

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!

Believe me... I know what you're thinking so you don't have to say it. But as we're hard at work today, please take a few moments to reflect on what this day means, and the brave women & men who made the ultimate sacrifice to make it possible for all of us work hard in our classes today.



TODAY AT GSBSLU:	
11:30 – 1:00PM	LUNCH
6:00PM	FACULTY & SAC MEETING

FR CLASS OFFICERS

Democracy, in action! With all ballots collected and each vote counted, [CHRIS ESTRADE](#), VP Business Banking, Hancock Whitney Bank (Gulfport, MS), was elected **President** of the Freshman Class by a very narrow margin.



First runner-up was [MIKE THOMAS](#), Retail Market Manager, First Horizon Bank (Fort Mill, SC), who will serve as **Vice President**.

Elected to the **Advisory Council** were:

[DEON COOMBS](#), VP/Senior Credit Analyst and Portfolio Manager, Tandem Bank (Tucker, GA)

[FERNANDO GARCIA MOLINAR](#), Deputy Director, Banorte (San Pedro, MX)

[ANTHONY PEREZ](#), SVP/Market Executive, Bay First Financial, (Ruskin, FL)

Congratulations to the members of the **Student Advisory Council** for the **Class of 2026!** I know that each of you will serve your class very well.

CLASS PHOTOS – TOMORROW

All classes will gather tomorrow to have their group photos taken on the stairs inside [PATRICK F. TAYLOR HALL](#). The schedule is as follows:

11:30 am- Seniors
(blue t-shirts)

1:00 pm- Freshmen
(green t-shirts received day 1)

4:30 pm- Juniors
(“navy blue” t-shirts)



Obviously, the faster we can get everyone there and assembled, the faster we can get it done and send you on your way.

WEEK 2 HIGHLIGHTS

We're officially in the homestretch! One week from today, you'll all be back at work showing off the new knowledge you've gained here at GSBSLU and wondering how those two weeks flew by. Some things to look forward to in week 2 include class t-shirt and photo day tomorrow, another class sponsored party tomorrow night, bank logo shirt day Wednesday, and the State Bankers Reception in Tiger Stadium Wednesday night. We'll breeze over the exams in order to keep your spirits high...but know those are coming up on Thursday. Graduation for seniors kicks off at 9AM Friday morning and then you're out of here!

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC) MEETING

The JR & SR Class Officers met with the school's administration last week to discuss the session's start and any issues, thus far. The officers provided great insight on the “pulse” of their respective classes, and we very much appreciated their information.

If you have any topics that you'd like your class officers to share with us, please get with them either in person or via Canvas. Just like your eval comments, we take your general comments seriously so we can make every effort to improve your experience at GSBSLU. The next meeting between GSBSLU administration and the Councils will be at **6:00**

tonight at the [NELSON MEMORIAL BUILDING](#) and will include the newly elected **FR Class Officers**.

MENU HIGHLIGHT

For dinner tonight we have fried chicken and macaroni & cheese, grilled pesto shrimp with bow tie pasta, parmesan baked tomatoes, and a dumpling bar. I'm not sure what's included in the dumpling bar but consider me officially intrigued. The pizza, deli, and salad bars will be there as usual. Maybe you should treat yourself to an extra scoop of ice cream, it is a holiday after all!

JR AND SR CLASS PARTY

The JR and SR classes will host a party tomorrow evening beginning at 7:00 at [THE REVELRY](#). There will be an '80s themed DJ and karaoke! This is the perfect time for our JR students to bust out the fanny packs you received at registration.

All students are invited to attend but FR students are asked to contribute to the tab with a \$10 cover charge at the door. Your newly elected class officers will work the door to collect that cover charge and to meet and greet their fellow SR & JR schoolmates. *Don't forget your name tags!*

FR Officers: please contact **BILLY BILLINGS** (President, C/O 2024) to coordinate this important task.

BANK STUDY PROJECTS

FR & JR bank study projects are posted in your Canvas accounts and we encourage you to print them when you get back to your banks.

Bank study projects must be uploaded to Canvas by **midnight on the 15th** of the month in which they are due. Projects will be graded and returned to you via Canvas. If you believe that the grader has erred in the evaluation, you have **two weeks** to request a re-grade, sent via email to the GSB office.

YESTERYEAR

As you can probably tell, we're all about reminiscing here at GSBSLU. 1974 marked the 25th session for SBS (the previous name of GSBSLU). In celebration of this milestone, the Director of the school at that time, Charles J. Cassidy, wrote *"The School of Banking of the South – First Twenty-Five Years,"* a book recapping all that the school accomplished in its first quarter-century.



The following excerpt is proof that SBS/GSBSLU has always been run by a bunch of nostalgics.

In Retrospect

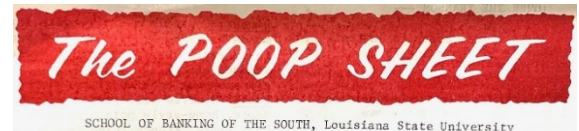
"Education is designed to prepare men to do what they have never done before. Its emphasis is upon power to adapt oneself and go on alone."

These were the words of Orrin Swayze back in 1949, when the School of Banking of the South was still in the planning stage. The advanced study offered to bankers at SBS has never had a how-to-do-it orientation on the broad knowledge necessary for major banking functions.

"Too many bankers know how to operate but they never busied themselves to find out why and it is the 'know why' that makes them something special."

This is what SBS has been all about since the beginning and will continue to be about as The School of Banking of The South moves from its silver to its golden anniversary."

THE POOP SHEET



MAY 30, 1966

In Most of the US. it's a big holiday; at The School of Banking, it's go-go-go. Millions of Americans are basking on a bright Memorial Day holiday. At Indianapolis, it's almost post time at the 500.

Down at Cape Kennedy, Gemini-9 spacemen are catching a last-minute breather before their blast into orbit.

In lakes and streams across the nation, the fish are biting great.

Just about anywhere you look, May 30 is a carefree Spring day – everywhere but one. You hardly need to be reminded that one is here at LSU, where at 8:15AM this morning classes got underway for the 17th annual session of the School of Banking of the South. Others have made it before, you may too.

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7:00 – 10:00PM CLASS SPONSORED PARTY