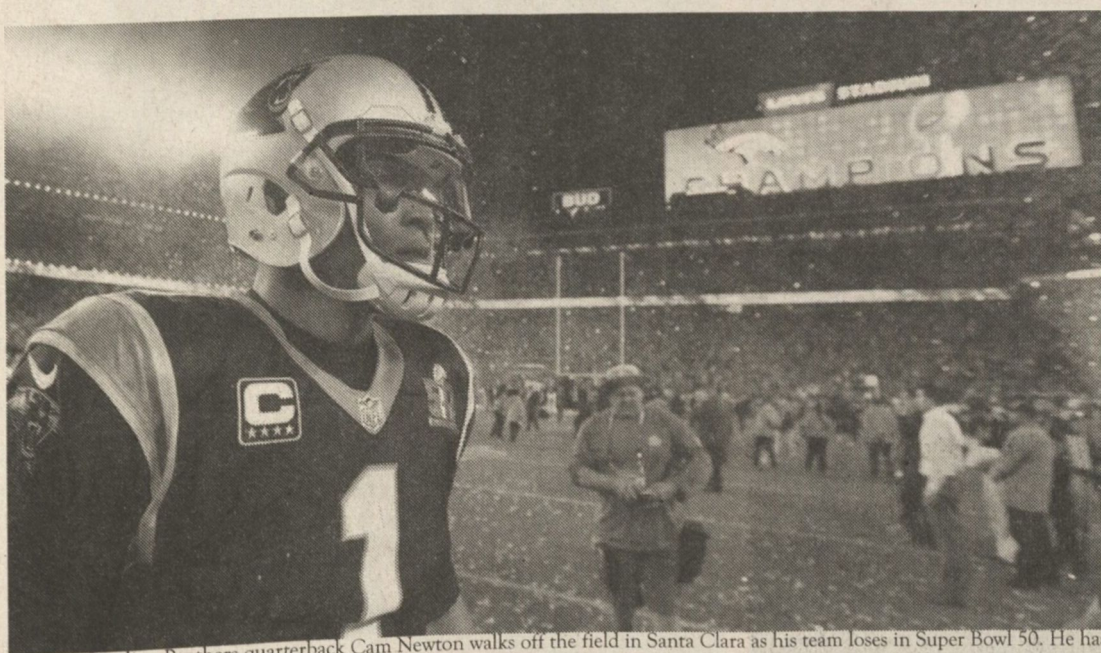
removed gender labels from its toy aisles, and Toys 'R Us has not labelled toys by gender for some time. A photo showing two gendered onesies (one with a cape stating, "I'm super," the other purple with the text "I hate my thighs") went viral and incited outrage over the obvious implications regarding gender. Very public

transitions such as Caitlyn Jenner's have caused our society to question what gender truly means. Each of these examples is a stumble in the right direction.

Of course, recognizing something as problematic or troubling doesn't mean it can no longer be enjoyable. Many feminists still indulge

in heart-shaped boxes of chocolate and gladly receive roses from their significant others. As long as they recognize the negative aspects of the holiday and choose not to indulge our society's archaic notions on gender and heteronormativity, Valentine's Day becomes what it was originally: a day to celebrate love.

He cares about the game



Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton walks off the field in Santa Clara as his team loses in Super Bowl 50. He has been criticized for his actions during the game and post-game press conference - Sunday, Feb 7, 2016 (USA TODAY Sports)

CALEB BAILEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Sunday night, the Carolina Panthers fell to the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl 50 and after the game, AP Offensive Player of the Year and NFL MVP quarterback Cam Newton was none too pleased with the way things went.

Near the end of the game, he was seen on the sidelines, throwing what some members of the media called "tantrums." At the post-game press conference, he gave short, indecisive answers and then abruptly left the interview.

What people don't know is that Broncos cornerback Chris Harris was right next to

Newton, separated by just a curtain, loudly speaking about how their defense shut down the NFC Champions' offense.

What people fail to realize is the fact that the Panthers did get shut down by the number one defense in the league, but they also forget that they came out of the NFC South, arguably the worst division in the NFL.

What I am upset about is the fact that people are calling Newton immature and saying things like "this is why people hate you." Newton has every right to be mad and upset about what happened in the game Sunday night.

Yes, when his team wins, he Dabs; he smiles, he acts like a 26-year-old that is one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL should act. And when he loses, he should be pissed off.

If you are considered a leader of any sports team at any level, whether it is some small, rinky-dink high school tennis team, a big time college basketball program, or an NFL team, I WANT you to be upset when your team loses.

Take Peyton Manning or Tom Brady for example. If one of them were to lose the Super Bowl and didn't know how to handle it, they would be just as upset.

They would be called passionate for the game. They would be considered leaders for their team. They would be praised for standing up for their team in a tough time.

Sure, Newton can do some growing up, as any young player in the league can. But, I want a guy like him. A guy that cares about more than just a paycheck in the NFL.

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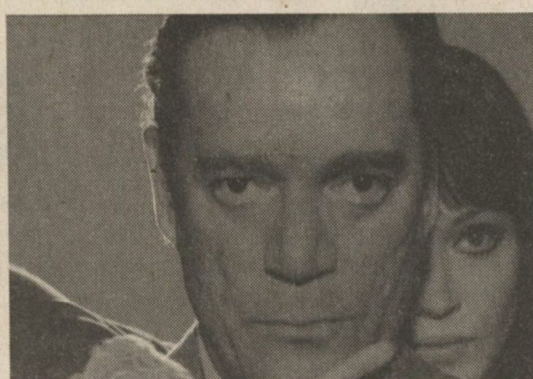
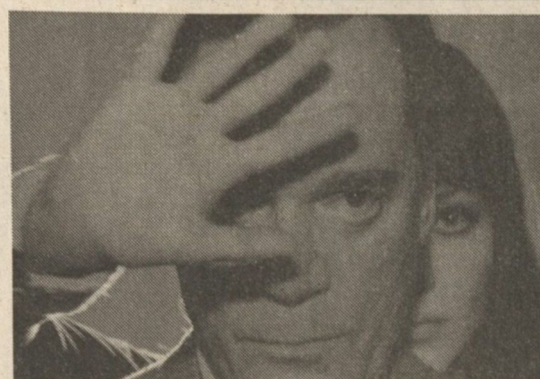
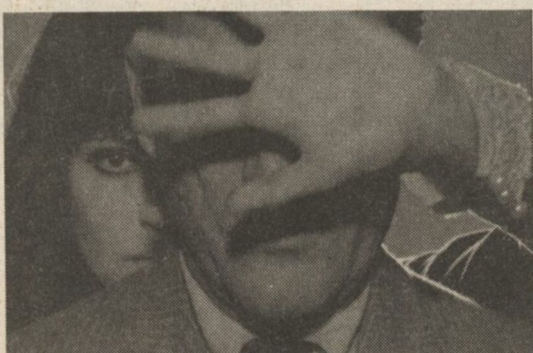
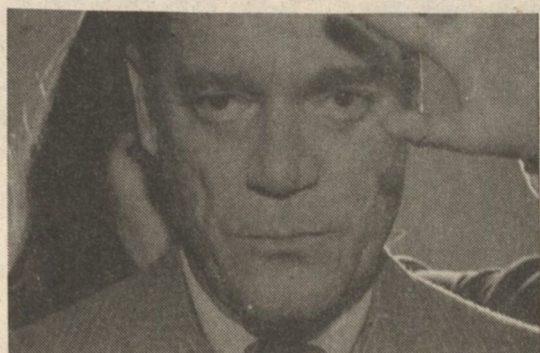
Francophone Film Festival wraps another great screening

TAYLOR THOMAS
STAFF WRITER

President Linda Bleicken opened the eighth annual Francophone Film Festival with a warm “Bonsoir,” welcoming attendees to the premier screening of the 1965 film, “Alphaville.”

Armstrong’s French Club hosted the three-day celebration of French cinema, including a lovely reception on the first night catered by downtown French café, Café M. Owners Arthur and Amanda de Bruc de Montplaisir hail from France and were delighted to provide authentic French delicacies from their newly opened café.

As “Alphaville” and the first night of the festival came to an end, the audience gathered outside the Ogeechee Theater to snack on a variety of swirls, ham and swiss ba-



Film stills from Jean-Luc Godard’s *Alphaville* (1965), one of the films screened at the French Film Festival. (via frenchculture.org)

guettes and chocolate croissants while discussing the film.

“I did indeed enjoy the film,” said junior English Communications major Luke

Lyman-Barner. “I’ve been involved with the French Club before [... it] has been a more worthwhile group to be involved in as a commuter,” he said.

“[“Alphaville”] was a great dystopian film,” said current French Club officer Emily Randall. She takes her involvement in the club very seriously. “It’s important to realize that you are not just a local citizen but a global citizen,” she said.

The festival’s second night was opened by director of Women’s Studies Jane Rago, and interim Psychology department head John Kraft. Together they examined the intricacies of films “Deux Jours Une Nuit” (2014) and “De Rouille et d’Os” (2012) through the lenses of their respective fields.

The final night saw criminal justice department head



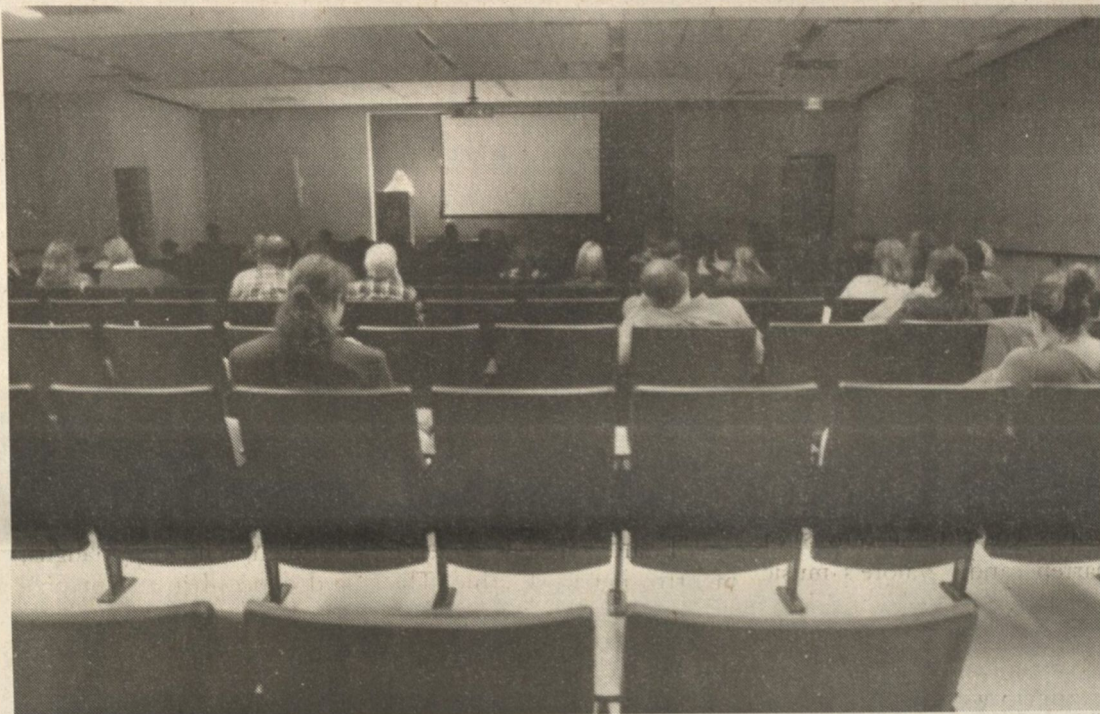
Audience members await the screening of the first film, premiere night, on February 4, 2016 (Photo by Emily Randall)

Daniel Skidmore-Hess and director of International Studies Dorothee Mertz-Weigel discussing films “La Havre” (2011) and “La French” (2014).

Despite low turnout for the final two nights, senior and current French Club president Gannon Mason believes the festival was indeed a success.

“Every year we have a more diverse group of attendees. [This year] we had a visitor from Canada in Savannah and he enjoyed himself a lot. This festival made his entire trip,” Mason said.

For more information on the French Club, contact Gannon Mason at gm4595@stu.armstrong.edu.



Film spectators gather for reception, premiere night, on Thursday February 4, 2016. (Photo By: Emily Randall)

‘Who Needs Love Anyways?’ Starlandia hosts Valentine’s day Self-Love Workshop

RACHEL LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

Join workshop instructor Rainé Blunk at Starlandia Creative Supply, a new and used art supply store, this Saturday, Feb. 13, from 12–2 p.m. for “Who Needs Love Anyways?” a Self Care Valentine’s Card Workshop.

With love in the air and societal expectations on your shoulders, Valentine’s Day often causes more anxiety than euphoria. Starlandia wants to prioritize self-care, awareness and appreciation for all the things that make up who you are.

Blunk, an agender drag queen with The House of Gunt, is the workshop coordinator for Starlandia Supply and co-facilitator at QuoLab, a queer safe(r) DIY space.

“From: Self, To: Self,” is a card-making workshop encouraging self-love and appreciation. It will also take time to discuss some of influences that cause so many to lose focus on self-care.

“Over this two-hour workshop,” the Facebook event reports, “Rainé will lead both group and individual brainstorming as well as free-creating/documenting activities to remind us why we’re all such superb creatures during this holiday weekend!”

Blunk orchestrated this workshop in hopes of creating a space where people can explore the social concepts and internalized hardships that distract from prioritizing self-care and self-love.

“In a society that is constantly reaffirming cisgen-

dered coupling and monogamy as priorities for social acceptance and love, we often forget the importance of providing for ourselves,” Blunk said. “The workshop seeks to get in touch with anyone who has felt ostracized by Valentine’s Day but still enjoys the underlying notion of the holiday.”

Spend this Valentine’s weekend with creative minds enjoying a variety of topics. Gender norms, consumer capitalism and media protection of romance, as well as exploring how romantic relationships affect those involved will be discussed.

Armstrong student Kameron Brooks looks forward to attending and even plans on bringing his girlfriend.

“I was excited to see this workshop on Facebook because it’s something great to talk about whether you’re in a relationship or not,” he said. “The most important relationship you can really have is with yourself.”

The “Who Needs Love Anyways?” workshop will cost \$5 to cover supplies. They also welcome you to bring any personal mementos or supplies to make your cards even more intimate.

Every Saturday and every other Wednesday, Starlandia Creative Supply entrepreneurs Clinton Edminster and Heather MacRae-Trulson host informative free workshops led by local artists. Check out more on Rainé’s multimedia work and performances at raineblunk.com.

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Clinton Edminster reclines against the doorway of his arts and crafts store Starlandia, located at 243 Bull Street. (Courtesy of starlandiasupply.com)

Campus Gamers Guild welcomes new members, will compete in uLoL Campus Series

SEBASTIAN WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Armstrong Gamer's Guild is steadily carving out their name among the many clubs that meet on campus as they attempt to showcase the educational aspects of several games. The games range from popular multiplayer online battle arenas (MOBAs) to current guild staples like "Ultimate Werewolf."

Sophomore computer science major Michael Perry formed the organization so as to share his belief that any game can be educational in some way. This belief has led the Guild to become the first successful club based around electronic games while also being the home of Armstrong's first eSports team. Perry is aided by vice president Brandon Ellershaw and advised by Dr. Kevin Jennings of the Criminal Justice, Social and Political Science department.

"Our club takes education very seriously and we encourage everyone to participate

in any educational content," Perry said. "We also take an active part in our college community, planning and funding events and incentives everyone can enjoy. Last year's Celebrate Armstrong was one of our better events for being such a young club, and our future events promise even more fun for the students and community."

The Guild also has an interest in aiding in the production of a campus game room. This would be, as Perry explains, a place where "students can go to relax and unwind from a rough day without having to worry about spending hundreds of dollars for expensive video game systems and computers."

Each meeting begins with a different game and theme, followed by an explanation of the skills the activity can improve. Members are shown short videos that support the lessons in the game being played, while also explaining how the human body reacts to varied amounts of stimulation

from games. The sessions usually conclude with attendants grouping up to play the game.

The Gamer's Guild is open to everyone and there are currently no established dues or membership fees. Club activities are posted a week in advance on the AGG Facebook page. The Monday, Feb. 15 meeting will concern role-playing games (RPGs) that make use of hearts to measure health, such as the "Legend of Zelda" series.

RIOT Games on Jan. 27 officially recognized AGG's application to enter the Collegiate Summit. Along with SCAD and many other universities throughout the United States and Canada, the AGG team will be able to compete to be University League of Legends champions.

The AGG meets from 6-11 p.m. every Monday afternoon in Science Center rm. 1407.

SAVANNAH MUSIC FESTIVAL ANNOUNCES ADDITIONS TO 2016 SEASON, COMING MARCH 24 THROUGH APRIL 9



SAVANNAH MUSIC FESTIVAL

Press Release: Savannah, GA - Six acts and seven shows are being added to the 2016 Savannah Music Festival lineup, which takes place from March 24th through April 9th. Additional ticketed acts include Andrew Bird, Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings, Dave Rawlings Machine, Drive-By Truckers and My Brightest Diamond. Free events being added include a matinee performance by the U.S. Marine Corps All Star Jazz Band, and a poster signing with illustrator Alessandro Gottardo. Tickets to additional SMF 2016 shows go on sale online at 8pm on Saturday, February 6 at www.savannahmusicfestival.org, and at 216 East Broughton Street and 912.525.5050 beginning Monday, February 8 at 10am.

Additional Ticketed Events:

ANDREW BIRD - March 29 at 7:30pm at Lucas Theatre for the Arts - Tickets start at \$32

Violinist, singer and composer Andrew Bird began his career as a member of the Squirrel Nut Zippers before forming Bowl of Fire, and has been recording and touring as a solo artist since 2003. His distinctive voice, wide ranging influences and instrumental versatility contribute to an engaging compositional style that often incorporates sounds and layers rarely heard in pop music, including virtuosic whistling and glockenspiel. Dubbed a "one-man orchestra of the imagination" in a recent TEDTalk appearance, Andrew Bird is an indie-folk innovator and wildly creative performer. He performs with a full band in this SMF debut.

SHARON JONES & THE DAP-KINGS - April 4 at 7:30pm at Lucas Theatre for the Arts - Tickets start at \$32

Since their SMF debut in 2011, Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings have played major

festivals, arenas and clubs all over the world, including The Hollywood Bowl, The Sydney Opera House and multiple sold-out nights at the Apollo Theater in New York City. The band has also been featured on a multitude of television shows from The Colbert Report to Tavis Smiley and The Tonight Show. At the forefront of a retro-soul and funk renaissance, Augusta native Sharon Jones remains one of the most high-energy performers in the genre. The New York Times calls her "the real deal... the epitome of the soul revival."

DAVE RAWLINGS MACHINE - April 5 at 7:30pm at Trustees Theater - Tickets start at \$32

Dave Rawlings Machine features himself and Gillian Welch on lead vocals and guitar, Willie Watson (Old Crow Medicine Show) on guitar, Brittany Haas (Crooked Still, Abigail Washburn, Haas Kowert Tice) on fiddle and Paul Kowert (Punch Brothers, Haas Kowert Tice) on bass. Called "one of the hottest stringbands on the planet" by SF Weekly, this acoustic powerhouse delivers the acclaimed songwriting of Rawlings and Welch, which has been at the leading edge of American acoustic music for twenty years. In 2015, the duo received a Lifetime Achievement Award for Songwriting from the Americana Music Association. This is their SMF debut.

DRIVE-BY TRUCKERS - April 6 at 8:30pm at Trustees Theater - Tickets start at \$27

Hailing from Athens, Georgia, the heralded alt-country ensemble the Drive-By Truckers was co-founded by Patterson Hood and Mike Cooley, two Alabamians from the Shoals area in the northwest of the state. The two had played in various other bands including Adam's House Cat, which was once chosen as a top ten Best Unsigned Band in the late 1980s. Now with more than a dozen releases and extensive touring over the two decades since their founding in 1996, the Drive-By Truckers has "a current line-up that's as tough and grand on any given night as the best live rock band you've ever seen" (NPR's Ann Powers).

MY BRIGHTEST DIAMOND - April 8 at 10:30pm and April 9 at 3pm at Charles H. Morris Center - Tickets are \$35

Not many people can front a rock band, sing Górecki's Third Symphony, lead a marching band processional down the streets of the Sundance film festival and perform in a baroque opera of their own composing all in a month's time. But Shara Worden can. Her multi-faceted career as My Brightest Diamond, which began with an acclaimed independent rock record, has reflected her journey into the world of performing arts. She has collaborated with a variety of artists, including David Byrne, Sufjan Stevens, Laurie Anderson, Fat Boy Slim, Bon Iver and The Blind Boys of Alabama. My Brightest Diamond has been praised by NPR Music as "one of the most powerful and dramatic voices of the past decade." This is her SMF debut.

For the complete 2016 schedule and lineup, visit www.savannahmusicfestival.org. High-resolution photo and press material downloads are available at www.savannahmusicfestival.org/press (password: SMF2016!).

Additional Free Events (no reservation required):

U.S. MARINE CORPS ALL STAR JAZZ BAND - April 4 at 2pm at Trustees Theater - FREE

This 20-piece jazz orchestra has toured annually for almost a decade, performing American and Latin Jazz in the styles of Stan Kenton, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and others. The All Stars have played at the Monterey Jazz Festival, Lincoln Center (in a performance featuring Bob Mintzer), the Berklee College of Music, the Illinois State Music Conference, and a Northwestern University showcase with guest soloist Victor Goines. This year, the band will perform at the Atlanta Dogwood Festival and the Newport Jazz Festival, among others. This is their Savannah Music Festival debut.

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Pictured: Rapper and poet Elaina Valore (via Facebook: Valore)

Coastal cactus: Valore brightens Savannah's Hip Hop scene

BLAIR WAGNER
STAFF WRITER

The last thing people expect to see when they hear the word "rapper" is an Armstrong business economics major that harbors an obsession with Shakespeare and vintage clothing. In the past year, rapper and spoken word artist Elaina Valore (known simply as Valore) has quickly risen and staked a claim in the local Savannah hip-hop scene. She celebrates on Valentine's Day her next full-length album "Lizard Girl" with a release show comprised of all-female masters of ceremony.

Valore describes herself as, "A bright green cactus that brings color to a canvas of barren sand," Valore's music is distinctive and surrealistic. Her lyrics, layered over ambient tunes, paint pictures of a utopian world full of dance and euphoria. Her music is a testament to her journey as a female rapper.

The phrase "hard worker" is almost an insult toward a woman of Valore's character. By day she is the president of Armstrong's economics club, a full time student, and a professional sandwich maker at Midtown Deli. By night, she's a performer, poet and rapper. She is constantly involved in Savannah's local music scene and is currently booking an entire East Coast tour.

Despite dealing with the hurdles of an already tumultuous life, Valore also faces massive gender barriers. "Being a female rapper, you have to deal with not being taken as seriously," Valore said. "You have to work twice as hard to prove you're just as good."

"Lizard Girl" is a testament to her work ethic. The end product features the work of 10 other artists who have all collaborated with Valore on everything from sound production to package design.

"I'm huge on supporting and working with other artists,

so my producers Obamavo and Vinay Arora are as much a part of this as I am. They've put so much work into creating these funky beats, and I'm very grateful for all they've done."

Valore's sunny personality and positive energy would never reveal the many faces she must wear throughout her daily life, an element that is clearly reflected in her music.

"Uplifting attitudes, mental stimulation and peace is all I want people to feel when they listen to 'Lizard Girl,'" said Valore. "When people watch me perform, I want them to think. I want my words to teach people to let go and enjoy life." She laughs, "and dance—I just want people to dance."

Valore's release of "Lizard Girl" will take place this Valentine's Day at The Bomb Shelter. Find The Bomb Shelter on Facebook for more information.



Patrons at The Florence enjoy a delicious Italian meal. Courtesy of The Florence

The Florence hosts free Sunday Rooftop Reels

RACHEL LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

Located on West Victory Street, The Florence has begun to creep a little out of their element with their recent event series that they've dubbed "Rooftop Reels." Every Sunday at 5 and 7:30 p.m., patrons can head upstairs to the restaurant's rooftop-dining area and bar for the chance to enjoy pizza, drinks and family friendly movie entertainment.

Feb. 7 had patrons filling the chairs, couches and barstools to catch the initial screening of Hayao Miyazaki's "My Neighbor Totoro." Young couples sipped on craft beers, while families circled around large gourmet pizzas as they engrossed themselves in the

story of two sisters who move to rural Japan to be near their ailing mother and end up befriending the wondrous forest spirits who live nearby.

While some families called it a night after the film, many stuck around for the 7:30 p.m. showing of The Coen Brothers Films featuring "The Big Lebowski." In this not-so-kid-friendly comedy Jeff Bridges plays Jeff "the Dude" Lebowski: a laid-back, easygoing burnout who happens to have the same name as a millionaire.

The Florence is an Italian restaurant that uses southern-grown ingredients, harvested locally whenever possible. Inspired by the Italian city of Florence as well as the famous Savannah statue of a

local legend named Florence Martus, The Florence blends rich Italian influence with local southern hospitality.

Their full menu includes pizza, pasta and local seafood. Sit at the bar to enjoy wine, beer and specialty made cocktails. Either way, be sure to save some room for some southern sweet potato cake, Carolina apple pie or an assortment of Italian favorite gelato flight.

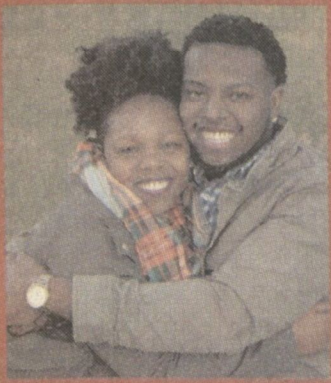
Rooftop Reels are a perfect excuse to get out of the house and experience the downtown Savannah area in an intimate and cultivated setting. The Florence is ideal for all crowds and occasions. Whether family or date night, nothing beats a delectable dinner and free movie.

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February 11, 2016

ARMSTRONG COUPLES CONTINUED PG 1

CIARA MILLER & KENNY WILSON



- How long have you been dating?
 - A little over 3 years
- How did you two meet?
 - We met our freshman year at Armstrong studying for a Biology 1107 practical.
- What is something you admire about your significant other?
 - Ciara: His ability to always be a listening ear for myself and his friends. He always gives the best advice and encouragement.
 - Kenny: Her drive and passion for life
- Do you prefer to study alone or together?
 - Honestly, it depends on what subject.

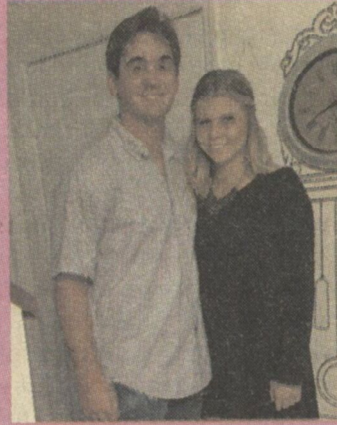
If it is a subject that we are able to help each other with then we like to study together. If it is a subject that we cannot assist each other in, we like to study separate, otherwise we will just start talking and can't focus.

- Are you involved in any student organizations?
 - Ciara: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Student African American Sisterhood (SAAS), Campus Union Board (CUB)
 - Kenny: Collegiate 100 and M.O.V.E (Men of Vision and Excellence)
- What is the most important thing to do in order to have a successful relationship?
 - I think it is so important that your significant other is your best friend. We have the best relationship because we are able to just laugh and be silly together. It takes the pressure off of a relationship of being serious. We are able to simply be ourselves.

If you play sports, do you train or practice together?

- At one point, we had an intramural softball team together :) We like to be active by doing activities or sports rather than just running in the gym or the typical "working out".
- Have you had classes together? If so, did you find it difficult to concentrate?
 - Having classes together helped us to stay focused, study, and hold each other accountable.
- What does your typical date consist of?
 - We are so unpredictable and random, lol. One day we have went kayaking near the beach and the next day we will be having a date night at home with a homemade meal and a movie. It is whatever we feel like at the moment.

TAYLOR VALLEY & TYLER GRAHAM



- How long have you been dating?
 - A year and 2 months
- How did you two meet?
 - Taylor: We knew of each other because we are both athletes but we actually met at a bonfire.
 - Tyler: I knew who she was but we didn't really meet until we were both at that bonfire one night.
- Do you guys share the same social circle or do you each have your own?
 - Taylor: We both know and hang out with mostly athletes but he is normally around baseball and I'm around soccer

How do you deal with an argument?

- Tyler: We talk about it and we both try to see each other's side and go from there.
- What are some of the things you do to tell your partner that you care/are thinking about them?
 - Taylor: I like to surprise him with gifts sometimes and I LOVE to write him notes.
 - Tyler: Well she loves Dr. Pepper more than anything so I will surprise her with one, or If we aren't around each other I will send her a text to remind how awesome I think she is. I like to take her to dinner as well, and it usually fits because we don't get to see each other until the end of the day so it's a good way to just talk.
- What is the most important thing to do in order to have a successful relationship?
 - Taylor: I think being able to put yourself in the other's shoes is so helpful. Sometimes just being able to understand where they're coming from or

how they were raised can shed light on why they feel the way they do about things

- Tyler: Communicate with one another and trust each other. If you see anything that needs to be fixed in your relationship, then fix it.
- If you play sports, do you train or practice together?
 - Taylor: We are mostly with our teams working out but when we do, we are both very competitive. We can turn the most innocent game or thing into a competition just to see who will win or who is better
- Tyler: I'm usually working out with the team but we have before
- What does your typical date consist of?
 - Tyler: We are pretty spontaneous but we like to go downtown and eat, we both love going to the movies, we usually try to go somewhere new every time.

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SIGNING WITH ALESSANDRO GOTTARDO (a.k.a. SHOUT) - April 5 at 5pm at the SMF POP-UP SHOP, 220 WEST BROUGHTON STREET

Don't miss your chance to meet the illustrator who created this year's Savannah Music Festival poster, which you can have signed. Alessandro Gottardo a.k.a. SHOUT was born in Pordenone, IT. He has won numerous awards, particularly

in the United States. These include the most prestigious international accolades in the illustration field, such as gold and silver medals from the Society of Illustrators and the Society of Publication Designers.

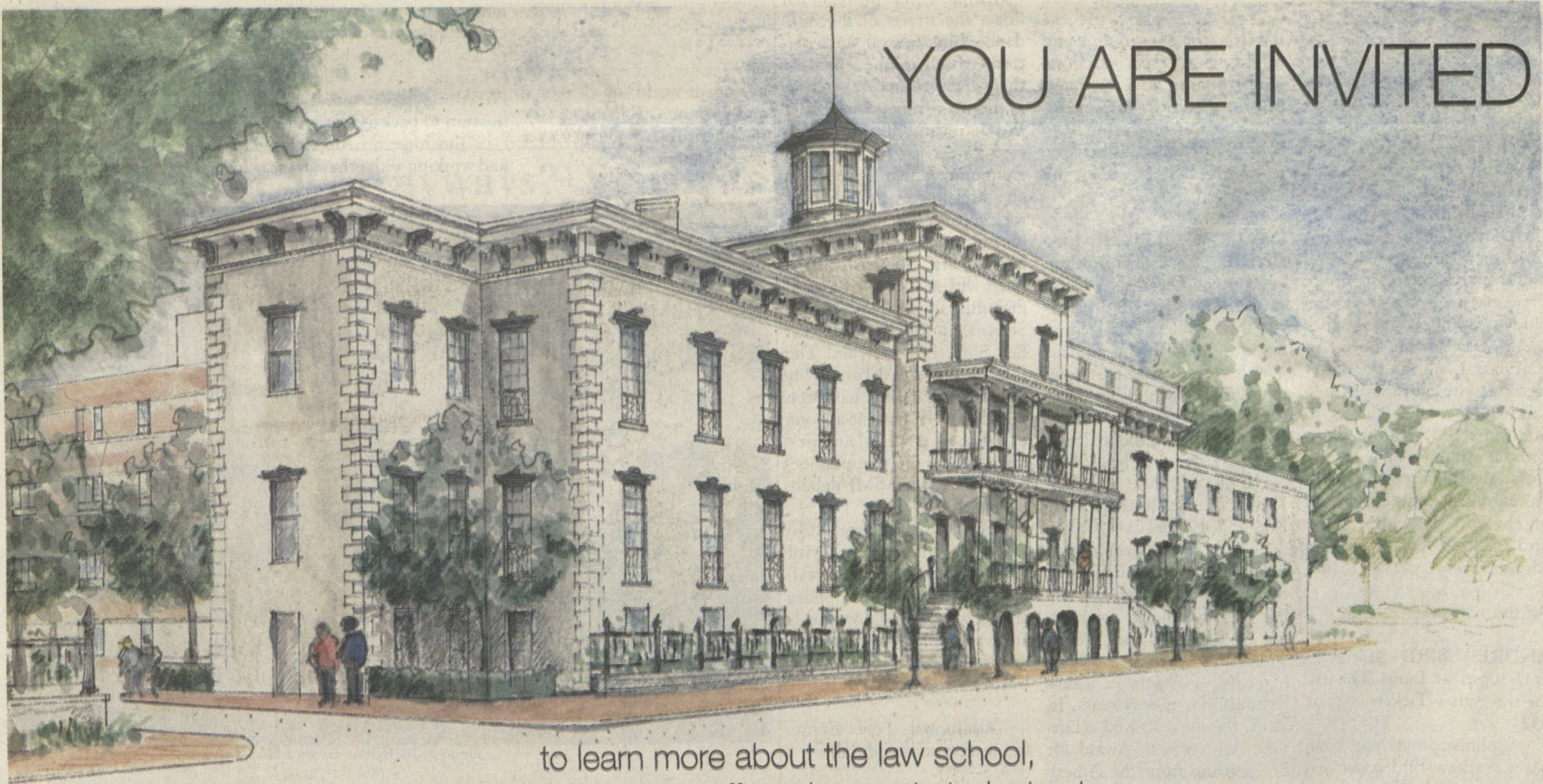
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Music Festival

A non-profit performing arts organization, the Savannah Music Festival (SMF) is dedicated to presenting world-class celebrations of the musical arts by creating timeless and adventurous productions

that stimulate arts education, foster economic growth and unite artists and audiences in Savannah. In addition to year-round music education and broadcast initiatives, SMF produces one of the most distinctive cross-genre music festivals

in the world. The 2016 festival runs from March 24 through April 9, and includes more than 100 performances in intimate venues throughout Savannah's historic district. For more information visit www.savannahmusicfestival.org.



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