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Confederate Memorial in Forsyth Park, Savannah Ga.

Council Contemplating Civil War Memorials

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NEWS EDITOR

The Task Force charged with recommending changes to Savannah's Civil War Memorial's presented their finding to the Savannah City Council on Thursday.

Mayor Eddie Deloach created the task force in October of 2017. The Mayor asked for the Task Force after violence erupted in Charlottesville, Va following an "alternative-right" rally. The Task Force was charged with making simple and sensible recommendations that would address ways to make the Confederate Memorial more representative of Savannah's community while also preserving Savannah's unique history, according to the report.

Eight recommendations were brought before the council. The recommendations were aimed at creating contemporary context for the memorials. This recommendation would preserve the chance for future generations to add to the monuments, and restore the memorial to its original intentions.

If the city implements the changes, a plaque will be added to the monument in the

middle of Forsyth Park that reads "This memorial was originally erected in 1875 to the confederate dead, re-dedicated in 1879 and re-dedicated in 2018 to all the dead of the American Civil War." The plaque would be placed in the north-facing open panel of the memorial. The south-facing open panel would be left blank to give future generations a chance to add to the memorial.

Removal of the McLaws and Bartow monuments was included in the recommendations. The two bronze busts were placed in the memorial 35 years after the erection of the original memorial and "are distractions from the original memorial," according to the Task Force. Under the recommendations, the busts would be moved to Laurel Grove Cemetery where the two soldiers who are buried.

The Council also seems poised to pass Alderman Van Johnson's proposal to lessen the penalty for the simple possession of marijuana within Savannah city limits. The proposal would eliminate jail time and reduce the penalty from \$1,000 to \$150 for individuals caught with less than one ounce of marijuana within city limits.

During the first reading at last Thursday's City Council meeting, Johnson thanked the Council and the Mayor for the opportunity to bring his proposal before them. Johnson wanted to highlight [that] "this is not only an opportunity for criminal justice, but also an opportunity for social justice," he explained. Johnson also mentioned the Mayor and other council members, including Aldermen Thomas and Durrenence and Alderwoman Shabazz who supported moving the proposal to the first reading.

Alderman John Hall added that he wanted to "thank Alderman Johnson's progressive thinking and hard work in introducing this piece of legislation."

The proposal has previously received support from both interim SCMPD Chief Revenew and retiring Chief Lumpkin. However, Sheriff John Wilcher does not share the enthusiasm.

In a previous council workshop, Sheriff Wilcher reiterated that "the law says possession of marijuana is illegal, it's illegal," Wilcher also added [that] "If y'all pass an ordinance in this city, I am still going to cite people for possession of Marijuana...

it says they must be taken to jail, they must be fingerprinted, and they must receive a mugshot," he concluded.

The proposal will come up for a second reading on March 1.

The council also adopted a motion to approve a resolution designating the city of Savannah as an information technology corridor. Keith Fletcher, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Speeros, a technology firm, testified before the council highlighting the benefits of Savannah becoming an IT corridor. According to Fletcher, "an IT corridor here in the Savannah area will bring high-end technology jobs to Savannah." The council unanimously approved the motion.

Near the end of the meeting, Alderman Thomas floated the idea of Savannah joining a host of other cities in the fight against pharmaceutical companies in regards to the opioid crisis. Thomas asked City Attorney, Brooks Stillwell, how Savannah could aid in the crisis. Stillwell told Council that he would look into it and have something for them at the next Council meeting.

What Will We Pay?

DAN HAYES
NEWS EDITOR

The proposal of the tuition and fees for next semester has been sent to the University System of Georgia. The Board of Regents will vote to approve or deny the proposal at April's annual board meeting regarding tuition and fees.

In the fall of last year, a Student Fees Committee met with the intent of proposing the mandatory fees and tuition that will be charged to Armstrong students for the 2018/2019 academic year. According to process outlined by the University System of Georgia, proposals to increase, create or change the purpose of a mandatory fee must be presented to a campus advisory committee that is comprised of at least 50% students. The committee for Armstrong was comprised of 6 students and 6 faculty members.

According to Robert L. Whitaker, VP for Finance and Operations, "the goal on all adjustments to tuition and mandatory fees was to not increase the cost for an Armstrong Campus student post-consolidation." If the Board of Regents approves the proposal, then that goal would be met. In fact, the cost of attendance can be reduced, notes Whitaker.

According to the proposal nothing will change for Statesboro students. Various fees will either increase or decrease for Armstrong students. "The guiding principle," according to Whitaker, was to "create a cost savings and to level fees were services would be comparable."

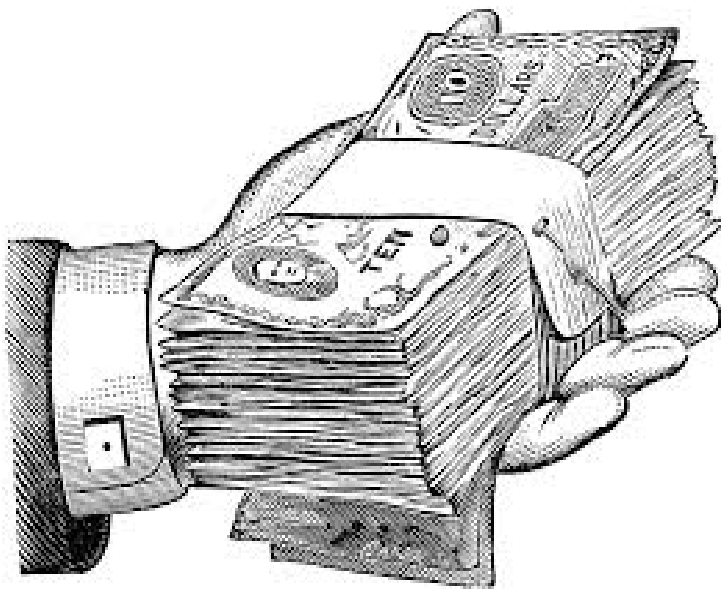
Both the Technology Fee and the Recreation Fee would increase. The Technology fee to "allow for greater technology investment at the Armstrong campus" and the Recreation and Wellness Fee "in order to expand operations and services for students." The athletic fee collected for the current academic year was earmarked to fund—among other things—advancements to the current recreation and wellness facilities. Those improvements are still forthcoming.

Next year, Armstrong students could pay a reduced athletic fee of \$90. Statesboro students would pay a much higher athletic fee and an added athletic facilities fee. The disparity in the amount of athletic fees is representative of the benefits students on each can receive. Armstrong Campus is located over 50 miles from Statesboro. All of Georgia Southern's athletic programs are housed on the Statesboro campus.

The only current benefit Armstrong students receive from the Athletic program is tickets and bus rides to a select few athletic events.

A report on the usability of the Armstrong athletic facilities for NCAA Division I sports is forthcoming.

The decision on the proposed changes should be made public sometime in April.



Georgia Southern Baseball To Host FanFest Saturday

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SPORTS EDITOR

Georgia Southern University (GSU) baseball will host its annual Fan Fest on Saturday Feb 10. The event is at Statesboro's campus at J.I. Clements Stadium and will feature a scrimmage with the team, a baseball clinic for children and an autograph session to cap off the event.

The gates open will open at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday and the scrimmage will begin at 11 a.m. The team will have an open scrimmage to showcase their talents for the upcoming 2018 baseball season in front of fans. The team scrimmage

will last approximately two hours.

After the scrimmage, children ages 6-12 will be able to participate in a free baseball clinic on the field. Student athletes will guide children on an array of different basic baseball workouts. Each young participant will receive free ticket to the baseball game later in the day against Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns.

The team will be signing autographs on the concourse by the stadium, with baseball calendars and other merchandise available for purchase. Fans can take pic-

tures by the Blue Monster, the infamous 10-15 feet tall wall in the outfield. Fans are also encouraged to bring their used baseball equipment that will be donated to Dominican baseball programs in order to spread the game of baseball throughout the Dominican Republic.

This is a sports-filled event and opportunity to explore the Statesboro campus, where students can also take advantage of the 5 p.m. basketball game versus top Sun Belt Conference team Ragin' Cajuns. Go out and support GSU baseball and basketball this Saturday. Go Eagles!



J.I. Clements Stadium in Statesboro. via Visit Statesboro.

Valentine’s Edition: What to Watch this February

CHARITY WILLIAMS
WEB EDITOR

It’s February everyone! That means Valentine’s Day is in the air, and love is all around us. With that in mind, this is our What to Watch: Valentine’s Edition. This edition will give you updates on what’s new in television and movies but especially movies tailored to the romantic genre. Remember, if you would like to make a recommendation about a topic you think should be covered, feel free to write us at the Inkwell about what you think is worth watching and why. Look out for our next What to Watch next month, but until then enjoy!

TV
Returning shows: Returning shows are just as entertaining as new shows. Being emotionally invested in characters that have been fleshed out for seasons is just as exciting as watching a brand-new cast of characters and plots. Premiering on the



Promotional picture for “The Notebook.” Courtesy of New Line Cinema.

CW is “Legends of Tomorrow” on Feb. 12 at 9 pm and “iZombie” on Feb. 26 at 9 pm. If you are a fan of horror, AMC’s popular zombie drama “The Walking Dead” and Starz’s horror comedy “Ash vs. Evil Dead” will both return on Feb. 25 at 9 pm. Singing competition “The

Voice” will premiere on NBC on Feb. 26 at 8 pm. If you are a fan of drama, “UnREAL” will premiere on Lifetime on Feb. 26 at 10 pm, and “Designated Survivor” will return Feb. 28 on ABC at 10 pm.

New shows to check out: Let’s hear it for the new shows! That means new char-

acters and new plots. For you Netflix lovers, cyberpunk thriller “Altered Carbon” premiered on Feb. 2. It is based on a book by the same name and follows a prisoner who wakes up 250 years after a failed uprising and is tasked with solving a murder as his only means to freedom.

Crime drama “Good Girls” will premiere on Feb. 26 on NBC at 10 pm. It is about three moms who decide to rob a supermarket. Another crime drama “Unsolved” will premiere on Feb. 27 on USA at 10 pm and will follow the police investigation around the murders of Biggie Smalls and Tupac Shakur.

Movies
February is the perfect time for romance movies to hit theaters, and with this Valentine’s Day, a particular movie comes into mind. The third and final installment in the “Fifty Shades” series is back. Romance drama “Fifty Shades Freed” will premiere on Feb. 9. The film stars Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan as newlyweds who must confront their past and face new threats which could jeopardize their happy ending.

Another romantic drama “Every Day” is about a 16-year-old girl who falls in love with someone who inhabits a different body every

day. They try to find each other on a daily basis, but soon the toil of loving a new person every day will force the two to make tough decisions. “Every Day” will premiere on Feb. 23.

If you’re in the mood for something a little bit more classic, why not watch “The Notebook?” Based on the Nicholas Sparks novel, this romantic drama stars Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling as a couple whose love story withstands the tests of time. If you haven’t seen this tear-jerker, then it is worth the watch. But if you have seen it, why not watch it again? “The Notebook” is timeless.

So, if you’re in the Valentine’s Day mood and in need of some heartwarming love stories or just in need of some new premieres, this is the perfect time to binge watch. Let us know what you think of these movies and shows and feel free to write for us!

Date Night Ideas for You and Your Valentine

MADISON WATKINS
A&E EDITOR

Valentine’s Day is here again! A great holiday for those with a significant other. If you’re spending the holiday single this year, this may not be the article for you. I’m here to give you some ideas on how to enjoy the special day! Or even the upcoming weekend if you don’t want classes to interfere with your celebrations.

Watch your favorite movies or TV shows together- If you’d rather spend some time in instead of going out, watching movies together can do you no wrong. This can work if you’d rather go to a movie theater or if you just want to find something on Netflix. Watching movies together is a great way to bond with your partner. If it is one neither of you have seen before, you get to go on a new journey together. If it’s an old favorite that you both have seen before, you get to talk to each other more and make some new memories enjoying something you both love. If there isn’t a movie you both want to see, a little TV watching never hurt anyone. You can use this opportunity to catch up on a show you hav-

en’t seen in a long time, while getting the chance to hold each other, laugh, and cry together.

Go get ice cream- If you would like a change of pace by finally getting out of the dorms for a while, a good way to accomplish this is by having an ice cream outing. It’s a low-key way to enjoy time with your partner while being out-and-about. If you prefer something casual, Dairy Queen is always a reliable option. If you’d like to change it up a bit, the wide variety of flavors presented at Leopold’s downtown never disappoints. If you both want to try something different, try going to Below Zero just a few shops down from Leopold’s. The rolled ice cream they have on the menu is a unique fun way to eat ice cream and it leaves you both feeling full.

Go to the beach- If the weather permits, going to the beach with your significant other can be a relaxing way to enjoy some alone time while getting fresh air. It’s also an inexpensive way to spend time together, apart from bringing the usual bag of quarters for parking. If you like to exercise together, you can run on the beach or bring your bicy-

cles. If you just want to enjoy each other’s company while feeling the breeze, just bring a blanket or some towels to sit on while you look at the seashells around you, which make great keepsakes. Plus, we all know Tybee has a sunset to die for.

Have a picnic- The beach is a wonderful place to spend Valentine’s Day but it’s also understandable if some of you wouldn’t want to. If you’d rather enjoy time together without worrying about sand getting everywhere or the wind blowing your hair all over the place, there are many parks around town to spend time in. A picnic in the park has great opportunities for quality one-on-one conversations while eating some tasty food and drinks you have provided for yourselves. You could also lay out and enjoy the sun in the quiet while simply enjoying being with the other person.

I hope this article gave you some cool ideas on how to spend your Valentine’s Day! Personally, I know I will at least explore the ice cream option because you just can’t go wrong with it. Let’s hope the weather holds up so that we can enjoy spending the day outside.



Ice cream cones keeping a couple cool by a riverwalk. From whileimyoung.com.

Weekly playlist Valentine’s Edition: Love is in the Air

	TITLE	ARTIST	ALBUM		
+	Wicked Games	Parra for Cuva, An...	Wicked Games	an hour ago	5:58
+	What's Love Got to Do with It	Tina Turner	What's Love Got T...	an hour ago	3:47
+	I Love You, Honeybear	Father John Misty	I Love You, Honey...	an hour ago	4:39
+	Use Me	Bill Withers	Still Bill	an hour ago	3:48
+	Thinking About You	Radiohead	Pablo Honey	an hour ago	2:42
+	Love	Lana Del Rey	Lust For Life	an hour ago	4:33
+	My Love	Justin Timberlake, ...	FutureSex/LoveSo...	an hour ago	4:36
+	Crazy In Love	Beyoncé, JAY Z	Dangerously In Love	an hour ago	3:56
+	I Want To Hold Your Hand - Remastered 2...	The Beatles	1 (Remastered)	an hour ago	2:26
+	Sea of Love	Cat Power	The Covers Record	33 minutes a...	2:19



CAMPUS VOICES:

If you could date anyone on Valentine’s Day, who would you date?



“I would date a good bearing, loyal, ambitious, family orientated young man.”

Chelsea Sawyer
Biology Senior



“I would date a nice male 18-23 years old who’s sweet, charming and really loyal.”

Denisesha Hurley
Music Education Freshman



“I would date my loving girlfriend.”

Andy Desandre
Film Freshman



“I would also date my loving girlfriend Anne Grace Lord.”

Ben Doolittle
Communication Science Junior



“I will date anyone willing. Please.”

Kolten Wellborn
Arts Junior

Single on V-Day? Here’s What You Can Do

ETHAN SMITH
SPORTS EDITOR

Many of us may not have a significant other this Valentine’s Day. Just because you don’t have that special someone doesn’t mean you can’t enjoy Valentine’s Day. Here’s some things you can do!

Get some friends together. You’re not the only single person on the planet, trust me.

Get some and go do something fun like bowling, a dinner, go downtown, anything that is fitting for your friend group.

Binge-watch Netflix. Probably the most popular choice, binge-watching Netflix alone on Valentine’s Day is never a bad thing. Watch a romance to get in the Valentine’s Day spirit or watch whatever suits your entertainment fancy. A bunch of new shows and movies also just came out such as Altered Carbon and The Cloverfield Paradox. So, there is no shortage of content to binge.

Go to a club. Go to a club with your friends or by yourself and meet some new people and have a good time. Who knows? Maybe you find next year’s valentine.

Catch up on homework or projects. Honestly, this would be great to tell your friends the next day. You get to chill all day after finishing your work while their scrambling with that homework that was or is due. That’s what they get for having a valentine, huh?

Go buy candy. The day of Valentine’s day and even the day after are great times to go get discounted Sour Patch Kids, Kit Kats, Snickers or whatever kind of chocolate or candy you like. Great place to go is Savannah Candy Kitchen on River Street. They have amazing pralines and many other types of candy. Trust us, we know.

Here at the Inkwell, we understand everyone doesn’t have a valentine, but that doesn’t mean the day has to be a complete flop. Take our advice from above or do something else that seems fun for you, be it by yourself or with your friends. Valentine’s Day is a day meant for sharing love with others. Be it with friends, family or significant other, everyone has someone to love.

Enjoy your Valentine’s Day and stay safe.

Death to Valentine’s Day

DAN HAYES
NEW EDITOR

What if we just stopped? What if we as a society decided to stop buying cards, roses, teddy bears with hearts, and boxes of chocolate—superficial trinkets. By the time you are reading this there will be little time left to prepare for your Valentine’s Day celebration. But maybe you shouldn’t celebrate this time around.

The whole idea of this holiday is ridiculous and utterly stupid. I mean why is Valentine’s Day even on the 14th? Why not take our sweethearts out to a nice dinner on Feb 12th or 10th or 28th? Any day will do really. Even history, affirms that there is no significant reason to celebrate Valentine’s day on February 14th.

In the 3rd century A.D., The festival of Lupercalia was a roman fertility celebration. According to Arnie Seipel of NPR, “The men sacrificed a goat and a dog, then whipped women with the hides of the animals they had just slain.” The women believed this would make them fertile and lined up for the privilege of participating.

The Catholic Pope Gelasius I, with the aim of cleaning up the naked drunken revelry associated with the pagan holiday, chose to consolidate and Christianize the festival of Lupercalia. It would now be celebrated on a day in mid-February, Feb 14th and dedicated to St. Valentine.

A saint that had no correlation to the meaning of Lupercalia save, his death on February 14th. So, it can be extrapolated that actual Valentine’s Day bears no meaning historically.

One should be aware that the celebration Valentine’s Day—the gifting of a homemade molten lava cake to share with one’s significant other is actually a superficial allusion to the bloody festival of Lupercalia that didn’t even resemble anything that we would recognize until the 16th-17th century, when Shakespeare and Chaucer began to romanticize the holiday.

A lot of you will focus your ire on the corporations capitalizing on the spending spree, though your frustration is misguided. If nobody will buy it then nobody will sell it. Don’t buy into Valentine’s Day. Why maintain the ritual? If you are in love, why can’t you celebrate the object of your affection every day of the year. If you are single why must you be publicly reminded of that fact once a year, on Feb 14th? It should stop.

All that aside, I will still be celebrating Valentine’s Day this year. I have a little something planned for my very own special someone. Though, I still think the holiday is ridiculous and utterly stupid. But to borrow a platitude from the late, great Mitch Hedberg, “I know someone that would be really upset to hear me say that.”

NO MATTER HOW OPINIONATED YOU ARE, SOMEONE WILL LOVE YOU EVENTUALLY. SEND US YOUR OPINIONS!

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