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The George-Anne Inkwell Valentines Day Special Edition Newsletter

I am Jabari Gibbs, the Editor-in-Chief of the publication. Happy Valentines Day!

Will you be celebrating Valentine's day? [Complete this poll](#)

We also thank you for your present and future readership. Our print publication comes out every other Tuesday. Be sure to grab a paper from a bin around campus.

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Doctors of Love

By Emmalyne Roper

Whether it's the art of Irish literature or the study of microorganisms, we students pour in time and money to learn from professors who have dedicated their lives to studying a chosen craft.

A quick search will tell someone that earning a Ph. D. can take up to eight arduous years of studying and writing, which ends in the grueling task of writing a dissertation that may or may not be approved by a committee.

Knowing this, we trust these professors to teach us the knowledge of their field, but could we also learn from them in other ways?

It is daunting to enter college with the expectations of your whole future on your shoulders. Breaching the cusp of adolescents and adulthood while taking up to 18 credit hours and learning how to take care of oneself can activate any person's fight or flight. To add to this ever-growing list is the exploration of dating.

While it is not the case for everyone, some enter college with little to no knowledge of what it means to be in a relationship. Many students are asking, "how do you cultivate a long-lasting relationship?"

To help solve this problem, a few Georgia Southern Ph. D holders shared with students their tips to have a long-lasting relationship:

Dr. William Holley, who has been teaching at Georgia Southern for roughly seven years and currently teaches French, shared his two cents on a long and healthy marriage:

“The three biggest suggestions from my wife and me are mutual respect, appreciation, and keeping lines of communication open—married for 21 years now.”

Dr. Lisa Costello works in the Department of English and has been teaching at Georgia Southern for 15 years. She broke down three simple steps for a healthy, long-lasting relationship:

“My advice for making a relationship last longer is 3 things: talk about the hard stuff when it happens, say "I love you" every day, and never take that person's awesomeness for granted.”

Dr. Mary Villeponteaux is embarking on her 17th year of teaching at Georgia Southern in the Department of Literature, and she has offered some tried and true advice:

“Develop your friendship along with your romance. If romantic partners have a strong friendship, there’s a better chance that their relationship will last.”

The final piece of advice was offered up by Dr. Kurt Knoerl, who has been working in the history department for five and a half years. He humbly offers advice that “may not be very deep” but has stood the test of time:

“To work toward building a lasting relationship, it takes just that, work. That means doing the hard things like always being honest. If it can't survive that, it isn't meant to be.”

These professors have proven their intelligence within the classroom, so hopefully, their knowledge can extend passed that and aid you in other areas of your life.



Gossip Gus: Professor Releases Controversial Makeup Line

Editor's Note: This article is satirical and is not to be taken serious

Hey Eagle Nation,

Gossip Gus here. I know you've missed me. I've been busy jet-setting across the world and gathering as much juicy intel as I could get my talons on. You're not ready for the secrets I'm about to drop right now.

Romance is budding on the Armstrong campus. The birds are singing. The bees are waking up and getting to work. But I'm not here to talk about any of that.

Rumor has it: one of Armstrong's beloved professors is working on an exclusive line of Valentine's themed cosmetics to be sold at what was formerly Gus Mart in the Student Union.

By the end of the month, the space will be fully transformed into Eaglephora— a one-stop shop for all of your glam needs.

"Now, students will never have to worry about leaving their touch-up bag at home," Dr. Valen Tina, founder of Eaglephora, told a source. "Now, they can simply stop at Eaglephora and grab whatever they need."

Dr. Tina a Romanceology professor, has made a name for herself in the cosmetic world. Her resume expands back decades.

"I'm really excited for this," one student said. "I've heard really good things about Dr. Tina's work. I hear she used to work with Hung Vango."

Eaglephora's debut line, 'Romance Roster,' will be available on an opening day.

A source provided me with a sneak peek of the collection, and I must say— it is simply divine.

"In just a few weeks, the campus will be teeming over with fierceness," Tina said.

With all this said, you know it wouldn't be a Gossip Gus article without some controversy.

Last week, in a now-deleted now TikTok, Dr. Tina allegedly gave her audience a sneak peek of the mascara she's been working on.

After a brief jumpcut, some sources report that Tina's lashes suddenly quadrupled in length.

"Definitely using falsies," an anonymous source told me. "I'm not sure how she expects anyone to trust her makeup advice when she has to sport false eyelashes to sell a product."

Students across campus are now discussing whether or not they will shop at Eaglephora once it opens.

“I mean, how can I be sure it won’t turn my skin green,” one student shrugged. “It’s not a good sign that even the founder can’t get results from their own product.”

Whether you stand with Dr. Tina or are completely opposed, I know we will all be curious to see how things pan out. Don’t worry. I’ll be here to give you the full report.

And who am I, you ask? That’s one secret I will never tell. You know you love me.

XOXO,

Gossip Gus.



A Single Sip of Truth

By: Timothy Dukes

The Armstrong community reflects on past relationships and discusses the pros and cons of online vs. in-person dating for Valentine’s day.

Starbucks PDA can feel like an atomic bomb for single people this time of year. Seeing one Eskimo kiss sets off a chain of chemical explosions, sending singles down a path of relationship flashbacks.

Reflecting often leads to a headache of questions. Theoretical situations and tranquil feelings such as closure and rage resonate in the minds of singles. Learning to let go is a practice, but since it’s the season of love, what would you say to your ex?

Four of the ten students interviewed humbly said, “I hope you’re doing well, we ended on good terms.” The other six shared the truth. One student said, “I’m glad it’s over.” A young dual enrollment student would tell his ex, “you’re missing out buddy.”

Some students have never had an ex. Ally is a senior on campus and has been in her relationship since middle school. A sophomore named Giovanni said his relationship has lasted since high school. These two students dodged the illustrious online dating experience but also shared no desire to ever try online dating.

Of the 10 students interviewed, eight prefer in-person dating. Students prefer in-person dating because online profiles can be used to create a facade. The photo gallery of smiles, posture, and the person changes when you meet face to face. Giovanni put it in simple terms, “you see what they want you to see.”



STD's & What You Can Do to Prevent Them

By: Jabari Gibbs

As Valentines Day approaches, many students will participate in some copulation. It is estimated that (94%) of college students are sexually active.

On the contrary, however, only 62 percent of college students in a national survey reported always or usually wearing a condom. 15 percent reported never using a condom during sex. And 75 percent of college men reported only wearing a condom when their partner asks.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently released its latest Sexual Transmitted Disease Surveillance Report. The report found that Georgia ranks 3rd in the nation for STD rates, with 145,445 total cases reported.

Why?

The CDC cites fewer clinics, resulting in fewer STI screenings, less treatment, and more transmission.

The CDC also reported STD test and laboratory supply shortages, lapses in health insurance coverage due to unemployment and telemedicine practices that led to some infections not being captured in national data during the first year of COVID contributed to the rise in rates as well.

Another aspect is that hookup culture seems to have taken precedence in the social norms of students. The American Psychological Association (APA) defines hookups —as brief uncommitted sexual encounters between individuals who are not romantic partners or dating each other. The APA also found that between 60 percent and 80 percent of North American college students have had some sort of hookup experience.

What can you do to prevent STDs?

The university's Medical Director, Dr. Angela S., Gerguis explained some of the preventive measures that can be taken against STDs.

The only sure way to keep from getting or passing on a sexually transmitted infection is not to have sexual contact with anyone.

- Even if you do not have any signs of illness, you may spread an STD.
- If you have any type of sexual contact, use latex condoms each time to reduce the spread of infection.
- Use a condom with each partner every time, from the start of sex to the end.
- Avoid contact with any sex partner known to have an infection or who has signs of infection like oral or genital sores, discharge, discomfort with urination, or warts.
- Avoid multiple sex partners. A long-term monogamous relationship with a partner who has tested negative and is known to have no infection is the safest partner.
- Get vaccinated against HPV. In 1991, infants began to be immunized against Hepatitis B, so most students are likely vaccinated against Hepatitis B. There is no vaccine for Hepatitis C.
- Avoid using drugs or too much alcohol. Either of these can lead to risky behavior like unprotected sex.
- Avoid douches. Using them can remove the good bacteria that protect your vagina. This can raise your chance of having STDs.
- If getting tattoos or piercings, ensure a sterile technique is followed.
- Talk to your partner about STDs before you have sex. Talk about having safe sex and ask if your relationship is monogamous.
- Wash your hands and genitals with soap and water after sex.
 - See your doctor for regular exams and check-ups for STDs.



"Better Than Sex" Restaurant

By: Jake Granger

Are you looking for a last-minute Valentine's Day reservation for a romantic date night with your significant other?

You've probably heard the phrase "delicious," and when something is delicious, it's better than sex. A dessert restaurant on Broughton Street has cultivated this idea into a sexy date-night opportunity.

"Better Than Sex" offers an intimate, speak-easy atmosphere and caters to a mature audience. The restaurant offers a full bar with specialty drinks and desserts with purposefully provocative names, like the Tongue Bath Truffle, the Morning After, and a grilled cheese sandwich with Belgian chocolate and brie served with strawberry champagne soup.

"Unlike our sister locations, we have a private dining area that can accommodate larger parties and have always been known for our desserts, but here on the Savannah campus, we pride ourselves on our handcrafted beverages that are put together with love," said assistant manager Sasha Angelica.

Customers can spend peaceful time together while enjoying a sweet treat or two in an atmosphere with dim lighting

and comfortable seating; some tables even have curtains surrounding them.

Provocative black-and-white photography is displayed on the exposed brick walls, adding to the room's sexual vibe.

Grab your loved ones tight because your server may flirt their way into your bed with their sexually comedic humor. Dessert items are, on average, \$13, but they have large portions that are meant to be shared.

"My husband and I have spent various occasions here and are yet to be disappointed; each server's mix of being sexual and comedic is truly a see-it-to-believe-it type of thing. "They not only have some of the best desserts we have ever had, but they sure don't skimp on putting alcohol in their drinks," said Anna Salsberry.

Skip dinner entirely or save plenty of space for the sweet and satisfying combination of desserts, drinks, and double entendres. Find out for yourself if the name is what they are claiming.

For reservations and more information, find them online at [Better Than Sex](#).

Murder Mystery Photo Gallery
Photos by Bazyza Smith



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