Enrollment Down at the new Georgia Southern

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Despite the consolidation of Armstrong State University and Georgia Southern University, the new Georgia Southern has experienced a drop in enrollment. President Michael J. Casteleiro stated that the document serves to ensure that the new Georgia Southern would be ready to learn.

SGA Argues How to Spend Athletic Fees

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SGA President Ambanpola made a presentation, on behalf of the Strategic Planning Committee, detailing the goals and values of the University going forward. The five core areas outlined in the document are Openness and Inclusion, Good Stewardship, Collaboration, Invention + Innovation, and Personal Transformation. President Ambanpola considered the document to be of highest importance as all Georgia Southern students, clubs, etc. will have to meet at least one of the outlined values in the document. Furthermore, the document is likely to hold true for the foreseeable future.

A point was raised by Senator Tyler Tyack concerning donors who have been unwilling to donate to the new Georgia Southern. He questioned whether the administration had seriously considered the viewpoints of these donors. He would go on to state that an unnamed family member, who made a significant donation to the new tennis courts, is adamantly opposed to donating to Georgia Southern as they feel the university essentially took their money and cut them loose. In response, President Ambanpola stated that the document related to Collaboration should explicitly state values in support of alumni and previous donors. He also spoke of a vote in which the committee chose to keep all funds from scholarships and the like exclusively for the Armstrong campus. However, he did also express doubt concerning whether the donors who had chosen to not support Georgia Southern would return in the future.

After the presentation by the SGA President, a lengthy discussion took place concerning Bill 6 (4021R-H: "Student Input for Athletic Renovations"). The bill revolves around uncollected input from the student body concerning the proposed renovation to the athletic facilities. The bill was presented by Senator Mary Kate Moore. The bill spoke of three proposals from the administration about possible uses of revenue collected from athletic fees. The first is about renovations of the soccer fields and tennis courts for the eventual purpose of hosting athletic events on the Armstrong campus. The second aims to create an outdoor recreation facility near the old tennis courts. The third would re-purpose the softball and baseball fields into general purpose recreation fields. Proposals two and three received minimal resistance while the first was contested heavily. The SGA wishes to include the students in the process of the conversion as it will incur a cost of at least $2 million and will affect the students for years to come. Furthermore, additional costs will be incurred by this resolution, considering the facility, should they truly move forward with having athletic events on this campus, will have to adhere to guidelines set.

BONAVENTURE CEMETERY TOURS, 415 Bonaventure Rd. (912) 296-2712, will be hag- ing tours daily and nightly. We hope to company another party around Halloween.

Bonaventure Cemetery Tours celebrated the grand opening of their cemetery tours on April 21st. The center and gift shop located just down the street from the historic cemetery on the appropriately timed Friday the 13th. Shortly after 5:30pm Angela Lynn, the CEO and president of Bonaventure Historic Ghost Cemetery Tours, and Shannon Scott, founder and tour guide of 6th Sense World, cut the ribbon on their new venture and the party started.

The new center becomes “a public resource for, not just the cemetery but also the neighbor- hood as well as the resident- ships of Thunderbird and Sa- vannah.”

The pair has been working, with a host of other folks, since October of last year. Scott said, “The idea just started to germinate. Lynn proclaimed to the pair, “This has been a long time coming and we are just now over- flowing with gratitude to everyone who made this possible,” thank you so much.”

The new welcome center was designed around improvisa- tion. Some of Bonaventure’s performers were in attendance in- cluding Johnny Mercer and the Bird Girl were on hand to celebrate. The guests danced away to the live music of DJ Fox and Fig. In addition, the BCM will be hosting an End of the Year Luau from 3:30pm.

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try to call you one last time just another small vestige of me wiped from your consciousness like I was lint on your shirt sleeve days before his death handing submitted a paper on multiverse the theory of parallel lives and I wonder if in a merciful one I could’ve even finish this before crying because I can no longer bear to imagine who you are or who you could be without the sharp pain of your willful silence and how you severed us entirely

I burned all the others The houses we played The games of idyllic lies agreeing to be until uncovered otherwise Every lover left when our house fell apart Why sift through the rubble of memories

Brent Gillenwater

Lila Miller

Poetry by Armstrong students

GSU Spring Game Adds Promise for Upcoming Season

ETHAN SMITH SPORTS EDITOR

After a 2–10 season, an impression of improvement is what Georgia Southern needed and the 2018 Blue-White Spring Game gave just that to the players, the coaches and the fans.

The defense gave up the sixth most points in the Sun Belt Conference and had a solid Spring Game only giving up two touchdowns and forcing two turnovers. Senior SS Sean Freeman had a 38-yard interception return in the first half. The fumble recovery beforehand was recovered in a pile by multiple Eagles.

The defense also won both two-minute drills at the end of the first-half and concluded their solid play in the second-half by only giving up a 50-yard FG to Junior K Ty-Ty Bess.

As for the offense, one of their biggest plays came from an untouched 41-yard rushing touchdown from Junior RB Eric Montgomery. The offensive star was Freshman RB Jared Daniels, who carried for an eight-yard touchdown and led the offense with 115 rushing yards.

The Eagles racked up 261 yards on the ground through-out the scrimmage. Sophomore WR Wesley Kennedy III racked eight receptions for 66 yards while the offense as a whole had 115 yards passing.

“As far as the positive vibe, trying to really feel and understand what Georgia Southern is all about, what it takes to win, I think they’re still figuring that out. Said Head Coach Chad Lunsford.

They are really embracing that and learning it. They are doing all they can to get it back where it needs to be. It’s a process right now and we are going to continue to work.”

Lunsford took over for the now former head coach Tyson Summers and he got the Eagles their only two victories on the season last year in a 2–4 effort. Lunsford will now enter his first full season as head coach and his 10th season overall with Georgia Southern. He engineered the top recruiting class of 2018 in the Sun Belt Conference and has got some 2017 recruits field time.

The official score of the game, which went on a Lunsford scoring system, was 47-38 in favor of the defense. This game showed a bright future for Georgia Southern football, and let’s hope this production translates to the season coming in the fall.

The SGA will have its final meeting of the semester coming in the fall.

Brent Gillenwater

Pamela McAdar, Ethan Smith

SGA Column

Upcoming Events

April 23rd is last Senate meeting- Everyone is invited

Legislation

B6 “Student Input for Athletic Renovations” Suggest that SGA should conduct a student survey before the increase in Athletic fees.

R17 “24/5 Learning Facility” Recommends that the Armstrong Campus establishes a 24/5 learning facility

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set forth by the division and by the contract between the school and ESPN. This means new bathroom facili-ties, parking lot renovations, concessions, etc. To quote the rationale of the drafters of the bill, “a proposal of such magnitude, cost, and long-term significance should not be determined solely by Student Government, but by the stu-dent body, whose fees would be paying for this proposal.”

The sentiments of the Bill rationale were echoed by multiple Senators. In particular, Senators Tyack, Padridin, Evans and Cummings would all express varying levels of support for the Bill. Senator Padridin expressed interest in collaborating with Senator Moore directly to collect student data while Senator Cummings supported the idea but requested a differ-ent method of information acquisition than a simple sur-vey by e-mail, his rationale being that a decision of this level of importance should not be made on the feedback of less than five hundred stu-dents. Senator Tyack offered to build upon what Senator Cummings stated and wished to be involved as chair of the Student Life committee. He also opposed a hurried aproach on the renovation by stating, “I do not think thirty votes gives me the right to de-cide on a $2 million plus is-sue.” Senator Evans proposed holding off on data collection until the following semester as the Freshman coming in in the Fall will have full knowl-edge of the consolidation and offered arguably the best data on how to proceed with the renovations.

Given that this was the last chance of the semester to vote on legislation, Senator Tyack called for an imme-diately vote on the Bill which would result in it carrying through the Senate. The Senate would then vote in favor of Resolution seventeen which supports the creation of a 24/5 learning fa-cility.

And SGA will have its final meeting of the semester next week.

6TH ANNUAL WALK FOR AUTISM SPEAKS HOSTED BY AUTISM SPEAKS U ARMSTRONG APRIL 28TH LAKE MAYER 10AM-1PM

REGISTER ONLINE
http://act.autismspeaks.org/site/TR/T5r_id=39055&pg=entry

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Congratulations!

The Georgia Southern University, Armstrong Campus Chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi extends its congratulations to the following new 2018 initiates who were selected for membership. Membership includes the top 7.5% of last-term juniors and the top 10% of seniors, along with outstanding graduate students, faculty and alumni.

2018 INITIATES

Rosina Jan Campbell  Alyssa D. Liefeld  Paulette Iva Simmons Robertson
Caitlin Chamberlain  Dwayne Lofton  Shelanda M. Smith
Dawn L. Cone  Dung T. May  Cailin Bryanna Stone
Jorge L. Coyago  Jennifer McCarthy  Mitch Strand
Hayden Crook  Abigail Meert  Victoria Sutton
Sarah DesLauriers  Timothy Paul Miller  Fatima Justine Swint
Suzette F. Dillard  Khatiga Nasir  Michael Christopher Underwood
Cristiana Holmes  Cicely Payne  Alexander James Vandegrift
Stephanie Lynn Hooper  Kayleigh Abigail Rockett  Robert Michael Vieito
Elizabeth Wyrner Jenkins  Paula A. Rowden  Sierra Weirich
Matthew Korey Kassees  Franchessa LaTrice Scott  Kevin White
Lauren Colenda Kelly  Jaritza Serrano