Chick-fil-Waiting

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Chick-fil-A will be looking like this for another week. Madison Watkins.
### Wednesday Feb. 20

**Congressional High School Exhibition**  
9:00a.m.-5:00p.m.  
Fine Arts Gallery

**Art Exhibition**

**Safe Space Training**  
3:00p.m.-5:00p.m.  
University Hall, 157
Two-hour training to raise awareness and knowledge of LGBTQ+ issues, and suggests ways to serve as an ally and create safe, inclusive spaces for students and the Georgia Southern community.

**Sip & Paint**  
7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.  
University Hall, 158
Join us as we host a relaxing evening full of painting and mocktails. Non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

### Thursday Feb. 21

**Piano in the Arts- Duo Trompiano**  
7:30a.m.-9:00a.m.  
Fine Arts Auditorium, 162  
Duo Trompiano offers an exciting blend of music to fit any occasion. We draw from contemporary literature, arrange standards in the classic and jazz repertoires, and actively engage composers in the creation of new works

**HIV Testing**  
10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.  
Student Union, Ballroom
In honor of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day we will be hosting HIV testing on campus for students, faculty, and staff.

**Strategic Planning Town Hall**  
5:30p.m.-7:00p.m.  
Student Union, Ballroom
Join the Strategic Planning Conversation! The Georgia Southern community is coming together to develop a new Strategic Plan. Everyone's voice matters - we want YOU to be part of the process!

### Friday Feb. 22

**Armstrong History Reception**  
6:30p.m.  
138 E. 46th Street Savannah
Alumni Neil and Patti Victor welcome you to their Ardsley Park home for this reception presented by the Armstrong Network. Light refreshments will be served as we celebrate Armstrong's history.

**Black History Tour**
Downtown Savannah  
Join us as we make our way to downtown Savannah for a Black History tour with Day Clean Journeys, the only Black tour company in Savannah, GA. The tour will feature the Ralph Gilbert Civil Rights Museum, a visit with First African Baptist Church, and other local points of interests. This trip is free for students, except for lunch. Transportation is provided, space is limited.

### Saturday Feb 23

**Black Man Empowerment Summit**  
9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.  
Memorial College Center
The Men of Vision and Excellence will host this summit that empowers young males in the areas of scholarship, community engagement, and campus leadership. The summit will feature an opening motivational speaker, breakout sessions, gentlemen's luncheon, and an empowerment panel. The event will be free to a limited amount of registrants.

**Fresh Fruit Friday**  
10:00a.m.-1:00p.m.  
SSC Compass Plaza
Stop by our booth where we are sampling fresh, in-season fruit as well educating students on the benefits of these fruits and different ways to incorporate them into their diet.

**Racial Battle Fatigue:**  
**Recognize. Heal. Be An Ally.**  
1:00p.m.  
Solms Hall, 202  
This workshop is designed to help attendees to name and recognize indicators and signs of racial battle fatigue, which may plague many persons from marginalized and minoritized groups. Persons who've experienced this phenomenon will learn how to navigate the path towards healing. Persons who are not a part of a marginalized or minoritized group will learn the importance of ally-ship and how to be an effective ally for peers, co-workers, classmates, etc.

### Monday Feb. 25

**Black Heritage Living Museum**  
5:00p.m.-8:00p.m.  
Student Union, Ballroom A & B
Come out to our museum of living African American leaders, activists, and icons. The “museum” will featuring costumed historians that will depict our Black Heroes of Today and Yesterday that with which attendees can interact.
Pick of the Week
Friday, Feb 22
Racial Battle Fatigue
11:30a.m.
Student Union, Ballroom B
Learn about Racial Battle Fatigue, including what contributes to this syndrome and how it can be mitigated.

Racial Battle Fatigue. Taken by The Collegian

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Discrepancies Over Commencement Timeline Uncovered

By: Madison Watkins

It has been about a month since GSU announced a new announcement for its future commencement ceremonies.

In response, the SGA on this campus has put forth legislation that calls for a decision to be moved to the students’ home campus to be reviewed by the university administration. The legislation will be voted upon in Statesboro on Feb. 20. Graduating seniors from both campuses as well as the general student body are still having trouble accepting the reality of the decision.

The commencement decision was announced, the Inkwell has been reaching out to staff members at the Savannah Civic Center and the Savannah Convention Center to find out more information.

According to Angela Daniels, the Director of Sales, Marketing and Event Services for the convention center, GSU contacted the center with the intention of reserving it for commencement on July 9, 2018. Daniels said the contract was countersigned on Sept. 28, 2018. The commencement proposal document with the list of committee members that was issued to “The George-Anne” was dated December 2018. According to Interim Vice President for Strategic Communications John Lester, the committee first met in June 2018.

Why would the committee meet throughout the fall semester and get input from students, faculty and deans if the contract to reserve the convention center was already finalized?

In addition to this information, an anonymous employee from the civic center said as far as they knew, no one from GSU had reached out to them.

As of press time, there is nothing listed on the civic center calendar for May 10 or May 11.

We will continue to keep you updated as we get more information on this subject.

Chick-fil-A: Not So Fast Food

By: Ethan Smith

Chick-fil-A is regarded among many as the best fast food chain around, especially in the southern part of the United States.

The Armstrong Campus was slated to have a Chick-fil-A open to students in the Memorial College Center (MCC) food court at the beginning of the 2019 spring semester. Obviously, that has not happened yet, as Chick-fil-A is still behind bars like some prisoner waiting for his trial.

"Unfortunately, we will not be able to open the Chick-fil-A tomorrow [Tuesday, Feb. 19]," said Eddie Mills, Associate Vice President of Auxiliary Services.

"However, we do finally have a firm opening date of Wednesday, March 27. The delay is related to staffing and training for certain shifts of employees. Trainers will stay with us for a week to ensure a smooth transition," he continued.

Mills announced yet another delay for Chick-fil-A, and for someone such as myself who has worked at Chick-fil-A, it took them a week or two to fully train me on the store’s functions. Training for two days will likely cause issues, but training could have been done at the Abercorn location throughout this waiting period.

This past Monday, this was how the restaurant looked, with a very sleek and clean design, but the space made available seems to be cluttered, especially with the amount of students expected to flood the University Court when it opens.

To note, The menu prices at this Chick-fil-A will be higher than they are at the Chick-fil-A down the street or any other corporate location. The price difference is not very drastic, but there is a difference nevertheless.

Chick-fil-A is an amazing establishment to bring to the Armstrong campus, but the problems that have come with its pending opening have directly impacted students, especially those with a meal plan.

For students with a meal plan, the food options on campus are very limited. Food fare includes the only recently operating food truck, The Galley and Sushi with Gusto, which offers a limited variety of food options for students. GusMart is also available as well, but the lack of variety and price inflation is an issue for students as well.

"Terrifically planned," said one student regarding the establishment taking this long to open.

"It is a let down to students who enjoy a nice, tasty sandwich touching their starving lips," said Matthew Dollar.

A few students stated their frustration with the coupon they received through their student emails a few weeks ago.

"Why give us a coupon for a place that doesn’t even have a scheduled opening date? That’s just annoying," said Cecilia Reynoso.

"We received a coupon from the school to use at Chick-fil-A in February," said Blake Green, who is graduating at the end of this semester. "March is right around the corner with no other option to get an actual meal on campus other than The Galley or the food truck."

Disappointment has become a common thought among the student body regarding situations like this.

This is another example of how the logistics of this merger have failed highlighting yet again it’s shortcomings," said Alfredo Small. "Disappointment is now the status quo when it comes to things happening on the Armstrong campus," he added.

"With the loss of majors and restructuring of classes, it’s nothing more than another slap in the face to student morale," said Tyler Craft.

"How do you think I feel? Betrayed, bewildered," said Edgardo Melendez, who quoted Nathan Lane from "Birdcage."

"I feel disappointed that they’ve been delaying the opening date for what seems like months now," said Regan Gayadeen.

"I am a bit frustrated," said Kayla Goodhart. “The fact that it’s not open yet hurts because it would be nice to have somewhere that provides hot and ready food other than The Galley.

The limitation to the GusMart, The Galley, the food truck and off-campus food is straining."

Graduating students have dealt with much confusion regarding consolidation including the Galley and GusMart’s limited hours. Ongoing students face uncertainty over which campus they may have to attend next semester. The entire process and its ramifications have just piled up to the point where it feels that a cow is sitting on our chest and just won’t let up.

The consolidation brought growth to the university by adding a plethora of resources that Armstrong State University did not have. The decision has been fraught with constant issues and mistakes that have directly impacted the student body, faculty and staff members. To put it plainly, this consolidation has been nothing short of a mess.

Chick-fil-A is yet another flawed mechanism in the consolidation machine that has yet to be fixed. Students have been hungry for new additions to our campus, but these new additions are still just a figment of their imagination. For some, especially graduates, they might barely experience these new additions before they are long gone from the Armstrong campus. Even if Chick-fil-A opened Tuesday, it will be bittersweet for students as they had to wait an extended amount of time yet again to get what they finally wanted.
**“Bully” Documentary Screams, “Back Off”**

By: Lila Miller

"Is bullying an overarching problem in our school?" is how the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) documentary “Bully” begins. A member of the school’s administration asked the question rhetorically, yet still answered, “no.” In large room UH 156, a crowd of student and public viewers could be heard murmuring, “yes,” and “it should be,” vehemently.

Last Tuesday, the Armstrong Campus held a screening of the anti-bullying documentary “Bully” directed by Lee Hirsch to raise awareness and prevention against bullying. Flyers displayed across campus touted the headline, “it takes one” for the campaign. “Everything starts with one and builds up” is a phrase that signifies standing up against harassment and is echoed throughout the film.

A team of panelists were present to answer post-screening questions, and consisted of: Terry Enoch, a police officer who focuses on at-risk youth; Dr. Quantina Miller-Fields, director of Student Affairs of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System (SCCPS); Mackey Linton, an Islands High School student and victim of bullying; and a high school counselor for Chatham County schools.

The documentary itself showcased several different bleak realities of those who have suffered from bullying. The film switches perspectives between victims who have suffered to the extent of suicide or have relocated their families entirely.

The reasons for bullying stem from various “causes” including scrutiny over sexual orientation, special needs or simply a lack of popularity. “Bully” follows individuals, their families and school officials as it navigates the combative environment that many American public schools have become.

The real disappointments in the film are the school leaders themselves. The officials are portrayed as sanctimonious and patronizing with an utter lack of empathy for the children being so mercilessly tormented by their peers. “Bully” provides more transparency into the school system and publicizes the need for more preventative measures to keep kids safe within and online.

After the viewing, panelists were asked to respond and shared their initial reactions.

“I felt” mixed emotions. It [the film] brought back a time when I was a victim of bullying in high school... There’s a responsibility for everyone inside those school walls.

Bullying is real. It exists... I still get emails. I still get phone calls. The film was very impactful. Get involved. Get engaged. We have a shared responsibility. There’s so much more we can do,” Enoch expressed.

Mackey Linton took initiative after being a victim of bullying. Around the time her anti-bullying Youtube video went viral at the age of twelve, Linton started her own organization advocating for bullied children, School Kids Against Bullying (SKAB). Linton is now eighteen and a lot has changed for her in the past six years. Her work with SKAB has influenced school legislation, had local businesses rally around her and provided support and inspiration to victims towards the eradication of bullying.

Linton spoke earnestly about her future and well-being. “I have more friends. Real ones this time,” she remarked.

Dr. Miller-Fields experiences scenarios like the ones shown in “Bully” every day.

“There’s suicide. Girls going to jail for bringing weapons to campus. I could be the author of this kind of documentary,” she said.

A local high school counselor also gave her thoughts on the film. She cited a lack of empathy among teachers and administration that allows bullying to continue, at all levels of schooling.

After the panelists spoke, they opened the forum to field questions from students, parents and other members of the community.

“What are the steps that are being taken to prevent suicides or violence now? What’s being done by teachers or administration?” asked one student. Each panelist offered current resolutions.

“Educate. Listen. Investigate. We try to be proactive. Character counts,” answered Miller-Fields. She also referenced the 6 pillars of community that schools teach, “Trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.”

The school counselor also urged kindness, embracing diversity and holding monthly meetings with other counselors in the area to provide consistency.

Another student remembers one of the students in the documentary that was a victim of bullcyde, in which the person commits suicide after being bullied.

“Are we doing in Savannah to train our administrators like they are doing less than three hours away from here? She [the administrator] was even condemning the victim,” the student expressed.

Ultimately, when facing bullying, as a victim, bystander, teacher and administration, the key is accountability. Everyone within the walls of the school must be held accountable for the actions of bullies and for the responsibility of keeping kids safe.

The PBS documentary “Bully” can be watched online and people can join the movement to end bullying by educating themselves by visiting thebullyproject.com

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**Black Tour Company Offering Tour This Friday**

By: Ethan Smith

Day Clean Journeys, the only black tour company in Savannah, and Multicultural Affairs will be offering a Black History Month tour around downtown Savannah this Friday.

The event will feature stops at the Ralph Gilbert Civil Rights Museum, a visit to First African Baptist Church and many other historical sites that are influential to African American culture.

The Ralph Gilbert Civil Rights Museum is named after Dr. Ralph Mark Gilbert who is regarded as the father of Savannah’s modern Civil Rights movement and was once the president of the Savannah chapter of the NAACP. The museum itself contains three-floors worth of exhibits that provide insight on the struggles of the Civil Rights movement in Savannah as well as Georgia.

The First African Baptist Church is the oldest African American church in the United States. It was founded in 1777 but began sooner in 1773. The church is older than the United States itself, as it was created three years before the country was formed. Many components of the church are vintage including the pews and light fixtures, so it’s apparent that the church has kept its history. The tour itself is free for students who sign up with a valid student ID though lunch is not included. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up and take part in the Black Heritage Month festivities.

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**Club of the Week: Saying “FU” to the Status Quo**

Feminists United (FU) is much more than the stereotypical (and grossly uneducated) idea of angry women mad at men and the world at large. FU inspires students and people to strive towards a more equal society.

The club first began in 2012 and has flourished within the last six years. Now, however, after the club’s presiding leadership graduated last May, the club is struggling to find its footing. Dr. Jane Rago and club president Lauren Crisp are actively working to improve the club’s condition this semester.

Their new mission statement reads, “the purpose of Feminists United shall be to pursue intentional intersectionality and collaboration with like-minded groups, both on and off campus. We are dedicated to empowering students to be politically engaged and educated about issues locally, nationally and globally,” Crisp wrote. FU also works to help the new Planned Parenthood Generation Action chapter facilitate events on campus. Feminists United meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. in Gamble Hall, room 107.
Masquers Presents “Bright Ideas” Feb. 21-24

By: Madison Watkins

The student-run theatre production organization on campus The Masquers will be presenting a production of the Eric Coble play, “Bright Ideas,” Feb. 21-24.

The play follows married couple Genevra and Joshua Bradley as they try to get their three-year-old son into the prestigious Bright Ideas Early Childhood Development Academy. As the play unfolds, the audience watches the lengths the couple is willing to go for their son. As they frequently hear their fellow parents say concerning the preschool, “you get them to four and your parenting job is practically over.”

In addition to a cast and crew made up of students, this production is following a new tradition of having students direct the Black Box theatre productions in Jenkins Hall. The tradition began with last fall’s production of “God of Carnage” being directed by senior theatre performance major Olivia Quillman. “Bright Ideas” is directed by senior technical theatre major, Elijah Sanford.

Sanford did not choose the show or volunteer to direct, but he has enjoyed the experience. “So far, it’s been wonderful. The cast is great, and the tech is basically a group of my closest friends. So, it’s been a great time,” he elaborated.

Junior theater major, Brett Marchand, plays Ross Bain in the show and has relished having a fellow student direct the show. “It’s amazing. It’s so nice being able to talk to the director without fear of them looking down on you,” Marchand clarified.

“I think everyone else’s vision is being executed well also. We’re all able to bounce things off of each other. I think there is an idea from each person in the tech crew and the cast that has been implemented into something aside from their role in the show,” Sanford spoke on the execution and rehearsal process.

Marchand, along with some of the other actors in show, must play multiple characters, and has enjoyed the challenges that concept brought. “Because I have to play multiple characters I have to get into different headspaces for each character. That involves changing my posture, my body language in general, my voice, etc.” he explained.

As for what the audience can expect from this show, Sanford hopes “the audience can understand that even though thoughts can come up organically and seem like the best option in a scenario, they can lead to horrible consequences. This [play] is kind of an extreme example of that, but it gets that point across very well.”

The performances will be in the Black Box Theatre of Jenkins Hall. Tickets are free for students and, for all non-student attendees, available for purchase at the box office in the Fine Arts Hall. They can also be purchased at georgiasouthern.edu/armstrongtickets.

Find the playlist on Spotify!
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HASSE-FREE LIVING
With all of your monthly bills included in one lump sum, you have the benefit of cable, wireless high speed internet, water, electric and rent without all of those pesky monthly bills!

BETTER GRADES
Students who live on campus show higher rates of retention and academic achievement than their commuter counterparts!

THEME HOUSING
With choices like Greek Life, Global Crossroads, and Transfer Strong, theme housing provides you the opportunity to live with students who share your common interests!

SECURITY
The Armstrong campus has its own campus police force! On campus crime rates are MUCH lower than any neighborhood within a few miles.

MORE SLEEP
Feel like a nap between classes? Go for it! Home is just a few steps away!

FRIENDS
It’s way easier to make friends on campus! Whether you share the same major or other common interests, you’ll find a someone to connect with!

TONS OF ACTIVITIES
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