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Learn about what Statesboro has to offer.
Free giveaways and food!
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Russell Union Rotunda

**Student Org Fair**
Meet representatives from student organizations to get involved!
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Russell Union Rotunda

**Résumé Boot Camp**
Learn to create your first résumé from scratch or get ahead.
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Want you and your pet to be featured next time? Post your photo on Twitter with the name of your pet and a little bit about you (name, year, and major). Make sure you include #Petsboro and tag @GA_Visuals!

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It's That Time of Year Again

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I guess that is enough bug puns for a semester.

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#SeenAtSouthern

Our photographers went out on campus and snapped some photos depicting life at Georgia Southern. Come back every week or follow our Twitter, @GA_Visuals, to see if you have been spotted!

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I think it’s appropriate to begin the 2019-20 Georgia Southern school year with a letter to the GS community. This tradition of a letter from the editor to kick off the school year has stuck with The George-Anne for several years. We’re continuing the tradition because we feel, now more than ever, transparency is something the GS and Statesboro communities deserve.

The George-Anne student newspaper strives to deliver the most accurate, thorough and best overall coverage of all things GS and Statesboro. For some of you, this may be the first time reading our work and to that, I welcome you. For others, you may have been with us since we launched in 1927, to which I say welcome back. (If you’ve been following us for all 92 years please reach out so we can talk and get coffee.)

Though the campus hasn’t been fully open all summer and we haven’t released a print issue since April, we’ve stayed busy over the summer “vacation.” Beginning on graduation day, we covered the Statesboro commencement ceremonies and provided updates on the survey results. More recently, President Kyle Marrero announced the commencement plan will be released Sept. 1.

We, as a GS community should take the time to remember Shomari Billings, an Eagle who drowned in Atlanta on Memorial Day.

In the sports realm, the biggest off the field news was Shai Werts’ arrest in July and our coverage was featured in the Washington Post.

Moving forward, we will continue to live out our motto that we haven’t used for a few years, “The George-Anne, covering the campus like a swarm of gnats.” Not only the GS Statesboro Campus, but also events and happenings in Bulloch County.

From government meetings to football games across state lines, we want to be the go-to source for your news. Be sure to follow us on our social media (@TheGeorgeAnne on Twitter and The George-Anne on Facebook), subscribe to our newsletter and pick up a paper on Thursday.

If there’s anything you think we should be covering, please let us know by emailing us at gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu or stopping by our office in the Williams Center. If you’re lucky, maybe we’ll let you play a game or two of table tennis.

Thank you for reading and continuing your support of student journalism. Have a great year everyone, let’s go.

McClain Baxley
McClain is a senior multimedia journalism major from Cumming, Georgia.

First day of school: what do you think?

Blair Weaver
Post-baccalaureate and computer science major

"It’s the same old same old."

Olivia Grant
Senior multimedia film and production major

"We’ve had this Japanese teacher for the past 5 semesters and did a study abroad with her this past summer, so it’s been really chill."

Austin Towler
Senior computer science major

"I am a victory lap senior. I’m looking forward to graduation."

Mike Harris
Senior marketing major

"I graduate in December and I’m hoping to finish off strong."
**SHUTTLE SCHEDULE UPDATED**

Updated shuttle schedule released for Statesboro and Savannah campuses

**BY SARAH SMITH**
The George-Anne staff

To accommodate the merge of the campuses, Georgia Southern University will provide shuttle services for commuting students, faculty, and staff to and from Statesboro and Savannah.

GS released an updated departure schedule for the free shuttle service between the Statesboro Campus and Savannah’s Armstrong Campus.

**BY AMANDA ARNOLD**
The George-Anne staff

Former Georgia Southern men’s basketball guard and Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, Tookie Brown, will start his professional career with Belgium team Hubo Limburg United.

The team is a part of the Pro Basketball League, also known as the Euromillions Basketball League. In 2017, Limburg was the league’s runner up in the Belgian Basketball Cup.

He officially signed on July 30, exactly one month after going undrafted in the NBA Draft. Brown will join former Stanford and Pittsburgh swingmen Dorian Pickens and Jared Wilson-Frame, respectfully, on the roster. This season, Limburg was led by Seton Hall alumni Khadeen Carrington, who averaged about 15 points per game and has since found a spot on the Oklahoma City Thunder’s summer league team.

Brown had a highly decorated collegiate career, including four NAIA All-District First Team titles, AP All-American Honorable Mention and four All-Sun Belt First Team titles.

Brown finished his senior season averaging about 17 points and four rebounds per game. He was the first player in the conference to surpass 2,000 points and 500 assists.

GS head coach Mark Byington has nothing but praise for Brown.

“I am really happy for Tookie,” he said. “He is a professional basketball player and is playing in the top league in Belgium. He is only at the beginning of his professional career, and I anticipate him using this chance to facilitate other great professional opportunities.”

There are several other former Eagles playing in Europe, including B.J. Gladden, who signed a free agent contract to play for CDB Enrique Benitez in Spain last summer.

**Kemp signs budget supporting major projects at Georgia Southern campuses**

**BY SARAH SMITH**
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University was short of support in the state of Georgia’s budget for the 2020 fiscal year, signed by Governor Brian P. Kemp earlier this May, with the funding of three major projects.

State budgets provide a detailed financial plan for the fiscal year based on the state’s needs. State budgets are continually monitored through a budget cycle to ensure that funding needs are met.

“Each of these projects are critical to Georgia Southern University’s progress,” President Kyle Marrero said in a press release. “We are delighted the governor and especially our local legislative delegation support and recognize the important role these initiatives play in helping our students succeed, and in helping our region thrive.”

The budget offers $5.2 million in equipment for the new 135,000-square-foot Engineering and Research Building, which will feature real-world laboratories for students and faculty members. This new research facility will be available to the university’s manufacturing, civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering programs.

$5 million dollars will be set aside in the budget to renovate the Armstrong campus’ Pirate Athletic Center. Renovating this 32,465-square-foot facility shows the intent of the university to further aid student success and provide academic advising and support.

$3.8 million dollars will be provided by the state to further expand the partnership between East Georgia State College and GS. The Nessmith-Lane Center on the GS Statesboro Campus will undergo renovations to provide additional space for tutoring, academic advising and academic classes for EGSC students.

Students at EGSC Statesboro will have easier travels to and from the two campuses as well as minor renovations to the current campus.
Footage of Werts arrest gives insight to situation

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

SALUDA, SC — Through a FOIA records request The George-Anne was able to view the footage of Georgia Southern quarterback Shai Werts’ arrest from July 31. The video was shown by Chief Deputy Toby Horne in his office at the Saluda County Sheriff’s Office Thursday, August 8.

Because it’s an ongoing investigation, they were not able to release the footage until later Thursday afternoon.

Werts was driving from his grandmother’s apartment in Clinton, South Carolina on the night of July 31 when he was pulled over for speeding.

Before being pulled over, officer Charles Browder III had his lights and siren on for nearly five minutes before Werts stopped his car. A city officer was driving with his blue lights on towards Werts and Werts pulled to the side.

“I had to pull over, he’d just have gotten a warning ticket,” Horne said while watching the tape.

Browder had Werts step out of his 2016 silver Dodge Charger and asked if he knew how fast he was going. Werts didn’t know.

The two went back on forth about how fast he was going. He was going 78 mph, per Browder.

When asked about why he hadn’t pulled over when he saw the lights, Werts said that he had been told not to pull over until they were in the light. After a minute of allowing Werts to explain himself, Browder cuffed him and put him in his SUV.

“Can I call my mamma?” Werts asked.

“No. You can’t call anyone til you get to jail,” Browder said.

Browder and two other officers then searched Werts’ car. Werts driver license and Eagle ID were shown in the front seat, along with some clothes, a yoga mat and two bookbags in the back.

The officers then shined light on the hood of the car. A slime-like, white substance was shown and the officers were visibly perplexed. Browder headed to the trunk of his car to pick up a narcotics field test kit.

“He threw something out,” Browder said. “He had to have.”

The officer then took a sample of the substance and put it in the little test kit and shook it.

“It’s pink,” Browder said, signifying positive for cocaine.

After talking with the officers, Browder headed back to the back seat of his car to talk to Werts.

Browder: “What’s that white stuff on your hood, man?”

Werts: “Bird s**t.”

“That ain’t bird s**t.”

“I promise you, that’s bird doo doo.”

“I swear to God, that’s bird doo doo.”

“I swear to God, it’s not. I just tested it and it turned pink.”

Browder then slammed the door on Werts and proceeded to the Charger again. The officers took pictures on their phones and then Browder took a few pictures on a digital camera.

The substance took over three quarters of the hood and the officers continued to show looks of shock. Horne said that all the officers were obviously astonished.

“Unless the bird inhaled cocaine,” Browder said. “I’m not sure how to wipe this stuff up.”

The officer managed to wipe it into an evidence bag. Then he gave Werts another opportunity to talk.

Werts explained that he tried to get it off at the gas station with the self cleaner with water, but it didn’t come off.

“He could’ve been telling the truth, but it’s on his car,” Browder said.

Browder read Werts his Miranda Rights and then walked to the front of the car. Then the camera shuts off.

Through a FOIA records request The George-Anne was able to view the footage of Georgia Southern quarterback Shai Werts’ arrest from July 31 at the Saluda County Sheriff’s Office Thursday.

Horne explained that on Wednesday, he had given copies of the footage to the solicitors and the defense attorney.

“I burned disks for the solicitors and I burned a disk for the defense attorney and gave them to them first thing in the morning,” he said. “When I say first thing, I was there before the courthouse opened. It was already done. I was waiting on them at the door.”

Now it’s a waiting game for all parties involved. Horne said that the test kit contained substance from Werts hood was sent to SLED (South Carolina Law Enforcement Division) Wednesday. The results usually take about 30 days to come back.

Horne said that the process could be expedited based on the situation.

“It tested positive with the kit. Have there been false positives before? I’m sure there has been,” he said. “Until that test comes back, I can’t tell you what’s on the hood of the car.

But whether that’s what the substance is or at least some of it, we can’t tell you.”
BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern redshirt-junior quarterback Shai Werts was arrested Wednesday, July 31 in Saluda, South Carolina and charged with a misdemeanor possession of cocaine and speeding. Werts was initially suspended from the team, but only missed two practices. He returned to the team for Sunday’s practice.

“Quarterback Shai Werts returned to practice (Sunday) after submitting to, and passing, a drug test,” the team released in a statement. “Moving forward, Shai’s case will handled in accordance with the Georgia Southern Student-Athlete Code of Conduct.”

On Thursday, just hours after the video of the arrest had been made public, reports of Werts’ possession charge being dropped were made. The Saluda County Solicitor’s Office confirmed the charge had been dropped in a press release Friday.

“The decision to dismiss this charge was made prior to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) completing their drug analysis of the substance collected,” the statement reads. “On August 8, 2019, SLED received the substance and completed the drug analysis. The forensic scientist determined that no controlled substance was detected.”

GS Athletic Director Tom Kleinlein also released a statement before holding a news conference Friday afternoon.

“I have worked with Shai on a daily basis for three years, and these charges do not reflect the young man I have come to know,” Kleinlein said in a statement. “Shai has had our unwavering support throughout this entire process. We are glad to put this incident behind us and focus again on football and the upcoming academic semester.”

Two days after Werts’ charge was dropped, GS had their first scrimmage of fall camp. Following the scrimmage, Werts and head coach Chad Lunsford faced the media to talk about the charges and suspension.

“Scared, really. I was shocked when he said it,” Werts said. “I knew what it was so when he said it, I just stayed calm and was telling him that’s not what it is. And obviously it came back, like I said, not to be what they said it was.”

Lunsford backed up his quarterback and said he never doubted him.

“When something happens like this, you just can’t all of a sudden jump to it, you have to look at all the facts, but that kid’s done a great job since he’s been here,” Lunsford said.

“Is he perfect? No. He’s made his mistakes in life, like we all have, but he’s handled himself throughout his whole time here as a Georgia Southern man and he did it again this time.”

Werts has continued practice and scrimmages with his team, and the team is moving on from the wild two weeks that put his name on the national scene.

With this distraction in the rearview, the Eagles can focus fully on LSU and the rest of the 2019 season.

Amanda Arnold and Chuck Paggett contributed to this article.

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Friends and family remember the life of Shomari Billings

BY SARAH SMITH
The George-Anne staff

Loved ones gathered Friday, June 7th at West End SDA Church in Atlanta to mourn the loss of Shomari Billings, a 19-year-old who drowned at an Atlanta pool party on Memorial Day weekend.

Billings was the son of Shelley and Jarvis Billings and was an aspiring entrepreneur who had just completed his freshman year at Georgia Southern University, studying business.

Cindy Randall, the assistant dean of the Parker College of Business, recalls Billings meeting with an advisor and being very excited about his major.

“Shomari was an excellent student, engaged and enthusiastic,” Randall wrote in an email. “I am sure he would have made a positive impact on fellow students and, upon graduation, would have carved out a successful career.”

Premlata Miller, Billings’ assistant major remembers a kind young man whose life was cut short.

“We will truly miss this sweet and awesome young man,” Miller said. “Everybody is all about having fun, what is intended to be fun, and sometimes you have got to be more aware of your surroundings and making sure that everybody is safe and looking out for everybody.”

Zaria Temur was a friend and basketball teammate of Billings at North Atlanta High School who remembers his caring spirit, adding that he often helped her with her shots after practice.

“He was one of the sweetest people I’ve ever met in my life. He’d always make you laugh even if you didn’t want to,” Temur said. “He cared about everyone and he made sure you were okay.”

Tara Torossian, a fellow classmate, remembers Billings as the boy who sold pop tarts everyday at school, but gave one to her for free anytime she was low on money.

“He sold them to pay his prom ticket,” Torossian said. “The fact that he’d offer them to me for free some days even though he had something important and expensive to pay for means the absolute world to me. His kindness seriously comes from within.”

Shaquille Kokumo met Billings while at North Atlanta and saw him as family. “Shomari was like a brother to me. He was always one to make sure I and all his friends were always good,” Kokumo said. “It’s crazy because the last time I saw him was when we went to Miami together for spring break and all we were talking about is how much money we were going to make in the future.”

Miller began raising money to assist with funeral arrangements through a GoFundMe fundraiser.

Final commencement plan set for September 1

BY MCCLAIN BAXLEY
The George-Anne staff

STATESBORO—Georgia Southern University President Kyle Marrero gave some insight to the 2019/2020 commencement plan Wednesday as part of his State of the University speech, announcing that the commencement task force will have a plan in place Sept. 1.

“We have a plan that’s currently being fleshed out because we felt like at the end of the semester we really owe it to the students,” he said. “SGA has a meeting on the 24th and Scott (Lingrell) and the team are going to take them the recommendations. We feel like we need the students engagement on this because it is about them.”

Marrero confirmed that it would be the Saturday of finals.

He also stressed that tickets for the ceremonies will be a must.

“I don’t want to raise tuition.” Marrero said. “We take this very seriously, we have no mobility and we’re not going to do anything that is going to cost the students and those will be delivered our promise to students and those will be funded first,” Marrero said. “We take this very seriously, we do not want to raise tuition.”

Georgia Southern budget for FY20 reduced

BY KYLIE CLARK
The George-Anne staff

STATESBORO — Georgia Southern University President Kyle Marrero spoke in detail in regards to the university budget at the State of the University in Statesboro Wednesday announcing that the $8 million was reduced by $13.1 million.

His talk focused primarily on how GS established a budget that took into account the decline in revenue while also touching on future investment. According to Marrero $26.4 million in potential savings was identified. A sizable portion of these savings was ending the search to fill 195 currently vacant positions at GS.

No filled positions were removed to make room for savings. These cuts left $13.3 million to be reinvested to help stabilize the budget for future years.

In Marrero’s presentation he broke down how that money would be invested.

$8 million went into faculty in staff, with $6.65 million going towards establishing salary equity, while the other $1.5 million went towards funding promotion and tenure.

Another $2.67 million went into student success and retention. According to the presentation this is for both financial aid and student quality of life, including hiring more counsellors.

The final $2.6 million went towards the reserve for next year’s budget. That coupled with money saved from merit leaves $3.2 million set aside for the next budget.

“Our goal is to model a budget that fosters your engagement and our transparency,” Marrero said.

The university estimates that GS will need to allocate $7 million to account for 2021 budget reductions. This means the university will need $3.8 million along with the $3.2 million they have already set aside.

Marrero also addressed concerns about the 195 vacant positions and their importance. In terms of new funding, it will come from either fiscal growth in the coming semesters or, if need be, a tuition increase. This increase would be decided by the board of regents in April if that is the route needed.

“We’ll look for those critical positions from an operational or a curriculum delivery standpoint that we have to have to deliver our promise for students and those will be funded first,” Marrero said. “We take this very seriously, we do not want to raise tuition.”
RUNNING BACK
J.D. KING ELIGIBLE FOR 2019 FOOTBALL SEASON

King rushed for 469 yards on 99 carries in the 2017 season for Oklahoma State.

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The Georgia-Anne Staff

Junior running back J.D. King is eligible to play for the Georgia Southern football team this season, announced via GS football’s twitter Monday afternoon.

King was first at Oklahoma State where he played in 10 games, collecting two touchdowns as well as rushing 43 times for 153 yards in the 2018 season. He was also OSU’s second-leading rusher in the 2017 season.

The junior transferred to GS in January and participated in spring practice as well as being a full participant in fall camp. He was expected to sit out the 2019 season per NCAA transfer rules, but that was pending appeal, submitted July 22.

Per King’s bio on the football website, the appeal went through on Aug. 19 and he “was granted immediate eligibility for the 2019 season by NCAA.”

“I am very humble and grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the Georgia Southern football family,” King said in a press release. “I would first like to thank God for his given talents as well as the NCAA for granting me this eligibility. I would also like to thank Georgia Southern’s compliance office, Coach Lunsford, Coach Foster for his dedication, my teammates, my mother, my father and anyone who has contributed to helping with this matter. Thank you.”

The running back had to meet three different criteria to be eligible to play in the 2019 season. King’s original request, submitted March 29, was denied because he only met two of the three criteria, but the appeal was submitted July 22. OSU’s Athletic Department provided a letter on the transfer’s behalf supporting his decision to leave the program which was included in the original waiver application.

“So happy for the young man, his family, and his teammates,” Head Coach Chad Lunsford said in a tweet. “No doubt in my mind he was going to be great for the football team regardless of the decision ... but now 2019 is The Year of the King.”

WOMEN’S SOCCER LOOKING TO “OUTPERFORM YESTERDAY” THIS UPCOMING SEASON

BY AMANDA ARNOLD
The Georgia-Anne Staff

The Georgia Southern women’s soccer team is starting fresh after a coaching staff overhaul this offseason. Josh Moffet was named as the interim head coach at the beginning of the month. As a former professional soccer player for Morecambe Football Club in England, he has had collegiate coaching experience from Shaw University and Emmanuel College, as well as Habersham High School.

“I’ve been in very different environments,” Moffet said. “There’s a huge appreciation of what we’ve got here. We have a great team that is going to allow us to kind of, be successful and as a lot of people have said, their job is to allow me to coach.”

The team is working to improve their non-verbal communication skills on the field, through their body language and work ethic. He believes that the team has adjusted well this offseason to the new staff.

“They have open arms and an open mind to changes,” Moffet said. “There’s a very good energy and that’s how we like it.”

The team returns six seniors, defender Elsa Borjesson, forwards Halle Huff and Frida Brattum, midfielders Nicole Ausin and Courtney Johnson and goalkeeper Lauren Karinchak, while welcoming nine incoming freshman.

“We’re looking for leadership,” Moffet said of the upperclassmen. “Not just in training, not just in games, but overall around the program. They’ve kind of taken off the leadership roles and run with it, which I’ve loved to see.”

The team opened their season with an exhibition match against Jacksonville on Sunday. GS took the victory 2-1. The team got on the board after a scoreless 32 minutes thanks to a goal from sophomore midfielder Nora Falnes. The Dolphins responded thirty minutes later to tie game. GS sealed the victory with a goal from Dani Coumbs, a freshman midfielder, the assist from Falnes, at minute 73. GS maintained possession majority of the game and attempted 19 shots.

“It was an exhibition, and it gave us an opportunity to show what we’ve been working on but also see where we still need to improve.”

GS will travel to Maryland on Thursday for the first non-conference game of the season.

“It could’ve been easier for us where we selected an opponent where it would’ve been five or six nil,” he said. “We have talent here and we know the competition that they will bring.”

The team’s motto for this season will be to “outperform yesterday”. After a losing record last season, the team is looking to redefine the entire women’s soccer program with help from all of Eagle Nation.
STEVEN FISK NAMED TO 2019 USA WALKER CUP TEAM

BY CHUCK PAGGETT
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern grad and former men’s golfer, Steven Fisk, has been selected to the 10-member roster representing team USA for the 2019 Walker Cup.

The Walker Cup serves as a biennial amateur golf competition between a compiled USA team versus a compiled Great Britain and Ireland team. The official match history extends back to 1922 with the United States having a favorable all-time lead of 36-9-1, according to the official Walker Cup website.

The selection of Fisk follows the trend of an impressive 2019 to date for the former Eagle, adding to the Sun Belt Golfer of the Year, Haskins Award finalist, and All-Nicklaus team nods earlier in the year. Fisk also finished second individually in the NCAA championships in May.

The upcoming competition includes singles matches and foursomes (alternate-shot) matches with one full point awarded for each victory and a half-point awarded for matches that remain even after 18 holes. USA needs 13 points to retain the Cup while GB&I must acquire 13.5 points to reclaim the title.

The 2019 Walker Cup tournament will be held at Royal Liverpool Golf Club in Hoylake, England September 7-8. Team USA scored a victory in the most recent competition, winning 19-7 over Team GB&I in 2017.

SECOND PRESEASON SCRIMMAGE SHOWS POTENTIAL FOR EAGLE FOOTBALL

BY KAITLIN SELLS
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern football team was successful on both sides of the ball at their second preseason scrimmage on Saturday.

Offense put up seven scoring plays, while the defense managed four sacks and forced a fumble.

A defensive name that stood out was redshirt-sophomore ILB Reynard Ellis. Ellis played his freshman year at Furman, but transferred to GS last season. Per NCAA rules the linebacker had to sit out his first season as an Eagle. This being his first season eligible, Ellis has already stepped up on and off the field.

“I really like Reynard,” Head Coach Chad Lunsford said. “He did a really good job of embracing his role last year because of what he had to do and now he’s come up and stepped up because now it’s his time. That’s another next man up mentality type thing. We lost a good player in Tomarcio Reese and now he’s stepped up and trying to fill that role. I think he does a good job of filling the field and I know he does a good job on the field. We’ll continue to work with him but I really expect big things out of him.”

Redshirt-senior quarterback Shai Werts found success on the field as he scored a touchdown as well as going 5-9 on passing and totaling 33 yards. Backup redshirt-freshman quarterback Justin Tomlin showed potential as he also logged a touchdown as well as showing for a 65-yard run.

Redshirt-senior kicker Tyler Bass was solid behind the ball, logging two field goals and one PAT. Redshirt-freshman punter Bryce Christensen also stepped up, notching one 21-yard field goal and three PATs.

While the offense is looking strong, they have encountered a minor setback as redshirt-sophomore right tackle Brain Miller suffered a season-ending injury at last Friday’s practice. Miller started all 13 games last 2018 season, being on the field for 659 offensive snaps.

“It’s next man up,” redshirt-senior OL Jakob Cooper said. “Brian suffered a bad injury, but he’s in good spirits. We all got to talk to him and he’s supporting us like we’re supporting him.”

The Eagles will begin season play Aug. 31 as they take on LSU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
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8 Goober
9 Saturn's wife
10 Uniform shade
11 Send, as payment
12 Stunned
14 Burger topper
21 Hot chocolate
23 Stitch
26 Rips
28 Literary collection
29 Spinnaker, e.g.
31 Relative of I'4 Down
32 Regretting
36 Bar seat
38 Subcompact
39 Ache
40 Kitty starter
43 Beau
46 Listening device
47 Sound of frustration
49 Wail
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60 Indian dress
62 Mix up
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66 Paternity
68 Maiden name

Acids: Good
Administration: Grew
Alike: Hail
ALT: Hats
Apple: Helped
Apply: Hint
Arab: Hits
Aunts: Hose
Away: Iceberg
Band: Idea
BEAR: Jeans
Blow: Lawn
Both: List
Cards: Lose
Circuit: Lots
Comparatively: Male
Deer: Mood
Dies: Navy
Discoveries: Near
Disguise: Nest
Dusty: Order
East: Panic
Else: Path
Envy: Pegs
Fancy: Performance
Feed: Placed
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