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EAGLES SOAR OVER TECH



Andrew Partain/STAFF

Eagles pitcher Josh Adams pitches against Georgia Tech Wednesday afternoon. The Eagles tied a series with Georgia Tech. For full story, **read page 12.**

Communication Arts to lose Veazey Hall

By **DANIEL FITZGERALD**
George-Anne contributor

Students are planning to protest a recent decision made by university administrators that will leave the communication arts department without many of its classrooms in Veazey Hall beginning this fall.

Michael Smith, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, has verified that those classes will have a home, but only two classrooms in Veazey will continue to be used by the communication arts department.

"Classrooms on the first floor of Veazey will not be available for classes in the fall," Michael Smith said. "We

are locating alternative spaces for the classes scheduled in the fall and we will have those spaces. There is plenty of space across campus."

A group of communication arts students have created a Facebook group called the "Save Veazey Committee" and met Wednesday night to discuss what can be done. The group is selling t-shirts sporting the slogan, "Save Veazey," and is drafting a petition to be signed by the student body.

Much of the communication arts department's faculty and students believe losing Veazey and being spread out across campus will come with consequences and disadvantages.

"I feel like our department has been

kicked around a lot and it's not fair that they're trying to take our home away from us once again," Georgia Southern University public relations senior Michelle Blubaugh said. "We just got here and we just got comfortable and we've developed this family type of relationship with each other. They are not just making us walk all over campus for our class, but they are kind of separating our family. They're not thinking of the student's point of view."

Communication arts Department Chair Pam Bourland-Davis said, "As I understand, we are losing all the classrooms on the first floor and will

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Deal announces cuts to HOPE

NIKKI WILEY
News editor

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal introduced a plan to change the HOPE scholarship Tuesday that, if passed, would require some Georgia Southern students to pay nearly \$700 more out of

their pockets each semester.

The plan has yet to go through the Georgia General Assembly and must be voted on and approved to take effect.

Under the legislation, students with a 3.0 GPA attending Georgia public colleges and universities will receive 90 percent of the fall 2011 standard tuition

rate, according to a press release from Deal's office.

According to the Bursar's office website, Spring 2011 tuition for 15 credit hours was set at \$2298. If this number stays the same, students who currently have the HOPE scholarship

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Rumors spur UPD response

By NIKKI WILEY

News editor

Rumors of a threat made against the Georgia Southern University Russell Union spread through social media Tuesday, resulting in an increased police presence in that area.

University Police Department Maj. Laura McCullough said there was no fact behind the rumors and, "Once it got started, it was like a big snowball. It just kept rolling and got bigger."

Assistant Dean of Students and Co-chair of the Behavior Assessment Team Kerry Greenstein said the rumors spread through the social media website Twitter.

"[Students] reported it and as well as reporting it, they put it on Twitter and it just spread from there, utilizing social media, because that's what happens when you use social media," he said.

After seeing the rumors on Twitter, students reported the threat to UPD, who then increased their patrols inside the Union.

"When we pieced it together that it was the same thing that we had known about and was not a threat and that there was no concern, [the University Police] decided that they would

come over and do extra checks and have a bigger presence," he said.

McCullough said she believes they were fueled by a situation that occurred last week.

"We had an incident last week where a young man was kind of loud and boisterous and got in a little confrontation with some folks inside of the Union," she said.

"I think some comments and things that he made were taken out of proportion by whoever started the rumors."

The Behavior Assessment Team responded to the situation last week.

"Basically, after that, we knew that there was no threat. There was no concern; there was no danger to the campus or to the community," he said.

Because there was no actual threat of danger, students were not notified.

"If there was an immediate concern, if there was a threat, if there was danger and there was something that was a legitimate threat, then we would shut down a building, shut down campus," Greenstein said.

"We would, through Eagle Alert, let students know what they needed to do keep themselves safe."

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~ Feb. 28 –
March 3rd

Clothesline Project
Rotunda 9:00am - 5:00pm
Survivors are invited to come and design a Free T-Shirt

~ March 3rd

"Take Back The Night" March
Starts in front of Landrum 7:00pm

~ March 3rd

End Sexual Violence Rally
Rotunda around 7:45pm

~ March 8th

RAD Self-Defense Class
(For details call Maj. McCullough at 912-478-5234)

~ Feb. 25th

Professional Perspectives on Family &
Workplace Violence Conference
Holiday Inn in Statesboro 8:00am – 3:00pm

~ April 8th

Jeans for Justice

~ April 9th

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Police issue 44 traffic citations

By **PATRICK STOKER**

Staff reporter

Georgia Southern University Police issued 44 parking citations from Feb. 18 to Feb. 20.

The previous weekend of Feb. 11 to Feb. 13, only 17 parking citations were issued by University Police Department.

"As far as I can remember, the

majority of those parking tickets were for the 24-hour enforced zones," said Maj. Laura McCullough of UPD.

McCullough said some of the citations were written because non-residential students were parking in residence hall lots after hours.

"Off campus students will park in the lots in order to go to some of the local businesses. This means

that residents that live in those buildings and pay for parking at their residence cannot find parking spaces," she said.

"When we begin to see a large number of non-permitted cars in these lots, we will write campus parking citations since Parking & Transportation does not have the personnel at night to attend to the problem."

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and at least a 3.0 GPA would have to pay 10 percent – or \$229.

"Facing bankruptcy of the lottery program in 2013, I worked closely with members of the General Assembly to save Georgia's prized jewel, the HOPE scholarship, for the next generation of Georgians," Deal stated in a press release.

"With this plan, we are going to maintain one of the most generous scholarship programs the United States has ever seen or will ever see. Even in the tough economic times we are facing, HOPE is going to endure; it's going to thrive."

Georgia Southern University President Brooks Keel said he believes that the decrease from full tuition will help save the scholarship program.

"Students now only being able to receive 90 percent of HOPE is honestly a ten percent cut, but I think it certainly is better than the possibility of losing HOPE all together," he said.

"And if the governor and the legislator hadn't taken fairly courageous steps to try to stop this, that would have been my major concern and we'd lose it altogether."

Under the plan, students who

lose their scholarship will have one chance to regain it. Presently there is no limit on how many times it can be reclaimed, the Atlanta-Journal Constitution reported.

To provide full tuition to high achieving students attending Georgia public colleges, the plan creates the Zell Miller Scholarship, which will be awarded to students with a high school 3.7 GPA and a 1200 SAT or 26 ACT score.

Zell Miller Scholars must maintain a 3.5 GPA while enrolled in college to keep their full tuition award.

Also, among the changes is the elimination of funds for books, fees and remedial classes.

According to the Department of Financial Aid's website, HOPE currently pays \$350 in mandatory fees.

Additionally, the amount of HOPE awards will be tied to lottery revenue, not tuition increases.

To address need-based financial aid, the legislation appropriates \$20 million to a loan program with a one percent interest rate for students who do not maintain a 3.0 GPA. One year of the loan will be forgiven for each year that the student opts to teach math,

science, technology or engineering in Georgia public schools.

Connie Murphey, director of GSU's financial aid department, said she is unsure of what the final outcome will be, but believes the legislation will be far-reaching.

"With the funds dwindling, the state has to do something to keep HOPE alive, even if it means drastic changes," she said.

The governor's HOPE plan was discussed at last night's Student Government Association meeting.

Dominique Quarles, SGA vice president of finance, said he believes that full tuition awards should not be limited to honor students, who are likely to receive scholarships outside of HOPE.

"That is totally not what HOPE was create for," he said.

Rob Roberts, executive vice president of SGA, said, "Georgia is one of few states that even have a program like this. We are arguing about free money. It sounds like students are getting grades for HOPE, not for themselves."

Charles Minshew and Colleen McNally contributed to this report.

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Our View

Ga. officials need to keep HOPE promise

Tuesday, Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal announced deep cuts to the HOPE scholarship program. While the cuts are needed to keep the program alive, Deal missed a key opportunity to help students currently enrolled in Georgia's colleges and universities.

It is one thing for the governor to ask new students to comply with these changes, but it is not right for the governor to ask students who are currently enrolled to take these cuts as well.

Freshmen and sophomores who have at least two years of college to go are left with the burden of figuring out how to make up hundreds of dollars that HOPE will no longer cover.

These students entered college under the expectation that HOPE would be there for them, but now the proverbial rug has been pulled from underneath their feet.

The state needs to cut its losses, honor their commitment to current students and implement the cuts for students entering this fall.

This may be a good deal for the state, but the state's students are only going to suffer.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This is in response to Dr. Shriver. I appreciate [his] support. I need it with this liberal campus and the slipping of our great nation.

Free speech, yes. Ignorance, double or otherwise: NO. The idea of double ignorance came from Plato and was of Roman times. Medieval time was much later.

It was claimed Bill Ayers' appearance cost only \$500; The George-Anne reported double, excluding security cost.

An anonymous GSU fundraiser claimed substantial opposition and contribution loss due to Ayers' appearance. Mention has also been made of my suggested speakers. The estimated cost is far from accurate. I have an agreement from Ms. Coulter's staff for 1/10 of previous claims. I

must object to the suggestion. If the money was raised, it should be spent differently. I wouldn't use funds in any manner other than the purpose they were raised. I will not steal from our patrons.

We are free to create opinions, not facts. Ayers was a member of the weather underground. In an interview with the New York Times 9-11-01, he said, "I don't regret setting bombs...I feel we didn't do enough."

College Republicans enjoy diverse opinions. My fault was not with Angela Davis, rather her speech. For example: if Einstein were to give a speech, I would hope more for relativity vs. hair style. As such a proponent of Communism, to not even botch the issue was disappointing.

While some didn't like my "cutesy" letter, it can't be denied: mission

accomplished. The letter's purpose was to encourage debate. Responses prove this and if rumors are true, thanks to my letter the Young Democrats have reformed; I'm honored.

Mr. Feagain was correct in my mistaken length of Obama's term. I agree; some view his actions as accomplishments. I feel Mr. Obama hasn't kept his promises or moved our country in the proper direction. Nor that budget can't be achieved via cuts or that the stimulus did more than expanding our debt.

Our goal is not partisan politics, but encouragement of open equal debate. The GSU GOP haven't gone anywhere, we're not going anywhere....and still waiting.

Aron Randall
Chairman
GSU GOP

Space exploration end disappoints

Today, barring any delays, will mark the end of an era with the last flight of Discovery. After that, only two more shuttle missions are scheduled for the year and possibly for all time, ending the shuttle program.

But more than that, the loss of the shuttle program marks a dark time for our nation - the end of manned space-flight for the foreseeable future. Even when I was a kid, I knew that NASA was developing plans for new methods of getting up and back.

It seemed like there would be no end to our exploration of space. But with the loss of the shuttle program, America has no way of getting humans into space. All of those plans seem to have fallen through.

Sure, space tourism means private enterprises can get citizens up there, and yes, I realize we're in a recession/depression, but none of that matters. We were the first - and so far only - country to walk on the moon, and now we have no way to send humans up into space?

This leaves us in a vulnerable position, one that few seem to realize exists. The preponderance of technology in recent years has led to an overwhelming need to fill the skies with

satellites. So much of what we use today depends on them.

I'm not talking about DirectTV, either, but rather our mass communication networks and GPS, things that we depend on not only for pleasure and convenience, but for defense and survival. It's becoming increasingly difficult to put new satellites in the air as the sky becomes ever more crowded, and without manned flight we have no repair capabilities.

Put simply, we're leaving some of our most vital functions exposed to accident or attack without a reliable way to get into space at a public level.

And that doesn't even begin to address the experiments we're going to lose access to which require zero-gravity, as well as the technological advances and patents that come about just from addressing basic problems with space (Nylon and teflon ringing bells?).

We're all hurting. But imagine how much more difficult - and dangerous - our lives would be if we didn't have spaceflight. I'm not demanding round the clock launches from Cape Canaveral, but we need the capability to get up there once in a while.

And this has the potential to reinvigorate the economy in a myriad



JOHN DIPIETRO

of ways. The last space race, for well over a decade, not only set up factories building parts for rockets, but inspired generations of Americans to explore the fields of science and mathematics like nothing before and, arguably, nothing since.

That inspiration also spread to artists of all stripes. And, as I mentioned, once a feasible design has been produced, if the new ships were built primarily here in America rather than shipped overseas to the lowest (and potentially most hostile) bidder, imagine the jobs it could create.

If it's done right, and handled correctly, a new space age could help us find a way to rocket out of this recession.

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School of Nursing to combat nursing shortage

By **PATRICK STOKER**
George-Anne contributor

Georgia Southern University's School of Nursing is doing its part to make an impact on Georgia's nursing shortage.

The school was recently awarded a grant to address a shortage of nursing faculty.

The grant, which was awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), will provide the nursing program with \$792,000 to enhance its online Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree program and prepare students for faculty positions.

"There's generally a shortage of nurses across the country and certainly in the state," said Elaine Marshall, endowed chair and director of Center for Nursing Scholarship.

Donna Hodnicki, interim School of Nursing chair, said last year Georgia had a shortage of about 16,000 nurses and that number is expected to increase to

37,000 by 2020. She said by 2025 there is expected to be a shortage of 260,000 nurses nationwide.

The state of Georgia ranks number 44 in the country in the number of nurses per population.

"The population is aging and there's more complex healthcare needs, not only in the home but in long care settings and the hospitals, so we've got to have the nurses to take care of that population," said Hodnicki.

"So this nursing shortage is extremely important for us to address the nursing faculty shortage because the number one reason that we can't produce more nurses is because we need more faculty."

The DNP program is intended to prepare advance practice

“ I think we were granted the grant based on the strength of the program and the strength of the faculty here and the reputation of the program ”

-Elaine Marshall, director of Center for Nursing Scholarship.

nurses to enter faculty positions at institutions of higher education.

"What this grant does is allow us to add to that practice preparation to become faculty, so they would take courses that are offered during the summer, during their DNP program, that prepare them specifically in nursing education and in higher education," said Marshall.

Hodnicki said another reason for the shortage of nurses across the country is due to a high number of faculty retiring. She said 30 percent of the nursing faculty is expected to retire in the next five

to ten years.

H o d n i c k i also credited the shortage to a lack of clinical resources and clinical preceptors to prepare students.

"The other reason is the general population is getting older and

people are living longer, but they're living longer with chronic diseases, so the incidence of chronic illness is vastly increasing," said Marshall. "People are living longer, but they still have chronic illness and so there's a need for more nurses, not fewer nurses as time goes on."

Hodnicki said the grant will help address the faculty shortage in several ways including helping to recruit students to the DNP program, providing faculty support to help guide students through the program, provide consultants to further develop the program and

to help send faculty to national conferences in order to keep up with current education trends.

Hodnicki said there are currently faculty positions that need to be filled, but it is difficult finding qualified applicants.

"I have seven positions that are open right now and if I could find qualified faculty to fill those positions I would hire them in a heartbeat, but we just don't have the people applying," she said.

GSU's nursing program was one of 40 programs to receive the grant.

"I think we were granted the grant based on the strength of the program and the strength of the faculty here and the reputation of the program," said Marshall.

Marshall said she believes the decision was also based on GSU's vision for improving rural health.

"That was probably a major reason that we were granted the grant because HRSA is interested in serving underserved populations and that's always been a focus of Georgia Southern."

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eventually lose the five offices we have on the second floor."

The communication arts department has been moving from place to place across campus for years and only recently settled in Veazey Hall.

"My perception is that this decision is affecting morale significantly since it makes us functionally homeless, at least where our students are concerned," Bourland-Davis said.

"For the fall, we'll keep our two classrooms on the third floor in Veazey so we'll have some contact point with our students near our offices since as a communication department, we have always valued our interaction and work with our students who complete service learning projects, multimedia productions, campaigns, all of which require more than just classroom meetings with students."

GSU's provost said that plans are still in the early stages.

"At the present time, we are still in the very early planning phases for any renovation work that may be done in Veazey Hall," Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Jean Bartels said.

"Any final plans for campus renovations affecting Veazey Hall will hinge on potential renovations to Brannen Hall that are also being planned. As more planning is done, more details will be forthcoming."

Bourland-Davis said that the department had originally planned to move into a new multidisciplinary building in a few years.

"Part of understanding the faculty response is that we were in the Communication Arts Building for approximately 17 years and the South Building for two years- both temporary facilities. In

the former building, we were faced with issues, such as the building being flooded when a urinal fell off the wall, a toilet falling through the floor, mold, leaks, etc. As such, Veazey represented a new home."

"At that time, the new facility appeared to be at least 12-14 years down the road; unfortunately, the economy has more than doubled that time line," Bourland-Davis said.

The new locations for fall communication arts classes have yet to be announced.

Michael Smith said, "They will certainly have a home; unfortunately, from their perspective, they will not have those classrooms in their building. This happens at universities all the time."

Some faculty members are in contact with alumni and students, informing them about the changes.

Multimedia communications professor Reed Smith said, "At this point, we are telling students that they can make their voice heard. I am also appealing to alumni that I am in contact with to let the campus administration know that they are considered about this development."

According to Reed Smith, the department caught wind of the situation through rumors a few weeks ago, but was not formally told about what was happening until recently. Smith explained that the administration's lack of communication on the matter has upset some of the faculty.

"Even to this day, now that it is clear that this story has leaked out around campus, no one has talked to us directly," Reed Smith said.

"I feel badly for them that they are losing classrooms in their building, but we are going to have

good space for them and their classes are going to have a home," Michael Smith said.

Many students and faculty in the department argue that having a centralized location for the department creates a sense of community.

"Everyone on campus needs space," Bourland-Davis said. "We already work with the radio station in Williams Center, our broadcast studio in Carroll, the Scene Shop, the Costume Shop and the Center for Art and Theatre, so having Veazey as a central location for our students in most of our classes has helped."

"It symbolically represented to us that we mattered on this campus," Reed Smith said.

It is not yet clear who will be occupying the Veazey classrooms next fall, but according to Bourland-Davis the decision by the administration is final.

Eagle Dining strives for satisfaction through renovation

By **COLLEEN McNALLY**

Assistant news editor

Changes are underway to the dining experience at Georgia Southern University.

One change the campus can expect to see implemented beginning fall 2011 will be more flexible meal plans, resulting in more value for customers.

"We are shifting from a per day basis to a per week basis," said Dining Services Senior Administrative Coordinator, Allison Harper.

"The 14 meal plan will be upped to a 15, and the 5 [meal plan] will become a 6, with more days to choose from and a maximum of 4 per day," she said.

"This solidifies our commitment to progression and change," said Jeff Yawn, director of Dining Services.

Yawn has a vision for dining on campus beyond satisfying hunger.

To gauge the needs of students and

faculty, Dining Services conducted a survey over winter break.

Eddie Mills, director of Auxiliary Services, said they appreciated the almost 3,000 students and faculty participated in the survey.

"The survey was issued in hopes of getting student and faculty ideas. We have a solid program now, but facilities could be updated," said Mills.

Wednesday morning in front of Landrum Center, three students were randomly chosen to receive prizes for participating in the survey.

Stephen Jackson won an iPad, Thomas Green won a \$50 gift card to the University Store, and Staci Carr won an iPod Touch.

Harper said she has been behind the scenes with a hired outside consulting firm to provide the information to comprise the survey, organize the results, and direct contact with students.

"We want to give students what they are asking for, but also be responsible," said Yawn.

Mills said that personally he likes the homestyle cooking of Landrum, but acknowledges that the facility needs to be a lot larger—"somewhere between double and triple the size."

"A lot of changes are difficult without a new building. We certainly know we need a new building. Landrum was built in the 60s, has been given several face-lifts, but is still lagging behind," said Mills.

Along with reviewing the survey results, the leadership of Dining Services will look at other schools before making decisions.

Yawn said that other campuses are not competition. Instead, other schools offer tours of their facilities and share resources.

"We will pick from the best," he said.



Caitlin Newman/STAFF

Winners of the Eagle Dining Services survey drawing, Stephen Jackson, middle left, and Thomas Green, middle right, stand with their prizes. The survey is being used to fuel changes to the Eagle Dining program.

Sexual Awareness Week hopes to 'Take Back the Night'

By **JESSIE REESE**
and **COLLEEN McNALLY**

George-Anne contributor
and Assistant news editor

Next week will serve as a time to remember the lives of the victims and celebrate the survivors of sexual violence.

The Sexual Assault Response Team will sponsor "Sexual Awareness Week" beginning Feb. 28 and lasting through March 3.

While April is Sexual Violence

Awareness month, the organization decided students should be informed of dangers they could face before spring break.

The week will include events such as The Clothesline Project, a "Take Back the Night" march, and the "End Sexual Violence" rally.

Allie DeFinis, the faculty advisor for Sexual Assault Student Educators, said this week will "air what historically has been the dirty laundry in communities."

This is literally what they plan to

do through the Clothesline Project at the Russell Union Rotunda an annual event that gives survivors and their supporters the opportunity to decorate a T-shirt as a symbol of their struggle.

The decorated T-shirts, including those from past years, are color coded to match the form of abuse they represent and will be hung overhead.

DeFinis said this project will, "show how much sexual violence the people in our community have gone

through."

The "Take Back the Night" march is an international event that is a protest against the fear women may have when walking alone at night.

The march will begin at 7 p.m. on March 3 in front of Landrum Center traveling to the Rotunda, where the "End Sexual Violence" Rally will take place.

Kimberly Fowler, graduate assistant for SART, said the rally will be entertaining, with a performance from GSU's Adrenaline show choir,

as well as informative.

"A Sexual Assault Survivor will speak on her experiences and others survivors are welcomed to share their experience as a way to empower their healing," she said.

"At the end of the rally, the Clothesline Project will be dismantled and a candlelight vigil will be held in remembrance of the victims of sexual violence."

More events will take place in March and April. For more information, contact SART.

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Hurling over Lakeside's hibachi

Restaurant Review

By MATT LANE
staff reporter



There's a new hibachi option on campus that has had many students very excited for a bit of variety in their campus cuisine.

It took me a while before I tried actual Japanese hibachi, but soon after, I fell in love with it. With this said, the idea of eating hibachi easily via meal plans sounded like an amazing idea.

However, for this idea to become reality, it has to deliver what makes hibachi so delicious. Unfortunately, Lakeside Hibachi doesn't even make the cut.

I've always been a fan of shrimp. It is the only seafood that is worth eating and tastes amazing with fried rice and vegetables. If you are fan of dipping shrimp into the hibachi sauce that comes with your meal, then you are out of luck.

The shrimp themselves are so microscopic you can barely get any on your fork without breaking them, which ruins the taste. Eating one at a time, you can't even tell it's shrimp. The texture is too bland and makes your stomach churn.

The steak is way too seasoned,

and tastes like pepper rather than actual beef. And, of course, they're cooked so long that the meat is almost indistinguishable from the chicken, which is similarly cooked.

Next is the fried rice. Even that was a disappointment. Parts of it were too dry to eat while other parts almost taste like paste. And why is it Spanish rice instead of the sticky rice commonly found in other Japanese restaurants.

It's possible that I just went at a bad time—I went around 2:00 p.m.—but not everyone is able to come right as the lunch bell rings, so it's no excuse.

In the end, fighting to finish it is futile. I wound up throwing away more than half of the rice. Trust me, it is not worth the torture or the calories—if your calorie intake is something you are keeping track of.

Vegetables are optional, but they just may be the best part of the entire meal. Although they are not as great as other hibachi places around Statesboro, Lakeside Hibachi's vegetables are at least edible, but chances are high you didn't go to



Ken Colyer/STAFF

The new hibachi restaurant in Lakeside Cafe leaves much to be desired in their food quality and taste.

to get a few slices of peppers and zucchini cooked in oil.

As for the egg roll, they were greasy and soggy, with a few unidentifiable bits hidden with the usual egg roll fillings. However, I have never been a big fan of egg rolls, so I may be the wrong person to ask.

Lastly, but not least is the shrimp sauce. Personally, I've never had spicy shrimp sauce. It was more like whipped Thousand Island sauce.

Usually, the only problem with hibachi is they never give you enough, but at Lakeside Hibachi,

that is anything but the case. They will heap your plate full.

Hopefully the people out there who prefer chicken or steak rather than shrimp with their hibachi won't be as disappointed with what they are given.

As far as I am concerned, save your meal plans for whatever they might be serving out of the trash can. Or, go for the breakfast for dinner. Please Lakeside, take down your hibachi walls and bring back the pasta.

If you liked this, check out: Nikko's (Express).

The Buzz List



Commentary by Mallory McLendon

- **'Of Gods and Men'** is opening this weekend with 90% on rottentomatoes.com. If you're into movies full of soul searching and dramatic dialogue, this movie is for you. Personally, I'm saving my money for 'Rango.'
- **Paul Haggis** is getting some bad feedback after referring to Scientology as a "cult." Really, what did you expect from a bunch of people who think that they're aliens?
- **The red carpet** has been rolled out for the Oscars this weekend. I can already see all the beautiful celebrities and their wardrobe malfunctions from here. Do you think Charlie Sheen will be there, drinking? Oh, irony.

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MvC 3 is going to 'take you for a ride...again'

Game Review

By **DANIEL FITZGERALD**

staff reporter



It has been 11 years since the last installment in the acclaimed Marvel vs. Capcom series and the unlikely combination of colorful characters have returned to take gamers for a another ride.

'Marvel vs. Capcom 3: Fate of Two Worlds' is a high octane 3v3 fighting game that offers a blend of super-fast, flashy combo action and fun characters, ranging from the familiar Spider-Man to the relatively obscure Tron Bonne, a lego man totting anime chick in a big green robot.

While not everyone from the previously enormous 56-character roster has returned in this edition, Capcom ensured that those 38 characters that did get to smack each other around were a healthy balance of familiar fan favorites from the previous games and those characters that are more relevant to modern Marvel comic fans and gamers.

They have also abandoned the old 2-D sprite designs and opted for a cell-shaded 3-D look that is reminiscent of American comic books.

The result is something that people might think looks a tad bit static; however, seeing the game in motion should fix that immediately.

The game play itself is extremely fun, even for those who may not be prodigies in the fighting game genre.

"Simple Mode" simplifies the control scheme for new players, allowing them to pull off a modest amount of combinations and special moves they otherwise may not have been able to figure out.

The normal control scheme has been simplified a bit, and now involves light, medium, heavy and special attacks, as opposed to the old high or low set up utilized in 'Marvel vs. Capcom 2.'

Many of the special moves are also easier to use and are consistent between characters.

Just like its predecessors, this game is chaos personified.

With colorful lasers and fire balls knocking characters all over the screen, it's equal parts exhilarating and confusing.

Fortunately, the camera sticks with the action and you rarely lose track of where your attention needs to be on the screen.

The new aptly-dubbed "Cross-over combo" system is a cool addition to the game mechanics.

It allows you to tag in your teammates in the middle of an air-combo that's sure to get a few gasps out of anyone watching you play.

After witnessing the archaic story of the arcade mode in which you get a two-picture-long epilogue for whichever character you were playing when you defeated the final boss, it quickly becomes apparent



Photo from www.marvelvscapcom3.com

that this game is extremely light on extra content.

While the meat of the games in this genre is in the game play itself, gamers have come to expect more from AAA titles with huge budgets.

Beyond the aforementioned arcade mode, the standard VS mode and the online play, there really is

not much else to see.

The training mode does not offer all the features that many other modern fighters offer, and the challenge mode is not very helpful in learning the combos.

For many gamers, this may be a pretty big drawback, but thankfully the core game play is fun enough to

forgive that trespass.

If you are a Marvel fan, a Capcom fan, a Marvel vs. Capcom fan or just a regular old fighting game fan, this game is worth checking out.

'Marvel vs. Capcom 3: Fate of Two Worlds' is a fantastic fighter that's worth every cent... and every broken arcade stick.

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Is Georgia Southern spying on my Facebook?

Dear Dean,

I recently heard that you can get in trouble with the University for things posted on the internet. Is that true? Are Housing and the Office of Student Conduct looking at our twitter accounts and facebook posts and charging students for what we say online? These are supposed to our private pages and that just doesn't seem right to me. Can they do that?

Sincerely,

Twittered

Dear Twittered,

These are great questions. As you probably know, the appropriate use of Facebook and Twitter is a popular topic of conversation. This is especially true for college students looking for jobs, internships, and other opportunities on and off campus. While Housing and the Student Conduct Offices are not spending time actively searching the web for violations of the Student Conduct Code, if a potential violation is brought to their attention, they will likely follow up with the student to have a conversation about it. These situations can include, but are not limited to, tweets, status messages and pictures regarding alcohol, drugs, bullying or harassment, and even academic dishonesty. Depending on the severity of the situation, and after meeting with the student, it is possible for your online activity to result in a violation. If you have further questions about how twitter and facebook can be used in the Conduct Process, please contact the Office of Student Conduct at (912) 478-0059 or at judicialadvocate@georgiasouthern.edu.

Additionally I would like to address the concept of these social networks being "private pages". Since the internet gives all of us the ability to interact and communicate with people almost anywhere in the world, I would caution those who think of these pages as "private". Regardless of how "private" that you make your social networking accounts, what you post online is available for people to see throughout the world! I think social networks are a great way for people to communicate, but inappropriate use could have implications that stretch far beyond the student conduct code.

Dr. Georj Lewis, Dean of Students

If you have a question for Dean Lewis, please submit it to deanofstudents@georgiasouthern.edu.



Dr. Georj Lewis

Celts sing for study abroad

By ARIA GABOL

Assistant arts editor

A concert will be held in support of Georgia Southern University's Eddie Ivie Scholarship, which allows ambitious students to study abroad in Ireland. Two students will be awarded the scholarship.

Assistant professor Howard Keeley, who deals with Irish studies and the study abroad program, said, "The big problem is the lack of money, so we created a program to make it more affordable. It is a fully endowed scholarship to which we are continually adding fresh funds and leaving a legacy for future generations."

Cathie Ryan, who will be accompanied by Patsy O'Brien and Matt Mancuso, will be performing at the Fifth Annual Musical Variety Concert in The Emma Kelly Theater.

These Celtic vocalists tour North America with a symphony orchestra.

Ryan is a female vocalist who won the Female Vocalist of the Decade from 2000-

2010.

Keeley describes Celtic music as, "Grounded in traditions of Celtic countries, but can also move beyond those traditions into world music influences."

Ryan's sound is, "Grounded in traditional Irish music and combined with her American side. [It] creates a hybrid sound that is beautiful," said Keeley.

"She is a big deal. Ryan sees what we are doing and believes it is worthwhile and the students benefit from it, so she is happy to help," said Keeley.

Everyone involved is giving their time for free.

Ryan has been in Statesboro before and is very excited to come back.

Ryan particularly likes The Emma Kelly Theater for many reasons, one being the perfect size for performance, according to Keeley.

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Come on out for the February edition of BNO. This month will be an 80's game night theme, so come in your best 80's attire! We will fill the night with food, prizes, bouldering, and a dance off!

RAC

7:00 PM

Drag Show Multicultural Student Center

Be entertained by elaborate performances of song monologues and dance while gaining more insight into the GLBTQ lifestyle. There will be a question and answer period immediately following the show.

Russell Union Ballroom

All Day

Miscellany Magazine of the Arts Office of Student Media

The Miscellany Magazine of the Arts is calling for submissions to the Spring 2011 edition, themed "Accidents in Art." Submissions are accepted online at: gsumiscellany.submishmash.com. The last day to submit is today, February 24. Contact Christina Riley at miscellany@georgiasouthern.edu or gsumiscellany.wordpress.com.

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MONDAY 2.28.2011

9:00 – 11:00 PM

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RAC Seminar Room

9:00 – 5:00 PM

The Clothesline Project Multicultural Student Center

The Clothesline Project is a mechanism for survivors of violence to express their feelings through decorating a shirt. The shirt is hung on a clothesline as a symbol of the violence and as a representation of the widespread issues represented by the shirts. The shirts are color coded to show the form of abuse and whether the victim survived the abuse they experienced. People can make shirts from 9am to 5pm from February 28th through March 3rd at the Rotunda.

Russell Union Rotunda

5:00 PM

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9:00 – 5:00 PM

The Clothesline Project Multicultural Student Center

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BASEBALL

Eagles tie Tech in two game series

By **JAMES FARMER**

George-Anne contributor

The Georgia Southern baseball team took the field in front of the fifth largest crowd in J.I. Clements Stadium history on Wednesday when they were defeated 7-4 by Georgia Tech. Tuesday's game saw a total of 3,088 GSU fans, the largest crowd in stadium history.

Southern battled it out against a talent-laden Georgia Tech squad, which featured 11 players who had chosen the team over a professional career.

Ben Morgan had a great defensive game, and Scooter Williams led the team offensively with three hits, as he made his season debut after being injured. "I was just ready to get out there and play my first game," said Williams.

Justin Hess pitched a one-two-three first inning, highlighted by a beautiful backhand stop by Ben Morgan. GT Freshman Matt Grimes, a fourth round draft pick last summer, pitched an impressive first, forcing two groundouts and earning his first collegiate strikeout.

In the bottom of the second, Southern's struggles continued at the plate, despite back to back deep balls by Cochrane and Roache, the Eagles failed to get a hit.

"[Georgia Tech] will have one of

the better pitching staffs we'll see all year," said Georgia Southern Coach Rodney Hennon.

Hess allowed the first two base runners to reach, but was aided by a great double play by Morgan. However, the next batter reached base, then Palka cleared the bases with a three run homer to give the Yellow Jackets a 3-0 advantage.

GSU finally picked up its first hit, from the number nine hitter, Scooter Williams. However, Payne struck out afterwards, nullifying the hit. "Grimes had some good stuff out there, especially early in the ball game," said Coach Hennon.

Southern made a pitching change in the fourth, hoping to stem the stream of runs by Tech. Joe Lower replaced Josh Adams and struck out his only batter that inning.

The Eagles finally got on the scoreboard with a two run homer by Cochrane. But Grimes retired the next two batters by groundball. Southern prevented Tech from scoring, with a beautiful defensive effort. Williams caught a line drive, and then threw out Palka, just in time at the plate. "He had a big play out there in right field," said Coach Hennon, "He throws pretty well."

GSU made up some ground in the bottom of the fifth inning after Ben Morgan made an amazing



Andrew Partain/STAFF

Al "Scooter" Williams makes his debut of the season with a base hit.

effort to force an error at first base. The error was followed by a single to center field by Williams, then a sneaky bunt by Payne. Burress then forced a fielder's choice that allowed a run to score. The final out was a deep warning track fly ball that would have given GSU the lead.

Southern continued its steady rally in the sixth inning, tallying another home run, this time by Roache to make the score 5-4. Lower

continued his impressive relief performance, retiring all three batters in the seventh inning, punctuated by a strike out of Skole.

Roache continued his hot hitting streak in the eighth with a single to the left, but Moye batted into a double play, and ended the inning.

Georgia Tech played some nice small ball in the ninth, attempting three bunts and hitting a sacrifice fly. After the Eagles intestinally walked

Skole, Palka hit a sac fly to score Smelter to make the game 7-4.

The eagles couldn't produce much in their final frame, with the only base runner coming from an error by the third baseman.

Southern stranded seven runners on the day, including several in scoring position. "It kind of hurt, you know, because we only lost by a couple of runs," said Williams about the team's inability to get him home despite his three hits.

Even though the Eagles couldn't deliver the sweep, Coach Hennon was very thankful of the record fans who showed up for the two game set.

"Our fans are great. The crowds both days I thought were outstanding," he said, "It's definitely an advantage when you can play in an environment like that."

Southern defeated Tech 6-5 on Tuesday in an unusual fashion. The winning and tying runs were both RBI walks in the ninth inning. Jarret Leverett got the start, and struck out three, but Andy Moye picked up the win after a stellar 2.2 innings of work. Michael Burress and Ben Morgan both had two hits apiece to lead the Eagles offensively.

The Eagles return to J.I. Clements Stadium this weekend in a three game series against North Carolina Central. The first game is set for 6 p.m. Friday.



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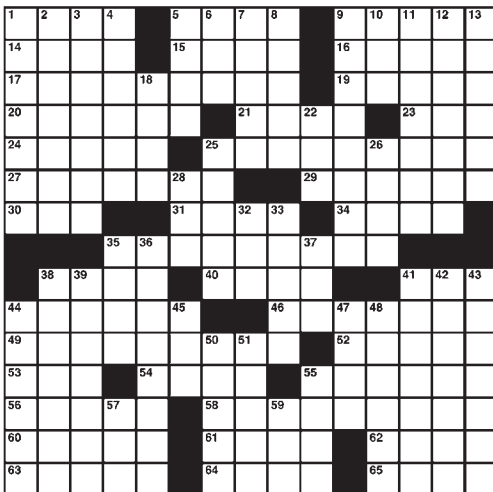
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By Harvey Estes

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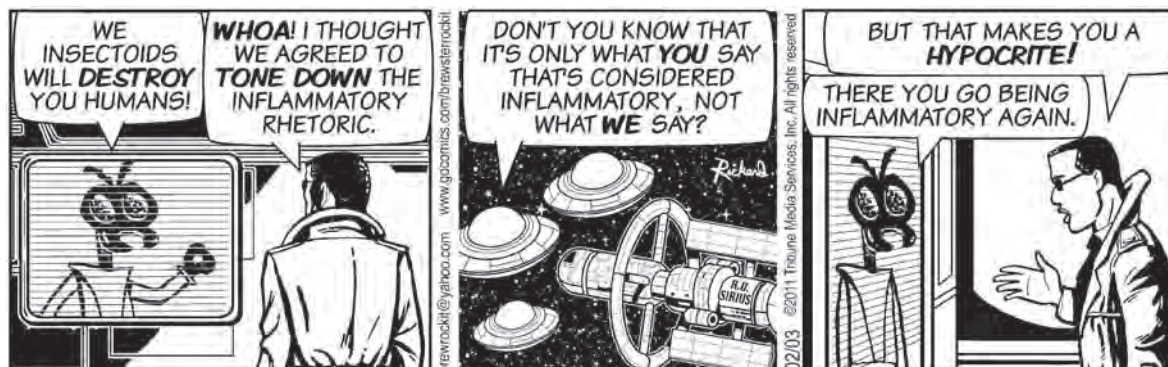
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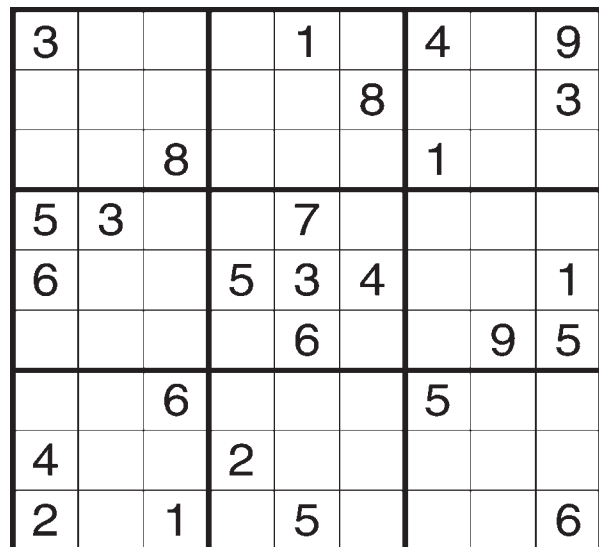
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TRACK AND FIELD

Smith comments on teams progression

By BIONCA BALL

George-Anne contributor

The Lady Eagles will compete in the Southern Conference Championships February 26th-27th for the final indoor run, held in Clemson, SC. Natalie Smith, head coach of Track and Field comments on the ladies progression for the year and their upcoming competition.

What are your expectations at Clemson?

Our expectations are to perform at the level we know how. I think the biggest thing you see all year, in any sport, [is that] you have your ups and downs, and you have those times where it's kind of like leveled out, but we are just looking for these ladies to be who they have been the last seven days. I would say we've been the most productive we've ever been, so [my expectation is to] just continue to do that and use the

momentum that we've had.

How do you feel about Sara Curry breaking her record twice?

Well, actually, Sara has broken two different records. She has broken the 5000 record and the 3000 record. All of her hard work, her effort and the things that she does outside of training are really starting to show up so we're super excited for her.

How do you feel about Lynndsey Hyter and her performance and leadership?

Lynndsey is the type of person you see what you get. You get what you see. When she steps on the field, she is the type of person that is going to demand attention without saying a word. I think her versatility is what makes her sometimes irreplaceable. As far as her leadership, I will say the team looks up to her a lot, so it's always important to make sure that Lynndsey's on. I feel like she doesn't

have to say a lot. Her actions show that she wants to be there.

How do you think the indoor championship will prepare your team for the outdoor season?

Anybody that runs a 400 or above is always ready to get out of indoor because they run more laps, they run more curves, so for them it's a good thing. And I think too, for outdoor, you're doing more events. From a coaching perspective, during the day I'm looking to perform great as a team. That's what I have to do. So when I look at that outdoor, we're adding different events that help us. We're adding a 4x1 relay. That's kind of like a spark on any team if you have a good 4x1 and it's something that you look forward to. However, you use the indoor to get the jitters out of the way. You get to look at some events that you normally won't do, whether it's a 500 or a 1000 or even

a 3000. For Sara, she's getting to run a 3000 indoor, but there is no 3000 in outdoor championships, so she's getting to work on speed work for her 5000 race. So I think it's one of those things, you use it for what it is. It's good for us, especially with the weather and different things changing during those seasons that we're still able to go and compete at a high level. However, once March gets here, everyone is looking forward to going outside.

Highlights:

They anticipate a strong finish in the final event.

"Our last event on the last day is the 4x4. That's an area that kind of got the live and die by that's one of my passions. I believe in that because it's the end of every meet, so I always tell the girls 'how we leave depends upon how you represent us in that relay. We are looking to do really well on that.'"

The Press Box

What's going on in GSU sports

- The Swimming and Diving Team finished the CCSA's in third place.
- The Women's Basketball team fell to the Davidson Wildcats 60-46. Their last home game will be Feb. 26th against the Paladins of Furman at 5 p.m.
- The Men's Basketball team will finish up its two games of the season at home. The Eagles will compete against the UNC-Greensboro Spartans Feb. 24th at 7 p.m. and Elon Phoenix Feb. 26th at 7:30 p.m.
- The Softball team will compete in the War Eagle Classic Feb. 25-27 at Auburn. The Eagles will face Marshall, Auburn, Belmont, Middle Tennessee State, and Murray State.

OPINION

Next level up in competition

By BRANDILYN BROWN

managing editor for special publications

According to the National Center for Catastrophic Sport Injury Research, college cheerleading is not an NCAA sport.

The 1950s standard of cheerleading is a person who leads spectators in traditional or formal cheering, especially at a pep rally or athletic event. However, in today's world, cheerleading has emerged as the riskiest of women's sports.

Based on NCCSI research, "high school and college cheerleaders account for over one-half of the catastrophic injuries to female athletes." Yet it is "not a sport."

The National Cheerleaders Association started cheerleading competitions in 1987. From these

competitions evolved a brand new competition- STUNT, which Georgia Southern University cheerleaders recently participated in for the first time. This new category is designed to help cheerleading receive NCAA support.

The challenge is four quarters long, similar to football quarters, and consists of two to four teams competing against each other for the best score.

During each quarter, teams perform skill sequences of varying levels to demonstrate their performance of difficulty, technical execution and synchronization. The first three quarters consist of three heats.

The team in control of possession after a coin toss determines which skill level will be performed. The fourth quarter, "team performance,"

will consist of one heat.

During the first and third quarter, teams will perform the same selected level skill sequence for that heat simultaneously, side by side. During the second and fourth quarters, teams will alternate time on the floor.

The National Cheerleaders Association awarded the GSU cheerleaders a bid to nationals based on the team's successful completion of specific requirements.

Every member representing a school must meet the National Cheerleaders Association's current eligibility requirements. They must follow the safety guidelines of Division I football.

The new STUNT level of competition is one step towards recognition for GSU's champions' hard work and dedication.

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Wicked Crickets 6, Nothing Inappropriate 1
TREOS 9, Team Whispering Eye 3
Southern Adventures 0, **Strikers 9**
Fiesty Goats 6, Borussia Monchengladbach 1
Booty Bandits 4, Aston Manpoolhamingtonlivercity Utd 3
Didiers 1, **DFW 2**
Leaones 3, Sport Club Internacional 2

Co-Rec
Troll 8, IM FC 6
Just a Little Bi Curious 7, Wii Not Fit 0
The Worst Team in the League 0, **1017 Geeb Squad 4**
Las Bestias! 3, **Wicked Crickets 2 4**
Hermaphrodites 13, Bad News Brews 1
CCF Fourth Meal 1, **Lady Bugs 6**
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Intramural Softball Registration

Registration for Intramural Softball closes March 1 so hurry and get your team signed up! Play begins March 7.

Softball Umpire's Clinic

Looking for a job this semester? Come try your hand at softball umpiring! CRI will teach you everything you need to know about officiating the sport. Applicants must attend all three Umpire Clinics in order to be considered for hire.

Clinic Dates:

Clinic I: February 28, 9 – 11 p.m, Seminar Room
Clinic II: March 1, 9 – 11 p.m, Multiplex
Clinic III: March 2, 9 – 11 p.m, Sports Complex



On Saturday, February 19, CRI hosted its annual NIRSA Day 5K. Over 190 people came out to participate in the fun run/walk.



PLAYER PROFILE

Payne looks for strong senior season

By JAMES FARMER

George-Anne contributor

Senior center fielder Shawn Payne has big plans to continue playing baseball once he is finished being an Eagle. This past summer, the Kansas City Royals drafted him in the 44th round.

"I'm on track to finish up in the fall of next year," said Payne. "Hopefully I will get a chance to take my talents to the minor league level."

Payne was also selected for the Southern Conference first team Preseason All conference.

With a hometown of Stone Mountain, Georgia, he said that he liked Georgia Southern University because it allowed him to stay in state. Payne transferred to GSU in

2010 from Middle Georgia College.

While at MGC, Payne was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 29th round. Payne was looking for the opportunity to play right away.

"When I came to a game on [my] visit, it [was] an atmosphere to play in. It's a nice park. It's a hitter's park."

Last year, Payne started in 53 games and had a batting average of .345. He had a 10 game hitting streak and stole a total of 43 bases, a team best, and was only caught twice. Of those 43 stolen bases, 38 of them were consecutive. However, Payne did not mention his impressive numbers when talking about his goals.

"I'm not a real big stat guy. You just play hard and leave it on the field for Georgia Southern."

Payne said that he wants to stay strong on defense this season. In 2010, he had a productive defensive year with five outfield assists and only three errors. He finished with a .978 fielding percentage. In addition to his personal goals, he said that this year the team is focusing on finishing the drill.

"Last year we had a chance to win the preseason region, and we got swept the last three games and so we're big on finishing this year."

The Eagles were able to finish big Tuesday night with a last minute victory over in-state rival Georgia Tech. Payne said that although this is only his second season at GSU, he knows the rivalry between the Eagles and the Yellow Jackets has been going on for a long time.

"They are one of the top teams in the ACC. They are ranked

preseason number 19 and they had a number one seed last year in the regional, [which] they hosted. They are usually one of the top teams in the ACC. It was a big win for us.

Like the Eagles, Payne is off to a notable start in the 2011 season. After completing Tuesday's game, he already has five RBI's and two stolen bases.

PLAYER STATS

Number:	5
Position:	Outfield
Bats:	Right Handed
Throws:	Right Handed
Height:	6'0"
Weight:	195 lbs
Birthday:	July 7
Year:	Senior
Major:	General Studies
Hometown:	Stone Mountain, Ga
High School:	Reden



Andrew Partain/STAFF

Leadoff hitter Shawn Payne lays down a bunt against Georgia Tech in Wednesday night's game.

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