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Crime Blotter

BY LLANA SAMUEL
NEWS EDITOR

This semester has seen several automobile related incidents reported to campus police. However, vehicular crimes are not the only incidents occurring on campus.

A black male was recently arrested for criminal trespass and false statements near University Terrace 1. The man was stopped by the reporting officer, who believed he was banned from the campus, while walking with a female student; he was asked for his name and identification. After declaring he did not have an ID on his person and giving a false name, officers decided to check the database. A brief search found that the individual had lied about his name and was in fact banned from campus. After confirming his identity, officers returned to University Terrace 1 and arrested the man. Shortly after arriving at the campus police station, the man was transported to jail by SCMP.

A female student was stopped by campus police in a traffic stop at the entrance to University Terrace for speeding around speed bumps. After running her license through dispatch and GCIC, the officer found a total of six suspensions. Four of the six were out of state and for unknown reasons while two were for failure to appear. She was served with an official notice of suspension by the reporting officer and warned that she would be arrested if stopped again while her license is suspended.

Police responded to a call from a concerned parent whose daughter was involved in a physical altercation with her boyfriend. The victim claimed she was pushed to the ground by her boyfriend after getting into an argument with him and knocking his food off a bike rack. The subject was questioned by police, when they arrived on the scene, stating he became upset during an argument when his girlfriend mentioned a family member. Despite having bruising and a torn shirt, the victim refused EMS treatment and did not want to press charges at the time of the incident.

Tybee Island City Council drops alcohol ban proposal

CALEB BAILEY
SPORTS EDITOR

For years, tourists and beachgoers have been allowed to openly drink on Tybee Island. The Tybee Island City Council met Wednesday, April 6 to discuss a possible ban on open-air containers and it was eventually shot down by unanimous vote.

It is believed that this will be a good business move for city council with Orange Crush, an annual party taking place on the beach, beginning Friday, April 15. It is predicted that this will bring more business to beachside bars such as Wet Willie's and North Beach Bar and Grill.

The Orange Crush festivities were the biggest reason why the ban was thrown out and it does not look like it will be coming back anytime soon.

"It needs some more attention. It needs more time



Despite concerns, Tybee Island will not be banning alcohol on the beach. Photo via publicdomainpictures.net

given to it, to give it more time to study it, more time to get more public input on it," Tybee Councilman Barry Brown said at the Wednesday meeting.

Councilwoman Julie Livingston explained that the

weekend-long Orange Crush event, which has been notorious for resulting in more arrests than the entire year combined, would still go on whether the alcohol was permitted or not.

"If we can take alcohol

out of the equation... the event's not being discouraged at this point, we're still going to have to deal with it, it's still going to go on, but it is going to more than likely improve the safety issues for the chief and others," Livingston said.

The dropped proposal does not mean this is the end of the push to ban alcohol. Many believed that this would be the best thing for the city to do, but it certainly will not be coming in the near future.

Armstrong sophomore youngest ever to receive Natural Health Certification

DONNY WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Sean Jackewicz, 19, is a sophomore Biochemistry major. As a young child he witnessed his mother save a choking toddler's life, a terrible situation that inspired him positively.

"The paramedics assumed the toddler had drowned," he said. "[And] when her heart stopped beating, the paramedics declared her dead, but my mom kept trying. She eventually reached a finger into her mouth and pulled out the ball. The toddler started crying as my mother essentially brought her back to life."

This event inspired Jackewicz to seek out ways to help others. He is a supporter of herbal remedies and seeks to educate the public on the benefits of natural remedies.

Jackewicz's mother, Colleen, looked into herbal remedies after doctors diagnosed her with diabetes in her twenties. She brought him with her to a CNHP (Certified Natural Health Professional) class,

which teaches students how to diagnose and treat ailments with herbal supplements and healthy lifestyle choices.

"The first class I attended covered the topic of Tongue/Nail analysis. Symptoms of several diseases such as Hypoglycemia manifest there long before more severe symptoms become prevalent," Jackewicz explained. "I was immediately interested and asked the instructor if I was eligible to complete the course myself."

The instructor said that Jackewicz age was not an issue in becoming CNHP certified. In fact, if he completed the course before he turned 18, he would be the youngest person ever to receive the certification.

Jackewicz began his certification in Tampa, Florida, but later found classes available in Atlanta after his family moved to Savannah, Georgia. He accomplished his goal at age 17, officially making him the youngest person to ever receive a CNHP certification.



Sean Jackewicz is now certified in homeopathic medicine (Courtesy of Sean Jackewicz)

"There's a good deal of confusion in the scientific and public eye as to exactly what a herbal remedy is," Jackewicz said.

"I am certified in homeopathic (also known as holistic) medicine, which focuses on natural remedies for treating the body as a whole. Say a patient is suffering from painful acne. An Allopathic physician would prescribe a pill to treat the acne. As someone who practices homeopathic treatment, I would suggest a specific change in diet, which would eliminate the cause of the symptom and lead to a generally healthier lifestyle."

Jackewicz continued his explanation by stating that some healthcare professionals believe homeopathic remedies are not as favorable as their allopathic counterparts because the natural remedies do not work immediately and are not as simple as taking a pill.

In general, the homeopathic community believes that using natural supplements made of herbs is a better alternative to ingesting fast-acting synthetic chemicals prescribed by the Pharmaceutical industry.

Jackewicz argues that homeopathic treatments encourage complete disease prevention, not just side effects.

Natural medicine is not a "one size fits all," so Jackewicz runs herbandteaco.com, a website where visitors can take a free health evaluation and personally discuss their ailments with him.

After earning his Biochemistry degree, Jackewicz plans to obtain his medical license so that he can help others as a full-time profession.

End of Year
Birthday Celebration!
April 26 | 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Residential Plaza

(Courtesy of Armstrong Communications)

Armstrong's 80th Birthday and 50th Anniversary Celebration

EMILIE GROOVER
STAFF WRITER

Armstrong will host an 80th birthday celebration Tuesday, April 26, in the Residential Plaza. In addition to celebrating Armstrong's birthday, the year-end event will also mark 50 years in Southside Savannah.

"Armstrong was founded in the mansion located at the very north end of Forsyth Park in downtown Savannah. We were established by the city of Savannah and the mansion was a gift to the city of Savannah from the family of George F. Armstrong," assistant dean of Student Integrity, Andrew Dies, said. Dies was also a member of the event's planning committee.

The Armstrong House is located at Bull and Gaston Streets. Armstrong remained there until it moved to the current campus in 1966.

"We will have a photo booth, party favors, music, cake, and other desserts to celebrate," said Lucy Aradillas, a member of the Student Affairs Expo Committee.

The event-planning committee is made up of different people from the Division of Student Affairs and is chaired by Dr. Georj Lewis.

The committee is work-

ing to make the party not just about Armstrong's birthday and anniversary, but also about Armstrong's most valuable asset: the students.

Leading up to the event, there will be tables set up in the Student Union and at other events around campus allowing students to fill out birthday wishes for Armstrong. The birthday wishes will provide Armstrong students a way to tell their story and how Armstrong helped them.

"The idea behind the birthday wishes was to get [students] to give a little insight into who they are, or to give Armstrong thanks for something, whether it's their education, experiences, student life, etc.," Aradillas said.

Students are the most important part of Armstrong and help create a unique atmosphere specific to Armstrong. The celebration wants to highlight the student's contributions.

All of the birthday wishes will be hung outside of the Student Union during the celebration.

The celebration will take place between 3 and 5 p.m. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to come out, have fun, eat cake, celebrate Armstrong and the end of the year.

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Women's golf wins second PBC title in school history

CALEB BAILEY
SPORTS EDITOR

The Armstrong Pirates women's golf team went into last week's Peach Belt Conference Tournament with a lot of momentum after having a great regular season that saw them win two tournaments and finish in the top ten four other times. They opened up the weekend strong, jumping out a seven-stroke lead on Friday, April 15.

The Pirates did not relinquish that lead as they went wire-to-wire and brought home their second PBC Championship in team history. This is their first title since 2012 and their second since first fielding a team in 2010.

Armstrong looked to be on the verge of letting their commanding lead slip away Sunday, April 17, as Flagler College began to work their way towards the top, cutting

the Pirates' lead to just three strokes on the front nine.

However, senior Pamela Mosley led her team with a final-round 76 and holding the Lions off on the back nine. She shot a team-low 270 on the weekend, finishing fourth individually and earning All-PBC Tournament honors.

Mosley was not alone in her success as senior Brendie Rockholt carded a 79 Sunday to finish in sixth place individually with a 234 total, while freshman Bailey Buie shot an 80 to finish tied for seventh individually with a 235 total.

Head coach Michael Butler has held his position with the Pirates since the team came about in 2010 and was more than excited to bring the trophy back to Savannah.

"I think it's fantastic for us to get this win under these conditions," Butler told the official Armstrong athletics website.



The Armstrong women's golf team and coaches Michael Butler and Jenna Birch celebrate their PBC Tournament championship. The team held off the Flagler Lions to complete a wire-to-wire showing in the tournament. Sunday, April 17, 2016 (Armstrong Communications)

"Senior Pamela Mosley came up with a big round today and helped us pick up our second Peach Belt championship. It is a big win for

our program, and our team has a lot of momentum and confidence heading into the NCAA Championships in Pensacola in two weeks."

The Pirates earn an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament South Regionals, which take place beginning Monday, May 2, in Pensacola,

Florida. The NCAA will make selections for the tournament Monday, April 25, a week earlier.

Baseball drops three over Senior Day weekend

ETHAN PRINGLE
STAFF WRITER

The Armstrong Pirates' baseball team celebrated its seniors over the weekend while hosting Peach Belt Conference opponent Georgia College. The Pirates ended up losing all three contests to the Bobcats in a rematch from

the 2015 PBC Tournament Championship Game.

Before the game Saturday, April 16, Senior Day festivities honored the 13 seniors in a special pre-game ceremony: Jamie Thaggard, Cody Kremer, Kendrick Thompson, Tyler Graham, Will Austin, JT Phillips, Jerad Curry, Corey Kafka, Justin Adkins, Corey Crunk,

Tyler Green, Berry Aldridge, and Cody Sherlin.

The Georgia College Bobcats ambushed the Pirates early, scoring a quick five runs in the top of the first inning. The Pirates would respond an inning later, scoring three runs in the bottom of the second inning to cut the Bobcat lead to two.

Armstrong then took the lead in the bottom of the third with another three runs, capped by a Ryan Patterson two-run single.

Georgia College re-tied the game in the fourth and took the lead again in the sixth inning. The Pirates attempted to stage a late-game comeback in the ninth inning,

scoring two, but fell short despite the two-run triple roped by Chandler Corley. Corley finished the day 2-for-5 at the plate with two runs and two RBI. JT Phillips went 3-for-5.

Pirate Field staged an afternoon double-header between the two teams on Sunday. In the first game, the Bobcats scored three runs in

the ninth inning to stun the Pirates late, 6-5. In the second, the Pirates would fall 8-3.

Armstrong got up 4-0 early in game one, thanks to a three-run fourth inning. Chandler Corley led the rally with an RBI double while Jerad Curry tacked on another run with a sac fly in the fifth.

The Bobcats pushed back in the sixth and seventh, cutting the Pirate lead to one. However, Curry would come through again in response with an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh.

In the top of the ninth inning, the Pirates were one out away from securing the win, but Dylan Cook blasted a two-run home run to tie the score, then Matthew Miller notched an RBI double to seal the final score.

In game two, the Pirates snapped a 1-1 tie in the third inning on a two-run single by Zack Goble to take a 3-1 lead, but the Bobcats scored a run in the fourth and then took the lead for good with a four-run seventh inning.

Curry went 3 for 3 with a solo home run for the Pirates in game two, while Goble went 2 for 3 with two RBIs. The Pirates fell to 15-26 overall with a 6-21 conference mark and will close out PBC play with a road series against Columbus State beginning Saturday, April 23.



The Armstrong Pirates baseball team honored 13 seniors at its Senior Day festivities ahead of a rematch from the 2015 PBC Tournament Championship Game with the Georgia College Bobcats. - Saturday, April 16, 2016 (Armstrong Communications)

BAIL OUT WITH:

CALEB BAILEY

2016 NFL Draft: The Preview

CALEB BAILEY
SPORTS EDITOR

In just a week's time, more than 250 aspiring professional athletes will have their dreams come true when their names are called at the 2016 NFL Draft. Every year, the draft provides with some of the most exciting storylines to lead the NFL into the summer and this draft is sure to be no different.

The draft already has many storylines surrounding it with none being bigger than the Los Angeles Rams giving up six future picks to the Tennessee Titans to move up into the number one overall spot. This move was seemingly so they can get their man at quarterback in either Cal's Jared Goff or North Dakota State's Carson Wentz.

For the rest of the first round, it is pretty easy to look at teams and see where they need to focus much of their attention. Much of the first round will be dominated by defensive players as teams must focus on building their pass rush or their defensive back corps.

Players like Jalen Ramsey, Joey Bosa, Myles Jack, and Vernon Hargreaves III have the chance to make huge impacts almost immediately in their rookie seasons. For these players, it is hard to ignore what they have done to help their draft stock.

For Ramsey, coming out of Florida State is going to be the biggest reason why he is able to earn a starting job as soon as he gets drafted. He is a cornerback that knows he can play just about any position on

the defensive side of the ball.

Hargreaves comes out of Ramsey's biggest rival, Florida, which is widely known as "Defensive Back University." He should end up being a big player in the NFL as he is able to move all over the field as a cornerback.

For Bosa, he had one of the more impressive careers coming out of Ohio State. He racked up 26 sacks and 51 tackles for loss, showing that he is one of the better players to play the defensive end position.

When it comes to the linebacker position, Jack is the fastest after playing running back during his time at UCLA. Scouts have some concerns about his knee after he tore his ACL last season, but he has also shown great progress in getting back to full



"NFL Commissioner opens the 2014 NFL Draft from New York. The draft will take place live from Chicago for the second straight year on April 28. - Thursday, May 8, 2014 (USA TODAY Sports)"

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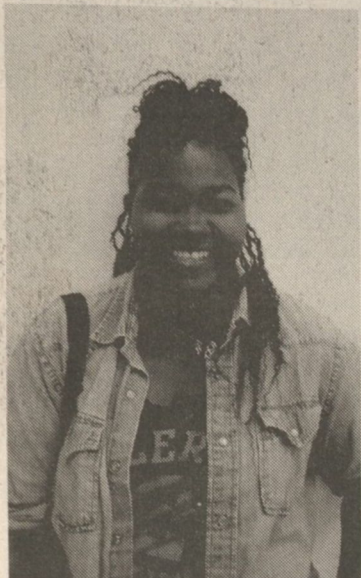
The 2016 NFL Draft is just a week away and it is going to be one of the best times

in the sports world, outside of the actual start of the season. Fans can catch the first round on both ESPN and NFL Net-

work at 8 p.m. on April 28 with the rest of the draft happening through April 30.

CAMPUS VOICES:

What are your feelings on Orange Crush?



I've never been but I feel like it's for a certain crowd. It's like you can have fun there, but because of the younger crowd, anything can happen.

Brooke Jones
Junior english major



It brings a rowdy crowd. Stuff can always go wrong. Something has gone wrong almost every year.

Larisha Hucks
Junior english major



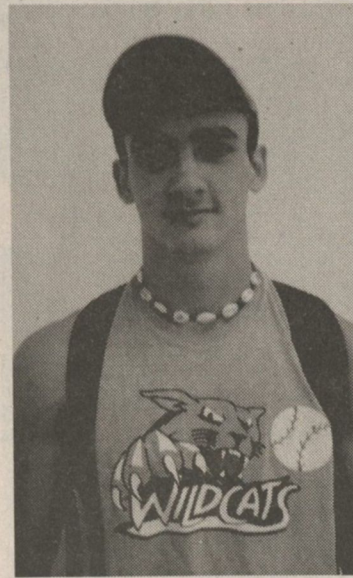
I think it's ratchet because I saw a video from it the other day and it was ratchet. I think it's chaotic and worse than spring break.

Courtney W.
Sophomore radiology major



It's dangerous and just overall destructive because every time I've been around it, there have been so many cops, arrests, and gunshots. I've seen assaults on police officers and thought we should go.

Ali Wells
Junior communications major



I don't like it. They trash the beach and they don't give a shit about it.

Matt McCullough
Freshman exercise science major



I don't like it. I worked out there and it took me two hours to get there. And they trash the beach every year but there's not much they can do about it.

Jane Coey
Sophomore undeclared

We All Have Our Reasons

ELIZABETH RHANEY
PHOTO EDITOR

Why do human beings have religions? How and why do they become apart of people's lives? Whether it's a well populated religion like Christianity and Islam, or an amalgam of beliefs like those on Sapelo Island, faith in powers greater than ourselves can become a foundation for many cultures. What purpose does this faith serve? Is it protection from harm? Guidance toward success? A way to have more control over our lives? A way to have less control over our lives and therefore less respon-

sibility? Is it motivation to love others? Is it an excuse to hate others? Does it need to have a purpose at all or is it just a curious quirk we developed along the evolutionary line?

The blended religion found on Sapelo Island is a major theme in God, Dr Buzzard and the Bolito Man. On Sapelo, "Muslim and Christian beliefs blended in our religious rituals" along with traditional west African beliefs like "the body, the soul and the spirit...until it was reconnected with the body on Judgement Day". Bailey writes that: "We believed in

God, Dr. Buzzard and the Bolito Man...all three used your beliefs in the supernatural, dreams, signs and magic, all three helped you reverse your luck, and all three worked together on your behalf". Those three entities blended together like the Christian Holy Trinity on Sapelo Island. Each one covered territory that the other did not. Bailey writes:

We believed that God's hand was in everything, but that there were certain things you didn't ask God for. Just like you didn't ask God for revenge, that's what Dr. Buzzard was for, you didn't ask God for money, because money,

according to the preacher, was the root of all evil...if God saw fit, he'd send you a dream for Bolito. Then if you won, you could say, "God gave me that number".

Faith serves different functions in the different episodes in the story. In One Come, One Go, where Bailey is visited in the maternity ward by a nurse the looks just like her dangerously ill mother-in-law, the belief in spirits separating from their bodies when they are sick and the belief that as one soul leaves, another one comes serves as a comfort for the family of those who died and a way to explain the cy-

cle of life and death. It "takes away some of the sadness for losing that one. Because you get almost an immediate replacement". In The Dog Finger, Miss Frances' curse on Mr. James Spaulding was a form of revenge, a way to right a wrong that Miss Frances thought Mr. Spaulding had committed against her. The nubie that Bailey's grandmother used in At the Bluff was a way to predict, and therefore control, the future. The nubie always answered her grandmother's questions, acting as a guide for what to do next.

Bailey mentions traditional beliefs in the island in sev-

eral of the stories in her book. In a way, these beliefs helped establish traditions on the island and maintain a connection to African ancestors that the people never had a chance to know and a land many did not have the opportunity to return to. Possibly, at its most fundamental level, religion is about connection. Faith is about connection to relatives-past and present, to other people around you, to histories that go back numerous generations and to the world around us which we sometimes cannot fully comprehend.

Horoscopes

Aries

This week could see you growing less idealistic and more materialistic, particularly when it comes to career, money, and security. Pluto turns retrograde at the top of your chart, so you could focus even more deeply on a goal or plan that you're trying to accomplish. There's a danger that you could become obsessed, so watch out for that tendency. Thursday's emotional Full Moon could find you sharing feelings you've held back for some time. Friday is the time to party!

Taurus

You'll come into your own this week as the Sun enters your sign to enhance vitality and encourage you to put meaningful plans into motion. Nevertheless, as Pluto enters its retrograde phase, you could become entangled in a relationship that may not be in your best interests. Guard against this, as you'll need as much freedom as you can get if you're to make the progress you desire. On Thursday, a little white lie might be better than being too honest.

Gemini

This week you're entering a phase in which you'll want to avoid too much socializing, preferring to spend more time doing your own thing. The cosmos encourages you to reflect on your successes and failures over the past year and look ahead to what you hope to achieve. This can also be a promising week for collaborating on a long-term project. It might be slow, but eventually success will be yours. Lighten your schedule on Thursday to reduce the Full Moon's impact.

Cancer

You may begin to feel more relaxed and less frazzled as the Sun eases out of your career sector and enters your social sector. You've been through a fairly hectic phase recently, but with a focus now on the sign of Taurus, it's time to unwind and have some fun. On another note, don't pay too much attention to someone's opinion, particularly if it seems somewhat negative. Thursday's Full Moon could see you getting quite passionate with the one you love.

Leo

The week ahead looks very promising for collaborating on a long-term project. And even though results may be slow in coming, success can be yours with perseverance. Meanwhile, your thoughts may move toward more materialistic and career-oriented goals as the Sun glides into Taurus and the topmost sector of your chart. Thursday's Full Moon could bring drama on the home front, which you'd be wise to ignore, especially if you have more important matters to attend to.

Virgo

As Pluto turns retrograde in your romance and creativity sector on Monday, you could become more focused on a budding relationship or artistic project. However, you could get a tad obsessed, which certainly won't help. Make time to stand back and get involved in other things, as the outcome will be more positive if you do. In fact, the Sun's move into Taurus can be an invitation to explore new territory or take a break, which should help you unwind on all levels.

Libra

You may begin to feel more relaxed as the Sun enters sensuous Taurus. Even though you'll be busy, you should feel less anxious and a lot calmer as you go about your everyday tasks. However, you might need to detach from a family situation that may be taking up too much of your time and energy. Pluto turns retrograde on Monday, so you may realize that this situation has gone on for too long. This is your chance to do something about it.

Scorpio

As your personal planet Pluto enters its retrograde phase on Monday it would be helpful to not get too obsessed with a certain situation. The more you can stand back and let matters take their course, the sooner you can find a solution. The Sun's move into Taurus and your sector of relating allows you to take stock of key associations, friendships, and a romantic partnership and consider how you can improve matters. Expect the unexpected on Friday!

Sagittarius

You may find yourself becoming a lot more focused on money, career, and the material side of life. Indeed, the issue of financial or other security may weigh heavily on your mind. A part of this might be because Pluto turns retrograde in your personal financial zone, causing you to be overly concerned with money matters. If you can relax your grip on this area, cash may flow to you more easily - and from unanticipated sources. Take it easy on Thursday!

Capricorn

You may begin to feel as though a burden has been lifted as the Sun enters Taurus and your pleasure sector. If you've been busy with family matters, the weeks ahead can bring a pleasant respite. You now have a chance to indulge your senses and enjoy yourself. Think luxurious massages with scented oils, country walks, hikes on mountain trails, dates in exotic restaurants, or anything else can think of. This is your chance to go for it!

Aquarius

Get ready to relax with a capital R. If you feel exhausted, the Sun's move into Taurus and your home sector could be like returning to the womb. This is your opportunity to nurture yourself and replenish your energy. If someone calls with an exciting project, don't immediately say yes and commit. You need this time to get back in touch with your body and restore yourself to sanity. Nevertheless, Thursday's Full Moon could put you in the spotlight. Be ready!

Pisces

After a few frazzled weeks, the next few should be calmer and easier to handle. Your mind may turn to more practical pursuits as the Sun enters your sector of talk and thought. Plans that could enhance your security, grow your business, or improve your lifestyle may seek expression. As Pluto turns retrograde, steer clear of a certain friend who may be jealous of you. In fact, you might need to cut off the relationship completely if things don't change.

Graveface Records and Curiosities participates in Record Store Day

MELANIE GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

At 6 in the morning, the line outside of Graveface Records and Curiosities at 40th and Bull Street stretched to the corner of the block. By 8, it was around the building. This isn't particularly surpris-



The line for Record Store Day stretches around the corner early Saturday morning. (Photo by Bradley Mullis)

ing, considering that Graveface is one of two local stores who participate in the yearly Record Store Day. Record Store Day is an annual event held nationwide since 2008 celebrating the existence of independently owned record stores, as well as giving record labels the oppor-

tunities to release specific "Record Store Day" releases. Graveface has been participating in the national event since its opening almost 5 years ago. The shop not only supplies vinyl, but also sells clothing, oddities, horror masks, and other small gifts. They also serve as an independently owned record label, which resides catty corner to the shop.

The event also served to promote and launch the shop's new Terror Vision section. The addition features "horror, sci-fi, and weirdo" VHS and video game rentals, as well as independent VHS and LP releases.

Sean Dawkins, a resident of Savannah and active member of the DIY punk scene, expressed his passion for the Record Store Day festivities.

"It's a really cool day for being specific to records," Dawkins said. "I just wish the exclusive content weren't catered to just one day, and that maybe more local artists would be able to get their music out there in addition to the major labels."

Dawkins's comment is also in response to the release of already available music that is accompanied by rare or previously unreleased content, exposed on this one day of the year.

Rachel Cooper, a SCAD student and resident of Savannah, discussed her thorough satisfaction with the people of Graveface and the store itself after her visit.

"The staff were very friendly and helpful," Cooper beamed. "The shop had an awesome selection of records from a wide range of genres and years for good prices."

The Facebook event page estimated that over 200 people were expected to visit Graveface Saturday, a substantial amount of which hailed from outside of Savannah and even outside of Georgia.

According to the shop's page, Graveface still has some exclusive content left over from Record Store Day. Information on future events can be found on Graveface Records and Curiosities' Facebook page and website (www.graveface.com).



An assortment of "curiosities" at Graveface. (Phot by Melanie Gibson)



Two of the new arcade games at Graveface, a part of their evergrowing mini-arcade series. (Photo by Melanie Gibson)

Fight Amp returns to Savannah for booming show

BRADLEY MULLIS
A&E EDITOR

Philadelphia based Fight Amp (or Fight Amp, for short) is a band that has been rumbling around in Savannah for years with their own particular brand of thunderous noise rock.

The power trio has put out nine releases over their 12 year tenure, including a split seven inch with Savannah's own Black Tusk.

"It would not be proper of me to be in Savannah, playing at the Jinx, and not offer a toast to our good friend Athon," said guitarist Mike McGinnis Saturday during Fight Amp's performance at The Jinx. He downed a shot of murky liquor in memory of former Black Tusk member Jonathon Athon, who passed away in 2014.

The group has been touring in support of their 2015 release, "Constantly Off," a record that has received praise across the board from publications like New Noise, Metalsucks, and even Revolver. It is the group's first record in almost three years.

"It's definitely different than it was when we first started playing," McGinnis said, as he reminisced over the band's early beginnings. "But those early years were definitely formative, and I think we've had plenty of opportunities where we could've stopped. I think there was a hump somewhere in the middle that allowed us to take a couple of steps back and refine what we were doing."

While the group loves Savannah dearly, they hold their transplant city of Philadelphia close to their heart.

"A lot of our acquaintances come from Savannah," said McGinnis "But within the past four years, noise rock really got a foothold in Philadelphia. We went from not really having a lot of venues to now being able to have our pick."

Fight Amp has been looking for a different direction to channel their musical prowess into and they think that "Constantly Off" really embodies the results of that search.

"We definitely took a different approach to this," says McGinnis. "We've been trying to focus on the structure of

the songs and the hooks, really boiling down what it was musically we wanted, especially having jumped around on previous records."

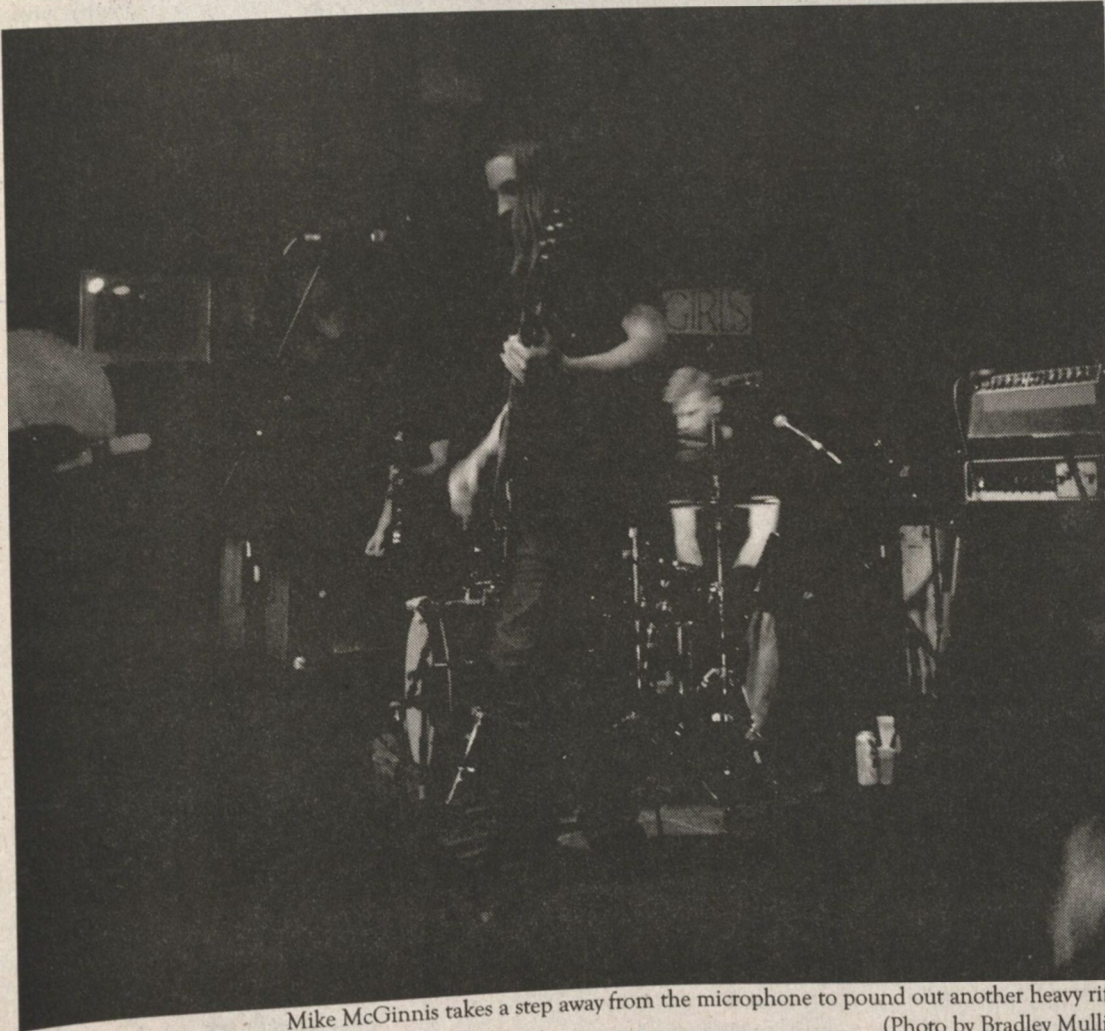
Simply put, the record is loud. Sludgy bass riffs pop up throughout songs, disappearing as quickly as they arrive for stone-cutting guitar parts to take their place as patient drumbeats remain the constant as song structures percolate and reside.

"We did all of the music for the album first," McGinnis says as he walks through the strenuous recording process. "Then we took some time off from the studio to finalize the vocals, so that we didn't do it all at once."

The difference between "Constantly Off" and previous releases is clear. Fight Amp is still heavy, as per their trademark sound. But the material has become far more complex and intricate, weaving throughout constantly changing tempos, elements that are clearly represented in the band's quaking live performance.



Fight Amp rips into a sludgy song. (Photo by Bradley Mullis)



Mike McGinnis takes a step away from the microphone to pound out another heavy riff. (Photo by Bradley Mullis)

Class Break: Sudoku!

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2016 Savannah Cultural Asian Festival at a glance



Traditional Japanese Taiko Drummers performing at the Asian Festival near Burnett Hall Saturday April 16, 2016
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Vietnamese Haek Lon Dyun Dragon Dancers performing at the Asian Festival near Burnett Hall Saturday April 16, 2016



Crowd gathers on the lawn at the Asian Festival near Burnett Hall Saturday April 16, 2016



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Game Review: 'Republique'

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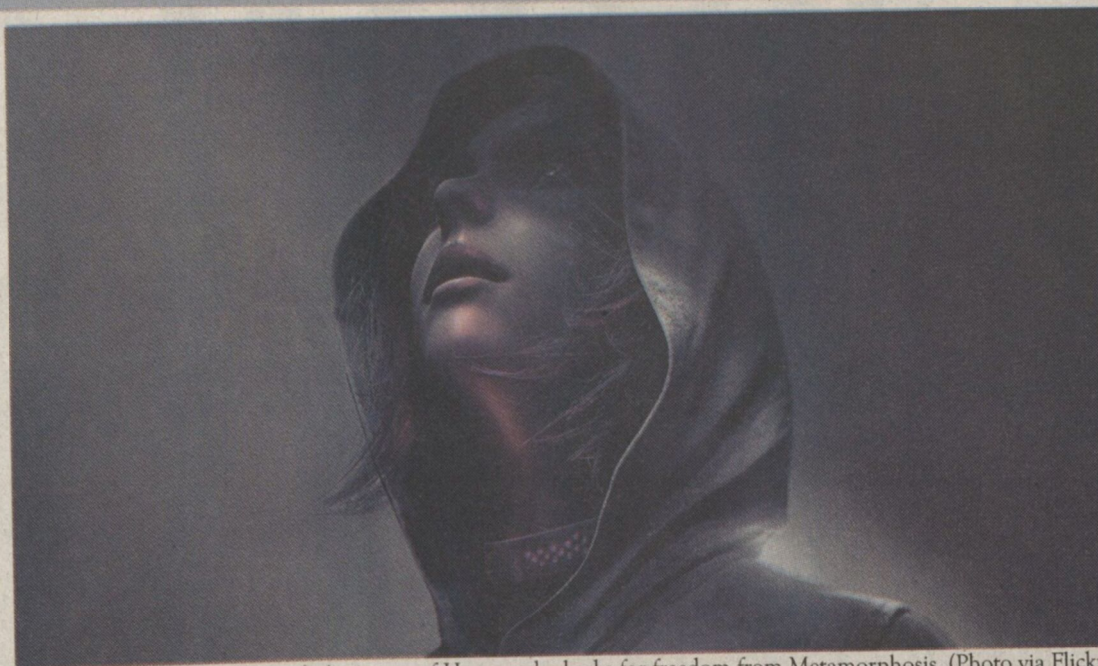
"Republique" is an episodic stealth action-adventure game, developed by Camouflaj and Logan Games, later published by GungHo Online.

The game comes from humble origins, beginning as a Kickstarter endeavor, it became a reality after collecting over \$500,000. Originally developed for iOS, "Republique" has managed to move out of the mobile gaming market and onto computer platforms, with a PS4 release planned for March 22, 2016.

In "Republique," players do not assume control of the protagonist, but rather assist the main character, Hope. Players control surrounding details like surveillance cameras and locks to distract guards or let Hope slip into areas she may not be able to gain access to otherwise.

Players can make use of an internal database through-out the game to gain personal information on guards and other non-playable characters that can then be used to their advantage.

"Republique" is set in a totalitarian facility called Metamorphosis, which is reminiscent of George Orwell's "Animal Farm." The upper class of this society perform mysterious experiments



An image of Hope as she looks for freedom from Metamorphosis. (Photo via Flickr)

on the lower class of the order.

The lower classes are often born and bred in the facility, never seeing the outside world throughout their entire lives. Hope manages to contact the player using a stolen phone and convinces them to try and help her escape her life of suffering.

It is important to remember that the game gets its roots from a kickstarter campaign, which is a clear sign of independent development. While this is not a bad thing (many great games are by independent developers and have gone on to be fantastic), "Republique" definitely loses its appeal after a few hours of

gameplay.

A stealth game can only keep the players attention or any level of fun if the player is in constant danger or risk of losing either items or their time. However if Hope manages to get caught, she ends up in a cage not too far away that is easy to break out of. Once players realize that they have nothing to fear, the game kind of loses its feeling.

All in all I had enough fun with the game to say that it is worth what I paid for it. It has a lot of strings and plot build-up in the earlier chapters, but they are quickly resolved toward the end and in ways that do not really make

sense. The story really crumbles. Combined with the low risk of death, I can say I lost interest pretty fast.

GAME RATING

RATING:
3 OUT OF 5



Initial release date: December 19, 2013
Publisher: GungHo Online Entertainment Inc
Mode: Single-player video game
Developers: Camouflaj, Logan Games
Genres: Action-adventure game, Stealth game
Platforms: PlayStation 4, Android, iOS, Microsoft Windows, Mac OS

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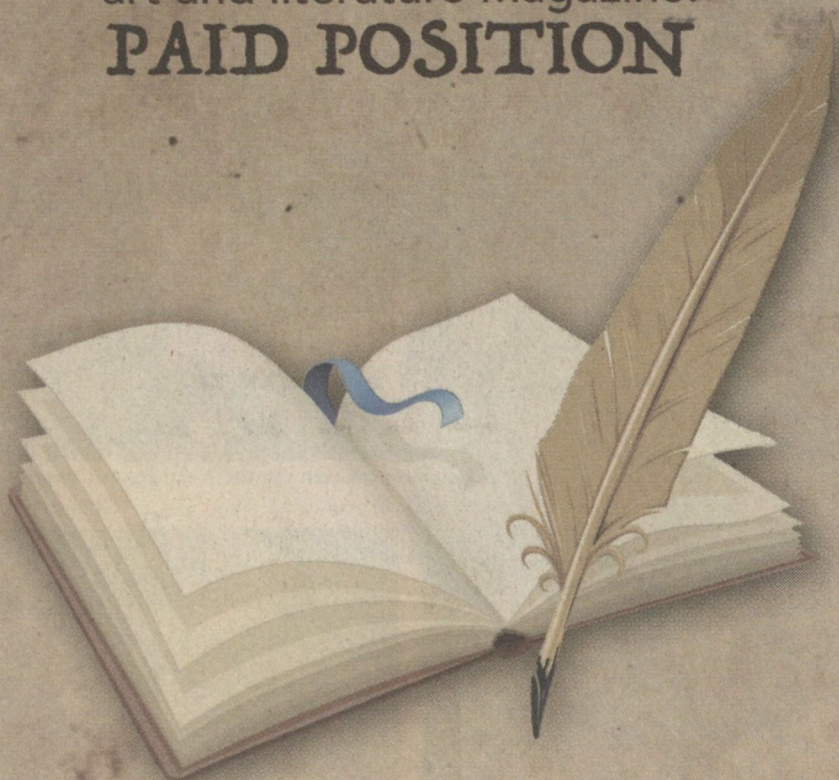
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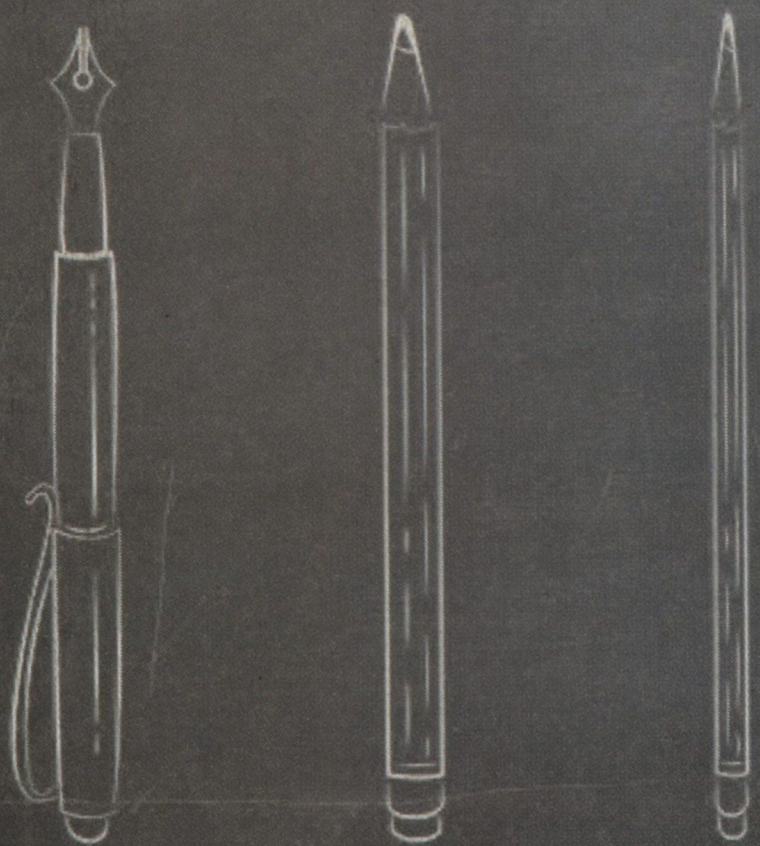
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