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# The Inkwell

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## University Drafts New Values

DAYLON BONNER  
STAFF WRITER

Representatives from the Statesboro and Armstrong campuses gathered in the Ogeechee Theater last Friday, to go over the draft plan for the University moving forward. This was the first of two sessions discussing the proposal which will spearhead the overall goals of Georgia Southern for the foreseeable future.

Dr. Robert Pirro, chair of the Strategic Planning committee, was at the helm of the meeting. He offered answers to many of the questions posed by attendees as well as expositing on the thought process behind portions of the document. He also offered some insight into how Dr. Hebert projected the use of the document as well as explaining why it is relatively short and vague.

Much of the discussion in the forum was over semantics in the draft. After the forum, much of it remained intact excluding some sentences that were changed for the sake of clarity or for intent. Some of the proposed changes asserted by teachers and staff concerned diversity, transparency of grades and hiring and retention of new professors. This is not to discount the discussion taking place concerning the document. However, many of the points of contention boiled down to changing the wording of the document to reflect a desire or a striving point for the university.

One of the more animated comments came concerning the section on collaboration on acknowledging anything concerning a shared government between the three campuses. Both Dr. Pirro and President Ambanpola agreed



The new signs located at the entrance of Armstrong’s campus. Photo courtesy of Laura Weyman.

that this is an egregious oversight and expressed intent to amend the section and make shared government an explicit part of the plan. To what capacity this will be amended is yet to be shared.

Student involvement at the meeting was sparse at best. Including this reporter, there were less than ten students at the forum. Admittedly, many students were probably in class given that

the forum took place from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Also, this was the Friday session. Those who do not have to stick around the campus on this day are most likely gone or did not show up.

SGA President Ambanpola, acknowledged this as well but noted that student involvement in this draft is paramount considering its wide scope of ramifications for both current students and

students in the near future. He is hoping on student participation from the online feedback survey and those who will attend the Tuesday afternoon session for greater participation.

The president would further state that the goal is to have this plan finalized in some form or fashion for installation and utilization by June or July. The time for student input is now. The prospect of student involvement during the summer months is unlikely.

To facilitate student involvement in the process, Dr. Hebert, President of Georgia Southern University, has sent a copy of the plan to students by way of e-mail. Another session is to be held Tuesday April 24, 2018 from 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm for anyone else who has comments concerning the plan. Should anyone else wish to make their voices heard but cannot make it to the final Armstrong Campus forum, there is a place to offer the university feedback. It can be found in the same email in which the Draft Plan document can be found.

The goal of the drafted plan should be to have all three campuses working towards a common goal. However, the document needs to be mindful of the detours each campus faces in pursuit of the desired goal. While the goal can be expected to not remain static, the plan and its previously stated future use necessitates adaptability being built directly into the document. The Armstrong campus has areas in need of improvement to catch up to the Statesboro campus. The plan needs to be retooled and fine tuned before time runs out and the plan used as is.

## Tips on Avoiding Stress Before Finals

GABRIEL WILLIAMS  
STAFF WRITER

Finals week will begin next week and for some students it means three simple words: stress, stress and more stress. During finals week, last minute studying and cramming of information is a common practice. The unintended side effect of all the cramming is often a poor performance on final exams.

During the semester, professors already administered tests as part of the course, but the fear of the final exam, which is weighted a considerably portion of students’ overall grade, can cause students to feel overwhelmed. Jasmine Edwards, sophomore economics major, stated, “I always get very nervous about finals week and sometimes I freak out at first and then pass the exam in the end.”

Below are some tips you might find helpful in combatting stress when studying for finals.

### TIP# 1: Read a Book

Reading a good book can set your mind off school

work and put you in a comfortable, peaceful place. Read something of interest to you. In fact, studies have shown that reading a book not only increases knowledge about the world, but also helps the individual in feeling great afterwards. It is important to maintain a positive and healthy attitude before finals to avoid being downed and depressed before test day.

### TIP# 2: Have some recreation time outside

While you are studying, take lots of breaks in between. Explore your backyard, take a walk around the neighborhood or take a stroll through campus. Doing so can stimulate physical activity within your body which can be very helpful especially when sitting down while studying. If you study for long periods of time without breaks, you may feel exhausted and this can lead to less time retaining information studied.

### TIP #3: Study with a friend

If you can, grab a friend and be study partners. Practice studying notes together

and take turns making flash cards. Come up with creative ideas like using gestures to remember notes. By doing this, you are enabling the retention of information.

### TIP #4: Find a quiet place to study

While this is often hard for most college students to do, studying in a distraction free and quiet environment will greatly affect your memory of notes. Go to places like the Lane Library where you can study in a convenient setting.

### TIP#5: Ask your professor questions

It is important to ask questions about anything that is unclear to you. Have some one-on-one time with your professor during office hours to get unanswered questions answered. They are there to help you in the best way possible.

### TIP #6: Get enough rest for Test Day

After studying for countless hours, it is important that you get enough rest prior to test day. It is recommend-

ed that you get between 7-8 hours of sleep daily to allow the body to get ready for the next day and maintain the information you studied. Eat a good breakfast and drink plenty of water before taking the test.

Although finals can be a nuisance to college students, it only lasts a couple of hours. All the countless hours of studying information will be worth it in the end. Michael Crowns, senior mathematics

major, stated “If you study hard enough and stay positive during the process, it can be a breeze.”

After working hard for finals, remember to reward yourself. Treat yourself out to a cup of cold and refreshing ice cream or a good movie that’s out to alleviate post test stress after a long exam.

As the exuberant and relaxing days of summer quickly approach, many students are excited about the long

break and want to enjoy every single moment before the fall semester begins. However, it is imperative students finish the semester off strong and utilize all resources made available to them to successfully pass their classes.

Always trust and believe in yourself. As Walt Disney once said, “All of our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.”



Students studying and preparing for finals. Photo courtesy of Armstrong.

# Earth Day Celebration in Forsyth: End Plastic Pollution

LAURA WEYMAN  
PHOTO EDITOR

“This year’s Earth Day celebration is focused on zero waste—no waste whatsoever—but at the same time there is a big push for people to stop using plastic.” Said Mathew Adams, a Savannah State Professor and Armstrong student. This year Adams was the EMCEE for this year’s festival.

On Saturday April 21st, food and educational stands occupied Forsyth Park and no plastic was prohibited from being sold at the vendors. Live music filled the park while families roamed around, and kids had the chance to interact with real life animals such as bees, snakes, turtles, alligators and an interactive sculpture made of plastic bottles.

Our local vegan restaurant, The Fox and Fig flipped Beyond Meat burgers on a charcoal grill. Beyond Meat patties are some of the most realistic vegan burger patties besides The Impossible Burger brand.

Real beef is one of the least environmentally friendly foods on the planet and many people are beginning to give it up for that reason alone. According to a PNAS (Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America) study, livestock production is responsible for 20% of greenhouse gas emissions and beef

was found to be 10 times more damaging than all other livestock production sectors.

In addition to local food and art vendors, a variety of free workshops were held. Peter Broadhead, owner of Brighter Day Natural Foods, offered a workshop on how to make tea from scratch and Robert Kiser, owner of C-Port mushrooms, taught the public how to grow mushrooms with recycled materials such as cardboard.

Kiser talked about basic cultivation methods using locally and regionally sourced materials and focused on connecting them to composting, creating a loop with the materials used. He focused on cardboard that’s non-recyclable and which types of mushrooms grow best on which substrates.

Kiser also touched on the vermiculture process: using worms and mushroom mycelium (the vegetative part of a fungus) to grow mushrooms in worm bins.

Keiser said the angle of this workshop was focused on reusability. He said, “I spoke on how to find reusable materials to grow mushrooms in because, typically, a lot of mushroom cultivation uses a lot of plastic waste. So, my angle was to focus on reusability and eliminate use production.”

Various non-profit organizations held stands in hopes to recruit volunteers and educate attendees on the environ-



Earth Day Celebration participants encourage you to buy second hand. Laura Weyman.

mental crisis that is currently at hand.

James Moher, a volunteer for The Dolphin Project, raised awareness about the local Atlantic Bottlenose dolphin population that are now

being affected by plastic pollution and oil drilling.

The organization goes out in the waters of Georgia to conducts surveys on the dolphins they encounter that gives them an idea of the con-

dition of the coastal pollution.

Moher stated, “Georgia is the only state on the entire Atlantic coast that has not officially come out against oil drilling.” Moher added that it is up to all of us to call our

local government to protest the oil drilling on the coast, which is detrimental to wildlife. Moher also encourages anyone concerned about the state of our coastal area to volunteer with the TDP.

## Kimbra- “Primal Heart” Album Review



Album cover for “Primal Heart.” Courtesy of Warner Bros. Records.

DAYLON BONNER  
STAFF WRITER

After a three-month delay, Kimbra has released her third studio album “Primal Heart.” This is her first album release in four years but nearly half of it was already released as singles. The first

track was released in late September of last year.

Kimbra is probably best known for her work with John Legend, Janelle Monáe, and collaborating with Gotye on their successful single “Somebody That I Used to Know.” While it is doubtful

that this album will make her a household name, it is still a welcome infusion of electro-pop with potential for some wider recognition.

It may be due to the musical aesthetic that is predominantly played on pop radio, but (to me) the production

of this album is a welcome change of pace. Concerning subject matter, many of the songs do not differ too much from the songs you would hear from singers such as Carly Rae Jepsen, Sia, or Lorde. The difference is that you can hear the extra effort put into the production surrounding the lyrics. This is not a criticism of any of the aforementioned artists per se; however, the care put into the lyrics and production is more apparent on this collection of songs than on the albums and singles from them.

Much of this may also stem from the fact that Kimbra, in addition to singing and, at the least, co-writing all the songs, had hands in the overall production. Whether it be playing an instrument or mixing, she is a major component of the finished product allowing her voice to permeate what is presented.

One of the standout tracks is “Top of the World” produced by Skrillex. The song concerns her not being as well known to public as she

figured she would be through collaborating with the aforementioned artists. The production is not too far from the repertoire for Skrillex but is still an interesting turn for Kimbra. Her vocal delivery made the song pop.

Truth be told, the vibe created from the combination of Skrillex’s production and Kimbra’s vocal delivery, make the lyrics somewhat inconsequential. However, this is not necessarily a bad thing as the ambience of it is solid enough to sustain the track. Also, the less than subtle hints of cockiness are great.

The highlight of this album is the song “Lightyears.” The production, handled by The Brinks, on the track is stellar. The lyrics themselves are not overly complex. They are mostly about the singer aspiring for a less ephemeral encounter. Given the psychedelic tone of it all, it may not necessarily be about another person.

The album does lose steam in its latter half though. Tracks nine, 10 and 11, enti-

tled “Past Life,” “Right Direction” and “Version of Me,” while still produced decently, do not elicit the same level of enjoyment seen from the earlier tracks.

The final song on the album is the only track solely crafted by Kimbra herself. She experimented with a different version of minimalist production and structure to produce an interesting, albeit flawed conclusion to her album. The switching of the chorus structure to be the clenching lines of each verse is a nice change.

This is an album that created an interesting vibe and carries it for the duration. The short duration of the album is also appreciated, with it being only forty-five minutes long. Should someone wish to dissect each song lyric by lyric, more power to them; however, this album does not need to be overly analyzed to illicit enjoyment. “Primal Heart” gets a seven out of ten and a strong recommendation to listen. The album is available now.

## What To Do Around Savannah This Summer

ALEXANDRE IGLESIAS  
STAFF WRITER

Since this issue is the last this semester before summer break, I want to provide a comprehensive list of some of the entertaining events you can expect to see going on around this wonderful city of ours this summer. You’ll probably want to have something to do in the meantime, preparing for your summer classes. This list even includes nationwide and regionwide events for those that will be returning home far away from Savannah.

### National Ice Cream

#### Day

The world’s most appreciated dessert deserves a day to celebrate its greatness! In 1984, Pres. Ronald Reagan proclaimed July as National Ice Cream Month and established National Ice Cream Day as the third Sunday in the month of July. So this July 15, celebrate by eating ice cream until you get a brain freeze! And in Savannah, be on the lookout to see what special offers Leopold’s Ice Cream will be presenting to celebrate the big day.

### River Street Seafood Fest 2018

To commemorate one of

Savannah’s most important exports to the US and the world, The Savannah Waterfront Association will host their annual River Street Seafood Fest the weekend of June 1-3. You will be able to eat shrimp, crawfish, oysters, crabs and more from the booths of local restaurants in the city. Then come visit Rousakis Plaza, where there will be arts & crafts booths featuring coastal-inspired art along with live entertainment featured on the Arbor Stage throughout the weekend.

### Fairy & Gnome Festival

The Oatland Island Wildlife Center is dedicating a day

to appreciate the wildlife of this beautiful region while getting a little bit whimsical with the Fairy & Gnome Festival on May 5. You can connect with the folks dressed as fairies and gnomes (creatures profoundly related with nature) and enjoy activities like a Wings Fashion Show or constructing a fairy village.

### River Street Fourth of July Celebration

Come to River St. on July 4 to see some live-entertainment on the Arbor Stage in Rousakis Plaza and the beautiful fireworks starting in the evening. Because what better way to celebrate the indepen-

dence of the country that likes to blow things up? Side note: Please look after your pets while the fireworks are going on if you’re celebrating at home. It’d probably be best to leave them in your house for the day.

### SPOLETO Festival USA 2018

This festival will be in Charleston, SC. from May 25 to June 10. The 17-day long festival will be held in various churches, theaters and outdoor venues throughout Charleston, featuring musical performances, theatre, opera and jazz shows. The festival has been held every year

since 1977 and was created as an equivalent to the annual Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy. For a full list of shows and ticket prices, go to [spoletousa.org](http://spoletousa.org).

### SCAD Spotlight Day?

On April 28, SCAD will present a promotion day during their Sidewalk Arts Festival where you can learn everything about the degree programs and student life of this art university. Admission advisors will be on hand to meet with whomever is interested.

From all of us at The Inkwell, have a great summer!

# So Long, Armstrong: Chief Says Goodbye



LILA MILLER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

As I survey the Inkwell staff’s office on our last night

the administration. The layout editor sighs as he works, moving images and text, aesthetically testing what works and what doesn’t. He notices my furrowed brow and laughs, taunting, “Bye Felicia!” Rice Cooker, the office cat, hops onto the copy editor’s desk. The clock reads 8:18 p.m. Underneath the clock, the editor idly taps his hand in time to the classical music emanating from his headphones. Most of his work is usually done by this time, but as breaking stories come in, he sticks around to be sure he can still copy-edit on the fly. The sports editor relaxes for a brief moment. I ask, “You alright? Do you need something to do?” “No. All of my finals are not cumulative, for once.” The arts and entertainment editor interjects, “I have like fifty assignments due this week.” The news editor, sardonic as ever, contemplates which news article should be the top

story for the week. We discuss rumors of GSU financial aid fraud, to strategic planning committee meetings, gauging journalist ethics along the way. The steadfast social media coordinator/web editor and photo editor are usually out of the office, asking students a random question each week for our “Campus Voices” section of the paper. Most students can be found studying or doing classwork for final exams. I imagine frustration, anxiety and uncertainty loom at the front of their minds, under the impending intense scrutiny of professors. They are not alone. As graduation approaches in merely a week, I find myself cycling through similar emotions. It’s been a rough college career for me. With physical and mental health issues chronically plaguing me, I often wondered if I would ever truly switch the white tassel to the other side of that black graduation cap. Yet now, as I look to the right, the package

containing my cap and gown waits to be unwrapped. I owe a lot of my dogged persistence to the Inkwell. While I am by no means a Grateful Dead fan, the phrase “what a long, strange trip its been” intrudes on my thoughts repeatedly until I’m forced to type it out here. I started out at the Inkwell as a staff writer in 2014. I wrote many articles, staying consistent and reliable. In the fall of 2015, I was promoted to the arts and entertainment section editor and remained until the end of 2017. Since then, I have spent my last semester here at Armstrong as the top tier editor-in-chief managing the staff and making sure the paper got into the stands week after week, among many other responsibilities. And now, I sit at my desk for the last time feeling nostalgic, but also content. I am happy to welcome Daniel Hayes, the previous news editor, as the new editor-in-chief for the George-Anne Inkwell Edition in the Fall of 2018. The plan so far is that our pa-

per will remain it’s own entity, preserving the culture and identity that is now the Armstrong campus of GSU and was Armstrong State University. As for myself? My future is uncertain, as per usual, it seems. If I could nail down concrete plans right now, so far, I plan on spending the summer writing poetry and short prose for my first book. I’d also like to find some freelance writing jobs while I work for a private nursery tending plants and listening to the instrumental band Explosions in the Sky. I’d also like to give special thanks to the Inkwell advisor Dr. Morris, counselor Jeannie McGowan, advisor Dr. Robert Terry, professors Dr. Smith and Dr. Mendenhall, as well as other professors that helped me along the way. While I plan on staying in Savannah in the interim, I’ll be around. Until then, so long Armstrong. Stay strong.

# An Addict’s Path to Recovery

MICHELLE T  
RECOVERING ADDICT

My hands shake. Sweat pours down my face. I can hardly see the numbers on the combination lock on the safe. I take that back. It’s not sweat. It’s tears. I don’t want to do this. I hate myself. Who I’ve become, what the drugs have turned me into, a common thief, breaking into the safe, stealing the family heirlooms. The fire in my stomach, cramps in my bowels, gnawing hunger for one more shot. That’s the lie I tell myself over and over- it overrides any other thought. S\*#t, which doctor am I supposed to see today? I really need to start writing these things down. Getting caught for doctor shopping is one solution. Being forced detox in jail isn’t fun. I’ve done that too many times. Death sounds like a better option. But after I get one more shot. Why won’t this thing open! I start screaming, an animalistic wail, and smack my face over and over- I give myself a shake, one more smack across the face to get my tears to stop. “Focus”, I say to the empty room. Well, not really empty, all my demons are present and accounted for: self-loathing, manipulation, lying- they

hold hands in the gloomy cellar, pressing closer and preparing me for the activities I’ll have to engage in once I get this damn safe open. I practice my pathetic look, the one that always works; I mumble the lies I’m going to have to tell, why I can’t take those other drugs, rehearsing a monologue I’ve got memorized- but there’s no room for error here. I need the good shit. Wait, was that a click?! I yank the handle and yes! I feverishly paw through the papers until I get to the case where the gold is. I grab a few—just a few—of my family’s treasures. They’re supposed to go to me next, so I’m just taking my birthright early. That’s how I justify this act of thievery. I wipe my tear-stained face on my sleeve. What is that smell? I sniff my armpit and recoil, bolt upstairs for a whore’s bath, quick swipes to remove the most offensive odors, and apply liberal deodorant to cover up the rest, and I’m out the door. My mind racing to come up with a plan of where to go to ensure my success, and realize it’s Tuesday! That means Dr. Olga is at the hospital tonight. I bet I know her schedule better than she does. Mad dash to the pawn shop. I make painful small talk for what seems like hours

while he tests and weighs my grandfather’s watch and gold bracelet. I started out just selling my own stuff, but it wasn’t enough to feed my habit. And really- who needs a pocket watch anyway? I really don’t give a shit about his life, but I smile inanely and make appropriate noises, thinking shut the f@#k up and just give me the money! Finally, after an eternity, I shake his hand and try not to look like the fleeing felon I am as I exit the shop. Driving to the ER, I talk to myself, making sure I can achieve the right blend of friendly and miserable to convince the doctor; the fast-talk I’ve perfected to just snow them under and exhaust them with rhetoric so they just give me the stuff so I’ll shut up. Works like a charm. “Hi, Dr. Olga! Remember me? The fan of big, Russian hockey players? Did you get that new job?” Personal details, critical factor in a snow job, and she goes for it. We chat about her home in (who cares?) and I file this information for future use. “Oh yeah, Michelle. No problem, I can write you a few until your doctor can see you.” Damn, I’m good at this. Pharmacy? I flip through my mental files and find the information, it won’t be long

now. Walking back to the car, I catch a glimpse of myself in a darkened store window. It stops me in my tracks. Who am I? How did this happen to me? The tears come, in a flood this time; I feel something crack, pain numbed for years surges through every cell in my body and knocks me to my knees. There on the filthy sidewalk in the middle of the night, sobbing prayers to a deity I don’t even know, for a release I don’t comprehend. “Are you OK?” The streetlight creates a glowing aura around her head, and for a moment, I think I’m hallucinating. “Do you need help?” The figure stretches out her hand, and I allow myself to be pulled to my feet. The figure becomes a face, glowing in her own right, and says the words I’d been longing to hear. “It’s going to be OK. I’ve been where you are and I can help.” Somewhere, deep inside me, the little tiny ember of hope I had been suffocating took hold and flickered and I made a choice to get help that day, to end the nightmare. I decided to live. That was April 16th, 2013. I came into the recovery process scared. I went to a

hospital for a medical detox and rehab, and from there a halfway house and joined a 12-step fellowship and began to work a program of recovery. I listened to other recovering addicts who have managed to stay clean for years- even decades, and started doing what they did. All I wanted in the beginning, was to stop using and not want to die every second of the day. What I have gotten is so much more. I have my self-worth and integrity. I am honest, trustworthy and loyal. I am a responsible, respectable member of my community, at home and school. I gratefully give back this gift of life and recovery and help other women find their way out of active addiction: I speak to people in rehab facilities, recovery houses or homeless shelters to share my story from addiction to recovery. I laugh today, way too hard, and mostly at myself. I live in the light today, far from the shadows of addiction and the misery it brought me. I am a sister who’s able to be there and support her baby brother. I’m the cool Aunt Michelle who tells the boys dirty jokes (don’t tell my sister-in-law). And my parents. The ones I hurt the most. Betraying their trust. Sleepless nights wondering when the

2 AM call telling them I died was going to come. Watching their only daughter destroying herself and powerless to help. Well, today, I am a daughter again. They call me for help and advice. They always want to come see me, just to spend time with their daughter. These people, whom I robbed, manipulated and abused in my active addiction to the point where they couldn’t trust me if I said the sky was blue, you know what they did? Not only am I the emergency contact, the guardian ad litem, the one to call- they gave me the combination to the new safe, secure in the fact their daughter is trustworthy and reliable today. On the 16th of every month I get a text saying, “congratulations on another month clean, we love you and we’re so proud.” My mom tells all her friends how much clean time I have and brags about me to the ladies at the pool: April 16th, 2018 marked 5 years completely drug free. Five years clean and serene. Five years of ups and downs; loves and losses; laughter and tears- of hard work, perseverance and courage. Five of the greatest years of my life.

# The Last Playlist: Summer Came Sooner Than I Thought

Scan this QR code to listen. Feel free to look me up on Spotify: Lila Miller.



	TITLE	ARTIST	ALBUM	📅	🕒
+	Only You	Mac DeMarco	Rock and Roll Nigh...	7 days ago	2:59
+	Birds of Paradise	King Tuff	The Other	7 days ago	4:27
+	Rapt	<div>EXPLICIT</div> Karen O	Crush Songs	7 days ago	1:47
+	So Good At Being in Trouble	Unknown Mortal O...	II	an hour ago	3:50
+	Trailer Trash	Modest Mouse	The Lonesome Cro...	an hour ago	5:50
+	Everybody Wants to Love You	Japanese Breakfast	Psychopomp	an hour ago	2:13
+	Gronlandic Edit	of Montreal	Hissing Fauna, Are ...	an hour ago	3:25
+	Young Liars	TV On The Radio	Young Liars	43 minutes a...	5:12

## Summer is Hot for Sports

ETHAN SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Sports are always going on constantly, be it soccer, football, basketball etc. This summer is special for sports, and I will dwell into the events that are taking place while GSU-Armstrong is on summer break

These events are going on now, but will conclude in the summer. The NBA Playoffs are still in round one but will finish around June. The NHL Playoffs are just about concluding the first round and will also finish around the beginning of June. With so many games left to play in each, games are basically on television every day and will continue to be throughout the month of May.

For those of you who stay in Savannah, the Savannah Bananas kick off their season May 31 and play games through the beginning of August. The Savannah Bananas are an integral part of sports

lovers here in Savannah, so if you love baseball and love having fun, go catch the Bananas all summer here in Savannah.

As for Georgia Southern sports, the Eagles baseball team continues play throughout May with the Sun Belt Championship starting May 22 and ending May 27. Eagles softball also continues play throughout May and plays their conference tournament May 9-12 and Regional Championship on May 18-20, 25-27 and 31 if they qualify. Outdoor Track and Field has their conference tournament May 11-13 in San Marcos, Texas.

The biggest event of the summer comes from Russia. The FIFA World Cup, which is hosted by 11 cities and 12 venues in Russia, will bring the soccer world together once again. The World Cup contains 32 national teams all trying to win the illustrious title of being the best



World Cup trophy in Russia ahead of the 2018 World Cup. FIFA

team in the world. Germany looks to defend its title from 2014 as countries such as France, Spain, Mexico and Belgium try to bounce them off their throne. The World Cup is always a showcase of the world's best soccer player and it should not disappoint.

To continue with soccer,

MLS continues its regular season throughout the summer. Atlanta will host Italian superpower Juventus for the MLS All-Star Game on August 1 in Mercedes-Benz Stadium, bringing United States soccer fans joy shortly after being absent from World Cup competition. The UEFA

Champions League Final will take place on May 26 to crown Europe's best club, a title currently owned by Real Madrid.

For those into horse racing, the Kentucky Derby takes place on May 5, the Preakness Stakes will be run on May 19 and the Belmont

Stakes will conclude the Triple Crown on June 9.

All of the events above basically map out a calendar for sports fans, to mention as well that MLB action is going on throughout the summer as well. As a sports fan, you will not be bored this summer at all with constant action ranging from the NBA Finals to the FIFA World Cup. This summer is hot for sports, so bring some friends together and enjoy all the sports going on throughout your three months off.

As the semester ends, my first semester as official Sports Editor has been a blast. I would like to thank everyone who has read my articles and I want to hear feedback on what the readers want out of sports for the upcoming fall semester. I appreciate all of you and hope to see you back in the fall. Cheers.

## Inkwell 2018 NFL Mock Draft

ETHAN SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

To start, this mock draft is done assuming no trades occur, which as of late has been common throughout the draft. Each pick will also have a short blurb as to why that player was chosen by the team. Well, let's do it:

**#1 Browns: QB Sam Darnold, USC:** Darnold is the best QB in the draft, so this is a no brainer for Cleveland as they need a consistent player at that position. Darnold starts over Taylor in week one.

**#2 Giants: RB Saquon Barkley, Penn State:** Arguably the best player in this draft, the Giants take Barkley to improve the offense and give Eli Manning and company another weapon on offense.

**#3 Jets: QB Josh Rosen, UCLA:** The Jets traded up for a reason, to get their guy at QB. The Jets will take Rosen and likely have him compete with Teddy Bridgewater for the starting job.

**#4 Browns: DE Bradley Chubb, NC St.:** The Browns go with talent at #4 taking Bradley Chubb who would easily start alongside young DE Myles Garrett, creating the best young-athletic defensive line in the NFL.

**#5 Broncos: QB Josh Allen, Wyoming:** The Broncos draft Allen as he'll sit behind Case Keenum until he develops into a starter. Allen may start if Denver is out of the playoff hunt near the end of the season.

**#6 Colts: G Quenton Nelson, Notre Dame:** Nelson is the best offensive lineman in the draft, and with Andrew Luck being a constant injury prone player, offensive line help is the biggest need for the Colts.

**#7 Bucs: S Derwin James, FSU:** James stays in Florida and fills the void

at safety for Tampa Bay and becomes and immediate day one starter. James also plays corner every once in a while, so he may swing over to that position for Tampa Bay here and there.

**#8 Bears: CB Denzel Ward, OSU:** Ward is the best corner in the draft and Chicago takes him with open arms to bolster their secondary. Chicago needs the bolster with Rodgers, Stafford and now Cousins at QB in their division.

**#9 49ers: ILB Tremaine Edmunds, VT:** Edmunds will be drafted due to the now dismal future of current ILB Reuben Foster. Edmunds is a solid player who can easily start on Sunday.

**#10 Raiders: OLB Roquan Smith, UGA:** Smith gives great pressure off the outside and Jon Gruden loves pass rushing, something he would have in abundance with Smith and Khalil Mack.

**#11 Dolphins: NT Vita Vea, Washington:** The Dolphins don't go QB and select Vita Vea to replace Suh after his departure to Los Angeles. Vea starts immediately alongside Cameron Wake and gives Miami a solid pass rush.

**#12 Bills: QB Baker Mayfield, OU:** The Bills get their guy in Baker Mayfield and get yet another mobile QB, but Mayfield has a stronger arm and better accuracy than Tyrod Taylor, rejuvenating the Bills offense.

**#13 Skins: DT Da'Ron Payne, Bama:** Washington loses out on Vita Vea but gets Payne instead to create a solid pass rush for the Washington defense.

**#14 Packers: CB Josh Jackson, Iowa:** The Packers add much needed height and athleticism to their secondary and get a solid corner in Jackson.

**#15 Cardinals: WR Calvin Ridley, Bama:** With Larry Fitzgerald's career end-

ing, the Cardinals get his replacement in Calvin Ridley, a tall, athletic receiver who will start alongside Fitzgerald and become the feature receiver when Fitzgerald retires.

**#16 Ravens: TE Hayden Hurst, SC:** Hurst gives Flacco and the Ravens offense a reliable option, something the Ravens have not had in a while, but the addition of Michael Crabtree along with Hurst can rejuvenate the offense.

**#17 Chargers: S Minkah Fitzpatrick, Bama:** Fitzpatrick is arguably the best defensive playmaker in the draft and the Chargers get lucky enough to get him at #17. Fitzpatrick takes a load off of Jason Verrett and gives Joey Bosa more time to get to the quarterback.

**#18 Seahawks: CB Jaire Alexander, UL:** Alexander is drafted by Seattle as the Seahawks try to rebuild what was once an unstoppable force on defense. Alexander is on the shorter side at 5 feet 10 inches, but he makes up for it with his physical play.

**#19 Cowboys: WR Courtland Sutton, SMU:** Only fitting that you play high school, college and now NFL football in Texas. Sutton will likely fill the void that came with Dez Bryant's release as the tall receiver will give Dak Prescott a shiny new weapon in his arsenal.

**#20 Lions: DE Marcus Davenport, UTSA:** Davenport falls to Detroit and immediately makes an impact on their defense in week 1. Davenport has the athleticism and potential to get 10-15 sacks in his first season and give the Lions another solid pass rusher.

**#21 Bengals: G Will Hernandez, UTEP:** Hernandez is drafted by the Bengals to help the offensive line that lost a few players to free agency and just overall wasn't a great unit at all

last season. Andy Dalton will definitely appreciate this pick by the Bengals.

**#22 Bills: T Mike McGlinchey, Notre Dame:** After selecting QB Baker Mayfield, the Bills get McGlinchey to protect his blind side and also establish a solid outside blocking presence for LeSean McCoy and the running game as Buffalo puts their offensive pieces together.

**#23 Patriots: WR DJ Moore, Maryland:** After trading Brandin Cooks to the Rams and losing Danny Amendola to Miami, the Patriots opt to go receiver and get DJ Moore to give Tom Brady a new, young target to throw to.

**#24 Panthers: CB Mike Hughes, UCF:** The Panthers notice they don't have much room to wait for secondary players and draft Hughes, who is a solid option at corner and can play all over the field. The Panthers need to bolster their secondary with Julio Jones and other star receivers inside their division.

**#25 Titans: LB Rashaan Evans, Bama:** Evans adds to the Alabama players to go in the first round and gives the Titans a solid, diverse linebacker who can play both inside and outside as well as blitz and pressure the quarterback and drop into coverage. Solid addition to a young Titans team looking to get back into the playoffs again.

**#26 Falcons: DT Maurice Hurst, UM:** The Falcons decide to bulk up an already solid, young defensive line and choose Maurice Hurst. At 269 pounds, Hurst will likely have to put on some weight to compete with NFL offensive lineman, but could also shift to defensive end along with Vic Beasley Jr.

**#27 Saints: TE Dallas Goedert, SDSU:** You can never give Drew Brees too many weapons. Goedert can

catch, run routes effectively and has the size to add another blocker for Alvin Kamara and Mark Ingram off the outside. Solid and safe pick by New Orleans.

**#28 Steelers: QB Lamar Jackson, Louisville:** The Steelers don't have a backup plan for Ben Roethlisberger, but they fix that by getting Lamar Jackson. Jackson obviously doesn't start but learns behind a Hall of Fame quarterback and becomes a solid starting quarterback when Ben retires in the near future.

**#29 Jaguars: WR DJ Clark, LSU:** With injuries to Allen Robinson and others in the Jaguars receiver core, the Jags opt to add depth to the position and give Bortles an all-around receiver in DJ Clark out of LSU. Clark is a bug play threat who averaged nearly 20 yards per catch at LSU and can do the same in Jacksonville.

**#30 Vikings: G Isaiah Winn, UGA:** The Vikings bolster the offensive line for Kirk Cousins and make another run at a super bowl with a better offensive line, better quarterback and assuming a better defense as well. Winn has size to stop the best pass

rushers in the NFC as well, something that hindered the Vikings from defeating the Eagles in the NFC Championship game.

**#31 Patriots: ILB Leighton Vander Esch, Boise St.:** The Patriots address a defensive need at linebacker after going receiver. Vander Esch stands tall and has massive size and athleticism to keep up with receivers and running backs all over the field as well as pressure the quarterback.

**#32 Eagles: RB Derrius Guice, LSU:** With Jay Ajayi likely to not be resigned after the upcoming season, the Eagles go to Guice to create a two-headed monster with Guice and Corey Clement, creating a solid rushing attack with other weapons on offense as well, including a healthy Carson Wentz.

As stated before, these picks were projected with the notion that no trades occur throughout the first round. Each pick was also made based on who the team would get based on who was already taken and what the specific team needs.

The NFL Draft takes place on Thursday, April 26th. The Browns are on the block, who will they take?

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