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# CONDOMS ON CAMPUS

## GRADUATE STUDENTS PROMOTE USAGE, SEXUAL HEALTH AWARENESS

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Congratulations! You met somebody super cute. Maybe they're in your philosophy class, maybe you always see them at the gym, or maybe you just met them at a party. Whether you've gone on a few dates or decided to get together and "study," it's almost inevitable that things are going to happen. Unless you're strangely neurotic, you probably don't have your sex life planned out. Nobody really schedules sexy time, so it's more than likely that you've run into a situation where you're

kissing, you're touching and then bam! Clothes start to come off and...you don't have a condom. What do you do?

Well, according to a 2013 Center for Disease Control (CDC) report, 20 million cases of sexually transmitted diseases occur every year - with half of that number occurring in people ages 15 to 24 - so one would hope that this information would lead to an increased usage of condoms among college students, right? Apparently not. In a 2014 CDC report, 1 out of 4 college students will contract an STD.

For graduate students Michelle

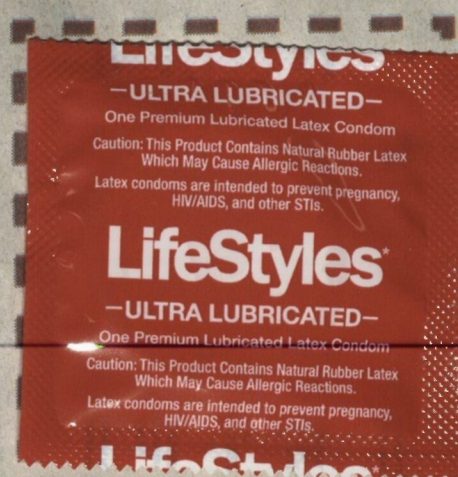
Pompei and Billie Amatus-Salaam, that number needs to change. After Pompei worked on a group project regarding condom promotion in the summer of 2013, she discovered the only place to get free condoms on campus was at Health Services. "At Health Services, each student is allowed one envelope containing 3 or 4 condoms. The envelope is nondescript and is very easy to miss, even if you're looking for it," Amatus-Salaam said. "We decided in fall 2013 to join forces and complete our practicum work on campus to improve the health of undergraduate students."

Condoms are available on

Armstrong's main campus in two locations. One is Health Services, which is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., although it's closed from 12:30 to 1:30 every day for lunch.

The second place is The Pantry, located downstairs in the Student Union, which is open Monday to Thursday until 10 p.m. and open until 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Trojan is the only available brand at The Pantry, and comes in boxes of three at either \$2.29 a box or \$2.69 a box, depending on the type of



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## Crime Blotter

Compiled from police reports

### HIT AND RUN ON CAMPUS

On Jan. 27, an officer reported to the Sports Center parking lot regarding a hit and run. There was one witness to the accident. He reported that he was standing outside when he heard a loud crash and screeching tires. He saw a greenish SUV drive past him with the driver looking down. He watched as the vehicle began to veer over towards parked cars. At the last second, the driver looked up but instead of hitting the brake he hit the accelerator, smashing into the rear end of a Crown Victoria. That car in turn pushed a Hyundai Elantra,

causing moderate damage to the driver side passenger door and rear fender. The police officer pulled the video from the 4-way stop sign on campus and saw a SUV run the stop sign. Officers are now checking all green SUVs registered to Armstrong for a possible match.

### DECAL STOLEN

On Feb. 3, a student came into the Police Department reporting her decal as stolen. She lives in Hinesville, and when she went to her vehicle Saturday night she observed that the decal had been peeled off. She filled out a Lost/Stolen Decal form and was issued a new one.



## BIKE PATH

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Phase two of three began this semester for the bike path around Armstrong. Although designed as a place for students, faculty and community members to exercise safely, the placement of the path seems confusing to some. This crosswalk pictured here is on Science Drive, where a majority of commuter students enter campus. The placement seems dangerous for pedestrians. Who wants to cross that?



Photo by Katie Maddox

## Armstrong Atlantic State University

### Administration considers name change

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Armstrong administration says that the original name of Armstrong is awkward. They say that this difficulty and confusion has led them to consider modifying the university's name from Armstrong Atlantic State University to Armstrong State University.

Bill Kelso, Vice President of Advancement, stated that the thought of changing the name has been in talks before, but only recently has the idea been brought into focus.

Through a survey conducted within the faculty, students, alumni and donors, the proposal was accepted with open arms and given recognition.

The new modification will drop the "Atlantic" from the name, which is the apparent source of confusion. Common mistakes of mispronunciation include Armstrong Atlanta State University, or switching it to become Atlantic Armstrong State University.

Kelso further added that the significance of the "Atlantic" in the name has always been a

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## ROTC: Cadets earn top marks at competition

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When many Armstrong students graduate, they have the weight of student loans on their backs.

Some students have found a way to graduate with little to no debt and, if they keep a high GPA, a potential job starting at \$40,000 a year.

These students are ROTC cadets, and Armstrong has one of the best ROTC programs in the southeastern United States.

A team of 13 Armstrong cadets recently went to Florida over the Jan. 31 weekend to compete against 48 other teams from the southeastern region of the U.S.

"We beat out Alabama, LSU, Georgia, Georgia Tech

and Florida. Florida is such a big school that they actually have two teams," said Captain Williams, assistant professor of military science.

The Ranger Challenge is a two-day event comprised of a 13.9-mile course. Cadets run, walk, raft across a lake, dress wounds, shoot, throw hand grenades, and complete a surprise course created by a commander on the spot.

Armstrong took fourth place.

"I was proud of them for what they did in their circumstances," said Lieutenant First Class Crow, the junior ROTC instructor.

"They had two injuries, four miles into the fourteen-mile course. They drug two injured people all the rest of the way and got fourth place. I wondered,

if they weren't injured what would've happened."

Captain Williams traveled with the team to Florida.

"It was funny, I was there and they were going through the ranks initially, and the first names they were calling were Florida, LSU, Alabama, and they called us for the preliminary round and everybody looked around like, 'Who?' You literally had all these high-ranking officials asking 'Who is that?' They had no idea who we were. It was pretty cool, because we were the smallest school. It was awesome," Williams said.

This Ranger challenge is optional for ROTC cadets. Every cadet across the nation is placed on a list, with the very best at the top and the worst at the bottom. To get

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## Lady Pirates atop PBC East



Photo by Brittany Cook

Tyler Carlson, Number 21, takes a shot for the Lady Pirates on Feb. 6.

By BERRY ALDRIDGE  
STAFF WRITER

### Barta powers Lady Pirates

"Sealing the deal has been a goal all year. This group of women don't just think they can win, they believe they will," said Armstrong women's head basketball coach Fala Bulloch following the Pirates' 76-70 victory over USC Aiken on Feb. 8.

The Armstrong Pirates women's basketball team has now won six

straight Peach Belt Conference match-ups and solidified themselves as the number-one team in the PBC Eastern Division, leading second-place Flagler by two-and-a-half games.

Freshman Brigitta Barta scored a season-high 33 points and gathered seven rebounds to lead the Pirates. Her 33 points are the second highest point total for a Pirate this season.

"We are very determined and I

think we could stay in first place because we play as a team," Barta said. "I knew that if I didn't have a good game that anybody could come in and replace me."

Unlike their last game against Flagler, the ladies trailed most of the game against USC Aiken, their largest deficit being 10 points just before half. With 10:34 left in the second half, the Pirates finally took the lead on a Brigitta layup and they would never surrender it again.

The Pirates are back in action Feb. 15 for an away contest at Flagler, starting at 1:30 p.m.

### Lady Pirates streak past Saints

The red-hot Armstrong women's basketball team took down another league opponent, the Flagler Saints, 74-64 on Feb. 6 in Alumni Arena.

Armstrong wasted no time, taking a quick 17-7 lead, which they wouldn't relinquish the rest of the game.

The Pirates were led by senior Mauri Wells, who notched an impressive 12 points and 13 rebounds to give her a double-double.

"Having guards that can penetrate and shoot threes with posts that can score inside makes it hard for teams to defend, because there's always an open option," Wells said.

Fellow senior Bryonna Davis also had a stellar performance en route to a double-double of her own. Davis acquired 12 rebounds, five assists and 10 points in the contest.

Other notable performances came via freshman Barta and junior Amber Howell. Barta, the reigning Peach Belt Conference player of the week, scored 17 points, as well as contributing five rebounds, a steal and a blocked shot, while Howell also scored 17 points while gathering four rebounds.

"The girls have been playing some good team ball and their hunger to earn a PBC championship keeps them going," Bulloch said. "It's exciting to see the players and program growing, and I am happy that we're living up to the expectation set by our fall sports teams and hoping to take care of business one game at

## Simon Earnshaw earns 700th victory

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After being rained out twice already, the top-ranked and two-time defending NCAA Division II national champion Armstrong Atlantic State University women's tennis team opened its 2014 season with a 9-0 win over Montevallo, in Montevallo, Ala. on Feb. 9. The win also notched head women's and men's tennis coach Simon Earnshaw his 700th career victory.

"Honestly, it's just a number," Earnshaw humbly said on his milestone. "Not necessarily one that was or is a goal particularly for me. It means I've been at this now for longer than I realize."

Earnshaw, in his 15th season at the helm of the tennis program, has now compiled a 384-33 record as coach of the women's team, and a 316-76 record as the men's coach.

Armstrong's opening victory put its current regular season league winning streak to 111 straight matches, dating back to 2003. They have also won 126 consecutive home matches.

The Pirates did not give up a single point in their doubles matches against the Falcons. The No. 2-ranked doubles duo of Aleksandra Filipovski and Barbora Kruckova defeated their opponents 8-0 at No. 1 doubles, while the No. 6-ranked pair of Marlen Hacke and Olga Kalodzitsa won 8-0 at No. 2 doubles. Clara Perez and Carolina Prats-Millan finished the sweep, winning 8-0, at No. 3 doubles.

Armstrong went on to win all six of its singles matches in straight sets, with the top three players not giving up a single point. Filipovski, ranked No. 3 nationally, won 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1 singles. Kruckova, ranked No. 15 nationally, defeated her opponent 6-0, 6-0 at No. 2 singles. Rounding out another perfect match was Prats, winning 6-0, 6-0 at No. 3 singles.

Perez, No. 6 ranked nationally, was also nearly flawless, winning

6-1, 6-0 at No. 4 singles, and No. 24 ranked nationally, Kalodzitsa, came on top 6-3, 6-3 at No. 5 singles. Completing the sweep was Dora Andrejszki, 6-1, 6-0 at No. 6 singles.

The men's team has yet to play a match, and Earnshaw says that the two couldn't be more different. Armstrong's women's team has five players back from the last two national championship teams with two highly talented freshmen, while the men's team only has one player, Pedro Scocuglia, back from the 2012 national championship team.

"It's really a question of trying to stay grounded, understanding what got the team to the point it is at right now, trying to replicate that and then addressing anything that can help improve each player just that little bit to try to stay out front," Earnshaw said on the women's team.

Being complacent with past success is the last thing that Earnshaw wants out of his ladies. He is all about motivation, and believes that the motivation is even more important for the returning women. The Lady Pirates will get the most out of every day, stay focused and make sure they leave nothing up to chance.

Earnshaw sees the men's team in a transition period with less experience, but still expects to compete at the highest level.

"Obviously, transition is a dangerous term and implies we won't contend this year," Earnshaw said on the men's team. "I don't think that's the case, and it's more a question of how quickly can this group get up to speed and attain an understanding of the level of performance and commitment required to have the best opportunity to win a national championship."

With a less experienced squad, Earnshaw is making sure that practice is perfect for the men's team. He wants to see increased intensity from his team each day

at practice. "Essentially an attitude adjustment from a good team to a championship team is what needs to take place and this will give us the best chance of success," Earnshaw said.

Earnshaw has created quite the resume in his time at Armstrong, to say the least. He is perhaps the most decorated Division II tennis coach in the nation. In his 14-plus years as the school's head coach, Earnshaw has won six women's national championships, three men's national championships and four ITA Division II Women's National Coach of the Year awards.

Last season's women's national championship gave Armstrong its eighth national championship in women's tennis, which broke the DII all-time record.

"I have a core concept and philosophy that stays approximately the same and has been that way from the early days," Earnshaw said on how he has sustained such a successful program. "Around that, its been continual development, trying things to see if they work or not and trying to figure out how to implement certain coaching and motivational strategies to fit each team."

Earnshaw realizes that he can use core philosophies of coaching, but must adapt from team to team, which has also led to making him such a successful recruiter.

"The remainder of the process is to recruit the absolute best possible student-athletes I can to fit our program's goals and needs."

Both the men's and women's tennis teams can constantly be seen on Armstrong's tennis courts to refine their game or in the weight room to get faster and stronger. Earning his 700th win will add to the record books, but for Earnshaw the number is just more motivation, leaving his teams far from complacent on the road to another national championship.

## Baseball goes 1-2 over weekend

By CALEB BAILEY  
STAFF WRITER

The Armstrong Pirates baseball team hosted the Barton Bulldogs over the weekend, winning the first game on Saturday but going 0-2 on Sunday to suffer their first two losses of the season.

Armstrong came out on top in the first game, 3-0, behind the arm of senior pitcher Ethan Bader, after he found himself in an early hole. Bader walked the first two Barton batters before recording the first of his six strikeouts on the day. With a man on first and second, Bader hurled a ball straight down the middle. The ball was cracked towards sophomore second baseman Cody Sherlin who turned a beautiful double play to get the Pirates out of an early jam.

Armstrong came out swinging in the first inning as junior Tyler Avera cracked a deep shot toward the left

field wall for a lead-off double. Fellow junior Joey Lupus stepped up to the plate and followed Avera with a crushing single to right field. Avera scored and a Bulldog error allowed Lupus to advance to second base. The Pirates' offense stalled as they went into the second inning up 1-0.

Bader opened the second inning by walking a batter and striking out another. Sherlin continued his great defensive play as he caught a line drive and tagged second to record the Pirates' second double play of the game. The Pirates were stopped on offense after Ryan Patterson was picked off attempting to steal second.

Bader got hot over the next three innings as he and his defense sat down the next twelve batters from the third to the sixth inning. He recorded four more strikeouts before being sat down at the end of the seventh. The senior finished the day with six strikeouts, four walks and no

hits allowed.

"We had a great pitching performance. If we keep throwing strikes, we will keep winning. It all starts with pitching," Sherlin said.

The Pirates got their bats going in the bottom of the seventh inning and Barton loaded the bases with a hit batter. Avera stood up and cracked a single RBI to give his team a 2-0 lead.

Zach Lance added the final score with a sacrifice RBI in the eighth. Avera led the team at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a RBI.

"Hopefully I keep getting on base and keep giving my guys opportunities to score," Avera said.

"We take a lot of ground balls in practice. We do a lot of situational things that helps us in the game to pull out more key plays," coach Calvin Cullbertson said on his team's defense.

**Bulldogs down Pirates twice**

After winning a tough defensive match-up against the Barton College Bulldogs on Saturday, the Pirates took the field on Sunday for their doubleheader to finish the series. The Pirates started the day with senior Mitchell Dolan getting his first start on the mound.

The game was scoreless up until the third inning when Dolan allowed one of his three hits, but this one came when two Bulldogs were already on base. Barton's Andrew Webster cracked a two-run double to right field. Dolan's day ended in the last out of the fourth inning, after he finished giving up three hits and two earned runs on the day. He also walked three and struck out five.

The Pirates' lone run came off a RBI single by junior first baseman RJ Dennard in the bottom of the fourth.

Armstrong went on to lose the first game of the doubleheader 2-1. Dennard

led the team at the plate, going 2-for-4 with a RBI. Dolan took the loss for the Pirates.

Tyler Allen took the mound for the Pirates in his first start of the season. The game was scoreless into the fifth inning before Barton's Dillon Rudio crushed a two run double to take the first lead of the game. With the bases loaded and nobody out for Barton, Tyler Green entered the game and got the Pirates out of the jam by striking out one and forcing a double play to end the inning.

Avera recorded a sacrifice RBI in the bottom of the sixth and Dennard came up behind him to tie the game with a RBI single. The Pirates had life, but their momentum would soon be halted.

With reliever Ryan Good in the game, the Bulldogs once again loaded the bases. A wild pitch pushed a base runner across the plate for what would be the game-winning run. The Pirates looked to tie the

game up when Clayton Miller stepped up to the plate and recorded a single. Dennard was walked right behind him and the Bulldogs sent in reliever Snooter Merryman, who already recorded a save in the first game.

A sacrifice bunt moved both Miller and Dennard to third and second respectively, but Merryman bore down to strike out the next two batters, ending the game and giving the Bulldogs the 3-2 victory.

The two losses gave the previously undefeated Pirates a 3-2 record. Dennard finished 1-for-3 with a RBI at the plate while Miller was a perfect 2-for-2. Green took the loss and finished with allowing two hits, one earned run and two strikeouts.

"Those games could have gone either way," Dolan said. "We were just a few pitches away from winning all three."

Armstrong will begin conference play when they host GRU Augusta on Feb. 15,



# SPORTS & WELLNESS

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## Pirates battling for tournament bid

By BERRY ALDRIDGE  
STAFF WRITER

### Pacers race past Pirates

The Armstrong men's basketball team lost another conference game on Feb. 8, 72-51 on the road against No. 17 University of South Carolina at Aiken.

The USC Aiken Pacers remain in first place following the win and the Pirates slip to seventh in the East division.

USC Aiken never trailed in the game and Armstrong could never match the Pacers point for point.

Neither team shot above 39 percent from the floor, but it was the Pacers' 23 free throws compared to the Pirates' 10 that was a big factor in the game.

Senior Hichem Benayad-Cherif led Armstrong with 11 points while junior Emmanuel Tiluscar scored 10 and senior Darius Morales added nine of his own.

The Pirates are down but still not out. They are still less than three games out of fourth

place with four games left in the season.

"My performances this week were good but I would have rather gotten the victory instead," Tiluscar said. "It's going to come down to these last four games and how bad we want to win."

Head coach Evans Davis said, "Last night was a game we needed to stay in the hunt. Right now we are in a battle for the four spot."

The Pirates return to play on Feb. 15, on the road at Flagler, starting at 3:30 p.m.

### Pirates can't stop Saints

Despite having four players in double-digit points on Feb. 6 against the Flagler Saints, the Armstrong men's basketball team was not able to stop the Saints' offense and lost 81-67 to bring their record to 7-14 overall and 4-10 in the Peach Belt Conference.

WSAV televised the game live from Alumni Arena, the first time the Pirates have had a live televised game at home since the 2000 season.

The Saint offense came

out of the gate firing on all cylinders, scoring 19 points in the first six minutes. Although the Pirates fought back hard, they were never able to take the lead at any point in the game.

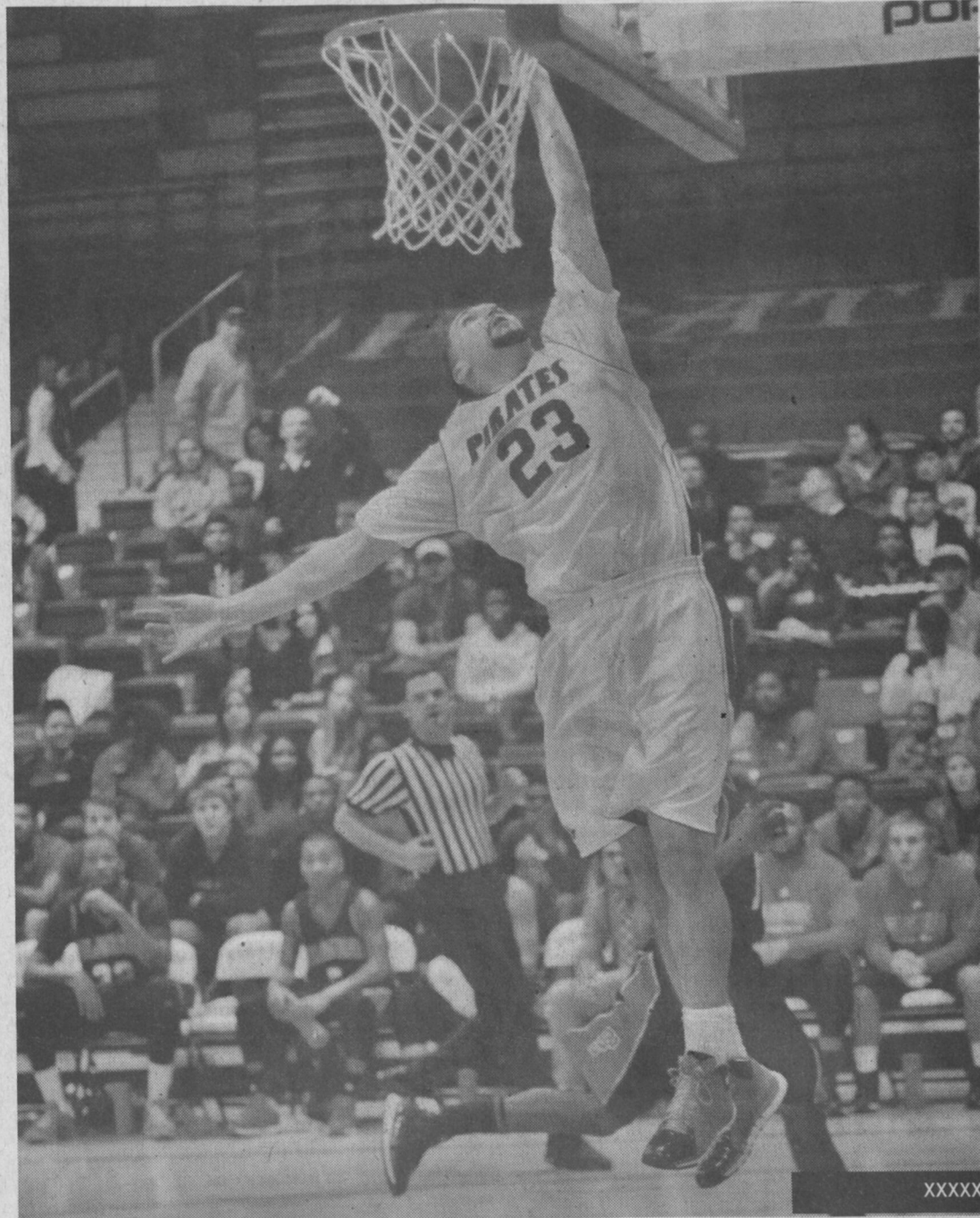
Seniors Eric Eversly and Hichem Benayad-Cherif led the Pirates offensively, both scoring 12 points.

Reigning PBC Player-of-the-Week Tiluscar added 11 points and five steals, while Morales scored 10 and blocked four shots.

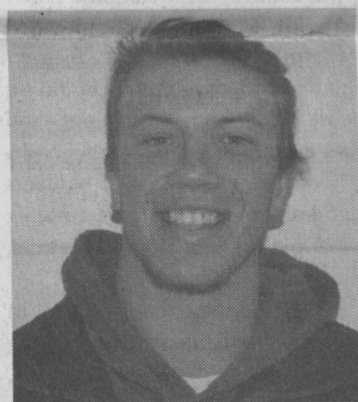
"We just need to keep believing and execute along the stretch and I feel like we can be successful," Morales said.

The Pirates are not out of the hunt just yet, but they will need to play exceptionally well to make the post-season.

"It's a tricky league, but we still have a chance to put ourselves in a position to be there," head coach Evans Davis said. "But right now we are behind the eight ball and have to play some really good basketball down the stretch."



## JOHNSON'S JOCK TALK



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Michael Sam is a 6-foot-2, 255 pound defensive end, that had 11.5 sacks in the 2013 college football season for the Missouri Tigers. His breakout season led to him being named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year, along with helping anchor Missouri to a 12-2 record, and a Cotton Bowl victory over Oklahoma State University.

Sam is also a gay man. He's known it for a long time, as did his coaches and teammates the whole season at Missouri. Only now he came out to The New York Times and ESPN Outside the Lines, before the NFL combine, which would make him the first openly gay player in the NFL. There have been several NFL players that came out, but after their playing days.

The big and unfortunate question surrounding Sam now is if the NFL is ready for him thanks to the dreaded "D word." Distraction.

After Sam announced he is gay, Sports Illustrated quoted unnamed league sources that believed Sam's coming out would hurt his draft stock. An NFL player personnel was quoted as saying:

"I don't think football is ready for (an openly gay player) just yet. In the coming decade or two, it's going to be acceptable, but at this point in time it's still a man's-man game. To call somebody a (gay slur) is still commonplace. It'd chemically imbalance an

NFL locker room and meeting room."

There is so much wrong with this quote and says so much about where the NFL is today. Let's look at three major problems with this quote.

"In the coming decade or two, it's going to be acceptable..." Really? It will take 10 or 20 more years for the NFL to accept an openly gay player, because of his sexual orientation. The year is 2014, not 1962, and guess what... there were gay people then too. And they were probably playing football. Gay marriage is legal in 17 states, with the federal government currently giving more benefits to same-sex marriage in recent days, but for some reason it would take 10 or 20 more years for an openly gay man to play in the NFL.

"...it's still a man's-man game." This is a true statement and always will be. What's wrong with this part of the quote is trying to say that Sam doesn't fit the definition of a man's-man. Sam physically dominated linemen that were up to 60 pounds bigger than him, he made quarterbacks scared for their lives, he sacrifices his body for the greater good of the team and calling him tough is an understatement. Above all, his bravery is unprecedented.

"It'd chemically imbalance an NFL locker room and meeting room." The first conclusion to take away from this statement is that this man was not a science major in college. The Missouri Tigers knew Sam was gay before the season even started after he told the team at a preseason practice. They all backed him, kept his secret safe without him asking them to, and went from the second-worst team in the SEC the year

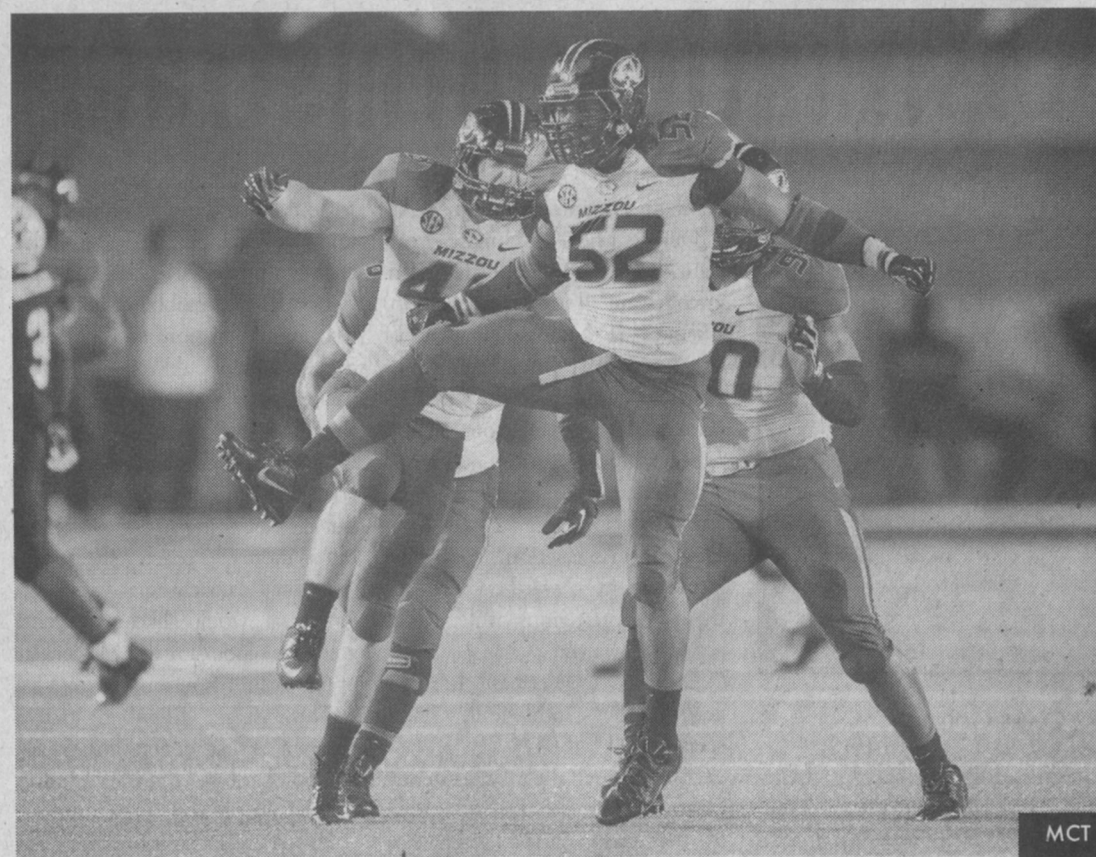
before to playing in the SEC championship game. I may have squeaked by with a 'C' in high school chemistry, but I do know that sounds like a perfectly balanced chemical equation.

The problem lies with the media and the public, not Michael Sam. Many people have said that there is no reason for this to even be a story, but with reactions like the anonymous NFL personnel assistant, it's clear that this is bigger than football, needs to be acknowledged and then put to rest.

Sam coming out is a work of progress and that's how landmark events work. They all begin with individual courage to stand up and put yourself out there. If you don't see this as a landmark moment for sports, then same-sex marriage would be legal in all 50 states and we wouldn't have wild stereotypes that are in a different universe than those for straight people.

The distraction is not Sam's responsibility, but the media and the public. He is not a "gay football player," but a football player whose sexual orientation is gay. If a team and its fans want to win a championship that's how they will see Sam. He will be a part of a brotherhood that puts the greater good of the team above all, and leaves their personal problems at the door.

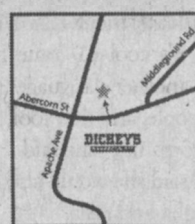
Sam has no plans to be an activist, but to be a football player. Cyd Ziegler of Outsports wrote, "His role in the movement toward LOBT equality in sports will be simply playing the sport as an out gay man." Sam has done that before and he plans to continue to. Now the NFL and Sam need to answer the biggest question: Will he be a defensive end or an outside linebacker?



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## Bike Path:

Seven years later equals two-thirds complete

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Throughout the semester, students turning into Armstrong from Abercorn Street onto Science Drive have seen construction on a new sidewalk that goes around the edge of an empty field.

From that lone vantage point, it doesn't appear to have much value for students.

But when you view it from a different perspective, the new addition makes more sense.

The construction is phase two of a three-phase project that will ultimately provide a bike path encircling the entire perimeter of Armstrong's campus. Funding for the final phase has been applied for and is awaiting approval.

"[The bike path] is a combination of having a place for the students where they can run or walk or jog or ride here on campus, and then also have a way to commute to campus via bike or just for community people to ride through," said Vice President of Finances David Carson.

Armstrong students are

not the only backers of this project.

"This plan has Department of Transportation grant money in it. They have Transportation Enhancement Projects, and you can apply for funding, and they obtain federal funding," said Project Manager Mel Manor.

This bike path has been a part of the master plan of Armstrong since 2002, but wasn't started until 2006.

For the first phase of the project, Armstrong paid \$115,000 and DOT paid \$450,000.

The second phase costs have not been determined yet, because the front of the property confers to the City of Savannah.

"They did not include the front portion of campus. We and the City of Savannah are working together on that; they're providing up to \$200,000 on that portion. We don't know the final costs yet, but our portion is going to be around \$100,000," Manor said.

Pending Board of Regents approval, another addition to Armstrong could be forthcoming: new tennis courts.

The tennis courts will be located south of windward commons, close to the recreation fields.

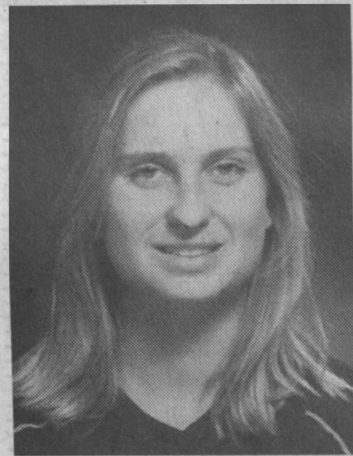
"We hope to start that as soon as school lets out. We don't have approval from the Board of Regents yet, but we've done our due diligence that we have to do to this point, and then it goes to the Board. They have to approve it, and as soon as it is we can start work on it," Carson said.

The plan includes 12 tennis courts and, in a later addition, an adjacent building.

"Obviously the success [of the tennis team] really pushes that they need a place to play at home. But even if they didn't have national championships, because you can look across the country to tennis teams who don't have championships but have nice facilities, we effectively don't have a tennis facility. It'll give us the needed infrastructure for the tennis team to play at home, that we can go back to teaching tennis in our school of education, and the students can use it as recreation," he continues.

"We're really excited to do it. We've been talking about it for years."

## Destination: Armstrong



By CLAIRE GOLEC

Armstrong has many international students from across the world—each one with a unique story of coming to the university.

Barbora Krtickova's story began with a twenty-hour flight, two academic tests and one student visa.

She's now a senior majoring in health sciences, and her time in America has been anything but dull.

Krtickova came to Armstrong in Aug. 2010 after accepting an athletic scholarship for tennis.

Originally from the Czech Republic, Krtickova decided to enroll here after talking with Armstrong's head tennis coach, Simon Earnshaw.

With butterflies in her stomach, she said goodbye to her family and friends and hello to a whole new life in Savannah, Ga.

"A few days before I took the flight I was like 'I cannot speak that well English. I don't know if I'm gonna make it,' but when I came I was like 'yes this is the right place,'" Krtickova said.

Since her arrival here at Armstrong, she has joined the tennis team, interned as a tennis

coach and maintained a 3.5 GPA.

During her freshman year, Krtickova received the ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) Division II National Rookie of the Year award. During her junior year she was awarded the CoSIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Academic All-District Honor and the D2ADA (Division 2 Athletics Directors Association) Academic Achievement Awards. Both of these are prestigious athletic and academic awards.

Earnshaw describes her as academically, athletically and socially loyal.

"On court she's consistently positive despite the ups and downs of the season and actively has improved her level of engagement both on and off the court every year," Earnshaw said.

Krtickova first picked up a racquet at age nine, and hasn't been able to put it down since.

On May 11, 2013, the women's tennis team won its eighth NCAA Division II leading national championship.

"As a member of the tennis team we won twice national championship. It's just an amazing feeling especially the first time when we won. I mean no one can describe the feeling," Krtickova said.

Besides tennis, the international student enjoys socializing with friends and watching TV. Krtickova especially likes the hit American television series "Friends." She lists one of her favorite characters as Phoebe.

The Czech native describes herself as a quiet yet outgoing individual. When she's not competing in a tennis game, she likes to go to Forsyth Park.

"I really like Forsyth Park. I like

to go there and just sit on the grass and just watch people doing all the crazy stuff there," Krtickova said.

Besides her hobbies, Krtickova also has a passion for coaching. She says she would like to pursue a career as a college tennis coach in the future.

"I would like to coach; that's my goal. Obviously I'm going to play, but it's not going to be as a player but as more of a coach," she said.

Before coaching, however, Krtickova would like to attend graduate school for her Masters in Sports Administration.

The Czech Republic native encourages students to study abroad because of the exciting culture, people and opportunities.

"It's a great opportunity to see new culture. The U.S. culture is very different from European culture. Here you will meet new friends, you will have new contacts, and you can get a good job.

Savannah, especially Armstrong, is a good place. It's big, but it's not that big. It's a big family here," Krtickova said.

Marlen Hacke, fellow teammate and friend, says that during the three years she has known Krtickova, she has found her to be an honest and responsible person.

"She is real as I would say and always willing to help you when needed," said Hacke, a senior economics major.

Krtickova says her family and friends are just as pleased about her choice to study abroad.

"My parents really encouraged me to come here, they were the biggest supporters and my friends like it too. They think it's cool to come here and speak another language and meet new people, and they look at it as good opportunity," she said.

Krtickova said she would also like to see Australia and Asia.

## USDA to set up 'climate hubs' to help farmers amid climate change

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY  
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU  
MCT

The Obama administration will set up 10 centers around the country to help farmers and ranchers adjust to the increasing frequency of severe weather and other risks associated with climate change.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the sites Wednesday, saying the goal was to help the agriculture industry adjust to new conditions, including extended fire seasons, invasive pests, flooding and drought.

"It's a reflection of the changing weather patterns that will indeed impact and affect crop production, livestock production," Vilsack told reporters. The new "climate hubs," he said, will help producers take steps to "mitigate the impacts and effects of climate change as

well as adapt to new ways of agriculture."

The hubs will be in Ames, Iowa; Corvallis, Ore.; Durham, N.H.; El Reno, Okla.; Fort Collins, Colo.; Las Cruces, N.M.; and Raleigh, N.C. Three "sub-hubs" focusing on narrower issues related to specific crops will be in Davis, Calif.; Houghton, Mich.; and Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

Vilsack said Davis, in a rain-parched state, would research the effects of drought.

The sites were chosen in a competition organized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, officials said.

The centers will link agriculture producers with universities, industry groups, state governments and federal agencies, such as the Interior Department and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. They will conduct risk analysis on crop production, identify ways

farmers and ranchers are vulnerable to swings in the climate, and recommend new seeds or techniques to limit the damage.

Officials had no precise price tag for the hubs. Vilsack said the effort would largely involve reorganizing existing employees and resources, "charging them with a new responsibility." The work will be in addition to \$120 million set aside for climate-related research in the newly passed farm bill, he said.

President Barack Obama unveiled the climate hub program last summer as part of his plan to address global warming. Administration officials said there was clear evidence that climate change already was affecting agriculture. The growing season in the Midwest is almost two weeks longer than it was in 1950, and fire season is two months longer than it was 30 years ago, according to the USDA.

## Condom

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condom. So, let's say for a sexually active student that lives on campus, who doesn't have transportation off-campus, they might buy 5 boxes a month. This allows for condom breakage or having sex twice in one session of sexual activity or any other emergency that arises. That means that a sexually active student will spend about \$13, almost \$14, a month on condoms. Supplemental supplies from Health Services can bolster those numbers, of course, but it may not seem worth it to students after awhile.

Of course, all of this only matters if they know that protection is available on campus.

"We can get condoms on campus? Really?" Alex Harper, a senior English major, said.

"I'm with Alex, I honestly didn't know that anyone could get condoms on campus," senior English major Katie Moran added.

Senior Rodrika Bailey, a Gender and Women's Studies major, thinks a part of the problem is the lack of discussion on campus about sex and sexual health. "I don't think this campus is sex positive or promotes healthy sex habits. Sex seems to be hush-hush around this campus," she said.

Despite the fact that she is the president of the Feminists United club on campus, a club that is unafraid to talk about normally "hush-hush" issues, Bailey admitted that even she was unsure about the availability of condoms on campus.

"I am not sure of the campus clinic supplies and information or condoms, but I do know that anything having to do with the body or sexuality is really not discussed on Armstrong's campus," she added. "I do not feel that sexual health is being taken seriously by students because no one believes that things such as HIV/AIDS, herpes, gonorrhea or pregnancy will happen to them."

To Adam Smith, a recent Savannah College of Art and Design graduate, the threat of an STD is enough to ensure that if he wants to be sexually active, protection is a no-brainer.

"As far as condom usage goes, it's a must for gay guys. We may have gotten to the point now that AIDS and HIV have mostly become

treatable and containable, but that is no excuse," Smith said.

"I haven't had that many encounters of partners wanting to go condom-less but the few that I have had, I've said no to without a second thought, you know...even in the heat of the moment I've always remembered to be safe."

Bailey speaks from a place of experience when it comes to sexual protection. "I conceived my son through unprotected sex. We started out using it but, as time passed we stopped. Love, right?" she added.

"My friends and I discuss the importance of protection because there are things out there worse than getting pregnant. Diseases you can't get rid of, diseases that you have to live with for the rest of your life. I think that most people don't use condoms because they just don't feel like buying them - I'm not sure if that's because of the price or because of laziness."

"I do know that partners seem less likely to use condoms if the female is on some form of birth control," Bailey continued. "Again, sometimes pregnancy is the only thing people feel they need to be protected from, even though that's really not the case."

With the risks of getting an STD and/or becoming pregnant, protection seems like a no-brainer.

However, the availability of condoms on campus, combined with the general attitude towards sex and sexual health on Armstrong's campus, all come together to form a student body that's afraid to discuss sex and all the issues that accompany it.

"The student body needs to understand that sexual health is health. Just as you learn to be comfortable talking to your doctor, you should learn how to communicate about sex and your sexual health. Negotiating condom use isn't possible if you're too embarrassed to bring it up," Amatus-Salaam added.

"Yes, it can be awkward but that's totally okay. Sex itself is awkward. Also, too often condom use is framed as something one partner has to do."

As a part of their practicum objectives, Pompei and Amatus-Salaam also have to report on Armstrong's attitude towards sexual well-being among the student body. They will survey the

student body and then analyze the data to gauge student attitudes.

"This will also help us plan for a sexual health event in April which will coincide with National Public Health Week. From this data, we can then tailor our next objectives and assess campus policy in regards to sexual health programs and services," Amatus-Salaam said. "Evidence shows college students at 4-year universities expect free or reduced cost sexual health services, including condoms."

"The student body needs to reframe the discussion as something you both do together. After all, you're not just protecting yourself; you're protecting your sexual partner. If you're using condoms, you can focus on enjoying sex instead of risks."

"Safe sex is fun sex," Pompei added.

"Even when I was in a serious relationship, committed to one partner, we always used a condom. Sex is fun and part of what makes it fun is how much trust you have to have with each other," Smith said. "There's this trust that we'll keep each other safe, and I think that's what wearing a condom says...it says 'Hey, I got your back, I'm not going to harm you, but I'm also gonna blow your mind.'"

**Need help starting the conversation? Try these:**

"You said using condoms doesn't feel good, I've got three different kinds of condoms. Let's find one that

feels the best. Which one do you want to try first?" Condoms are not one size fits all!

"I want to have fun when we have sex, so I want to use condoms every time."

"The risk of pregnancy and STDs make me uncomfortable. I want to use protection every time, so I can enjoy it every time."

**And remember:**

Have a backup plan if your partner refuses to use condoms. Mutual masturbation or toys can be satisfying and safe.

Choosing a time and place to discuss sex with your partner before sex happens can strengthen your relationship by building good communication and anticipation for healthy, fun sex.



## The student loan crisis: How middle-class kids get hammered Campus Voices

By SARAH AMANDOLARE  
LOS ANGELES TIMES  
(MCT)

Last October, in between arguments over the debt ceiling, the federal government somehow found time to send me an email. My student loan payment was 70 days past due, the message read, so the government had negatively reported me to each major credit bureau and would continue to report me until my account was brought current.

I'm betting the government sent out a lot of those letters to people like me: college graduates from middle-class families who didn't qualify for much in the way of scholarship aid and had parents who couldn't afford to pay for their schooling.

Research published last month in the journal *Sociology of Education* shows that students from middle-class families are bearing the brunt of the student loan crisis. Jason Houle, a sociologist at Dartmouth College, analyzed the student loan debt of about 9,000 men and women, focusing on how socioeconomic factors, including family income and parents' educational background, influenced student debt.

What he found was that young adults from the socioeconomic top-tier tended to be safeguarded

from debt because their parents had more accurately anticipated college costs, did more financial planning for college and contributed more money to their children's education. Students from low-income families had access to financial aid other than loans. Students from middle-income families, meanwhile, took on far more debt than their lower- and higher-income peers.

A big part of the problem, of course, is that college is just too expensive. The Delta Cost Project at American Institutes for Research examined rising college costs and concluded that, in recent years, a combination of state funding cuts, overspending by research universities and decreased donations have led to tuition spikes at both public and private schools. And middle-class families often earn too much to qualify for financial aid or federal grant money, which has dried up. Borrowing, and borrowing too much, can feel like the only choice.

In August, President Obama announced that over the next 18 months, the Department of Education will create value-based college rankings that should make it easier for all students to avoid excessive debt. But in the meantime, millions of

former students are suffering the consequences of mistakes that weren't entirely their fault.

"The greatest irresponsibility is on the part of government and schools," said Anthony Carnevale, director of Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce. "Most people, if offered money, will take it. But in most other cases, when large sums of money are involved, there are controls in place."

Getting a car loan, for example, requires proof of income. Not so with student loans. And too many students have little idea what kind of earnings they can expect from a particular field of study, and so take on debt they may not be able to repay when the time comes.

"For a market to work well, it needs information. There's virtually none in this market," Carnevale said. "It's a lot of ways, it's entrapment."

And schools know what they are doing, to some extent. A survey by Inside Higher Ed and Gallup, published in October, touches on a range of student debt issues, including how much student debt universities consider reasonable. (A lot.)

But the most interesting finding concerns "gapping" - the practice of admitting students to college without providing enough aid for

them to enroll. Private colleges are 27 percent more likely to practice gapping than public colleges, but both do it. Troublingly, 53 percent of public college directors said gapping was ethical, along with 74 percent of private college directors.

Clearly, a significant chunk of the higher education community is conflicted about financial aid practices - but not conflicted enough to communicate the ethical gray area to students. As a result, many students new to managing finances are left alone to decide whether to take out loans, and later, with the consequences of being stuck in deep financial holes.

It is often argued that a college degree confers extra earning ability that more than covers college debt. And in many cases that is undoubtedly true. But as I write this, more than 7 million borrowers are in default on a federal or private student loan, and research has shown that those in default suffer both emotionally and physically.

Considering how close the government came to defaulting, politicians should be able to relate to the plight of those with delinquent student loans. They, and schools, can take a first step by acknowledging their role in the student loan crisis. They can sit in the hole with us for a while.

## Letters to the editor

The Inkwell welcomes and invites letters to the editor. All submissions must be 350 words or fewer, and must be signed. Send your letter to Chief Inkwell@gmail.com. The Inkwell reserves the right to edit for grammar, spelling and style.

"What are your V-Day plans?"



"Dinner and a movie."

Candace Cosby  
Sophomore  
Biology



"Working, unfortunately."

Meagan Barnes  
Senior  
Spanish



"Sit at home and watch Walking Dead from start to finish, hopefully with company."

Kyle Hodges  
Sophomore  
History



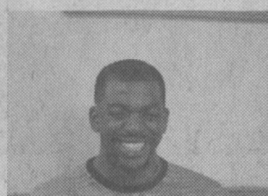
"Working at Chik-Fil-A."

Charles Lowdin  
Senior  
Business Economics



"Stay in my room and watch romantic comedies."

Aviaunna Young  
Sophomore  
Criminal Justice



"Spend time with a bunch of Marines, doing functional training."

Hakim Nkozi Roberson  
Junior  
Criminal Justice

## Athletes should be the real stars of the Winter Olympics

THE KANSAS CITY STAR  
(MCT)

The following editorial appeared in the Kansas City Star on Thursday, Feb. 6:

If you're weary of all the buildup to the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia - the bare-chested president Vladimir Putin, athletes' odd-looking uniforms, computer hacking, potential terrorist attacks, blatant

discrimination against gay people and, now breaking, journalists unhappy with their Third World hotel rooms - here's much more positive news.

The first competition in the Games started Thursday in Sochi, and the Opening Ceremony will be Friday.

After all the recent controversies, this is, we can hope, when much of the narrative tilts positively toward what the

athletes are accomplishing.

Thanks to live television, plus tape-delayed broadcasts in prime time, Americans could witness some amazing performances until the Olympics end on Feb. 23.

Don't worry if the names of the U.S. athletes aren't familiar; they seldom are for many winter sports. But the events still ought to attract large audiences.

The figure skating competition will be elegant, the downhill skiing fast and furious, the bobsledding medalists decided by the hundredths of a second, the snowboarding ridiculously perilous and the cross country skiing an endurance test for the ages.

More than likely, we'll still hear about Russian corruption, cost overruns at the Olympic venues and various protests during the next few weeks. These stories also

deserve attention.

But as so often happens at the Olympics - and often out of nowhere - athletes will put their own stamp on the Games with some brilliant performances on the ice or snow.

Thousands of talented women and men will be competing fiercely to win gold, silver and bronze medals in Sochi, many after training a lifetime to get there. This is their time to shine.

## Hooked on You

We're not claiming to be matchmakers or anything, but everyone knows it can be a rewarding experience reading the missed connections section on Craigslist. None of the following content has been edited. Here are our top picks for this week:

### ARE YOU LONELY TONIGHT? - M4W - 30 (SOUTHSIDE)

ARE YOU SLEEPING ALONE TONIGHT? DO YOU WISH THERE WAS SOMEONE IN BED TO JUST HOLD YOU AND MAKE YOU FEEL SAFE? DO YOU WANT A GUY THAT WILL RUB YOUR SHOULDERS, BACK, AND LEGS UNTIL YOU FALL ASLEEP? SOMEONE TO TALK TO AS YOU FALL ASLEEP? SOMEONE TO GIVE YOU COMPLIMENTS? EMAIL ME IF YOU WOULD WANT THIS TO HAPPEN. THERE WILL BE NO PRESSURE TO GO ANY FURTHER. AGE, RACE, AND RELATIONSHIP STATUS ARE UNIMPORTANT. PLEASE BE IN THE ARMSTRONG AREA, BECAUSE I DO NOT DRIVE.

30 YEAR OLD WHITE MALE. 5'10", 190 POUNDS. BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES. IF THIS AD IS STILL UP, I AM STILL LOOKING TO MAKE YOU FALL ASLEEP

FEELING SPECIAL. MY PIC FOR YOURS. SEND ME YOUR CELL NUMBER AND I CAN TEXT YOU AND VOICE VERIFY.

### YOU CLEAN AT MY WORK - M4W (GARDEN CITY)

Your gorgeous you do the cleaning at my work and couldn't help but check you out today and would love to talk more but im attached and cant let the guys no! But you drive a gold car if this is you and u wanna chat hmu and tell me what they did today at work

### PUERTO RICAN SGT GAVE ME A LIFT TODAY - M4M (HUNTER)

Wild shot but we both are in different branches of service. You gave me lift this morning on base while walking. You were really good looking. Tell me what we chatted about on our short drive.

### BEST BUY-MAN IN SUIT -

### W4M (SAVANNAH)

I was the girl with purple hair, a pink shirt, white cardigan, and jeans. You were the tan guy with shaggy slicked back black hair, a black beard, and a black suite. We were both on the movie isle and we passed each other several times. I thought you were handsome and we stood next to each other several times, I wanted to say something but I was too shy and you left before I could

### AWKWARD EXCHANGE BUT YOU SEEM INTERESTED - M4M - 33 (DOWNTOWN)

you said no but by the way you were looking at me you gave me the impression you were interested. just email me if there's a chance in hell that I could suck your c---. just as long as nobody finds out about it. you don't have to worry about anything on my end but you should already know that.

### HANDSOME HONDURAN -

### M4M - 49 (COFFEE SHOP)

we met briefly at coffee counter you just finished jogging you told me you were from honduras i would like to get to know you contact me if any interest

### LONG TERM FWB - M4W (FORT STEWART)

i hope you didn't get busted chica. we had a good conversation going then it dropped abruptly and your ad disappeared. wish we had exchanged our info before we lost contact.

### SEXY BOY - M4M (32)

around nine a little after I saw u at a gas station on 21 n garden city u had on gray shorts and smiled at me as I got out my car(blue) u were really sexy but didn't know if I should approach u. what kinda car were u drivin



# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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## Art March: Spreading love in the community

By EMILY SMITH

The First Friday Art March, quickly becoming a staple in Savannah, took place Feb. 7 at various locations.

First Friday Art March is a monthly community experience combining art, business and the public. Over a dozen locations in midtown Savannah support the creative community by opening their doors to local vendors.

To ensure that guests don't miss any of the stops, a smiling driver and guide transport visitors from one hub to the next on a free trolley.

After finishing up at The Studio School, regular Art March attendee Kim Evans said, "It's nice to have all the galleries open. I like the interaction of it."

Alan Wood, owner of particular event makes

Optymistic Vibrations and public health major at Armstrong, was set up in the Anahata Healing Arts Center. Wood, a junior, sold his unique handmade pendants.

Wood is one of many participants who appreciates the minimal requirements for locals to get involved in the event. Vendors pay a small fee to set up and share their work. "It's really great for the music and art community," Wood said. "I feel very blessed and privileged to have the opportunity."

February's Valentine theme did not go unnoticed as kids made heartfelt crafts and the love of community filled the air.

"Anaphora is all about giving back, so it fits. It's genuine," Wood said.

The integrity of this particular event makes

it unique and attracts an abundance of repeat visitors and newcomers alike. It has established a family of local artists in the midtown district and provides an accessible outlet for locals to express their talents to the people of Savannah.

Beverly Hollingsworth sold homemade soaps with delicious scents ranging from chocolate to orange.

"It's amazing and is all about creating a new earth and building a community," Hollingsworth said.

One of the best things about the Art March is simply meeting new people. Clinton Edminster, Executive Director of Art Rise Savannah, pointed at chatting groups and said, "See those people over there talking? They probably didn't know each other before."

The networking within the



neighborhood has allowed many small businesses to flourish.

13 Bricks Clothing vendor Alfredo Martinez said, "It feels really good to see people wearing our shirts."

Word-of-mouth events such as the Art March have jump-started businesses like this.

People like Sproutsouth owner Darby Cox have morphed their hobbies into a trade. Cox sold her beautiful hanging moss terrariums.

"I've always been really into gardening. Now I'd like to bring the outside into a small space," Cox said.

Artists and visitors alike add warmth and flair to the event as well as the area itself. In a sense, the Art March establishes a safe place for people and art to come together.

Artist Isaac McCaslin said, "It's great for people like me. Having that sense of community — that's when innovation happens."

To experience the love that Savannah has to offer, check out the next monthly Art March on Mar. 7 and discover the art, music, food and culture right in your backyard.



Photos by Isaac McCaslin

### Upcoming Events for February 6-11

#### Thursday, Feb. 13

Bad Luck, Any Otherwise and Dead Planets at Sweet Melissa's 7 p.m.  
Belle Nuit: A Beautiful Night of Love Songs at Savannah Arts Academy 7 p.m.  
A Night of Music and Poetry at City Coffee 8 p.m.  
Pre-Valentine's Red and White Ball at the Inferno Lounge 8 p.m.  
Heavily N'fluenced Open Mic at the Wormhole 9 p.m.  
Iron Reagan and Crazy Bag Lady at the Jinx 10 p.m.

Ghost Owl at Congress Street Social Club 8 p.m.  
The Accomplices at Doc's Bar on Tybee Island  
Velvet Caravan at Jazz'd Tapas Bar 9 p.m.  
The Magic Rocks at the Bayou Cafe 11 p.m.

#### Sunday, Feb. 16

Free Tour Day at Johnson Square 4 p.m.  
Sincerely Iris at Jazz'd Tapas Bar 7 p.m.

#### Monday, Feb. 17

Open Mic Night at the Student Union Ballroom 8 p.m.  
Open Mic Night at Abe's on Lincoln and at Bay Street Blues  
Clap Your Hands Say Yeah at Living Room Show

#### Tuesday, Feb. 18

The Rosies at River House Seafood 6:30 p.m.  
Hip Hop Night at the Jinx 9:30 p.m.  
England in 1819 at Hangfire  
\$10 Bowling for Armstrong students at AMF Bowling Alley on Tibet 8 p.m.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 19

Eddie Wilson at Jazz'd Tapas Bar 7:30 p.m.  
Jessica Kirson at the Student Union Ballroom 8 p.m.  
Rock and Roll Bingo at the Jinx 10

## 'The Lego Movie' is the first great film of 2014



Will Arnett, voice of Batman in "The Lego Movie," at the Golden Globes.

By TODD PERKINS

Everyone has their favorite childhood toy, and it is highly probable that for many that toy involved Legos. Nostalgia was a major factor in making the "Toy Story" franchise so successful and it would be an understatement to say that it has a lot to do with what makes "The Lego Movie" so good.

When it was announced that there would be a Lego movie, many wondered how a film about Legos would play out. It would have been easy to throw a seemingly random story together that happens to be done with Lego characters, but instead, it has become a surprisingly smart, gut-bustingly funny movie about Legos.

In a Lego world where everyone

follows the rules and thinks everything is awesome while singing a song called "Everything is Awesome," one ordinary construction worker named Emmet Brickowski finds himself recruited by a band of master builders who set out to find and take down the evil and dastardly President Business who plans on ending the Lego world in a matter of days. Emmet must find his own creative building tendencies and learn to think outside the box as he fights alongside the likes of a robot pirate, a 80s spaceman, Batman, and many others.

First of all, this movie is funny — laugh-out-loud funny. Directors Phil Lord and Christopher Miller previously directed the animated feature "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" which exceeded

expectations by being both a critical smash and a big box-office success, and then moved on to the R-rated "21 Jump Street" which also managed to be a hit with audiences and critics alike. Now they have kick-started what is likely to be another lucrative franchise that is as intelligent as it is hilarious. Very rarely will a comedy pull off every joke without one falling flat, but Lord and Miller have such extraordinary comedic sensibilities and timing that they manage to pull it all off.

The movie also looks amazing. The blend of stop-motion animation and CGI seamlessly merge the Lego characters with their backgrounds, making the entire world seem as if it were made from real Lego pieces. There is such attention to detail, such as with the water and fire effects, that it will be impossible not to be caught off-guard at how creative and energetic the animation appears.

The talented voice cast also adds enough personality to the

characters to make each and every one stand out no matter how brief they may appear on screen. Highlights include Liam Neeson voicing a corrupted police official known as Good Cop / Bad Cop and Will Ferrell giving an unexpected twist to his President Business.

There is so much to like here, but what is most shocking about "The Lego Movie" is that it actually has something to say. Who knew that a movie filled with product placements could incorporate such strong social satire about corporate America, or that an animated film could slip in underlying themes that allude to family morals or even theology? This has comedy and escapism for those wanting to simply be entertained for an hour and a half, but it also has a message for those wanting to find one. What could have been a forgettable family film instead becomes an immensely enjoyable and thoughtful film about some of our favorite toys, which is a delightful surprise.

### Silver screen

Rating 4 out of 5



Directed by Phil Lord and Christopher Miller

Produced by Warner Bros.

Rated PG for mild action and rude humor

Starring Will Arnett, Elizabeth Banks, Charlie Day, Will Ferrell, Liam Neeson  
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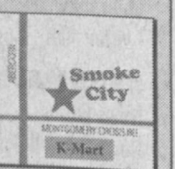
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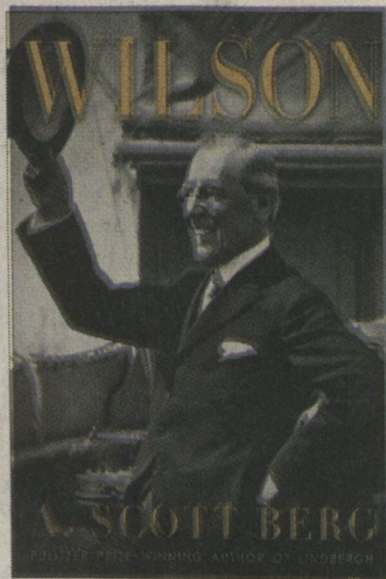
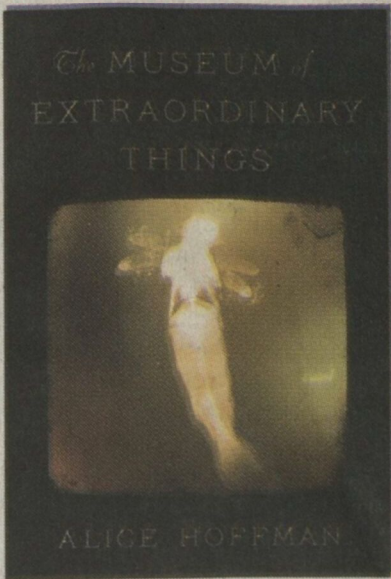
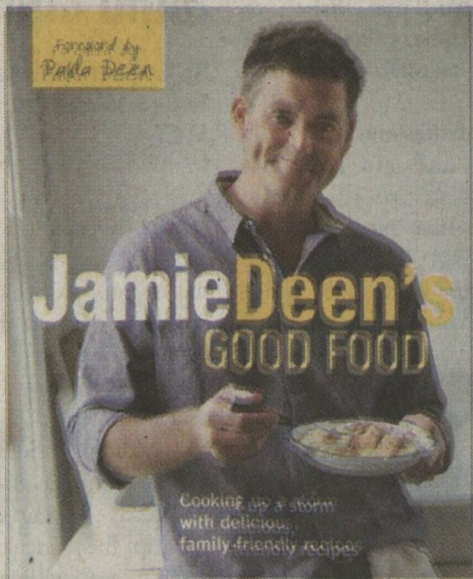
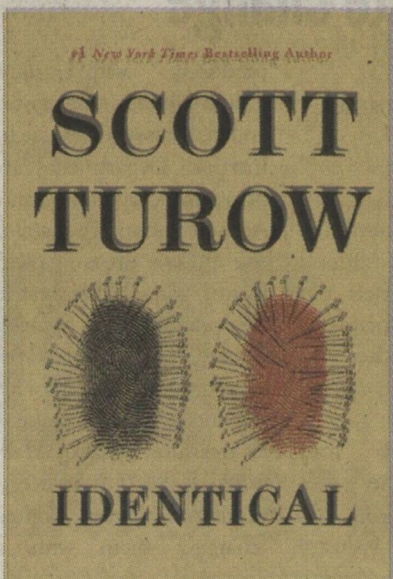
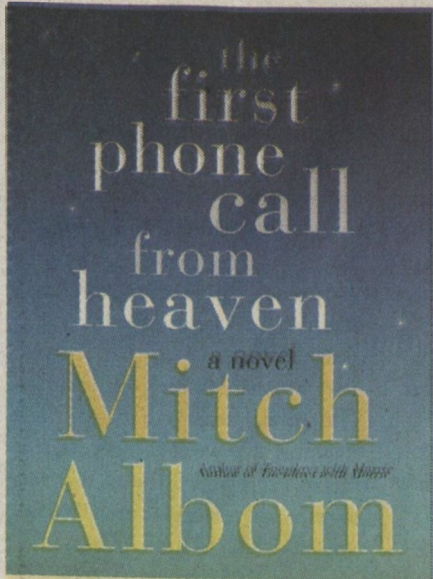




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## Book Festival returns to downtown Savannah



Books by authors appearing at the Feb. 15 festival, from left to right: Mitch Albom, Scott Turow, Jamie Deen, Alice Hoffman and A. Scott Berg.

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The yearly Savannah Book Festival begins Feb. 13 with an opening address by author Scott Turow at Trustees Theater. Mitch Albom will give the keynote address on Feb. 14, and Eben Alexander will close the weekend with his speech on Feb. 16. The festival brings big names this year, like Alice Hoffman, A. Scott Berg, Wally Lamb and local favorites Jamie and Bobby Deen. As usual, the festival on Feb. 15 is free and open to the

public. There will be author-led discussions at different locations around Telfair and Wright Squares from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. One author appearance creating a lot of buzz is John McMillian, author of "Beatles Vs. Stones" and avid researcher of both bands. His discussion of the book follows the fiftieth anniversary of the Beatles' momentous Feb. 9 appearance on the Ed Sullivan show. Another appropriate discussion is that of James Swanson, who will present his book "End of Days" in close proximity to the fiftieth anniversary of the Kennedy assassination.

The timeliness of these appearances is no coincidence. According to Amy Condon, head of the visibility team for the festival, the author appearances are set almost a year in advance. "As soon as one festival ends, the Festival's Board of Directors begins planning the next one," Condon said in an email interview. "So there's already a sense of what books will be coming out in the next few months." Additionally, the festival's board of directors accepts requests for author appearances from its members, sponsors and volunteers. "We also receive requests from

publishers whose authors want to come to Savannah," Condon said. "The Creative Coast is a great place to be in February, especially if you're coming from New York or Chicago where, chances are, you're shoveling snow." This year's festival has a few distinguishing features from last year's event. The events have expanded into Wright Square to allow for more room for guests. There is also a trolley service to take guests from Southside to Telfair Square and back. C-SPAN will broadcast from the Lutheran Church. Also, noted Condon, "The bright orange Penguin Bus will

be here, all the way from New York." Attendance has grown at the festival in only a few years, according to Condon. "We've grown from less than 4,000 attendees to more than 10,000 devoted attendees each year," she said. Because of that increase in attendees, the festival attracts more authors each year. The popularity of the authors also increases, as Stephen King attended the festival in 2012. To get the best experience from the festival, Condon recommends making a detailed schedule.

"I want to learn something from every writer here," Condon said. "So I have to be really strategic in my planning on that Saturday when we've got six venues spread between two squares." Condon herself is excited for the festival as a whole, but particularly for one author: "I'm a huge Wally Lamb fan, and I'm not going to sugarcoat it. I squealed like a teenage Beatles fan when I learned he was going to be here." A complete schedule of the festival and list of authors is available online at savannah-bookfestival.org.

## Slavery in Savannah: Jepson's new exhibit shows local history of slave life

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Years after the fact, slavery remains a complicated and often misunderstood topic. The newest exhibit at the Jepson Center hopes to shed some light on slavery in the South. "Slavery and Freedom in Savannah" opened at the Jepson Center on Feb. 8. The exhibit is based on a book of the same name, edited by Daina Ramey Berry and Leslie Harris. The book is a collection of essays and other notes about slavery life in Savannah and was written by historians across the South. Brainstorming for the book began in the mid-1990s and culminated in a symposium held in Savannah in 2011. According to Tania Sammons, senior curator of decorative arts and historic sites at Telfair Museums, the symposium was instrumental in getting the book started. "The people who presented at the symposium became the major essayists for this book," Sammons said, noting that most of the writers are also college professors. The book has two major components: long essays about slavery life in Savannah and short sections about particular individuals or events. "It essentially tells the story of slavery beginning in colonial times and moves it into the 20th century," Sammons said. "Each essay just takes it a little bit further." The Jepson exhibit reflects the organization of the book and features large text panels that explore different themes related to slavery, like education. "This exhibition is a combination of historical

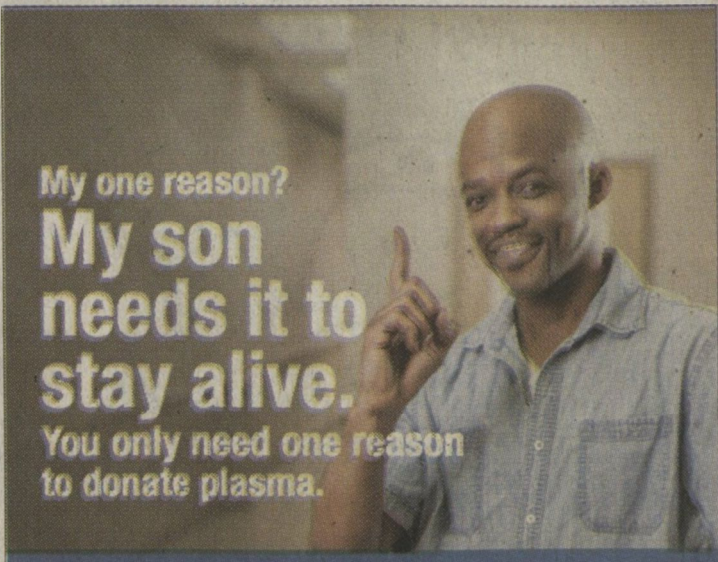
material gleaned from the book and includes artifacts that are associated with different subjects in the book," Sammons said. One such artifact is a tankard dating to 1804. Pierce Butler, a plantation owner, gave the silver tankard to Maurice, an overseer, to recognize his heroic act of saving over 100 slaves. Another artifact is a tea service. Sammons hopes to shift the focus of discussions about slavery using the tea service.

"Normally, when we see something like this, we think about people who owned a tea service, women in their fine dresses, sitting and having tea," Sammons said. "We don't think about who's serving it, who's cleaning it, who's carrying it around." While there are only a few artifacts in the exhibit, Sammons noted, "The artifacts that we do have are powerful." Indeed, the exhibit was designed to be as powerful as

possible. One panel featured the names of slaves that were owned by Margaret and Sarah Telfair. The names were recovered from census data, deeds and personal letters. "Names are very important," Sammons said. "This is a very powerful wall, and we're interested to see how people will respond to this." Sammons noted that in 1850, the Telfair family owned 630 slaves, an extraordinary amount

considering that the wealthiest Southern families owned about 100 slaves. The exhibit also seeks to move the image of slavery away from a plantation-centric view. "They don't even think about urban slavery and all the complexities that come into play," Sammons said, adding that much of the enslaved population indeed began on plantations but ended up moving through cities. Sammons hopes that the

greatest takeaway from the exhibit is more knowledge about the practice of slavery. "This is an extremely complicated, complex subject," Sammons said. "I hope that this whole exhibition makes people think and creates dialogue and conversation." "Slavery and Freedom in Savannah" will run at the Jepson Center through Aug. 31. For more information, contact the museum at 912-790-8800.



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# U Style

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**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TREND RIGHT NOW?**  
PRETTY PASTEL COLORS AND BOYFRIEND JEANS

**WHAT'S YOUR NUMBER ONE FASHION RULE?**  
ALWAYS HAVE AN OPEN MIND! TAKE RISKS!

**WHO IS YOUR STYLE ICON?**  
THE OLSEN TWINS

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE COLOR TO WEAR?**  
ALL TIME FAVORITE COLOR: BLACK FAVORITE COLOR AT THE MOMENT: LIGHT PINK

**WHAT TREND DO YOU HATE?**  
MONOGRAMMED EVERYTHING!



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## ROTC

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higher on this list, cadets perform certain tasks to earn points.

For participation in this Ranger Challenge event, each cadet on the team scored a full point, "which can bump you up around 500 spaces [on the list]. It's a big deal for them to make the team and to be on the team," said Captain Schwendemann, a freshman and sophomore ROTC instructor.

To add to their accomplishments, four senior cadets went to LDAC (Leadership Development and Assessment Course), a placement course that all seniors must complete to be evaluated for active military duty, and made it into the top 20 percentile of cadets across the nation.

"If you perform well [at

LDAC] you'll get a full-time active duty job from the military. If you perform well you have the choice of going active duty. It provides you the option with what you want to do," said Williams.

Cadets can choose to join the National Guard or other military branch instead of full-time active duty.

Despite these accomplishments, life as a ROTC cadet can be challenging.

"It depends on what you're doing. At times, it can be easier, it can be difficult. It depends on your degree, too," said senior Brandon Hillis, a psychology major.

"It can be stressful, especially towards the end of the semester," he added.

Zachary Hart is a senior cadet, who made it into the top 20 percent of cadets in the U.S.

"In the mornings we're all together doing a certain exercise for each day. Running

is probably our biggest focus. We'll also do interval running around campus," he said.

Both students have to balance their classes and training exercised required for ROTC.

"Some professors are really laid back and are like 'Oh yeah, you're good!' while others are like 'No, you have to be here.' We also have SCAD and Savannah State students, and they have to come over here, and I know for the SCAD students, their teachers are not lenient. They don't care. 'You have to be here,'" Hillis said.

Any students interested in pursuing the military field and graduating from college should consider joining ROTC. From the scholarships that allow students to graduate debt-free, to the camaraderie provided by all of the cadets, ROTC is the right option for the smart military-minded student.

## USDA to set up 'climate hubs' to help farmers amid climate change

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The Obama administration will set up 10 centers around the country to help farmers and ranchers adjust to the increasing frequency of severe weather and other risks associated with climate change.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the sites Wednesday, saying the goal was to help the agriculture industry adjust to new conditions, including extended fire seasons, invasive pests, flooding and drought.

"It's a reflection of the changing weather patterns that will indeed impact and affect crop production, livestock production," Vilsack told reporters. The new "climate hubs," he said, will help producers take steps to "mitigate the impacts and effects of climate change as well as adapt to new ways of agriculture."

The hubs will be in Ames, Iowa; Corvallis, Ore.; Durham, N.H.; El Reno, Okla.; Fort Collins, Colo.; Las Cruces, N.M.; and Raleigh, N.C. Three "sub-hubs" focusing on narrower issues related to specific crops will be in Davis, Calif.; Houghton, Mich.; and Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

Vilsack said Davis, in a rain-parched state, would research the effects of drought.

The sites were chosen in a competition organized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, officials said.

The centers will link agriculture

producers with universities, industry groups, state governments and federal agencies, such as the Interior Department and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. They will conduct risk analysis on crop production, identify ways farmers and ranchers are vulnerable to swings in the climate, and recommend new seeds or techniques to limit the damage.

Officials had no precise price tag for the hubs, Vilsack said the effort would largely involve reorganizing existing employees and resources, "charging them with a new

responsibility." The work will be in addition to \$120 million set aside for climate-related research in the newly passed farm bill, he said.

President Barack Obama unveiled the climate hub program last summer as part of his plan to address global warming. Administration officials said there was clear evidence that climate change already was affecting agriculture. The growing season in the Midwest is almost two weeks longer than it was in 1950, and fire season is two months longer than it was 30 years ago, according to the USDA.

## Name

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question among people.

The word "Atlantic" was placed in the name in 1996 to provide Armstrong with a geographical designation. Interestingly, the name Armstrong State University was suggest in 1996 as well.

However, the name was declined because it did not offer the geographical aspect and the fact that the initials would be shared with other universities around Georgia.

When asked whether sharing initials with other universities would still be a concern, Kelso responded that it will not be.

"We focus so much on Armstrong," Kelso clarified. "When people think of us, they think of Armstrong."

Kelso explained that the new name provides the necessary clarity and straightforwardness. However, Armstrong will continue to be the main focus.

The cost of the name change should not be a major concern since a majority of the signage has Armstrong on it, Kelso explained.

"The maximum is \$40,000," Kelso said.

The top expense will be transiting the logo from AASU to ASU, which will be an exciting opportunity to get student leadership involved in the task.

"There is going to be absolutely no financial impact on students," said Allison Hersh, Public Relations Manager.

"All of the anticipated costs will be absorbed from the administrative operating budgets," Kelso added.

If the Board of Regents approves the name change, Armstrong State University

could be put into action as soon as July first of this calendar year, Kelso stated.

"It also gives us time to continue working with the transition and work with student leadership," Kelso said.

The name change is not seen to be an uncommon thing for education institutions to do, especially not for Armstrong.

Previous to becoming Armstrong Atlantic State University in 1996, the institution was known as Armstrong Junior College (1935), Armstrong College of Savannah (1948), and Armstrong State College (1965).

Kelso considers this name change to be a step back to our roots, which will promote the history and establishment of Armstrong.

"We are Armstrong," Kelso said. "That honors the history and allows us to look forward to the future."

# Office Hours

Ms. Julie Warner

Instructor of English

INTERVIEW BY EMILY SMITH



### What drove you to become a professor?

My background as a high school English teacher. The No Child Left Behind legislation was not allowing me to teach. Kids were just writing down questions.

### What is your favorite part about being a professor?

Bouncing ideas off of the students. It's a really organic process every semester, unlike high school.

### What's important about learning English?

It's most important for students to come away with the ability to write and communicate their ideas clearly and powerfully. If they can represent their voice and their vision authentically, they can be more powerful and change the world.

### Who inspires you?


My dissertation sponsor because she always pushes me to do better and work past that threshold. She has more life experience.

### What book are you reading right now?

I'm reviewing a young adult book, "The Story of Owen." It's a fantasy about dragons.


### Do you have a piece of advice for your students?

Get uncomfortable intellectually. Embrace the confusion because it's the first step toward learning. In your life, do things that scare you and make you uncomfortable. That fear is an indication that there's a point to address.



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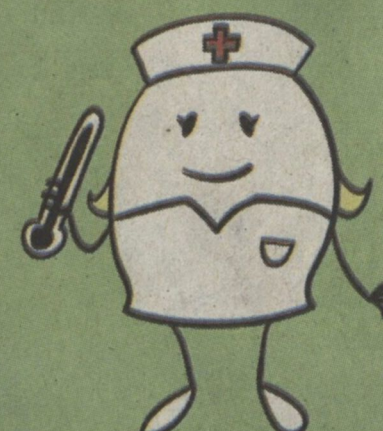
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