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Weather Bar

It will be in the low to mid 70s for the first part of this last week before “finals” week. Time to get to studying!

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- Making stress balls
- Therapy Dogs
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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 slotted time.

For more information, email theatre@georgiasouthern.edu.

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While I was home for the summer, I was sitting around my mom’s watching television. One of the millions of commercials that hinder television viewers experience every day popped on the screen. It was just another commercial about a vaccination for the human papillomavirus (HPV). It showed a woman through different phases of her life from childhood to adulthood. Then, the teenage version of the woman asks her parents if they knew that she’d get cancer from not having the vaccine.

I thought this commercial was totally counterproductive to providing information about the virus. Also, the way they hyper focused on women did not help either. The commercial completely shamed parents for not getting their children the HPV vaccine. That is unacceptable.

When I went to Health Services at Georgia Southern University, they did not make me feel like I did something bad because I did not have the vaccine. They just gave me the information and told me it was up to me. I ended up getting the first set of the Gardasil shots that day.

The human papillomavirus is spread through any sexual contact with a person who has HPV. It’s like the sexual flu. Instead of sneezing or touching a doorknob, you spread the virus through skin-to-skin sexual contact. It is really easy for this virus to spread, so don’t feel bad if you get it.

The reason HPV is considered something to worry about is because it can cause cancer, specifically cervical cancer in women. The good news is that medical professionals recognize that this virus is one of the only known causes of a specific type of cancer. So, this virus is the real deal and we need to take it seriously for the sake of our future leaders.

There is some more good news for you all. The virus can be defeated in a battle with your immune system. So, you will not always display symptoms related to the virus. However, the bad part is you will still have the virus with you. Confusing, right? Also, there is no cure. Do not worry too much however because that is where the bad news ends.

There are ways you can avoid HPV. First, we have abstinence. Telling college students to not have sex however is like asking rabbits not to multiply. So, it’s all about having safe sex if you are having sex, just remember to wrap it up!

On top of protected sex, everyone should get frequently tested. For women, it is easier to get tested because it is just a swipe of the swab on the cervix. There are no specific ways to test for HPV in men so my recommendation for men is to check your genitalia for any suspicious bumps or discoloration.

Having HPV is nothing to be ashamed of. Everyone should accept those who have the virus because you never know, you could have it too. Remember to get tested!
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

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. Frontier, DISH, CoBank and The Weather Channel created the ABC contest to encourage revitalization of rural communities.

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.

I think it [the $450,000] was more of a celebration, ‘we want to support Statesboro’ type of initiative because Statesboro was entered into the America’s Best Communities competition. The state of Georgia was proud that we were the only Southern city involved in that.

- 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.

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."
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.

“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.

GS REMEMBERS THE LIVES OF TWO GEORGIA SOUTHERN STUDENTS KILLED IN CAR CRASH

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER Georgia Southern University remembers the lives of two students who were killed in a car crash on Interstate 16 in Laurens County Sunday morning.

Jack Harris, who went by Deacon, was a junior at GS and his brother Garrett Harris was a freshman.

“The boys just left Saturday night here in Atlanta and wanted to get back to southern,” Jack Harris, Deacon and Garrett’s father said. “They had a little bit of homework to finish up, wanted to spend time with their friends before classes started Monday, so they left to drive at night thinking traffic would be better and this accident happened.”

Jack Harris said the family had always been a GS family ever since he attended and played football at GS during the late 80’s early 90’s. “When they started applying for colleges they were accepted to Georgia Southern first and then pretty much quit looking,” he said.

Dennis Pieuch, mechanical engineering major, reflected on his friendship and memories of Deacon and Garrett.

“I remember when Deacon moved to the Allatoona area either our freshman or sophomore year of high school,” Pieuch said. “He was from a school that had an Air Force JROTC program, and we had a Navy JROTC program. I always thought it was funny how when he first joined our unit he used strange air force lingo, and I would laugh and correct him with the right navy terms. Over the years his younger brother Garrett followed in his footsteps and we all had great times going on trips, and just enjoying everyday high school life.”

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 CRI 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 EARS 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," Kleinlein said. "He earned the job."

Kleinlein first thanked the coaching search committee, including deputy athletic director Lisa Sweany and former GS quarterback Tracy Ham.

"This process was a very collaborative process," Kleinlein said. "When we began this journey, we wanted to sit down and identify candidates that fit criteria for this job."

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GS Director of Athletics

Kleinlein said the GS athletic foundation and President Jamie 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.

“CHOKE ’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 186 yards on 23 carries with a touchdown and wearing down the Louisiana front seven. Ramsby had 20 carries 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 PuzzleJunction.com

The George-Anne 11/28/17 Crossword

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1 “___, the Magic Dragon” 5 Speed demon 10 Eyeshore 14 Polo grounds? 15 Accustom 16 Creme-filled cookie 17 Defraud 18 Reef material 19 Lothario’s look 20 Skilled worker 22 Everglades bird 24 Drink from a dish 25 W.W. II turning point 27 Doesn’t go 30 Impinge on someone’s privacy 34 Young male horses
35 Ceremony 36 Pigeon pea 38 Mimicker 39 Feasts 40 Filly’s mother 41 Opportunity 42 Razorbills 43 Sad song 44 Hardwood tree 46 Willow twig 47 Jenkins 48 Overhead trains 49 Kind of engineer 52 Accret 56 Rani’s wear 57 Runs in neutral 60 Island east of Java 61 Diabolical

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