The Street Teams for AIDS Risk Reduction (STARR) was organized in Savannah in September of 1988. The program is aimed at educating the public about the threat of AIDS, particularly in relation to drug abuse, and does so through two unique people, George Jackson and Joe Young. These men are both former drug users themselves, and are therefore better equipped to communicate with those who have drug problems.

In an effort to increase awareness about STARR, five billboards have been placed in downtown areas showing Jackson and Young with the message: “Together we can stop AIDS and drugs.” Young feels that it will enable STARR to reach a larger audience than they normally would. “A lot of people think drug abuse and AIDS can’t affect them because they are not in high risk groups. But we go into these drug neighborhoods at night and see BMW’s, we see black, white and Hispanic all taking part in the drug trade together. The publicity will tell people we are here, and if they have a problem or their son or daughter has a problem, we will talk to them and refer them for treatment.”

STARR reaches people in low income neighborhoods, such as both member’s childhood home of Yamacraw, and in more affluent neighborhoods in Thunderbolt and the Southside, as well as schools, churches, prisons and youth correctional institutes. The team has spoken with over 16,000 people, explaining the dangers of drugs in general, and how they contribute to spreading the AIDS virus in particular. The risk of AIDS comes not only from sharing contaminated needles, but also from the irresponsible sexual activity drug use promotes, such as prostitution and the exchange of sex for crack cocaine. According to Savannah health district director Dr. Richard Stilman, over one third of the AIDS cases in Savannah are drug users or the sexual partners of drug users.

When asked about the dangers of teaching an anti-drug message in neighborhoods that rely heavily on drugs, Young answered, “We came from these types of neighborhoods, so we speak the language. Many of the people on drugs want help but don’t know the way out. We don’t pay any attention to the hostilities we may face, we go out and talk and the people love us more for it.”

“You see this not as a job but as something we must do,” Young remarked. “We must spread the message of survival. My brother died of drug use and this motivated me to get into the war on drugs and try to help those who are ignorant about what drugs can do to you. We are dedicated because we’ve been there.”

“We are especially concerned about the kids, because drug use is getting more prevalent in young teenagers. We are dealing in prevention here and have to go to the middle schools to prepare the children for what they will face, help them to make a stand. You have to catch the kids at the right time to save them.”

When asked if the STARR members are role models for youth, Young replied, “We hope to be. We have had kids thank us for what we’ve said to them. A lot of the kids are attracted to drugs because of the money that can be made. We tell them that if they work hard and act positive they can support themselves, and they won’t have to face the consequences of addiction and jail.”

Young also offered advice for those who think someone close to them is using drugs. “First, you have to educate yourself about the problem so you can know what is going on and talk to them in an understanding way. If you’ve never done drugs yourself you don’t know the attraction, the way drugs become a religion for users. If you become more knowledgeable you can better relate to the abuser and can try to get them into a treatment program.”

“Our message is straightforward,” Jackson stated. “If you’re on drugs, get off. Get help. Drugs put you at risk for a lot of things, including AIDS.”

“We can’t push off all the responsibility on the government, elected officials and churches,” Young added. “Everyone must get involved.”

In related news, the AIDS Coastal Empire Foundation (ACE) has begun conducting anonymous AIDS testing at its office located at 335 Tattnall St. The testing takes place every second and fourth Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and is free of charge. ACE is also holding a potluck dinner for people with AIDS at the same location every third Wednesday at 6:00.

The office of treasurer was vacated on November 14 when Robert Creech resigned due to conflicts with his military duty in Navy ROTC. Spaulding thought it necessary to quickly appoint a treasurer before Christmas break so that the new treasurer would have time to prepare for the upcoming task of writing next year’s student activities budget.

New SGA treasurer appointed

Joseph Babula was appointed as SGA treasurer until the next elections at the end of the winter quarter.

The appointment was made by SGA president, Robert Spaulding, during the November 28 senate meeting, and the appointment was approved by more than a two-thirds vote, as is required, with eight senators voting for the appointment with three abstentions.
EDITORIAL

A new decade's resolution-challenge

by Ron Speir, Jr.

Not only is it a new year but also a new decade. While people traditionally look back over the year and make resolutions for the new year, it is also proper to look back over the decade and make resolutions for the 1990s.

Armstrong has grown a great deal in the 80s. The beginning of the decade featured a very low point in the history of the school, and now the school is a crensh. Enrollment is at an all-time high!

But student apathy is still the status quo. No matter how far Armstrong progresses, the students still act like they don’t have a care in the world except for where the party is Friday night. Parties are great but there is a Monday thru Thursday in life.

I started out the school year asking students to be brave and try to get involved in school, and now I must repeat myself. I was a CHAOs leader this summer, and during CHAOs all the leaders preached to the freshmen to GET INVOLVED.

Recently I talked with one of those freshmen. She now agrees how fun and important extracurricular activities are in college life. Anyone who gets involved in extracurricular activities will tell you this. But people still won’t believe us. It’s like banging your head against a wall.

As a New Year’s and a New Decade’s resolution, you owe it to yourself to try and find some niche in campus life to get involved in. Be a spectator at a concert, a rowdier at a dance, a yeller at the basketball game, or even a writer for The Inkwell. But be anything.

DO NOT be one of the BUMS who come to school for three hours and then skip to of to never-never-to-be-seen-againland. You are missing far, far too much if you do.

I understand that work interferes with peoples schedules, but there are many people who work and are involved.

Students must realize that this is their time to be students. And here’s another newsflash — It is also your last chance to be kids. I don’t mean that the way it sounds. You’re going to be working your ass off for the rest of your life, so take the time now to enjoy life...be a kid...have fun. Tomorrow you’ll wake up and wonder were that lost youth went. Enjoy it while you have it.

I challenge every person on campus, faculty included, to get involved. Not a monumental task, but do something to help improve or support the school. Whether you like this place or not (although there are plenty of us who do) you owe this place a little bit more than a check once a quarter (twice if you count the bookstore) and your magnificent presence for three hours.

In summation — JUST DO IT. If there is something you don’t like about Armstrong fight to change it. If you would rather have yellow toilet paper in the bathrooms, then fight to make that change. You just might learn a thing or two and have fun in the process. JUST DO IT, or else you’ll wake up tomorrow and wonder what happened...
Boulevard of broken dreams

by Frank Clancy

Emily is doing the dead man's float of the soul, mooning over her chocolate croissant and hazelnut coffee at the counter of the Atticus Bookshop and Cafe on Chapel St, New Haven, Connecticut. It's been two days since she's had solid blue collar food—a turkey TV dinner which she sucked frozen for want of a stove. Now, lost in her boyfriend Tim's J. Press Harris Tweed Jacket, Emily spins her combination-lock ring for her auditor.

"The closest thing Jasper, Alabama has to Atticus Bookshop is the paperback rack at the Seven Eleven. Of course, there was always a rapid turnover in their literary criticism column. I'm, joshing."

She flicks on a sad Meryl Streep smile.

New Haven's literary garden is full of frosted flowers like Emily. They arrive half-hourly at the Crown Street Greyhound Bus Station from Jasper, Alabama; from Garden Grove, California; from Moscow, Idaho; from New Orleans and San Francisco. They are fugitives from advanced placement literature courses at Wilber Cross High School, at Boise Country Day School, at Miss Porter's and Taft. The refugee's save-the-Whole look vulnerability and care givers in the bus terminal glow for the sweated academic pimple who edges to her side, inviting her to the Atticus Bookshop and Cafe for hazelnut decaf and chocolate chip cookies as he presents her with a fresh third edition of Strunk and White's *The Elements of Style.* He operates a stable of runaway schoolgirls, aspiring prose stylists whom he commandeers to grade his freshman comp themes, promising in return to show her senior English papers to Harold Bloom. (Yale's Bloom is to contemporary literary criticism what Sid Vicious was to new wave rock.) The girl who falls behind her comp quota will likely have her high school themes worked over by some nasty "weak in content" comments in green ink. Later, over a third cup of hazelnut, Mr. pipe, and patched elbows will ask to see her John Updike "AAP" paper and offer to escort her to her destination—the York Street Y.W.C.A.

The Yale Writing Center Annex (Y.W.C.AA) is the Yankee Stadium of college writing centers, celebrated among high school writing center tutors as The House that Brooks Built. (Yale's CLEAN Brooks is to established literary criticism what Jerry Lee Lewis is to established rock and roll.) Everyday runabouts of high school writing center tutors take the turn on to York St. Clutching their collected Joyce, Faulkner and Melville themes under one arm and their copy of the Heffeman and Lincoln Writing: A College Handbook under the other. Perhaps a "Function of Snow as Symbol in Joyce's "The Dead"" left on the Y.W.C.AA doormat will find its way into the hands of The Director to a feting at J. Press for the eat-your-heart-out

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Coffee with the Vice!

On January 18 from 12:30 till 1:30, you can chat with Dr. Frank Butler, vice-president of ASC, over coffee in the cafeteria about your concerns for ASC.

Exxon's oil spill: A native's view

by Calisia Pulley

The huge oil spill that occurred on the shores of Alaska's coastline earlier this year was bigger than anyone could have imagined, and it will continue to be felt for a very long time, being a long-time resident of Fairbanks Alaska, have seen the many changes in these few short months after the occurrence, therefore, I expect many more to surface.

Exxon (a four letter word in many Alaskans' eyes) claims to have paid for the damages done from their negligence, plus some, but I will try to show that this is not true. By discussing the changes in the Alaska economy, the possible future effects of the oil spill, and my personal experience working in a place effected by the oil spill, I hope to establish, not just the view of the oil spill, but a rather impartial view so that you, the reader, may obtain a clear concise opinion.

The economy, as expected, worsened after the spill. Alaska's economy prior to the oil spill was already headed towards a recession stage—the cost of living is very high. One of the main changes that I noticed was the changes in the price of gas. Before the oil spill, regular gas was priced anywhere from 39 cents to $1.15 a gallon, while unleaded gas ran $1.04 to $1.20 a gallon. Now, one can expect to pay $1.09 to $1.20 a gallon, for regular gas and $1.10 to $1.25 a gallon for unleaded gas.

Unemployment decreased because government spending increased, so the oil spill created many temporary jobs. In order to get the oil cleaned up, people were needed to clean up the shore line, and these people were paid $10-$30 an hour. The jobs mainly consisted of cleaning oil off of the rocks in the water or around the shores. Some of the jobs were dangerous because of the risk of falling into the cold water or slipping off the oil-slicked rocks. Exxon, as to be expected, paid the wages of the workers.

True enough, the money that was, and will be lost is not going to regenerate Alaska's econony, but not enough to compensate for the future losses that the industries of Alaska will suffer. One might view Exxon's actions as "bailing out before the ship sinks" (no pun intended). Exxon has paid a large sum of money toward Alaska via its work for the oil spill, and, hence, feels its work is done.

Exxon wants Alaska, as well as the nation, to "forgive and forget," but how can one forget if reminders are constantly drudging up the past?

The possible future effects of the oil spill are many in number. For the fish and oil industries, their profits will never equal their losses, at least not for a long time. Fish will continue to be contaminated with oil, making the quality of the fish bad and making sales harder, as long as oil is in the water. Oil and gas will become more expensive, which has already been seen, to make up for the large amounts that have been lost. Also, because the price of Alaskan oil will become more expensive, companies will be forced to go elsewhere for cheaper oil, which once again effects Alaska's economy. Those are only problems that are seen above the surface.

The fish play a very important part in, not only the economic chain, but also the food chain. Animals that eat fish or even eat the animals that eat fish, will be passed the contamination as well. What about the people in the Eskimo Villages that are forced to eat the oil contaminated fish? They themselves are possible contaminated and will run the risk of passing the contamination to their future generations to come. The issue is not only an environmental one, but it widens to include the general welfare and health of people.

Exxon claims to have paid for the damages done, but yet, medical bills were not paid up front to the take care of the possible medical needs of the people. That is as much a part of Exxon's responsibilities as footing the bill for the clean up.

This summer, I worked on a fish canary, a job that many people nation wide participate in, but the majority of the people are Alaskans. The job is geared toward people who want to make a lot of money in a short amount of time. The way that this is done is that you work 12-18 hour days, 7 days a week. The fish season usually starts in the summer and lasts until the fall, in which people are paid to catch, clean or can the fish. The fish is then sold to food chains like Red Lobster. This year, the fish season ended three weeks early because a lot of the fish that were being caught were not worth selling. I got a chance to see lots of oil contaminated fish (a reason why I rarely eat fish today). They look like they are rotten.

My boss said that the company lost money, but not as much as they would have if Exxon had not have paid money as they did. Other fish canaries experienced "dry spells" as well as the one I was on. I hope that next year will be better.

I hope that the people understand the hostility and animosity that Alaska, as well as environmentalists, display toward Exxon. I also hope to have shown you that the reparations for the losses that Alaska will see is more expensive than Exxon could ever pay.
A look back on the great moments of the 80s...

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by Tricia Podmore

The decade of the 80s has ended, but not without leaving a drastic and lasting effect on the lives of every American alive today. The planet experienced a global population explosion by 800 million, and technology surpassed anything the past had ever seen.

The year 1980 began with a bang when the U.S. hockey team, the underdog, took the hopes of a gold medal from the Soviet hockey team. A single bullet brought thousands of fans to their knees when Mark David Chapman shot and killed ex-Beatle John Lennon. America stood proud and was the place where everyone wanted to be, especially the 125,000 refugees who arrived in Miami, Florida on small craft from Castro’s Cuba. The west coast saw a different explosion when Mount St. Helens erupted killing 57 people and doing a total damage of 2.7 billion dollars. The entire country experienced pandemonium called Pac-Man, the first video-game, and he gobbled up 2 million dollars for the Atari company. The Iran-Iraq war began, and more than a million people were killed or wounded before the eight year war came to a truce which instilled in force today. All eyes watched Vietnam where a hero named Lech Walesa defied Polish regime and led a strike in the shipyards of Gdansk. While the national union Solidarity was founded Calvin Klein became the name to wear after America saw his jeans on Broke Sheild’s hips.

In 1981 the 40th U.S. President was sworn in, and as Ronald Reagan stood being sworn into office, 52 American hostages were being released from 44 days of imprisonment by the Iranians. America again stood proud, and the appointment of Sandra Day O’Connor to the Supreme Court brought women to their knees as she became the first woman U.S. Supreme Court Justice. The pride and emotion turned to shock and dismay when Ronald Reagan was shot in the chest in an assassination attempt. Americans did lose a man who visited them every night on their television sets. Walter Cronkite, anchor for CBS retired after 19 years of coming into homes across America, informing the population with the world news. Dan Rather would now give Americans their data on the world. The closing of 1981 was celebrated with the hopes that 1982 would not be as depressed and precarious.

1982-a sad day dawned as America led to rest John Belushi, a comic genius. A cocaine-heroin overdose claimed his life which should have served as a warning flag of the coming drug epidemic. While America mourned, the British were embodied in a bloody dispute over the Falkland Islands with Argentina. Britain won, but not before losing six ships and 256 lives. Troubles mounting made Americans need a release and David Letterman gave them a release with the start of his new late night program, and Americans stayed up late to watch stupid people like David Letterman.

2,075 couples were wedded in Madision Square Garden to be married in the largest wedding ceremony in history. The Rev. Sun Myung Moon officiated at the ceremony. Marriage on the rise gave way to a blow to the female race when the Equal Rights Amendment, assuring women the same legal status as men, fell short, ratified by 35 of the necessary 38 states. Would America recover the turmoil?

Americans woke January 1, 1983 with the hope that the new year would indeed be bright, and the oil girl would stand proud and tall again. Hopes were shattered when 260 U.S. marines were killed and 75 wounded in Beirut from a TNT-laden truck crashing into HQ. The U.S. evacuated all forces four months later. An 11-year old Maine schoolgirl, Samantha Smith raised the hope in America as she tooled Russia as the guest of Yuri Andropov; however tears flowed as she later died in a plane crash. Another plane crash robbed 269 people of life because of air space. KAL Flight 007 bound for Seoul was thought to be a spy plane in Soviet air space and was shot down and an apology was never issued for the tragic loss of life. Dreams became even more shattered when claiming Americans were at risk, the U.S. invaded Grenada, but hope was restored and American military forces ousted the Cuban advisors and leftist officials, restoring a friendly regime. Hopes on the rise gave Americans the passion needed to become lost in the big hit film Risky Business starring Tom Cruise and Rebecca De Mornay. It certainly proved the entertainment enterprise was alive and well in America.

America fell in love with a spunky petite brunette named Mary Lou Retton. The 16 year-old became the first American woman ever to take an individual Olympic Gold Medal in gymnastics. The year belonged to the women as Geraldine Ferraro became the first woman to run on a national party ticket as the democratic vice-president choice for election. Vanessa Williams, the Black Miss America, lost her crown due to nude photos printed in Penthouse magazine. While the year did see reruns of the same legal status as men, fell short, ratified by 35 of the necessary 38 states. Would America recover the turmoil?

The new year awoke to love and flowers as the world watched Prince Andrew marry a spunky Sarah Ferguson, better known as Fergie. With love and dreams the forreunner of the nation was shocked to reality when they realized that 350,000 Americans were homeless form the escalating cost of housing. No American could dream that by 1989 there would be 3 million homeless Americans. Chernobyl became a common word throughout the planet when a Soviet rocket exploded forcing 135,000 people to evacuate and killed 31 people. In the opposite end of the spectrum was a fragile democracy set up in the Philippines by Cory Aquino and ex-president Marcos was exiled.

1986 started off with a blonde bombshell as the American hero as she turned letters on Wheel of Fortune and said “bye-bye.” A native southern, Vanessa White became the love of America. Americans also fell in love with another woman, a soft spoken schoolteacher, Christa McAuliffe. She was the first civilian to be trained and sent into space by NASA aboard the Challenger. The teacher in space program had all eyes glued to their television sets and America stood proud for less than five minutes as millions watched horror in the space craft exploded on national television. Seventy-four seconds after take off all six crewmembers and McAuliffe were dead and America dropped to its knees. While America was doleful, a man named Gaddafi used his terror to provoke the U.S. and standing proud and tall again. Bombed three of his bases and his private residence, thus sending a message around the world that America had enough. Clint Eastwood made his day when he became mayor of Carmel, California.

1987 was a year of heroes and villains. Wall Street plunged on Black Monday. Judge Robert Bork was denied Supreme Court seat, and Gary Hart ended presidential hopes in scandal. But Americans still had pride because America’s Cup came home and an 18-month-old Texas tot survived a 58 hour old fire unharmed. Reagan tunneled while millions prayed and Baby Jessica was saved. The most savage war of 1987 was not a man, but a dog of the Pit-bull, that can kill and main without provocation.

The year-1988-an election year proved to be a roller coaster ride from start to finish. While Americans hoped for a new president, their choices were the Dukakis or the Bush families, millions of head citizens voted for George Bush. His win was a landslide and America fell in love with Barbara Bush, the grandmother everyone dreams of having. The year was filled with sports legends, John Elway of Denver and 35 Syracuse University students died in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 along with 292 other passengers. Disgrace reigned as Jimmy Swaggert slobbed, “I have sinned” on national television and Ben Johnson of Canada was stripped of his Olympic gold medal on the sin of steroids.

1989 began with George Bush being sworn into the Oval office as the 41st president and America believed that the 80’s might end on a bright note. Tumoli, disgrace, storm, earthquake, and oil shattered the hopes of America. Cincinnati Reds coach and ex-peter, Pete Rose was permanently banned from baseball and Exxon’s tankers Valdez spilled 11 million gallons of oil ruining 1,000 miles of Alaskan shoreline. Turmoil in Washington D.C. over abortion and in China over civil rights made the year seem bleak, but not until September did America feel deep pain. Hurricane Andrew guelved through the South Carolina coast causing damage along the entire coast. The earth decided to mumble and tremble on the West coast as San Francisco and the surrounding area experienced a devastating earthquake. While we wondered if it could get worse, it did as disasters escalated, the homeless number grew, AIDS spread, and famine persisted. A federal judge died and his wife injured in a letter bomb, a letter bomb in the 11th Circuit Courthouse in Atlanta was discovered and disarmed, and finally a letter bomb in Savannah taking the life of Alderman Watson, a dedicated 41-year-old man. The decade took lives while giving birth to a host of villains and heros. It has closed with a renewed hope that the 90’s will be a “kinder, gentler nation” and America will return to the close love that she began as and Americans will restore the family and get back to the basics.

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The Inkwell’s 80s Awards in cinema close out the decade

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**FANtastic**: the 80s were the decade for sports fans

- Baseball was once again king, with the Los Angeles Dodgers and the New York Yankees battling for the World Series title.
- Basketball saw the rise of Michael Jordan, who dominated the NBA with his legendary skills.
- Football was controlled by the San Francisco 49ers, led by Joe Montana.
- Hockey was hot, with the Los Angeles Kings and the New York Islanders reaching the Stanley Cup finals.
- Ice hockey was on the rise, with the Minnesota Wild and the Chicago Blackhawks making waves.
- Tennis saw the rise of Steffi Graf, who won seven Grand Slam titles.
- Badminton was dominated by the Indian team, who won the Thomas Cup.
- Table tennis was also popular, with the Chinese team统治ing the world stage.

**The Inkwell’s psychotico predictions for the 90s and beyond**

- Armstrong gets a library.
- ASC’s new football team in their first season beats Georgia Southern for the national championship.
- The History Department starts a popular course on American history.
- The ASC pours concrete into the fountain to complete its five-year remodeling of the fountain.
- Crack security team thwarts second attempt to assassinate ASC president Robert Strozier.
- Exxon is awarded the Golden Rocket Award by the Savannah River Plant for outstanding contributions to the environment.
- College football provides more of the same as Miami and Penn State win two championships each. Herschel led Georgia to the promised land, and BYU passed away.
- Basketball was controlled by the New York Knicks, led by Patrick Ewing.
- Hockey was dominated by the Canadian team, who win the Olympic gold medal.
- Soccer saw the rise of David Beckham, who becomes a global phenomenon.
- Tennis saw the rise of Martina Hingis, who wins seven Grand Slam titles.
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**Review**

...And a sneak peek at what the 90s might hold.
### Study abroad and get credit

by Lisa Catron

Wouldn’t it be great to spend the summer in Europe and receive college credit while having a great summer vacation? This is not an impossibility. The IISP, International Intercultural Studies Program, allows you to study abroad and receive college credit in various areas. The program is administered through the University System of Georgia and even though the program deals with the study of drama or journalism in Italy and England, you still receive credit at Armstrong in these areas.

While living in countries such as Germany, Italy, Spain, or China, you get classroom instruction on the country’s culture, history, literature or on the specific area of study that the trip is aimed towards such as management, journalism, or business.

Students who choose the program for Germany need to have had at least three quarters of German in school because while in the country, they will live with German families. This setting allows them to hear German spoken by “real” Germans. The classes at a local university are supplemented by tours and excursions to major cities, monuments and places of interest.

Dr. David Noble, Armstrong’s IISAP representative, believes that these programs allow a student to really experience the country’s culture and language in a way which you could not do in the United States and the student “realizes its possible to survive outside the United States and live without ice cubes and ice tea.”

Dr. Roger Warlick, who leads the British Studies program, aims at familiarizing his students with the transportation system, the exchange, and in general, the British way of life. Warlick sets up his schedule to allow for free days, which let the student go and see what interests them. The students stay at the International Hall at the University of London where they can meet a variety of students from different countries such as France, Spain and Italy, who come to study in England during their summer vacations.

The schedule allot two to four days a week of class time for British History and British Theater. The theater class is taught by Dr. Bart Palmer of Georgia State University. Palmer graduated from Yale University and his specialty is Shakespearean drama. In the past several years, the theater class usually involves taking in plays once a week at theaters such as the Beer Gardens and a visit to Stratford-on-the-Avon. The students see such plays as Merchant of Venice and Macbeth. The history buffs get to visit archive repositories and get hands on use of military documents and other primary sources.

Warlick’s main aim is for the students “to get well enough acquainted with the basics and with the city so in their free time, they can take off and see what meets their individual tastes.”

The British Studies program starts on June 30 and lasts until the jet lands in the U.S. on August 4. The total cost of this program is $2995 and includes transportation, room, two meals daily, tuition, theater tickets and excursions. Undergraduates are expected to have at least a 2.5 GPA. For this particular trip, a student can earn up to 10 credit hours, 5 in history and 5 in Drama. If this working vacation sounds good, then you might want to hear what some past participants in the program think about their experience.

Past students of Warlick’s trip think that their time was well spent and they would do it again if given the chance. The tips they pass along to this summer’s group is to pack few clothes (you’ll do a lot of buying while you’re there) and plan out how much spending money to take then add at least two hundred more to it.

If you are interested in one of the many programs available this summer see Noble in Gamble 109 for more information on the various trips, or if you are interested in going with Warlick to England check with him in the History Department. The deadline for all applications is March 15 and the application includes a one hundred dollar deposit.

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### Extra funds from increased enrollment distributed

by Lisa Catron

This past quarter Armstrong State College has seen a 14.5% increase of students. With 3,702 students attending ASC from last year’s 3232, the school has received more money in the areas of the Students Activities Fee, which is $18.50 a quarter, and the Athletic Fee, which is 37.50 a quarter.

With the increased enrollment, the Student Activity Fee has brought an extra $20,000 to the Student Activities Budget which was projected at $190,000 for the year. The Athletic Budget of $400,000 for the year received a $40,000 extra from the enrollment.

According to John Stegall, Vice-President of Business and Finance, any increase in the Student Activities Budget usually goes to the purchase of equipment. From the $20,000 extra dollars, $10,000 has been allotted for the purchase of a complete desktop publishing system for the Student Government Association. The other $10,000 is being invested in CD’s. Stegall would like to get a surplus of $100,000 put into CD’s so the Student Activities budget could expect at least $7,000 to $8,000 from the interest of the CD’s. Stegall said that “generally with extra activity fees they will take a look at the various student activities and see if some warrant more money.” The ASC chorus is one such student activity which will receive extra funds, $1,500 for in-state college.

With the $40,000 increase in the athletic budget, several areas will receive additional funds to their respective budgets. The women’s basketball team will see an increase of $5,000 for scholarships. The men’s basketball team will get some extra money for their travel budget.

Stegall is also considering using some of the extra money to increase the alumni booster club to $200,000. He is also looking at thethreat of a $30,000 increase in the Athletic Budget.

The increased enrollment with its extra money in the areas of student activities fees and the athletic fees have proven a wind-fall for some organizations.

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Vicki Norwich: computer science

by Aurelia Roth

Once when she wanted some information about her own account at the newspaper, the lady on the phone insisted that she couldn't find her listed as a customer. A “regular” person would have hung up on the phone frustrated and most certainly helpless.

Not so Vicki Norwich, Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science. She pointed out to the employee that spelling her sheet name in one word or two words could make a difference to the computer and that she should check both ways. In seconds, the computer spewed out the requested information.

This is only one way in which the professional life of Vicki Norwich spills over into her private one. Because she focuses totally and intensely on her work — of course she has a computer at home — her husband has at times mildly complained that she is getting too absorbed.

"Do you know," she says, as I am sitting across her desk in her office, “friends had to point out to me, that I didn’t even seem to notice the beautiful sunset taking place behind my house, over the marshes.” It all came into focus the past year when her younger brother tragically died. It saddened and affected her deeply and made her realize how precious life was.

"Yes, work is important," she says, “but enjoy life, stop for a sunset!”

And so she took a vacation last summer, the first one since she was in 9th grade, collected herself and cherished life, though she did miss the contact with her students with whom she finds it easy to establish relationships.

"It was so good to see them again in fall," she says enthusiastically. She needs the interaction with people; she could have never just sat in an office all day. Some of her students will tell you that they like her lively way of lecturing and that the cheerful way of greeting them in the morning, a cup of coffee in her hand, puts them in a frame of mind which makes it easier to absorb the material of a serious subject. I myself, a new student in her C115 class and a baby until now regarding computers, must admit that she managed to “teach an old dog new tricks” and changed my attitude about this modern science.

She grew up in a small coal mining town of 1100 in Kentucky, was raised by traditional, loving parents — her mother used to cry when summer vacation was over and her kids had to go back to school — and cherishes the memory of a happy childhood. She always enjoyed math and won several awards in high school. It would seem that there was a straight road ahead of her, leading directly to mathematics. But here comes the first surprise; she had learned to play the piano well, found herself in competitions and finally, already in college, had to force herself to make a decision, which direction to pursue.

Luckily for her students, though a loss for the music world, she started her career at Armstrong, was for 5 years the coordinator of conferences and short courses, proceeded to establish herself as the popular professor she is today, and is very excited about being in charge of the annual High School Math Competition. She issues clear and precise manuals and keeps a watchful eye over the computer lab.

She still plays the piano for leisure; it is a wonderful way of relaxing for her; and — here comes the second surprise — she is also an amateur decorator.

"It comes natural," she says about this, "I am a problem solver."

And now, for all you people who always want to contradict a professor, here is your chance! When I asked Professor Norwich if I could interview her for this report, she seemed surprised and a little reluctant. When I wondered why, she had this to say: "Oh, I am not an interesting person."
Voice lessons offered in FA
by C. Elizabeth Rodger

ASC’s Fine Arts Department is offering affordable voice lessons through the continuing education program. The lessons will be taught by several qualified music majors and graduates who have completed voice and vocal pedagogy courses. These lessons serve two purposes: it offers competent voice lessons to interested students and people in the community, as well as gives the music students an opportunity to teach before starting a voice studio of their own. All voice instruction will be supervised by Dr. Lucinda Schulz, an assistant professor of music at Armstrong.

The lessons are for anyone 16 or older who can read music and is interested in correct vocal production and performing. There will be 10 weekly 30 minute lessons, beginning January 8. The cost for one quarter is only $80.00. There is a performance class once a month, and a recital at the end of the quarter to allow the students the opportunity to perform. For further information, contact Dr. Schulz at the Fine Arts Department at 927-5325, or the Continuing Education Office at 927-5322.

Senior recital to be performed

On Thursday January 11 at 1:30 pm, Elizabeth Rodgers will be performing her senior recital in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Some of the repertoire to be sung will be lieder by Mozart, Schubert, and Brahms, as well as several English pieces. This recital is a partial requirement of her music education degree. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be a reception following the recital.

Pep band revitalized for B-ball

The ASC Pep Band is not dead, as rumored. In verity, it is being revitalized this quarter and needs some enthusiastic musicians to take part. Michael Grose, the principal tuba player for the Savannah Symphony and the brass instructor at ASC, will be the director of this “awesome” group. The Pep Band will perform for 5 basketball games, including homecoming, February 24. The repertoire to be played will be energetic Pirate-empowering music. If you are interested in being a part of this legendary ensemble, give Michael Grose a call at the Fine Arts Office at 927-5325.

Spaulding shares goals

Editor’s note: The following interview with Robert Spaulding, president of the Student Government Association, sheds light on his goals for SGA and his opinion on SGA’s role on campus.

Q: How do you feel about the performance of the Student Government Association this past quarter?

Spaulding: Well, the resigning of our treasurer had us startled. You could say that it was like changing horses in the middle of the stream. I assure you that we chose an excellent replacement to fill the office for the remaining term.

The overall performance of the senators was outstanding in assisting with the distribution and collection of the drug and alcohol awareness surveys across campus. The administration and faculty were very supportive in allowing us to use the last 15 minutes of some classes to do the surveys.

Several senators assisted with other successful events such as the blood drive and the Great American Smokeout.

Q: What’s been going on in the College Union Board?

Spaulding: CUB has tried to approach their task this year in a totally new style. Instead of a lot of little acts this year, we decided to go with less acts but bigger attractions. The action really begins this quarter. We have also decided to change our image too!

In past years it has been rumored that CUB was ran and operated by a few select −− the ones that usually represented only a limited constituency. I know sometimes there are individuals who choose to have practically no contact with racial/ethnic groups different from their own. And there are those who feel uncomfortable with individuals from different age or sex groups. These people have often been mistaken to be apathetic.

As chairman of CUB, I have tried to seek opportunities for direct contact experiences that allow a brief immersion into different cultures for everyone. With these excursions into other cultural experiences, I have indicated a willingness to risk and believe in the inherent value of all groups. Examples of some of these experiences have include the Pro-choice/Pro-life debate, which was coordinated through CUB.

I have been willing to participate in various experiences to increase my knowledge and understanding of the beliefs and values of other groups. But sometimes I’m curious if there are other individuals who value diversity as much as I do. Are there people who are willing to heighten their awareness of exclusionary consequences of racism and other forms of social oppression and actively work to counteract them?

Q: How do you respond when someone asks you −− what have you done for the students?

Spaulding: I think about what Abraham Lincoln once said: “The legitimate object of government is to do for a community of people whatever they need to have done, but cannot do at all in separate and individual capacities.” Now in order to assess the needs of individuals one must have input from these people first. Any group is going to have a great tangle of motives. To be an effective leader one must tap those motives that serve the purposes of collective action in pursuit of significant shared goals. I would like to accomplish the alignment of individual and group goals by extending an invitation to call me at 920-1630. Those that are willing to help create a climate in which there is pride in making significant contributions to shared goals.

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Men's basketball off and runnin'

by Ron Speir, Jr.

The ASC men's basketball team is off to a great start posting a 7-2 record through December 15. The pinnacle of the young season has to be the Pirates' victory over Valdosta State, ending nearly nine years of losses to the cross state rivals in a 95-82 convincing win. Despite making a valiant comeback from a twenty point deficit, the team suffered a tough loss on December 14 to Florida Institute of Technology.

Seven Pirates are averaging more than 10 points per game, which all adds up to a team average of 85.9 points per game. A very balanced Pirate TEAM. "Creator" Acox, who leads the team in spectacular slam dunks, also has been "The Intimidator" with 8 blocked shots to prove his point. Impressive rebounding from Taylor who has soared into the valley of the big men to pull away 27 rebounds for a 4.5 average, which includes a 10 boards in one game.

The return of Tyrone Green to the active line-up will provide a boost as it did in the Valdosta State game as Green tossed in 10 points. Nine of Green's 10 points came from his three three-point field goals.

One major weak point comes in the free throw department where the team has connected on only 61.1% of their shots from behind the charity line. Taylor and Terrel Barnes led the way with 86.6% and 77.8% respectively. On the other end of the spectrum Acox and Hathcock have combined for a dismal 12 of 31 for 38.7%. If the team truly expects to reach the NCAA division II playoffs and compete, they must improve and convert on more of these free scoring opportunities.

The Pirates are definitely flying high, and the stats prove that point. The high flying antics of Acox typify the soaring success of the 1989-90 team. A continued success could indeed bring about post season play, but half a season still awaits the balanced Pirate TEAM.

Attention all students:

At the basketball games during the winter quarter, let's all sit in a cheering section that will be clearly marked with a banner near the pep band. Let's make the games fun for us and the team.

Bring any signs noisemakers et al deemed appropriate for cheering at the game and raising hell during free throws. Any student caught not cheering will be executed.

WANTED: any student who wants to be the pirate mascot for a game can contact Ginny Korr at 927-5339 and can be the mascot in total anonymity. So you can make a fool of yourself and nobody will know!
X equals algebra anxiety

by Becky Jackson

When I was just a tiny baby, my mother dropped me on my exponent. As radicands spewed from my ears, my mother was heard to remark, "Oh, dear, I hope she never has to take college algebra."

The dreaded day has arrived. I have been condemned to sit in Algebra 101 every day for an eternity. If the misery ended at the end of an hour, I could bear it, but one hour is not enough. Night after night I anguish over an infinite number of homework problems. I no longer have time to devote to the really worthwhile pursuits of life: reading a good book, contemplating the meaning of life, cleaning the refrigerator.

Algebra lowers my GPA and squelches my creativity. Every time I try to use a little ingenuity to square a-b my professor takes three points off my grade. Creative genius cannot flourish under the thumb of rigid formulas.

What if I find out I really can't succeed in life without mastering the binomial theorem? Will I become just another bum on skid row, crying out half-formulas from my cardboard shanty? This pressure is too much to put on anyone.

Algebra keeps me awake at night. At 2 a.m., I sit up in a cold sweat thinking of an exam a week away. Do I really know how to factor or am I just kidding myself? What if I use a plus where I should use a minus? I can't be at peak performance for my other classes if I don't get some sleep.

I can't afford to take Algebra. I don't have the money to pay for the six quarters of 101 needed to get a passing grade. My insurance is threatening to cancel if I turn in one more prescription for an anti-depressant, but Algebra depresses me like nothing else.

My family has suffered. Every night my son asks, "When are we going to eat, Mom?" and I answer, "As soon as I finish my algebra." Every night my husband asks, "Are you about ready for bed, dear?" and I answer, "As soon as I finish my algebra.

My son is a thin, sickly boy still waiting for dinner. My husband is a haggard shell who patiently waits for me to finish my homework each night.

Let's take algebra off the required list and make it an elective. All those in favor, please signify by making an X.
Dean's list proves that you can be involved and make the grade

by Terri Liles

I'm sure you have heard the cliche "some things never change" and in some cases it is probably true, but since my graduation from Armstrong State College five years ago I have noticed that many changes have occurred on the campus.

A remarkable change I have noticed is the number of students who choose to participate in campus organizations, intramurals, athletics, and student activities. In the past few years I have noticed an increase in the number of students who take an active part in campus organizations. In fact there are not only more participants, but more organizations for students to become involved with. And this is a positive change for ASC.

Yet, despite this positive change one thing that has not changed is the fact that you can still hear students discussing that they are too busy with work and studies to become involved and that they just don't know how some people do "it."

Maybe the students who wander around campus questioning how those people do "it" should talk to some of those students who are able to juggle work, family, studies and extracurricular activities. There are at least thirteen students who prove my point. Not only do these students serve as Student Government officers and senators, athletes, and organizational officers but they also work, maintain marriages, and take care of their families. These students have made academics a top priority as is evidenced by their making the Dean's List for Fall Quarter 1989. These students prove you can do it all and bet they will all agree that their college career has been a richer experience for doing so.

While growing up, I was instilled with the belief that you should give something back to society. I also applied this belief to my educational experience at ASC. These students are all giving something back to ASC, but they are also receiving a great deal in return.

As Director of Alumni Affairs, I realize that these are the very same students who will become active alumni because they have made an investment in the institution. They have invested their time and talents to make ASC a better institution while making the most of the educational opportunities offered at ASC.

Congratulations to the following students not only for making the Dean's List but also for their involvement in campus organizations: Toni L. Bell-Von, Women's Basketball; Lisa M. Catron, Inkwell, Calliope Editor, and tutor; Christine Elaine Heinrich, SGA Secretary; Amy Jones, Alpha Gama Delta and CHAOS; Shawa Mathews, vice-president of SGA; Ruth Mathis, President of WOW; Pradeep Ramam, Men's Tennis; Marius Ruja, SGA Vice President; Bradley Smith, American Chemical Society and SGA Senator; Robert Spaulding, SGA President, CHAOS, and Head Dorm Resident; Ronald Speir Jr., Inkwell Editor and CHAOS; Bradley Squibb, Baseball; Dawn Tisdale, Cheerleader; and Louis Torres, SGA Senator.

These students prove that being involved doesn't mean you can't make good grades or have a job or take care of a family. ASC has so much to offer its students. Not only does the college provide the community with excellent educational opportunities, but the college also offers many extracurricular activities and professional and social organizations for students to become involved in. I realize that everyone's situation is different, but I think you will find that by becoming involved you will have a richer college experience. Just ask one the students listed above.

Editor's note: Terri Liles is currently the Director of Alumni Affairs at ASC. During her career as a student here she was very active. She was awarded the silver A for her outstanding service as a student.
The 1990 Miss ASC Scholarship Pageant

Open to all single, full time female ASC students

Winner receives a three quarter scholarship to ASC and the opportunity to represent ASC at the Miss Georgia Pageant in June. 1st Runner-up - two quarter scholarship and 2nd Runner-up - one quarter scholarship.

Applications due on Thursday January 4, 1990 at 5:00pm. All interested contestants must complete a contract, which can be obtained in the Student Activities office. For additional information and other requirements contact the Student Activities office (927-5300).

Judging is based 55% on the talent competition, and the balance of points are apportioned evenly between the swimsuit competition, evening gown competition, and the personal interview.

The Miss ASC Scholarship Pageant will be held on Friday January 19, 1990.

Suggestions for improving registration:

1. All students should declare a major or an area of interest and be advised in that department. YES □ NO □
2. Registration times should be designated by year and alphabetically or staggered in some way. YES □ NO □
3. Students should be able to register by telephone. YES □ NO □
4. I have registered at other colleges and ASC registration is easier. YES □ NO □

Other comments:

Suggestions for the Inkwell

1. Should the Inkwell focus on more events outside of the campus scope? YES □ NO □
2. Should there be more or less humor (no answer means no change)? MORE □ LESS □
3. What do you like the best? __________________________________________

4. What would you like to see more of? __________________________________

5. What needs to be changed? ___________ 

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