Stacey Abrams at SSU last week encouraging the crowd to get out and vote. Full election coverage coming next week. Photo By Laura Weyman

A NIGHT OF GEORGIA SOUL AND BLUES - SMF 2019 LINEUP

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ART’S PREVIEW
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Collaborative Annotations to Promote Critical Thinking
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
Solms Hall 211
Facilitated by Lauren Barbeau. Critical thinking depends on an ability to read, comprehend, and respond to course material. Perusal, a collaborative annotation website, encourages students to think critically and become self-directed learners by promoting application of effective reading strategies, critical assessment of assigned readings, and reflection.

The Hook Up
12:30 pm
Ogeechee Theater
Hooking up can often sound like harmless fun, but it can also be a cover for some very unhealthy behaviors. This engaging discussion pulls back the covers on hooking up, clarifying when it’s actually sexual violence and how bystanders can protect potential victims from predators.

Active Minds General Meeting
4 pm
Science Center 1405
Join us for free food and activities. RSVP on my Involvement.

Basic Conversational Spanish
6 pm - 8 pm
Gamble Hall 119
The focus of this course is basic conversational abilities. Although this course focuses on conversation, it also develops listening, reading and writing abilities. Instruction will also include how to develop sentences, answer questions and make comparisons using the present tense. This class will consist of lecture, audio, visual and speaking in partners and whole group skits.

Savannah Speed Classic
10/25 - 10/28
8 am - 6 pm
The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa-1 Resort Dr. $15
Come to the Savannah Speed Classic to see some awesome racing! There will be series races, sprint races, track touring, an award ceremony, and in-seat experiences. If you like driving and/or watching fast cars, this will be the place for you.

Film Screening - “Ghost”
7 pm - 9 pm
Tybee Post Theater-10 Van Horne Ave., Tybee Island, GA. $10
Come celebrate Halloween by watching “Ghost” at the Tybee Post Theater. The film follows a banker, played by late Patrick Swayze, who killed by his corrupt business partner and becomes a spirit. He then seeks help from a psychic, played by Whoopi Goldberg, to protect his girlfriend from his business partner. If you would like to eat dinner before the screening, the admission price will be $35. Get your tickets at tybeeposttheater.org.

Savannah PRIDE
All day
Ellis Square, Barnard Street, and St. Julian Street
Free
Come on down to Ellis Square to celebrate Savannah PRIDE! Saturday will be the festival. There will be a Savannah Pride Pawrade, Drag Trolley Tours, a history & art exhibit, education panels and forums, and a Downtown Takeover Pub Crawl. There will also be an after party at Club One.

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A Day for Survivors
12 pm - 2 pm
Outside Student Union
This day will be one that will be focused on providing resources while also giving space to survivors to reclaim and tell their stories.

“Hocus Pocus”: Movie and Costume Party
7 pm - 10 pm
Ghost Coast Distillery-641 Indian St.
Kick off your Halloween weekend by coming to watch “Hocus Pocus” at Ghost Coast Distillery. They will have drink specials, food, and prizes will be given out to people with the best costumes. $1 from every drink sold will go towards Coastal Pet Rescue, who will have cats on hand that are up for adoption. What better way to celebrate the holiday?

Haunted Trail
6:30 pm
Wormsloe State Historic Site-7601 Skidaway Rd
$9.50 - $15
Join one of our Rangers as they guide you into Savannah’s colonial past. Keep close together as you explore our trails and hopefully you will be safe from the zombies, ghosts, and ghouls drifting under the looming oaks and Spanish moss. Who knows what spirits have been disturbed? Wormsloe’s gate will open at 6:30 pm. The first tour will begin at 7:15 pm. The gate will close when all tours are sold out. Would you like to purchase tickets? Have a question? Please Call: 912-353-3023

Sunday, Oct 28
Shalom Y’All Jewish Food Festival
11 am - 3 pm
Monterey Square, Bull Street, and West Wayne Street
Come celebrate the 30th annual Jewish Food Festival by trying out some new cuisines! Try out some Sephardic lamb, corned beef sandwich, latkes, and blintzes. Then, you can burn off some of those calories by participating in the dance off to klezmer music.
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Fry-Day Fun Fair Fest
7 pm – 9 pm
BCM
FREE
What better way to enjoy the season of fall than with a fair fest? The BCM will have carnival games, prizes, and lots of fried food! You are also encouraged to wear your funniest Halloween costume. Go to the BCM of Armstrong Facebook page to RSVP.

Creating Connections - a Savannah mixer
5:30 pm - 7 pm
Molly McGuire’s 216 Johnny Mercer Blvd
Join us for light bites and conversation in the second in a series of four Creating Connections networking events. The other events will be in early 2019 in downtown Savannah and on the Southside. We encourage you to come for one or to all!

French Conversation Table
6 pm
Student Union
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Spooky Movie Night
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Folio Foundations - Gradebook and Grading
12:15 pm - 1 pm
Solms Hall 207
This session will cover the setup and management of your Folio Gradebook.

Resources for Data Collection
2 pm - 3 pm
Solms Hall 207
Facilitated by Bradley Sturz, Delena Gatch, and Teri Flateby.
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Imagine Southside Differently

By: Dan Hayes

A bustling live, work, play community experienced at a human scale. A place where you could comfortably ride a bike or walk to meet friends at a new local restaurant. A Southside that is not severed down the middle by Abercorn Street.

As Madison Watkins noted, Georgia Southern University is currently seeking input for the campus master plan. The University is “thinking about what we want this campus to look like” noted Carol Cox, director of operations for the Armstrong and Liberty Campuses.

This campus is lacking things to do and places to go in and around campus. The area immediately around the campus is starving for investment. The Savannah Mall is dying.

Well in May of this year the Congress for the New Urbanism presented a proposal for the revitalization of Southside Savannah. The proposal came out of a legacy workshop that gathered input from the community and was designed by David M. Schwarz Architects.

“The plan grew out of what we heard from residents, who said in various ways that ‘we want our own downtown,’ ” says Michael Swartz, who led the design session. “Southside residents are proud of the historic core, but it’s not a place where they go to meet daily needs. It’s not center of their community.”

The CNU plan was generated around a set of guiding principles.

- Encourage new development stemming from the anticipated growth of GSU-Armstrong campus to have a mix of uses that form complete neighborhoods
- Focus population growth within major activity centers
- Promote safe walking and biking as primary means of transportation
- Increase opportunities for public transit in Savannah’s Southside
- Development rules should be written or revised to achieve the desired outcomes
- Apply lessons learned from the Southside study throughout the City of Savannah

The plan emphasizes a need for Southside to become a “third place” or a space other than home or work where community members can gather. Instead of the dying Savannah Mall imagine a grid like system (similar to the Oglethorpe plan of Downtown) of open squares flanked by mixed-use residential/commercial buildings.

Let’s Talk About Abercorn

The number one issue impeding any Southside revitalization that revolves around walkable livable streets is always going to be Abercorn street.

Abercorn is a busy six lane thoroughfare that rips right through the middle of Southside Savannah.

Any redevelopment of this side of town must include a redesign of the street. The CNU proposal calls for converting Abercorn into a multi-way boulevard. The boulevard would reduce the three lanes each of east and west traffic and replace that with two lane streets of express traffic and one lane of local traffic on each side. All sections would be separated by medians.

The redesigned Abercorn would still be able to handle the high volume of daily traffic traveling in and out of town but also accommodate locals just running errands. The redesign would also make it safer for pedestrians to cross the street.

The linchpin of the CNU plan is in conceiving of an Abercorn designed for more than just vehicular traffic. The renovation of an existing road that is still working as designed is no easy task. Any project of that magnitude would be under the control of the GA Department of Transportation and must include state, local, and private investment. The project would have to championed by an individual or institution with the political power to get it done.

Our Own College Town

Georgia Southern University is uniquely positioned to revitalize an entire community and grow a neighborhood around the Armstrong campus. It is in the Universities best interest to grow the student population on this campus. In order to do that you need to give students something to do. Students should not be forced to leave Southside for everything.

Imagine a large open green space that can host outdoor concerts or movies directly across from campus. Imagine a coffee shop or

All drawings are courtesy of David M. Schwarz Architects and were produced during the CNU legacy workshop.
Armstrong moved to its current location on land donated by The Mills B. Lane Foundation and Donald Livingston. Eight Original Buildings were constructed, now considered the campus Quad.

1998
Liberty Center is built in Hinesville.

2002
Science Center is opened and first student residential community is dedicated.

2004
Armstrong purchases 18 acres of land adjacent to the campus for development as academic support space, a Professional and Continuing Education Center, and student residences.

2010
Armstrong celebrates its seventy-fifth anniversary, along with dedication of the expansive new Student Union. The opening of Windward Commons, the new freshman residence hall, brings record numbers of students living on campus.

2016
The new Armstrong Liberty Center, a 21,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility opened its doors to Liberty County’s growing student population.

The City of Savannah is still interested in revitalizing Southside, “the city is ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work” notes Bridget Liddy, director of planning and urban design for the City of Savannah.

A project of this magnitude would require the cooperation of multiple government entities, private investment, and community involvement. But every project has to start somewhere and what better place to start the revitalization of Southside than the Armstrong campus of Georgia Southern University?
SMF 2019 Lineup Kick Off with a Night of Georgia Soul and Blues

By: Laura Weyman

Jontavious Willis performing at a festival. Timesdaily.com.

Friday Nov 9, the team behind the annual Savannah Music Festival will announce the 2019 festival lineup with a night of Georgia Soul and Blues. This event will take place at the Lucas Theatre for the Arts.

The Lucas stage will be shared by two blues artists who are generations apart. 22-year-old, Jontavious Willis and 73-year-old, William Bell will be playing on stage that Friday.

Bell is described by music agency Northstar Artists as, “The man who co-wrote one of the most covered songs in blues/rock music history” and “an original soulman”.

You may have indirectly heard a William Bell song if you’ve listened to Pretty Light’s tune, “Finally Moving,” which was sampled from his famous hit, “Private Number.” Pretty Lights’ version was later interpreted by Flo Rida in his famous 2011 pop hit, “Good Feeling.”

If you are more familiar with classic blues guitarists, you may know William Bell through Eric Clapton and Cream’s cover of his song, “Born Under a Bad Sign.”

Bell found success sporadically throughout his career like when he released “Tryin’ to Love Two” in 1977. It became a Top 10 pop hit and climbed up to #1 on the R&B charts.

After taking a 30-year hiatus from major record labels, Bell finally released a new album in 2016. He teamed up with John Leventhal, a renowned producer, and recorded “This is Where I Live,” which won a Grammy award for Best Americana album.

Jontavious Willis, a Greenville, GA native, could pass for a younger version of blues musician Taj Mahal on acoustic guitar—a true Bluesman.

The intent behind his soulful voice and powerful plucking and strumming reveals his musical background and passion for the blues.

Willis grew up singing Gospel in church, and, at the age of 14, he discovered the blues through YouTube when he stumbled upon a video of Muddy Water’s “Hoochie Coochie Man.”

This was the beginning of his love affair with string instruments. He taught himself guitar, banjo, as well as the harmonica and cigar box.

Four years later, in 2015, Mahal himself invited him to share his stage.

The legendary blues musician described Jontavious Willis as his “Wonderboy.” He said, “That’s my Wonderboy, the Wunderkind. [Jontavious] is a great new voice of the 21st century in the acoustic blues. I just love the way he plays.

The lineup for this kickoff party, makes the 2019 spring lineup look promising. Don’t miss it and make sure to grab your tickets before they sell out! Visit the Savannah Music Festival website to purchase them online.

Spring Break Study Abroad Trip to Italy

By: Madison Watkins

Professors Dr. Kathleen Schaefer and Christy Mroczek are planning a Spring Break Study Abroad trip to Italy for March 13 - 23, 2019.

“In the past, the trips were focused primarily on nutrition, we wanted to broaden the scope of this year’s trip to include students from other majors” Dr. Schaefer said of the trip.

The classes offered for this year’s trip will be WRIT 3030 Special Topics—Travel Blogging, RHAB 4903 Special Topics, and SABR 2960 Italian Culture. According to Mroczek, SABR 2960 will satisfy a core area.

Mroczek will be teaching the Travel Blogging course. She stated the course will include “some traditional travel writing, but will mostly focus on writing for new media, and students will first identify their travel niche to establish their travel identities. For example, students can create travel blogs, but the blog entries will vary from traditional essays to multimedia publications that integrate images, video and even audio in the form of podcasts.”

During the week, students will have the opportunity to visit the heartland of Italy and tour famous cities such as Verona, Venice and Siena. They will also be able to visit two UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage sites. One was settled by the Etruscans in Tuscany and the other is in NE Italy.

Students will be able to do walking and biking tours, cooking classes, attend lectures and participate in wine, vinegar and olive oil tastings during their spare time. There will also be time for students to explore the cities on their own.

Dr. Schaefer said the primary goal of this trip is to “introduce students to the diet, culture, and history of Italy. We hope students will become confident about exchanging money, using the transportation system, navigating the streets, and communicating with those who may speak little or no English. Additionally, we hope to expose students to new perspectives so that they have improved cross-cultural awareness. Ultimately, we hope this trip might be the springboard that encourages students to do more international travel on their own.”

The deadline to apply for the trip is Jan 1, 2019. Students must have a 2.5 institutional GPA at the time they submit their application, must be fully admitted to the institution, and be 18 years old by March 13.

The program cost is $4,455.00. The cost includes airfare, accommodations, in-country transportation, breakfast every morning, 4 dinners, one lunch, excursions, tours and tastings, cooking classes and health insurance. Tuition is not included. Students are recommended to bring to bring extra money for meals on their own time and souvenirs.

One of the reasons Dr. Schaefer believes students should go on this trip is, “our news tells us so little about what is happening in other parts of the world. Only by meeting people from outside of our country can we learn about those in the rest of the world.”

Search for the Unicorn

By: Dan Hayes

The Committee searching for the New Georgia Southern University President held another listening session on the Armstrong campus last Wednesday.

Dustin Anderson, chair of the Presidential search committee, led the informal listening session attended by 20-30 faculty and community members. I was the only student in attendance.

The task for the committee is a difficult one. They are searching for a President who “will be mindful of the importance of celebrating each campus’s unique identity and strengths while also striving to bring each campus together with a shared vision, culture and strategic direction,” notes the position description.

Ryan Groom, lecturer of Chemistry at GSU is looking for a president “a unified vision while [also] celebrating the different communities.”

The consolidated University is still learning to grow together and there is still a multitude of issues to work out. Lisa Denmark, assistant professor of history and interim chair wants “a President that can “accept the reality that we are having difficulties.”

Dr. Anderson said the committee is searching for a President that can “embrace the idea of uniqueness” and “represent [GSU] as a champion at the state level.”

“We are searching for a unicorn” noted Samantha Grovenstien-Deal, a member of the search committee. “Not a camel or giraffe, but a unicorn.” added Anderson. The two members of the committee were highlighting the very diverse and distinct characteristics they are searching for in presidential candidates.

The posting for a presidential candidate will be live until November 9th. The committee will conduct interviews and send 3-5 candidates up to the Board of Regents selection committee.
Savannah Speed Classic Brings Speed to Quiet City

By: Madison Watkins

Historic Speedscar Racing is happy to host the Savannah Speed Classic once again this year.

Savannah is known as the birthplace of Grand Prix racing, so HCR brings the event to Savannah every year to celebrate racing’s heritage.

The event will feature many kinds of races ranging from series races, to enduros, to hot lap rides, and to road experiences. The event is suitable for all ages and is especially suitable for those who love a good race or an adrenaline rush.

The event will take place from Oct 26 to Oct 28, with events actively going on throughout the weekend. The event will be held on Hutchinson Island, which features a great view of the Savannah River and of River Street.

The classic will be held on the weekend, so maybe you could make a trip out of it and spend the entire day downtown exploring Savannah. The Savannah Speed Classic will bring Savannah and car-lovers together as it does every year.

SCAD Savannah Film Festival Preview

By: Madison Watkins

It’s the end of October which means the SCAD Savannah Film Festival is coming up! It is the largest university-run film festival in the world. Starting this Saturday through Nov. 3, well-known filmmakers, actors, screenwriters, along with many others will be in Savannah to talk about the biggest films of the year and what’s new in TV.

Well-known publications such as “Entertainment Weekly” and “Hollywood Reporter” will also be in town to cover the festival. The festival always has well-known A-listers come as honored guests to receive awards. Among this year’s guests are: Emily Blunt, John Krasinski, Hugh Jackman, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Armie Hammer, Barry Jenkins, KiKi Layne, and Amandla Stenberg.

Blunt will receive the Icon Award, Krasinski will receive the Vanguard Award, Jackman will receive the Legend of Cinema Award, Gyllenhaal will be recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Acting and Producing, and Stenberg will receive the Rising Star Award. The award ceremonies for the stars will held throughout the week, taking place at either the Lucas Theatre for the Arts or the Trustees Theater. For the full list of guests, their awards, and award ceremony times, go to filmfest.scad.edu.

Many films in years past that have generated “Oscar Buzz” have been screened at the festival before receiving awards recognition. Some of this year’s Oscar-worthy films on the schedule are “If Beale Street Could Talk,” “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?” “Green Book,” and “Widows.”

There will be at least eight different events happening per day for the public to attend. In addition to film screenings, there will be costume and prop exhibitions, workshops, and panels.

One of the exhibitions will be for the Wes Anderson film “Isle of Dogs.” The actual puppets and miniature sets from the film will be on display in the Jen Library. The exhibition will open on Oct. 27. It will be free and open to the public.

The other exhibition is for the period-drama TV show “Outlander.” There will be different costumes from the show on display in the SCAD Museum of Art. The exhibition will be open to the public with the admission price of $5. The exhibition will open on Oct. 30.

There will be a variety of panels and workshops throughout the week for anyone to attend. Some of the topics that will be covered will be Story of the Art: Filmmaking About Filmmakers, Career Paths in Filmmaking, Georgia Production Panel, State of the Art: Filmmaking and Gaming, and Black Panther and the Technology of Wakanda. Tickets for the panels are only $5 and will be either in the Gutstein Gallery or the SCAD Museum of Art. Check the film festival website to find the dates and times.

If you’re someone who just wants to catch a glimpse of some of the big stars, there will be red carpet events preceding the award ceremonies and film screenings. If you head on over to Broughton Street on Saturday or Sunday evening, who knows who you might see.

For more information on the full event schedule and ticket availability go to filmfest.scad.edu.

October is coming to an end sooner than we think. That brings good news and bad news. The bad news is that Halloween will be over soon and finals are just on the horizon. The good news is that the semester will be ending soon and Thanksgiving and Christmas are not far off! All of this brings some exciting events that will be held around Savannah to celebrate the holidays and end of the year. So, not counting graduation, here are some events that you can look out for to help you have fun and ease your stress.

Savannah Philharmonic: Holiday Pops

$25 Johnny Mercer Theatre
Come get into the holiday spirit by listening to the Savannah Philharmonic perform all of your favorite holiday songs.

Festivals

Coastal Empire Fair
11/1-11/11
$10
Coastal Empire Fairgrounds
Nothing says fall like a fair! The Coastal Empire Fair will be Nov. 1 - 11 at the Coastal Empire Fairgrounds. Enjoy the ferris wheel, carnival games, pig races, and strange but yummy combinations of fried foods. Full information can be found at coastalempirefair.com.

Pups and Trucks Food Truck Carnival
11/4
$5 parking
11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Skidaway Island State Park
Everyone loves a fun food truck festival and who doesn’t like dogs? Skidaway Island State Park will be hosting a pups and food truck carnival for a fun outing for dogs and their owners. If you don’t have a dog, come enjoy the carnival anyway and see if any groups will have dogs for adoption. There will also be pet boutiques on hand to dress up your dog.

Concerts

First Friday for Folk Music
11/2
$5 donation
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church-Stewart Hall
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If you enjoy listening to folk music, come to the Savannah Folk Music Society’s monthly showcase for local folk musicians. This month’s performers will be Melanie Miranda and Jacob Johnson. The host of the evening will be Pat Mooney. There will be baked goods and coffee for sale.

Art Shows

Location Gallery at Austin Hill Realty
Have you ever wanted to see artwork inspired by fortune telling cards? Lisa Ocampo and Peter E. Roberts will be displaying their artwork at the Location Gallery at Austin Hill Realty on Whitaker Street. The gallery profits from the show will go towards Hospice Savannah, Inc.

Lyric

Sulfur Studios
Local artists display their favorite song lyrics in different forms of art. The opening night reception will be on Oct. 26 from 6 - 9 p.m.