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Facility Services sees largest turnout for third Night Walk

EMILIE GROOVER
STAFF WRITER

Continuing to address safety issues concerning lighting around campus, the Office of Facility Services hosted their third campus night walk on the eve of April 7. For the first time, faculty and staff were invited to join the students and SGA on the walk.

The Night Walks began in Spring 2015, providing students a chance to voice their concerns about the campus's night-time safety.

Originally focused only on lighting issues, night walks now focus on several safety concerns, including overgrown shrubs and trip hazards, as well as possible projects students would like to see completed.

Facility Services creates a list of student concerns, separating projects into those easily repaired and those that will require more funding.

"Following every walk, a list of work orders is generated for those items we can easily repair. Those items that are a little bigger are put on a project list and funding requests are made," said Katie Twining, the Director of the Office of Facility Services.

After the Fall 2015 night walk, facility services has almost completed converting all of the outdoor lights on campus to LED bulbs. The Science Center, Sports Center and Armstrong Center parking lot poles have all been converted so far.

The remaining lights will be converted when the final shipment of LED bulbs arrives. Georgia Power will assist Armstrong in converting the final parking lots and road lights.

The dark wooded area between Ashmore, University Hall and the Student Union will soon become home to



New LED lights were added to the Sports Center parking lot after the 2015 Campus Night Walk. (Photo by Llana Samuel)

light poles. Also, more lights will be placed in the lightly landscaped areas around the Student Union.

Thursday's night walk proved productive with the largest turnout of students, faculty, and staff to date.

"The fact that Armstrong wants and cares for the opinions of their students exemplifies that they care for our safe-

ty and comfort," said Deanna Flynn, a third year student at Armstrong.

Facility services has proposed that the twelve foot light poles along Library Drive be replaced by 8 foot light poles, creating a better lit sidewalk to Arts Drive.

Students who have concerns are encouraged to voice those concerns to facility services by emailing Katie Twining at katie.twining@armstrong.edu.

"The most important thing people can do is to email or call us with concerns about safety. We in Facilities are not always here at night, so we rely on the staff, students, and faculty who are here to let us know when things aren't right," said Twining.

Facility services cannot guarantee every concern will be immediately addressed, but they will take every concern seriously.

Georgia Rho Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon receives charter

LLANA SAMUEL
NEWS EDITOR

After colonizing at Armstrong in September 2013, the Georgia Rho chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon finally received their charter last week, making them officially part of the national fraternity of the same name.

Chapter President Marshall Bailey was one of 34 founding fathers whose names were inscribed on the charter at the installation banquet.

"The process for charter-



Initiated members of the Phi Alpha chapter and the National president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon with their charter

ing was a life changing experience," he said. "Some of the biggest setbacks for Georgia Rho included us being one of the smaller groups on campus,

but over time we grew and proved our worth."

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Armstrong Issues Childcare Interest Survey & Launches Discussion on Student-Parents



An Armstrong student plays with a boy and a toy train (Photo by Katherine Arntzen)

LAUREN ASHLEY
STAFF WRITER

Last Friday, Armstrong email inboxes received an interest survey, which seeks to gain detailed information about the market for Armstrong-provided childcare services before its April 21 dead-

line.

According to the survey's description, the catalyst for this research was yet another survey: "the results from the Campus Climate Survey, administered during the spring of 2015, indicated that there is a need for childcare for fac-

ulty, staff and students."

The Campus Climate Survey was administered by the Office of the President and the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion along with the assistance of Rankin & Associates Consulting.

The results of the Campus Climate Survey have not been sitting idly since their unveiling in September. In November, a 12-member childcare research taskforce was created, which includes at least one representative from each of the university's colleges.

Dr. John Hobe, a department head in the College of Education, is the task force committee chair. He recalls the idea of childcare coming up many times over the years and hopes to refine the idea

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English major to pursue Master's degree in England

EMILIE GROOVER
STAFF WRITER

KC McGuire is anything but an average college student. As a fifth year senior she will graduate with her Bachelor's in English and three minors; Creative Writing, French and Psychology.

In her final semester, McGuire works in the library, as co-editor of the Calliope, and as Dr. Rago's research assistant, helping her run the Gender Studies program.

Throughout her five years at Armstrong, McGuire has been actively involved in the Honors Program, attending "every conference they have offered."

With graduation fast approaching, the English major is looking forward to the changes ahead.

"I could see myself staying here but I don't want to. I feel like you have to start new chapters in your life and I feel

like getting out of where you went to high school and college is a good idea," McGuire said.

McGuire will be getting out briefly when she joins other students on a study abroad trip to France this summer.

To continue her education, she will be applying to four English Masters programs in England: the University of Kent, Swansea University, the Royal Holloway University of London and the University of Surrey, but her heart is set on the University of Kent.

"The University of Kent has two campuses. They have one in Canterbury, which is the main campus, and they also have another one in Paris so if I go there I'll be able to transfer between campuses," said McGuire.

Ultimately, McGuire wants to be a University Professor and help other people improve their creative writing skills.



Pictured: KC McGuire

"I don't think I could make a career out of just writing poems for the rest of my life so I'd like to help other people with their creative writing," she said, adding, "those have been my favorite classes at Armstrong."

Regardless of where McGuire ends up, two things are for sure: she will make the English department proud, and her cat Tootie will be by her side.

New class waitlist feature offered

LUCY STONE &
JESSICA FERRERA
STAFF WRITERS

Armstrong unveiled a new waitlist option for students registering for fall 2016 classes this semester. With this new feature, students can choose to be added to the waiting list of a class that has reached full capacity.

Up until now, students who wanted to sign up for an already-filled class were tasked with routinely checking the class online to see new openings came up. There was no way for students to be notified when someone dropped the class and a seat became avail-

able.

Upcoming senior and Liberal Studies major, Kayla Hunter, had some thoughts regarding the new waitlist option. She said, "I honestly had no idea this was being implemented but I think it's a great idea. I wish it was an option the first few years I was here."

Although waitlisting for classes is new to Armstrong, 13 other colleges already have it as an option within the University System of Georgia including Georgia State, Georgia Southern, and Georgia Tech.

There was also no guarantee as to who would be able to get into the class once there

was an opening. This created more anxiety for students who had to constantly check and see whether they could get into the class they wanted.

Nichole Booker, special projects coordinator in the registrar department at Armstrong, said:

"There were several factors that were involved for adopting waitlisting, but the main objective was to give the students a tool that allows them to get the best schedule possible for that individual student."

"Students now have an

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SPORTS

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Softball splits with Pembroke, sweeps Francis Marion

SARAH OLIN
STAFF WRITER

The Armstrong State Pirates' softball team capped off another successful weekend as they took three of their four games against Peach Belt Conference opponents UNC Pembroke and Francis Marion.

The Pirates split a doubleheader with host UNC Pembroke on Saturday, April 9, coming up just short in the first game and dominating in the second.

In game one, the Braves took the lead in the third inning on a RBI single by Abby Walters, but Pirates' senior Ashley Sterritt's grounder brought home a run to tie the game in the fourth. The Braves broke the tie in the fifth inning with a pair of back-to-back RBI triples by Jamie Johnson and Whitney Jackson, bringing the final score to 3-1.

Katie Saunders took the win for the Braves, walking four, striking out one and limiting the Pirates to one run in her seven innings of work. Junior

Tori Bates took the loss for the Pirates, allowing nine hits, three runs and striking out three in her six innings.

Game two was scoreless until the fifth inning when senior Michelle Breen notched a two-run home run to give the Pirates the lead 2-0. In the next inning, senior Peyton Roth delivered an RBI single, followed by Breen's grand slam that brought the score to 7-0.

Junior Jane Trzaska took the win, limiting the Braves to three hits and no runs. Taylor Strickland took the loss for UNCP, giving up eight hits and seven runs.

On Sunday, April 10, the Pirates picked up a PBC doubleheader sweep against Francis Marion, defeating the Patriots 5-2 in game one, and 4-0 in game two.

The Patriots took the lead at 2-0 in the second inning, but the Pirates quickly responded in the fourth with a two-RBI single by Sterritt. The Pirates took the lead in the sixth on an RBI single by sophomore Autumn Parrish



Pitcher Jane Trzaska threw a six-inning shutout against the Francis Marion Patriots. It helped win PBC Pitcher of the Week honors. - Sunday, April 10 (Armstrong Communications)

and an RBI groundout by senior Sierra Newman.

Freshman Macy Coleman's sacrifice fly added the final run in the seventh. Tori Bates picked up the win for the Pirates in game one, giving up five hits and two runs.

In game two, the Pirates

broke the scoreless tie in the fifth on Roth's RBI single, followed by freshman Logan Harrell's solo home run in the sixth. Senior Hannah Repert's RBI single and Harrell's sacrifice fly capped the game at 4-0 for the win.

Trzaska pitched a two-hit

shut-out while striking out six to pick up the win for the Pirates. Samantha Wroblewski took the loss for the Patriots, giving up eight hits and four runs in her seven innings of work.

The Pirates, now 32-10 overall and 16-4 in the con-

ference, will face off against Georgia Southwestern at the Armstrong State softball field on Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 p.m. It will be Senior Day for the Pirates. They close out the regular season against Columbus State on Sunday, April 17.

Baseball's woes continue in sweep to Flagler

ETHAN PRINGLE
STAFF WRITER

Armstrong was swept in three games over the weekend by Peach State Conference rival, Flagler College. The Pirates fell to the Saints on Friday, 8-5. Saturday's doubleheader proved twice as troublesome for the Pirates, losing game one, 12-4 and game two, 13-9.

Flagler improves to 22-14 overall and 10-11 in the Peach Belt with the wins, while Armstrong State falls to 15-22 overall and 6-18 in the league with the losses.

In Friday's contest, the Pirates started off strong, tallying three runs in the third. The first run came from a Cody Sherlin solo-homerun.



Catcher Berry Aldridge went a career-best 5-5 from the plate in Saturday's loss to the Flagler Saints. The team still lost, falling for the third time 13-9. - Saturday, April 9 (Armstrong Communications)

Jerad Curry followed that when he smashed a two-run homer of his own, his tenth home run of the season.

After giving one run back in the bottom of the third, the Pirates then added to their lead in the fifth. Ryan

Patterson belted a solo home run before the Saints conceded one more on a wild pitch. That would be the end of the Pirates run-scoring offense of the day. Flagler would answer with three runs of their own in the bottom of the fifth be-

fore surrendering a go-ahead grand slam in the sixth.

Flagler jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in game one of the Saturday doubleheader. The Pirates would cut the lead back down to one in the fourth inning with back to back solo

jacks by Chandler Corey and Zack Goble. Flagler responded with four home runs of their own in the innings to follow, while the Pirates scored just two more runs, bringing the final to 12-4.

In game two of the double header, both teams would come out firing. Each team scored 4 runs in the first inning - the Pirates on a solo home run by Ryan Patterson, a two-run single by Berry Aldridge, and an RBI single by Goble.

Aldridge would deliver again with a two-run single in the second inning, giving the Pirates a 6-4 edge, but Flagler would hang seven on the scoreboard in the next four innings to take a commanding 11-6 lead. The Saints would hold onto that lead to seal the 13-9 victory and seal the week-

end conference sweep.

Despite the loss, Berry Aldridge had a personal record setting day at the plate, going a perfect 5-5. The Pirates will face off against PBC opponent Georgia College in a three game series over a three-day stretch beginning Friday, April 15, with Senior Day taking place on Saturday.

Upcoming Games

April 15

Men's Golf:
vs 2016 Peach Belt
Conference Championships
Women's Golf:
vs 2016 Peach Belt
Conference Championships
Women's Tennis:
ABAC 2:00 p.m.
Men's Tennis:
vs. ABAC
2:00 p.m.
Baseball:
vs. Georgia College
3:00 p.m.

April 16

Men's Golf:
vs 2016 Peach Belt
Conference Championships
Women's Golf:
vs 2016 Peach Belt
Conference Championships
Softball:
vs. Ga. Southwestern
1:00 p.m.
vs. Ga. Southwestern
3:00 p.m.
Baseball:
vs. Georgia College
2:00 p.m.

April 17

Men's Golf:
vs 2016 Peach Belt
Conference Championships
Women's Golf:
vs 2016 Peach Belt
Conference Championships
Softball:
vs. Columbus St.
1:00 p.m.
vs. Columbus St.
3:00 p.m.
Baseball:
vs. Georgia College
1:00 p.m.

April 19

Women's Tennis:
vs. Augusta
2:00 p.m.
Men's Tennis:
vs. Augusta
2:00 p.m.

BAIL OUT WITH:

CALEB BAILEY

Masters 2016: Spieth's collapse, Willett's triumph



2015 champion, Jordan Spieth, puts the green jacket on Danny Willett after his win on Sunday. Willett became the first English golfer to win the Masters Tournament since 1996. - Sunday, April 10 (USA TODAY Sports)

CALEB BAILEY
SPORTS EDITOR

The 2016 Masters have come and gone and the dust is just settling at Augusta National just a few hours west

of here. It was as exciting as one could imagine the sport of golf to be and one man was able to rise up to the occasion after nearly not even being able to compete in the annual

tournament.

Danny Willett was just rolling into the parking lot at Augusta National and was the last golfer to get his name signed on the dotted line. Just

weeks before, his wife gave birth to their first child and he knew he wanted to bring home the green jacket, not just for him, but for the entire country of England.

The last time an English golfer won the green jacket was nearly 20 years to the day that Willett slipped it on Sunday afternoon. Nick Faldo last won the tournament in 1996 and Willett wanted to bring it back home.

There was, however, one giant force standing in his way. That force was defending champion Jordan Spieth and he was looking to dominate once again.

His lead was not as commanding as it had looked days before going into Sunday's final round, but Spieth wasn't rattled. With just a one stroke lead over fellow youngster Smylie Kaufman, he went on a tear, sinking four straight birdies in the front nine, building a four-stroke lead that looked big to overcome.

However, it was not the same story on the back nine for Spieth. He went on a historically bad three-hole run, hitting a bogey on holes 10

and 11 and then hitting a Masters-worst quadruple bogey on hole 12, dropping him out of the lead for the first time in eight rounds, dating back to when he finished second to Bubba Watson in the 2014 tournament.

Willett, on the other hand, took advantage of Spieth's slip-up and went on a run to take a lead. He finished three holes earlier than Spieth and went into the clubhouse with a three-stroke lead and all he could do was wait and watch.

Spieth had to make up the difference and needed to birdie the last three holes to do just that. Throughout the 2016 tournament, however, he had been over par for every hole on the last three.

While he did not shoot that bad, Spieth could not make up the difference and it was all smiles for Willett in the clubhouse.

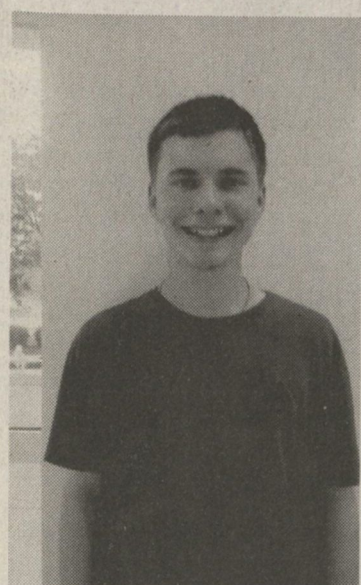
On a Sunday that three different golfers hit a hole-in-one on the same hole for the first time in Masters history and one of the world's best golfers go on a disastrous run, Willett, who had never finished better than sixth at a major championship, did the impossible.

And just think, his wife was originally supposed to give birth on April 10.

OPINIONS & EDITORIALS

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CAMPUS VOICES: What was your favorite part of Spring Fling?



I didn't know what was going on. I'm really involved and knew nothing about it.

Jonathan Agramonte
Freshman IT major



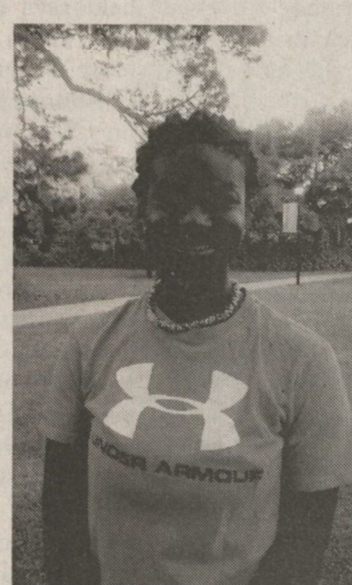
The Farmer's Market. I just like how inviting all of the different vendors were.

Olivia Wright
Freshman
Secondary Education major



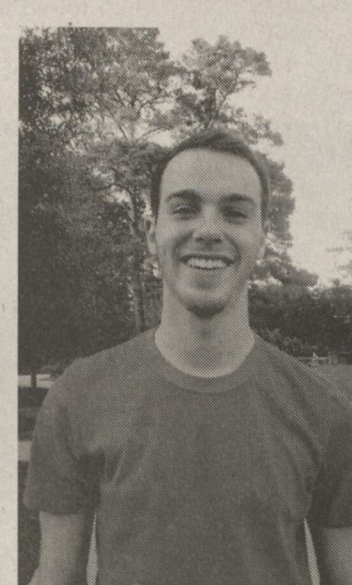
My favorite part of Spring Fling was the drag show. The host was amazing, he was hilarious and the performers looked beautiful and were talented.

Tia Taylor
Freshman
Rehab Science major



I didn't go to the concert, but I like the drag show. It was something different.

Jasmine Reese
Junior
Criminal Justice major



My favorite thing was the drag show because I was in it and it was fierce. And also because it shows diversity in the drag spectrum and student life as well.

Jacob Boney
Junior Nursing major

Letter to the Editor

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April 12, 2016

Emily Smith
Editor, The Inkwell
Armstrong State University

Dear Emily,

After reviewing multiple articles and hearing some discussion, I feel that there was reasonable concern for the Kinder Morgan Palmetto Pipeline project that was going to be taking place throughout much of eastern Georgia, including Effingham County, and which has been recently suspended.

The first concern is obviously for the environment and the potential negative consequences it could have on the climate. After reviewing an article published by High Country News pertaining to the dangers of natural gas leaks and how they can exacerbate damage to the climate, I could understand how there was alarm for how our local area of Savannah could potentially be affected by adverse effects this pipeline project could have on our environment. According to the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, 12.8 billion cubic feet of natural gas has been released since 2010 in nearly 700 "incidents" that were reported. Additionally, I read an article posted on Indian Country Today Media Network which reported protests in British Columbia against Kinder Morgan with activist calls for climate justice. Opponents of the Kinder Morgan Pipeline there expressed concern and outrage for the natural environment and the impact that this company's projects could have on indigenous people, animals, fish, and water. It is reasonable to think that people would have similar concern and outrage here.

An additional issue for the local community was that there was a lack of transparency and disclosure by Kinder Morgan regarding the specific properties that would have been impacted. Maps were released but details were vague. According to Valdosta Today, the company wanted government permission to condemn land for its proposed Palmetto Pipeline but did not want to release aerial charts or other detailed information to the public about the properties that would have been impacted. I believe that the local community has the right of full transparency regarding how a company using natural gas and energy may affect the climate and environment around them.

Sincerely,
Hannah Bryan

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Flannery O'Connor Parade and Street Fair fills Lafayette Square

MELANIE GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

Flannery O'Connor's birthday celebration this past

Saturday saw Lafayette Square dotted with attendees dressed to resemble characters from the works of the famous Savannah author.

O'Connor's birthday is held as a public event each year in an attempt to draw more visitors to the Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home on Charlton Street, while exposing the public to nearby artists and authors.

"They look interesting," said Annette Laing, British-born American/British historian, author of the Snipesville Chronicles, and tenured professor (Georgia Southern University). "Everyone is so unique, aren't they?"

Laing was just one of various local authors featured at the celebration, many of whom had stands featuring their work such as the Southern Poetry Review, Don Cellini, Tina Whittle and several others.

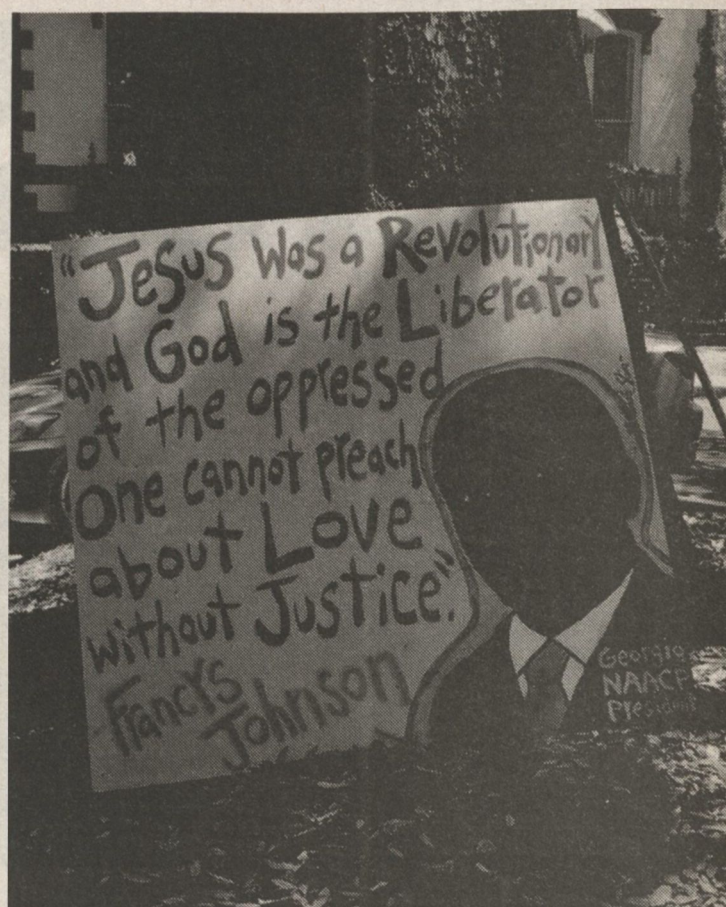
Each author was not limited to one genre or type of writing; there were poets and novelists, informative writers and fiction writers.

Patrons enjoyed coffee from the Sentient Bean, free snacks, an art sale by Panhandle Slim, and the chance to browse Kleo's handmade soaps.

Children were able to participate in activities such as face painting, record spin art and chicken bingo (where the chicken defecates on a large bingo board could mean a prize) were available.

Several local bands combined at the parade to form the Sweet Thunder Strolling Band such as Culture Vulture members James Webber, Nick Gilbert and Matthew Pelton, as well as singer Anna Chandler and banjo player Bill Smith, among others.

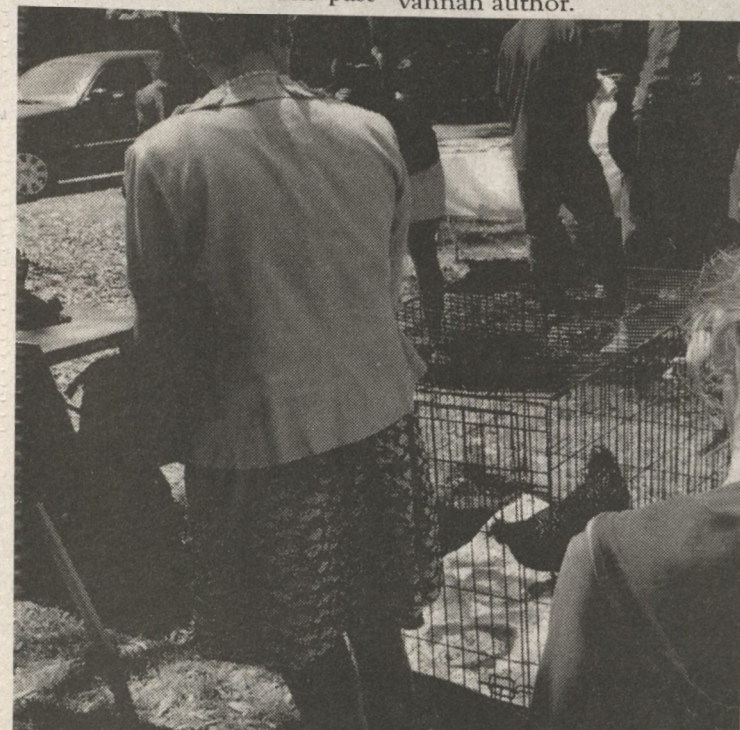
Following the sale, a miniature parade around Lafayette Square was led by Sweet Thunder. Anyone who attended the event was invited to create a sign to march with, typically composed of quotes, puns and art.



A painting of Georgia NAACP President Francys Johnson by Panhandle Slim (photo by Melanie Gibson)

The event's Facebook page estimated that at least 200 citizens were interested in attending. Several Armstrong students and faculty were in attendance.

For more about this annual celebration and other events regarding Flannery O'Connor, be sure to visit their website at www.flanneryoconnor-home.org.



Attendees crowd around the Chicken Bingo stand. (Photo by Melanie Gibson)

Recreation Center hosts bi-annual Farmer's Market



Musician performing at the Farmer's Market outside the Student Union Tuesday April 12, 2016



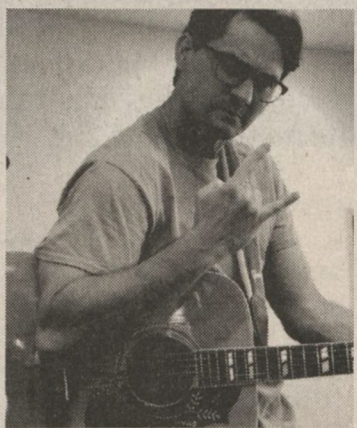
Setup for the Farmers Market outside the Student Union Tuesday April 16, 2016 (Photos by Elizabeth Rhaney)



Students playing bean bag toss at the Farmer's Market outside the Student Union Tuesday April 12, 2016



Nana M Johnson of Baks making cotton candy at the Farmer's Market in the Student Union Tuesday April 12, 2016



Singer and guitarist performing at the Student Union Tuesday April 12, 2016



Kangen Water demonstration at the Farmer's Market in the Student Union Tuesday April 12, 2016

CLASS BREAK: SUDOKU!

Puzzle #1

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GSA Hosts 'A Prom in Hollywood'

KIARA MORRIS &
ELIJAH CLARKE
STAFF WRITERS

Prom is an event that has become a rite of passage for high school students, but not everyone always has the opportunity to enjoy prom.

For this reason, Armstrong's Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) takes it upon themselves to host their own prom in the Student Union ballroom each year. This year's theme was Hollywood.

Everyone who entered the ballroom signed an anonymous ballot voting for Prom King and Queen. The first 100 people to arrive received goodie bags full of candy and

a letter thanking them for attending the event.

Even the Campus Union Board pitched in, providing 450 dollars for the event to serve refreshments and food.

The ballroom was adorned with all of the trappings of royalty, complete with a red carpet at the entrance.

Prom-goers posed in front of a photo-wall with a large "Hollywood" splayed across the backdrop.

Antonio Jeanty, a sophomore Spanish major, responded positively, saying "I really like this theme. It gives me my well-deserved spotlight."

Austin Helms and Hunter Hart were announced Prom King and Queen, respectively.

After cheering and applauding, the two shared a dance together to "Work" by Fifth Harmony. Halfway through the song, they prompted everyone to return to the dance floor to and join them.

Hart, GSA vice president, announced the GSA member honor awards. Congratulations to:

- "Most Dedicated" member: Michael Swanson
- "Most Valued" to Emily Bressler
- "Family Daddy" to Jacob Boney
- "Fundraising Pro" to Cora Registre
- "Most Dependable" to Zakiyyah Forrest and Lauren Crisp

- "Most Comical" to Mingo Mingledolph
- "Most Advanced" to Jordan Soto
- "Family Mama" to Ashley Keller
- "Honorary Beyoncé" to both Daniel J. Hilton and Jacob Boney.

After all the awards, the music blasted as Jacob Boney and Ashleigh Calvert performed a well-choreographed routine in the middle of the dance floor.

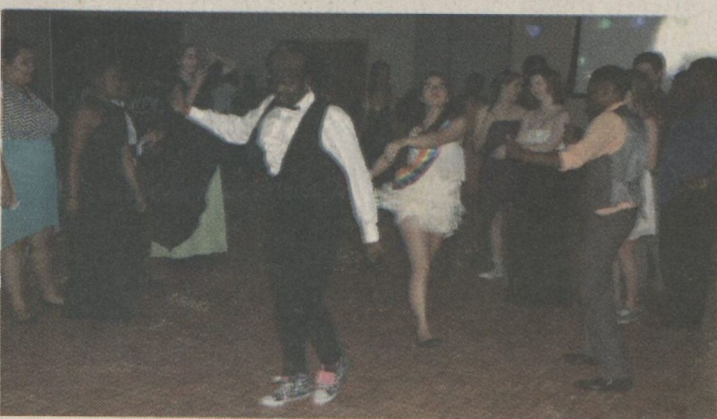
Assata Griffin, a sophomore majoring in education said, "I wish they played more twerking songs, but all in all I really enjoyed myself."



Hunter Hart and Stephanie Miller handing out awards at the GSA Prom Wednesday April 6, 2016



Students on the dance floor at the GSA Prom in the student union ballroom Wednesday April 6, 2016



Students on the dance floor at the GSA Prom Wednesday April 6, 2016 (Photo by Kiara Morris)

Hidden talent comes out at Open Mic

KIARA MORRIS &
ELIJAH CLARKE
STAFF WRITERS

Open mic night brought out all of the talented students this past Monday, held in the Student Union ballroom.

Deqarius Cleveland, an undeclared freshman said, "I'm so excited for open mic night. This is arguably the most entertaining event all school year."

Dequon Fryer MC'ed the event, and quickly vacated the stage as the first set of performers rose to begin. Two Armstrong students, Damon and Charlotte, performed a touching Christian ballad as

Damon played the piano and sung while, Charlotte accompanied him with vocals.

After their performance, 16 audience members hit the stage to play a game, dividing themselves into two groups of eight. They had to arrange themselves into a line from youngest to oldest, but the catch was they had to do it without talking. After a minute of silly hand gestures, and fingers flying, everyone called out the birth date in a microphone. Both teams did poorly.

Once the game was over, Dequon returned to present a female duet led by Jameisha Porter and Dominique Miller. "No one" by Alicia Keys.

Dequon then invited two audience members on stage to play "Guess the Celebrity". The contestants had to identify the person from a small zoomed in feature, like eyes or nose. The celebrities shown included Rihanna, Kim Kardashian West, Katt Williams, Taylor Swift, Zayn Malik and of course KCamp.

Damon returned back to the stage once again on the piano playing for Katelynn Moore, who wooed the crowd with a beautiful rendition of Adele's "Make You Feel My Love." Next up was Tarjuana who sang a light R&B ballad. The audience responded well to her light, harmonic voice.

Alicia Keys' music made a re-appearance when Jessica covered "Fallin'".

Jordaan Alphonse rapped an original song, and afterward played the piano for another rapper named Swolo. Swolo also performed an original song. At the end of the event, the SGA graciously offered everyone to take any remaining food from the event.

Blake Ciccio, a sophomore majoring in Public Relations said, "This was the best one I've been to. Some of the participants were really talented."

A&E Editors Playlist of the Week

- 10.) Chief Keef – Bouncin'
- 9.) Superheaven – Gushing Blood
- 8.) Chon – Bubble Dream
- 7.) Nancy Sinatra – The Shadow of Your Smile
- 6.) Anne – Disruption of the Power Process
- 5.) Cloakroom – Starchild Skull
- 4.) Charles Bradley – Nobody but You
- 3.) Oblivious – Jessica Lea Mayfield
- 2.) It Hugs Back – Slow Wave
- 1.) Brother Hawk – No Room to Rust

Game Review: Ori and the Blind Forest

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"Ori and the Blind Forest" is a platform adventure video game designed by the rather unconventional Moon Studios. Moon Studios, who released their first project in 2010, lacks a physical office as designers work on material from locations all around the world.

The game was inspired by movies such as the Lion King and the Iron Giant and players can really feel these titles influence throughout the game. The game was acquired and published by Microsoft Studios, receiving massive critical acclaim almost immediately after its release.

Players noted the exotic plotline and smooth action sequencing, and the game turned a profit for Microsoft only a few weeks after its initial release.

The story opens with a great storm ravaging the forest of Nibel, causing a newborn Ori to fall from atop a tree to the forest floor. Ori is found by a forest creature named Naru, who adopts him and lives with him in peace, for a while.

A horrible event soon causes the forest start to wither and die. With the water and food supply depleting, Naru dies giving the last bit of food



Ori cradles Sein at the base of the Spirit Tree. (Photo via BagoGames Flickr)

to Ori to survive.

Newly orphaned, Ori must adventure onward to try to survive on his own. Soon into his adventure, he loses consciousness at the base of the Spirit Tree, the narrator of the game, somehow managing to bring it back to life.

Ori is united with another spirit named Sein who acts as a guide in trying to restore the entirety of the forest back to health by collecting the light of the lost elements in the world.

The game is played from the perspective of Ori, a white guardian spirit. The character has the ability to run, jump, and use simple spirit abilities to overcome the obstacles of the world.

With the use of Sein, Ori can shoot Spirit Flames at his enemies. As Ori becomes stronger, he can invest his acquired skills into better himself in different areas, giving the game an interesting RPG element as well. The game unfolds in a sense of the old Metroid or Castlevania style of gaming.

This game is beautiful to look at. At first glance, it is hard to believe it is an independently developed game, but the talent and dedication of Moon Studios speaks volumes in their work.

The game is one of the most moving, heartwarming games released in a while, at least since Undertale. This is a game for players that like a

challenge of wits while experiencing a good story. I cannot recommend this game enough.

GAME RATING

RATING:
4.5 OUT OF 5



Initial release date: 2015

Developer: Moon Studios

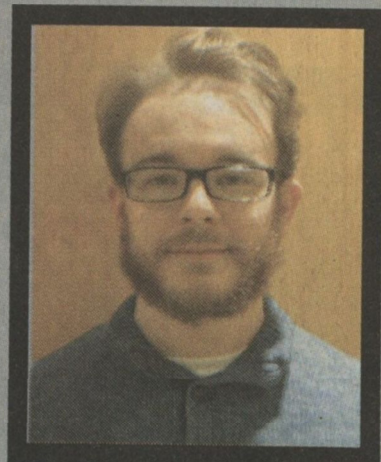
Publisher: Microsoft Studios

Awards: The Game Award for Best Art Direction, BAFTA Games Award for Artistic Achievement

Nominations: The Game Award for Best Score/Soundtrack

Platforms: Xbox One, Xbox 360, Microsoft Windows

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through this survey. The interest survey asks participants to “indicate the level of importance of the types of provider services required” by those living, working and studying at Armstrong. Services in question reference specific times of year, parts of the day, age ranges and the availability of programs like preschool. Those services, however, could be provided one of five

possible ways. The majority of the options send students, faculty and staff with children in need of care to a local facility partner with a voucher, stipend or a pre-determined discount. The other option is an on-campus daycare facility. Ursula Scheinbart, a student and mother of two, said, “I would love an on-campus daycare!” She explained that such a facility “would make the school more desirable for everyone” and noted that “stu-

dents could do observation hours with the kids.” College of Education students have to complete two internships that each require hundreds of observation hours. Their experiences at those internships are also the topic of an essay for their portfolio. Currently, education majors are assigned to participating schools in the Savannah Chatham County Public School System, while the slow-

ly growing number of child and family studies majors go to nearby Savannah Country Day School for observation hours. Scheinbart said she would allow her two children to be put under the supervision of Armstrong education or child and family studies majors. “I’m sure they are more knowledgeable and caring than the average minimum wage daycare workers, who just want a paycheck,” she said.

Daryll Blackburn, a student and mother, said that one of the biggest challenges with daycare is the cost. “The current rate for a decent daycare is \$200 a week, so if you can’t afford a luxury car, then you probably can’t afford daycare,” she said.

Since the fall semester, Blackburn has been collecting signatures for her petition that advocates for child care for Armstrong faculty, staff and students. “Going to college, she said, is a life changing event. Imagine all of a sudden facing two life changing events.”

Blackburn drew inspiration for the petition from her “personal understanding of the unimaginable hardships that these young parents face.”

“A daycare on-campus,” she said, “would mean success for student-parents in many ways.” The first success came with Blackburn’s petition collecting nearly 700 signatures and continued with her appointment to the childcare research taskforce as a student representative.

Blackburn, however, would not be the sole beneficiary should daycare be provided. Other student-parents, she said, “could actually utilize all that Armstrong has to offer.”

Both Blackburn and Scheinbart said they would use the spare time childcare would provide them to further involve themselves in the Armstrong community.

For example, they could attend more campus functions, participate in student organizations, take more classes, schedule an appointment at the Writing Center, eat a sit-down dinner in the Galley, or enjoy a workout in the gym.

Morgan Connor, a senior English major, likes the idea of helping student-parents even though she isn’t one herself. “I don’t have kids,” she said, “but I have had plenty of classes with people who do, and when they can’t find anyone

to watch their kids, they either skip classes or bring their kids with them. The latter is a huge distraction and the former hurts their overall education.” Responses like Connor’s make up the majority of Blackburn’s interactions with students over her survey, but there are a few that dislike the idea, specifically how it will impact the university’s appeal. According to Blackburn, some naysayers are worried that, with the implementation of an on-campus daycare, Armstrong “will look more like a school for the non-traditional students and less of a campus for traditional students.”

Those opposed and for childcare services, whether on or off campus, have the opportunity to make their voices heard through the childcare interest survey, but all participants are reminded that their responses will be used to inform decisions, not make them.

Students, faculty and staff have until April 21 at 5 p.m. to complete the online survey sent to their Armstrong email address. Questions regarding the survey or the childcare discussion should be directed at the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

WAITLIST CONTINUED | PG 1

automatic notification system that a seat has become available in a class versus checking the schedule hoping to get an actual seat,” Booker said.

When students register for classes now, they follow the same procedure as before, but with a few extra steps. Students must enter the CRN directly to the worksheet and select waitlist from the drop-down menu.

However, students cannot sign up directly for the wait list when searching for classes. Once added to the waitlist, the first student in line for the seat will receive an email notification that there is an opening. Then they have 24 hours to respond and register for that class or their spot is given to the next student in line.

Students who are currently registering for classes are discovering the new option and learning how it works.

Bryce Seuntjens, a Political Science major, said, “It’ll tell you how many are wait-listed already and then you have to click a drop down and select ‘wait list’ and submit changes.”

As an upcoming senior, she explains that “this is the first time I can think of that I’ve had trouble getting into a class really. But the waitlist feature helps a lot so I don’t have to constantly check if someone dropped or not.”

Seuntjens is currently third in line on the waitlist for a sociology class she wants to take.

For Armstrong professors who teach classes that are fairly popular, it has been difficult to control the amount of students who sign up. Students have also missed opportunities to sign up for a class due to later registration dates than their peers and classes being at full capacity.

With this new system, stu-

dents are given a better chance to register for a class they had been hoping to take.

Dr. Karen Hollinger, Professor of English, said, “There really is no way of knowing how it will go. This is the first time it is being used, but it seems like a good idea. It should be fairer for students.”

Professors have recognized that this will benefit students in the university. But the new system will leave an impact on the school and its faculty as well. Professors will now know an exact number of students who are wanting to take their classes. This could improve the hiring process of faculty and inform the school as to whether if they are short of staff in a specific area.

A step-by-step PDF document on how to complete this entire process can be found in the Registrar FAQs section online called “Waitlist Instructions.”



Brothers stand to be recognized during the banquet.

Newly initiated members, their dates and visitors from the national organization celebrated the fraternity’s accomplishment at a banquet where each brother signed their names on the charter.

Armstrong’s Greek Community has grown to include Phi Mu, Omega Psi Phi and Lambda Theta Phi in the past two years and is set to con-

tinue to grow. Greek cluster housing is now available for students who are a part of a National Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council greek organization and several other promotional events aimed at unifying Greek organizations have increased visibility of Greek-affiliated students at Armstrong.

The Georgia Rho chap-

ter, also now officially known as the Phi Alpha chapter, is hopeful about the future both locally and nationally.

“Our hopes for the next five years are for our chapter to be in the running for awards from our national organization and be the best in the realm,” Bailey said.

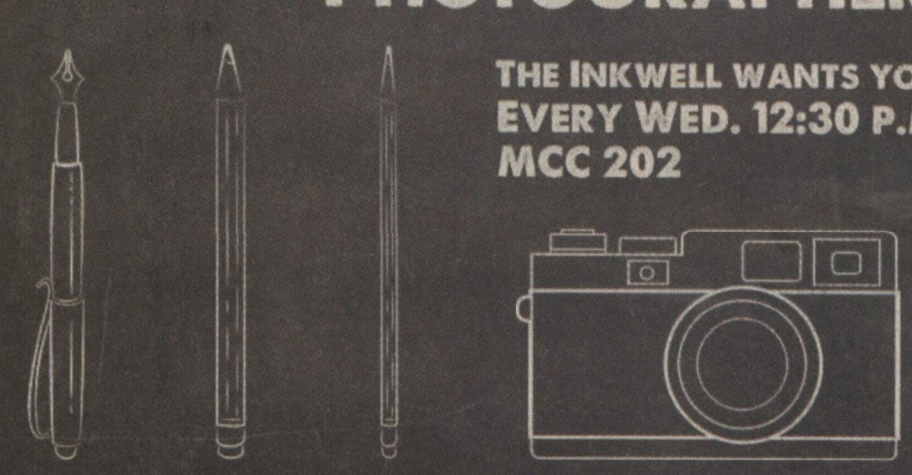
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