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## #WHYNOTUSTOUR Teaches Students to be Better Advocates

By EMILY SMITH  
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Aspiring student advocates took advantage of the Georgia Shift Why Not Us tour seminar Feb. 12 to learn more about fighting for causes on college campuses.

The tour is hosted by Ian Bridgeforth, he started the Georgia Shift program about seven months ago. With a degree in mass communications from Georgia State University and a marketing background under his belt, Bridgeforth has set out to inform college students about being advocates on their campuses.

"There's a disconnection between young people, campaigns and politicians," Bridgeforth said. He noted that older men in politics can be condescending to young people, therefore leaving a large population overlooked and

unheard. To solve this problem, he wants to engage young people in issue-based advocacy and train them to be leaders.

He has a lot of faith in college-aged students, claiming that they are caring and determined, but can also be impatient. Bridgeforth advised that once a group finds passion for a cause, the most important thing to do is research niches within that area of interest.

Bridgeforth encourages time management, structure in group meetings, and choosing specific projects to work on.

It is also a good idea to reach out to community organizations for help and inspiration, but focus on doing tasks on campus. "Use other organizations' leverage to raise yours," Bridgeforth said. "Saying you're collaborating with a larger entity is a good thing. Work together because you can't do

everything yourself."

He stressed the importance of using resources and allies. Students can be respectable and stern at the same time when telling an organization upfront how they can help.

He also discussed the importance of a social media presence and how to use different sites effectively. Bridgeforth discourages using social media to display every little detail about a group's cause, but instead using it to tell a story by building the audience's trust with authenticity.

Social media is also a tool for creating connections with organizations that are difficult to contact.

He advises to retweet and engage with other people more than you tweet about yourself.

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Photo by Elizabeth Rhoney

Ian Bridgeforth of Georgia Shift discussed the Why Not Us Tour with students and staff.

## This week in World News

## Cuba: Restoring Severed Ties

By RUBY RIZVI  
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In 1959, Fidel Castro brought communism to Cuba during the heat of the Cold War and created tension with the U.S.

The Kennedy administration severed all ties with Cuba—politically, socially, and economically in 1961.

Long after the end of the Cold War, the relationship between the U.S. and Cuba remained frozen. Being the poster child of capitalism, democracy, and federalism, the U.S. opposed the governing styles of Castro. Tension between the two countries also increased as Cuba became closer with the Soviet Union.

After a 51-year standing embargo, President Obama and his administration have decided to reconsider the circumstances. President Obama and his administration had been working to reinstate diplomatic ties with Cuba and December 17, 2014, Barack Obama and Raul Castro announced that the United States and Cuba would restore full

diplomatic ties for the first time in more than fifty years. Despite still being a communist nation, the U.S. is working to resolve issue that have been around for over half of a century. However, just like every situation, there are those who support and those in opposition.

"Anytime you're dealing with communism, it's going to get messy," said Stephen Grotto, a senior history major here at Armstrong who has extended family from Cuba. "Cuba in and of itself complicated. Cuba isn't the first country America has tried to take under its wing, and although there are other, more extreme governments out there, such as North Korea, I still think we're rushing into things."

Grotto goes on to say that, "As a history major, I believe that anything is possible." He believes that it's very possible for the United States and Cuba to be on good terms, but that he feels we should take a more gradual approach to the situation. "We don't want to induce a culture shock throughout the country. If we're not careful, we could drastically change all that they've



Photo by Elizabeth Rhoney

Stephen Grotto has family living in Cuba, currently.

ever known, from their education and healthcare systems to how they view their materialist things."

Zach Machado, a sophomore political science major who also has familial ties to Cuba disagrees. "I welcome it," said Machado. "The previous policy of economic violence and political passive aggression was not effective in bringing the political change that the U.S. government would like to see in Cuba. If we can have open, favored partner relationships with such politically repressive governments as those of Saudi Arabia, China, and Vietnam, I honestly don't see why we can't redevelop relations with Cuba."

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## Extended Hours at Learning Commons

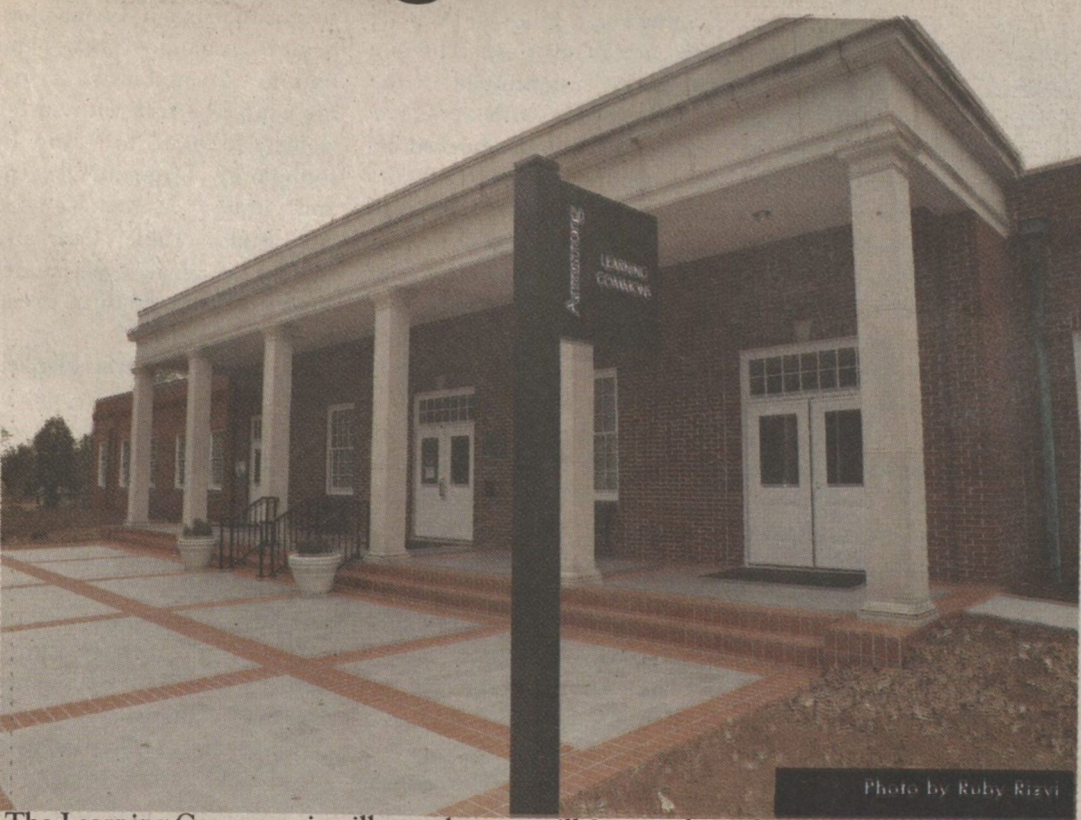


Photo by Ruby Rizvi

The Learning Commons is will soon be open till 2 a.m. after a full-time position is filled.

By ZACH LOGAN  
STAFF WRITER

Last Spring a survey showed that a large number of Armstrong students were asking for more time in the Learning Commons, a technology-rich space designed for the Armstrong student body.

ASU's Student Government Association also saw the growing number of requests for longer hours at the place where students and staff meet to study, use different resources, and interact.

As a result, the Learning Commons staff is currently looking to extend the hours of operation sometime this semester. ASU Librarian, Doug Frazier said, "We are in the final stages of hiring someone for a new full-time position. The additional staff time will allow us to extend our night hours and to add some hours elsewhere."

Last year's survey also showed that students were in favor of the Learning Commons opening earlier rather than closing later.

Students like Kyle Hutchins, a Junior Cellular and Molecular Biology Major, who prefers visiting the Learning Commons in the morning for additional study time.

"Staying up for a test I have in the morning doesn't seem to give me any sort of advantage," Hutchins said, "but being able to get into the Learning Commons a little bit earlier and get some studying done before some of my classes might actually have some benefit."

In Fall of 2014, the Learning Commons changed the opening from 10:30am to 8:30am. However, they moved the closing time from 2 a.m. to 12 a.m. "We were reluctant to move the closing time back, but we were working with a fixed number of staff hours, and students really wanted us to open earlier" Frazier said.

The staff moved the times, but did not extend the total hours of operation. The Learning Commons was still and continues to operate at a total of fifteen and a half hours a day, Monday through

Thursday. The Learning Commons has different hours on the weekend, Friday through Sunday.

Once the university fulfills that full-time position, they will be able to permanently add on more hours.

This will be a first for the Learning Commons since it opened in May of 2013. When the position is filled, the Learning Commons will stay open Monday through Thursday until at least 2:00am. That would give the Armstrong body over seventeen hours to use the Learning Commons in just one day.

Hutchins supports the added time. "I think it would be an overall, good change for the campus."

Additional hours may be added elsewhere, but the staff is still contemplating on where to add them. Frazier says, "We have not settled on a final schedule, but we will be open more hours than we are currently and more than we were last year."

## Chapel Hill Shooting Raises Concerns

By MARI GLOVER

Feb. 10, marked a fatal event in North Carolina.

University of North Carolina students Deah Shaddy Barakat, 23, Yusor Mohammad Abu-Salha, 21, and younger sister Razan Mohammad Abu-Salha, 19 were shot inside of their Chapel Hill, North Carolina home.

"I'm walking through the Semi Forest apartment complex in Chapel Hill and I just heard two gunshots, and I don't know what building it came from but I heard kids screaming". The 911 call, released by Chapel Hill authorities, led police to find the bodies of the three Muslim-American students murdered execution style in the North Carolina neighborhood. Shortly after the incident, 46 year old Craig Stephen Hicks turned himself in and was indicted

with three murder counts. He is currently being held without bond in Durham County Jail.

Deah Barakat and Yusor Abu-Salha were newlyweds that attended UNC, along with Abu-Salha's younger sister Razan Abu-Salha. The three were revered as kind, gracious, and talented spirits. Barakat and Yusor were known for their missionary work offering Syrian war refugees dental hygiene assistance, as well as raising money for dental hygiene awareness in Turkey.

Chapel Hill Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident. It has been said that the murders may have been from ongoing disputes over parking.

Neighbors describe Hicks as angry and say his negative attitude was non-discriminatory, there is heavy pressure to charge Hicks with

a hate crime.

The Associated Press revealed that a search warrant produced multiple firearms including four handguns, two shotguns, six rifles, and multiple loaded magazines from Hicks' residence.

Interviews with friends and family revealed that Yusor complained of multiple incidents at her apartment where Hicks, upon complaint, would highlight the print of concealed weapons. Friends also say that Barakat went as far as to draw maps for his friends designating safe parking in order to defer Hicks.

A federal investigation has ensued to substantiate details surrounding a possible hate crime charge.

Father of the two female victims, Dr. Abu-Salha released a statement in response to the murders and

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## Pirates Stave Off Pacers In Opening PBC Series

BY CALEB BAILEY  
STAFF WRITER

The Armstrong Pirates baseball team opened their Peach Belt Conference season with a three game sweep of the Pacers of USC Aiken. A doubleheader on Saturday, February 14th began the weekend of play with the series wrapping up on Sunday.

The Pirates were in the middle of what seemed to be a defensive battle as they trailed 1-0 going into the fourth inning. Senior Tyler Avera ended the scoreless drought with a solo homerun in the bottom of the inning while junior Kendrick Thompson scored on a throwing error later in the inning.

With the game tied and the bases loaded in the bottom of the sixth inning, junior JT Phillips rocketed a grand slam over the center field wall, giving his team 6-2 lead. Junior Matt Wisniewski extended his team's lead with a solo homer on the next at bat.

The Pacers plated four runs in the top of the ninth after a three-run home run by Tyler Moore rallied his team to make the score 7-6, giving the PBC opponent life. Junior Tyler Graham, however, had different plans as he struck out the next batter to seal his third save of the season and help junior Corey Kafka move to 2-0 on the season.

"It was a dogfight from game one, but we never got down,"

Graham said. "Even when we were down, we always found a way to get back into the game. We knew how important this series was coming in and we had a good chip on our shoulder. Our hitting definitely came through this weekend against a good staff and our pitching showed what we were capable of in big situations. All in all, it was an outstanding weekend for us."

Game 2 of the doubleheader was just as much of a "dogfight" as it came down a late inning rally that gave the Pirates the victory.

The Pirates opened up hot as they plated 7 runs in the first four innings, mostly in part to a 2 RBI double by senior RJ Dennard in the second and a two-run home run by junior Will Austin in the third.

The Pacers plated ten runs in the span on two innings as they took their only lead in the top of the seventh inning thanks to 3 RBIs by Chaz Pal and a two-run homer by Randy Luckett.

In the bottom of the seventh, the Pirates tied the game up due to a throwing error by the pitcher, a run that was walked in, and a sacrifice ground out by senior Zach Lance. The game was then suspended in the bottom of the eighth due to darkness and was resumed on Sunday.

Thompson had both junior Cody Sherlin and senior Tyler Avera on base and he took



Senior RJ Dennard at-bat for the Pirates.

Photo by Ben Stone

advantage of it. He brought home Sherlin with a RBI fielder's choice to seal the victory for his team with an exciting 11-10 win.

"I think this game is going to be a series to set the tempo for the rest of the season," Dennard said. "Overall a great team win. Every single person contributed and battled to get three huge wins. Hopefully it kick starts us into rest of conference play."

The Pirates trailed 9-8 in the bottom of the eighth in the third

game, but they brought home three runs after a two RBI double by Thompson and a sacrifice RBI by junior Jerad Curry to win the game.

After the sweep, the Pirates are 8-1 and 3-0 in the PBC. They played Paine College on Tuesday, February 17 and return home to play Claflin on Tuesday, February 24.

Upcoming Games  
Feb. 21 - Feb. 25

## Feb. 21

- Women's Tennis vs. West Fla. @ Valdosta, Ga. 10:00 AM
- Men's Tennis vs. West Fla. @ Valdosta, Ga. 10:00 AM
- Softball vs. Newberry 12:00 PM
- Women's Basketball vs. UNC Pembroke 1:30 PM
- Softball vs. Rollins 2:00 PM
- Baseball at Francis Marion 3:00 PM
- Men's Basketball vs. UNC Pembroke 3:30 PM

## Feb. 22

- Men's Tennis vs. Barry @ Winter Park, Fla. 10:30 AM
- Softball vs. Rollins 12:00 PM
- Baseball at Francis Marion 1:00 PM

- Softball vs. Newberry 2:00 PM
- Women's Tennis vs. Barry @ Winter Park, Fla. 2:00 PM
- Baseball at Francis Marion 4:00 PM

## Feb. 23

- Men's Golf hosting Armstrong Pirate Invitational

## Feb. 24

- Men's Golf hosting Armstrong Pirate Invitational
- Baseball vs. Claflin 2:00 PM

## Feb. 25

- Women's Tennis at GRU Augusta 1:00 PM
- Men's Tennis at GRU Augusta 1:00 PM
- Women's Basketball at Flagler 5:30 PM
- Men's Basketball at Flagler 7:30 PM

Pirate Tennis  
Remains UnbeatenBY CAROLINA GARCIA  
STAFF WRITER

Over Valentine's Day weekend, the Armstrong Tennis teams took on Young Harris and the University of North Georgia, and the women also faced Kennesaw State University on Friday to start their event-filled weekend.

The women's tennis team defeated Kennesaw with an 8-1 victory, sweeping all three doubles matches and five of six singles matches. The duo of freshman Alejandra Cisneros and sophomore Diana Stomlega blanked their opponents 8-0, while sophomore Dora Andrejski and freshman Nicole Fossa Huergo won their match 8-3. Freshman Lena Lutzeier and senior Clara Perez rallied to defeat their opponents 8-6. These victories gave the Pirates a 3-0 lead heading into the singles play.

Winning five out of six

matches, the Pirates started off singles play with a 6-0, 6-1 win by Perez, followed by a 6-1, 6-0 victory by Fossa Huergo. Stomlega continued the winning streak with a 6-0, 6-2 win, and Cisneros knocked off her opponent with a 6-0, 6-1 victory. Lena Pacholski blanked her opponent 6-0, 6-0 to lead the Pirates 8-0 overall. Lutzeier lost in a third-set tiebreaker after dropping the first set, 6-0, but rallying in the second, 6-2.

Coach Sean McCaffrey commented on the season, stating, "Both the men and the women have been preparing for the regular season since they arrived back on campus early last month, their consistency and fitness are paramount components to their success."

The Pirates returned to action on Saturday at Bacon Park to face North Georgia in the Peach Belt Conference opener. The men's tennis team started off their weekend with a win over North Georgia, 8-1.

The Pirates dominated all three doubles matches and won five of the six singles matches. Senior Fernando Bogajo and junior Otakar Lucak started the winning streak with an 8-2 victory, followed by a win by sophomore Damien Okrutny and junior Marek Pesicka, 8-0. Junior Pablo Gor and sophomore Ignacio Hernandez completed the doubles sweep with a win, 9-8 (7-2).

The women's team blanked North Georgia in their match, 9-0, in the PBC tennis opener. This brings the tennis team to 4-0 overall and 1-0 in the conference. Pirates took a 3-0 lead in doubles play and swept the singles play. Lutzeier and Perez started the winning streak for the Pirates with a victory over their opponents, 8-4. Fossa Huergo and junior Carolina Prats-Millan followed suit, blanking their opponents 8-0. Cisneros and Stomlega

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Sophomore Diana Stomlega hits a winner for the Pirates

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## JOCK TALK WITH: TRAVIS JAUDON

## Braves Looking for Answers this Spring

BY TRAVIS JAUDON  
STAFF WRITER

The Atlantis Sports Book and Casino has set the Braves over/under win total for this season at 73.5. That number is lower entering spring training than it has been in a very long time. The Braves have more questions than perhaps any other team in the big leagues, and they don't have long to answer those questions. This means, of course, that the upcoming exhibition season down in Florida will be the biggest spring training for Atlanta since Fredi Gonzalez took over as manager.

Atlanta has some holes in their club right now. A lack of power in the lineup, a cast of former closers in a new-look

bullpen, and a left field platoon that is far from being a sure thing, to name a few. But, when I look at this team as it stands now, there are three questions that must be answered this spring. If not, Atlanta could find itself well below that 73.5 wins mark come season's end.

Who will win the fifth spot in the starting rotation? The top-4 spots in the rotation are all but set coming into the spring. Julio Teheran, Mike Minor, Shelby Miller, and Alex Wood are a solid 1-4 combo, but the question of the final starter has yet to be answered.

The Braves have no shortage of contenders for this job. For the sake of time (and space) we'll assume the Braves will select one of the top three

options. Those options include Eric Stults, Mike Foltynewicz, and Wandy Rodriguez. Stults, who the Braves signed at the end of January, is currently listed as the fifth starter on the Braves website depth chart, but that really doesn't mean much at this point. Stults, 34, is coming of one of his better seasons in the big leagues after notching a career high 11 wins in his first year with San Diego. He also logged over 200 innings last season, a fact that surely didn't hurt his chances of being signed.

Foltynewicz, or "Folty," is an intriguing prospect and the youngest (23) of those pitchers vying for the final spot in the rotation. The 6'4, 220-pound Foltynewicz came over in the

Evan Gattis to Houston deal. He has had limited majors work as he made his debut in August of 2014, but he has the most upside of all the candidates, and a good spring would do wonders for his chances. Wandy Rodriguez is a veteran lefty that could provide the Braves with long relief help if he doesn't notch the rotation, but he could also surprise a few folks and win the fifth spot. Rodriguez turned 35 in January and boasts a career 4.06 ERA in over 240 major league starts.

Can BJ Upton and Chris Johnson bounce back in 2015? I know, I know. Braves fans are more than sick of hearing about a potential Upton bounce back, but the fact remains, if he can

hit anywhere close to his career averages, the Braves would benefit greatly. Upton has been nothing short of awful through his first seasons with Atlanta, but he has the capability and athleticism to perform at a higher level, although this isn't saying too much. The Braves will need him to bounce back in a major way this season if they hope to contend.

Chris Johnson struggled in 2014 after putting up great numbers in 2013. The Braves third baseman has a contract, and he has, for now, the opportunity to hit somewhere near the middle of a high contact lineup. If he can return to his gap-hitting days of 2013, the Braves will look like geniuses for resigning him last

season.

Who will protect Freddie Freeman? The Braves must find a bat to hit behind Freddie Freeman. The Braves first baseman will likely hit in the three hole, but he may struggle to see good pitches if Atlanta doesn't put a decent bat behind him. Jonny Gomes and Chris Johnson are some stealth candidates for the job of cleanup hitter but the more likely options are BJ Upton or Andrelton Simmons. None of the aforementioned players are prototypical cleanup hitters, but someone will have to step up and take the job this spring. If not, the Braves will be left with a sitting duck in their three hole, and best hitter Freeman.



# Opinions & Editorials

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## Carnal Knowledge

A Weekly Sex Column

BY BILLIE AMATUS-SALAAM AND  
MICHELLE POMPEI

### Stay Healthy and Clean Part II

In the last column we took on the myths surrounding vaginal health and cleanliness. We're equal opportunity writers, so now we turn to the penis, because how many times have you heard someone describe an uncircumcised penis as "gross" or "dirty?"

There might not be special soaps and cleansers for men (there isn't a male equivalent to Summer's Eve - Summer's Adam? - as far as we can tell) but intact men can face the same damaging messages

women have heard about their genitals: that they're dirty, smelly, or weird-looking.

I never really knew how damaging these messages could be until a friend of mine who is a newly-minted doctor told a group of us about a fourteen year old who showed up in the ER after cutting off his own foreskin with a pair of scissors.

We think it goes without saying that no one should ever be made to feel that ashamed of a body

part, especially when its based off of myths and loose medical arguments.

We can get to a place where we're not making fun of someone's genitals by understanding what it is we're looking at and why its a normal part of the body.

The foreskin actually serves a purpose. It protects the head of the penis which is very sensitive, helps with lubrication for sex, and can add increased sexual sensation. Just like the vagina produces

discharge, the foreskin produces smegma - and this where the bulk of negative messages about being uncircumcised derive.

Smegma is a mix of oils, moisture, and dead skin cells. It is as natural as vaginal discharge is. It helps the foreskin slide back and forth over the head and assists with lubrication.

Smegma builds up every day, so it is important to clean the penis daily and after sex or masturbation.

All you need to do is pull back

the foreskin so the head is exposed and wash with warm water-that's it.

With the practice of proper hygiene, smegma should not cause a foul odor. Poor hygiene can lead up to a buildup of bad bacteria that will require medical attention.

It's safe to say an uncircumcised penis is no less clean than one that is, it just requires a little more attention to detail.

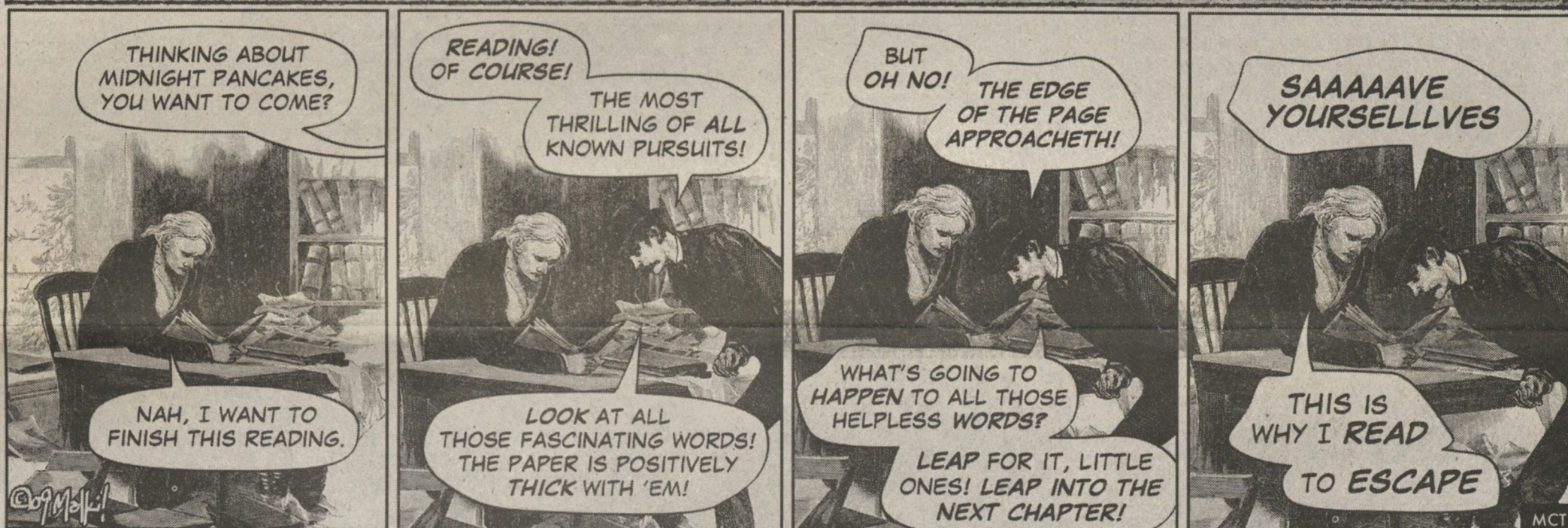
The belief that intact penises are dirty also, stems from studies

that have shown circumcision reduces the risk of STIs and HIV. It is important to realize that the same reduction in risk for STIs and HIV can be achieved by - drumroll please - washing up after sex.

We hope we didn't disappoint anyone but having a circumcised penis doesn't make you a magical STI and HIV resistant demi-god. The bottom line is if you're not practicing safer sex, you're at risk of STIs and HIV, cut or uncut.

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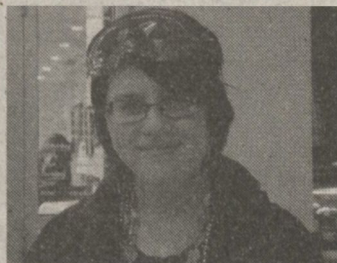
## Campus Voices: What TV series are you currently obsessed with?

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Paloma Whatley  
Freshman  
Undeclared

“The Walking Dead.”



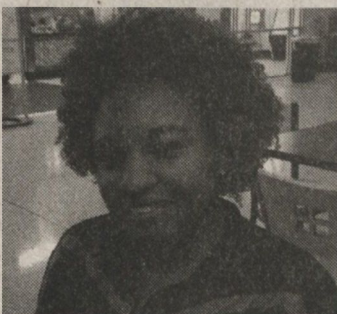
Victoria Moore  
Freshman

“Teen Wolf.”



Alex Rawlins  
Sophomore  
English

“Teen Wolf.”



Sheila Armanal  
Sophomore  
Rehabilitation  
Science

“Love and Hip Hop.”



Taylor Asandorf  
Freshman  
Rehabilitation  
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“Scandal.”



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“Helix.”

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# Arts & Entertainment

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## Open Mic Night Draws Largest, but Rudest Crowd Yet

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Students lined up outside the Student Union Ballroom and down the stairs waiting patiently for open mic night. Feb. 10, The Valentine's Day themed event drew its largest crowd yet. The Student Government Organization provided an elaborate buffet of Valentine's candy as well as snack foods including chicken fingers and wraps. The SGA executive board was astounded at the turnout as Student Union workers scrambled to set up additional seating. "There's a really good turnout," junior public health major and SGA senator, Emily Bressler said. "It's great to showcase the talent of Armstrong." The audience attendance of open mic nights continue to grow as SGA invests more advertising, food, games and prizes into each

event. Students continue to attend open mic nights for the stellar entertainment at each one. "I like hearing peers' talents," freshman business economics major Kirsten Glover said. The hosts kept the audience on their toes by asking trivia questions between acts. An intermission segment included a game of celebrity trivia which gave audience members the chance to win prizes. After the quick game, more acts took the stage. Students showcased a variety of talents, some showing off their vocal range and others performing spoken word poetry pieces. "It takes a lot of courage for them to get up there," freshman theater major Jordanna Jones said. Some audience members seemed agitated at the abundance of noise coming from the audience while students were performing on stage. The addition of tables, food, and games to recent open



Blake Lamb playing guitar during Open Mic Night.

mic nights seem to have changed the atmosphere from a quaint social gathering to a loud room full of commotion. "I felt it was very disrespectful and unprofessional," said freshman civil engineering major Luke Peterson. Sophomore music major Karin Ruiz performed at open mic night and was also distracted by the loud audience members who talked while she was on stage. "It really

is rude. For the person who is up on stage it feels uncomfortable and sometimes you feel like people either don't like what you are doing or don't care," Ruiz said. "Standing up on stage isn't easy for anybody. I've done it several times and I don't take it personal, but for somebody who is just doing it for the first time it can be distracting."

## Upcoming Events

Feb. 19

- Savannah Black Heritage Festival at Various locations South of Forsyth Park
- Live music with Eric Culberson Band at Bayou Cafe
- Live music with Randy Cuba at River House Seafood
- Live music with Sarah Tollerson at Rocks on the Roof
- Free genealogy class at Southwest Chatham Library 10:00 AM
- Mini Art March at Andz Savannah 5:30 PM
- Seersucker Live at Ampersand 6:30 PM
- All-ages punk and hardcore show at The Guild Hall 7:00 PM
- Savannah Stage Company presents 'Poe' at Ampersand 8:00 PM
- SCAD deFINE ART at SCAD Museum of Art 8:00 PM
- Live music with Big Mean Sound Machine at Barrelhouse South 9:00 PM
- 'He Loves Me, He Loves Me HOT' at The Carnival Bar Theater 10:00 PM
- Live music with Gallows Bound at The Jinx 10:00 PM

Feb. 20

- Savannah Black Heritage Festival at Various locations South of Forsyth Park
- 'Potable Gold,' Savannah's Madeira Tradition at Davenport House Museum 5:30 PM
- Taste of Hope: Chefs and Chocolates at Charles Morris Center at 7:00 PM
- Savannah Stage Company presents 'Poe' at Ampersand 8:00 PM
- 'He Loves Me, He Loves Me HOT' at The Carnival Bar Theater 10:00 PM

Feb. 21

- Savannah Black Heritage Festival at Various locations South of Forsyth Park
- A-Town Get Down featuring Blind Boys of Alabama 12:00 PM
- 'Potable Gold,' Savannah's Madeira Tradition at Davenport House Museum 5:30 PM
- Savannah Stage Company presents 'Poe' at Ampersand 8:00 PM
- He Loves Me, He Loves Me HOT' at The Carnival Bar Theater 9:00 PM

## 'Kingsman: The Secret Service' is fun, clever, and very, very dark

By TODD PERKINS  
STAFF MOVIE CRITIC

Director Matthew Vaughn and Graphic Novel author Mark Millar teamed up back in 2010 to bring "Kick-Ass" to the big screen.

The film opened to enthusiastic audience response, generally favorable reviews, and a fair amount of skepticism directed at the nature of its violence and darkly perverse sense of humor. While the action sequences were highly praised and the writing was well received by critics, there was concern over the highly stylized and extremely graphic violence, most of which revolved around a young girl named Hit Girl. Now, five years later, Vaughn and Millar's new film "Kingsman: The Secret Service" offers the same type of moviegoing experience: fun, thrilling, and shockingly violent.

What "Kick-Ass" did for the superhero genre with a healthy dose of homage and critique, 'Kingsman' does for the spy films of the 60s, 70s,

and 80s. Colin Firth stars as Harry Hart, a British secret agent donned with the task of finding a recruit to fill the position of a recently slain member of their Kingsman organization. Hart sets his sights on a troubled youth who goes by the nickname Eggsy (Taron Egerton), who possesses a skill set that makes him a worthy candidate despite his background. As training begins, a rich entrepreneur called Valentine (Samuel L. Jackson) concocts a terrorist scheme so unlikely and devastating that even the Kingsman agents are unprepared for the destruction to come.

While the setup seems generic and straight from any spy movie from the past five decades, Vaughn infuses his film with a satiric edge that not only homages the past works, but improves upon them. Vaughn is so skilled and sharp that he is able to make jokes and subtle critiques of franchises like "The Avengers"



Colin Firth stars as Harry, an impeccably suave spy, in "Kingsman: The Secret Service."

television series and James Bond without ever making 'Kingsman' a spoof or parody. This film is able to work on its own terms without simply being reduced as a tribute or takedown of those other works. Every scene is filled with absurd and irreverent humor. The action scenes are spectacular, with one sequence towards the finale featuring Harry Hart quite possibly being one of the most entertaining fight scenes in recent years. The way Vaughn chooses to shoot and choreograph action is incredibly refreshing because of his ability to allow the audience to understand and comprehend what is happening in these sequences without the interference of rapid editing or shaky camera work, which is mostly used to cover up for filmmakers who do not know how to film these scenes

convincingly.

Firth, who has made a career for himself playing charming romantic leads, makes a surprisingly enjoyable action star. Of course there is some use of computer generated imagery and stunt doubles, but Firth actually performs the majority of his fight scenes himself which shows in the final work. His charm and personality is perfect for Hart, and his performance is as entertaining as it is

moving. Jackson has played villains before, but the script is so smart and his character is so rich that his boisterous personality is utilized in a way that is both unexpected and bold. Newcomer Egerton holds his own against Firth and Jackson, as well as supporting players Michael Caine and Mark Strong. He nails every nuance of his character's development from troubled misfit to super spy.

The performances are spot on, the action is top notch, and the writing is clever, dark, and most importantly, smart. "Kingsman: The Secret Service" is a hard R, not the safe and studio friendly PG-13, and it uses that freedom to go further than any Bond film ever dared to go. This might turn off some, but those craving an action movie from a director who is not afraid to be crazy and extreme will be entertained.

## Silver screen

Rating 3.5 out of 5



“If you're prepared to adapt,  
You can transform.”

Directed by Matthew Vaughn

Produced by Adam Bohling, David Reid; Matthew Vaughn

Rated R

Starring Colin Firth, Taron Egerton, Samuel L. Jackson



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## Professor Morris Publishes Book of Poetry

By RENA ALI

Associate Professor of English at Armstrong, Tony Morris, describes himself as a not quite neo-Romantic. Morris has published a new book titled, Pulling at a Thread. The book is scheduled to come out spring of this year.

Pulling at a Thread is his third book and second volume of poetry. While Morris struggled to balance all of his responsibilities during this venture, he is excited the book is coming out after seven years of hard work.

Morris emphasizes this book can "celebrate joys and feel loss at the same time, a paradox we are stuck in." His book of poetry, which is separated into three sections, deals with loss, grief, family, relationships, nature, and culture.

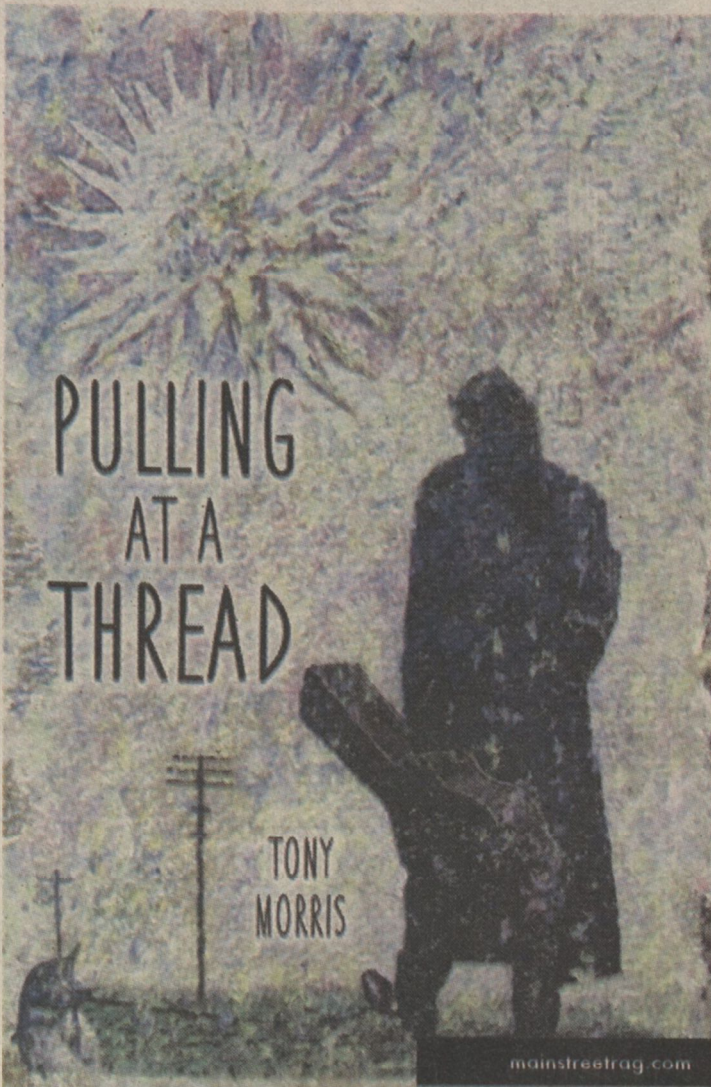
The first section of his book revolves around driving alone, along empty highways and roads, a personal inspiration for Morris.

The second section of Pulling at a Thread focuses on grief and loss from a man's point of view who has lost his companion and his son who witnesses it. This section is the only deliberately intentional section, while the others were written separately and connected through underlying themes.

The last section of his book has a musical theme, which might be continued later, it centers around the American culture through pop-music of different eras. He considers this section to be more autobiographical.

He hopes to be touring for Pulling at a Thread by the fall of 2015.

Tony Morris' writing process for Pulling at a



Pulling at a Thread is scheduled for release in May 2015.

Thread, and other volumes of poetry, consists of writing poems individually or as a series and placing them in some sort of order to be cohesive. The poems written as a series are easy to put into volumes, since they were intentionally written together and share similar elements. Poems written individually have to possess underlying themes or subjects before they can be organized as a volume. From there, the poems in a series can later be separated into sections or left as individual pieces.

Morris' advice to aspiring poetry writers is to write for student or college newspapers. He considers this good

training for writers due to the similarities in writing news and poetry, such as value of space and the control or focus of words (i.e. placement, impact of meaning, use of concrete or strong words). Morris advises all writers no matter their skill level should "learn to be a good listener of criticism."

It takes great strength and dedication to advance writing skills and it is not easy. Morris said all writers need to "be courageous, and thick-skinned." He asserts that the most important thing an aspiring writing can do is to read great works of literature, "as widely and as quickly" as one can.

## U Style

By ELIJAH CLARKE

## Haley Kneece

Freshman, Biology



What inspired your outfit today?

It's Valentine's Day, of course.

Whose style would you compare yours to?

Oh that's hard. I'm not good with celebrities. I'm just a hippy type of girl.

What do you think people should wear on Valentine's Day?

Whatever makes them feel beautiful. Whether it be sweat pants, a dress, jeans or a t-shirt.

Does the way you dress affect your attitude?

Yes. If I feel pretty, generally I have a better day.

## #THROWBACK THURSDAY

## Campus On Verge Of Initiating Day Care Program



Janet and Rudy Cohen with daughter Malina at Kinder Care.

Beckie Jackson  
Assistant Editor

Attention, all students with children in daycare. On Tuesday, Nov. 10th, at 12:30, Armstrong will be holding an all campus meeting to explain the Kindercare program, an ASC subsidized daycare project. The meeting will be held in the faculty dining room of MCC. A Kindercare representative will be on hand.

The multi-purpose meeting is being held to provide students with necessary information on the program, to find out how many people are really interested, to determine ages of children involved and what Kindercare locations students are interested in. A sign up date will be announced at the meeting. Sign up will occur before the end of this quarter.

Requirements for enrollment in the program have been set. A student must be full time (taking 12 or more hours per quarter) and must have an adjusted GPA of 2.0. These restrictions are necessary because of the college's financial investment in this project. Armstrong's contribution

per child for 40 weeks (a full school year) of day care will be \$214.00. Savings to the student parent will average \$429.20 per 40 week year. Armstrong projects its cost for the 24 week pilot program to be \$272.00 based on an enrollment of 20 children. Next year, when the program goes into effect for a full 40 weeks, ASC expects to spend \$6420.00 on Kindercare. This figure is based on an enrollment of 30 children.

The pilot program will begin on Jan. 1, 1988 and will continue through June 30, 1988. This trial run will give ASC time to work out the system to assure it is effective. It will also help ASC's administration to evaluate the needs of ASC student parents.

There are many advantages of this innovative program. Many of ASC's students are parents and will benefit from this service. The program will make Armstrong look more attractive to student parents, making it a useful recruitment and retention device. The program will be useful to students who don't normally participate in student activities. Armstrong will be saved the expense and liability

of an on campus facility. Students may be able to go from part time to full time status with the assistance of this program. Any increase in the enrollment of full time students would be to Armstrong's advantage in terms of state money. Public relations can only be enhanced by this program.

ASC will be the first college in the U.S. to participate in the Kindercare program. The school must have a minimum of 6 families participating to begin. The program will be for full day care from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Armstrong will contribute 10 percent of the total daycare cost with Kindercare providing an additional 10 percent discount.

The Kindercare located on Hodgson Memorial Drive was recently awarded the honor of number one daycare center in the nation so students can rest assured their children will be in good hands.

If you are interested in this opportunity, attend the meeting to find out more about how to get your child enrolled.

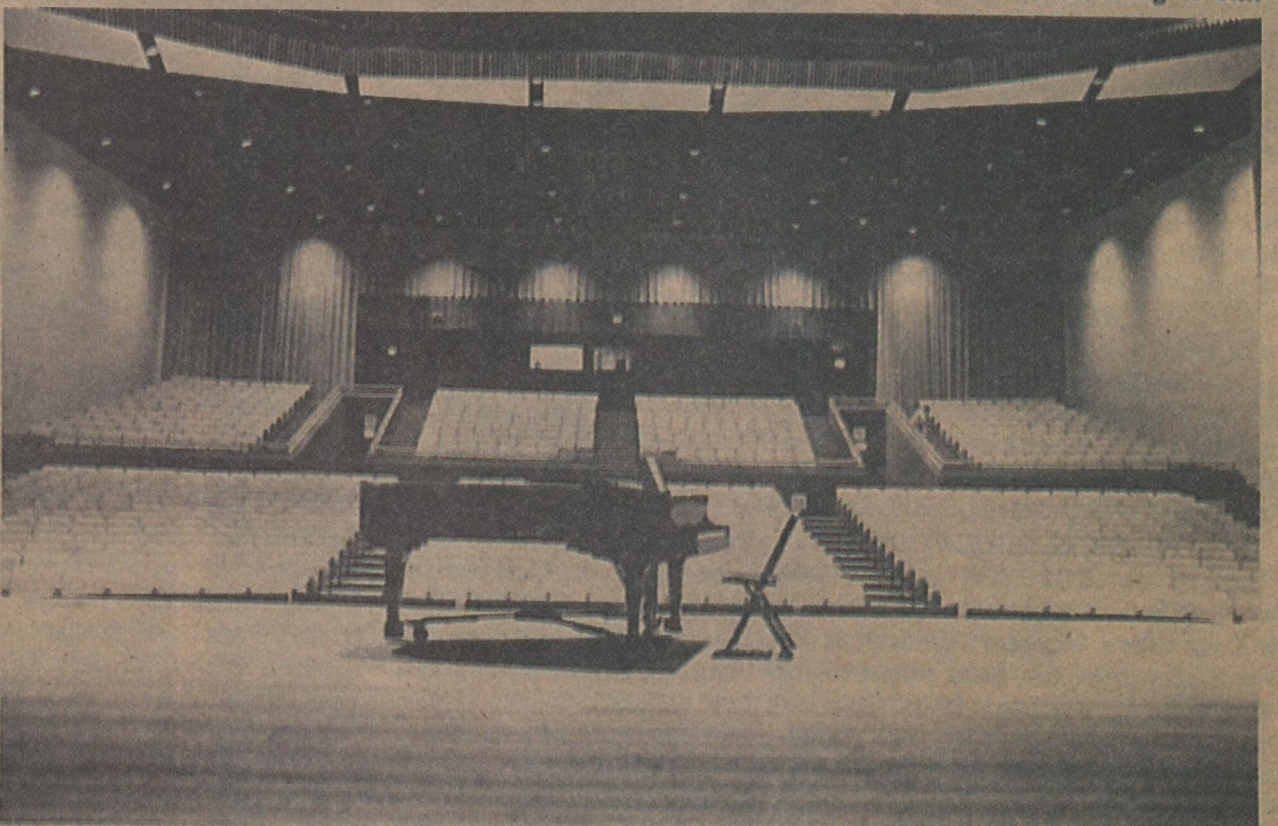
## Fine Arts Center Opens

The long-awaited \$2.5 million Fine Arts Building is now open. The 70,000 square foot building is being used for music and art instruction as well as the college's continuing education program.

Construction on the largest

building ever erected on the ASC campus began in May 1973 and was originally scheduled to be completed February 1, 1975. The state Fire Marshals, however, required several minor changes to comply with Fire Codes which delayed the

opening of the building for several months. The Fire Marshal recently issued a two month temporary permit to allow occupancy in spite of the need for modifications in the door facings near the lobby. The modifications, according to Jim



(Staff Photo)

The official dedication of the Fine Arts Center will be in November.

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## Tour

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For junior psychology major, Luisa Rovira, Bridgeforth's advice was useful and is applying it to starting a wellness group on campus called AWIN (Armstrong Wellness Initiative). "It was really helpful," Rovira said. "Even though this is about advocacy, it helps with what I'm trying to do, which is get allies and people to be a part of my club."

A few of the other clubs in attendance included Go Green, Armstrong, Feminist United, Amnesty International and the Gay Straight Alliance. All were there to gain skills on how to better develop their advocate groups.

"You may hear that you need more experience, but you don't really learn until you get in the game," Bridgeforth said. "Jump in and don't be afraid."

## Cuba

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Many in Washington support the move to rekindle relations between the two countries for many reasons. Officials hope to fully lift the embargo and increase trade, a benefit to both economies. The U.S. sees improving diplomatic relations as an opportunity to hopefully reintroduce a more efficient system to govern the country.

As of now, there has been plenty of progress in the efforts between the two countries, including the release of long-held prisoners back into the custody of either country, and the lift of minor trade, travel, and banking bans that the U.S. held against Cuba.

"It's a double-edged sword," said Grotto. "Only time can tell whether we're making the right decision or not."

## Chapel

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ensuing investigations. "We belong here. We have blended our blood with the soil. We raised our children to honor any country they live in and to be loyal to it and to their community."

As hashtags like #MuslimLivesMatter flood social media, we are reminded of the recent racially charged murders of victims like Eric Garner and Michael Brown. Neither of these cases, nor the multitude like them, have resulted in arraignment or conviction of hate crimes. The sensitivity of the phrase hate crime carries the insinuation that a problem still truly exists within our country against targeted religions, races, or cultures. The words of President Obama encompass the hope that justice remains blind. "No one in the United States of America should ever be targeted because of who they are, what they look like, or how they worship."

## Tennis

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completed the sweep with an 8-1 win.

The Pirates also won all six singles matches in straight sets to complete the sweep of North Georgia, with Perez starting off the singles play with a 6-1, 6-0 victory. Lutzeier downed her opponent 6-1, 6-0, while Prats-Millan won, 6-0, 6-1. Fossa Huergo and Cisneros both blanked their opponents with 6-0, 6-0 victories, and Stromlega completed the singles sweep with a 6-0, 6-2 win.

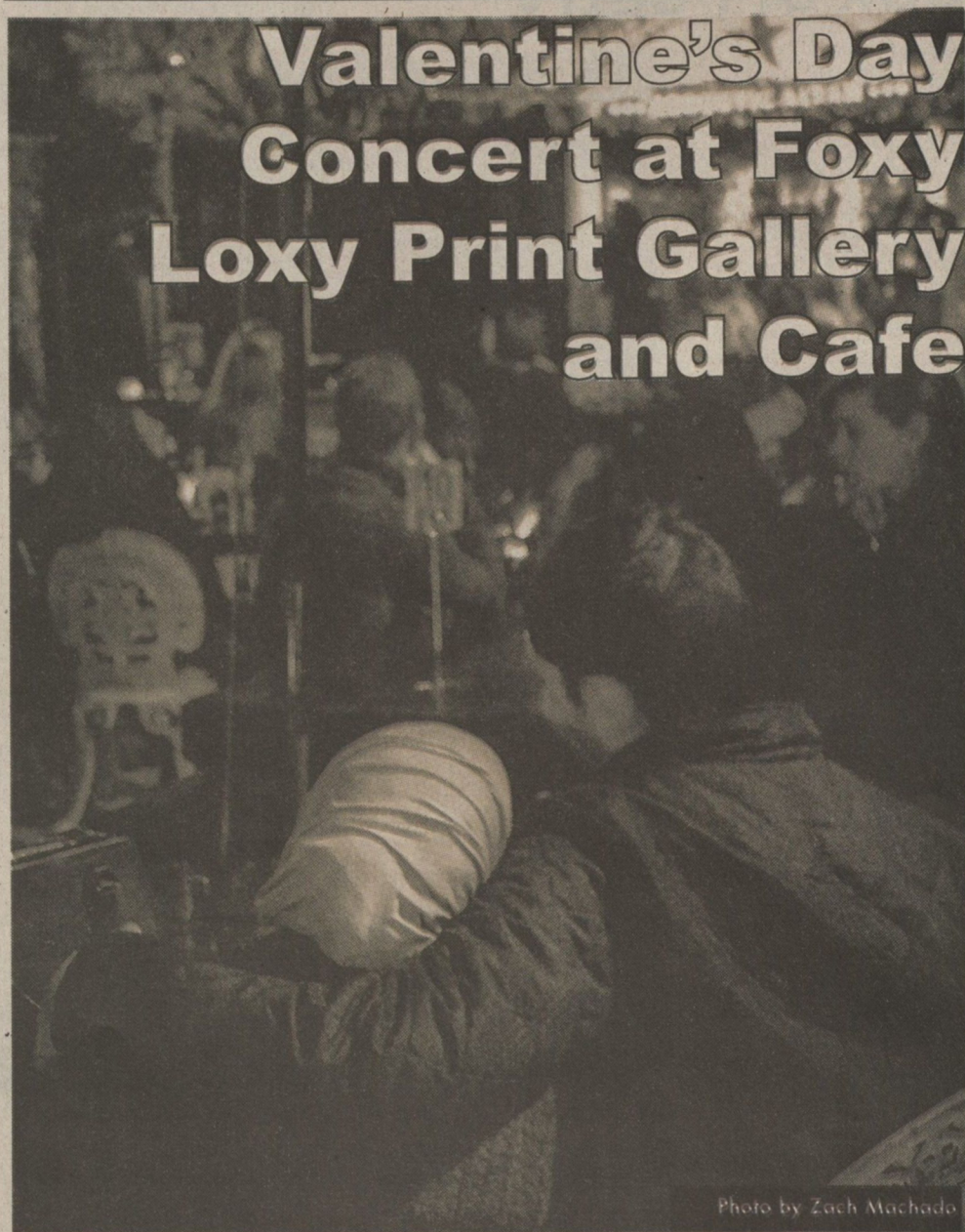
Coach McCaffrey stated, "Our goal is to be as best prepared for whatever challenge is in our way; our goal is to be prepared in all aspects of our lives, and if that happens, it gives us a good opportunity to be in a position to compete for the national championship!"

The Pirates continued their success with a 9-0 sweep of Young Harris. The men now stand at 4-0 with 2-0 PBC record while the women boast a 5-0 overall record with a 2-0 PBC record as well. The teams return to action on Saturday, February 21 as they take on West Florida in Valdosta.

## Photo Gallery:

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Check out the full gallery on our website: [Theinkwellonline.com](http://Theinkwellonline.com)



A couple listening to the live band in the courtyard of Foxy Loxy.



Two men talking and enjoying the firepit during the Valentine's Day Concert.



The crowd enjoying a live band in the courtyard while keeping warm by the firepit.



The band, Forlorn Strangers, performed during the Valentine's Day Concert at Foxy Loxy.



Foxy Loxy Print Gallery and Cafe is located at 1919 Bull Street in downtown Savannah.