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Wednesday



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Thursday



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Weather Bar

Despite harsh chills on Monday and Tuesday, we should be enjoying moderate temperatures and mostly sunny skies for the remainder of the week.



The 2017 Golden Globes

Best Dressed



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The Circle went on campus and asked students what their goals were for this spring semester!

BY ARIANE JENSEN

The Reflector staff

The Golden Globes are one of the main award shows that are held every year. The awards go to the best actors in American film and television.

The award ceremony also showcases a red carpet, where the women and men in the film industry get to dazzle everyone with stunning dresses and elegant jewelry. Some of the best dressed looks are circling the internet right now, and everyone going gaga over these outfits.

Mandy Moore

Wearing a daring neckline and a cape of the shoulders which just added to the overall glamour of the floor length black gown. The gown was created by Naeem Khan and was set off in a classic way with her jewelry such as the tear drop earrings and diamond bracelet.

Ryan Gosling

Pulling off an off white blazer with a white collared shirt can be a feat, but Gosling had no trouble with it in his custom Gucci suit. The red flower in his breast pocket really set the tone to his handsome look.

Lily Collins

Wearing a baby pink princess gown with elegant touches of lace and an invisible neckline. (created by Zuhair Murad) She shut down the red carpet with her bold red lip and stunning updo which swirled with small braids and little wisps of hair that made her seem at ease in her look.

Donald Glover

Setting the scene with a brown velvet suit and bowtie, he brought us back to the 1940's in all the right ways. Gucci really did him well, and made him look relaxed in the atmosphere.

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Perspective Beats Perception



YASMEEN WALIAGA

Waliaga is a senior journalism major from Alpharetta, Ga.

Skepticism and Idealism

Skeptics are commonly criticized for being negative while idealists are criticized for being oblivious. I've always dealt with the latter, engulfed in a whimsical cloud of bliss, or in my eyes, hopeful. This type of energy is commonly mistaken for that of a child, one characterized by ignorance and distance from the concrete. But just as I have been laughed at, I have sighed at those with a cynical mentality.

Clearly neither of us can be labeled as correct, while both of us may be irritating. I am not lost or distracted just as they are not harsh and cold. This simple concept of misunderstanding each other because of our different lenses has been an immense factor in the growing distance between us and between ourselves and the outer world. And this is pretty elementary stuff, but somehow, it seems so damn complicated for people to grasp.

Perspective vs Reality

Whether on the hopeful or cynical side or somewhere in between, perspective can't be reached until the differences between perception and reality can be defined. Imagine a spectrum of all the possibilities in any given situation. Dead center is reality and on opposite poles are the extremes, the highs and the lows.

In today's society, the media and public figures are constantly spitting out whatever is tailored to the preferences of their following. Because of how acceptable this is (we have entertainment to blame), we are constantly too distracted to look beneath the bullshit. Hence the fact that given the same story through various frames, we are left disconnected, hostile and lost.

We lean back on the very basic way we have taught ourselves to make sense of unfamiliar things, our lenses, our perception. The complication, worse than we notice, is that seldom is much concern given to the idea of perspective.

Society's tolerance for expression has increased while few outlets are held responsible for sharing the facts. Thus, so many individuals are basing their impressions on false premises.

Why the Line Matters

Labeled as an idealist, I have been faced with nonstop commentary and contempt for my outlook. It was not until this past year that I first hesitated to accept the lie I had been told growing up that I was just "lucky" to have this view. And I couldn't blame anyone; people generally find light and comfort in optimism.

But if the sense of idealism was not

tied to anything concrete, anything in the center of the spectrum that actually defined reality, it was standing on tenuous ground.

Reality struck hard when I discovered it is not inspiring to have your "head in the clouds" if the only reason that it's there because you would rather be blissfully unaware of the facts.

At the same time, it is not admirable to be so skeptical of everything that you leave zero chance for miracles, for surprises or just plain wonder.

There is some vague yet clear middle I have found to be a strong component of perspective. It is far more incredible to comprehend reality no matter how flawed it may be, accept it, and then base your perception on how you view it going forward.

Some may say things are not as they seem, but I beg to differ. I choose to think things are exactly what they are and maybe they'd be more apparent if we would claw through the walls that contain our lazy brains and get a sense of the atmosphere outside. Maybe.

After that, we have the right to become content with how we choose to look at anything, because we aren't blindly deciding what is true and what isn't.

Going forward, it would be refreshing to see pursuits that don't simply scrape the edge of depth. It would be refreshing to see people inquire, ask questions, challenge things, to understand truth for what it is first and then to develop their own notions. That's what I have decided to do.

And if I can abandon my former fantasist tendencies for a moment while I locate reality, I'm sure anyone is capable of doing the same.

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CAESAR SHOULD HAVE SAVED SOME
FOR THE REST OF THE GROUP.

Alcohol violations bring suspensions to Statesboro businesses

BY TAISHA WHITE
The George-Anne staff

The new year in Statesboro began with a bust for six businesses as each endure alcohol beverage suspensions given to them at a probation sentencing on Jan. 3 due to underage selling.

The businesses that were placed under suspension and probation were Main Street Bar & Grill, Gnats Landing of Statesboro, El Jalapeño Mexican Restaurant, GATA's Sports Bar and Grill, Chili's Bar and Grill and Ruby Tuesday.

Each business has been placed under a range of suspension terms from three days to 21 days with a range of probation terms from a six month period to a 24-month period.

The sentencings were determined by the Statesboro City Council, as they looked over how many violations a particular business has obtained during a five year period as well as the severity of the violation.

Clyde Al Chapman III, manager of Gnats Landing, believes that his business is doing all that they can to ensure that underage selling, as well as other possible violations, do not show up.

"We are doing everything possible to make this thing work. We have done plenty of things to take measures to make sure that this does not happen," Chapman said. "I want the police, the council, the city and the restaurant owners to come together to make this thing work to make

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Chapman also spoke out on the alcohol ordinance time frame. He wanted it to be knocked down from five years to two to three years due to certain places having a clean slate. He also pointed out that additional rules are added to the ordinance so often that some businesses may not be aware of them at the moment.

Anderson Hughes, sophomore pre-nursing major, believes that the blame should be placed on the businesses more than the students.

"The businesses should be responsible and making sure that they are not selling to an underage crowd," Hughes said.

Martin Torchia, junior film and production major, thinks that businesses that serve alcohol should find ways to appeal to both the underage crowd and the over-21 crowd.

"Businesses should be able to let the underage people come into the business, but they need to be aware that they are under 21," Torchia said. "They can still market to both sides with other things like their food and other things that can bring a crowd in without any issues regarding selling to the wrong person."

Alcohol beverage suspensions and probations have begun as of Jan. 5 and the last suspension is set to end Jan. 26.

Clyde Al Chapman III
Manager of Gnats Landing

Alcohol Violations

1. El Jalapeño Mexican Restaurant

3-day suspension

Jan. 5 - Jan. 8

2. Chili's Bar + Grill

3-day suspension

Jan. 5 - Jan. 8.

3. Gnats Landing of Statesboro

3-day suspension

Jan. 5 - Jan. 12

4. Main Street Bar + Grill

7-day suspension

Jan. 5 - Jan. 12

5. Ruby Tuesday

17-day suspension

Jan. 5 - Jan. 22

6. Gata's Sports Bar + Grill

21-day suspension

Jan. 5 - Jan. 26

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Various faculty, staff and other officials gathered to cut the ribbon for the new Military Science Building on Jan. 5. The new building cost over 9 million dollars.

Eagle Battalion gets a new home

BY MATTHEW ENFINGER

The George-Anne staff

A ribbon cutting ceremony took place on Thursday to welcome in the new Military Science Building to Georgia Southern University.

Many military, city and state officials and locals attended to commemorate the new building with speakers President Jaimie Hebert, Jean Bartels, provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Lt. Col. Erik Kjonnerod, professor of military science.

"During the tour of the old facility, cadets were tracing maps on walls because they didn't have desk space to spread out on, and there actually were buckets capturing

the dripping rain from the ceiling," Bartels said as she reflected on the state of the old Military Science building located off the Pedestrian.

The new building is quite the inverse. "It is a 9.5 million dollar state of the art Military Science Building allocated through the state budget and approved by Gov. Nathan Deal in April 2014," Hebert said.

The new building will play a vital role in the education of students pursuing a major or minor in military sciences. Kjonnerod described it as a "one stop shop." The building contains a supply room, an arms room and a dedicated computer lab for ROTC students, as well as offices for professors of military sciences.

According to Hebert, the old Military Science portables will be used as transition buildings as GS builds additional buildings on campus. "We are about to break ground on a new classroom building over by the Pedestrium where the old Butler Buildings were located," Hebert said. GS is also seeking funding for a new engineering building as well.

The GS ROTC program is a three-time recipient of the MacArthur Award and is the largest Army ROTC nursing program in the nation. Kjonnerod described the new building as "a testament of the University's support."

The new Military Sciences building can be found at 4326 Old Register Rd.

Nikki Giovanni to speak at MLK Celebration

BY TARA BAILEY

The George-Anne staff

Nikki Giovanni, a distinguished poet, author, and English professor at Virginia Tech, will speak at the Performing Arts Center for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Jan. 18.

Since 2006, GS has hosted the MLK event and invited speakers to celebrate King's life and legacy.

Takeshia Brown, the director of the Multicultural Student Center, shared why remembering Martin Luther King, Jr. is important.

"Dr. King was a principled leader who inspired others to become the best version of themselves through love, peace and acceptance. Without his bravery, sacrifice and moral obligation, our country would not be what it is today. While we still have some things in our society to improve, Dr. King left us a great example to follow," Brown said.

Giovanni will present her speech, "The Right to Dream,"

in remembrance of MLK's life.

"We have the opportunity to hear from a truly great person who cares about people and is willing to share her feeling and experiences on life and the trials and joy of living in a unique and entertaining manner," Teresa Thompson, the vice president for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said.

Brown also hopes that students will take something from this event.

"I hope that attendees will be compelled by Dr. King's legacy and Ms. Giovanni's words in a way that will lead them to be curious about other peoples' cultures and to learn about the ways in which we can all work towards a more inclusive and socially just society wherein folks regardless of background have equal access and opportunity to participate in society," Brown said.

The event will open to the public for free on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

GS and Armstrong State University recommended for consolidation

BY BLAKELEY BARTEE

The George-Anne staff

Chancellor Steve Wrigley will recommend that Georgia Southern University and Armstrong State University (ASU) be consolidated at the Board of Regents meeting Wednesday.

The combination of the two universities will create an institution of over 27,000 students, according to a University System of Georgia (USG) news release. If the consolidation is approved, both institutions will be named Georgia Southern University.

ASU is a public university founded in 1935 in Savannah, Georgia, according to the ASU website. Two thirds of its approximately 7,100 students are female, and 86% of the students are from the State of Georgia.

The four colleges at ASU are the College of Education, the College of Health Professions, the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science and Technology.

GS is the top transfer choice for ASU students, according to the USG news release.

If the two universities merge, then students who commute to Statesboro from the Savannah area could take classes at the Savannah campus.

President Jaimie Hebert said, "The recommended consolidation will combine the best of both institutions, which are just an hour apart and ultimately serve many of the same students coming from southeast Georgia who are seeking higher education."

George Andersen contributed to this report.



CURRY FOR COMFORT

Expanding your tastebuds and experiencing other cultures

The curry is a recipe from Japan. A delicious curry beef ready to be served.

What You'll Need

- 1 lb. ground hamburger meat (or other preferred beef)
- 1/2 of a yellow onion
- 6-8 small red potatoes
- 8 oz. (1/2 bag) of sliced carrots
- 2 packets of Golden Curry (available at Bi-Lo or Food World)
- 2 bags/16 oz. of boil-in-a-bag rice or instant rice
- Large saucepan
- Colander
- Small pot
- Cutting board
- Large, straight-edge knife

BY JULIA FECHTER
The George-Anne staff

It is the start of spring semester, and with that comes the inevitable, ever-changing phenomenon that is Georgia weather. Often enough, we may find ourselves in the mood to eat something warm to feel more comfortable.

Soup seems to be a viable option. There is one recipe, curry beef, that puts a unique spin on the soup variety. Now, when many people think of curry, they associate it with the spicy, Indian cuisines. However, this version of curry has a milder flavor, more like pot roast.

I originally learned this recipe from a Japanese friend several years ago, and I have been making it ever since. It is one of the first ways I learned to appreciate Japanese culture. By sharing this recipe, you now have the opportunity to enjoy a part of Japanese cuisine as well.

It may help to put a bowl under the colander to catch the grease, so it does not go down your sink's drain.

Step 3

Cut up the onion and potatoes using the large knife. Place the vegetables in a bowl to the side. Add the carrots into this bowl.

Tip: You can avoid being teary-eyed while cutting the onion if you soak it in hot water for a couple of minutes beforehand.

Step 4

Pour the colander of hamburger meat into the large saucepan, and then add all of the vegetables. Fill the saucepan with water until it reaches just above the contents of the pan. If you add more water, you can get more of a soupy or stew consistency.

Step 5

Turn the stove on medium-low. Add in the blocks of curry, spacing them out as you place them into the saucepan. Cover the pan and let it simmer. Stir the contents periodically. When you stir, taste the vegetables, particularly the carrots, to make sure they are cooking thoroughly.

Step 6

It should be thickening up now as the curry seasoning has dissolved. Continue stirring it periodically. When the vegetables are cooked

and seasoned to your liking, turn the stove burner off.

Step 7

In your other pot, boil water for the rice and follow package directions for it. If you want the most traditional take on curry, you can make jasmine rice.

Step 8

After the rice is cooked, let it cool for a couple of minutes. Then, take out a regular-sized serving bowl and put your desired amount of rice into the bowl. Top it with the curry, and enjoy.

This recipe yields five to seven servings and takes

approximately one hour to make. If you are only cooking for yourself or a few people, it can be convenient for leftovers. For those of you with crockpots, slow cooking this recipe could be an interesting alternative.

Recipe

Step 1

Defrost your hamburger meat, if needed. Make sure it is completely defrosted before cooking it, so it can be easier to break up.

Step 2

Fry the hamburger meat: You want the meat browned with no red, undercooked spots. Drain the hamburger meat in a colander.

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INSOMNIA COOKIES

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BY ASHLEE GILLEY

The George-Anne staff

Many college students know the struggle of pulling an all nighter and knowing that when they start craving a snack at one or two a.m., not many businesses are going to be open and willing to deliver. Insomnia Cookies is a company that can and strives to meet this very specific need by delivering their goods until 3 a.m.

"Insomnia Cookies was

born out of the dislike of heavy foods late at night and a sweet tooth," Catharine Gatlin, market manager, said.

The idea behind Insomnia Cookies came in 2003 when their CEO Seth Berkowitz was in college and decided that there was a need for more options when it came to late night delivery. To fill this need he began to make cookies in his dorm room at the University of Pennsylvania and delivering his baked goods to his friends.

The business opened its location in Statesboro on Jan. 5. According to Gatlin, they have already received a warm welcome. It is their 105th location in total, but only their third in Georgia with the other two being in Athens and Midtown Atlanta.

The space for the store is very open and modern with limited bar style seating on two of the walls and studio lights illuminating the space. The walls are decorated with

large, bright posters depicting their various cookies and descriptions of them.

"The buzz has really been getting around so far," said Gatlin. She also states the reason they chose their newest location is because it is 'so closely situated to the campus and student housing'. Some students wasted no time in trying out the newly available delivery service. "They were absolutely delicious," Trevor Dart, sophomore marketing major, said, when asked about his first experience with Insomnia Cookies.

The website says that you should allow for 30-45 minutes for delivery, but Dart said it only took about 15 minutes for him to receive his order. There is also only a minimum \$6 purchase in order to have your snacks delivered.

Despite their name, Insomnia Cookies offers other freshly baked goods such

as cookie cake, ice cream, cookiewiches (ice cream in the middle surrounded by two cookies) and brownies. They will be giving out surprise samples on campus this week as well as handing out flyers.

If the idea of calling up a store to place a delivery makes anyone queasy, Insomnia Cookies has thought of that, so they made an app you can download to make orders right off your phone. "We also have our Cookie Dough loyalty program on our app which earns you a point for every \$1 you spend. For every 100 points, we will give you a \$10 reward to spend at Insomnia Cookies," Gatlin said.

The company will have seasonal offers and plans to become more involved on campus.

Gatlin said, "We know how college is so we do our best to help treat our students (and all our fans) to weekly deals on our website."



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Customers waiting on line to get their sweet treats. Insomnia Cookies was giving out free coupons for students to redeem for free cookies throughout campus.

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IN DEFENSE OF TYSON SUMMERS

BY THOMAS JILK
The George-Anne staff

NOWHERE TO GO BUT UP

Take a deep breath, Eagle Nation. There will be a next season.

In an FBS football landscape that - let's not forget - we've only just entered, unrealistic coaching expectations are contagious and have spread like the plague.

Oregon's Mark Helfrich was fired after a disappointing season, albeit two years removed from a national championship appearance. LSU's Les Miles was fired midway through this season after never earning less than eight wins in a season over 11 years coaching the Tigers - including a national title in 2007. Georgia Southern has managed to avoid this contagion of knee-jerk firings. It has given its young head coach another chance.

A record of 5-7 falls short of Georgia Southern football's expectations, and that's not up for debate. However, the impatience and dismay shown in the student body and the overall fan base during and following this season should certainly be tempered.

A forum on 247sports.com was already speculating Summers' replacement before the season-ending win against Troy. Twitter was teeming with anger and cries for Tyson Summers to be terminated.

A GAME OF INCHES

Summers was a first-time head coach. At 36 years old, he made a life-changing decision to sign a four-year deal and move his family to Statesboro and represent the Eagles as head coach. He deserves for the fans to take a closer retrospective look at his undoubtedly disappointing debut season.

Looking back, the relentless schedule was riddled with close

calls. Anyone who watched the nationally televised Arkansas State nightmare-ending knows that it could've gone either way.

Georgia Southern also suffered close defeats to Power-5 conference foes Georgia Tech and Ole Miss in valiant efforts. The Western Michigan Broncos beat the Eagles in September on their way to becoming the only team in the FBS to finish the regular season undefeated other than Alabama.

The only truly embarrassing loss for Southern was the 34-10 blowout at the hands of rival Appalachian State, the eventual Sun Belt Conference co-champions. The three other conference losses suffered by GS this season were by a combined total of only 14 points. This is no excuse for losing, but the Eagles could just as easily have finished 8-4.

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

Today's pinnacle of college coaching, Alabama's Nick Saban, finished 7-6 in his first year in Tuscaloosa. His continuous success since then has caused an overreaction across college football. Colleges and universities around the country have upheld a Saban-like standard for head coaches, when the reality remains that there simply aren't enough wins to go around to live up to this expectation. When fans and donors at schools like LSU and Oregon screamed 'You're fired!', those cries were echoed up through their administrations.

Georgia Southern's retention of Summers must be accompanied by the full support of the student body. Team wins will not follow a university that is not united behind its leaders.

Inhale and exhale. Like it or not, the Summers era has only just begun.

A TOUGH PILL TO SWALLOW

BY DEVIN CONWAY
The George-Anne staff

HERE'S TO NEW BEGINNINGS

Georgia Southern football was certainly expected to endure some growing pains after former head coach Willie Fritz accepted an offer to coach at Tulane. The Eagles decided to bring in Colorado State defensive coordinator Tyson Summers, a 36-year-old defensive guru who helped coach the University of Central Florida to back-to-back conference championships as a defensive coordinator in 2013 and 2014, to lead the transition as the new head coach.

Following a surprising 3-0 start, GS lost 7 out of 8, including a blowout loss at home to rival Appalachian State and an embarrassing defeat to a 2-8 Georgia State team that had recently fired their head coach, before finishing the season off with a redeeming home win versus an extremely talented Troy team.

Their 5-7 record was good for 6th in the Sun Belt, which was certainly a disappointing result for Eagle fans that had high expectations following last year's 9-4 season. It was an impressive year capped off by a 58-27 blowout win versus Bowling Green in the Eagles' first ever bowl appearance.

There were times during the season when GS played up to their full potential, like the aforementioned Troy game and a surprisingly competitive road loss to SEC powerhouse Ole Miss, but those moments were fleeting.

SOMETHING'S MISSING

As any Eagle fan can testify, GS just didn't pass the eye test this season. As the weeks went by, there was an unshakable feeling that something just wasn't right with this team.

They failed to execute the flashy run and gun offense that led the nation in rushing yards per game in 2015. The

two featured backs from last season, Matt Breida and L.A. Ramsby, saw steep declines in their production, and the newly instituted expansion of the passing game rarely paid off.

The defense seemed to lack discipline, as they gave up 30+ points in six of 12 games, and they could never seem to get the stops the team needed in critical moments.

I can't help but think back to the Arkansas State game, where the Eagles led 26-20 with 1:53 left in the fourth quarter. Arkansas State had the ball at their own 24 yard line on a fourth down, with sixteen yards to go pick up the first down. Justice Hansen managed to scramble for 18 yards and pick up a first down before throwing a game-tying eight yard touchdown with eight seconds left. Arkansas State then hit an extra point to take a 27-26 lead and seal a victory.

The frustration Eagle fans felt following that loss, a game in which GS actually won the turnover margin by five, was indicative of what was to come for the rest of the year.

CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS

Not only did the Eagles look bad to the casual fan, they performed poorly statistically as well.

Of 128 teams, GS finished 52nd in scoring defense, 78th in scoring offense, 58th in total defense, 91st in total offense, 69th in passing defense, 117th in passing offense and 124th in team sacks.

Failing to get pressure on the opposing quarterback while simultaneously struggling to move the ball on the offensive side is a recipe for disaster for any football program.

Tyson Summers and his staff simply failed to get the job done. The Eagles had just one impressive win on the season, and a number of disappointing losses. I'd like to be able to look forward to next season with a sense of hope and optimism, but I'm not quite sure that will be possible with Summers still on the sidelines.



MICK MILLER

Head coach Tyson Summers had a few words with a referee during the Ole Miss game. Summers ended his first season with a 5-7 record.

GOING THROUGH CHANGES

SUMMERS INTRODUCES BRYAN COOK AS NEW OC



MICK MILLER

Bryan Cook fields questions about the upcoming season. Cook has coached at Georgia Tech since 2013.

BY DEVIN CONWAY
The George-Anne staff

Georgia Southern head coach Tyson Summers and newly hired offensive coordinator Bryan Cook held a press conference on Monday morning, where they discussed last year's performance, schematic changes and recruiting among a number of other football related topics.

Summers began with a brief statement before introducing Cook, who also made a brief statement before fielding questions.

Cook spoke a lot about his time at Georgia Tech under Paul Johnson, and the knowledge and experience that he hopes to bring to the GS football program.

During his tenure at Georgia Tech, he faced GS twice. He said that he was really impressed by how hard the Eagles played and the confidence they brought onto

the field during those two match-ups.

Cook stated that he was excited to become a part of a program that has been so successful throughout its history and that the high expectations of Eagle fans and the program alike help to create a winning culture.

He emphasized that he would be bringing in an option offense, with a majority of the offensive sets being run from the shotgun. He also mentioned the importance of tempo in methodically wearing down opposing defenses.

"I would like to be a no-huddle team," Cook said.

Cook mentioned that a dual-threat quarterback and depth at the running back position are essential components of the option offense and that he would like to be both more explosive and more efficient in the passing game.

Following Cook's Q-and-A session, Summers came

back to field some questions himself.

Summers was asked about Adrian Peterson's recent induction into the College Football Hall of Fame and he said that Peterson was a huge part of the program's history and that Eagle fans should take pride in this landmark achievement.

He talked a lot about being able to make adjustments on the fly and the different points of emphasis he would stress to the team as they head into spring training.

He admitted that the Eagles need to do a better job at putting pressure on opposing quarterbacks and being more aggressive in forcing turnovers.

When asked about any specific goals for the upcoming season, he kept it short and to the point.

Summers said, "We better win."

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RYAN REDDING

New fences are being installed at J.I. Clements Stadium. The fence is expected to be ready for the start of the season.

SWINGING FOR NEW FENCES

BY RYAN REDDING
The George-Anne staff

For those who stayed in Statesboro during winter break, during at least one of your multiple Cookout trips, it is likely you looked across the street at J.I. Clements Stadium and noticed something missing. No, your mind was not playing tricks on you. The entire outfield fence had been completely stripped away.

According to Nick Scull, director of athletic facilities, a needed revamp is the reason for the disappearing wall. The new wall will be "more professional looking."

It will include a new manual scoreboard and video board. These upgrades were needed in part because Georgia Southern University will be hosting the 49th Sun Belt Baseball Tournament in May.

The dimensions of the field will be changed, with the fence being pushed back as much as 10 feet, and the wall in right field will be raised to 25 feet, making home-runs more difficult. Make sure to visit J.I. Clements Stadium in February to see the renovations and to support your Eagles.



Patrice Butler (35) takes it to the paint against Troy. Butler leads the Eagles with 14.3 points per game.

SENIOR PATRICE BUTLER PASSES 1,000 POINT MILESTONE OVER WINTER BREAK

BY JERELL RUSHIN
The George-Anne staff

Following a slow 3-5 start to the season, the Eagles hit a rough patch. They lost five out of their next six contests, four of them inside of Hanner Fieldhouse.

In their lone win against South Carolina State, three Eagles, Patrice Butler (21), Angel McGowan (13) and Amira Atwater (10), scored in double figures.

Starting center Patrice Butler reached the 1,000 point milestone in the Eagles 46-55 home loss to the South Alabama Jaguars on Jan. 5. Butler was good for 12 points, 7 rebounds and three blocks.

On Saturday night, the Eagles welcomed Sun Belt Champions Troy into Hanner Fieldhouse. Georgia Southern was able to keep pace with the high-scoring Trojans. Troy racked up 13 offensive rebounds in the first half,

showing why they're a top-3 rebounding team in the country.

Things spiraled out of control in the second half for GS, as Troy opened their lead up to 20 points with just three minutes remaining in the third quarter. But a late surge from the Eagles brought the crowd to their feet, and Troy's lead down to two within the final minute of the game.

What the Eagles did during their late run that they were unable to do in the first half was dominate the boards, and prevent Troy from getting good looks beyond the three-point line. However, Troy was able to hold on and win the game 89-86, pushing the Eagles to 4-10 and 0-3 in the Sun Belt.

Head Coach Kip Drown put freshman Alexis Brown into the starting lineup, and she played well, recording 17 points and two steals. Three more Eagles scored in double figures. Angel McGowan poured in 19 points and had four assists. The Butler sisters collected double-doubles. Sierra finished with 14 points and 14 rebounds, while Patrice grabbed 11 rebounds and scored a game-high 24 points. Though the Eagles could not grab the win, the courage they showed in the second half was commendable.

"I'm really proud of our kids. We really fought hard and competed hard. This is one of the top-3 rebounding teams in the country and we out-rebounded them by five," Coach Drown said. "I think that's the best 40 minutes of competing that we have put together in the last year and a half. I'm excited about what I saw tonight and where we're going."

The Eagles' next matchup is on Thursday as they go on the road to face Louisiana-Monroe (3-11, 0-3).

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