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WORRY-FREE WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 29 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

Take advantage of this chance to participate in activities that are known to reduce stress and anxiety. Come see the Wellness Ambassadors in the Russell Union Commons!

Activities may include:
- Coloring
- Making stress balls
- Therapy Dogs
- And much more!

Auditions for Spring Shows!

Sign up to audition for spring shows “House of Yes” and “Measure for Measure” at the Center for Art and Theatre Box Office.
Auditions will start at the CAT at 6 p.m. tomorrow. Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before your allotted time.

For more information, email theatre@georgiasouthern.edu.

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**Holiday Meal at Dining Commons**

**Wednesday, Nov. 29**

5 - 8 p.m.

There’s a chill in the air. It’s everywhere.
It carries a smell. A smell it does bear!
It smells like a meal and it is a deal.
Visit Dining Commons to see its appeal!

Included for Dining Plan Holders.
$12 with Eagle Express
$15 with any other method of payment

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Irish with Southern Characteristics:

Savannah’s Irish Population Before 1860

Wednesday, Nov. 29

6 p.m.

IT Building, Room 1004

Proof of attendance provided

Open to everyone!

Join the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences for this talk from Dr. Tim Lockley, distinguished Professor of History from University of Warwick.

Made possible by the Fred and Donna Sanders Fund for Irish Studies Lectures.

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#WhereAtSouthern

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’s issue to see if you were right! If you guess correctly you could be featured in Thursday’s edition!

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PREVENTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF HPV

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The daydream of a semester’s end is now over. With that beautiful reality comes the dreaded, unavoidable and all-consuming week of finals. To a certain degree, it is guaranteed misery. However, the extent of that misery is completely up to you. All’s not lost and you do have control over a few simple things that are guaranteed to lower the stress levels. Implement these best practices into your finals preparation to ensure a smooth transition into winter break.

**SLEEP**

Don’t cheat yourself on sleep. This is the most simple, straightforward tip in the book. The National Sleep Foundation has one job... which is to study sleep. They recommend college-aged adults get seven to nine hours of sleep. Our overall usefulness at any task stems from this simple necessity. Use your waking hours wisely and eliminate the all-nighter from your vocabulary.

**INDEX CARDS**

Never underestimate the power of an old-school, handwritten flash card. There’s already a multitude of existing research on the benefits of writing notes over typing notes when it comes to committing pertinent concepts to your memory. Writing and studying your own flash cards will boost your test scores and your confidence. Making flash cards is a tangible result of your studying efforts.

**HYDRATION**

While lost in the black hole of studying, it’s easy to forget the little things. Hydrating is easily overlooked, but it’s just as important as sleep regarding cognitive function. And no, we’re not talking about Diet Coke. Think of water as medicine. You may not want it, but it’s beneficial to your brain and body. Some of us are gifted with natural water-drinking habits, and if you’re one of them you are already a step ahead. Just don’t forget to reach for the cup.

**TREAT YO’SELF**

This is naturally my favorite tip to execute. Instead of letting time slip away from you and thus, your productivity, set a timer for both work and play time. Try not to spend more than 50 minutes without giving yourself a timed 10-minute break to step outside or engage in a enjoyable, mindless activity. Equal in importance is an indulgent form of food. This is a little present for your dedication. I’m talking Zaxby’s. Dare I say, Cookout? It need not look pretty, but it should make you happy. It’s the little luxuries at this point.

**AVOID DAY-OF CRAMMING**

Preparation is the key to success. If you truly want to do well on your finals, allot time –at the bare minimum the day before- to begin the bulk of your studying. Brushing up on the key concepts and flipping through flashcards the day of is encouraged, but the prep work should take place at least 24 hours prior to the test. Remember what I said about confidence? No one feels confident walking into a test that was solely studied for that morning.
Paying for change

THE FINANCES BEHIND DOWNTOWN STATESBORO’S REVITALIZATION EFFORT

BY JULIA FECHTER
The George-Anne Staff

It is a long-anticipated goal, the culmination of a process spanning several years. None of it could have been or will be realized, though, without the money to make things happen.

The Blue Mile initiative, spurred by Statesboro’s city and business leaders, is supported by various financial components from the city, state and federal governments, as well as by local banks.

These different financial measures combined help make the Blue Mile more financially viable.

BACKGROUND

The Blue Mile refers to the stretch of South Main Street that begins at Sweetheart Circle and continues until the Bulloch County Probate courthouse (the brick courthouse).

East to west, the Blue Mile area includes the area from College to Railroad Street, although South Main Street is considered the primary area, according to Allen Muldrew, the director for the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority (DSDA). This initiative to improve downtown Statesboro started in 2011. It gained more momentum after Statesboro was chosen as a quarterfinalist in the America’s Best Communities (ABC) competition in April 2015.

Statesboro advanced through the semifinal level of the competition to the finals, where it won third place overall in April 2017.

Now, city leaders are in the implementation phase of various projects, such as the Blind Willie McTell statue and some of the new businesses that recently moved to the Blue Mile, Bob Mikell, a Blue Mile Committee member and Vice President of the Statesboro Chamber of Commerce, said.

COMPETITION WINNINGS

Perhaps the most publicized part of the Blue Mile’s financings is Statesboro’s winnings from the ABC competition.

Statesboro was awarded $1.15 million throughout the whole contest. This includes the $50,000 won at the quarterfinal level, $100,000 at the semifinalist level and $1,000,000 as a third place finalist, Bob Mikell said.

It has been seven months since the competition ended. The Blue Mile Foundation, an offshoot of its sister committee, chose to invest the money via the Wells Fargo bank after the monies were received, Mikell said.

Mikell elaborated that because the Blue Mile is at least a several-million-dollar endeavor, the $1,150,000 alone is not enough to sustain the initiative.

He explained that other measures, such as a tax-allocation district, will be implemented to supplement the ABC funds.

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- Keeley Fennell, Blue Mile Committee Co-Chair

$3 million
Estimated amount of funds given to businesses and residences by Sea Island Bank.

$1.15 million
Statesboro winnings from the America’s Best Communities competition.

$500,000
The amount that the University has committed to link campus sidewalks to the Blue Mile.

$450,000
The funds that the GA Department of Transportation gave Statesboro.
THE TAD

A tax-allocation district, or TAD, is a designated area in a town where excess from increased property taxes is used to improve that designated area. The specified districts are typically economically depressed areas in need of revitalization, Allen Muldrew said.

The excess in property taxes, referred to as a margin, is created from improved value of the TAD. Only the margin is used for projects within a TAD. The base property taxes collected from an area are not affected.

"Improved value happens when people are improving properties, the property value are rising and people want to move to the TAD area," Darren Burnett, co-chair of the Blue Mile Committee and Divisional CEO of Sea Island Bank for Southeast Georgia and Northeast Florida, said.

The TAD monies collected from that increased margin have to be used within 10 years, or those funds will be diverted back to the city, county and Board of Education. TAD functions as a project-based mechanism. Somebody will bring a project to the TAD and say ‘we believe this is a good project for TAD’. You can put amenities around a property," Muldrew said. "You can do things like demolition... stuff that helps prep a site."

He explained that the intent of the TAD is that with each redevelopment project, everything around the project also is improved in a sort of "halo effect".

Statesboro’s TAD mechanism was approved in January 2015 by the city. Likewise, the county approved it in October 2017. The Bulloch County Board of Commissioners agreed to partner with the city about two months ago in reaching out to the Board of Education, the last entity to approve the TAD before it can go into effect.

The school board has a voice in approving TAD since the margin will be based on property taxes. The Blue Mile Committee is working with current mayor Jan Moore on a plan of action to encourage the board to approve the TAD next year, Keeley Fennell, the other co-chair of the Blue Mile Committee and an employee at Nesmith Construction, said.

LOANS, STATE MONEY AND MORE

Sea Island Bank of Statesboro started providing low-interest loans to businesses wanting to purchase and revitalize in the Blue Mile are as the initiative began to grow in scope, Burnett said.

The loan can cover up to $300,000 in business improvements. It has a 3.99 percent interest rate for 10 years, which Burnett mentioned is below market value.

"We require that you do at least 15 percent exterior improvements, so we didn’t want somebody to come in and take advantage of some low-rate money and not improve the exterior, because that’s what really needs the help," Burnett said.

He estimated that the bank has already funded around $3,000,000 for both business and residential ventures in the downtown area.

As well, the Georgia Department of Transportation decided to give Statesboro $450,000 to help with infrastructure along the Blue Mile.

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Those funds will be available in 2018. Fennell added that the committee is working with engineering firms to determine how exactly that money could be spent.

In addition, Georgia Southern University has committed $500,000 to link their trail system with the Blue Mile, according to the updated “Blue Mile Community Revitalization Plan” posted at www.borobluemile.com.

The DSDA also offers a program for downtown buildings to improve their facades. The DSDA can allocate between $2,000 and $4,000 depending on the project, Muldrew said.

FUTURE PLANS

There are not currently many financial incentives that the city can give to Blue Mile businesses, but Burnett acknowledged the need for more incentives.

"If there’s a cost savings [to businesses], could make a big difference. Expense control makes a business more profitable," Burnett said.

Mikell mentioned that tax incentives to businesses, separate from the TAD, are also an option, although the Blue Mile committee and city are not working on offering such incentives now.

For the time being, the Blue Mile Committee’s foremost intent is to utilize part of the Blue Mile funds to address the infrastructure problems on South Main Street.

EMC Engineering, the firm that did the initial concept of the Blue Mile, is working with the city’s engineering department to develop a plan that addresses those problems. Currently, a price estimate is being developed for that, Fennell said.

She pointed out that issues like housing and periodic flooding derived from faulty storm drains have to be fixed for the street to properly function.

Fennell added, “I want to make sure the road works the way it should be, that the right-of-ways are correct, and that everything is safe and pedestrian-friendly.”

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-ALLEN MULDREW
DIRECTOR OF THE DOWNTOWN STATESBORO DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Georgia Southern University remembers the lives of two students who were killed in a car crash on Interstate 16 in Laurens County Sunday morning.

Both students were pronounced dead at the scene and the other driver, Jared Adler, 27, was hospitalized, according to WTOC.

Georgia Southern’s Communications Director Jennifer Wise released a statement on behalf of the university Monday morning.

“Georgia Southern’s Communications Director Jennifer Wise released a statement on behalf of the university Monday morning. "The Georgia Southern University community is saddened to learn of the accident that resulted in the loss of two of our students, Garrett Harris and Jack Deacon Harris. Our deepest sympathies go out to their family and friends and our thoughts are with them during this time. Counseling is available for our students as we all grieve this tragedy," Wise said. The Georgia Department of Public Safety’s Special Collision Reconstruction Team (SCRT) is currently investigating the crash.

Pieuch said that the Harris brothers were the only people he knew from home that came to GS like he did.

“I last ran into Deacon outside of the library and we talked about our CRJ jobs, and how busy we were,” Pieuch said. “I last ran into Garrett in the Chick-fil-a line and I was asking him how he was enjoying campus life. I am upset that I will not be seeing them around campus anymore.”

Jack Harris said Deacon and Garrett’s mother, Crystal Johnson, and their younger brother, Walker Harris, are thankful for the outpouring of support from the GS community.

“Our hearts are broken but we’re so thankful for what Georgia Southern meant to us over the years especially now,” he said. Funeral arrangements are still being scheduled. Jack Harris is planning for a funeral service to be held on Saturday, Dec. 2.
Lunsford earns full-time job as head football coach

BY THOMAS JILK
The George-Anne Staff

After leading the team to two consecutive conference wins as interim head coach, Lunsford has the program in a state of positivity after the doubt and worry that plagued the Tyson Summers era.

“When this thing all started, it was an opportunity to provide consistency to our guys, and that’s why I jumped all over it, and I felt like I was the right guy for that,” Lunsford said. “There’s no doubt in my mind I’m the right guy now.”

At a press conference, GS director of athletics Tom Kleinlein officially announced the hiring of Lunsford as the next head coach of the GS football team at the beginning of the press conference.

FROM SEARCH TO CONTRACT

Kleinlein said Lunsford’s contract will be for four years and have a base salary of $650,000.

“HE DIDN’T GET THE JOB. NOBODY IS GIVEN ANYTHING AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN. HE EARNED THE JOB.”

TOM KLEINLEIN
GS Director of Athletics

Kleinlein said the GS athletic foundation and President Jaimie Hebert had heavy input on the specific criteria. Lunsford has served two stints at GS, serving most recently as special teams coordinator and assistant coach.

Lunsford said he approached the interim job as a full-time one from the beginning.

“We talk about the process every day, we talk about living in the moment,” Lunsford said. “We learn from the past, we work for the future, but we’re going to live in the moment.”

He emphasized the process versus just achieving results on the field, but he also stressed that he expects to win and knows the expectations of the fan base.

THE POWER OF TWITTER

In recent days, GS fans and former players on the Internet have been lobbying for Lunsford to get the job with the hashtag #WeWantLunsford, used by current players like quarterback Shai Werts and former players.

GS will finish its regular season at Coastal Carolina on Saturday with a chance to end on a three-game winning streak.

Mcclain Baxley contributed reporting.
EAGLES ROLL OVER RAGIN’ CAJUNS
34-24 for second straight win

BY THOMAS JILK
The George-Anne Staff

After losing nine consecutive games to start the season, Georgia Southern University football won its second game in a row under interim head coach Chad Lunsford, beating Louisiana 34-24 on the road, led by a big game from junior running back Wesley Fields.

GAME AT A GLANCE

The Eagles rode a strong first half defensive effort, along with a Fields 8-yard touchdown run and a 55-yard passing touchdown from freshman quarterback Shai Werts to tight end Ellis Richardson, to a 17-7 halftime lead.

After nabbing a 24-7 lead early in the third quarter, GS got another chance to do what Lunsford says is the key to holding a lead late in the game.

“CHOKING ‘EM OUT”

The headlock was tightened when Eagle freshman slotback Wesley Kennedy III ripped off a 77-yard run that put GS at the 1-yard line. Senior L.A. Ramsby then scored a short touchdown on fourth and goal to make it 34-17 early in the fourth quarter.

But Louisiana quarterback Jordan Davis wasn’t letting his team go down quietly, as he led a drive right back down the field and hit Jarrod Jackson for a 26-yard touchdown to cut the GS lead back to 10.

However, the foot (or talon) was placed firmly on the Cajuns’ collective throat when GS junior safety Josh Moon picked off Davis’ pass just as Louisiana started its drive with about three minutes to go.

BY THE NUMBERS

Fields had his best game of the season, rushing for 87 yards and a touchdown as well and Kennedy showed his speed in picking up 77 rushing yards and 45 return yards on special teams.

On defense, junior safety Josh Moon led the charge with seven tackles and the key interception in the fourth quarter. Junior linebacker Tomarcio Reese chipped in five tackles including 1.5 sacks on the day.

NEXT UP

The Eagles will be in Conway, S.C. next Saturday to take on 2-9 Coastal Carolina. The Chanticleers beat Idaho last week.
The George-Anne 11/28/17 Crossword

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1  "___, the Magic Dragon"
5  Speed demon
10  Eysore
14  Polo grounds?
15  Accustom
16  Creme-filled cookie
17  Defraud
18  Reef material
19  Lothario’s look
20  Skilled worker
22  Drink from a dish
24  W.W. II turning point
25  Doesn’t go
30  Impinge on someone’s privacy
34  Young male horsie
35  Ceremony
36  Pigeon pea
38  Mimicker
39  Feasts
41  Filly’s mother
42  Kind of engineer
44  Sad song
46  Willow twig
47  Overhead trains
48  Overhead trains
49  Kind of engineer
52  Accost
56  Rani’s wear
57  Runs in neutral
60  Island east of Java
61  Diabolical

Down
1  Legal prefix
2  Exploitative type
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4  Type of evidence
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62  Ruth’s mother-in-law
63  Downtime
64  Facilitate
65  Astronomer
66  "If all ___ fails ___!

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