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**Weather Bar**

The only thing more annoying than Statesboro’s lovebugs is the forecast for this week. Nothing but thunderstorms and cloudy conditions for the middle of the week.

- **Tuesday**
  - High: 89°
  - Low: 70°

- **Wednesday**
  - High: 87°
  - Low: 65°

- **Thursday**
  - High: 83°
  - Low: 61°

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**Where At Southern**

Where was this photo taken?

Go to @gaustudentmedia on Instagram or @SeenAtSouthern on Twitter every Tuesday to test your knowledge of our campus. Tweet us a selfie or send us your guess and check back in Thursday to see if you were right! If you guess correctly you could be featured in Thursday’s edition!

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**FREE PARKING!**

The Circle’s here to offer you alternatives to the overpriced parking passes offered here at Georgia Southern! Check them out at thecirclegsu.com!
Mondays
Heritage Inn 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Statesboro Library* 3:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Tuesdays
Westwood Nursing Home 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
ASP & ASGP* 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
Statesboro Food Bank 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
ASP* 3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Thursdays
ASP & ASGP* 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Fridays
Statesboro Food Bank 9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Habitat for Humanity ReStore
1:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays
Habitat for Humanity Construction
8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Soup Kitchen 10:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Bites
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Cracker Barrel
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3 Georgia Ave

Fordhams Farmhouse
23657 U.S. 80

McDonald’s
810 Archway Dr

Subway
1550 Chandler Rd

Wild Wing Cafe
52 Aspen Heights Dr

Bourbon Grill & More
718 Northside Dr E #10

Vandy’s BBQ
725 Northside Dr. East Suite

Chinese Kitchen
456 S Main St

Panda Express
101 Brampton Ave

Cafe Banz
58 East Main St

Ellianos
598 Brannen St

Three Tree Coffee
441 South Main St

Panera Bread
810 Backhead Dr

McAlister’s Deli
1100 Brampton Ave

Jimmy John’s
100 Brampton Ave

Krystal
781 Brannen St

Wild Wing Cafe
810 Archway Dr

Steak n Shake
244 Henry Blvd

Wendy’s
500 East Rd

Locos Grill & Pub
91 Briarwood Ln

Olive Garden
201 Henry Blvd

Evel Garden
201 Henry Blvd

Barberitos
1100 Brampton Ave

El Jalapeno
711 S Main St

El Riconcito
2 College Plaza

Moe’s
608 Brannen St

Little Italy
450 S Main St

Mellow Mushroom
1098 Bermuda Run

Primos
609-9 Brannen St

Stoner’s Pizza Joint
16706 GA-67

Your Pie
701 Piedmont Loop

The Boiling Shrimp
12218 US-301

Sisters of the New South
721 S Main St

Jersey Mike’s
721 S Main St

Daylight Donuts
455 S Main St

Brazer’s
995 Lovett Rd

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Son’s Donor Kebab
17 College Plz

Pita Pit
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Final Breakdown

Eagles Fall to Auburn

QB Shai Werts gets tackled by an Auburn player. Werts finished the game with 4 passing completions for 8 total yards.

BY THOMAS JILK
The George-Anne staff

It is easy to look disappointingly at the final score of Saturday night's game, a 41-7 loss at Auburn and be blind to some promising signals for Georgia Southern.

The offense was stagnant, yes, but context is crucial to that fact - including an experienced Auburn defense that is hungry to prove themselves as one of the best in the SEC.

DON'T BLAME THE GS DEFENSE

Giving up 41 points makes a little more sense when you consider Auburn's 25 first downs on offense to eight for the Eagles. The inability of the offense to budge Auburn's defensive line translated directly to a worn out GS offense.

Bright spots included the performances of two linebackers, namely senior Chris DeLaRosa and junior Tomarcio Reese.

The pair tag-teamed the Eagles' only touchdown at the end of the first quarter when DeLaRosa walllocked Auburn quarterback Jarrett Stidham from behind as Stidham began his throwing motion, dislodging the ball to the turf for Reese to scoop and score 22 yards later.

Reese, junior Northwest Mississippi Community College transfer, was starting his first game for the Eagles, admitted after the game that he was new to "the interview thing", meaning the flood of media surrounding athletes at FBS football games.

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SIGHTS FROM THE GAME

Eagles' defensive line and Auburn's offensive line prepare for the ball to be snapped.

Safety Joshua Moon makes a tackle during the Auburn game. Moon left the game with an apparent ankle injury late in the first quarter.

QB Shai Werts tries to evade a tackle from an Auburn player.

QB Shai Werts runs a play during the Auburn game. Werts finished the game with 18 yards on 23 attempts.

WR Obe Fortune waits for the ball to be snapped during the Auburn game. Fortune finished the game with one catch for 7 yards.
If you get to know me, you would know that for the most part I am a relaxed, goofy person. However, I am serious about my grades and school performance. I am the student to stay up until 3 a.m. doing homework, knowing I have an 8 a.m. class that morning.

I am the student that does my homework days in advance, so that I can relax later. I am the student that shows up at least 10 to 15 minutes early to class in order to get a decent seat in the front. Most importantly, I am a perfectionist and my biggest critic. If being a great student and making good grades was a talent, I would be a superstar. But hey…we can't be great at everything. Unfortunately, my time management skills have always been quite mediocre. I could have two hours to get ready for an event and I guarantee you I will find a way to spread that time out and be late. I was determined to do better in college.

Therefore, I was proud of myself for being early to all my college classes and managing my time better, but all good things must come to an end. Imagine my dismay when I woke up at 8:20 a.m. for an 8 a.m. biology lab class. Biology lab is a one time a week class and if you are more than 15 minutes late, you might as well take an "L" for the day because you are going to be counted absent.

However, I still wanted to turn in my lab report to receive some credit points for the day. During this stressful morning, I naturally did what any responsible, independent adult would do—get ready in under five minutes and run out the door, crying to mommy. I panicked, thinking that my grade would be harmed, my professor would think less of me and that the three weeks into college I was already failing at simple things like waking up.

How would I explain to my teacher that my alarm clock did not go off and my internal clock stabbed me in the back and chose not to wake me up either? This was not high school anymore where you could miss class today and catch up tomorrow. The class was only once a week! I had to be there. Despite my mom's efforts to calm me down (which was surprising because I was expecting a disappointed lecture), all I could see was my grade plummeting into a abyss and saying, "Albani, you failed and you can kiss being a superstar goodbye… but no need to worry. C's get degrees." I was so upset.

Furthermore, when I walked into my lab class, the professor was instructing and all the students were silently working on their lab reports; unfortunately, all eyes became distracted by my walk of shame and disgruntled hair that was horribly hidden under a hat pleading, "Don't ask. Tough morning." All I could do was look at my professor and mouth the words, "I'm so sorry", while sitting down in defeat.

Thankfully my professor knew that being 40 minutes late was not of my character. After countless apologies and explanations, she said she could tell by my work ethic that I cared about the class and she could forgive me this time. Thank God for kindhearted, understanding individuals. Ultimately, I got all my lab work done and all was well. No C's for me. Moral of the story: God is good and never willing to take 8 a.m. classes.
Georgia Southern University’s School of Nursing recently received a $1.3 million federal grant that will go toward helping nurse practitioner (NP) students find clinical placement and ultimately permanent employment.

The grant will create partnerships between the School of Nursing and five Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in medically underserved communities throughout Southeast Georgia. The centers are located in Savannah, Swainsboro, Augusta and Baxley, all of which are currently facing shortages of primary care providers (PCPs). With the money from the grant, the GS School of Nursing has created an Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) program, through which NP students can train at the FQHCs and upon graduation, return to the facilities as certified health care providers if they so choose.

The grant’s end goal is to help NP graduates find a place to work, according to Marian Tabi, professor and principal investigator of the grant. Tabi said the grant is a mutually beneficial agreement because future employment of NPs at the FQHCs means the decline of PCP shortages.

“The centers need nurses to work for them,” Tabi said. “They don’t have enough health care professionals. We are hoping to increase the workforce so it can make up for the shortage of physicians and also fill in for those areas that need medical providers.”

Students who choose to participate in the ANEW are guaranteed clinical placement at one of the FQHCs and will be paid $135,000 per school year ($5,000 per semester, including the summer semester) via a traineeship. It’s similar to a scholarship, Tabi said, and will help keep NP students focused on their education instead of graduate school costs and other financial worries.

According to Tabi, 11 students have been awarded so far. The School of Nursing sends applications to all of its NP students and if a student commits to the program, he or she is required to work in one of the FQHCs for the duration of his or her traineeship.

The five FQHCs the School of Nursing has partnered with are listed below:

1. East Georgia Healthcare Center of Swainsboro and its 10 satellite clinics throughout Southeast Georgia
2. Christ Community Center Health Services of Augusta
3. J.C. Lewis Primary Health Care of Savannah
4. Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Care of Savannah
5. Appling Healthcare System of Baxley

“The ultimate goal is simple,” Tabi said. “We are hoping to increase and improve the health outcomes of our rural populations in southeast Georgia. The facilities help us, we help them. It’s a win-win.”

The grant is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as well as the Health Resources and Services Administration.
FEED THE BEAST

BREAKING DOWN GS ATHLETIC BUDGETS

TICKET SALES
$1,240,109.5

STUDENT FEES
$8,164,421.5

CONTRIBUTIONS
$1,572,071

REVENUE
$20,888,960.5

*OVER FOUR YEARS

BY IAN LEONARD
The George-Anne Staff
Athletics are a time honored tradition for many colleges and universities, maybe none so more than for schools in the South. Sports can be a source of pride, camaraderie and community for students and athletics can provide an avenue for student-athletes to excel on the field and in class. For all of the benefits athletics brings however, there are also a host of costs associated with them as well, after all running an entire athletics department certainly isn’t cheap.

In the 2015 - 2016 academic year out of 230 Division I NCAA athletic departments, over 70 reported a net loss of revenue, while many other universities struggled to break even, according to data collected by USA Today. Schools as large and popular as Florida State University, the University of Iowa and the University of Washington post impressive amounts revenue, but all suffered fiscal losses according to the same USA Today report.

We took a look at GS’ Athletic Department over the past four years to help break down everything from ticket sales and donations, to athletic fees and student scholarships.

**STUDENT FEES**

One of the biggest cornerstones of the Athletic Department’s revenue are the fees they collect from students every year. According to documents obtained from the GS Records Department, GS collected over $9.5 million in student fees allocated strictly for athletics in the 2016 Fiscal Year (FY).

GS collected an average of $8 million in student fees each year since 2013, with the largest jump occurring between the 2013 FY and 2014 FY from $5,182,013 to $9,542,787 respectively, an increase of 54 percent. While enrollment only increased from 15,749 to 15,762 between the two years, it was also the year GS left the Southern Conference and entered the Sun Belt, a notably more prominent conference.

**CONTRIBUTIONS & TICKET SALES**

Contributions are defined in the budget reports as any of the following: Amounts received from individuals, corporations, associations, foundations, clubs or other organizations designated for the operations of the athletics program, funds contributed by outside contributors for the payment of debt service, lease payments or rental fee expenses for athletic facilities in the reporting year or amounts received above face value for tickets.

To many it may be no surprise that these contributions are a large part of many athletic departments, and GS has benefited from some rather robust donations over the years.

Since 2013, student fees and contributions made up an average of 49.7 percent of all revenue reported by the athletic department.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Many student-athletes are dependent on receiving financial aid from the university in order to attend school and excel both on the field and in the classroom. Universities around the country dole out millions of dollars in financial aid for student-athletes and GS is no different.

GS, on average, has allocated over two million dollars per year in athletic scholarships since 2013 according to documents obtained from GS. Despite there being more female athletic teams than male over the past four years, the total amount of male athletic scholarship dollars allocated have been consistently higher than the total female amount.

The disparity was at its highest in 2014, when the total amount of money allocated to male athletic scholarships exceeded the total female amount by nearly 43 percent. With the gap being at its lowest in 2015, with only a 28 percent difference.

The single sport that receives the most aid was football, which averaged $1,733,735 in athletic scholarships over the past four years. Football made up nearly 64 percent of the entirety of male athletic aid awarded since 2013, on average, according to documents obtained from the university.

Compared to the other teams of the Sun Belt GS is relatively well off. GS sits near the top of the list, beating out schools such as Appalachian State University, Georgia State University and Arkansas State University USA Today reports.

While not pulling in the most revenue in the 2015-16 season, GS is the second most profitable team in the conference, bested only by Texas State, who pulled in nearly three million dollars in profit in 2015 according to the USA Today report.
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Southern Leaders
Organization Spotlight

With classes in full swing here at Georgia Southern University, it is time to get in the groove of things and join new organizations here on campus. With over 300 organizations on our college campus, there is bound to be one that satisfies your needs. This week’s organization spotlight is Southern Leaders. According to the GS website, “Southern Leaders is a leadership program designed to engage students in an interactive leadership experience throughout their college career.”

Ashlan Lannon joined Southern Leaders after her sorority sister recommended she get involved with a leadership organization and she says there are so many benefits of joining this organization.

“I think this organization will have an impact on my life after my four years here at college. Having a good sense of leadership and how to interact with different people is an essential life skill. I personally just thought this would be a good interest for myself to go ahead and get involved with,” Lannon said.

Southern Leaders is considered one of the most prestigious programs at Georgia Southern. Members of the organization receive a Leadership & Service seal on their diploma. Despite sounding so intimidating, Lannon highly recommends for anyone to join.

To learn more about Southern Leaders and to see examples of the Leadership Legacy Project, stop by the Russell Union.
FIRST AMENDMENT

Free Food Festival

Free Food or Free Speech. You can't have both.

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