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Georgia Southern University's Theatre and Performance program concludes the spring semester with the comedic farce "On the Razzle" by Tom Stoppard from April 10-13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, 847 Plant Drive.

"On the Razzle" tells the story of two clerks who want to experience adventure in the Big City while they still can. The only thing wrong with their plan is the clerks keep winding up in the same locations as their boss! Audiences will laugh out loud as the characters engage in several shenanigans, have problems with mistaken identities and go through the always-complicated issue of romance. "On the Razzle" is a must-see for anyone who enjoys a good laugh and a great night at the theater.

The play features University favorites Eric Carter, Patrick Galleta, Amanda Sterling, Karen Aquire and many others. Student tickets are \$5, and tickets for faculty, staff and general admission are \$10. Contact the Performing Arts Center's box office at (912) 478-7999 for ticket information.

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Georgia Southern University's [Rural Health Research Institute](#) (RHRI) has been featured in a nationally broadcast television appearance on PBS. Jacob Warren, Ph.D., and Bryant Smalley, Ph.D., co-executive directors of the RHRI, appeared in a segment this week on the talk show "Tavis Smiley."

The professors were invited to Los Angeles to discuss childhood obesity and their new book *Always the Fat Kid: The Truth About the Enduring Effects of Childhood Obesity*, which was released last week and is available in bookstores nationwide. "We were very excited to get the invitation to discuss this issue with a national audience," said Smalley. "The time for action is now, and getting people engaged in a conversation about childhood obesity is the crucial first step in turning the tide."

The book has been described as a "clarion call" for parents and society regarding the long-term effects of childhood obesity and is garnering international attention through features on [TakePart.com](#) and an upcoming feature in *The London Times*. In addition to discussing how childhood obesity leads to chronic and long-lasting health problems such as heart disease and diabetes (which have shortened children's life expectancies to the point they can no longer expect to have longer lives than their parents), Warren and Smalley also focus on the emerging evidence of how being an overweight child leads to "fat kid syndrome" – a collection of physical, psychological and social consequences of obesity that haunt overweight children for life. For instance, Warren and Smalley say overweight children are much more likely to be depressed adults, face legal workplace discrimination and are even less likely to end up getting married.

"In writing the book, we drew upon decades of medical, psychological and social research, as well as bringing in our own lived experiences as formerly overweight children," said Warren. "Our goal is to empower parents, community members, teachers and members of the healthcare workforce who are trying to make sense of this growing threat."

The episode with Warren and Smalley will air throughout the week on PBS and PBS Knowledge (air dates and times vary by market) and is available on the show's website at <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/tavissmiley/interviews/jeremy-piven-k-bryant-smalley/>.

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