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**CHI OMEGA returns to Georgia Southern campus**

BY CHRIS CARTER

Chi Omega, a National Panhellenic Conference women’s fraternity with the largest membership in the United States, is coming back to Georgia Southern University after a 23-year absence.

After having a chapter at GS from 1976-1993, the organization has a large and enthusiastic alumnae base. Large recruitment numbers among other sororities and cooperation from the Department of Fraternity and Sorority Life made Chi Omega want to reestablish GS. Chi Omega did not leave on bad terms, so GS was welcoming to them returning to campus.

A group of national representatives are on campus to recruit new members to establish the chapter. They hope to get 200 women to join, which is the average membership for other sororities on the GS campus.

Chi Omega hopes to bring something new and unique to Greek life on GS campus. One of their unique selling points is their main philanthropy, the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Chi Omega will try to bring a more structured relationship between the Make-A-Wish Foundation and GS in order to serve children in our community.

Having Chi Omega back at Georgia Southern means a lot to the alumnae who were members before the chapter closed. The national representatives expressed that they felt very welcome on Georgia Southern’s campus.

“I always feel relaxed when I’m here. It’s just a relaxing atmosphere, people are easy to talk to, people are fun to talk to, it’s fun to meet people here,” Payton Gartman, the director of extension/special projects for Chi Omega, said. Chi Omega owns a lot on Greek row between the houses of Zeta Tau Alpha and Alpha Omicron Pi. They plan to break ground in the summer or fall of 2018 and have the house ready for rush by fall of 2019.

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When Thought Corrupts Language, Language Corrupts Thought

DEVIN CONWAY
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The Thought Police

The cultural norms of the modern era are quickly shifting toward an endless promotion of diversity and tolerance, and this phenomenon is accompanied by a preference for limiting free expression in favor of a strictly regulated standard of socially acceptable thoughts and opinions. Those who choose to adopt this platform are welcomed with open arms as they carve out their own place on the progressive pedestal, while those who are critical of the movement are viciously attacked by these moral crusaders. They serve their cause on relentless with hunts, subjecting anything and everything to a level of unnecessary and exhaustive scrutiny in order to ensure that there are no stones left unturned on the never-ending search for intolerance and bigotry.

Contradictions Abound

This absolute confidence in their own moral superiority seems to be a collective amplification of the ego. The problem with this self-assured and provocative style of engagement is that we all generally consider ourselves to be acutely aware of the mistakes and wrongly held beliefs by others, and are quick to take note of them, but we are for the most part completely blinded to our own inhibitions and false assumptions about the world around us. It seems very hypocritical to dedicate a significant amount of time to the universal acknowledgement and celebration of a diversity in cultures, ethnicities and lifestyles while attempting to shut down a diversity in beliefs, ideas and criticisms because they conflict with that which is becoming the norm.

Freedom Isn’t Free

Our collective transition into covert forms of censorship is not only hysterical and misguided, it threatens the very foundation of our democracy. The individual liberties that are endowed upon us were intended to serve as tools for cultural, economic and political enrichment - a means to an end that must never be compromised for the sake of overt xsorant to a select few.

If we don’t believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don’t believe in it at all.

NOAM CHOMSKY
Linguist, philosopher, and political activist

With that being said, I’d like to clarify that having the right to do something doesn’t mean that it’s right to do something, but this freedom of choice is a necessary component of a larger framework.

The Right To Be Left Alone

We must be able to believe what we wish to believe, say what we wish to say, disagree where we wish to disagree and left to live our lives in pursuit of our own personal desires so long as we don’t end up infringing upon the rights of others. It’s becoming increasingly controversial to advocate on behalf of the traditional American rationale that calls for transparency and open debate.

The freedom of speech that is guaranteed to us by the Bill of Rights is unbelievably rare in human history, and we mustn’t take this privilege for granted. Our founding fathers revolted against the tyrannical, divine-right style monarchism that sought to confine its people to a subservient and oppressed lifestyle. Our freedom is threatened once again, but in a strange turn of events, it is a self-imposed threat - one that seeks to raise all of us up by shutting most of us down.

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GS work study
How the program helps creates jobs across campus

BY TAISHA WHITE
The George Anne Star

Many students come to college looking for jobs to earn extra money in order to eat have a good time with their friends or in some cases even pay tuition. However, finding a job is never easy. In 2013, a report by the National Center for Education found that only six percent of undergraduates earn money through work study programs, while 71 percent receive financial aid from grants or loans.

The Federal Work Study program, directed by Demetrios Bynés, director of Employment Services in Human Resources, allows students to obtain an income working on or off campus, throughout the school year to help pay for educational expenses as well as other personal expenses. 89 percent of Georgia Southern University’s students are on financial aid, according to Forbes.com, and though work study statistics about GS students were unavailable, it’s likely that a good majority of students are unaware of just what the work study program offers and if they even qualify.

Students that display financial aid need, such as the Pell Grant, are able to apply for work study jobs. While not as popular as other college funding programs, a fair share of students take advantage of the work study program.

Demetrios Bynés, director of Employment Services in Human Resources, explained how students are able to find out which jobs are hiring work study students.

“Financial aid notifies us that we have five allocations. Once they notify the department that they have allocations for work study awards, the department contact the Student Employment Center and notify us that they are ready to post those positions,” Bynés said. “We place those positions on our website so that students in the work study department can apply.”

Most jobs posted on the Job Postings Career site have students working in different offices across campus, where students will be considered assistants to those in need.

When applying for work study, no process will be the same. Time frames for students to obtain a job can vary from a week to a semester depending on a variety of things.

For many students, the work study program has allowed them to expand their horizons beyond school.

“Working here has broadened my perspective on what is going on on campus because before I just went home and went to school. I wasn’t really involved with school,” Bre’Anna Mikell, junior information technology and Dean of Students work study assistant, said. “Now being in this office, I know what activities are going on, what students deal with outside of academics and I know how to address that.”

In other cases, some students like the work study program because it caters to the needs of the student.

Center for Wildlife Education work study employee and senior English major Tybria Williams suggests the work study program for students because they put students first.

“I would definitely recommend it [the work study program] because it’s for students. They set these jobs aside for us and a lot of kids don’t know about it,” Williams said.

Williams also states that the work study program is beneficial for any student’s schedule.

“I really think work study is a good job because they work with you. They work with your hours and they really take in account what their students need,” Williams said.

For more information regarding the federal work study program or to find out if you’re qualified for work study, head to the Department of Human Resources or visit the Student Employment Center website.

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**Fast work study stats**

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Center for Sustainability funds new projects on campus

BY TANDEA SMITH
The George Anne staff

The 2017 fiscal year will prove to be one of the biggest years for the Center for Sustainability’s fee grants. According to the Center for Sustainability’s website, the center received 31 proposals from nine academic departments and five additional units, requesting over $750,000 in funding.

Ultimately, the Sustainability Fee Committee chose 18 proposals for either partial or full funding.

The grants were established in Spring 2014 and are aimed towards improving the campus by addressing sustainability in various areas, such as water and waste.

The goal of the sustainability fee grant program is to improve sustainability on campus in areas including, water, energy, waste, biodiversity, food, transportation, sustainability promotion, and to engage students, faculty, and staff in the creation and implementation of these projects,” Lissa Leege, director of the Center for Sustainability, said in an email to the George Anne.

Solar powered ground mount charging stations, water fountain refill stations and bicycle repair stations are among the proposals that will be funded this year. James Farquharson, graduate assistant for the bio and inventory manager in University Housing, wrote two proposals for both the water fountain refill stations and bicycle repair stations. Both proposals were granted funding.

“I had pretty proud. [While] writing them, I was a bit skeptical if we were actually going to receive the funding for it but when I got the email [about funding], I was like, ‘wow, we did it’,” Farquharson said.

The new bike repair stations will be located in each of the residence halls on campus. They will include tools for minor bike repairs, as well as a pump for tires. The water bottle refill stations will be added in more residence halls on campus.

“We requested to install about eight to 12 [stations], because we already have 15 of them around housing complexes and they’ve been a huge success,” Farquharson said.

In addition to the numerous stations that will be added in the upcoming weeks and months, funding has also been granted for the Old Register Road Multipurpose Trail stations Phase 2.

“The [funding] will allow for the development of a trail around the RAC soccer fields, connecting to the Pavilion and Shooting Sports Facility and will extend to the campus greenway,” Leege said.

Nicholas Vaill, freshman electrical engineering major, said that he has noticed the various sustainability projects on campus and likes them.

“The recycling bins are good. The bike racks are too. They really encourage bicycling on campus,” Vaill said.

Vaill would like there to be more emphasis on reusing water for various things on campus.

“A lot of waste goes with water bottles. I would like to see more emphasis on reusable water bottles,” Vaill said.

Leege thinks that the grant is effective at getting individuals to think more about sustainability.

Leege said, “It is now easier to refill reusable bottles than to buy disposable bottles, and that ultimately makes a difference in our campus waste production.”

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GEORGIA SOUTHERN 2016 OFFENSIVE PREVIEW

BY ROBERT GEORGE
The George-Anne Staff

The first game of the 2016 college football season is still a few weeks away, but it’s never too early to start looking ahead for what to expect from the season. Over the next few issues leading up to Georgia Southern’s (GS) opening matchup against Savannah State University on September 3, we’ll help you get familiar with key players, storylines, schemes and opponents that will headline the first season of a new era for GS football. Today, we’re previewing the offense by each position to get an idea of what to expect.

QUARTERBACK

Upshaw (left) and Ellison (right) should form one of the best QB duos in the nation.

There’s an old saying in football that if you have two quarterbacks, you don’t really have none. While this is mostly true and applies to a lot of college football teams, it couldn’t be farther from the truth for the Eagles.

Seniors Kevin Ellison and Favian Upshaw will once again split reps under center. Summers has said that both guys will see playing time and both have earned it. While both guys have their respective strengths and weaknesses, but both have shown that they’re capable of taking over games with their legs and their arms.

It will probably take a few games to see how evenly the reps get divided up between the two, but we know that both are capable of leading an offense to the end zone.

WHAT TYPE OF OFFENSE WILL THE EAGLES RUN?

Despite a new coaching staff, the offense will largely operate the same as it has the past few years. There’s a bigger emphasis on the passing game this season.

This was one of the first questions on Eagle Nation’s mind when Tyson Summers was announced as the head coach back in December. The Eagles have run the option-offense for ages it seems, and that side of the ball has largely regressed when they wandered away from it, i.e. the “Hatch Attack” from Chris Hatcher’s days during the 2007-2009 seasons.

Summers was quick to reassure the fans that they wouldn’t make any major changes to the scheme, meaning we can expect to see more of the gun-option attack the Eagles ran in the past few seasons. What could, and needs to, change is how frequently and efficiently they throw the ball this season.

While every coach with an option offense says they want to throw the ball more, Summers is actually making an effort to do so.

He brought in two new offensive coordinators, one from Valdosta High School and the other from Valdosta State, both of whose teams threw the ball a lot. They have installed a lot of shotgun-style formations, and even went with an empty backfield and free wide outs set once in the last scrimmage of the preseason.

“If you’re gonna be a team that can throw at all, you gotta work it,” Summers said.

RUNNING BACK

Fields will look to build off his strong freshman season in the 2016 campaign.

This is undoubtedly the Eagles most stacked position on the team. Everyone knows about Matt Breida at this point. The senior was put on the Doak Walker Watch List, which is given annually to the nation’s top running back. He’ll spearhead a three-headed monster that includes junior L.A. Ramsby and sophomore Wesley Fields.

While Breida is the home-run hitter with his elite speed and agility in the open field, Ramsby is excellent between the tackles and can pick up the tough yards when they’re near the goal line. He’s also pretty versatile, evidenced by the fact that he switched to running back after being recruited as a QB as a sophomore.

If Ramsby is the thunder and Breida is lightning, then Fields is like a perfect Statesboro thunderstorm. Fields has great speed and a knack for finding the end zone once the offense gets close. He averaged almost seven yards a carry last season, and was also useful out of the backfield as a receiver. He was the only back to catch a touchdown pass and have more than 100 receiving yards last season.

“L.A. knows so much about the offense and different schemes. And Wesley was a freshman last year, and his ability to just come in and just want to know everything and L.A. knew and listen and be coachable was great. I feel like they have a chance to play in the NFL one day,” Breida said.

These guys should put up great numbers this season with two veteran running backs returning the offense and an excellent offensive line, especially if the passing game opens up enough to keep defenses from stacking the box.
This group is probably the most excited about the greater emphasis on the passing game this offseason. Last season, the team attempted only 137 passes, the fewest by any team in the FBS. The expectation is that that number will rise and these guys will be the primary beneficiaries.

BJ Johnson III returns as the No. 1 receiver for the second consecutive season. He ran 249 yards in nine games. He injured his shoulder at one point and it left him sidelined for a portion of the season. However, this year, he will once again assume the role of the leader at that position.

"I just come out here and do my job every day to the best of my abilities and set the tone and lead by example," Johnson III said.

Myles Campbell will also be back for his junior season. He finished with 130 receiving yards last year, second most on the team. At 5'6", Campbell has looked good in the preseason, and should establish himself as a playmaker in the passing game.

Mike Summers Jr. will make his homecoming against SSU. The Statesboro native transferred in from Georgia Tech this offseason, and will look to make an immediate impact on the outside.

Keigan Williams, Malik Henry and Montay Crockett all caught passes last season and will be back again this year. Incoming freshman and four-star recruit Darion Anderson will also look to get on the field and make some plays.

"It's there. We've been waiting for this opportunity, for the coaches to give us an opportunity to show what we can do. We've been building that chemistry (with the quarterbacks), now it's time for us to go show it on Saturdays," Johnson III said.

Malik Broughton is a 6'4" track star from Albany State and later Arkansas. He has elite jumping ability and is fast in the open field.

Ross Alexander will bring physicality to the position after moving over from defensive end. Mark Michaud also has a chance to get some reps and make an impact in the passing game.

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Every offense begins and ends with the play of its line, and this is especially true for the Eagles. Andy Kwon, Jeremiah Culbreth and Tommy Boynton return after starting at least 11 games last season. Kwon and Culbreth are locked in the lineup, but Boynton is dealing with a concussion and it's unclear how long he'll be out. The Eagles also have to fill the gaps left open after Darien Foreman and Roscoe Byrd graduated.

There are other guys capable of stepping in, however. Max Magana and Ryan Norkrup both started multiple times last season and figure to battle for spots. Curtis Rainey also saw game action last season and looks to get some work as well.

Whoever ends up starting will benefit from having Kwon at center. The senior was Second Team All-Sun Belt last season and was named to the Rimington Watch List this season, which is given to the best center in the nation. He knows the importance of his unit's job, and is confident that they'll open holes for the runners this season.

"My job is to be able to block people and move them out of the way so that they can go on and score," Kwon said. "Those are my brothers and I have to take care of them."
The Painted Chef: Register’s New Food Destination

BY THOMAS BARSZCZ
The Georgia-Annin staff

When looking for something to eat in southeast Georgia, there are always two reliable cuisines readily available: Southern food and barbecue. A new restaurant has joined Shane’s Smoke Shack and Vandy’s Bar-B-Q among the barbecue options around Statesboro. The restaurant, called The Painted Chef, opened in the neighboring town of Register five weeks ago.

The Painted Chef has had a line of people waiting at its doors every Saturday morning since it opened five weeks ago. Located on 9020 Kennedy Bridge Road, The Painted Chef was created, opened and is currently run by 2009 Georgia Southern industrial management graduate Travis “Shug” Phillips. Phillips learned to cook for his friends and family from a young age, as he grew up on a farm in Register. It was not until his adulthood that he started cooking for large groups of people.

“I started cooking for other people about seven years ago in a local motorcycle shop. I would just cook on Sundays for all my biker friends, who would then bring their friends,” Phillips said.

From there, Phillips began doing catering jobs for his friends at their private events.

“I was cooking for free as long as people provided the food. Then, at one event, a lady came to me and said ‘you need to get paid to do this’ and gave me a $100 bill and said ‘let this be your first paid job’,” Phillips said.

The weekend following this encounter, Phillips said that he went home and seriously put thought into legitimizing his craft. He created a logo, a name and a website for his catering business, and then posted the information on social media sites.

Phillips derived his business’s name from the book “The Painted Man” by Peter V. Brett. Phillips identified with the book’s main character, because, like the character, he was covered in tattoos. It would not be long before Phillips got a response for his new catering business.

“That [Sunday] afternoon, I got my first call for my first job at the Harley Davidson [motorcycle shop] in Savannah. Since then, they’ve been my biggest customers. I’ve catered to them once a month for the past six years,” Phillips said.

Over the years, Phillips learned to hone his skills as a respected chef on his own by putting his own twist on classic Southern and barbecue dishes such as shrimp and grits, chili, chicken fried chicken, ribs, brisket, hopping johns and mashed potatoes. He even makes a banana bread pudding with a whiskey-caramel topping.

His shrimp and grits have won best in the ‘Boro two years in a row and the Taste of the ‘Boro award. In 2014, Phillips put his food to the test by competing on an episode of Spike’s Now You See Me. He got a $1000 prize for the best shrimp and grits.

Over those years, Phillips has been catering for anywhere from small gatherings of 30 to 200 people.

The Painted Chef has been everything from a local barbecue joint, to a Southern cooking restaurant, to a fine dining restaurant. Phillips said that The Painted Chef caters to everyone, and offers a little something for everyone.

“People are looking for something different and we are able to offer them that different option,” Phillips said.

Phillips grew up in Register and moved to Statesboro with his wife in 2014 to pursue a career in military contracting. Phillips was a high school dropout and had no idea where he was going in life after dropping out. His sister suggested he go back to school to get his high school diploma and pursue a career in military contracting. Phillips enrolled in Georgia Southern and went on to earn a degree in management.

“Register is where I grew up. It’s where I was raised, and I’m from a small town, so I wanted to stay in Statesboro,” Phillips said.

The Painted Chef’s menu is small and is a specification of Southern and barbecue food. Phillips said that the menu changes from time to time, and that he often changes the menu to give customers new options.

When looking for something to eat in southeast Georgia, consider giving The Painted Chef a try. The restaurant is a new addition to the Statesboro area that is sure to satisfy any Southern comfort food craving.

Chefs can be found on page 9.
The Painted Chef is adjacent to a defunct gas station. Phillips used to work at the station when it was open.

**CHEF continued**

TV's “Frankenfoods,” where one of his creations placed him third out of a hundred contestants.

“Frankenfoods” was filmed in Dallas, Texas, where Spike TV’s “Ink Master” was also filmed. The Ink Master, Oliver Peck, owned a tattoo shop in Dallas.

“I get to meet him, and I got my logo tattooed on my leg by the Ink Master. You have to be pretty confident in your logo to get it tattooed on you,” Phillips said.

Phillips does not have formal training in the kitchen, like other restaurant owners might.

“Everything I’ve learned in a kitchen is from trial and error. A lot of it has to do with having a palette that knows what flavors go together. For example, I know bourbon and brown sugar go good together, so that’s what I put on the ribs,” Phillips said.

Phillips is proud of his accomplishment and to have his own restaurant.

“It is humbling to think of “The Painted Chef” as a food destination, but that is what it was that Sunday when all of the bikers visited, Phillips said. “To have a food destination here in Register is crazy. This is the only restaurant in Register, other than the convenience store across the street that sells Hunt Brothers’ pizza.”

The Painted Chef is currently only open on Saturdays from 10-15 a.m. until Phillips sells all his meat, which usually happens within four hours. But for Phillips, it’s not about the money. He just loves cooking and loves making his customers happy.

Phillips said, “It makes me happy to see you smile. When people take a bite of my ribs, and it falls right off the bone, and they smile, that’s what makes me happy.”

Travis Phillips has had 300 hours of tattoo work done on him. He is tattooed from wrists to ankles.
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