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# Armstrong gives back through Treasure Savannah

JESS KEAN  
STAFF WRITER

Armstrong celebrated its 75th anniversary five years ago. Founded during the Great Depression, the college was able to flourish due to contributions from members of the Savannah community.

In 2010, students, staff and alumni decided that it was time to say thank you to the city of Savannah by creating Treasure Savannah: a day of community service which helps build connections between Armstrong and the surrounding area.

This year, Treasure Savannah was held Saturday, Oct. 17. Though participation has remained steady since the event's first year, assistant dean of student life, Kate Steiner, noted that this fall's event saw a generous increase in participants.

Volunteers gathered for check-in at 7:15 a.m. and were split into 12 groups to be distributed at different sites.



Treasure Savannah volunteers check in at 7:15 a.m. in front of the Student Union before traveling to sites Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015

The volunteer sites aimed to cover different areas of Savannah, ranging from downtown to Armstrong's Liberty Center campus.

Groups spent the day cleaning, landscaping, and refurbishing different locations once arriving at their site.

Imani Mtendaji, a

member of the Neighborhood Association and a contributing host of Treasure Savannah's "Keep Savannah Beautiful" said, "This is our home. This is our city. Every little contribution makes the whole community better."

Aside from giving back to the city of Savannah, many people feel that this event

helps Armstrong grow closer as a campus.

"I think it makes a difference in Savannah, but I hope it makes a difference in our students' lives. Being able to serve others serves a need our students have to give back to the community," Armstrong president, Dr. Bleicken, said.

After hours volunteering

at different sites, the groups returned to campus for a luncheon. Many students agreed they were appreciative of the opportunity to volunteer.

Bemo Itoe, freshman, volunteered at the Lake Mayer site where volunteers spent the morning cleaning up and placing mulch around the tree

beds throughout the park.

"It was nice doing it with my friends and meeting new people. We accomplished more than we thought," Itoe added.

Registered organizations who receive volunteer help from Armstrong differ each year. The university was able to volunteer at the Salvation Army for the first time this year. Students could also choose to work at the local YMCA, Habitat for Humanity and the Azalea Nursing Home.

Armstrong continues to encourage groups to register, hoping to see more participation in Treasure Savannah's coming years.

"I think our students really understand the importance of giving back to the community," Steiner noted.

Bonita So, a sophomore, said, "Armstrong State is a small campus. But seeing everyone come together makes you have more pride in your school."

## WHAT ARE THOOOOOOSE?

### Easier recycling on campus



Photo by Emily Smith

Big belly units across campus collect waste management data Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2015

EMILIE GROOVER  
STAFF WRITER

Armstrong's Facility Services purchased six solar-powered waste and recycling units over the summer, and they are now located throughout campus. Some locations include the concrete median in the Science Center parking lot, Shearouse Plaza and in front of the Student Union Building.

Facility Services used state funding of \$40,000 to purchase the Bigbelly units.

Kathryn Twining, director of facility services, explained, "These units contain collection bins for both waste and single-stream recycling materials. The waste bin features a solar powered compactor, which allows us to collect more waste in the bin than the standard trash cans you see around campus."

Twining mentioned that each unit has a sensor to alert facility services when it is full.

"The software package we purchased with the units lets us track real-time and historical data on waste management across campus," Twining said.

The information will be used to determine if more Bigbelly units will be needed around campus. The new waste units allow Facility Services to focus more on grounds work and less on trash collecting.

The units also allow for easier recycling.

"Most of the recycling bins are single-stream recycling, which means sorting is done later and that students can put all recyclable materials in the containers...Each bin has a poster attached to it that informs people what can and cannot be placed in the containers," Jonathan Hatala, president of Go

Green Armstrong (GGA), mentioned.

The student environmental awareness organization considers recycling just one of their many concerns.

"Our main initiative is to help make Armstrong a more green campus. One way we accomplish this is by educating our members on different ways to cut down on waste," Hatala said. "A current project GGA is involved with is Shoebox Recycling... It is great because it reduces waste by reusing shoes."

GGA collects slightly used shoes and sends them to Community Recycling, a company which distributes the shoes to those less fortunate.

GGA was not responsible for the placement of the new waste/recycling units, but they hope to extend the act of recycling to the community surrounding Armstrong.

## Campus reacts to unusual cooler weather

ZACH LOGAN  
NEWS EDITOR

On Monday, Oct. 19, the morning temperature in Savannah dropped into the mid 40s, an unusual low for this time of year. Armstrong meteorology professor and WSAV News 3 meteorologist Lee Haywood noted that the normal low for mid-October is somewhere around 56 degrees.

What caused the colder weather?

"Creating the colder snap was a cold front which passed through the area Friday night allowing a cold area of Canadian high pressure to build [off] the southeast states this past weekend," Haywood explained.

Nationally, much of the U.S. also saw colder temperatures. Parts of the northeast experienced temperatures in the upper 20s, while some states even saw a few inches of

snow. Frost advisories were in effect for parts of north Georgia as well.

Back at Armstrong, the Inkwell spoke to students who said they welcomed the colder weather. Business economics student Erin Foster said the cooler temperatures offered a nice break from the usual Georgia heat. "I love when the weather cools down, mainly because this is my favorite time of year," she said.

Business economics student Collin Owen, a native of Blue Ridge, Georgia, also enjoyed the cold snap. Owen said, "[The] weather feels amazing, it's beautiful outside and this is exactly how fall should feel."

The campus seemed mostly unaffected by the unusual temperatures. According to the director of facility services, Kathryn Twining, as far as facilities are involved, not many changes occur during the colder seasons. "In cooler

weather, we usually increase the water temperature to a range of 160-180 [degrees] to help warm the buildings faster," she noted.

The cooler weather also did not affect the athletic department. Athletic director Lisa Sweany said that none of the games or practices were affected by the lower temperatures. Sweany explained, "Typically, the only reason we would move practices or game times is due to inclement weather which includes lightning or the potential for lightning."

Nursing major Donald Shelton runs on Armstrong's cross-country team. He said, "It was pretty chilly so I put on a little more clothes. But with running, once we get going we stay warm most of the time."

The cold snap did not last long. On Tuesday temperature

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## Catch the Drift

Our news editor gives you a look at what's trending so you don't get left onshore.

- Football fans watching the NFL Network Sunday, Oct. 18, definitely received an exclusive look inside the Cincinnati Bengals' locker room. During a postgame interview with sports journalist Albert Breer and Bengals' defensive back Adam 'Pacman' Jones, players can be seen in the background in their... birthday suits.

- The Washington Post reports that a few of the players "were getting ready to hit the showers, and not all of them bothered putting on a towel first." The background during the interview did not go unnoticed. After the

interview, the network's hosts could not keep a straight face giggling at what they witnessed.

- From lattes to cookies, the pumpkin spice craze continues. Now the magazine "Cosmopolitan" reports that pumpkin spice hair color is "all the rage this fall." What does pumpkin spice hair look like? Some colorists compare it to a ginger-snap, but Laura Estroff, a NYC colorist, told the magazine, "We're seeing that pumpkin spice hair has more copper undertones whereas gingersnap tends to fall under the category of brunette with red undertones." Many individuals are showing off their pumpkin spice hair color on social

media. To see more of the hair color, simply search "#pumpkinspicehair" on Instagram.

- With Halloween quickly approaching, ABC Family wants to get you in the spooky spirit with their annual "13 Nights of Halloween." The Halloween movie series premiered Monday, Oct. 19. This is the 17th year that ABC Family has aired the series. This year's lineup includes some classics like "The Nightmare Before Christmas" and "Hocus Pocus." New to the lineup is "Sleepy Hollow," starring Johnny Depp. Check your local listings for channel numbers and show times.



## Short-handed Pirates edge Bobcats

BERRY ALDRIDGE  
STAFF WRITER

The Armstrong State University women's soccer team overcame some early adversity to take down Peach Belt Conference rival Georgia College and State University 1-0 in Milledgeville Saturday, Oct. 17. This improves their record to 8-3-2 overall and 4-1-2 in conference play.

The team is no stranger to adversity this season and they ran into trouble a few minutes into the contest when senior keeper, Morgan Luckie, abandoned the box and took on a Bobcat attacker one-on-one. She prevented a shot, though the referee decided that her take-down was too malicious and warranted a red card ejection.

By rule, the Pirates were forced to play with only 10 players for the rest of the match. Despite this, the determination shown by the play-

ers made up for their missing member.

The first half was a battle of wills. Armstrong's defense was unrelenting, allowing only five shots in the first half, however they only produced three shot opportunities for themselves.

The Pirates knew that lacking a player might prevent chances at scoring in the contest. They tried to make the most of every opportunity and shortly into second half, they did just that.

Sophomore, Randi Schroedel, fed a free kick into the box in the 15th minute where fellow sophomore Olivia DeJong gathered and beat the Bobcat keeper for her second goal of the year.

DeJong, the reigning PBC defender of the week, has been the Pirates safety net, plugging into different positions all over the field. She has come through in a big way each time.

"It was such a great team win," DeJong said. "In the end, it didn't even matter who scored. We all fought and worked so hard together and for each other that the win was the most rewarding thing. The fact that we had to play with 10 players for almost the entire game showed how much we've grown and come together as a team."

The score remained 1-0 throughout the end of the match thanks to a pair of late saves from backup keeper, Erica Laurens. Laurens, a sophomore, has not given up a goal in over 114 minutes so far this year.

DeJong, Jenny Allen, and Sarah Olin all tallied three shots during the contest. Armstrong picked up four corner kicks and five fouls.

"I'm really proud of our

team and how they responded to a really difficult situation... being a player down after only nine minutes," head coach

Eric Faulconer said, "Obviously, it was not an ideal situation, but our players never got rattled. We put in a tremendous amount of work to get the result and secure three valuable points in the PBC."

The Pirates returned to action Wednesday, Oct. 21, taking on PBC opponent USC-Aiken. The Pirates will next host Georgia Southwestern Saturday, Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m.



Courtesy of Armstrong Communications

Olivia DeJong (16) pushes the ball up the field

## Armstrong's Allen Twins

HEATHER ROMAGE  
STAFF WRITER

The Allen twins are two soccer players recruited from Brookwood High School in Snellville, Georgia. Jennifer, best known as Jenny, and her sister Michelle have had an interest in soccer since their older sister began playing, plus their family's support.

The twins began at Armstrong in 2014. While they had scholarship offers from other schools, they felt that the Pirate players and coaches "treated them like family." They knew they would excel best at Armstrong.

"We can be more honest with each other about how we played and what we should do better because of it," Michelle said.

The twins feel that being on the same team as well as being the same age does not hinder their ability to play, but

helps it. They do not have to worry about one sister getting more field time since they do not play the same position. This allows them to be evenly played.

"They tell us apart by me wearing my hair straight and Michelle curls hers" said Jenny.

In the beginning, teammates could only tell them apart by their positions. Michelle is a defender and Jenny is a center forward, which keeps them on separate sides of the field. Now that the players can tell them apart, the sisters do not think it causes much confusion.

"Going to different schools to play definitely would have been different since we have never been apart," Michelle said.

Since the twins have never played apart, they feel that they would have been a bit lost without the other. They support and give honest

advice to each other that could not come from anyone else.

Another set of soccer twins, Amanda and Ashley Green, play the same position so their play time can vary.

Both sets of sisters explained that it is a relief to have another set of twins on the team. They feel they can relate to each other more than just as teammates. The sisters have never played with

other twins before coming to Armstrong.

Both Jenny and Michelle feel they would not have found the bond and support with the team that they have found at Armstrong if they had chosen another college.

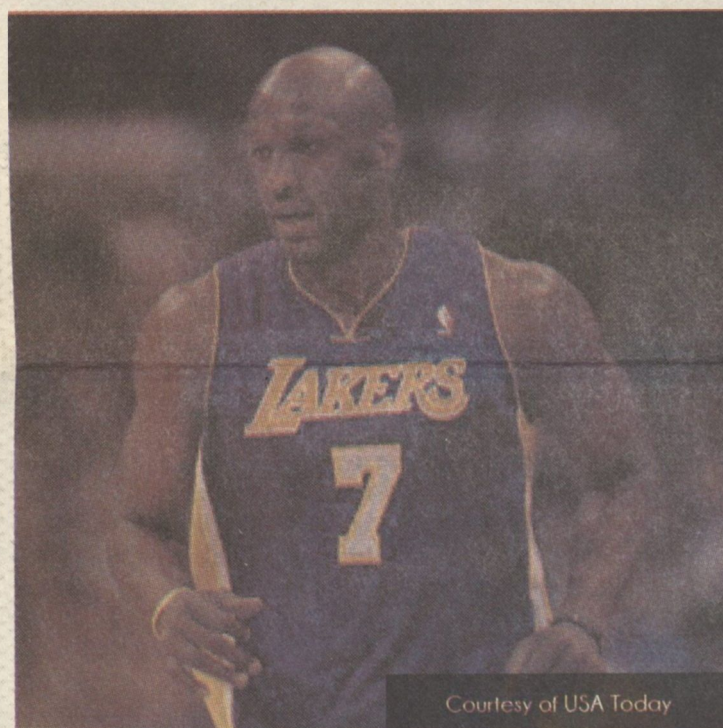
"We honestly love it here and would not even reconsider our choice to play soccer for Armstrong," Jenny said.

The Allens' careers have taken off here at Armstrong. They have started strong and hope to finish the same way.



Photos Courtesy of Armstrong Communications

Pictured: sisters Michelle Allen (left) and Jenny Allen (right)



Courtesy of USA Today

Lamar Odom is a two-time NBA Champion

## Lamar Odom recovering after near-death experience

TYRONE TOWNSEND  
STAFF WRITER

Lamar Odom, the two-time NBA champion with the Los Angeles Lakers and the 2011 NBA Sixth Man of the Year, was found unconscious in a Nevada brothel on Oct. 13. He was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital and treated for drug overdose.

The hospitalization occurred following a several-day bender during which Odom reportedly ingested cognac, a dangerous dose of "herbal Viagra," and used cocaine. After days in a coma with several organs reportedly having failed, Odom regained

consciousness Friday, Oct. 16. He began breathing on his own and spoke a few words.

Odom's visitors included former teammates and colleagues in addition to family that remained at his bedside. Longtime teammate and friend, Kobe Bryant, visited Tuesday night following a preseason game against the Sacramento Kings. Bryant left early upon hearing the news of Odom's condition.

Further tests will be conducted to determine the extent of internal damage as a result of the overdose. While his health continues to improve, he remains in critical condition.

## BAIL OUT WITH:

## CALEB BAILEY

## Brock Lesnar vs The Undertaker: Part III

On Sunday, Oct. 25, one of the most intense WWE rivalries of the past three years will come to a riveting conclusion. Former WWE World Heavyweight Champion, Brock Lesnar, will finish off his "Go to Hell Tour" when he steps inside Hell in a Cell.

Lesnar will then join the man that made the match famous, the Undertaker, at the aptly-named "Hell in a Cell" pay-per-view. The match locks two or more competitors inside a 20-foot high cell surrounding the ring. Anything goes in this match.

This feud began early in 2013 when Lesnar and his "advocate," Paul Heyman, gloated that he was the most unstoppable force in the WWE. It would seem this is still true.

When no one had been able to step up to the "Beast Incarnate," the infamous gong sounded. The Undertaker made his way to the ring and "Road to Wrestlemania 30" was officially set.

The Undertaker, at 21-0, had never lost at Wrestlemania. Heyman's battle cry was that Lesnar would be "the one behind 21-1." Lesnar

shocked the wrestling world by making good on his promise to break the streak.

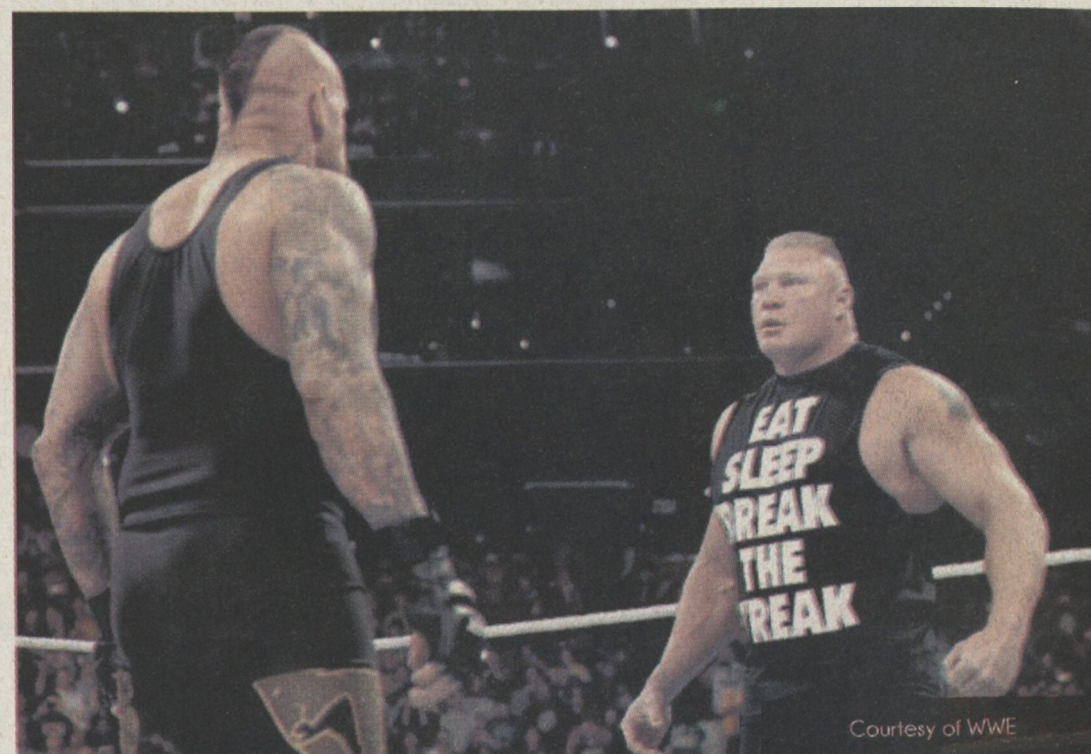
Many thought the feud was over until the "Battle-ground" pay-per-view event just three months ago. Lesnar looked to win his WWE championship back from Seth Rollins when the gong sounded once more.

Lesnar and the Undertaker and Lesnar rekindled their rivalry which culminated in a match at Summerslam in August. The match ended in the controversy that led to the two meeting this Sunday.

Nothing will stop them as they look to tear the other limb from limb. The rivalry between Lesnar and The

Undertaker will come to an end this weekend. One of them may not walk out of Los Angeles.

"Hell in a Cell" will be available for rent on pay-per-view or via livestream on the WWE Network. The show begins at 8 p.m. Sunday night with an exclusive pre-show for those network subscribers.



Courtesy of WWE

The Undertaker and Brock Lesnar square off in the ring

## UPCOMING GAMES

### OCT 24th - 28th

- October 24**  
Men's Cross Country  
• 2015 Peach Belt Conference Championship 9:45 a.m.  
Women's Volleyball  
• at Francis Marion 2:00 p.m.  
Women's Soccer  
• vs. Ga. Southwestern 3:30 p.m.
- October 26**  
Men's Golf  
• Rollins McDonough Cup

- Women's Golf  
• Flagler College Fall Slam
- October 27**  
Men's Golf  
• Rollins McDonough Cup  
Women's Golf  
• Flagler College Fall Slam
- October 28**  
Women's Soccer  
• vs. Flagler 3:30 p.m.  
• Women's Volleyball  
• at Flagler 7:00 p.m.

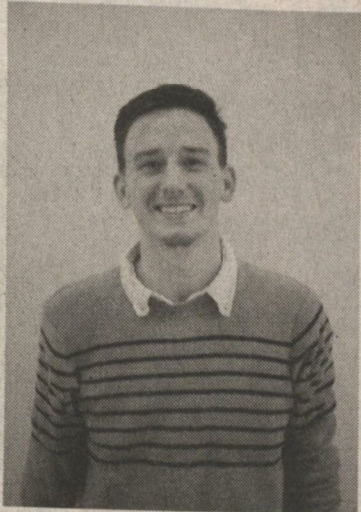


# OPINIONS & EDITORIALS

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## CAMPUS VOICES:

## HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT GROUP WORK?



It's important to be exposed to, but for someone that likes to work alone like myself, it's not always the best thing in the world.

Cannon Mason -- Junior



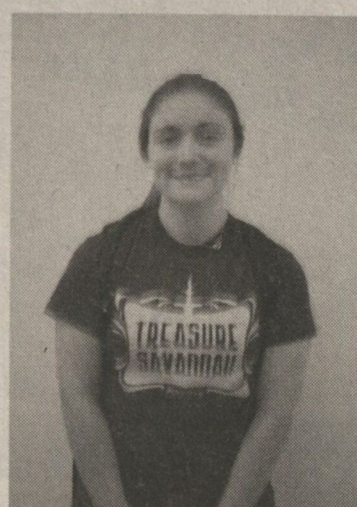
I personally don't like it. People don't always pull their own weight.

Nicole Black -- Grad Student



It depends on the people I'm in the group with. Some people want to do the work for the grade and some just want to coast by. I'd rather do it alone because I know I will do all that is asked of me.

Jasmine Johnson -- Senior



I haven't had to do a group project in a while. I feel like it has changed from high school to college because the work is distributed more evenly. I'm also able to talk to classmates on a different level now than when I was in high school.

Ariana Cheas -- Junior



It's good. I am more of a fan of collaboration than cooperation. When everyone is given a certain task in the group instead of the work being laid all on one person, it's easier. I can't really rely on group members to do their work in that scenario.

Cody Wire -- Senior

## Thoughts on Savannah's mayoral debate

DUSTIN STEWART

First, I would like to thank Dr. Rinalducci for arranging to host the Savannah Mayoral debate at Armstrong. It made it a lot easier for those of us who are civically engaged. The biggest question post-debate is "Who won?" I would have to admit that, despite my less-than-enthusiastic interest in municipal politics, I was hoping for something inspiring and enlightening. What I was presented with was in a way exactly what I wanted, but also not. Present was current Mayor, Edna Jackson, who was her typical bubbly self with an answer for every question, Eddie DeLoach, a local business owner who gave one of the most uninspiring presentations I have witnessed in debate, personality-wise, Murray Silver, the Donald Trump of Savannah (I need say nothing more), and Louis Wilson, who gave it a

great effort, but exhibited his limited knowledge of governmental affairs. So to answer the question of "Who won?" I would say it depends on what you were looking for. If you wanted an outsider, Mr. Wilson won. If you wanted a big-mouthed, no-nonsense candidate, Mr. Silver won. If you wanted a pragmatic, knowledgeable individual as someone to counter the current Mayor, Mr. DeLoach won. If you like how things are, the Mayor won.

The two hot topics of the night were crime and poverty. Each candidate had at least some semblance of a plan, but little was offered in the way of how the plans would yield long-term results. So much for calling out the current council for being short-sighted. Granted, circumstances and external factors are constantly changing and dictate capabilities of implementing programs, but a plan must be thoroughly researched and presented as such. Of course, on the political side of things,

a little enthusiasm goes a lot farther than the details. What is true is that the poverty rate of Savannah is too high and the crime rate is skyrocketing. Just this last weekend a shooting occurred in City Hall's backyard at City Market. What is it going to take to get something done? In my own neighborhood, since the start of summer, there have been no less than three shootings, all of which made news.

If there were a moral to this story, it is that citizen apathy plays as much a role in the perpetuation of these issues as the pitiful attempts by the powers-that-be to solve them. I would encourage anyone within the city to research and get involved. This year's city elections will dictate the direction in which the city of Savannah moves. While the current council has done some things well, there are other things they have not. It is time for a shake-up at City Hall in the beautiful city of Savannah.



Cartoon by Tyrone Townsend

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ABOUT WRITING AN OPINION PIECE

## ALL VIEWS WELCOME!



# A guide to Celebrate Armstrong

KAYLEIGH LEADBETTER  
STAFF WRITER

The Savannah Stage Company performed its adaptation of "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" at Ampersand Thursday, Oct. 15. This was one of the several performances of the play which will take place in the weeks leading to Halloween. Their final performance will occur Oct. 31.

Artistic Director of Savannah Stage Co., Jayme Tinti, said, "In planning our season we knew we'd have a show in October, and I said 'well, what better for Savannah than The Legend of Sleepy Hollow.'"

This adaptation of the classic Washington Irving story was created by Catherine Bush and provides a refreshing take on the original.

"The first play that we ever did, we wrote and adapted 'Rip Van Winkle.' So I've always had a Washington Irving spot," Tinti explained.

The stage for this play, located on the third floor of Ampersand, places the audience in a circle surrounding the stage. This proximity to



FILE: In this Oct. 9, 2014 file photo, a student takes part in Phi Iota Alpha's car bash in 2014

the action forces the audience feel involved and makes the play's spooky theme seem all the more visceral. While the six actors play multiple roles throughout the play, their enthusiasm and talent create the impression of separate and memorable characters interacting with each other.

The Savannah Stage Company has maintained its mission to serving the community by providing live professional theatre since its founding in July 2012. They

achieve this by requesting that attendees simply "pay what they can" if they wish to see a performance. This reflects the Company's mission to focus on "Accessibility, Imagination and Bravery."

For those with a deeper interest in community theatre, Savannah Stage Company will offer auditions during the first week of December.

"With our company, skill is not the leading force in why someone is hired. I'm more interested in someone who is

a learner. I'm more interested in someone who can work well with other people. I'm more interested in someone who's really imaginative," said Tinti.

With Halloween approaching, this fitting performance provides a great entertainment option for getting into the spirit of fall. "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" will be performed Oct. 23, 24, 30 and 31, beginning at 8 p.m.



FILE: In this Oct. 9, 2014 file photo, a student learns how to use a pottery wheel.



Courtesy of Rachel Greene

A piece of jewelry that will be up for auction

## Post-study-abroad art raises funds for Argentinian tribes

ELIZABETH RAINEY  
PHOTO EDITOR

The opening reception for the "Argentina and Bolivia: A Southern Odyssey" exhibit will be Friday, Oct. 23 in Armstrong's Fine Arts Gallery at 5:30 p.m. The show features work by students who attended the study abroad to Argentina and Bolivia, as well as work from the Wichi tribe that live in northwestern Argentina and southern Bolivia. The reception is free and open to the public.

The artwork will be available for purchase during a silent auction that will end Friday, Oct. 30 at 4:45 p.m. All proceeds from the auction will be used to benefit indigenous people living in Argentina.

The Argentina study abroad trip is offered each summer. Students travel to South America and meet artists from local tribes. They then create artwork based on their trip and exhibit it in the show. There are a variety of pieces including photographs, textiles and ceramics. The artists will discuss their work during the opening reception.

"Argentina and Bolivia: A Southern Odyssey" is a unique, collaborative project that Professor Rachel Green formed with five Armstrong students. Students used information learned and the experiences

had on the summer 2015 trip to create the pieces displayed in the show.

One student, Richelle Redwood, said that "Seeing how skillfully and beautifully these artisans make their crafts made me fully appreciate their culture and art... traveling to Argentina and Bolivia was a great adventure and learning experience that I will never forget."

The Wichi tribe live in an area called Gran Chaco. The tribe's main source of income is selling crafts and textiles made with a plant called chaguar. They use this plant, along with natural dyes, to make handmade belts, bags and other craft items. They are well known for hand-woven shoulder bags called yica which are worn by both men and women. The patterns in the yica bags are often tied to natural things like owl's eye or iguana's belly.

Students who participate in the Argentina study abroad help the Wichi tribe who are fighting to stay on their ancestral land. People from the tribe have been systematically relocated and their language is now endangered.

Anyone interested in learning more about the study abroad trip or the Wichi tribe can visit the exhibit or contact Professor Green at [rachel.green@armstrong.edu](mailto:rachel.green@armstrong.edu).

## Ampersand hosts spooky classic

HARRISON ROUX  
STAFF WRITER

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### Iron Chef duel wraps up Latino Heritage Month

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Executive Galley chef, Greg Simeone and vice president of Advancement, Bill Kelso, took home the winning title at Armstrong's Iron Chef: Latin America competition Thursday, Oct. 15. The competition marked the official end of Latino Heritage Month and saw a generous turnout from the student population.

Kolby Harrell, graduate assistant for Multicultural Affairs, was the master of ceremonies for the event. "I watched a lot of episodes of Iron Chef, and one of the things I wanted to do was research the secret ingredient so I would have a lot of interesting things to say about avocados," Harrell said.

The event, taken from the TV show of the same name, featured chefs from around the world who go head to head in a cook-off competition. The two teams were judged on presentation, taste, originality and the ways they incorporated the secret ingredient into their final products.

"[The competition] was

intense and I had to improvise toward the end to finish the dish...it came out just the way I wanted," chef Greg said.

The opposing team was composed of chef Ed McCafferty and president Bleicken's husband, Carl Bleicken. The judging panel was made up of five members, one of which was freshman biology major, Chelsea Webster.

"They announced the fifth judge was going to be a student but they would have had to attend the Latin American events this month," Webster said. The event was the first time she had tried Latin food.

"I'm a little excited that I was chosen because it's a really neat experience, I really like Latin and Spaniard Culture," she said.

Attendees also had the chance to win prizes and vote for the winning team. The event, collaboratively sponsored by Armstrong Dining Services, Multicultural Affairs and Brother to Brother Armstrong, was an interactive and welcoming study break for attending students.



Photos by Zach Machado

Chefs Greg and Ed improvise Latin dishes for the Iron Chef competition Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015.



### Movie Review: "Crimson Peak:" a gorgeous Gothic horror story

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One of the reasons Guillermo Del Toro is such a revered filmmaker is that he loves cinema and storytelling, no matter the genre. He has made one of the best ghost stories with "The Devil's Backbone," greatest vampire films with "Cronos," greatest fairy tales with "Pan's Labyrinth," superhero adaptations with "Hellboy," and monster vs. robot movies with "Pacific Rim."

Now he brings us an original classic gothic horror tale with "Crimson Peak."

His latest film stars Mia Wasikowska as young heiress Edith Cushing, who has had a past encounter with a ghost carrying the warning, "Beware of Crimson Peak." Her life begins to unravel with the arrival of the handsome

and romantic Thomas Sharpe (Tom Hiddleston), who immediately sets his sights on Cushing in hopes of making her his bride. Edith soon finds herself married and halfway across the world in England at the Sharpe's estate, but quickly discovers that there is a sinister secret being kept within the dark corridors and eerie silence of her new home.

Del Toro has a knack for knowing what his audience presumes is going to happen in his stories and to his characters, and he takes great delight in delivering what his viewers crave rather than what they expect. 'Peak' is a chilling ghost story in the vein of Washington Irving or Sheridan Le Fanu, but the director gives it a visual style unlike anything these classic writers could have imagined.

The house comes alive through the immaculate set

### GSA hosts annual Coming Out Prom

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Armstrong's Gay Straight Alliance (GSA) hosted their annual Coming Out Prom Saturday, Oct. 17, to create a safe space for individuals of Armstrong's LGBTQ community.

The GSA executive board hosts a Coming Out Prom each year. The goal is to fill the space with LGBTQ individuals and other students as a way to provide them the chance to experience a welcoming prom.

"It's called the Coming Out Prom and I know a lot of people, especially if they were raised in the south, probably didn't get to take who they wanted to take to the prom. To this, it doesn't matter who you bring. It doesn't matter if it's girl and girl, guy and guy, or trans. Nothing matters,"

first time attendee, Elizabeth Mullins said.

GSA vice president and overseer of the prom committee, Hunter Hart, helped organize and select the theme for this year. Hart was ecstatic to see the decorations' final layout.

"[This year] we're going for a club rainbow theme... when walking into the prom you can see the rainbow accents and it still feels like a club at the same time," Hart said.

The majority of students in attendance were part of the LGBTQ community, though many allies were also present. The prom helps students become more confident in their sexual identity because they can attend, have a great time, and not worry about being judged.

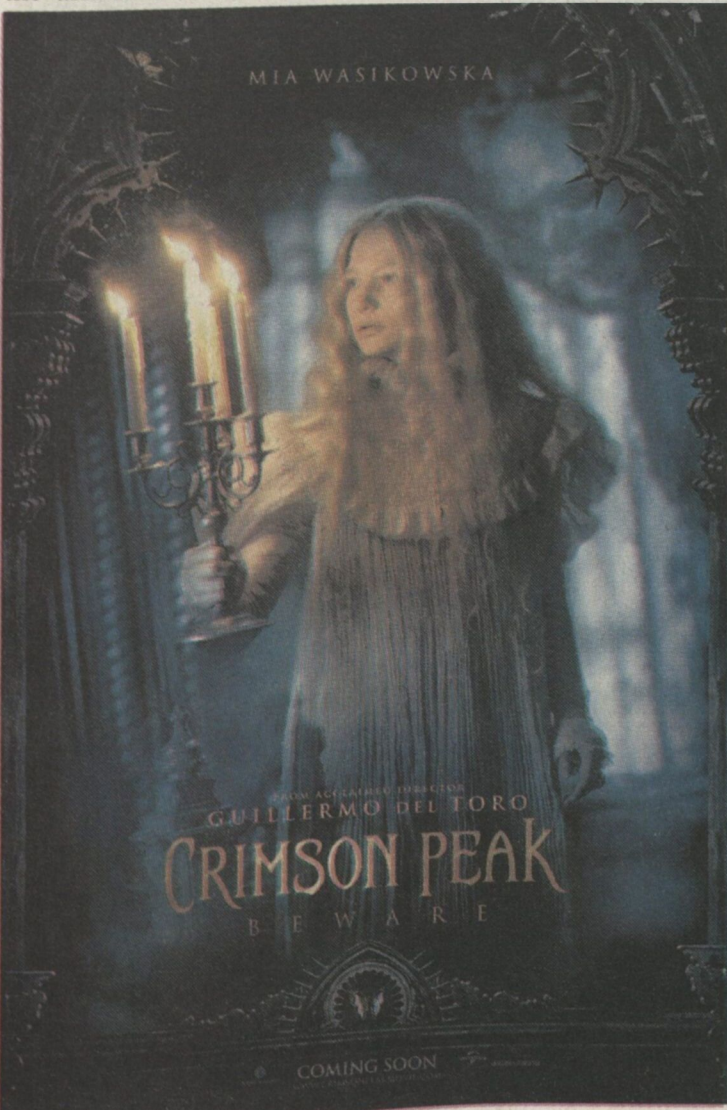
"We will have another

prom in the spring where we will crown King and Queen of the LGBTQ community. This prom is solely to recognize coming out week," says Hart.

Another first time attendee, Caleieh Allison, expected to "have a lot of social time to hang out with people who feel the same way and just have a

good time."

Event organizers hope that students will realize that GSA is fun and welcoming. They offer monthly events that make it easy for LGBTQ students and allies to find community on campus. Students are invited to attend meetings Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in Fine Arts Hall Rm. 206 to learn more about GSA and their events.



design, and the costumes and camera work follow suit. Aesthetically, this is a perfect film that outdoes any haunted house depicted throughout the history of horror films, which is quite a feat considering that the 'haunted house' subgenre has been around since the beginning of cinema.

The cast is excellent with Wasikowska making the most of her damsel-in-distress character. Edith is neither presented as unintelligent or pathetic, but rather a sentimental person who has been accustomed to tragedy from

an early age. She plays the part well even when the notes fall a little flat.

Hiddleston shines as the tortured, yet engrossing Thomas who seems to yearn for something he cannot articulate. As good as both leads are, and they are terrific, it is Jessica Chastain who steals the show as Thomas's sister Lucille. She nails each twist and turn Del Toro throws at her, and she is as frightening as she is enigmatic. Lucille is not an easy role to play, but Chastain knows when to be subtle and when to be as ham-fisted as a kabuki performer being told to liven things up.

The film's weakness lies in its story. While the scary moments are creative and the pacing bursts with energy, there is not an unpredictable moment within its two hour run time. It is evident that Del Toro lovingly designs and produces his works, but his writing feels more as if it were an homage to these stories rather than an original work inspired by them.

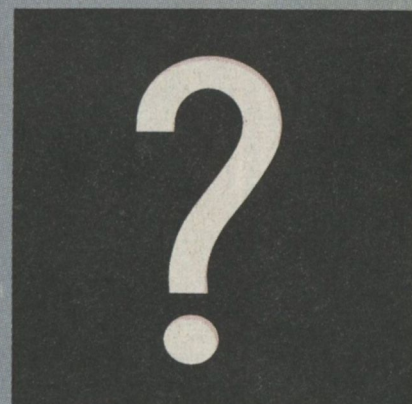
Still, there is much fun to be had and plenty of scares and gore for the horror crowd. "Crimson Peak" is not a perfect film, but it is both an impressive and entertaining spectacle that Del Toro's fans will marvel over for years to come.



Courtesy of Ashleigh Thompson

Senior Ashleigh Thompson poses with date Landon LeBlanc at GSA's Coming Out Prom Saturday, Oct. 17, 2015.

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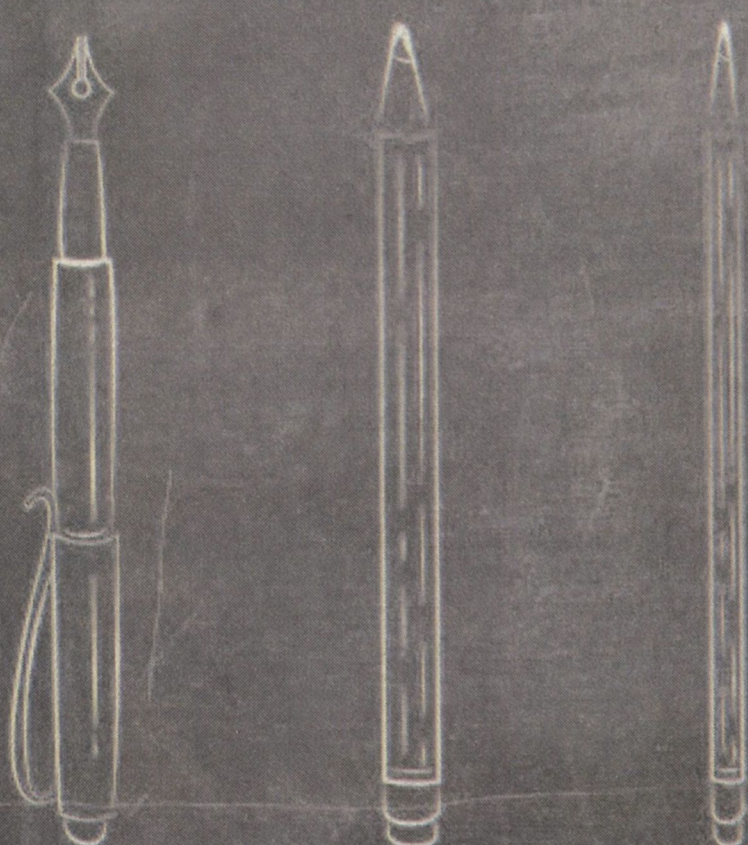
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lows returned to the upper  
50s and lower 60s, the usual  
for this time of year. Haywood  
mentioned that Savannah's  
coldest months are December,  
January and February. "Don't  
look for it to become too cold  
until then. We certainly will  
have chilly snaps before then,  
but they shouldn't last very  
long," Haywood said.



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