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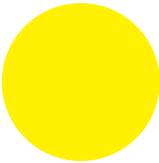
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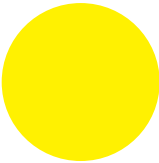
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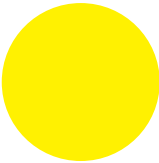
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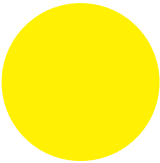
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Weather Bar

After five days of storms courtesy of Hurricane Matthew, it looks like we'll be able to enjoy some sunlight. Take advantage of the cool temperatures while they last.





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The Circle takes a look at how students manage their natural hair in Statesboro!

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Yoga
Made Simple

BY MARQUIETTA GREEN
The Reflector staff

So you've decided to finally start doing yoga, but after going to the gym and seeing the many options they have, your head is spinning and you are a little confused by all the different styles of yoga that are out there. Don't worry or be fearful, here is the inside scoop for choosing the best yoga style for you.

Yoga and meditation focuses on relaxation and peace of mind. Shut out all your negative thoughts and outside distractions and get in touch with your natural spirit. Yoga is more than just sitting still a few times each day and your mind is filled with thoughts worries and personal fears you experience.

"Practicing meditation at a peaceful place like at Sweetheart Circle or going to a yoga class at the RAC gives me a flow of energy and good vibes throughout the day and I try to do it at least twice a day or whenever I can fit it in," Kechan Bailey, senior English major, said.

Vinyasa yoga focuses on synchronized breath. It is sometimes called "flow yoga" because it's smooth poses that run together almost like a dance. Your breath acts as a beat for each of your movements.

"Vinyasa is a Sanskrit term that means linking movements together with breath, so each pose/posture is paired with an inhale or exhale and flows smoothly into the next pose and are often compared to the Yin and Yang yoga styles because they are strong, build heat and are constantly changing," Shana Flury, junior Spanish major, said.

Power yoga basically is the more rigorous and fitness based style of Vinyasa yoga. You can expect to see minimal amounts of meditation and chanting with more intense flowing yoga. Gyms usually classify this as more of an exercise class.

"Power yoga is a high energy, higher intensity style of yoga that will definitely leave you sweating," Bailey said.

Yin yoga is a slow-paced style of yoga with postures, or asanas, that are held for longer periods of time—for beginners, it may range from 45 seconds to two minutes.

"Yin, if you are familiar with the concept of a Yin Yang, takes a more passive approach. It is less intense than the Vinyasa style. That's why Yin is used to build flexibility, to get deep into connective tissues and to encourage meditation," Flury said.

So how can you decide which style is best for you? Each style of yoga can fit your specific needs whether you are looking for a good workout or if you are or if you're not into exercise at all. As far as what style is most beneficial, it really depends on what your goals are.

"The best part of it all is that these classes are all provided at the RAC on campus," Flury said.

If you want to really work out and sweat look into trying these:

- Vinyasa yoga
- Power yoga

If you are looking for inner peace or stress management, look into trying these:

- Yin yoga
- Yoga and meditation

SPORTS SHORTS

- Men's Soccer won against Georgia State, 3-1, on Saturday.
- Women's Soccer lost against Georgia State, 1-2, on Saturday.

Your View

Students weigh in on Grant Spencer verdict and the impact of Michael's Law



DEVIN CONWAY

Conway is a junior journalism major from Manchester, New Hampshire.

Grant Spencer was charged with voluntary manslaughter on Tuesday and sentenced to 20 years in prison with a chance for parole after his 13th year.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Spencer, he is the former Georgia Southern student who worked at Rude Rudy's, and while off-duty, got into an altercation at Rudy's that ended in the death of another former Georgia Southern student, Michael Gatto.

Gatto's parents later played a key role in instituting 'Michael's Law', which implemented a 21-and-up age restriction on every bar in the state of Georgia, as well as an age restriction for those who are employed at a bar in the state.

After spending nearly two years in Bulloch County jail, Spencer was brought to trial and given the aforementioned sentence. I spoke to a few GS students about the verdict, the criminal justice system in general and the effects of Michael's Law.



Skyler Hooper

senior child and family development major

Now that Michael's Law has been implemented, do you think that we can avoid these kind of scenarios in the future or do you think that it's just a formality that isn't going to affect anything going forward?

"You can't really predict or prevent these kinds of things from happening. We can be hopeful that it will be effective, but really it's hard to say. People get in bar fights all the time."



Steve DePaul

sophomore undeclared

Do you think that there's a problem with the criminal justice system when people get similar sentences for committing non-violent crimes?

"Yeah, absolutely. That doesn't make sense to me. It's definitely something that needs to be looked at."



Joanna Pangburn

sophomore economics major

Obviously this wasn't something that was premeditated. Do you think that the punishment, a sentence of 20 years, fits the crime?

"Honestly, no. I don't think so at all. I think that he was simply trying to do his job, and things just went too far."



Michael Shaw

junior journalism major

All of the bars in the state of Georgia are now 21 and up. Is a 20 year old more likely to accidentally hurt somebody than a 21 year old? Is a 20 year old more likely to get hurt than a 21 year old?

"They're not going to stop 18, 19 or 20 year olds from drinking. Some of them can get into the bars anyway with their fake IDs, but I do understand why they're cracking down on this, to at least try to minimize these kind of situations."

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Grant Spencer sentenced to 20 years in prison



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Grant Spencer received 20 years for the death of Michael Gatto on Tuesday.

BY THE GEORGE-ANNE STAFF

After being held in Bulloch County Jail for over two years, Grant Spencer has been sentenced to 20 years in prison, with no chance for parole for at least 13 years, for voluntary manslaughter of Michael Gatto during his court date Tuesday morning. Spencer was originally

charged with one count of felony murder and one count of aggravated assault, however Spencer's attorneys and the State prosecutor reached a plea deal, dropping the aggravated assault charge and reducing the felony murder charge to voluntary manslaughter.

The remainder of the court proceedings were spent deliberating whether Spencer would be sentenced under the Youthful Offender Act. The act would allow Spencer to be considered for an accelerated education program while in prison and would grant him the ability to apply for parole in six years.

The state prosecutor called five members of Gatto's immediate and extended family to testify, while three of Spencer's family, and Spencer himself, testified on behalf of his defense.

"The ripple effect of this

crime have been far reaching and devastating." Kathy Lee Gatto, Michael Gatto's mother, stated in her testimony.

"I made a terrible, terrible mistake." Grant Spencer said in his testimony. "I'm accepting rehabilitation."

The death of Michael Gatto affected Statesboro in a large way. The laws that came afterward in an attempt to prevent further related instances, however, have affected all of Georgia.

Georgia wide, bars and restaurants are now legally obligated to adhere to Michael's law. The law changes and regulates the way that bars and restaurants are allowed to sell alcohol.

For many Georgians, this has changed their social life and the way they can spend their time. Restaurants that include bars after hours are required to ID everyone in the restaurant after 10:30 p.m.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KIWANIS OGEECHEE FAIR PAGE

The annual Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair is one of the Kiwanis Club of Statesboro's largest fundraisers. The fair will go on from Oct. 18 until Oct. 22.

Kiwanis Club to host Ogeechee Fair for a good cause

BY LUKE PASHKE

The George-Anne contributor

The Kiwanis Club of Statesboro is holding their 55 annual Ogeechee Fair next week at the Ogeechee Fairgrounds. The week-long fair offers a variety of entertainment including rides, thrill shows, live music and much more.

General admission for people over the age of six is \$5 with an additional charge per ride. The week kicks off with a parade on Monday starting in downtown Statesboro at 5 p.m.

Each day after the parade, the fair will be open from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m., excluding Saturday when the fair opens at 1 p.m. and closes at midnight.

Although the \$5 admission doesn't include access to rides, there are multiple ways patrons can save some money throughout the week.

- Tuesday, Oct. 18: Free entry for senior citizens; \$20 wrist-stamp for unlimited access to all rides

- Wednesday, Oct. 19: Free entry for Students with ID

- Thursday, Oct. 20: Free entry for all military with ID; \$20 wrist-stamp for unlimited access to all rides

- Friday, Oct. 21: "Moonlight Madness" (\$15 wrist-stamp for unlimited access to all rides available from 8 p.m.-1 a.m.)

- Saturday, Oct. 22: \$22 wrist-stamp for unlimited access to all rides for the entire day (1 p.m.-12 a.m.)

The Kiwanis Club of Statesboro is a service organization that aims to bring aid to children in need. The annual Ogeechee Fair is one of their largest fundraisers each year and according to their website, the funds raised at the fair is given back to deserving charitable projects within the community.

The fair will be located at the Kiwanis Fairgrounds on Highway 67 south of Statesboro.

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Senior GS nursing students awarded the St. Joseph's/ Candler scholarship

BY TAISHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff

Two Georgia Southern nursing students were awarded the St. Joseph's/ Candler Georgia Southern University Nightingale Scholarship on Sept. 28 in the St. Joseph Candler ballroom in Savannah, Georgia.

Senior nursing majors Jessica Hertzog and Retha Rowe were each given a \$1500 scholarship with an additional \$1500 given to both students by an anonymous donor.

The Nightingale scholarship was created by the St. Joseph's/ Candler Foundations, which was to honor the five GS nursing students who died on their way to their last day of clinical rotations on I-16 in the spring of 2015.

Hertzog is encouraged to continue her education with the help of the scholarship.

"The financial benefit of this scholarship will allow me to focus to solely on my nursing studies for this semester and next," Hertzog said. "Not only that, but the honor of

receiving this scholarship will motivate me to strive to be the best nurse that I can be, so that I may honor the memory of those five exemplary nursing students."

The scholarship was initially created to award one student, but both Hertzog and Rowe each exemplified professional nursing practice, resulting in both being rewarded.

Rowe hopes that the scholarship will inspire nursing students to put forth the effort in the nursing studies.

"I hope that this scholarship influences nursing students to give it their all. The symbolism behind this scholarship just makes me want to work harder," Rowe said. "In nursing school, it's a lot of work and a lot of dedication that you have to put in and I'm just grateful that they saw that in me."

GS students like Niche Brewer, sophomore exercise major, believe that this scholarship is beneficial for all nursing students.

"My roommate is actually a nursing major and is about

\$20,000 in debt, and that's a lot of money," Brewer said. "So that extra scholarship [money] can come in handy for those in her field."

James Rowe, senior exercise

science major, believes that the scholarship brings awareness to the story behind it.

Rowe said. "I think that this scholarship could raise awareness about what


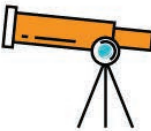



happened to the young ladies. It will bring awareness to the scholarship and the stories regarding those five young ladies."

Requirements

- 3.5 GPA.
- Have at least one semester of clinical rotation at St. Joseph's Candler.
- Showcases exemplary professional nursing practice.

Asking a couple of questions at the end of an interview is important, because it shows your interest in the company. Below are just a few that you might want to use the next time an interviewer asks, "Do you have any questions for us?"

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3. What are the primary results you would like to see this position produce in the next 6-12 months? (Performance-focused) 
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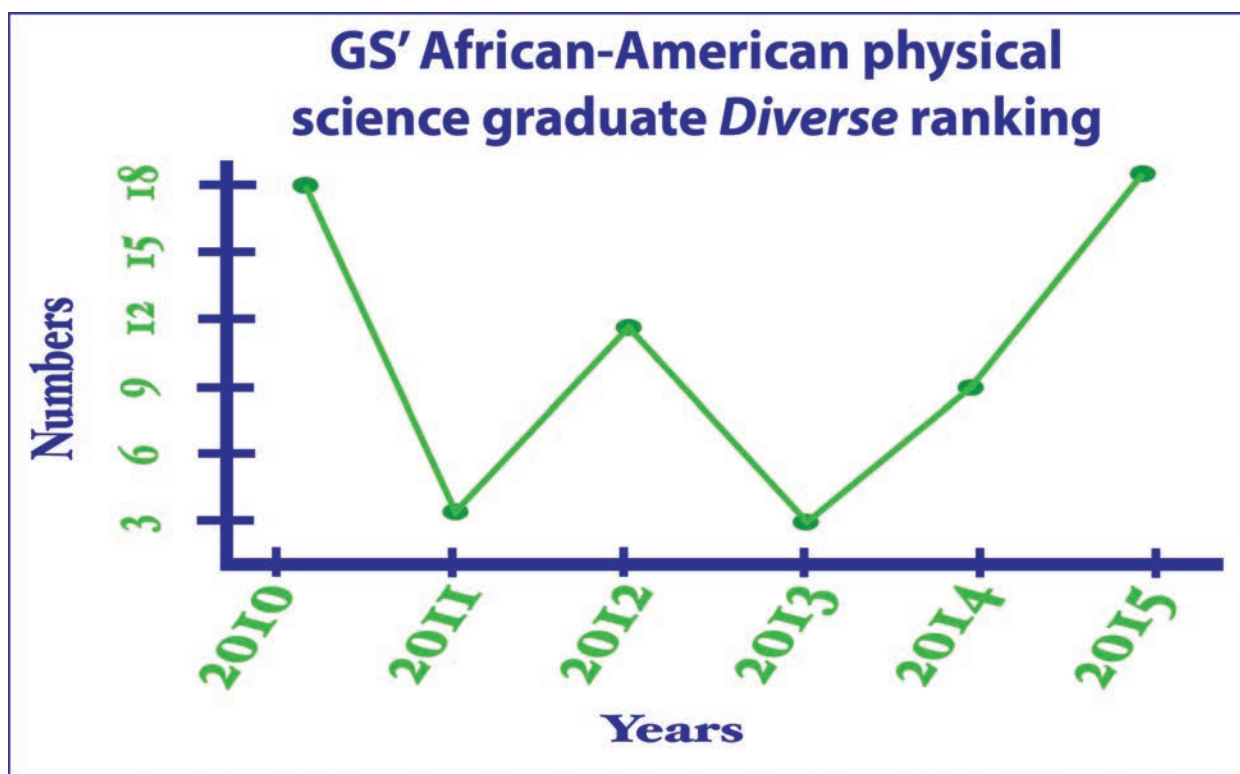
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JESSICA HERTZOG
Senior nursing major

GS ranks nationally for African-American physical science graduates



According to diverseeducation.com

BY TANDRA SMITH

The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern University's physical science department, which includes astronomy, physics, geology and chemistry, was ranked number four in the U.S. for African-American graduates this year by the

publication Diverse: Issues in Higher Education.

Since 2010, GS' ranking has varied from being as low as number 19 to as high as number three nationally. Where GS ranks depends on how many students end up graduating in that particular year.

"We've [the department]

seen for the last four or five years that we've been on the list so it fluctuates depending upon everybody's [other school's] numbers," John DiCesare, chemistry department chair, said.

According to Diverse's website, a total of 21 male and females graduated with a

degree in astronomy, physics, geology or chemistry in 2015, a percentage change of 91 percent compared to 2014.

DiCesare and Brian Koehler, associate dean for curriculum and advising in the College of Science and Mathematics (COSM), cite many reasons as to why they believe that the physical science department graduates many COSM students.

"Within chemistry and physics, our first year classes are still small. They're limited to 48 students, so we don't have the big 300-400 student lecture halls," Koehler said.

Koehler also credits approachable advisers, alumni with good jobs, and most of all, the hands on approach of the COSM department. He believes all of these are appealing to many different students.

"We're so hands on. Most of our classes still have labs and it's not usually an option. I think students want to see the practical application and you can see that versus applications on a board,"

Koehler said. "I think that appeals to a lot of students."

Blessing Odion, graduate student, believes the university should be proud by this accomplishment since they have moved up in the ranks since 2010.

"I think that it is a feat to be proud of by all students and faculty in GS. I will give kudos to the university management, faculty and staff in the physical sciences for doing a great job in the apparent balanced admission selection process," Odion said.

Odion cites the annual STEM festival put on by Georgia Southern as a good indication that the university is committed to science majors. He believes that with African-Americans doing well in STEM majors, it only means good things for the future.

Odion said, "Solid education is the bedrock of development in any given society. With African-Americans doing great in physical sciences, we are about to see even a greater America."

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BLESSING ODION

Graduate student

Residence Hall Association

Are you looking for a way to get involved on campus? Come out to the next Residence Hall Association (RHA) meeting. RHA seeks to provide advocacy and programming to students living on-campus.

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

One honors society helps bring book lending to GS

The Statesboro Regional Library's 52 weeks of Giving group helped create the book nooks for the group project. 52 weeks of Giving is a youth program at the Statesboro library.

BY ARAYA JACKSON

The George-Anne staff

A small 'telephone-booth-turned lending library' in Germany has now paved the way for a new project in the Statesboro community and Georgia Southern campus.

The idea stemmed from three seniors' Southern Leaders Legacy group project. Jennifer Shaffer, Ashley Archer and Marisa Turner have been working on this project since April, and are finally about to get their own lending libraries on the ground.

Called the Boro Book Nooks, these communal free libraries are designed to spread the love of reading, and are based on a "take a book, leave a book" principle, so anyone can enjoy reading a good story, and you can share one of your own favorites.

Shaffer, senior mechanical engineering and German double major and vice president of Phi Kappa Phi was the one originally inspired by the telephone library.

Phi Kappa Phi is a collegiate honors society with chapters at campuses around the country, including GS.

Shaffer collaborated extensively with the honors society and their faculty president Carolyn Bryan, Ph.D, to host the current book drive to get the nooks up and running.

"I'm excited to see this idea come together from different sides [Phi Kapp Phi and Southern Leaders]. It's been rewarding to work with Jenny and brainstorm with her about ways to get the word out about the book drive," Bryan said.

The nooks can be donated gently new and used books of any genre for any age, whether it be fiction, non-fiction, fantasy, poetry, biography or mystery. They also encourage all donors to leave a little inscription on the inside to explain why you chose your books to leave.

Shaffer explained that the Statesboro Regional Library has also been instrumental in helping them launch the project.

The library's "52 Weeks of Giving" volunteer group helped them complete the painting of the first three Boro Book Nook libraries. The libraries are made from re-purposed magazine kiosks.

"Their young community volunteers did an amazing job with decorating the Boro Book Nooks and gave them each their own unique personality," Shaffer said.

Shaffer and the rest of those involved are hoping that this will help link campus and the Statesboro

community even closer together.

"The lending libraries tend to evolve to reflect the tastes of the community around them, and our hope is that they will grow and evolve with the Statesboro community and will provide a way for anyone to be able to pull a book to read, even if they cannot afford one elsewhere," Shaffer said.

They hope that the nooks will be self-sustaining and will provide great literature to anyone who seeks it. If the first locations prove to be successful, they hope to expand further into the community and surrounding communities.

"I'm just happy to be able to contribute a small bit to

the literary culture of Statesboro and leave a legacy of promoting the love of learning and reading," Shaffer said.

The designated "Boro Book Nook Donation Boxes" are located at Zach Henderson Library, the Marvin Pittman administration building, the Russell Union in the Office of Leadership and Civic Engagement, the IT building, the College of Education building and the Eidson Honors House near Hanner Field House. The off campus location is at Statesboro Regional Library.

The drive is running through Oct. 15 and books can be dropped off at any of the Book Nook locations listed above.

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From Standing to Fallen



Hurricane Matthew's impact on two Georgia Southern alumni

The tree that fell on Purvis' duplex was a massive oak entangled with various vines and brush. It fell across the back of the duplex and is still there for the time being.

BY JULIA FECHTER

The George-Anne staff

During the weekend, many Georgia Southern students decided to stay in Statesboro and wait out the bad weather. They anticipated the storm would be worse than Tropical Storm Hermine.

When Hurricane Matthew barrelled up the Georgia coast, the last thing that GS alumnus Drew Purvis and music graduate student Josh Cook expected was to wake up to debris fallen all around, on and into their house.

Fortunately, Purvis and Cook were physically unscathed. Before Friday night, when the storm was at its worst, the two never imagined that their living situation would be radically different 24 hours later.

Waiting it out

Three days after the hurricane, Purvis and Cook have moved most of their furniture and other items out of their house.

The evening started normally enough. Purvis knew that he would probably go to bed later on Friday night.

"I wanted to make sure nothing bad was going to happen, and that I was awake for it if it did," Purvis said.

Purvis had a friend visiting from Augusta, as well as a friend who evacuated from Savannah. They and Cook stayed up until around 2 a.m.

"We were excited because we were going to get up the next morning and keep playing the board game, Mice and Mystics," Cook said.

After that, Purvis watched some television before going to sleep. He was rudely awakened after 3 a.m. by the sound of trees and tree limbs crashing onto the house.

"I heard all of it crash through. The first thing I did was run out to the living room and make sure Olivia [his friend] was alright," Purvis said.

Purvis also walked to the other side of their duplex to see if Cook was alright. While doing that, Purvis

glimpsed the branches that had fallen in the courtyard.

"Drew called me right after it happened. I just went over and started helping [clean up] and was like 'this sucks' the whole time, because what can you do?," Cook said.

Thus, a laborious campaign to save and move their belongings began. Despite the circumstances, Cook seems to maintain a positive attitude.

"There were a couple times I would just laugh out loud because there's nothing you can do except start working. You kind of have to compose yourself and go to work," Cook said.

The two went into Purvis' duplex and saw a tree branch had pierced the ceiling in Purvis' bedroom, and water was dripping into the house. They moved Purvis' bed into their studio, only to have to move furniture and electronic equipment from the studio when water began leaking into there.

With all their cleaning efforts and frazzled nerves, peace, calm and sleep were challenging for them to achieve.

"I tried to go to sleep at 6 a.m., and I got like an hour of sleep. Then, I woke up to do some more work [on the house]," Purvis said.

The loud noises from the trees falling spooked Cook and made it more difficult for him to get some sleep.

"I had the most restless night of my life because every sound after that was just, it scared the daylights of you, because you didn't know what it was. Even a couple nights since then, if somebody slams a door too loud in a house or anything, it was like 'what was that?'," Cook said.

Purvis' and Cook's landlord visited the house around 9 a.m. Saturday to assess the damage. Shortly thereafter, the two roommates began moving their belongings into a new house, and finished moving on Sunday.

"I was shocked that we got everything of yours [Purvis' belongings] done in one day. That's the first time that's ever happened," Cook said.

"Every other time, it's taken two days to do it with a van," Purvis added.



Cook has lived at their house for a little over a year. Purvis has only lived there for two months, but he has known Cook for longer. Cook and Purvis both studied music at GS and are currently in local metal band Solomon's Ghost.

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There's nothing you can do except start working. You kind of have to compose yourself and go to work."

JOSH COOK

GS choral conducting graduate student



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The tree branch that punched a hole in Purvis’ bedroom ceiling fell through only several feet from where Purvis was sleeping. Fortunately, no other debris fell through Purvis’ bedroom idea, though he did have another branch fall through he and Cook’s closet.

Matthew’s destruction

Purvis’ duplex was very badly damaged by falling debris, but Cook’s house. Purvis saw that his bathroom was completely destroyed when he first left his bedroom after the trees fell. The tree limbs had gouged a hole in the roof and ceiling, exposing the ceiling’s wooden framing. Luckily, the only items Purvis lost from the bathrooms were small ones like toothbrushes. Nothing was crushed or broken in the bathroom. The largest tree that fell landed on top of the house and contributed to the water leaking into the studio. That tree came from his neighbor’s yard on the other side of their fence.

“The bedroom was the scary part. I was asleep right here [where the bed was]. Another couple feet...,” Purvis said.

What to do now

Now that Purvis and Cook have completely moved their belongings out of the house, they are not sure what will happen next. If Purvis’ side of the house is totalled, he will not be able to move back in there. “I’ll be at the new place until repairs are done here. They [the contractors] gave us a 6 to 8 week estimate,” Purvis said. As well, Purvis also has to have his duplex examined by his insurance company. Otherwise, he cannot live there until the repair company begins working on the home. He and Cook

may actually decide to stay at their new house. Purvis’ and Cook’s landlord found another place for them to stay after the tropical storm hit. The landlord owned another property which was not occupied, and got the two set up with the new home in light of their current circumstances. The two roommates are grateful for their friends’ and neighbors’ help sorting through the mess of the hurricane debris. Purvis is glad he could be in town during the storm. “I’m glad I didn’t evacuate, because then I would definitely, stuff would’ve gotten damaged,” Purvis said. Out of everything that happened, Purvis is most glad that he survived the storm.

“As bad as it is, realistically, the only thing that got damaged was the actual house. Nobody got hurt.”

DREW PURVIS
GS 2013 alumnus



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GS Public Safety office placed cones around campus to make sure danger areas were cleared.

Hurricane damage around Statesboro

Around Statesboro, many people were left without power for days after Hurricane Matthew passed through. Areas around the city were destroyed or damaged by the storm and these pictures showcased that. Thanks to the work of the Georgia Department of Public Safety, Georgia Southern Public Safety Office, Georgia Power and other state and federal entities, problems were fixed and residents were safe. Sadly, two Bulloch county residents did passed away as a result of the storms damage.



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A bulldozer cleared trees around the city to make street access available.



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Utility trucks were parked at Paulson Stadium ready to fix the damaged caused by the storm. Power was restored to the dorms by Sunday.

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GEORGIA SOUTHERN VS. GEORGIA TECH

THE GAMEDAY PREVIEW

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GEORGIA SOUTHERN BY CHRIS SMITH

The Eagles (3-2, 2-1 Sun Belt) are coming off of a 27-26 loss to Arkansas State, after giving up a touchdown in the final seconds. Georgia Southern dropped its second straight game and will look to bounce back against Georgia Tech on Saturday, who has lost three straight. This is the first time GS has found themselves on a losing streak since the 2013 season. Now, the Eagles have a chance to go against an offense that is nearly identical to their own.

GS blew their lead against the Red Wolves last Wednesday after forcing five turnovers and only scoring three points off of them. The Eagles were not able to capitalize on their attempts in the red zone either only managing to kick field goals. While both teams take pride in their running game, the Eagles hold a slight advantage. GS has the 14th ranked rushing offense in college football averaging 286.6 yards per game. GT averages 229.2 yards on the ground per game, which is 17th in the FBS.

2014 was the last time these two teams met and GT came away with the win after narrowly escaping an upset. In the last matchup, GS rallied from behind scoring 28 straight points after trailing 35-10 at halftime. The Eagles were unable to put the game away and they allowed

the game-winning touchdown pass with 23 seconds left. In that game, GS managed to compile 528 yards of total offense.

"Again, a power five opponent, an ACC opponent, and in-state. We need to be able to go play well, we need to be able to execute, and we need to be as fundamental as we can be. If we have a chance to execute and do those things and win it will be very important for us," Tyson Summers, GS head coach, said about the importance of winning the game against GT

Not only do the Eagles and the Yellow Jackets share home state together, but they now share the same coach in their respective histories. Former GS Head Coach Paul Johnson is the current head coach for GT. Johnson led the Eagles to consecutive NCAA Division I-AA Football Championships in 1999 and 2000.

The game will be at Bobby Dodd Stadium in Atlanta, GA this Saturday. Both teams are looking forward to ending their losing streaks this weekend. This will be a game oriented around the running game. The game will be reminiscent of their 2014 match, but this time, the Eagles get the late score and make the critical defensive plays.

GEORGIA TECH BY ROBERT GEORGE



The Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets are looking to pick up a much-needed win after three straight ACC defeats when the Eagles come to Atlanta this weekend. The Eagles, in turn, want to avenge the 2014 loss when GT scored in the final minute to steal the victory.

Georgia Southern will once again square off against a pair of former head coaches in Paul Johnson and Mike Sewak, Tech's offensive line coach. Johnson led Georgia Southern to a pair of national championships and a 62-10 record from 1997-2001.

"For everyone around, I think there's certainly a lot of storylines with Coach Johnson and Coach Sewak. It's a Power 5 opponent and an in-state opponent," Tyson Summers, GS head coach, said.

Offensively, GT will run the triple option as it has since Johnson took over as head coach in the 2008 season. Senior quarterback Justin Thomas will orchestrate the unit for the third season. He's the catalyst, and slowing him down will go a long way in containing GT's offense.

Thomas will be accompanied by a stable of talented running backs. Freshman Dedrick Mills has been a stud at the B-back position. He averages over 70 yards a game and leads the team with 367 rushing yards. Clinton Lynch has been their big-play guy at the A-back spot; his 13.4 yards per carry is by far the highest on the team. He adds an element to the

passing game as well with a 22.3 yard per catch average.

They can throw the ball, but usually do it in long-yardage situations and when they're behind. Brad Stewart and Ricky Jeune are their primary receivers. Saturday will be another big test for the entire GS defense.

"It's different. You see it maybe one time a year and he does a great job with it. You have to play with an extreme amount of discipline and an extreme amount of toughness," Summers said.

Defensively, the Yellow Jackets give up about 350 total yards of offense and 21 points a game. P.J. Davis is their leading tackler in the middle. Corey Griffin is second in tackles on the team and also has one of GT's three interceptions on the season.

It's not often that the Yellow Jackets face another option-oriented team and the same goes for the Eagles. Because of the offenses both programs run, it might make the preparation a little easier for the defenses.

"I think there should be a good bit of carryover for both defenses," Summers said.

Saturday will be a chance for the Eagles to avenge the 2014 loss. There are 23 players on the roster now who took part in that game. For the Yellow Jackets, however, it will be a chance to get back on track after dropping three straight conference games.



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Bernard Dawson (56) and Ironhead Gallon (27) try to sack Arkansas State quarterback on Oct. 5. The Eagles fell to a conference record of 2-1 after the loss in Jonesboro.

EAGLES FACE FAMILIAR FOE

BY KATIE TOLBERT
The Journey staff

Georgia Southern was at a low point in its football history when Paul Johnson was hired to be head coach. But he was the man for the job.

During his first season, Johnson helped raise morale to the Eagle Nation with a 10-3 finish, a return to the playoffs and a number eight spot on the national ranking.

Just like that the Eagles were back.

The season following, the Eagles went undefeated in the Southern Conference and once again made it all the way to the national championship game. But Johnson couldn't pull off a national championship just yet.

The next two seasons under Johnson's leadership brought back that championship team. The 1999 season and the 2000 season both resulted

in a 13-2 record and earned Georgia Southern back-to-back national championship titles once again.

With 12 starters and 47 lettermen returning from 1999, this came as no surprise. Johnson was at a peak at GSU with a 50-8 record, being the second man since 1900 to reach 50 wins in his first four years as a NCAA Division I head coach with that record.

Although on a high note, Johnson had another season left in him for Georgia Southern. His last season, in 2001, the Eagles continued to do well with a 12-2 record, but fell to Furman in the third round of playoffs.

Johnson finished his career 62-10 and took another head coaching opportunity at Navy. Johnson is currently the head football coach at Georgia Tech.



PAUL JOHNSON (1997-2001)

OVERALL RECORD
62-10

TWO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
1999, 2000

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1997, 1998

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AROUND THE SUN BELT WEEK 7

BY ROBERT GEORGE
The George-Anne staff

All 11 Sun Belt teams are in action this week, with Appalachian State and UL Lafayette kicking things off on Wednesday night on ESPN2. Here are three things to watch for as we hit the midpoint in the season.

GOLIATH-SLAYER SOUTH ALABAMA LOOKS TO PICK UP FIRST CONFERENCE WIN

The Jaguars have knocked off San Diego State and Mississippi State this season but have also lost to UL Lafayette and Georgia Southern. They'll look to get in the conference win column against Arkansas State, who is coming off their first win of the season. The Red Wolves are probably more talented on both sides of the ball, but the Jaguars are used to playing the underdog, which should make for a good game.

GEORGIA STATE LOOKS TO BUILD MOMENTUM AGAINST TROY












The Panthers handled Texas State last week for their first win of the season. They've got a tough task going up against the Trojans, who have quietly put together the best record in the conference. At 4-1 overall, the Panthers are serious underdogs. For Troy it's another team to beat on their march for a Sun Belt title.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN GOES FOR SUN BELT'S SECOND POWER 5 WIN OF 2016

So far this season, the Sun Belt is 1-10 against teams in the Power 5 conferences. South Alabama did it against Miss. St., but the rest of the conference has come up empty so far. There have been some close games, however. Troy fell to Clemson by just six points, and Georgia State took Wisconsin down to the wire in their matchup.

The Eagles will try to take down the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets, who are coming off of three straight losses in the ACC.

CURRENT SUN BELT FOOTBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

		CONFERENCE	OVERALL
	TROY UNIVERSITY	2-0	4-1
	APP STATE	1-0	3-2
	ARKANSAS STATE	1-0	1-4
	GEORGIA SOUTHERN	2-1	3-2
	IDAHO	1-1	3-3
	NEW MEXICO STATE	1-1	2-3
	LOUISIANA LAFAYETTE	1-1	2-3
	GEORGIA STATE	1-1	1-4
	TEXAS STATE	0-1	2-3
	SOUTH ALABAMA	0-2	3-2
	LOUISIANA MONROE	0-2	1-4

WOMENS' SOCCER MID-SEASON REVIEW

BY MARQUS WILLIAMS
The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern women's soccer team (5-8-1) has had an up and down season, with more downs than ups. They started the season losing their first two games and tying their third before going on a three-game hot streak.

Those three wins brought excitement to the team as they won each game by one goal. After that win streak the Eagles have lost six of their last eight and are (2-5) in conference play.

Their next three games start off with a home game at Eagle Field before they take their talents on the road to Arkansas Little Rock and Arkansas State.

Beating App State would be huge for the Eagles going into their road stretch, but the greater reward would

be for the Eagles to win their last three games and finish the season with a .500 record going (8-8-1) overall and (5-5) in conference play.

Defense is a top priority for the Eagles as they need to force their opponents to the sideline and pressure them into creating chances from crosses and outside the box. The Eagles have the ability to score in any game and have a good chance of building momentum heading into the playoffs.

Junior Sarah Price, seniors Jennifer Wittick and Alana McShane, and sophomore Junique Rodriguez all play a crucial role in leading this team to success. If they can elevate the teams play in theses final games, the Eagles could be something special this season.

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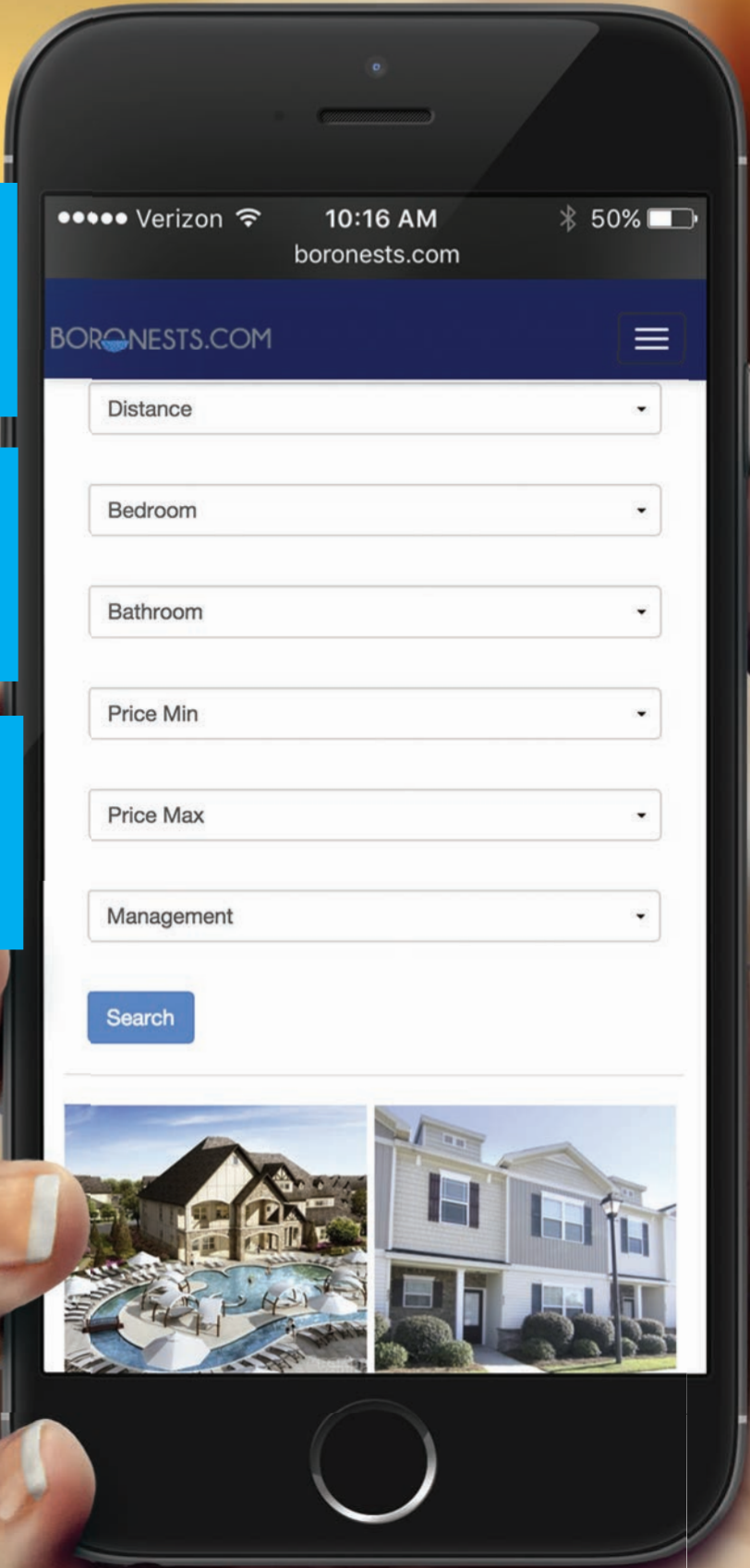
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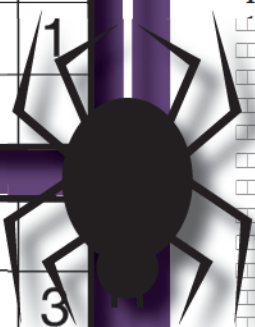


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- 1 Junk E-mail
- 5 Lofty lines
- 9 Stave off
- 14 Inadvisable action
- 15 Champagne designation
- 16 "Norwegian Wood" instrument
- 17 What's more
- 18 Gold medalist Lipinski
- 19 Pasta choice
- 20 Like sushi
- 21 Second fiddle
- 23 Greek god of darkness
- 25 Mountain lake
- 26 Seldom
- 29 Didn't just criticize
- 33 Good Book
- 35 Caught congers
- 37 Gibbon, for one
- 38 Uzbekistan's ___ Sea
- 39 Sharpened
- 40 Urgent request
- 41 Anita Brookner's "Hotel du ___"
- 42 Before Barbara or Clara
- 43 Nursery rhyme boy
- 44 Printer type
- 46 On the beach
- 48 Use acid
- 50 Shortens, in a way
- 53 Don't take responsibility
- 58 Encountered

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- 59 Fit to be tied
- 60 Frisbee
- 61 Get bushed
- 62 Blender setting
- 63 Highlander
- 64 Settled down
- 65 Mideast leaders
- 66 They, in Trieste
- 67 Luau strings
- 7 Coin with 12 stars on it
- 8 Maze word
- 9 Aimed for
- 10 ___ sausage
- 11 It's active in Sicily
- 12 Diatribe
- 13 Genealogist's work
- 21 Without a doubt
- 22 Challenged
- 24 Event attended by Cinderella
- 27 Writer Uris
- 28 Busybody
- 30 Fountain order
- 31 Fencing sword
- 32 Letter opener?
- 33 Indonesian island
- 34 Persia, now
- 36 Grasslands
- 39 Down the ___
- 40 Persian spirit
- 42 Sofas
- 43 11th President
- 45 Motley fool
- 47 Badger
- 49 Circumvent
- 51 Spooky
- 52 Printer's directives
- 53 Snowman prop
- 54 Starch
- 55 Hindu garment
- 56 Partiality
- 57 Brings into play
- 61 Ancient cross

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- 1 It's catching
- 2 Kind of cap
- 3 Be impudent, as a child
- 4 Jersey call
- 5 Dense
- 6 Lackluster

The George-Anne 10/13/16 Crossword

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- 1 Taj Mahal city
- 5 Varnish ingredient
- 8 Potluck choice
- 12 Barbecue
- 14 Sport with mallets
- 15 Sans purpose
- 16 □44 Gene Tierney classic mystery
- 17 Commuter line
- Harvest
- Officer
- Kind of car
- Crescent-shaped
- So very much
- Voting district
- diz
- Airline workers
- Spa treatment
- ?
- Stew morsel
- Sacred Hindu writings
- 37 Sword
- 38 Locker room supply
- 39 Chapter in history
- 40 Bridge support
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- 8 Gathered skirt
- 9 Inkling
- 10 Bed board
- 11 Ballyhoo
- 13 Flowering tree
- 14 Quarry
- 21 Devious
- 23 "Trinity" novelist
- 25 Field of study
- 26 Forest
- 28 Uncouth
- 29 Milky white gem
- 30 Blab
- 31 Small pouch
- 32 Cuzco's country
- 33 □□□□□□port
- 34 Bonds
- 36 ___ out
- 37 Lunch transport
- 38 Minor quarrel
- 40 Red-bearded god
- 41 Above it all
- 43 Sound system
- 44 A billion years
- 46 Court group
- 47 Stomach woe
- 48 Supersized
- 49 Beer buy
- 50 Sophocles tragedy
- 51 Seductress
- 52 Passion
- 54 Coatrack parts
- 57 Ram's ma'am
- 59 Frick collection

Full Plate +



Here’s a look at a beloved spot here in Statesboro:

Sugar Magnolia Bakery & Cafe

Bearing a casual atmosphere, Sugar Magnolia Bakery & Cafe serves a brunch menu on both Saturday and Sunday. While the menus differ respectively, some of the constants are classics such biscuits and gravy, waffles and French toast. The Saturday menu also includes quiche, housemade granola and assorted biscuits while the Sunday menu offers more eclectically-named dishes. Pulled pork hash is a plate of hash brown topped with a fried egg and toast. The mozzarella scramble includes eggs scrambled with cheese with a side of toast, pesto and fresh tomatoes. The peasant’s platter serves a toasted baguette with pecans, seasonal fruit and a selection of cheeses. Overall Sugar Magnolia’s is a very relaxed restaurant to grab some great breakfast or brunch.

- Assorted pastries served everyday include apple turnovers, bear claws, croissants and lemon bars.
- Brunch is served Saturday from 9 am – 11:30 am and Sundays 10 am – 2 pm.
- Yelp rating is 4 ½ stars.



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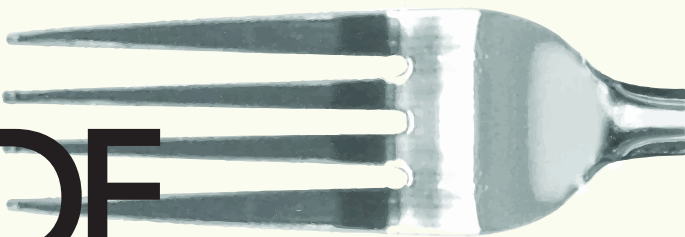
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